

Grade Ruan Gazette

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Alternate Mon	Garden Waste Collection 5 th and 19 th July
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1 st Sunday	Kennack Sands Beach Clean . 4 th July
2 nd Thursday	Parish Council Meeting at 7pm 8 th July
Every Friday	Fish & Chip van at the Rec 5pm onward
Every Friday	Pavilion bar open. 5pm onward

JULY

(SEE WHAT'S ON FOR MORE DETAILS)

3 July	Mini Stanfest, Bouncy Castle and Live Music at the Rec
4 July	Fun Cricket at the Rec
5 July	Fishing Competition, Gurnard, 6.30pm
17 July	Annual Charity Folk Day, starts 12 noon Cadgwith Cove Inn
19 th July	Provisional date - Recreation Ground AGM 7pm at the Pavilion
21 July	School Summer Term Ends
21 July	Lights Committee BBQ at the Cove
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25 July	Fun Cricket at the Rec
28 July	Recreation Ground BBQ at the Cove
29 July	Fishing Competition, Pollack, 6.30pm
31 July	Jazz in the Garden - 2pm to 5 pm
31 July	Band evening at the Rec, "True Collision"

ADVANCE DATES

4 August	Gig Club BBQ at the Cove
7 and August	Vintage Rally
11 August	Lights Committee BBQ at the Cove
12 August	Fishing Competition, Mackerel 6.30pm
14 August	Buller Day
15 August	Fun Cricket at the Rec
21 August	Band evening at the Rec, "China Groove
18 August	Recreation Ground BBQ at the Cove"
25 August	Gig Club BBQ at the Cove
28 August	Band evening at the Rec, "Jonah's Lift"
26 August	Fishing Competition, Bass, 6pm
5 September	Sharkey's Cup

Front Cover:

Skinny and John Skewes on 10th June for the Lesser Spotted Dog Fish Competition courtesy of Chris Hunt. See page 47 for the full report.

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Noticeboard

Well our Dates for the Diary Section is looking a bit more like it used to for the first time in ages! Cornwall is well and truly on the map after the G7 summit and we've had some lovely fine weather.

All of us here at the Gazette would like to send our best wishes to Lisa George, one of our regular advertisers (J&L Machinery). She has been in Hospital recently and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Don't forget you can use the Gazette Noticeboard, contributions have been slim since Covid hit.

If anyone would like to help with Distribution of the Gazette do contact David Gascgoine whose details are on page 4.

We are still looking for someone to help with the Treal round and it is always helpful to have people in reserve to cover for holidays or sickness.

Sally Watts
(Co-Editor)

Happy Birthday in **July** to:

Nigel Legge, Charlie Rudd, Charlie Bennett, Herbie Bray, Kenam Sagram, Maillie Rae C, Sarita Foord, Susie Jane Thomson, Mike Hardy, John Fallows, Jutta Watson, Andrea Betty, Verity Freeman, Nigel Green, Robbie Green, Pip Sealey, Sade Wheeler, Joe T, Nancy S, Mo Jones, Alan Thomas, Michael Halliday, Kevin Cryan, Di Fleetwood, Victoria Johnson, Richard (Skinny) Williams, Chrissie Etchells, Emma Trewin and Sarah Stephens, Amy J

From Add Adkin renewing her annual subscription to the Gazette

I look forward to receiving my Gazette each month and also keep up to date with Ruan Minor Facebook. Sadly there are few people I remember but it is still nice to keep up to date.

Judith, I have fond memories of the concerts Margaret, Wilfred, Roger, Michael and I gave with Aunty Cassandra.

Now that my daughter, Angela Clay, lives at Coverack I am still able to drive down and visit Poltesco and the surrounding area a few times each year. It will always be 'home'. Best wishes for the continued success of the Gazette.

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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 resumed on May 17th but please check the Village Hall Facebook Page as numbers may be limited.

