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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Alternate Weds	Recycling - 2, 16 30 April
Alternate Tues	Mobile Library - 1, 15,29 April. Kuggar 10.45am - 11am, Glebe Place 11.05am-11.20am, Cadgwith Car Park 11.35-11.55am
2nd Monday	7.30pm Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 14 April
3rd Tuesday	12.15pm Soup, Pasty, Pudding, Methodist Chapel, 15 April
3rd Saturday	10am - 12noon Farmers Market at Mullion School, 19 April
Mon & Thurs	7.00pm Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall
Every Tues	(except 3rd Tues) 10am Coffee morning, Methodist Chapel
Every Weds	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides. Contact Joy Prince 01326 290280
Every Thurs	9.30am -11.30am Market and refreshments - Village Hall

APRIL

3 April	Last day of Grade Ruan School Spring Term, finishes at 12 noon
3 April	Ruan Floral Classes, 7pm-9pm, see "What's On"
4 April	Last day of Mullion School Spring Term
7 April	Coffee Morning and Afternoon Tea, Anvoaze Barns, see "What's On"
14 April	Annual Community Parish Meeting, see p.17
16 April	Cadgwith Book Club, 8pm Cadgwith Cove Inn
18 April	Good Friday
20 April	Family Open Day at Bolenowe, see "News from Bolenowe Sanctuary"
21 April	Easter Monday
22 April	Start of Summer Term
22 April	Quiz night at the Village Hall, 7.30pm
25 April	"Curious Creatures" by Squashbox Theatre, see "What's On"

ADVANCE DATES

1 May	Ruan Floral Classes, 7pm-9pm, see "What's On"
9 May	Village Hall AGM, 7pm, see "News from the Village Hall"
10 May	Grade Ruan School Fun Day, see "What's On"
21 May	Cadgwith Book Club, 8pm Cadgwith Cove Inn
22 May	European Parliamentary Elections, 7am - 10pm
24 - 26 May	May Festival at Ruan Minor Recreation Ground, see "What's On"
25 May	Open Day at Bolenowe Horse Sanctuary
27-31 May	Half term
18 June	Cadgwith Book Club, 8pm, Cadgwith Cove Inn
22 June	Fun Cricket at the Recreation Ground, see "What's On"
24 July	End of Summer term
27 July	Fun Cricket at the Recreation Ground, see "What's On"
30 July	BBQ organised by the Rec Committee
2 August	Night before the Rally, Trevedden Field. 7.30pm
3 August	Grade Ruan Vintage Rally, Trevedden Field, from 11am
6 August	BBQ organised by the Gig Club
9 August	Buller Day
13 August	BBQ organised by the Lights Committee
16 August	Change of Date Cadgwith Fishing Festival, 5pm start, see "What's On"
17 August	Change of Date Cadgwith Fishing Festival weigh-in, 5pm, see "What's On"
20 August	BBQ organised by the Rec Committee
27 August	BBQ organised by the Gig Club
31 August	Change of Date Fun Cricket at the Recreation Ground, see "What's On"
3 September	BBQ organised by the Lights Committee

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Please ensure your piece does not exceed 1500 words, or approximately three pages of A4. Articles may need to be split over more than one issue, and might be edited.

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Noticeboard

Sadly, **Maureen Underhill** has died while in hospital. She and her husband Brian have lived in Ruan Minor for many years and would be known to many of you. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Just as we were going to press, news came that **Maureen Girling** had died. She contributed so much to the community and will be sorely missed.

Paul Dunmall found himself in Derriford Hospital - via land ambulance and Culdrose helicopter - after a nasty accident with a power saw. He's home now and we wish him a full and speedy recovery (although I understand it may be some months before he'll be able to wield a power tool again).

Happy Birthday in **April** to: Alex T, Sandra Birchmore, Tony Halliday, Peter Fluck, Megan G, Rhiannon Halliday, Colin Thomas, Tim Hurst, Kane K, Cyril Smith, Lisa Jane, Steven Legge, Jenna B, Bella J, Philippa Goddard, Simon Bradley, Sarah Parnell, Freddy T, Ellen H, Tamlyn C, Matt Jane, Andrew Whitehorn, Marianne Edwards, Gill Preston.

There have been some 18th birthdays recently, which deserve mention: first of all, Jessica Sealey hit this milestone in February, and then Paddy Alfrey-Cryan

and Jake Woodley got there in March. Congratulations to you all.

Please join me in welcoming **Paul and Carolyn Ferrari**, who have moved from Buckinghamshire to St. Ruan. Like many before them, they fell in love with the area after spending holidays here, mostly in Dummers Loft, so many of you will have met them already. Paul and Carolyn were successful at the Spring Show, being placed in many different classes. They are providing stiff competition in the Monday night pub quiz, and brought some interesting items to the World War I evening. Well done.

Also new to the area is the **Hudson family: Melissa and Michael**, and their children: **Thomas** (2) and **Annabel** (1), as well as their yellow Labrador called, Lola. They are a Cornish family but moved to Wiltshire to establish their own aircraft engineering company after Michael left the Navy. Michael is now contracting at Culdrose and Melissa is a stay at home mum. She is starting up as a Little Pickles Children's Market organiser. Melissa says her children have settled well and made many new friends since discovering the under 5's group in Ruan Minor. We hope they will be happy here.

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Front Cover:

Rose Boucher brought this postcard to the Local History Group's World War I evening. It shows a donkey cart at the Poltesco Lane junction (near the bus stop, with Trevaze House in the background), with a very young looking WWI soldier in uniform. Please let me know if you can identify any of the people in the picture.



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One of the Gazette's subscribers, **Mary Outhwaite**, kindly included a donation with her subscription renewal. The money will be used towards replacing the BBQ gas bottle which was washed away from the Gig shed during the storm in early February. Thank you Mrs Outhwaite, your gift is much appreciated.

