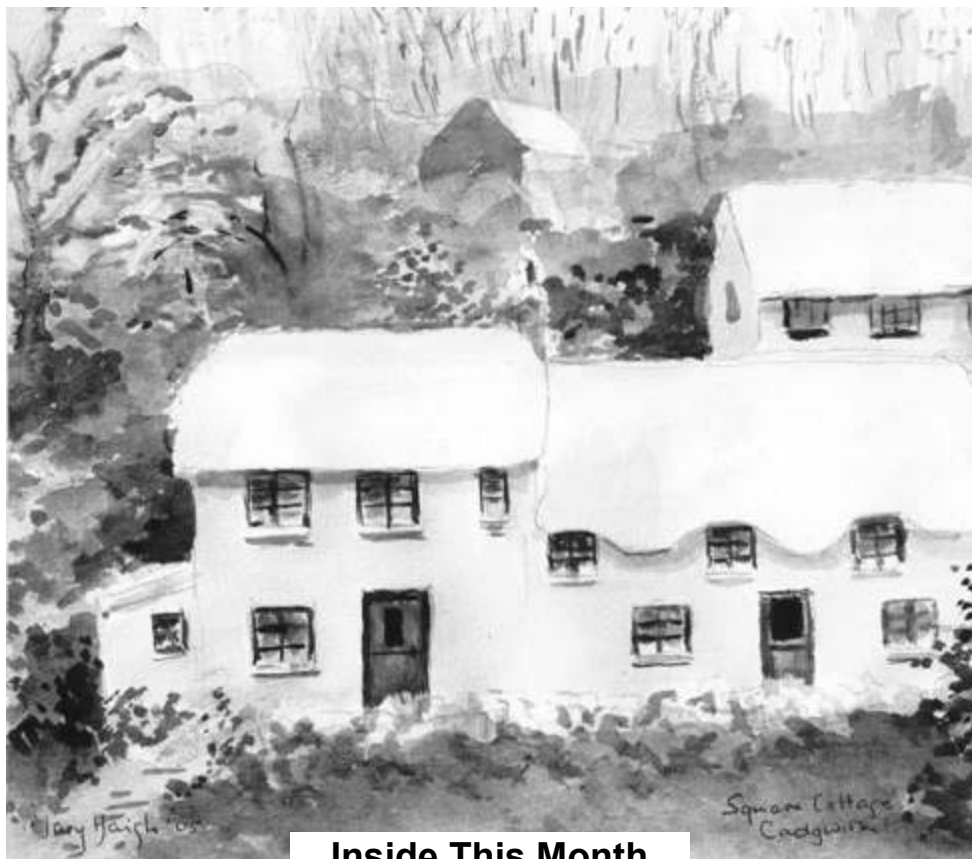


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Alternate Tues	Mobile Library (Tel: 0300 1234111) - 5 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> March, Kuggar 10.45am - 11am, Glebe Place 11.05am-11.20am, Cadgwith Car Park 11.35-11.55am
2nd Monday	7.30pm Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 11 <sup>th</sup> March
3rd Tuesday	12.15pm Soup, Pasty, Pudding, Methodist Chapel, 19 <sup>th</sup> March
3rd Saturday	9am - 1pm Farmers Market at Mullion School, 16 <sup>th</sup> March
Mon & Thurs	7.00pm Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall
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## THIS MONTH

2 March	8pm Vintage Variety Show, Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm
6 March	Mullion School Parents' Evening Year 9
13 March	8pm Cadgwith Book Club meeting in the Cadgwith Cove Inn
16 March	9.30am - 1.30pm Farmers' Market at Mullion School 3pm Grade Ruan Spring Flower Show in the Village Hall
28 March	12 noon Grade Ruan School and Mullion School - End of Spring Term

## ADVANCE DATES

16 April	Grade Ruan School and Mullion School - Start of Summer Term
18 May	Grade Ruan Fun Day, from 2 p.m.
25&26 May	May Festival, Music on the Rec, afternoon and evening
24 July	Beach BBQ (organised by Gig Club)
31 July	Beach BBQ (organised by Christmas Lights Committee)
7 August	Beach BBQ (organised by Recreation Ground Committee)
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)

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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.

If you have a photograph, painting or drawing that could be used on the front cover, please send it to the Editor.

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Apologies for missing Alan Lester's big birthday last month, also Alice Harry had a birthday in February. Best wishes to you both.