SNOOKER ROOM

The Snooker Room re-opened on May 17th with two players at any time. Please check the Village Hall Facebook Page in case the situation changes. All members who paid last year will have their membership carried forward for this year. Any new members are very welcome and should contact the Treasurer Jan Halliday for details of how to pay, jan_halliday@btinternet.com.

AGM

We hope to be holding an AGM after July 19th, possibly in September to avoid the summer holidays.

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

Noticeboard cont.....

GRADE RUAN PARISH COUNCIL

The Council now has a new Full Council meeting day and time. Starting on 8th July, Grade Ruan PC will meet on the second Thursday of each month (excluding August) at 7pm.

Meetings will normally take place at the Sunday School Room of the Methodist Chapel. The Council may also from time to time call "extraordinary" meetings, and Committee meetings, in addition to the planned ones on the second Thursday of each month.

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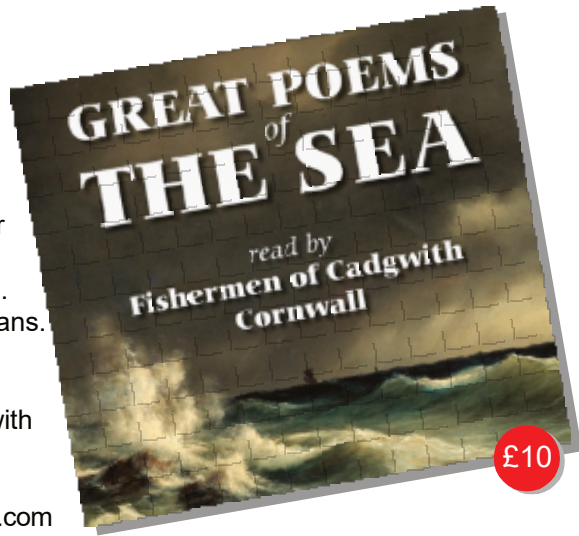
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Thanks to Johno for sending in this old press cutting of the Lizard Singers.

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There are a huge number of cups and trophies so they were clearly very successful!

... photograph first appeared in the Helston Packet in November 1979 and shows the Lizard Singers with their numerous trophies. Can you let us know if you are one of the singers, are you still singing?



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Grade Ruan C of E School

The children at Grade Ruan School have made a fantastic start to their final half term before the Summer holidays. This term we have all been celebrating 'The Great Outdoors'.

Our youngest children in Rose class have been busy exploring their local area. They have enjoyed putting their making skills into practice in design and technology, building models of the park on the recreation ground. They found making swings that worked a particular challenge but

showed some fantastic team work skills.



We have made the most of this glorious spell of sunshine by walking down to Poltesco and investigating the rich history of Carleon Cove. Rose class were fascinated by the ruins of the old serpentine factory and interested to learn of the pilchard fishing which pre-dated the works. A highlight was locating all of the bridges on our maps on the way down and watching the water rushing beneath us as we crossed. Above all it was wonderful to see the children all out and enjoying themselves

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We put some of our thoughts and ideas into writing and made a 'Wave of Hope' poster containing all our thoughts to send to the leaders at the G7 summit.

To top off a wonderful term back in school, we have also been lucky to welcome back our friends from MADE (Music and Dance Education) who have been helping us bring some of literacy lessons to life through the arts. We are looking forward to a trip to Porthcurno in the coming weeks to explore this further in the wonderfully dramatic open air setting of Minack Theatre.



As we are in the final term of our school year it will not be long now until we are welcoming our new reception children into school and sadly saying goodbye to our year sixes. As our little school continues to grow and thrive we thank God for blessing us with such a wonderful supportive community in which our school family can flourish.



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Grade-Ruan Under 5s



We are into our final weeks of our school year and our pre-school children are preparing for their next chapter of starting 'big' school in September.

The weather has turned for the better so we have been able to make lots of use of the outdoor spaces around us.

Friday 16th July will be our last day of term for the Summer. At 1.30pm we will have our leavers graduation ceremony at the Rec to celebrate the completion of one chapter as a new one begins.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions remaining in place however we have to ask that only close family members of the leaving child attend.

