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| Alternate Weds | Recycling - 3 rd , 17 th April |
| Alternate Tues | Mobile Library (Tel: 0300 1234111) - 2 nd and 16 th . 30 th 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, 8 th April |
| 3rd Tuesday | 12.15pm Soup, Pasty, Pudding, Methodist Chapel, 16 th April |
| 3rd Saturday | 9am - 1pm Farmers Market at Mullion School, 20 th 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 |

THIS MONTH

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| 5 April | 7.30pm Ocean Challenge Presentation. See "What's On" |
| 16 April | Grade Ruan School and Mullion School - Start of Summer Term |
| 18 April | <i>Deadline for contributions to the May Gazette</i> |
| 20 April | 7.30pm Clothes Swapping Party. See "What's On" |
| 25 April | 7.45pm Classical concert at St. Mary's. See "What's On" |
| 26 April | 8.30am Fundraising Breakfast at Grade Ruan School. See "What's On" |

ADVANCE DATES

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|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 10 May | Village Hall AGM, 7pm |
| 18 May | Grade Ruan School Fun Day, from 2 p.m. |
| 25,26, 27 May | St. Grade Flower Festival. See "What's On" |
| 25, 26 May | May Festival, Music on the Rec, afternoon and evening |
| 30 June | Fun Cricket match on the Rec. See "What's On" |
| 12 July | Buller Cup, Newquay |
| 24 July | Beach BBQ - organised by Gig Club |
| 28 July | Fun cricket match on the Rec . See "What's On" |
| 31 July | Beach BBQ - organised by Christmas Lights Committee |
| 3 August | Night before the Rally, Party at Treveddon Field |
| 4 August | Grade Ruan Vintage Rally, Treveddon Field |
| 7 August | Beach BBQ - organised by Recreation Ground Committee |
| 10 August | Buller Day |
| 14 August | Beach BBQ - organised by Gig Club |
| 17 August | Cadgwith Cove Fishing Festival starts at 5.30pm |
| 18 August | Cadgwith Cove Fishing Festival weigh-in at 5.30pm |
| 21 August | Beach BBQ - organised by Christmas Lights Committee |
| 28 August | Beach BBQ - organised by Recreation Ground Committee |
| 31 August | Late Summer Fete in the Village Hall |
| 28 September | Harvest Supper |
| 12 October | Autumn Show. Village Hall |
| 26 October | Craft Fair in the Village Hall |
| 1 December | Carolaire in the Village Hall |
| 4 December | Village Hall Christmas Party |
| 7 December | Christmas Lights Switch-on in Cadgwith |
| 15 December | Christmas Community Evening |
| 17 December | Christmas Quiz in the Village Hall |
| 19 December | Christmas Market in the Village Hall |

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Please send contributions to the Editor's email address shown below. Paper contributions can be put in the letterbox at New Thatch or in the Mag Bag behind the door at Spar. **The deadline is the 18th of the month prior to publication, but may occasionally be earlier or later (check the Diary Dates).**

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Noticeboard

Spring is supposed to have sprung, but as we were going to press, it still didn't feel like it! It can't continue like this and, if I were a betting person, I'd say we are due a hot dry summer. Well, we can hope!

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, Sarah Parnell, Freddy T, Ellen H, Tamlyn C, Matt Jane, Andrew Whitehorn, Marianne Edwards, Gill Preston

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to **Brian Jenkins and Mary Keeley**, who have moved from Yorkshire to Poltesco Lane. They have been coming to the area for years, and many of you may know them already.

A few events in March are worthy of note.

Firstly the **Vintage Variety Show**, which was staged to raise funds for the Vintage Rally. There is so much talent in this community, and a lot of it was on show that night. In excess of £1,500 was raised, which will provide the seed money to stage the Rally this year. Well done to everyone involved!

The Rally will be held on Sunday 4th August, and surely it must be a dry day!



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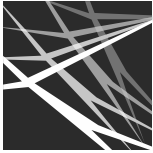
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Some of the cast in the Vintage Variety Show held at the Village Hall in March.
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Noticeboard, cont.

The first meeting of the **Local History Group**, organized by Peter Freeman and held in the Village Hall, was a great success. Many of the attendees brought along their pictures and documents relating to Grade Ruan in times past, and put them on display for everyone to inspect. It was fascinating to see the people, events, buildings and countryside over the years, some having changed out of all recognition and others exactly the same now as then. Attendees all agreed it had been a good evening. The challenge now is to decide what, if anything, to do with all the material, and what form future meetings should take.

The **Spring Show** was also held last month. Turnout was down on previous years - those who stayed at home to watch Wales thrash England in the rugby might have been sorry they didn't go to the show instead! Even I got a first prize for my helibores, so the competition must have been a bit weak this year. I urge everyone to have a go next year - if I can win a prize, you can too, so give it a go! Still on the subject of the Spring Show, I'm delighted that the winner of Class 68, open to 9 - 11 year olds, to **design the cover** of

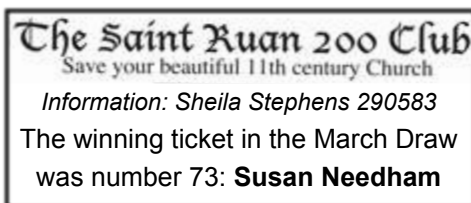
the **June Gazette**, was won by Lucy Green. It's disappointing that no-one entered Class 77, for 12 - 16 years to design a cover for the **May** edition. I've asked Lucy to provide a picture to fill the gap, and I look forward to receiving another one of her lovely drawings.

The Gazette is sold at a number of stores and post offices on the Lizard Peninsula, at 50p per copy. This has not changed for at least eight years, but the time has finally come when we need to increase the price to cover production costs. From next month, **the cover price will be increased to 70p** - still good value, I hope you'll agree.

Moira Hurst

Grade-Ruan School is collecting Sainsbury's vouchers - please do say YES when asked if you're collecting them, if you shop at Sainsbury's!

Ginny Sealey



CORNWALL COUNCIL : BENEFITS ARE CHANGING

From April the Government is changing the national welfare benefits system. Some of the welfare reforms will come into effect in Cornwall from April 2013; others will be introduced gradually between 2013 and 2017. The Council has published a booklet entitled "Benefits are Changing", which explains the main changes being introduced by the Government's Welfare Reform Act, including:

- Localised Council Tax Support scheme - takes effect from 1 April 2013
- Under Occupancy (Housing benefit) - takes effect from 1 April 2013
- Benefit Cap
- Universal Credit
- Local Housing Allowance (for private tenants)
- Income Support for single parents
- Pension Credit
- Work Capability Assessment
- Personal Independence Payments (PIP)

The booklet is available online now at www.cornwall.gov.uk/welfarereforms, and will be available in printed form as soon as possible at the Council's One Stop Shops, Customer and Benefit Contact Centres, as well as the JobCentre and Citizens Advice Bureau .

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Friday 26th April, 8.30 a.m.

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For many years now Grade-Ruan children have had the superb opportunity of learning to sail thanks to the HRCST, and the charity relies on volunteers and donations to keep doing its superb work.

Breakfast will be served from 8.30am.

Tickets cost £3 each.

Howzat!

Fun Cricket on the Rec

Sunday, 30th June

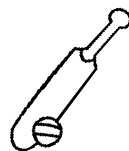
Sunday, 28th July

Players: Put the dates in your diary, dust off the bat and wash your whites. Book a place in a team by talking to John Trewin (291127 or 07968 264518), Malcolm Scott (290441), or me.