Those of you who remember **Hilary Rowe** (nee Squibb), who lived at Trevedden some years ago, may have seen her eulogy in the November issue last year. Due to an oversight on my part and space constraints, some details were omitted, for which apologies to her daughter **Rosemary Prynn**. Please contact me if you would like a copy of the full eulogy.

Moira Hurst

Congratulations to **Daniel Moore** and **Susan Stephens** on their wedding day 26th April at Ruan Minor church. Thank you to **Wendy Elliott** and **Liz Outten** who have volunteered to decorate the archways with flowers.

Deborah Stephens

I've received an incredible number of cards, e-mails, 'phone calls and flowers following my car accident - all wishing me a speedy recovery – not to mention the many offers of lifts. So I want to say a HUGE "Thank you" to everyone for their kind thoughts, deeds and prayers. My little sports car is a total write-off (*sniff*) and so I suppose I must now look for a 'sensible' car to replace it. Hmmm *Revd Deirdre*

Thank you to everyone who has called and sent cards and very kindly offered help after Paul's accident to his arm.

Special thanks go to our good friends **Chris and Fiona Hunt**, who dashed round after Paul was flown to Derriford and I was standing there with his tattered sweatshirt and a couple of blood soaked tea towels!!! P.S. Don't muck around with electric saws!

Jacqui Dunmall

An item in a recent Gazette about the new housing estate called 'Romans Rest' stated that the Romans never lived on The Lizard. However, there is evidence of the Romans on The Lizard: a St Keverne farmer called Mr Rogers found a Roman hand mirror (made of gold) on his land. His son Jimmy told me about it and I saw the mirror and other finds in the British Museum about 10 years ago. However although the Romans did exist on The Lizard, the name Romans Rest is another thing!

Bill Cole

[Thank you for this information, Bill. Ed.]

I would like to thank everybody who showed up in the pub to help me celebrate my 30th birthday. I was truly overwhelmed by the number of people who attended and gave me so many cards and lovely presents. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did! Thanks also to the Cadgwith Cove Inn for hosting the party and for making sure everything ran smoothly on what must have been one of your busiest nights. The countdown now begins to the big 40. Cheers.

Jake Scolding

I want to thank everyone for their support in my trip to Australia after having the opportunity to work out here in October last year. I got a fantastic job at a beach side Physio in Perth and it

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has gone extremely well. Over the last few months the business and my client base has been building up and my employers are really happy with the progress I have made within the company. They have asked me to stay on for the remainder of my year visa, which is fantastic and I am absolutely loving what I do out here, that I can't let the opportunity go. I therefore have the bad news that I will have to continue to put my business back home on hold. I am however returning as planned at the end of April, where I will be able to, as promised, catch up with a few clients and also give anybody the opportunity to use the Gift Vouchers that they weren't able to use before I left. If anybody is

wanting to book in treatment whilst I am home (30th April - 15th May), feel free to email me at emma.russell@hotmail.com and we can organise appointments. I hope everyone has been looking after themselves and I look forward to seeing and catching up with you all whilst I am home :)

Emma Russell

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The winning ticket in the March 2014 Draw
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Tony Halliday

Cornwall Hospice Care Reflections

**A memory, a summer evening, an outgoing tide.....and to
remember someone you love**

On **Sunday 8th June**, Cornwall Hospice Care will be holding a moving remembrance event on Swanpool Beach in Falmouth. Anyone who would like to take part is invited to write the name of their loved one and a short message if they wish on a tag which will be attached to a gerbera flower and put on a specially handcrafted raft. Just before 7pm, with some words of poetry and gentle music, the raft will be floated out to sea with the outgoing tide, and pulled by a local gig club.

If you are not able to join us, but would like to add a flower and message to the raft, please let me know and I will ensure your flower is included. To receive a tag for the event, please call Clare on 01726 66868, alternatively you can download a form from our website www.cornwallhospice.co.uk.

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Ruan Minor Village Hall

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Welcome to the **Curious Creatures** wildlife park, established by Jeremiah Johnson: world-renowned explorer, zoologist and animal collector. Nobody knows more about animals than him.

Unfortunately, Jeremiah Johnson is currently lost somewhere in the jungles of Africa, so he has handed the running of the park over to his inexperienced nephew Craig ... and things don't quite go as planned.

Expect to meet curious creatures of all shapes and sizes: from performing fleas, skateboarding snails and gymnastic gerbils to irritable alligators, over-excited elephants, and a very intelligent orang-utan!

Learn about how animals evolved, how their amazing adaptations help them survive in the wild, and how animals can help us learn more about ourselves.

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What's On - continued

Ruan Floral Classes

Thursday 3rd April

7pm - 9pm

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The theme for the evening is a "Contemporary Modern Arrangement".

Please bring 3 varieties of flowers, small foliage and a rectangular oasis plastic tray. Oasis will be provided.

A £2 contribution is asked to cover refreshments.

May's Class is on Thursday May 1st. Theme for this evening is A Basket of Flowers. Baskets will be provided free, just bring the flowers, foliage and a saucer. It should be great fun!

**Enquiries: telephone Lorraine
on 291226**

Howzat!

Three dates have been reserved for fun cricket this year (see "Dates for the Diary"). There is one Sunday each in June, July and August. Please note that the August date has been moved from 17th to 31st, so as not to clash with other events. We hope to get two games played, with the third date being a reserve in case of rain.