We return in September on Monday 6th at 8am. We do have spaces for Breakfast Club and a few for After School Club. After School Club is very busy and we have very limited spaces available, so get in touch as soon as possible to secure your place for September onwards.

With restrictions due to Covid-19 still in place we will not be able to hold our Summer Fair this year. We are however going to be having a Summer raffle using a Treasure Map.

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After a 200 metre walk down the access byway, the first view is of the imposing 14m circa 1400 tower which contains a single bell. The 13th and 14th century nave and chancel were rebuilt in 1862 incorporating remains of what had been a larger cruciform church which had fallen into disrepair. Although today's simpler church, consisting of chancel and nave, with a shallow projection to accommodate the organ, vestry and fireplace, is stylistically Early Decorated, the old church dated from the Early English period from which remain two relics. The fine grained leucogranite font is a beautiful example of thirteenth century workmanship. On the north wall outside the church is a crude door rebuilt into the wall after the restoration. This would have served as the 'Devil's door' to be opened during baptisms to let evil spirits escape.

On the floor at the east end of the nave, there is an imprint of an enchanting brass, dated 1522, commemorating James Erysey and his wife Margaret, and below them their five sons and five daughters. Originally located in the Erysey chapel in the south transept, it was reset in Delabole stone and relocated when the church was rebuilt.

The church Friends are currently seeking £300,000 to completely refurbish the church building and replace the roof which requires urgent attention or the church will be lost."

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DO YOU REMEMBER RODERICK 'DAG' PIKE?

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His obituary in the Daily Telegraph says that Dag Pike died aged 88. He was a



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ings, sinkings and fires. By the age of 25 he had sailed around the world twice, gained his Master's Certificate and picked up the nickname 'Dag'. By the age of 28 he had become Trinity House's youngest seagoing captain. He joined the RNLI becoming an inspector of lifeboats. In 1964 he was involved in conceiving the idea of a rigid inflatable boat (RIB), these are now widely used as lifeboats.

He was best known as the navigator and 'weatherman' on the Atlantic Challenger power boats where he set out with Richard Branson to win the historic Blue Riband Transatlantic Challenge in the mid 1980s. The first attempt in 1985 ended in disaster when less than an hour from the finishing line Challenger I struck a submerged object 100 miles from the Bishop Rock Lighthouse and sank in heavy seas. The following year in Challenger II they completed the crossing 3 days, 8 hours and 31 minutes knocking two hours and 9 minutes of the record. He went on to break Challenger II's record in 1992 on board an Italian powerboat, Destriero, which completed the crossing in 2 days, 10 hours and 34 minutes.

Here is the link to the full article in the Telegraph.

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But the burning question is who remembers him, did you know him, perhaps you went to school with him - he sounds like he must have been quite a character, and quite memorable. Do get in touch with the Gazette if you have any memories of this man whose whole life was inspired by his time in Cadgwith.



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Rector's Ramblings

The G7 Summit world leaders have packed their bags and gone home. I do hope that what they discussed will be reflected in their actions and that those actions will bring hope to the poorer nations not represented there, nations who lack of a voice.

Whilst the Summit was going on, I attended a Third Order Franciscan Quiet Day/Prayer Event, via Zoom, which focused on the G7 Summit. It was based on the three Notes of the Third Order: Humility; Love; Joy.

Humility: Peter Bonsey, who led the Quiet Day, told of an encounter with a whale as he and his wife, Sylvia, were sailing from the UK to Canada in their 32ft yacht. Sylvia, said: "*We don't belong here, do we?*" Actually, we *do* belong here, but we need to get our 'belonging here' into perspective. And that takes humility: a recognition that we humans are only just part of God's creation – and we don't have the 'right' to dominate or control the created world in a way that is detrimental to it.

Love: We often assume that the opposite of love is Hatred borne out of Anger. But those two negatives, hatred and anger, can become positives if they are borne out of Love.