Spectators: There'll be a bar with beer, wine, cider and soft drinks. Hot and cold food will be available, or bring a picnic. Bring a chair or rug.

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Tim Hurst 290257



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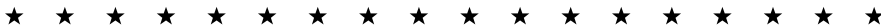
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Although quite a few of you may have seen the earlier presentation, we have welcomed many newcomers to the village since the last showing. Also I have been able to combine all the slides and videos together with commentary and sound effects onto a new look BIG screen DVD presentation which seems to have been well received around the area.

The evening will include a Cornish maritime supper. There is no entrance fee; only donations, which will go towards the Seamen's Mission and the Chrestos Mission.

ALL VERY WELCOME.....*Richard Palmer*



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What's On - continued

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Who Remembers?

My name is Sue Douglas, but may be known better by my maiden name Taylor. As a child up to adult hood I spent every holiday in Cadgwith usually with the Milburn family who lived behind the Pub, then owned by Mr and Mrs Timmins. Shirley Milburn and myself remained friends for many years and I would love to catch up with her again if any one knows where she is. As a teenager I grew up with the old school fishermen: Sharky, Buller, Tony Jane and many more - all great characters. My friends consisted of the Goddards - Martin, Tim and Jenny - Trish Bartlet, Roger Wild, Marion Jane and all her family, specially Sally and Tina.

If anyone who remembers me still lives in Cadgwith, I would love to hear from them. *Sue Taylor*

[The above arrived by email. If you would like to get in touch with Sue, please let me know and I'll pass on your contact details. Ed]



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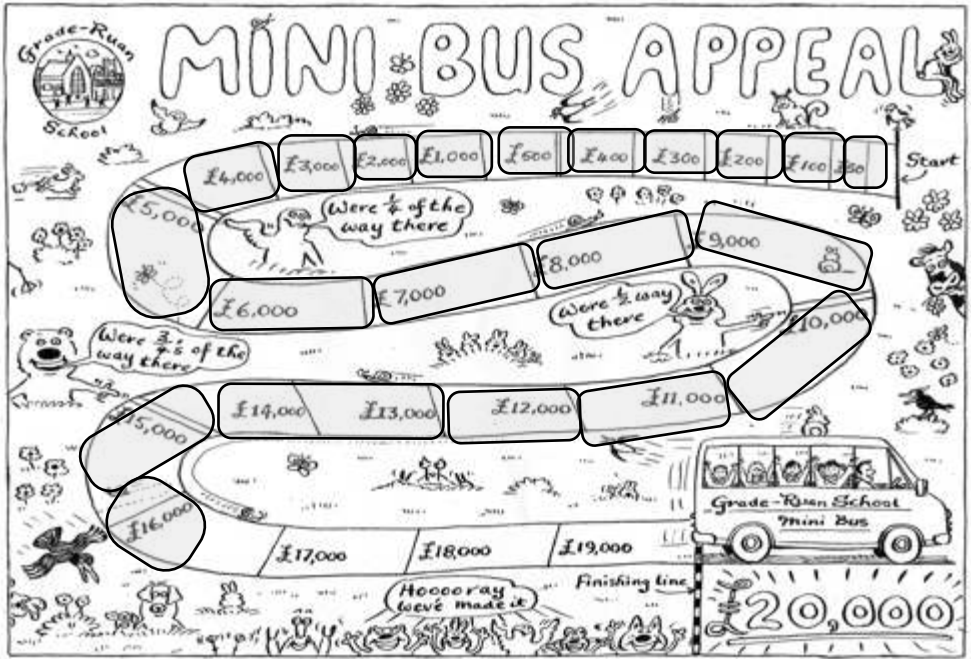
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School Spot



Grade-Ruan Under 5s

Grade-Ruan C of E School

Mullion School

Under 5s. We started the month shivering our little socks off but by the end managed to find a little chink of spring and have been planting with gusto. Sunflowers, radishes, courgettes and peas.....all in the same seed trays. Well that will make for interesting viewing as they come up!

Our intrepid band of bakers were at it again on St Piran's Day, making pasties for themselves and in Jago's case, 'one specially for my Dad'. Chough celebration cards completed the activities for our Cornish saint's day.

We have been delighted to welcome back Jamie Thomson for Supa Strikers and are pleased to say that through the generosity of our fundraising events, this activity can continue to be offered to the children at no extra cost.

We are open from 08.45-3.00 on Mondays and Tuesdays and from 08.45-12.45 on Wednesdays and Fridays. Children and their families are welcome from birth upwards and may be left unaccompanied from 2 yrs. For more information please ring Jan 290978 or pop in during any of our sessions. Summer term starts on 15 April.

Jan Halliday

Mullion School. This month has been a bit of a song and dance really ... 11 musical acts took to the stage for the *Easter Hootenanny* - exhilarating and original. The performers covered a wide variety of

genres including blues, rock, pop and funk. And this month's spot is being written having just returned from watching this year's Dance Show - outstanding! The evening comprised group, trio, duet and solo pieces across all age groups including the Year 11 GCSE Dances that form part of their final mark. Both the Hootenanny and Dance evenings were performed to packed audiences which is a wonderful support to the pupils - thank you to all that came. The English Department held an 'Extreme Reading Competition' as part of the new Library celebrations - pupils and staff made some fabulous entries including: George McMinn reading while being used as archery target practice; Mr Roberts reading in a chicken coop, Mrs Gomez reading while skateboarding, Mr Swinburne reading while kayaking in a Force 8 gale and Mr Sandford joining the Royal Family on the balcony and reading to pass the time.

The ski trip over February half term was a great success, possibly even 'the best ever!' This year's Humanities Trip to Italy takes place just before the Easter Holidays and will include visits to Pompeii, Herculaneum, Vesuvius, Sorrento and the island of Capri. (Can see why the grandparents witter on about schooldays being the best days of your life!)

Grade-Ruan. No day is ordinary at Grade-Ruan and this month had some extraordinary days! St Piran's Day celebrations

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included delicious pasties from our school cook Nicky and St Piran flags made by Starfish Class. Book Day saw a huge variety of characters arriving at school - well done to everyone, staff and pupils, for their imaginative costumes! For Red Nose Day the school was awash with red dressed pupils but the most wonderful (as a mum!) was the Mothers Day service in the church - beautifully sung songs and then a daffodil given to each of the adults - just wonderful, thank you very much!

Turtle and Orca classes are back in the school garden! The children helped to plant out broad beans and then constructed a poly tunnel to protect them. The beds have been dug over and the first potatoes put in.

Thursday Cookery Club was presented with recipe books full of all the yummy

things they made last term - Cookery Club is now Netball Club for the summer! Congratulations to the children that took part in the Netball Tournament recently at Mullion Comprehensive - we finished 4th out of eight. Thank you to Kate Phillips, Lucy Elliott and Ian Henn for transporting and cheerleading!

Well done to the footballers for taking part in the tournament at Helston - we won 2 games and drew 2. Thanks as always to the volunteer parents that drove and supported the players from the sidelines.

Starfish Class have been enjoying their Forest School down at Poltesco - particularly the end of the session where they collect sticks for the 'Kelly Kettle' to heat the water for hot chocolate!

The Year 5s were lucky enough to be invited by Falmouth University photography students and the National Trust to attend their pinhole photography workshop at Lizard Youth Hostel. The students had set up a dark room at the Youth Hostel so the children were able to develop the photos they took with their homemade cameras - a drinks can loaded with photographic paper and a pinhole! The children were also able to use digital cameras to take photographs - all of which complimented their work on the history of photography they have been doing at school.