Tom Harman, Headteacher at Grade Ruan school, has written to thank the Gazette for our **contribution of £136.50 towards the minibus appeal**. This was half the money raised from your Christmas messages. Thanks to all of you who contributed to this worthy cause.

Welcome to **Bob Watson and Jutta** who have moved into Carsilgy in Prazegooth Lane. We hope you have settled in and look forward to seeing you around the Parish.

**Rosemary Prynn**, who some of you may know, has been in touch. She used to live at Treveddon Farm until she moved away in December 1953. She now lives in Callington, but has made regular visits to Ruan and Kennack and looks after the graves at Ruan Church. She'll be back here in May for a week. Her father, Ewart Rowe, passed away in October 2005 at the age of 96, but her mother, Hilary, is still going strong at 97, having recently moved into a care home in Wadebridge.

**Elizabeth Low**, who now lives in Ashton, but still enjoys the Gazette, has asked for the Letters page to be re-instated. It was never withdrawn as such, but I can only have a Letters page if I receive some letters - and I haven't had any lately.

Thank you to Mark and Liz Outten for the kind donation in respect of the Grade Ruan Flower Festival notice on page 39. It is much appreciated.

*Moirá Hurst*

My Fiance, Daniel Moore, and I have entered a competition to win our dream wedding. We need as many votes as possible to win the fantastic prize, which includes everything ... the wedding venue, dress, flowers, cake, music etc. You can show your support by voting for us to win - ring 09013600914 or text 'WINAWEDDING 0914' to 80360. Calls and texts cost £1 each. Voting ends on 24th March and the results will be announced on 7th April. Thank you. *Susan Stephens, Glebe Place*



Tony, Jan and family are delighted to announce the engagement between Rhiannon and Ash Bailey, both of whom live in Saltash and row for Caradon gig club. Love from all their family and friends, and looking forward to the event next year. xx *Jan Halliday*

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### **GRADE RUAN PARISH COUNCIL**

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Dog Fouling continues to be a problem. Grade Ruan Parish Council is keen to work with the community to introduce Dog Awareness to the village.

Members of the public should report witnessed dog fouling offences to the Dog Warden at Cornwall Council. The report can be submitted anonymously online at:

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*Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March*

That time of year has come once again with golden blooms adorning your gardens and the spring is upon us with our own flower show. We hope to see you all there this year. Please have a go and put some entries in as that will make the show. We hope we have got classes to suit everyone, from the growers and arrangers to the cooks and artists, so please have a go. Plus we have a range of classes for our young folk: Moira needs some designs for future gazette covers! You will find schedules around the villages. Please, if you cannot enter, come up to the village hall have a look around a chat, a cup of tea and piece of cake.

I also have an appeal to make in that over recent times our committee has got smaller and, without wanting to offend anyone, we have all got older so cannot do so much in the same time. We understand people have got busy times these days and do not wish to commit themselves to committees, but we would like to build up a list of a few people who would be able to commit themselves at the time of the show to help in some way in staging or taking down the show, carrying tables or stewarding. It need not be all day - an hour at a vital time would be a great help.

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# Recreation Ground News

It's time to start thinking about and planning for the May Festival again – it seems like no time since clearing up after the last one! As I indicated last year, I would like to do things on a smaller scale this year:

- No big marquee this year – it needs 20+ helpers to put it up or take it down, and I always struggle to get enough volunteers (willing, or otherwise!).
- Probably no bar tent either – I would like to set up the bar inside the pavilion this year, again, to make life easier. Regardless, we will still take the drinks off-site at the end of each day, so there will be nothing stored in the pavilion overnight. This will also make it easier to keep an eye on things to avoid any trouble!
- The plan is to have music on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> afternoon/evening and on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> afternoon, with maybe a bit of a party to finish off on Sunday evening. The music will be on an outdoor stage, covered by a small marquee (note to self – must ask the Rally if we can borrow theirs).
- We won't be doing a Fun Day this year – The School's event the previous weekend is too similar and too close to ours.

Even though it is a reduced size event this year, we will still need plenty of helpers – so please get in touch if you can help in any way. We still need helpers to get things organised on the Saturday morning, including putting up whatever marquee we use (we may do this on the Friday evening), people to staff the bar and clear up afterwards.

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For the Saturday entertainment, I will be booking a couple of bands for the evening, but I would like anyone who is interested in performing a couple of songs between the main acts to contact me. I know we have a lot of musical talent in the village – it would be nice to use this event to showcase it! Sunday will probably include jazz of some sort (still working on that!). As with previous years, we will arrange for hot food to be available.