For example, out of love, we can feel anger at the plight of refugees fleeing from their homeland to find a place of safety; anger when the government cuts foreign aid.

Joy: Have you ever had an encounter with the wonders of creation, maybe a fleeting moment which you wish you'd had time to capture on your 'phone but never did? Mary Oliver in her book, 'Snow Geese', writes: '*O, to love what is lovely and may not last, but only remember that you saw them.*' Therein, I believe, lies joy – holding on to the 'sacrament of the moment' and giving thanks to our Creator God.

A Prayer: Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it; a world where the weak are protected, and none are hungry or poor; a world where the riches of creation are shared; a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect; a world where peace is built on justice, and justice is guided by love; give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. □

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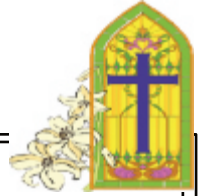
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Sun 25th	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am

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Recreation Ground News



See us on Facebook:
"Grade Ruan Recreation Ground"

Summer weather is back with us again - for the moment, at least!

We've been busy with the Pavilion Bar since we were able to re-open at the end of May. We're open every Friday and Saturday evening from 5pm onwards.

We continue to operate on a "seated at tables" basis - as the ending of Covid-rules has been put back to the middle of July.

Currently, we are also opening for the Euro 2020 matches, at least, when England are playing. As I write, the contest is still in the "Group" stage, but it looks like England will either win, or be second, in their group - so will probably also be playing on either the 28th or

29th June kicking-off at 5pm, so we will open about 4.30.

If they go through to the quarter-finals that will be Friday 2nd or Saturday 3rd July, again 5pm. Semi-finals 6th/7th July, Final Sunday 11th July - so who knows?

We have dates planned for "Fun Cricket" on the 4th, 25th July and 15th August - although the actual dates "used" will depend on the weather. The 4th July is still during Covid restrictions but the other dates should be "all clear"!

Our "Live Music" Evenings, 31st July, 21st and 28th August, are all after (at least, according to current plans!) Covid restrictions are lifted.

There have been a few changes since last Month. First, it looks like RMFC are re-born! Led by a strong committee of Jake Scolding, Danny Hickey and John Skewes, with as many as 20 turning up for team training, things are looking promising.

The only remaining hurdle is waiting for the League AGM (at the end of June) to see if they are allowed to re-join!

Our committee has "lost" two members - Steve Collins has resigned both as a committee member and our treasurer due to workload and Alice Harry failed to be re-elected as a Parish Councillor so

**The Grade Ruan
Recreation Ground**

AGM

is on Monday

19th July 2021

at 7 pm in the Pavilion

ALL WELCOME!

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Recreation Ground News, cont...

resigned as she was appointed to represent that body. Contributions from both will be greatly missed.

On the "plus" side, we have gained Gwen Scolding - as a "new" Parish Council representative! Jake has stepped into the Chairman Role, and we have decided not to appoint a Treasurer. Also, Malcolm has stepped down from committee membership so he can take over as our Bar Manager - for which we are most grateful. His plan is to work alongside volunteers, helping to train up a strong team to staff the bar.

It looks like we've got a new contractor for the grass - Matt Hendy has strong ties to the football club, so should be able to coordinate cutting with their needs, whilst doing it at a rate attractive to ourselves!


We have started to hold our committee

meetings "face-to-face" again, after months of meeting via Zoom. Whilst discussion in the meetings is for committee members only, we continue to invite anyone who is interested to attend and "observe" proceedings.

We are due to hold our Committee AGM - the date will be ratified at our meeting on the 21st June but will be the 19th July. It will be held in the Pavilion at 7pm, all are welcome to attend and participate! With luck on the same day restrictions will have been lifted but if not social distancing measures will be in place.