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

Tim Hurst

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Coffee Morning
&
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Monday 7th April

10.30am onwards

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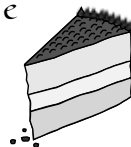
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Cadgwith Cove

Fishing Festival

Note Change of Date

Saturday 16th August

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Sunday 17th August

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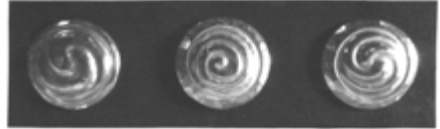
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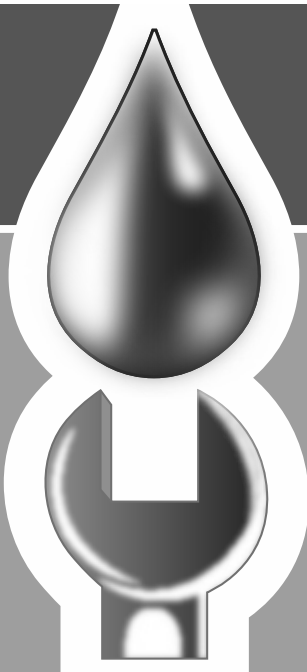
If anyone would like to reserve a table top at the Grade-Ruan School Fun Day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, please contact **Ali Russell on 290673** or **Sharon in the school office on 290613**. The cost of each table will be £5.00. Thank you.



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24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**Saturday night: Bands, bar, food, free entry**  
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**Sunday afternoon: Summer music (live)**  
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**Sunday night, Bands, bar, food, free entry**  
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**Monday afternoon: Family Fun Day**  
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coconut shy, stalls, fire eating, Houdini escapist, BBQ,  
face painting, tug of war and more



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

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*Further to Ann Fielder's letter in the last Gazette, Mr Wild who lives near to the rooks' nests, has responded in verse as follows:*



A Rook may be a castle on a chess board,  
It's also a bird in treetops, chatting away,  
But don't forget it's that person leading one astray,  
So what actually happened to those birds blown away?  
Those gales and storms blew strong day after day,  
Trees uprooted, branches broken away,  
And - yes - those storms blew the Rooks' nests away.  
So don't blame the "outsider", you know nothing about,  
Please don't pass judgement from insular insight,  
Look around at nature you purport to like,  
And with eyes wide open you may rightly conclude,  
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Grade-Ruan Under 5s

# School Spot



Grade-Ruan C of E School



Mullion School

**Grade Ruan Under 5s.** Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to both the Cadgwith Community Trust and the Parish Council. The Community Trust have given us a grant with which to purchase a new train sandpit and two huge mats for our outside area. These have recently arrived and with the better weather we just need to put the train together to provide an exciting element to our outdoor play. The mats will mean that our younger children will be able to play outside without worrying about the rough surface.

We have been enjoying the Once Upon A Time project over the last few weeks with Music and Dance in Education, exploring how children interact with different creative experiences. They have investigated sounds using musical instruments, Tibetan bowls, keyboard, and blocks and microphones. Then we moved onto dance experiences using bubbles, shadows, feathers, scarves and most excitingly, a wind machine. Finally, the children had fun dressing up, using puppets and messy play and seeing themselves on a big screen as they were filmed. This project has been partly funded by the Arts Council and each group was asked to contribute £125. The Parish Council had previously offered us some money that had been

part of a surplus Jubilee mug fund. When asked if they might sponsor this project, they kindly agreed. We, as a group were very grateful and the project organisers were pleased to see community support which would augur well for Arts Council involvement in future projects.

The children have been noting signs of Spring as we have walked around the village and daffodils will forever now be known as osterglocken, thanks to Elliott telling us about Easter Bells as they are known in German. We have also noted how the building site has progressed and spotted how many red, blue, yellow or white hard hats there are. Some contention about what is or is not a telehandler or fork lift, but we'll pass over that .....

Lovely to see some new faces - welcome to Thomas and Annabel and mum Melissa.

Reminder - Cynthia the health visitor will be present about 10 am on the first Tuesday of the month, come along to get your little one weighed or if you have any questions for her. Marny and the Toy library visits every second and fourth Tuesday of the month and usually brings an activity to share.

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**Grade-Ruan School** is now part of the Keskowethyans Multi-Academy Trust in partnership with St Keverne, Coverack, Manaccan and St Martin. This is a bold step towards securing a future for our village schools, such an important part of their communities, that the Government seems so determined are 'not viable'!

Congratulations to the Grade-Ruan pupils that took part in the High-5 netball tournament held at Mullion School recently. The two teams entered qualified for the semi-finals with Grade-Ruan A Team making it through to the Peninsula Finals at Penryn College. Good luck!

The School celebrated St Piran's Day with a wonderful 'Cornish Cookery Afternoon' thanks to our school cook, Nicky Jose. The children worked in pairs to make heavy cake, which was very much enjoyed at home. In Starfish Class the children made St Piran's flags and learnt how St Piran came to Cornwall on a millstone. Seahorse Class learnt some Cornish songs, played rugby and sculpted tin mines in clay! The cooking theme continued with Turtle Class linking their maths with culinary skills to celebrate Shrove Tuesday - making pancakes is an excellent exercise in learning about capacity and weight. World Book Day was marked in the usual imaginative style with so many

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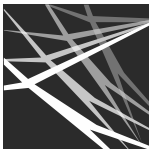
We have a new multi-sports club starting after Easter each Friday after school from 3.30 - 4.30pm, open to Reception to Year 3 children - Years 4-6 will be sailing.

Well done to our brilliant choir that took part in the Cornwall County Music Festival. The adjudicator praised them for their 'beautifully clear words' and 'marvellous sound produced by such a small choir'. They came equal third in their class and achieved 'commended' overall. Many thanks to Katey Jane and Julie Swann for their hard work and dedication in enabling our children to sing so beautifully!

**Mullion School** Our basketball courts have been refurbished, thanks to a donation from the Mullion School Association. Smart new backboards in school colours and with the school logo have been made by local company, Peninsula Signs of Helston. Good luck to the team going forward to the South West Championships.