The school website has had a revamp and now has lots more useful information - see www.grade-ruan.cornwall.sch.uk and you might like to learn more about the four schools partnership at www.fourschoolspartnership.co.uk.

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QUIZ NIGHT

Quizzes are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month and its fun for all the family. It's £1 per person including tea, coffee and biscuits or you can BYO if you prefer. The contests begin at 7.30pm. Any changes to dates will be notified on the Village noticeboards.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL



Hello again everybody.

As I write this month's newsletter, another successful Spring Show is over and that means the new year is well under way. At the beginning of every year we review all the things we did in the previous year and confirm the dates for our main events in the year to come. When this exercise has been completed we 'advertise' these dates in the Gazette and by doing this we hope we can help others who are arranging events to minimise clashes and double bookings and, as a result, we can all get the best out of our activities. The dates for our main events this year are as follows:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 31.08.13. | Late Summer Fete | 04.12.13. | Village Hall Christmas Party |
| 28.09.13. | Harvest Supper | 15.12.13. | Christmas Community Evening |
| 26.10.13. | Craft Fair | 17.12.13. | Christmas Quiz |
| 01.12.13. | Carolaire | 19.12.13. | Christmas Market |

Other things will also be arranged during the year and we will notify these dates as soon as we are able. We shall certainly run at least one coach trip (and maybe two) and will release the details as soon as we know them.

Whilst sorting out our diary arrangements we have also fixed the date of the **Hall's Annual General Meeting for Friday, 10th May 2013 at 7.00pm. Please do make every effort to attend this important occasion. This is your Village Hall and the future of it depends on your involvement.**

We are pleased to say that, following our Christmas Events, we have been able to send £250 donations to **The Lizard Lifeboat, The Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust** and to **The Phoenix Stroke Appeal**. As they say, "Every little helps!"

A few weeks ago we were approached by **Saoirse Noonan** who explained that she was currently undertaking the **Bronze Level of The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme**. Elements of the Award Programme require her to help provide a service to the community and, in so doing, to develop her practical and social skills and her range of personal interests. She asked if she might be involved in some of the things we do at the Hall to help achieve her targets. We all thought this was a wonderful idea and were very pleased to help. Saoirse is now involved with the set up and running of the Thursday Market and also the operation of our RNLI Souvenir Sales. Saoirse is a fine and committed young lady and is doing really well. She is already a great help to us and, for her part, is benefiting considerably from her involvement with the Hall.

On a more basic note, we continue to look for ways to improve our premises and facilities for the benefit of all those who use them. We take our responsibilities to the community seriously and continually strive to make things better for everyone. We are close to solving our problem with the front doors and this should not be too far away now. This month we have also had our annual Fire Appliances Inspection and all is well on that front.

We have had an excellent few months raising cash from our Bric-a-Brac stall at the Thursday Market but could now do with some more nice items to sell. If anyone has anything they think would be suitable please let Dave or I know and we can arrange for collection or delivery.

Well, that's another month gone. Take care and see you next time.

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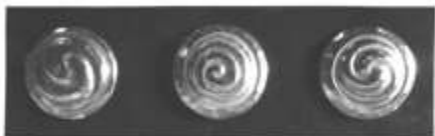
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## QUIZ NIGHT NEWS



February Quiz Night was certainly a very lively affair indeed with so much toing and froing up and down the score board that we all felt sea sick before the night was over! The crunch came when 5 (yes, five) teams scored big fat zeros in the dreaded 'Wipe Out' round and this left the way clear for **The Buccaneers** and **The Mixed Bunch** to fight it out for the title. An impressive 38 out of 50 in the 'All-Nighter' sealed it for **The Buccaneers** and they sailed off with the Champions Crown. **Bob's Band** were just a little out of tune and they became guardians of the treasured Wooden Spoon for another month.

A big thank you was due to Geoff Harris for a really good Guest Round. It's Viv's turn next time and then the only month left to fill with a guest author this year is December.

The final positions for February's Quiz Night were as follows:

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Team</u>               |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | The Buccaneers            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | The Mixed Bunch           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | The Motley Crew           |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | OTT                       |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Cliffhangers              |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | All Mouth and No Trousers |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Rumanites                 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | Inbetweeners              |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> | Bob's Band                |

Thanks to everyone for a really exciting night's quizzing.

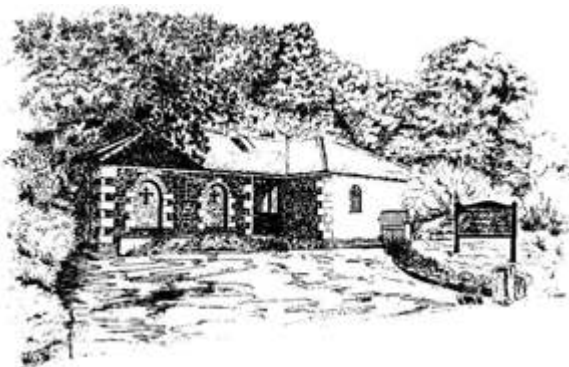
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*Quizmaster Dave.*

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Since the last report, the Ruan Minor football team has moved up from 4<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 16 in Division 3 of the Trelawny League. Only Redruth United Reserves are beating them at this stage.

### **Results since the last report**

23/2 3-1 Home v. Mousehole 3rds  
2/3 0-4 Away v. Gulval Reserves  
9/3 2-1 Home v. Wendron Utd. 3rds  
16/3 7-3 Home v. Gulval Reserves

### **Forthcoming Matches**

These are Division 3 matches, which start at 2.30 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

3/4 Away v. Mawnan Res (6.15pm)  
6/4 Away v. St. Day 3rds  
13/4 Away v. Redruth United Res  
15/4 Away v. Troon Res (6.15pm)  
20/4 Away v. Lanner  
27/4 Home v. Chacewater Reserves

### **The Team**

The following players were in the team for the last few games:

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Thomas Cooper                   | James Edwards  |
| Sam Edwards                     | Sam Faulkner   |
| Martin Harvey                   | James Hawkins  |
| Darren Hill                     | Craig Kimpton  |
| Shaun Midgley                   | Ryan Oldfield  |
| Ashley Pickin                   | Derek Pickin   |
| Samuel Rickwood                 | Daniel Timpson |
| Kai Tutton-Gane                 |                |
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# Recreation Ground News

The May Festival will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – make sure you have it in your diary! As I reported last month, the format will be a bit different this year. We won't be having the Fun Day on the bank holiday Monday – it will be more of a two-day music and beer festival. I am organising a few established acts, but I would really like to see some local talent also. Readers might remember that a couple of years ago we gave the Ducks their first live gig, and they have got themselves properly established since then! So, if you want to sing with a backing track, or guitar, or as a duo or a band – whatever – please get in touch! Even if you've only got a couple of songs prepared, it doesn't matter, we can give you a chance to perform. You can use our sound system, so not having your own equipment won't be a problem.

I've had a few people volunteer their services to help, which is much appreciated, but could always do with more!

As usual, there are a few repair jobs needed on the old pavilion. The roof leaks, despite the temporary repairs done a couple of years ago, and again the water has damaged the floor, and it is about time we launched a proper investigation into the lights that don't work! Hopefully I will be able to report some progress on these matters next month.