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By John Harris

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Approx 13 black bin bags of rubbish including recycling has been collected in total since the last FoKS report in May. Amongst the litter collected was: dog poo, wooden batten panels, firesets, a bag of broken glass alcohol bottles (from a party on 31st May), barbecue remains, broken chair and all the litter abandoned on grass at rear of cafe on another day, lots of food waste, half a fishing rod and broken polystyrene surfboard. Lots of litter was placed in the dog waste bin which has to be cleared out and sorted – not a nice job.

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Many thanks for your continued support ... we simply couldn't launch without you



THE LIZARD LIFEBOAT VISITOR CENTRE NEWS

By David Gascoigne, Visitor Centre Manager

THE LIZARD LIFEBOAT - VISITOR CENTRE NEWS

In the June 'Gazette', the role of the RNLI during WWII was outlined. Particular mention was made of the incredible bravery shown in October 1944 by the coxswain and crew of the Mumbles Watson Class lifeboat, RNLB EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, in saving the crew of the Canadian frigate 'Chebogue', which was severely damaged by enemy action.



**MUMBLES LIFEBOAT - RNLB EDWARD,
PRINCE OF WALES**



COXSWAIN WILLIAM GAMMON

Difficult 'shouts' were not new to the Mumbles station as it covers dangerous waters. On 23rd April 1947, the 'SS Samtampa', a 700 ton Liberty ship built in 1943, was en route from Middlesborough to Newport. The vessel was in ballast and, with a developing engine fault, was experiencing great difficulty in handling the ferocious storm which was raging. With the weather worsening and winds exceeding 100mph, Captain Sherwell put down anchors in Swansea Bay and sent several increasingly urgent messages to the coastguard for assistance.

Maroons were fired at 15.50 and the Mumbles lifeboat launched at 16.10 into extremely rough seas. Ten minutes after the launch the coastguard received notification of the Samtampa's latest position. The lifeboat did not have an

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on-board radio and the coastguard signalled to them using an Aldis lamp. The troughs in the sea were so great that the coastguard and lifeboat were constantly losing sight of one another. Coxswain Gammon could not be sure what message was being sent and was forced to return to the slipway for clarification. The new information was shouted to them by loud-hailer and the lifeboat, once more, headed into the raging storm. Soon RNLB EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES was no longer visible from the shore and nothing more was seen or heard of the boat and her crew that night.

At Sker Point, off the Glamorgan coast, Captain Sherwell and his crew were unable to control the Samtampa. Both port and starboard anchor chains parted and the ship was driven by violent winds onto a jagged, rocky plateau that rose sharply 25 feet from a small beach. Pounded by 30 ft. waves and an exceptionally high tide, the Samtampa broke into three pieces. The bow and stern sections were thrown up on to the plateau and the middle section with engine room and crew remained on the beach - in deeper water! Emergency services kept vigil on the stricken vessel throughout the night, helpless to assist with the wreck some 500 yards from the waterline. In the cold light of the following day it was sadly discovered that all 39 of the Samtampa's crew and all 8 of the lifeboat crew had tragically been lost.



SS SAMTAMPA

The 1947 tragedy was not the first to befall the Mumbles Lifeboat. In 1883, four of the crew of RNLB WOLVERHAMPTON were lost in assisting the German barque 'Admiral Prinz Adalbert'. Eighteen of the barque's crew were also lost in the incident. In 1903, six crew members of RNLB JAMES STEVENS were lost when the lifeboat capsized whilst aiding the grounded Waterford steamer 'Christina', off Port Talbot.

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SECTIONS OF THE WRECKAGE



THE CREW OF RNLB EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES

David Gascoigne
Visitor Centre Manager

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1620	Ship that stopped Newlyn to take on water.	
1752	An illuminating reptile is built – name	
1834	Augustus Smith obtained what	
1910	Name the cathedral completed that year ...	
1921	Cornwall's deepest mine closed – name ...	
2012	What arrived at Land's End in May.....	