As with previous years, we will be operating under a “Temporary Events Notice”, which will permit and control the sale and consumption of alcohol on the Recreation Ground. The bar staff will be under instruction not to serve alcoholic drink to anyone who might be under the age of 18 – if there is any uncertainty, they will ask to see a suitable ID as proof of age and refuse to serve anyone without ID. It is important that everyone knows that the age restriction for drinking applies to the whole of the Recreation Ground, and not only to drinks purchased from our bar – *any* under-age drinkers will be politely asked to leave. Parents, please do not allow your children to drink at this event! All we need now is some good weather!

Readers will remember that last month I appealed for a volunteer to come forward to act as Secretary for our management committee – so far no-one has contacted Moira or myself! Please talk to us if you are interested in helping to manage this vital village resource.

You will notice that I haven't said anything about the new pavilion yet – from the small amount of feedback I've had, the preferred plan seems to be for the reduced size pavilion, with some support for re-furbishing the existing building. Over the next couple of months, I will see if I can work out some costs for both these schemes, so an informed decision can be made. In the meantime, we would like to hear from anyone with comments and opinions on the plans, or offers to help in any capacity!

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**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7:30pm.**

**Present:** Parish Councillors P Collins (Chairman), J Preston (Vice-Chair), M Alford, C Cooper, W Elliot, M Fleetwood, N Green and J Trewin

- 1. Apologies and Absence** – Councillors P Freeman and A Humby
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – there were no declarations of interest
- 3. Precept 2013-14** The Chairman opened the meeting by explaining why it had become necessary to call an extraordinary meeting to reconsider a decision that had been made only one month previously.

The Council was reminded that it had previously voted on 10 December 2012 to set a precept of £13,500 for the financial year 2013-2014.

The Chairman explained that a letter dated 29 January 2013 had been received from Cornwall Council informing us that if we kept our precept at the same level as last year it would result in an 11.6% increase in the Council Tax paid by our parishioners. This is due to a change in the way that the Council Tax paid by each household is calculated. We were invited to reconsider our precept and respond to Cornwall Council by 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013 if we wished to make any change.

As there was not a monthly meeting in the week between the receipt of the letter and the deadline set by Cornwall Council, an extraordinary meeting had to be called. Having taken external advice, the Clerk informed the Chairman that only a meeting of the full Council could make such a decision.

The Chairman invited Councillor Green to provide a summary of the paperwork received from Cornwall Council and explain what it means for our Council.

The Council was advised that due to the introduction of the Council Tax Support Scheme by the Government, the tax base had been reduced from 427 to 383 households paying Council Tax in the parish. This means that if the precept is kept the same as the previous year the result would be that each household would pay a greater share of the precept in their Council Tax, amounting to a rise of 11.6% over the previous year.

The Council was also advised that a new transitional payment of £1,618.69 would be paid to the Council by the Government to assist in making up the shortfall in the Council's income. There was general consensus in the meeting that our parishioners should not suffer an increase in their Council Tax bills from this Parish Council and that we wished to adjust the precept to ensure this was the case.

It was calculated that if the Council's precept were reduced to £12,095 then there would be no increase in Council Tax for our parishioners and that the transitional payment would make up the shortfall in the Council's income.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Councillor Cooper:

**Resolved:**

***It is proposed to rescind the resolution made by the Grade Ruan Parish Council at a meeting on 10 December 2012 as recorded under Minute No. 8e and to amend the precept request for the year 2013-2014 from £13,500 to £12,095.***

The resolution was carried unanimously.

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7:50pm**

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As spring approaches, we're hoping we're through the worst of the wet weather. This winter has been memorable for its floods and landslips, all stemming from a particularly wet November. We're still working our way through all the storm repairs, from filling in gullies on footpaths, to re-grading the bank that has slid down behind the Shepherd's Hut at Poltesco. Luckily the axles weren't buried too deep! Poltesco River at one point was flowing over the bridge beside the mill, which is a rare event indeed. In many ways we've got away with it fairly lightly in Grade-Ruan, as although there have been lots of cliff slips all the way along from Poltesco to Landewednack Church Cove, none have put the coastpath or any other structures in imminent danger.

If you've been out and about recently, you may have noticed that we have been cutting back the scrub along the coastpath, as you walk from Poltesco up the hill towards Friars Lane. This is in preparation for some path drainage and surface improvements over the summer, to be funded by a wider project celebrating 40 years of the South West Coast Path National Trail.