As for plans, there are only two viable options on the table at this time:

1 – *Refurbish the existing building.* This will involve a new roof – either felting over the existing roof, or building a new structure over the top of the existing roof. The main complaint I get (from people who haven't looked inside recently!) is that the existing building looks so shabby. We painted the outside a few years ago, and that made a huge improvement, but that doesn't disguise the structure of the building – so I am thinking about adding a layer of cladding to the walls. This will improve the weather-proofing and will look more in keeping with its location. As well as these exterior improvements, it will need the interior re-modelling. In particular, the changing rooms will need to be completely stripped out and started again, in an attempt to make the two team areas bigger. We won't quite be able to achieve 15m<sup>2</sup> for each team, as recommended by the FA, but we can get pretty close – we are unfortunately restricted by the way the building is constructed. We could probably do this within our existing finances, with a little extra grant help.

2 – *A smaller new building.* We could have changing rooms to FA recommendations, toilets (including disabled), a kitchen and store rooms, with provision to add a small function room as a future extension. This would obviously cost more to achieve, but we could keep costs down if we had the support of local volunteer labour.

With the editor's permission, I will try to include some drawings of the possible options in this magazine soon – then hopefully we will get some comments to decide which is the best, and preferred by the village, way forward.

One last note – our groundsman recently cut the longer grass behind the tennis court for the first time this year – he said there was a considerable amount of dog mess there! Please, just because it's out of sight doesn't make it acceptable to allow your dog to foul any part of the Recreation Ground – please clean up after your dogs – there are plenty of bins available for the waste.

Thanks for your continued support. *Mike Fleetwood. Chairman.*



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# Gardening in April

by David Endean

The weather has done its best to make a fool of me after I told you that it would not dry up until the trees come out in leaf. We had a long drying spell with north and east winds, at times bitterly cold, and things have certainly dried a lot. But after the first shower of rain things certainly became sticky once again. And I was back to square one after the spring show weekend where we had a couple inches of rain.

This year has certainly made me ponder - we had a really mild winter but many of our spring plants are later, especially camellias and some daffodils. You can only judge on like-for-like; therefore was that variety earlier or later last year? It goes to show that many environmental elements trigger growth and flowering and

different plants have evolved to be triggered by different phenomena, be it maximum or minimum temperatures, day length or moisture levels. This is the fickle world of horticulture and what makes gardening something which you are always learning.

April is the time to prune those hardy fuchsias in your garden. How hard you go is up to you, but trim out all the dead wood then trim the growth back a third to fresh buds. But if your bush is getting too big you can be harder. These varieties will regenerate from their rootstocks which happens if we have a very hard frost. Obviously if your bush is a bit weak or you would like it larger, do not trim it back so much. I think there is room for a fuchsia of some kind in every garden, the bigger showy ones with larger double flowers and the like are often not hardy but keeping them in a pot over winter in a frost-free greenhouse will preserve them. You can get varieties that trail like Harry Gray and La Campanella which make them ideal for hanging pots and baskets. Others like Swingtime and Winston Churchill are more upright and are good in pots and borders. There are 1000's of varieties to choose from so there must be one to suit you. I know one person locally that has her whole garden planted out with fuchsias.

Those of you who are growing carrots for the novice class in the autumn show should be planning to sow your seed from the middle of this month through to early May for the best results. The variety that I am giving seed away for is called Sweet Candle - a top show strain which is a blunt ended type and needs about 20 weeks to mature properly. I would say that 90% of growing good carrots is in the growing medium. This can only be worked

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on before the seed is sown. People's garden soil varies so much that best results are obtained from growing in your own mix which needs to be light free draining, able to hold nutrients, but not too rich otherwise the roots will fork. Use a mixture of multipurpose compost sand and slow release fertiliser; some also add some topsoil. Then what to grow them in? Most growers will use a combination of raised beds, drainpipes, barrels or bins. Fill whatever you are growing them in with your mixture, water it well to let it settle, then sow your seed. Some good results can also be achieved by using a crow bar to bore some deep holes in your soil making sure the top of the hole is at least 4 inches wide, then fill the hole with your mixture. Sow 4 or 5 seeds per hole and cover with a thin layer of mixture, water and wait for then to germinate. Keep slugs off, cats away and using either horticultural fleece or enviromesh, keep the dreaded root fly away.

I intend to plant out my sweet peas

when they are ready this month after they have been properly hardened off. I like to prepare the ground really well, incorporating copious amounts of organic matter, as this helps to keep hold of the moisture as sweet peas are thirsty. I also give the ground a good dressing of a slow release fertiliser, they fix their own nitrogen as they are legumes but they still need other nutrients. Once planted, I rarely give them supplementary feeding but I do water them when needed. I grow them up an extremely robust framework training the plants in a cordon style. This involves a lot of tying in and removing side shoots and tendrils, but it gives longer stemmed better quality flowers for exhibition. Perfectly serviceable and deliciously scented blooms can be harvested from plants naturally left to ramble up some wigwams of pea sticks.

Many of your daffodils will have finished flowering now. Do not do anything to the leaves until at least mid-May and, whilst they are actively growing, give them a good feed with a balanced feed. It will need to be fast acting, as they will soon be preparing to go dormant. You have to work now for the flowers next year.

Your lawns should start actively growing well now, so it should be safe to lower the blades on the mower. You can also think about using a weed and feed product if you like. Now is the time to sow a new lawn if you did not manage it in the early autumn. Work the ground down to a fine tilth, rake level and firm, then sow the fertiliser and seed and work it in, making sure you sow the seed evenly. Firm the ground again and then wait for the green sward to appear.

What else will I be doing this April? Well the usual pricking out and potting on of seedlings, sowing salads and many of the jobs I hoped to do in March.

Well try your best to keep warm and dry this month and enjoy your gardening.



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## ***Rector's Ramblings***

**M**ark begins his account of the events that culminate in our Easter celebrations with this announcement "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" - good news! And it is good news. Though his disciples thought everything was lost, Jesus had won. Satan is defeated. What charge can he bring against God's people? Everything he can bring, every accusation, God can simply respond, my Son has paid in full!

For us the way is clear; stop trying to justify yourself and turn to Jesus, hide in his shadow and the accuser can bring nothing against you. Because of Jesus we are not just forgiven (the slate wiped clean), we are not even just acquitted (pronounced innocent as if we had never sinned) - both are true but God's grace in Christ goes further - we are forgiven so that all our sins and guilt are removed AND God credits us with all the righteousness of his Son, Jesus Christ!

If you can imagine coming out of prison with a complete acquittal and then being give a winning euro millions ticket - not just free, not just a fresh start, but free and empowered to live as you have never done before. How, then would you live?

This is Easter's good news. Some may find such grace unbelievable and remain in the comfort of prison, not realising the door is open; too comfortable with where you are or too frightened to go through the door. Others may go through the door of forgiveness, but only see the offer of a fresh start (a second go), and so live afraid of failing again. God is calling us to trust in Jesus and reign in life (Rom 5.17).

What will we do with Easter's Good News? Know that you are a son and daughter of Almighty God with all the riches of his Son Jesus Christ. You cannot earn this inheritance – it is yours through the death and resurrection of Jesus. But we can learn to live as sons and daughters with each day's discipline and grace. And we can learn to be generous with this goodness and this grace; the Father will not hold back whenever we seek to share it with others, He loves a cheerful giver and always outdoes us in generosity.