Shakespeare Day occupied the Year Nine pupils in early March. Divided into three sessions, the first was devoted to working as if they were actors and audience at Shakespeare's Globe - struggling with partial scripts, supercilious nobles and abusive groundlings! This was followed by some improvisation based on Shakespearean insults and phrases

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from *Much Ado About Nothing*. The second session was more exploration of the characters and narrative in *Much Ado*, culminating in a spot of 'speed dating' in role. During the afternoon the year group gathered in the Hall to enjoy the golden Italian sunshine of Kenneth Branagh's film of *Much Ado*. Hattie Drummond commented 'I particularly liked the insults and understanding the language Shakespeare used, how it shaped his plays, the Globe Theatre and to understand the characters of the play before we watched it.'

Members of the Brass Band helped raise funds and entertain guests at a special concert hosted by Mullion Methodist Chapel in aid of the Chapel and the

Leprosy Mission.

The Annual Mullion School Pancake Race between House Captains and House Leaders broadened the traditional culinary boundaries this year with teams making tactical choices between pancakes, naans, flatbreads and tortilla wraps as to which would cope best with the wind conditions and tossing technique! Congratulations to Budoc and commiserations to Ricat, Yestin and Gerent.

From pancakes to Easter - the Easter holidays start on Monday 7 April through to the first day of the summer term on Tuesday 22 April - enjoy your holidays!

*Ginny Sealey*

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# ***Rector's Ramblings***

## **Before the Cross**

**E**aster is coming, as it does every year. What will it mean for you this year? What can I possibly write that will say more than Jesus spoke that first Easter?

How many Easters have there been? For me it's at least 40, and every one of them personal. I can't remember my first one, or what I thought or felt. It is hard to remember who I was then it seems so long ago, but I know that each year for more than forty, I have come to stand again at the foot of that cross.

I know that I am not alone in this; how many others have stood there over the years? Yet there is such a sense that each time it is just me and him. And, as I think about it, it is not just Easter; again and again, I find myself standing there. No matter how I may grow in this Christian life, in success and failure, there is always the cross and Jesus.

Paul's words to the Corinthians keep coming to me; "I have determined to know nothing among you but Christ, and him crucified". Sometimes they seem strange words, surely he would want to speak about his resurrection and living in the freedom of the Spirit. But more and more, I have come to see how right he was. EVERYTHING is here.

- + When I stand before him and his crucifixion, I am utterly empty, no matter what I may have achieved I bring nothing to him ... but, coming to him, I find that I have everything:
- + Where I have failed, I find unfathomable forgiveness, complete cleansing and release and limitless love.
- + In any experience of success or good, I find the sustaining source of all its goodness and meaning - an unalloyed and unspoilt, childlike, joy.
- + When my life is shaken and seems to be falling apart, I find unshakeable ground to stand on and unfailing arms to hold me.
- + When I am accused and criticised (even when it is right), I find him arguing my cause with an incontestable defence.
- + When my responsibilities weigh too heavily and my abilities seem to meagre, I find one who bears all things and works all things.
- + When the suffering and needs of loved-ones or the world around me seem too much, I find a healing King to bring them to - whether it means healing in this life or bearing safely through the valley of suffering to a greater life.
- + And, when I can't think what to write in an Easter letter, I find one who says it all; Jesus.

Is it just me? I don't think so. Come and see for yourself. Around Christ on the cross there is plenty of room. In fact there is space reserved, just for you. You don't even have to wait for Easter and, when Easter is past and gone, this place still remains for you.

Yours in Christ, Revd Peter.

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### Contact details for St Ruan Church, St Grade Church and St Mary's Church:

|                                             |        |
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# Church Services



## Church of England Services

### April

|                      |                                                                                                                         |                              |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Morning Praise, St Ruan Church                                                                                          | 11.15am                      |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Palm Sunday</b> Procession from Mundys Field car park to arrive at <b>St Ruan Church</b> for a <b>United Service</b> | 9.15am<br>9.45am- <i>ish</i> |
|                      | Evensong ( <i>BCP</i> ), St Grade Church                                                                                | 6pm                          |
| Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Mauddy Thursday</b>                                                                                                  |                              |
|                      | Holy Communion with optional foot-washing, St Ruan Church                                                               | 7pm                          |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Good Friday</b>                                                                                                      |                              |
|                      | Three hour Devotion, St Wynwallow Church                                                                                | 12noon – 3pm                 |
| Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> | <b>EASTER DAY</b>                                                                                                       |                              |
|                      | Daybreak Service, Kilcobben Cove, The Lizard                                                                            | 5.50am for 6.15am            |
|                      | Family Communion, St Ruan Church                                                                                        | 11.15am                      |
|                      | Easter Praise, St Mary's Church, Cadgwith                                                                               | 6pm                          |
| Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> | Holy Communion, St Ruan Church                                                                                          | 9.30am                       |

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|                    |                             |                              |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
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# NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL



Hello again everybody,

What a wonderful change it has been to see some lovely sunshine and everywhere looks so much better for it, doesn't it? Despite all the dreadful weather we have suffered, the gardens have come through and are beginning to look good again. It's amazing how they cope! The better weather has encouraged our seasonal flowers to flourish which, in turn, also helped provide an excellent Spring Show in the Village Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Work in the Hall, as ever, continues at some pace and since I reported last time about the kitchen equipment we had to replace, we have completed the purchase of a new cooker, microwave and toaster. That leaves us with a new refrigerator to get and then we will be up to standard in the catering department! In addition to these purchases we have also completed the replacement of the rear door and fitted a new smoke alarm in the rear ground floor utility room.

**One thing we have not been able to do is repair the roof.** Despite numerous enquiries we have not been able to find anyone who is able or willing to do it. It is not a huge amount of work, so if anyone knows of a suitable roofing contractor who could do the job for us please let Dave or I know.

Last month I reported that we had received very little response to our request to hear from those who might be interested in taking part in a coach trip. We asked again for anyone interested to get in touch but we have not received a single contact so we must, reluctantly, recognise that this is a no-goer and remove it from our 2014 activity list.