ANSWERS TO JUNE QUIZ

**June birthdays in the world of Invention.
Can you guess the inventions of these famous people ?**

1761/June 3	Henry Shrapnel invented	Shrapnel
1851/June 12	Pioneer Oliver J. Lodge invented...	Spark Plugs
1867/June 17	John R. Gregg, Irish inventor of ...	Shorthand
1910/June 4	Christopher Cockerell invented the	Hovercraft
1910/June 11	Jacques-Yves Cousteau invented..	Diving Gear
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FROM THE GAZETTE ARCHIVES

30 Years Ago - July 1991

Colin Cooper noted in the Village Hall news that a decision had been made to ban smoking in the hall, after a complaint from a member of the public about the lingering smell one morning after a meeting in the hall the previous evening.

A letter from **Noel Cliff** was published in the same issue. He wasn't happy about the ban!

"The other day I sat in my old chair and lit my pipe, and as the smoke rings floated to the ceiling my mind drifted to a far away day in 1934, when I was a boy of thirteen. A very important event was taking place that summer day: the laying of the foundation stones of the Village Institute, which was the finest Village Institute in Cornwall for the size of the village.

The village turned out in great strength to see this event, and when all the speeches were over, my father, who was one of the men to have raised the money for the building, lit up his Meerschaum pipe with great satisfaction, for his pipe dream had come to reality.

Having awakened to to-day's world, I find that the Village Hall Committee has banned smoking in the Hall, with no regard for people hiring the Hall for various functions. This is a mind-boggling step to take considering that they are trying to raise cash for their new extension. I feel their efforts would have been better employed by cleaning up the front of the Hall. The front door needs replacing, and general tidying up of the front, including the cleaning of the foundations stones, and replacing the flag staff instead of whingeing about smokers, and fitting "No Smoking" signs on the stage, and writing letters to the Parish Council asking them to refrain from smoking, which I consider an insult considering the £3,000 grant they have had from the Poll Tax payers.

Perhaps a little smoke will clear their minds and stop them whingeing and remove the offending signs which were never in the Constitution and had no right to be implemented.

So smoke up, you Bingo people and Gardening Club; bring your Church Wardens, fight back and don't be put down."

How times have changed!

10 Years Ago - July 2011

James Smith, Producer Indus Films Producer, wrote an introductory piece explaining what Monty Halls was doing in the Cove. Cadgwith was chosen for the series because they had been told it was both traditional and welcoming.



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Gardening in July

by David Endean

Who knows what July will bring we have had some truly gorgeous days in the past month and some which are best described as proper Cornish. We have survived the G7 summit and all the excitement that it brought and the long school holidays are on their way. What better way to cope other than to stay in the garden and potter.

Most roses will have had their first flush of flowers now and dead heading will be good practice. For the repeat flowering types I try to practice a regime called long stem pruning. This works with hybrid tea and modern floribunda roses and helps to keep the bush more compact. Often as the season progresses some foliar diseases get in and the plant defoliates to some degree and so looks leggy. What you do here is when dead heading prune about a foot of stem off back to a bud. Use some common sense when doing this if there is a new shoot with buds yet to flower within this foot do not prune back so far. As for your roses that do not repeat flower just tidy them up. While you are there give them a handful of fertiliser to show them that you do love them. A handful of feed during each of the growing months never goes a miss.

All those biennials that you have sown earlier in the year will need either pricking out if you sowed them in seed trays or spacing out in nursery rows if you sowed them in the open ground. The plants I am meaning are the Sweet Williams and Wallflowers. Make sure that they are well watered before you move them, they really do benefit from this giving you more compact and robust plants. Pinching out the growing tip will also encourage them to bush up also. Choose a spot of spare ground to grow them on ready to plant out in their final positions in the autumn. If you have not sowed yet you can still just about get away with it in the early days of this month.

I plan to make my final sowing of Runner beans early this month, they are always worth doing for me, cropping deep into the autumn. I will also be thinking about sowing Spring Greens, something like Durham early or Offenham Flowers of Spring. I expect I will grow these in modules and like a lot of my late sown winter brassicas they will be planted out in the rows where my broad beans had been grown. This uses the nitrogen that the beans had fixed during their growth before any chance of it being washed away during the winter.