**Revd Peter Sharpe**

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# Church Services



## Church of England Services

### April

|                      |                                  |        |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Morning Praise, St Ruan Church   | 11am   |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> | Holy Communion, St Ruan Church   | 9.30am |
|                      | Evensong, St Grade Church        | 6pm    |
| Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> | Family Service, St Ruan Church   | 11am   |
|                      | Evening Praise, St Mary's Church | 6pm    |
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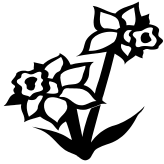
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# Grade Ruan Spring Show 2013

## 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                                                | Julia Nunn                         |
| 2   | <b>Britton Cup</b><br>Most points in cut flowers and foliage                                        | David Endean                       |
| 3   | Committee Cup<br>Most points in pot plants                                                          | Ann Fielder                        |
| 4   | <b>Ruan Minor Village Hall Cup</b><br>Most points in Floral art                                     | Peggy Thompson                     |
| 5   | <b>Falconer Cup</b><br>Best exhibit class 37 Easter themed                                          | Linda Lewis                        |
| 6   | <b>Hagenbach cup</b><br>Best miniature floral Art Exhibit<br>Medallion<br>Most points child under 5 | Peggy Thompson<br><br>Arthyen Wood |
| 7   | Committee Cup and Medallion<br>Most points 6 to 8 year old                                          | Chloe Price                        |
| 8   | Committee Cup and Medallion<br>Most points 9 to 11 years old                                        | Lucy Green                         |
| 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                                                             | Sarah White                        |
| 13a | <b>Gladys Johnstone Cup</b><br>Most points in cookery by Grade Ruan Resident                        | Sarah White                        |
| 13b | <b>June Curtin cup</b><br>Most points in spring Produce                                             | David Endean                       |
| 14  | <b>The Newcomer cup</b><br>Most points for entering the show for the first time Lady                | Margret Evans                      |
| 15  | <b>The Newcomer cup</b><br>Most points for entering the show for the first time Gent                | Robbie Wilson                      |
| 16  | <b>Iris Mitchell Cup</b><br>Most points in the show                                                 | David Endean                       |



# Grade Ruan Spring Flower Show



March 16<sup>th</sup> saw spring come to Ruan Minor Village Hall with the annual Grade Ruan Spring Flower Show, but outside I think we must have seen all four seasons as at times we were pelted with hail, squally showers and glorious warm sunshine.

The show was opened by our headmaster of the village school Mr Tom Harman. He championed these village community events, mentioning that these things made rural life special. The school supported the show as usual with many colourful entries of posters, cards and cushions.

The show was enjoyed by many people who came to view, chat and have a cup of tea along with the exhibitors. We had daffodils of all forms and shades, but numbers were slightly reduced maybe due to the icy easterly gales earlier in the week. Plus sadly several of our regular exhibitors could not make it this year due to various reasons. The best exhibit of daffodils was exhibited by Julia Nunn, a well formed set of yellow trumpets of unknown variety as she quickly picked them the day before between showers. She also did very well with her floral art displays. Mrs Peggy Thompson took the cup for most points in floral art and she was up until midnight putting her displays together; this is the dedication that some put in to make the show.

Sarah White enjoyed a tussle throughout the cookery classes with the vastly experienced Frances Hosken among others and came out on top, winning the trophy for most points in that section. There was a mouth watering display of biscuits, traditional Simnel cakes, pasties and sponges along with some "wonderful" preserves.

Arthyen Wood, Chloe Price, Lucy Green and Lauren Birchmore all did superbly and won trophies in the various age groups with their entries ranging from miniature gardens through floral displays to pictures. Ann Fielder and Robbie Wilson won the trophies for first time exhibitors. Ann took a couple of trips in her car to bring all her entries. We look forward to seeing them all again next year and hopefully a few more of you will come and have a go. There is always room for more entries so come on, give it a go.

The Committee would like to thank all the exhibitors, those that came to view in the afternoon and those that were kind enough to volunteer their services and help on the day. Without you all it would not happen. See you next spring.

*David Endean*

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**Minutes of the January Monthly Meeting of Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel on Monday 14 January 2013 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Parish Councillors P Collins (Chair), J Preston (Vice Chair), J Trewin, P Freeman, N Green, C Cooper, A Humby, M Alford, M Fleetwood and one Member of the Public.

There was a minutes silence in respect of the death of Desmond Julian, a much respected former Parish Councillor and Chairman of the Grade Ruan Parish Council

**1. Absences and Apologies:** apologies were received from Councillors W Elliott and R Curnow. These apologies were accepted.

Apologies were also received from Cornwall Councillor C Rule.

**2. Declarations of Interest:** there were no declarations of interest.

**3. Public Time:** there were no items for discussion under Public Time.

**4. Police Report:** PCSO Berry was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a report to advise there had been no crimes reported in the Parish during December 2012.

**5. Cornwall Councillor's Time:** Cornwall Councillor Rule had sent her apologies.

**6. Minutes for acceptance:** the Minutes having been circulated subject to some amendments were signed as a true and correct record.

**7. Planning:** the applicant's agent Mr R Bray was present at the meeting and gave the Parish Council some background information as to the current and proposed use of the following two applications.

a. PA12/12012 – erection of extension and internal alterations incorporating roof lights at Seaview, Ruan Minor by Mr N Robertson. Councillor Freeman proposed this application be supported, Councillor Fleetwood seconded – all in favour. Resolved that Grade Ruan Parish Council support this application

b. PA12/12037 – proposed new access and garage at Seaview, Ruan Minor by Mr N Robertson. Councillor Green proposed the Parish Council object to the application in its current form, Councillor Preston seconded – all in favour.

**Resolved that:** Grade Ruan Parish Council objects to this application in its current form. Although the Parish Council can see the necessity for proper access and garaging at the property, it is concerned at the scale of the development and therefore recommends should this application be supported by Cornwall Council that permitted development rights be removed from the remainder of the development land and a reduction in scale be negotiated. Concerns have also been expressed in respect of the following:- 'The proposal lies in open land outside the development boundary 'Visual impact of the development from the public footpath and public highway (New Road) 'No provision has been



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c. PA12/11547 – retention of 1.8m x 1.2m pole mounted sign on adjacent entrance at height of 2.5m (advertisement consent) at Worvas Farm, Ruan Minor by Mr J Bennetts. The Chair proposed the Parish Council object to this application on the same grounds cited for refusal for the previous application which had been refused by Cornwall Council. Councillor Trewin seconded – all in favour.

**Resolved** : Grade Ruan Parish Council objects to this application on the same grounds as stated in a previous application relating to this proposed development which was refused under application no. PA12/04064 which stated: 'The proposed signage, as a result of its form, scale and location, would have a detrimental visual impact on the character and appearance of this area of open countryside, in particular the areas designation as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and an Area of Great Scientific Value contrary to the aims and intentions of Saved Policies 1 and 2 of the Cornwall Structure Plan 2004 and paragraphs 60, 61, 64, 109 and 115 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012 and PD8 and GP.08.2 of the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2011-2016'

d. Coth Lytherva - It has been observed a significant amount of development work is being conducted at the property known as Coth Lytherva, Cadgwith, Ruan Minor. An application for development was approved under application PA12/00773, however, it is felt the development has increased substantially in size and shape compared to what was originally presented in the planning application. Clerk to refer to Enforcement.

e. PA09/01204 – retention of chalet at Gwealgooth Farm - it was queried whether Condition 1 of the planning condition on the approval for this application has been complied with. Clerk to refer to planning.

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8. **Finance:** the financial report was circulated. Approval of payments as per schedule – the Chair proposed the items listed on the Schedule of Payments be paid, Councillor Cooper seconded – all in favour.

b. **Online banking** – the Clerk had registered for online banking and was awaiting the registration pack. Councillor Green had investigated alternative bank accounts for the Parish Council but is very difficult to find any that permit multiple authorisations and recommended the Parish Council remain with LloydsTSB plc. Operating procedures for online banking needed to be established. To be considered at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

c. **Ruan Minor Surgery** – the new lease had now completed. A back payment of £500.08 was due from the specified date in the Lease and the standing order for payment needed to be amended. Clerk to contact the Practice Manager to deal with this.