The agenda for the Hall's March Management Committee meeting included the annual review of costs and donations for the use of Hall facilities. As we have said on many occasions, the Management Committee's policy is to keep any charges or suggested donations to an absolute minimum as we feel that this is an essential support to local people and activities. The majority of donations/charges have, once more, been kept at previous levels and the minority which have increased have only been changed to offset the effects of inflation. Some costs like metered electricity and Hall Fees have been kept at the same level as has been in operation for a number of years now. As I have already said, this is a way in which we feel we can best help our local community.

**On a serious note and in the chance that the person/s responsible read this edition,** we would like to draw attention to an incident of fly-tipping which recently occurred very close to the gate to the rear of the Hall premises. Whoever was responsible left 5 or 6 large sacks of household and decorating rubbish in a pile by the gate but, worst of all, on top of the pile was **a large tub of used rat poison**. This most dangerous substance was left just a few feet from an area regularly used by the Hall's Under Fives Group and in a place which is used as a daily thoroughfare for children walking to and from the Hall and the School and also by villagers out walking their dogs. Fly-tipping is a dreadful thing in any form but to leave such potentially dangerous rubbish about is particularly thoughtless. Fortunately, a call to Cornwall Council met with a quick response and the hazardous material was removed the next day. For everyone's sake, please dispose of all such rubbish in the safe and correct manner!

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

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# QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

What a feast February's **Quiz Night at the Village Hall** served up!! 120 questions posed, 177 points at stake and, after all that, it was **The Mixed Bunch** who carved their way to the Champions' Crown and took their just desserts by just half a point, leaving **The Motley Crew** in the soup. As if that wasn't close enough, we then saw the remaining teams on the menu separated by just 5½ points from topside to bottom shelf – a veritable meal to be savoured indeed!

What a shock it was when the final scores were announced. Not only did the Mixed Bunch wrestle the Crown from The Motley Crew who had jeal-

ously guarded it since November but an enormous change in fortunes saw **Cliffhangers** slip from regular contenders to **Wooden Spoon** holders for the first time. Still, there's many a team would be pleased to hold the spoon, so Cliffhangers can be proud to have joined an elite group.

The Guest Round returns next time with **Skinny and Mags'** posing the guest questions so we can look forward to some real posers.

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

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Team</u>                | <u>Score</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | The Mixed Bunch            | 106.5        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | The Motley Crew            | 106.0        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | OTT                        | 96.5         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Bob's Band                 | 94.5         |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | The Buccaneers             | 94.0         |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | A Host of Golden Daffodils | 93.5         |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Cliffhangers               | 91.0         |

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

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

Go well and see you all for the next **Quiz Night at the Village Hall**.

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Ruan Minor Mens Football team is 6<sup>th</sup> out of 16 in the Trelawney League Div. 3, but have played fewer games than clubs higher up the table, so positions could change significantly by the end of the season.

The home pitch remained water logged for much of March, but some away games were played. Here are the results of recent matches:

22/2 0 - 5 A Holman S C Res  
1/3 3 - 0 A Goonhavern Ath Res  
8/3 4 - 0 A Marazion Blues  
15/3 2 - 2 A Four Lanes

Due to the backlog of games to be played, April will be a very busy time for the team, with all these fixtures :

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19/4 H v. Chacewater Res  
23/4 A v. Chacewater Res  
26/4 H v. Redruth Athletic  
28/4 A v. St. Day 3rds

The Team Manager, Andrew Lewis ("Lew") is also the Groundsman. You have probably noticed the care he takes in preparing the pitch before home games. It is so awful for him to be confronted by piles of dog mess that he has to clear before mowing and marking out the pitch. Of course we never see the people who let their dogs do this, so I'm asking you to help by talking to anyone you may see with a dog off the lead on the Rec. If you don't feel able to take it up with them, please at least report it to me.

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# Gardening in April

by David Endean

I am hoping that the awful winter weather is behind us now. Some of the hedges and trees will take quite some time to recover from that salt burn. In some ways, I have not seen so much wind burn damage since the hurricane force winds of 1990. Our wind speeds may not have reached those of 1990 but it was just the sustained persistent gales which have done the damage. But the weather turned quite benign over the weeks preceding the spring shows and so there has been a lovely display of clean crisp daffodils everywhere in the hedges and in peoples gardens.

My sweet peas will be ready to plant out this month and the ground is prepared well. Open up a trench a spit wide and deep then fill it with well-rotted organic matter and top dressed with some general fertiliser. I then back fill the trench and erect a very substantial framework to train the sweet peas into. These are grown for exhibition but they are equally as good if you erect a wigwam in the flower border and train some up that. It also gives you instant height and structure; if used well you can frame a view or lead your eye through the garden. If you have not sown any seed yet there is still time for a late show of those fragrant blooms.

I am going to have a go at growing some more exotic annual climbers and now is the time to sow them. As they are more tender, they will be started off in the greenhouse and planted out later in a sunny sheltered spot. I have got some Thunbergias

(Black eyed susan) Canary creeper, Mina lobata (Spanish flag) and Morning glory. The Morning glory is an unusual form with pink peony shaped flowers. These are all colourful fast growing plants so I will let you know how they do; some of them I have not grown before, so that will be fun.

Work in the flower borders continues with the on-going weeding and the use of a border fork to loosen the soil and work in fertiliser around the herbaceous perennials. The beginning of the month will realistically be your last chance to move and split those herbaceous plants if needed, but it is the ideal time to split and move those beautiful exotic blue agapanthus bulbs. Yes they are bulbs even though often they are evergreen. They can be tender and sulk when moved so doing it in the spring when things are warming up and active growth is about to occur increases your chances of success markedly.

I always include a bit each month on pruning and this month it is the turn of the camellia. These are lovely showy plants and once settled they need very little caring for. The best time to prune them is after they have flowered, but only do this to shape the bush as pruning does nothing to promote flowering. They also need very little in the way of feeding but if you find the leaves seem to be yellowing you are more likely to have some pH problems. If the pH is too high it locks up some of the essential trace elements. The effects of this can be reduced with the use of an ericaceous feed like Miracid.