Also happening very soon (March) will be the installation of our new footbridge, to replace the old wooden one within Carleon Cove. The bridge is currently under construction, and will be brought in and put together piece by piece. We're looking forward to seeing it complete. As you can see, we've gone with an interesting curved design, by local architect and timber framer Matt Robinson. We will need to close the crossing for up to 10 days as we take out the old and install the new bridge, so please bear with us as we do this. There will be a short diversion via the yard at

Poltesco. Once complete that will mean we've replaced both Poltesco bridges within a year, so we should be able to breathe easy on that front for a good few decades!

Also well underway are the renovations of both Carleon House and Poltesco Farmhouse. Our residential volunteers will be moving into the farmhouse in March, and Carleon House will be advertised to let as a home. Please ask if you'd like a copy of the particulars, or check RightMove for the listing.

Our Seasonal Access Ranger, Darren, secured a permanent job with a tree surgery company in January, and we wish him well as he moves to pastures (or woods) new. We're currently recruiting for a new 9 month Access Ranger role and also a part-time Education Ranger, who will help support National Trust and Natural England's work with local schools. We will welcome both new people to their posts in early April.

Over the Easter holidays we will be repeating the hugely popular family bushcraft days at Poltesco. We were oversubscribed last year, so have increased the number of sessions to 4 this time, daily 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> April 10am - 2pm. Learn how to light a fire without matches, twist rope from nothing but leaves, build a shelter in the wild, and make natural paints. These days are for families and accompanied children, £3 per child, their adults go free! Booking essential on number below.

Please do pop by the Shepherd's Hut at Poltesco or give us a ring if you'd like to chat to us about our work.

*Rachel Holder, Poltesco Rangers' Office 01326 291174*



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## **WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL?**

### **THE THURSDAY MARKET**

The market is held every Thursday morning from 9.15am to 11.45am or later in the summer. Come along, browse our stalls, for some superb purchases, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, some toast, teacakes, or why not try our speciality 'The Village Hall Bacon Sarnie'. If you prefer, just stay for a chat and catch up with the local news.

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Cards & Stationery	Pets & Bird Care	Bric-a-Brac and Book Stalls
Leggy's Pasties	Flowers & Plants	Fruit, Veg., Eggs & Specials

You can also try your luck on the weekly raffle to win one of the excellent prizes on offer and it's all done to help raise money to keep the Village Hall thriving.

To book a stall or get further information telephone **David or Janet on 290536** or just call in on a Thursday morning to see what's going on.

### **SHORT MAT BOWLS**

Sessions are held on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7.00pm

It doesn't matter whether you're a beginner or seasoned campaigner, come along and have a go. It's only £1 per session and you get tea, coffee and biscuits thrown in. Spare bowls are available.

For more information call **Roy on 241936** or **David on 290536**

### **QUIZ NIGHT**

Quizzes are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

Check on the Hall and Village noticeboards for details of the many special events held in the Hall throughout the year.

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# NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL



Hello again everybody.

Wonder of wonders! As I write this we have enjoyed three whole days of fine, dry weather. Can we hope that this is a sign of things to come? I doubt it but let's hope so and let's also hope that we can soon get rid of the dreadful flu bug that has given problems to so many of us.

The new year is well and truly under way at the Hall and our work and activity programmes are fast taking shape. We have to keep on top of the work required to keep an ageing building in good shape and this certainly takes a great deal of time, money and effort. We are hoping that a long term solution to our front doors problem is not far away and we will certainly be glad to see the back of this particular thorn in our sides.

On a disappointing note, I mentioned last time that we were hoping for a few more players to come to our monthly Bingo sessions. Unfortunately, the problem has worsened since then and we have, with much regret, reached the point when we have to conclude that there is simply insufficient demand to keep the sessions going. This is clearly a problem throughout the area and a number of other Bingo venues have suffered similar fates recently. For anyone interested in playing, I understand that sessions are regularly held in Helston on at least two Tuesdays per month. On a more positive note, it does mean that the Hall is available for different usage on the second Tuesday of each month.

On a number of occasions in the past the Hall has been used to host quality garden furniture and Persian, Indian and oriental carpet sales events. These have obviously proved successful and, this year, the Hall has been booked for monthly sales through until the autumn. Watch out for notices regarding these future events.