9. **Matters arising from the Minutes:** Play Area – Councillors Collins and Elliott had met with Charles Mant a play equipment provider to discuss improving the play area. Charles Mant was preparing some designs for consideration and costing. The Chair had also attended a training course relating to play areas at Mawnan Smith. An invoice would be received from Mawnan Smith Parish Council in due course. Details had been received from play equipment inspectors. Councillor Freeman proposed N W Adams was appointed to conduct the play equipment inspection for the forthcoming year, Councillor Fleetwood seconded – all in favour. **Resolved: Mr NW Adams be appointed to inspect the Parish Council's play equipment.**

b. Code of Conduct – a revised Code of Conduct for the Parish Council had been circulated with various options highlighted for amendment. Councillor Green proposed Option 2 be adopted re receiving gifts. Councillor Cooper proposed Option 2.6.2 be implemented, Councillor Fleetwood seconded – 8 in favour, 1 abstention. **Resolved: to implement option 2.6.2.** Clerk to amend master copy for approval at the next meeting.

With the changes to the Code of Conduct CALC recommended Standing Orders be reviewed and amended to reflect the new code. It was felt it would be better to wait until CALC had completed their review and work with their updated version.

c. Rural Payments Agency – no information could be traced on the application.

d. Recycling credits – the Clerk had been making enquiries. SITA no longer had the recycling contract with Cornwall Council, this is now with Corey. SITA had requested confirmation of the total tonnage collected from the bank which the Clerk needed to obtain from Cornwall Council. It was also reported the recycling bank had been removed from Mundy's Field Car Park. This should have been done in April when SITA's contract expired however, it had only been removed during the week prior to this meeting. Recycling banks across the county have been reduced as it is felt there is less need for them  
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with the new householder recycling collections and the availability of recycling points at more central locations such as supermarkets. If the Parish requires a recycling bank then a specific request will need to be made and there may be a charge to the Parish.

e. Poltesco Lane: this was discussed under Item 10

f. Youth Club: the Clerk had met with a Youth worker to discuss the possibility of a Youth Worker re-establishing a Youth Club in the Parish. The advice given was: *"Youth groups are notoriously difficult to work with, often wanting to move away from parents and assert their own independence and can be resistant to groups where parents or neighbours are helping. The Parish needs to identify exactly what the young people want. Different areas require different things. Do the young people actually want anything in the Parish when the bigger facilities and many of their school friends may be in the nearest town? Do they want a Youth Club?"* Examples of projects aimed at young people which have been successful in the Lizard Peninsula are;

- Subsidised bus ticket to Helston during summer holidays because parents are working.
- Bus running to and from Helston on a Saturday night.

There is a possibility if adequately evidenced the School minibus project could use this to support funding bids. It was strongly recommended the Parish Council should establish exactly how many young people are in the Parish and perform a consultation exercise to identify what they want. Once that is established, proposals can be drawn up and sources of funding identified. No response had been received to a request for establishing youth activities in The Gazette. It was suggested the Parish Council would be more successful communicating with the youth of the Parish via Facebook.

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**g.** Glebe Place – a reply had been received to the Parish Council’s responses to Coastline’s proposals for a transfer of land at Glebe Place. Clerk to circulate copies of original proposals and the subsequent responses to be considered at the next meeting.

**h.** Burial plots at Treal – there had been no response from the Environment Agency. The Clerk had chased for a response.

**i.** Open well at Kennack – it was unknown what the outcome had been to the concerns raised earlier in the year by Mr M Ellis. Clerk to contact Lord Falmouth’s agents.

**10. Matters for consideration:** surface water and drain blockages in the Parish. It has been reported there is a significant pothole in the road leading from the village towards the Lizard - Helston main road, approximately 20 metres from Ebenezer Chapel which is felt to be dangerous. Clerk to report to Highways.

South West Water was willing to send out one of their Field Service Technicians to meet with a representative of the Parish Council to look at the surface water at New Road, Cadgwith. Councillor Freeman was willing to meet with the Technician.

Poltesco Lane – it was reported the drains would be cleared when the necessary machinery is available. It was reported that Mr David Vincent of Cornwall Council had visited the Parish recently to consider various issues raised by Parish Councillor Mrs Carol Cooper who was acting privately as a Member of the Public and not in her capacity as a Parish Councillor at Poltesco Lane and St Ruan Bridge. No information had been received as to the outcome of the visit. Clerk to contact D Vincent.

**11. Correspondence:** *[The full list of letters and emails is not printed here, due to space constraints. It is available from the Editor.]*

**12. Footpaths, Environment and Treewarden:**

condition of footpath from near St Ruan, past the pumping station. It is difficult to walk on the section through the woods as the path is in poor condition but people tend to use the metalled track to the pumping station. The grassy section is substantially waterlogged. It is impossible to ascertain the condition of the path as a whole at present due to the recent substantial rainfall and this will need to be done when it is drier.

Rail and steps on the Todden – a Councillor reported the rail is solid and no need for action at this time.

The Community Trust had ordered 105 trees for planting and suggested another 105 wetland trees be purchased for Martha’s Acre.

Tree Wardens report – Councillor Preston reported he had received expressions of interest from parishioners to plant trees and was placing an order and it is likely an invoice would be received next month.

**13. In committee:** the Parish Council then went ‘in committee’.

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**Minutes of the February Monthly Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held on Monday 11 February 2013 in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Parish Councillors R Curnow, W Elliott, P Freeman C Cooper, M Alford, M Fleetwood, J Preston (Vice-Chair), N Green, J Trewin and Cornwall Councillor C Rule.

1. **Absences and Apologies:** apologies were received from the Chairman Councillor P Collins which were accepted. The Vice-Chair took the Chair in his absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Councillor W Elliot declared an interest in the item relating to the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust. Councillor M Fleetwood declared an interest in the item relating to the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel.
3. **Public Time:** concerns were raised about potholes in Mundys Field Car Park and by the traffic calming. This was discussed further under Item 12.
4. **Police Report:** PCSO J Berry was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report which the Clerk read in her absence. During January there were two crimes reported to the Police; The rape of someone over 16 years of age; this crime is currently under investigation. A burglary: at the time of the burglary the Police dog attended and tracked to the locations where the stolen property was dumped. Scenes of crime have visited the location of the burglary in order to obtain finger prints. This crime is still under investigation.
5. **Cornwall Councillor's Time:** Councillor Rule apologised for her long absence from the Parish Council meetings due to ill health. She reported that the Capital Joint Venture had been rejected by the full Council and alternative options were being considered. The Council Leader Alex Robertson had been voted out to be replaced by Councillor Jim Currie. The Chief Executive Kevin Lavery is leaving for a new post and it had provisionally been agreed that an interim Chief Executive would be appointed until after the Council election in May to allow the new Council to have the final decision in selecting the new Chief Executive they would be working with. The previous Deputy Chief Executive Paul Masters had been selected to the Interim Chief Executive but this decision was awaiting approval by the full Council.

A transitional fund of £1 000 000 had been agreed to help those affected by the incoming changes to Council Tax Benefits.