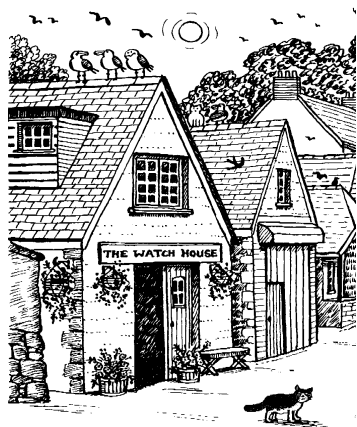
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Also, the application of sulphur chips will reduce the pH and so make those trace elements available once more.

The other group of shrubs that may need some pruning around now are those which flowered this spring: things like the flowering currants Ribes spp and forsythia. These you cut out a third of the old wood once again when the shrub is mature and at the size you require. If they are too big and overgrown, cut them back hard. You may lose the flower for one year but doing it now gives the most chance of flowers in twelve months' time.

The lawns should be growing away well now and I expect you are probably thinking of your third cut of the year. Now you are able to start to lower the blades on the mower. Moss is a big problem in many lawns after the wettest winter on record so the use of a weed

feed and moss killer may well be a good idea. Once the moss has turned black and the weeds are dying back get the scarifying machine to work; this will get out the dead thatch and get air in. The lawn will look a mess for a while but with a warm spring it will soon recover especially with the fertiliser.

Down in the veg patch, there is much to do: sowing and planting comes on fast from now on. It is time to plant out your maincrop potatoes, sow carrots and parsnips and get the onion sets in. There are loads of things to do in the greenhouse but I expect you will be thinking about planting out tomato plants. This can generally be done from the middle of April without too much trouble. Prepare the ground well and, if you are using pots or bags, be very generous with the amount of compost you give them because they are hungry thirsty plants and a good root run will reduce the effect of these problems.

I always like growing cucumbers and if you are going to grow them from seed I advise sowing at the end of the month, otherwise wait until May to buy some plants. Sow them in 3.5 inch pots of good compost - push the seed in edgewise, water and wait. For the best results choose a hybrid variety which is all female. These are temperamental plants and so need warmth to grow quickly and healthily. Any earlier and it would be wasted time and effort because the area where they will be planted will be too cold with the plants getting severely checked or even dying. Bear this in mind also: a good cucumber grown well will produce 50 plus fruit, how much cucumber can you eat?

Well good luck get out there and enjoy your gardening.



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# Grade Ruan Spring Show 2014 - Results

|     |                                                                                                     |                                  |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1   | <b>Jonny Trewin Cup</b><br>Most points in Daffodils                                                 | David Endean                     |
| 1a  | <b>Mabel Basher Cup</b><br>Most points in Daffodils by a Grade Ruan Resident                        | David Endean                     |
| 1b  | <b>Harry London Cup</b><br>Best Exhibit in Daffodils                                                | Rosemary Bray                    |
| 2   | <b>Britton Cup</b><br>Most points in cut flowers and foliage                                        | Mandy Pound                      |
| 3   | Committee Cup<br>Most points in pot plants                                                          | Ann Fielder & David Endean       |
| 4   | <b>Ruan Minor Village Hall Cup</b><br>Most points in Floral art                                     | David Endean                     |
| 5   | <b>Falconer Cup</b><br>Best exhibit class 37 Easter themed                                          |                                  |
| 6   | <b>Hagenbach cup</b><br>Best miniature floral Art Exhibit<br>Medallion<br>Most points child under 5 | Ann Fielder<br>Elizabeth Shearer |
| 7   | Committee Cup and Medallion<br>Most points 6 to 8 year old                                          | Matthew Price                    |
| 8   | Committee Cup and Medallion<br>Most points 9 to 11 years old                                        | Chloe Price                      |
| 9   | Committee cup<br>Most Points 12 to 16 year olds                                                     | Lauren Birchmore                 |
| 12  | Committee cup<br>Most points in Art, photography and craft                                          | Linda Lewis                      |
| 13  | Committee Cup<br>Most points in cookery                                                             | Frances Hosken                   |
| 13a | <b>Gladys Johnstone Cup</b><br>Most points in cookery by Grade Ruan Resident                        | Ali Russell                      |
| 13b | <b>June Curtin cup</b><br>Most points in spring Produce                                             | Andrea Betty                     |
| 14  | <b>The Newcomer cup</b><br>Most points for entering the show for the first time Lady                | Lorraine Wickens                 |
| 15  | <b>The Newcomer cup</b><br>Most points for entering the show for the first time Gent                | Paul Ferrari                     |
| 16  | <b>Iris Mitchell Cup</b><br>Most points in the show                                                 | David Endean                     |

## GRADE RUAN SPRING FLOWER SHOW

After a great week of harmless benign weather, all the winter storms were forgotten and we had what could be termed as a great spring show. We had the most entries for many a year, certainly the best for twelve years since Charlie has been Chairman. The weather and the change around in the daffodil section meant that it was a great success. We had a fine selection of varieties in the daffs with the classic yellow trumpets, stunning doubles like the pink and white Replete, through to the delicate nodding heads of Niveth and the small but perfectly formed miniatures like Tete a Tete and Jetfire. Plus you could not help but being knocked back by the scent of the Tazettas when you entered the hall. There was truly hot competition in this area with a high standard.

The show was opened this year by a familiar face - Mr David Muirhead - who we were lucky to prise away from his beloved rugby. He could not fathom why he was asked to do this duty as his lack of green fingered prowess is legendary. He praised the array of different work to be seen in the hall and how these community events are what make the area special.

We were pleased to meet the Ferraris who have recently moved to the village and joined in with the show. Paul Ferrari gained the Newcomer cup for most points gained by a gentleman entering for the first time. I hope that you have now got a taste for it and we will see you next year with even more exhibits.