If you have some rhubarb crowns in your patch it is time now to stop pulling stalks for your pies and tarts. In truth they can get a bit stringy now but the plant will

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Gardening cont...

need time to recover ready to crop next year. It will appreciate a real good drenching of water and some feed, something high in nitrogen. All the energy that the plant can store from now on will benefit you next year.

With July comes Wimbledon and with that strawberries. To be honest nearly all soft fruit peak this month so make sure that you cover with some form of protective netting so that you have some chance of getting them before the birds. It is amazing how fast they can clear a bush usually, just before the fruit is about perfectly ripe. Soft fruit is best picked every day or so as it ripens and goes past its best. You then have to decide what to do with it, it is best used fresh but some can be frozen well and then there is jamming and that does not matter if it is frozen.

All your pots tubs and hanging baskets need regular watering and I mean regular daily as they fill the pots with roots and the foliage tumbles over the sides. You have to realise that there are far more plant per cubic foot of soil in the pots than there would be in a flower bed and no ability to draw water from other sources. So it is down to you to provide. While you are there a nice quiet easy job to do is dead heading and tidying, removing any dead and diseased foliage this will greatly prolong the length of time that your display will be looking top notch.

I think the most important thing to do this July in your garden is to sit soak it in and watch the world go by, enjoy your gardening.

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Twelve fish were brought to the scales and the Junior winner was Tamlyn Carter closely followed by Jamie Trewin in 2nd place. The Adult winner was Callum Hardwick and yours truly in second, with Freddie Trewin 3rd and Bryher Trewin in 4th (it was a good night for the Trewin family!).

Many thanks to Di Fleetwood for presenting and providing the chocolates for the Juniors.



All photographs of the Fishing Competition courtesy of Chris Hunt

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Fishing Competitions cont...

The second competition was on 10th June when a dull misty evening awaited the anglers who were out to catch Lesser Spotted Dogfish. There was an international feel about this one with anglers from Scotland trying to out-fish the locals, but to no avail.

With more than 24 fish brought to the scales, it was a tense weigh-in resulting in joint 1st place honours for Freddie Trewin and Tony Portas; 2nd place went to Callum Hardwick, 3rd to Mark Oldfield, and 4th place to Matilda Philips. The Junior winner was Seth James, 2nd Jamie Trewin and 3rd Tamlyn Carter.

Thanks to Nicky Jose for presenting; and to Lizard Tackle & Bait, and The Watch House for the Junior prizes. Great photos taken by Chris Hunt can be found on the Facebook page - thanks Chris.

Results for the next competitions - 24th June (Ballan Wrasse), and 15th July (Gurnard), depending on the Gazette deadline, will appear in the next issue.

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We are grateful to Audrey Hewitt (née Rowe) for sending in a couple of photos of Grade Ruan School's Country Dancing Teams. They took part in competitions against other schools winning the shield many times. Do tell us if you in the photograph or perhaps one of your relatives? There are some familiar names so is there anything you can tell us about the activities of the Dancing Teams? Perhaps you have a photo as well? Audrey would love to hear from anyone who was involved.

The picture below shows:

Back row: John Tripp, Keith Morgan, Neil Basher, Colin Merriet, Michael Collins.

Front row: Stephanie Richards, Ann Tripp, Margaret Barber, Eileen Rogers, Shirley Merriet and Margaret Green.



Overleaf is a picture of a younger team so the same questions apply:

Back Row: Michael Collins, Stephanie Richards, Rosemary Rowe, Margaret Wylie, Lillian Bray, Audrey Rowe, Jennifer (surname unknown), Michael Bray.

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At the time of writing, England has just put in a poor performance against Scotland and Wales are about to take on the Azzurri. Let's hope they all progress to the next round and we can keep some home nation interest in the competition. As always, we'll be well stocked with beer and snacks to help you celebrate every twist.

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