A 1.97% raise is proposed in the Cornwall Council part of the Council Tax which is the first rise in three years although this is yet to be voted upon. The Council is still hoping to identify areas in which savings can be made to reduce any rise but it is felt this is unlikely. Councillor Rule was advised of the action the Parish Council had taken to reduce its precept requirements as a result of the introduction of the Council Tax Support Grant Funding which otherwise would have had the effect of increasing the Parish Council element of the Council Tax by 11.6%. Councillor Rule's understanding was that the Grant should not have had this effect. Clerk to forward details of the correspondence between the Parish Council and the Acting Business Analyst for Cornwall Council.

Councillor J Trewin joined the meeting.

6. **Minutes for acceptance:** an incorrect version of the Minutes of the monthly meeting of Parish Council held on 14 January 2013 had been circulated – to be amended for approval at the next meeting. Minutes of the 'in committee' meeting held on 14 January were approved and signed by the Chair. Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held on 6 February 2013 were approved and signed by the Chair.

7. **Planning:** PA12/08391 – erection of a dwelling and garage at Land west of Atlinto, Cadgwith, Ruan Minor by Mrs P Mayland. Councillor Freeman proposed the application be supported, Councillor Alford seconded – 4 in favour, 4 against. The Chair used his casting vote in favour of the proposal. **Resolved: Grade Ruan Parish Council support this application.**

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a. PA12/12166 – Installation of a solar array with maximum capacity 250KW at Worvas Farm, Worvas Lane, Ruan Minor by Mr C Bennett. Councillor Freeman proposed the Parish Council object to the application on the grounds that it would adversely affect the visual amenity within the AONB and it is unlikely a suitable screening provision could be implemented. Councillor Fleetwood seconded – 6 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions. **Resolved: Grade Ruan Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it would adversely affect the visual amenity within the AONB and it is unlikely a suitable screening provision could be implemented.**

b. PA12/05941- Provision of up to 3 burial plots at Land South Of The Glamis Treal Ruan Minor. A response had been received from the Environment Agency to the Parish Council’s enquiry as to why the Agency had ignored its own recommendations for this type of proposal being located 300 metres from a watercourse. The Environment Agency had replied this was a typographical error and should have read 30 metres. The application complied with the 30 metre requirement.

8. **Finance:** copies of the financial report were circulated.

a. An invoice from Duchy of Cornwall Nursery for £200.59 for the supply of trees to be planted throughout the Parish was received and added to the Schedule of Payments

b. Request for donation was received from the Helford River Children’s Sailing Trust. Councillor Curnow proposed the same amount be donated as the previous year (£100) under s137, Councillor Cooper seconded – all in favour. **Resolved: a donation of £100 be made to the Helford River Children’s Sailing Trust under s137.**

c. A request was received from the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel for the cost of using the Sunday School Room for meetings to include a contribution for heating. Councillor Cooper proposed a payment of £135 representing £90 for the use of the room and £45 for the heating, Councillor J Trewin seconded – 7 for, 1 against, 1 abstention. **Resolved: a payment of £135 be made to the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel.**

d. A request was received for a donation from the Cornwall Branch of Shelter – Councillor Cooper proposed a donation be made of £100 under s137, Councillor Curnow seconded – all in favour. **Resolved: a donation of £100 be made to Shelter under s137.**

e. Helston & Lizard Community Halls Network; request for contribution – Clerk to request more information.

f. Approval of payments as per schedule – the payment of items listed on the schedule with the addition of the items described above.

g. Internet banking – the Clerk had received the welcome pack. It was decided to discuss the operation of internet banking at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

h. Ruan Minor Surgery – the Clerk had contacted the Practice Manager who had confirmed the Standing Order would be amended to reflect the increase in rent and a cheque would be posted for the outstanding balance.

i. Grade Ruan Under 5s heating allowance – it was requested that this be reviewed. To be

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added to the next Agenda.

**9. Matters arising from the Minutes:** Play Area – copies of suggested plans had been emailed. Charles Mant was due to attend the Play Area on Thursday with more plans and costings. Councillors Elliott and Collins would be attending a Play Seminar to obtain more ideas. Quotes need to be obtained from two other suppliers.

A complaint was received that footballs were being punctured on the hedge behind the goal.

- a. Code of Conduct – the updated version is to be printed and issued to Councillors.
- b. Well at Kennack – this has been capped.
- c. Transfer of Land at Glebe Place – it was suggested the Parish Council approach the Grade Ruan Community Trust to ask if the Trust would assist with the management of the land at Glebe Place if the transfer is completed. Clerk to copy the correspondence to date to the Trust and request they consider managing the land if the transfer completes for the Trust's next meeting on 15 February 2013.
- d. RPA Cadgwith Car Park registration – Clerk to resubmit application
- e. South West Water, springs on New Road – Councillor Freeman had contacted Mr D Prout of South West Water and was waiting for him to return his call.
- f. Highway issues and repairs – Mr D Vincent of Cornwall Council had contacted the Clerk to say he was willing to meet Councillors to discuss any highway issues the Parish Council felt needed attention. The Clerk advised it may be beneficial if a specific list of issues could be drawn up before a meeting was arranged. Councillors to supply the Clerk with items to draft a list.
- g. Jubilee Bench – the Church has been granted consent to install the bench. The bench has been delivered but is now awaiting better weather conditions for the installation.

**10. Matters for consideration:** Community Right to Bid – Councillor Freeman outlined the background to the Community Right to Bid and had prepared a list of possible buildings within the Parish which may be suitable. It was agreed the list be considered and a decision made at the next Meeting.

**h. Community Network Meeting:** Councillor Freeman had attended the most recent Network Meeting and advised that Community Emergency Plans were to be produced in the future.

**11. Correspondence:** *[The full list of letters and emails is not printed here, due to space constraints. It is available from the Editor.]*

**12. Footpaths, Environment and Treewarden:** it was reported there are potholes near the entrance to Mundys Field Car Park possibly caused by a lorry turning that need repairing. Clerk to

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contact Andrew Lewis to see if he is able to do this.

- a. **Footpath Committee:** Bob Sanders, the appointed contractor for trimming the footpaths would like to attend the next meeting of the Footpath Committee.
  - b. **Dog fouling:** Mullion Parish is also experiencing problems with dog fouling in their parish and had started a 'Dog Awareness' campaign and information as to how dog fouling could be reported to the Dog Warden at Cornwall Council and advice about disposing of dogs mess in bins had been published. Councillor Alford to scan the information and forward to the Grade Ruan Gazette.
13. **In committee:** there being no items to be discussed 'in committee' the Meeting closed at 10:15pm

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**Police Report, compiled by PCSO Julia Berry at 1030 hrs on Monday 11 March 2013.**

During February there was one crime reported to the Police; the theft from a charity box within the church. There was very little of evidential value and this crime has been filed, however, crime prevention advice has been given. This figure compares with 4 crimes for the same period last year.

In the report last month I reported that the Police were investigating the rape of someone over 16 years of age. I feel now that I should advise you that a full investigation was carried out on this crime and the reporting person has since been issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice for wasting Police time and that the rape has subsequently been no crimed.