Well done to Elizabeth Shearer, Matthew Price, Chloe Price and Lauren Birchmore, who all won most points in their relative age group sections. There were some very interesting painted pebbles, flower arrangements, pictures and cookery. Many thanks must go to Kate and Sandra for their efforts in organising the after school activities related to this.

It was lovely to see Ali Russell showing with us once again and she won the Gladys Johnstone cup for her cookery. Ann fielder picked up several trophies for her floral art and pot plants, and we encouraged Mandy Pound to head back home from over the Downs and she won a trophy for her cut flowers. There was also some bloke called Endean who won several trophies once again. I must also commend Denise Wilson for winning the the single bloom camellia class with a perfectly formed pale bloom. This was the most hotly contested class, with 16 entries.

Many thanks must go to all 73 of you that entered the rest of you that came, saw, ate cake and drank tea, had a chat and bought a raffle ticket. Without you what would be the point of the show? Also thanks must go to the businesses who gave generously to the raffle and Chris Hunt who had a rolling display of photographs from the recent pantomime.

Preparations will now start for next year's event. We would love to see you all again and we can always find room for more entries so why not give it a go - it is something to talk about.



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# The Herbal Medicine Cabinet

by Deanne Greenwood

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Sweet violets (*Viola odorata*) have been everywhere through March and should last well into April. They couldn't have arrived at a better time for me, as I had a chest cold and cough, and violets have wonderful demulcent and expectorant properties. There were so many in our garden, I didn't feel guilty gathering a few handfuls of the flowers and leaves, and making a tea by infusing them in boiling water for 10-15 minutes, before drinking sweetened with honey.

I'll be gathering the ubiquitous chickweed (*Stellaria media*) later this month, as soon as it's looking really lush and vibrant. Chickweed is most commonly used externally to soothe inflamed skin – bites, stings, sunburn, swellings, you name it. I've also found it remarkably effective at relieving eczema, particularly in children. I usually make a cream with it, but you can use a strong infusion (as per Violet tea, above) and add it to your bath water to soothe inflammation. Some of our older patients find this helps relieve rheumatic aches and pains, too.

April is also the month I'll be harvesting the prolific Shepherd's purse (*Capsella bursa-pastoris*) to make tincture from.

It's one of my favourite and oft-used remedies for women with heavy menstrual periods, sometimes as a result of complaints such as fibroids and endometriosis, or thyroid problems. Herbalists also use it to help prevent heavy nosebleeds, as it contains constituents that constrict blood vessels and possibly speed up blood clotting.

Red clover (*Trifolium pratense*) is another plant that could start flowering by the end of April. It's used to help relieve a wide variety of ailments including coughs, eczema and women's hormonal problems – in fact, it's been promoted as the natural alternative to hormone replacement therapy (HRT)!

As usual, if anyone has any herbal home remedies they'd like to share, I'd love to hear from them at

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2. What is Miss Piggy's surname?
3. Who was New Zealand's first woman Prime Minister?
4. To what family do cabbages and cauliflower belong?
5. Which British nurse did the Germans execute in 1915?
6. When was the English pound note withdrawn?



## Answers to the March Quiz

1. Which Netherlands city is famous for its porcelain? *Delft*
2. In which sport was Molly Hide an England star performer? *Cricket*
3. Which language has the most native speakers? *Chinese Mandarin*
4. What is a gallivat? *Boat*
5. In darts slang, what score is a "Bed and Breakfast"? *26*
6. What is the collective name for kangaroos? *Mob*

*Questions set by Norma Gossip*

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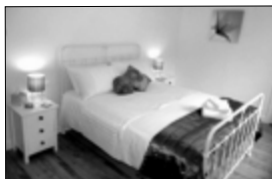
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**The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room, Ruan Minor Methodist Church on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014.**

Present: Parish Councillors J Preston (Chairman), N Green (Vice Chairman), P Collins, C Cooper, M Fleetwood, P Freeman, J Trewin.

Cornwall Councillor C Rule and 8 visitors

1. Absences and Apologies: PCSO Berry, Mrs Jan Castle.
2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Green declared an interest in Planning Application PA14/00548
3. Public Time: Three members of the public indicated their interest in items on the agenda. The Councillors expressed their congratulations to all those involved in the pantomime.
4. Police Report: PCSO Berry's report was read by the Chairman. No crimes were reported.
5. Cornwall Councillor's Time: Cornwall Councillor Rule reported that a School Transportation Survey was being carried out and she urged anyone concerned with this issue to contribute on the website.  
There is also a Garden Waste Collection Survey in progress. The new service is planned to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 the new charges will be available on the website or by ringing 0300 1234 141.  
Cllr Rule reported that her Community Regeneration Fund is now closed for this financial year but, for anyone wishing to access grant aided funding, the Community Regeneration Team under Emma Ball is available to help on 01872 324807.
6. Minutes for Acceptance: The minutes of the monthly meeting held in January had been circulated.  
Cllr Green proposed that the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 be accepted with one amendment to insert 'per week' following '20p per household' in the minute headed 'Grass cutting at Glebe Place'  
Carried 5 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions
7. Planning: PA14/00218 – White House Farm, Ruan Minor The height of the new building was questioned, being 1m higher than White Cottage. However, the building will be obscured by the existing buildings on the adjoining site. Cllr Trewin proposed and Cllr Cooper seconded that the application be supported  
Carried 5 votes to 1 and 1 abstention  
PA14/00396 – Pen-y-Craig, Cadgwith There were reservations on parking and drainage. Two parking spaces for the new dwelling were clarified. Cllr Cooper proposed and Cllr Fleetwood seconded that the application be supported subject to confirmation from South West Water that the drainage connection is satisfactory.  
Carried 7 votes to 0  
PA14/00571 – Bodrigy Lodge, Cadgwith. A detailed report was received from the County Tree Officer which supported the felling of two trees because of their age and condition subject to similar trees being planted in their place. Cllr Preston

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proposed and Cllr Fleetwood seconded that the application be supported with an acknowledgement of the loss to the local amenity and of the replanting scheme. Carried 7 votes to 0

PA14/00548 – Treleague Farm, Ruan Minor. Cllr Green left the meeting for this item. Cllr Preston proposed and Cllr Trewin seconded that the application be supported. Carried 6 votes to 0 .