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## A WRECK IN CORNWALL BY FILSON YOUNG

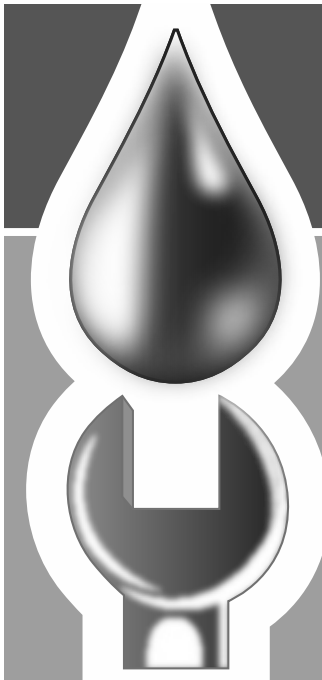
The sound of a gun at ten o'clock at night has only one meaning on the Cornish coast; it carries far inland, across the wet misty fields and farmsteads, news of danger or disaster at seas. The other night it came unexpectedly; there was no gale, although it was blowing fairly hard from the West, with driving sheets of thick mist and rain; but there was no sea to speak of, and the powerful light and foghorn on the Lizard have made wrecks of recent years few and far between. People were sitting in the soft lamp-light at their evening occupations when the dull report and flight of the rocket into the misty night startled everyone to attention and, along with the instinct to rush forth and render assistance, awoke the old wrecking spirit also. The men in the village up on the cliff threw down what they were doing and ran out



"The Outlook" report

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into the night, down towards the Cove, while the women gathered together and began to discuss the chances of a general cargo.

The lifeboat was soon manned and run down to the Cove, and it put off into the mist towards the rocks where the shadowy outline of a great three-masted sailing ship was visible. She was a French barque, outward bound from Cherbourg to San Francisco; instead of going past the Lizard she had found herself close ashore on the wrong side of it; she had tried to wear round in order to get to sea again, but room had been wanting. The coastguard on the lookout on the cliffs about our Cove had seen first her port and then her starboard light close under him as she swung round; he had even been able to hail her and to hear the reply, so close was she under the cliffs, and she glided on like a phantom a cable's length further before taking the ground, with a jar and grind of iron plates, on a sharp reef close under the land. There she now lay in the dim mist and driving rain - merely a gigantic looming shadow of sails and spars, but offering to the sea-trained eye a dreadful impropriety in the closeness of those towering masts to the cliffs. There was a confusion of shouting on board, running to and fro, waving of dim lights, all pervaded by the frantic barking of a dog. The Frenchmen made a half-hearted attempt to get out an anchor and warp her off; but she was fixed hard and fast, and they were afraid that she would capsize. Three trips of the lifeboat, and her crew of twenty-seven were all brought off; the captain came last with his papers and the ship's money; and there she lay in the early morning light; a new ship, beautifully rigged, provisioned for a long voyage, but wrecked and abandoned.

It was after this that the real Cornish wrecking spirit broke out and seized the whole of the inhabitants of the little fishing-cove. To their bitter disappointment she turned out to be laden with cement in casks; her decks were awash at high water, and the seas were breaking over them, and the casks of cement had been turned into so many stones. But at low water the wrecking began. There was nominally a party of salvers acting for the Insurance Company, and of course there were the coastguards to keep an eye on the dutiable stores; but the same spirit was over all. Some kind of order prevailed on the first day, when all the cabin fittings, the tables and beds and chairs, the teak doors and the brass fittings, carpets, cushions, lamps and such things were torn out of the cabins and brought ashore. But the next day the lust of destruction and of wreckage took frantic possession of the population. As soon as the water had left her decks they settled upon her like vultures on a carcase, tearing down and smashing open doors, partitions and cases - nominally with the ideas of salvaging the valuable contents of the ship, but actually in obedience to a very ancient and deep-rooted instinct to seize what the sea had given them and to destroy what they could not seize and take away. Beautiful polished doors and woodwork that fitters and cabinet makers had toiled over, were attacked with the fisherman's axe. In the after part of the ship, where the officers' stores were, the scene was one of infernal destruction and activity. The salt water was washing about on the carpet on one side of the tilted cabin; cases of food and wine were one after another being handed out of the stores and smashed open; boxes of eggs lay broached with the contents spread in a slippery mass on the floor; great casks and flasks of red wine had been smashed open, and the wreckers were wading about in wine while they were knocking the heads off bottles and drinking the contents. Case after [.... *missing piece* ....] tinned meats, bottled and preserved dainties, chocolate, vegetables were all attacked, and their contents [....] the slush of eggs and wine on the floor. The [....] flamed and confounded by the sight of so much [....] drink, could hardly pause in their work of destruction to sample the loot; and in the presence of so much plenty and variety they did not know what to attack first. Up on deck you would meet a man gnawing a Dutch cheese with a half-drunk bottle of wine in one hand, his mouth smeared over with chocolate from the sodden packet in his pocket, and under his arm perhaps a box of raisins or plums and in his pockets tins of meat and vegetables. A pig was found miserably grunting in one of the alley-ways; it was instantly slaughtered; and its blood mingled with the contents of the floor, so that the cabin ran with blood and wine and butter. Splintered glass lay all over the floor; drawers were torn out, smashed with a blow of the axe, and their contents scattered; and down below, where the brass-bound stairways led into rooms ceiling-deep in salt water there were more treasures of food

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and drink, which the more adventurous sought to fish up and broach.

Of course this was only one side of the wrecking activities. Up on deck the axe and the screw-driver were also busy, beginning the slow work of destruction. Brass work and iron work, blocks and tackles were being slowly collected; while up above, the mighty fabric of masts and yards and rigging stood in the sun, staunch and undamaged, and the unlowered topsails cracked and flapped in the breeze. Today the underwriters' agents have come down, and the activities of the wreckers have necessarily been abated a little, but in the moonlight their little boats creep back to the wreck and begin to gnaw again at their vitals. We are all the same; the preventive officers, who went to prevent, remained to assist; everyone was rushing about looking for something useful or interesting for himself. I have so far been moderate; I have only got an oak bucket, some brass hooks and earrings, a brass lock, a curiously fashioned French water-scoop, a part of a captain's rough log-book, a letter from a French cook asking for an engagement on board, a cork jacket, a half-drowned kitten, a paint scraper, an earthenware pot, a brass lamp-shade, a ball of tarred cord, two knives, a shark hook and perhaps one or two other things .... The baby in the cottage opposite me is being fed on Dutch cheese and chocolate, with an occasional change to raisins and tinned tripe.

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Postscript: No one in living memory could recall a ship getting off the Lizard's rocks once holed, and the Socoa was abandoned to the underwriters. Sold for a paltry sum, salvage operations began in earnest, in order to make headway before the next storm destroyed her totally. Once most of the 50,000 barrels of cement cargo had been discharged, three tugs managed to pull Socoa free to Cadgwith Bay where temporary repairs renewed her watertight integrity. She was towed to a yard in Falmouth for further repairs, and was then sold. Her name was changed to Thiers and she continued to sail under the French flag until she was laid up in 1921. Thiers was eventually sold to the breakers in 1927.

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Answers to the March Quiz

1. Which nation first gave women the right to vote? *New Zealand*
2. What are Moss, Garter and Cable types of? *Knitting stitches*
3. Who uniquely won world championships on both two and four wheels? *John Surtees*
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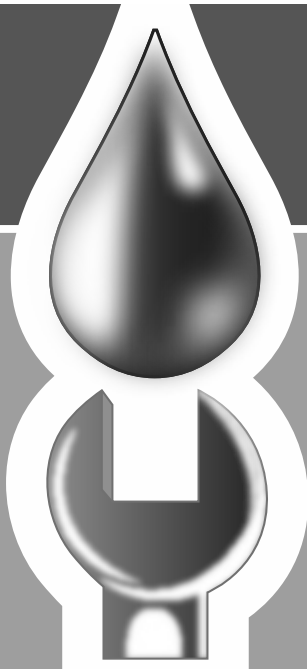
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