Notice of an appeal against Refusal of Planning Permission was received for Trenoweth, Ruan Minor.

A letter expressing concerns about a Pre-planning Application for a dwelling at Ruminella View, Cadgwith was read out and noted.

8. Finance:

The Financial Report was received and noted

Internet Banking: All should now be in place and members of the Finance Committee should ensure that they have provided all the required information to the bank

Grade Ruan Community Land Trust: The expected Housing Need Survey may now be carried out by Cornwall Council and, therefore, an advert in the local press may not be necessary. The Trust will hold its inaugural meeting later in the week.

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Heating for the Under 5s: It was agreed that the heating rebate be paid. It was noted that the heating rebate is approximately £800 per year. The cost of electricity at the payment meter and the cost of electricity charged by the utility company is to be clarified with the Village Hall.

Jubilee Mug Funding: Although it had been noted previously that there was a surplus on the sale of the Jubilee Mugs it was pointed out that this was calculated against a provisional sum that guaranteed to cover any loss on the purchase of the mugs. In fact, the cost of the mugs exceeded receipts for those that were sold to the public.

Under 5s: An email had been received from the Under 5s Committee outlining 'MADE' ( Music & Dance in Education ) and requesting £125 in match funding. Cllr Collins proposed and Cllr Cooper seconded that these items be funded. Carried 7 votes to 0

Payment Schedule: The approval of the Payment Schedule was proposed by Cllr Trewin. Carried 7 votes to 0

9. Matters arising from the Minutes:

St Rumons Church, Ruan Major: The Chairman outlined several actions that had been performed following the letter from the Church Commissioners received at the last Meeting:

- It was confirmed that the churchyard was closed ( 24.7.91).

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- Health/safety concerns about public access have been logged with CC.
- The Chairman had contacted Cornwall Heritage Trust and had received application forms to apply for grant aid, to be forwarded to owners.
- He had also contacted the Churches Conservation Trust. Again, any application for 'help' would need to come through the owners.
- The Chairman has written to the English Heritage architect for advice.
- The Chairman has also spoken to Archdeacon Bill Stuart-White.
- The 'Closed Churches Committee' were due to discuss the matter on 18.02.14. Cllr Cooper offered contact details at Lambeth Palace for advice on grants and funding. She also suggested that the War Graves Commission may be able to help with the up-keep of the war graves in the churchyard. Cllr Freeman felt that the Parish Council should not become the owner of the church but could help with funding and repairs. The Chairman considered that the condition of the tower is the main cause for concern and he would confer with the Archdeacon as necessary. Cllr Cooper suggested that the church should be included in the Council's Right to Buy list.

Play Area: There had been no progress since the last meeting.

New Road spring: The Grade Ruan Community Trust have agreed to fund the cutting back of vegetation so that a trench can be formed to carry the water that is issuing from the spring to a highway drain.

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Council Vacancies: A letter has been received from a prospective Parish Council member. It was decided to consider this application In Committee at the end of the meeting.

Grass Cutting at Glebe Place: No response has been received from Coastline Housing.

Right to Bid Applications: Cllr Freeman confirmed that all applications had been dealt with except Fort York and the Steamers House.

Parish Online Service: Cllr Collins proposed and Cllr Green seconded that the service should be adopted at a cost of £28 plus VAT per year plus a set up cost of £20 plus VAT .The contract renews yearly but can be cancelled if not considered useful going forward. Carried 7 votes to 0.

Footpath Cutting Contract: As the contract value is less than £5000 pa, the Financial Regulations do not require that a tender process is necessary. As the Council is satisfied with the current contractor, it was agreed to offer a further 3 yr contract.

10. Matters for Consideration:

Community Network Panel: The next meeting of the panel is scheduled for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. The subjects for discussion are the Mobile Library Service and Planning Issues. The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Green, will attend.

Playground Inspection: It was agreed that the regular inspector, Nick Adams, should be engaged to inspect and report on the playground equipment at a fee of £30 plus VAT.

Ruan Minor Surgery: There had been no update on the internal improvements at the Surgery since the last meeting.

Community Land Trust and Housing Need Survey: Cllr Green has met with Jodie Jeffrey from Cornwall Council and has discussed various options for development in the Parish. Cllr Cooper suggested that the Parish Plan should be updated to support local amenity development.

Parish Council Seal: Cllr Green gave details of a Parish Seal to be used on official documents. The purchase of the seal was agreed in principle but the design will be discussed at the next meeting.

11. Correspondence:

Linden Homes Development: A communication had been received from Cornwall Council to ask for support for Linden Homes'+ request to change the planning

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conditions relating to the number of open market homes that can be released. It was proposed by Cllr Collins and seconded by Cllr Fleetwood that 8 of the 14 open market homes can be released for sale on completion of 50% of the affordable homes and the remaining 6 open market homes shall not be released until all of the remaining affordable homes have been completed. Carried 6 votes to 1 (Cllr Cooper requested that her name be recorded as voting against this resolution).

12. Footpaths, Environment and Tree Wardens

Cliff path at Man-o-War: Due to a recent cliff fall, the path is very near the edge. Cllr Preston suggested that the path be cut back to the hedge to move the path away. The estimated cost of this work is £150. Cllr Preston proposed and Cllr Cooper seconded that the path be cut as a matter of urgency, up to a maximum expenditure of £200. Carried 7 votes to 0.

Storm Damage: Cllr Trewin wished to record that the recent storms had caused considerable damage to building, cliffs and the environment in Cadgwith and at Kennack.

The meeting ended at 10.15pm.



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