Last month I reported that the new bowls mat we had been able to purchase following wonderful grant support from The Cornwall Community Foundation was up and running. **The picture shows Bowls Section leader, Roy Vivian sending up the first wood on the splendid new mat, egged on by some of the Monday nighters from the section.** Thanks again to the Foundation for its terrific support. Don't forget anyone can come along on Monday and / or Thursday evenings to give it a try.

There's no more space left this month, so cheerio and see you next time around.

*Janet Gascoigne.*



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## QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

The later deadline date for entries to the February Gazette allowed me to include the January Quiz Result in that edition. However, the extra space available this time around has given me the opportunity to present the overall results for the 2012 Quiz Night Year.

Whilst there were a lot of extra teams taking part in various quizzes throughout the year, there were nine teams who regularly gave battle each month. After taking into consideration team positions in each of our monthly contests, the final league table for 2012 looked like this:

### Final Position    Team

1 <sup>st</sup>	The Motley Crew
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cliffhanger
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Buccaneer
4 <sup>th</sup>	The Mixed Bunch
5 <sup>th</sup>	Inbetweeners
6 <sup>th</sup>	OTT
7 <sup>th</sup>	The Team With Many Names (Leggy's Lot)
8 <sup>th</sup>	Bob's Band
9 <sup>th</sup>	Rumanites

**Bob's Band** and **Rumanites** each won the much coveted **WOODEN SPOON** three times, with **Leggy's Lot** and **O.T.T.** claiming the honour twice each. **The Mixed Bunch** grabbed the glory once and on the one other occasion it was the visiting team **Finnick's Army** who took the spoils.

The figures don't really mean too much do they and on most Quiz Nights there is very little to choose between all of the teams taking up the challenge. The most important thing is that everyone who comes along has a good evening's entertainment with some good quizzing and lots of laughs to go with it. I think we can safely say that we certainly achieve that objective. Let's hope 2013 is just as good; I'm sure it will be.

Go well and see you all next time.

*Quizmaster Dave.*

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## Ruan Minor Football Club News

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### Results since the last report

- 2/2 2-4 Away v. Mousehole 3rds  
Goals by A Lewis, S. Midgely, D. Pickin, S. Wharton
- 9/2 1-2 Home v. St. Day 3rds  
Goal scorer: D. Timpson
- 16/2 1-1 Away v. Pendeen Rovers Res.

### Forthcoming Matches

These are Division 3 matches, which start at 2.30 p.m. It would be nice if our team could have a bit of support, especially for home games.

- 2/3 Away v. Gulval Reserves
- 9/3 Home v. Wendron United 3rds
- 16/3 Home v. Gulval Reserves
- 23/3 Home v. Pendeen Rovers Reserves
- 30/3 Away v. Chacewater Reserves
- 3/4 Away v. Mawnan Reserves

### The Team

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

- |                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Thomas Cooper                   | Sam Edwards     |
| Sam Faulkner                    | Martin Harvey   |
| Darren Hill                     | Shaun Midgley   |
| Ryan Oldfield                   | Ashley Pickin   |
| Derek Pickin                    | Connor Symons   |
| Daniel Timpson                  | Kai Tutton-Gane |
| Christopher Unsworth            | Robert Vincent  |
| Samuel Wharton                  |                 |
| Antony Lewis (Player / Manager) |                 |
| <i>Moir Hurst</i>               |                 |

## DAVID LEGGETT

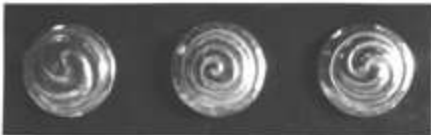
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For all these reasons, we want to preserve the Church for the next generation.

Some people have asked me: Doesn't the Government pay for the upkeep? British Heritage? The National Trust? The Bishop, for heaven's sake? Well, no. the Diocese (the ruling body at Truro) does pay the salary of our stipendiary paid priest, Rev. Peter Sharpe. The Rev. Deirdre Mackrill, who God sent to us when Rev. Bill Cole was retired, gives her considerable time and talent entirely free. Apart from that, we are on our own.

We, as a Parish, have to pay to the Diocese approximately £16,000 a year, which, from the collections of a congregation of twenty or so people, mean that we fall short of that amount usually and it is rolled over to the next year. None of this goes to repairs so,

without the gifts and the occasional legacy, our three churches, St. Ruan, St. Grade and St. Mary's, all beautiful and special in their own way, would simply fall into disrepair, like Ruan Major.

Hence the "200 Club", which is a fund raiser to generate a little more money for the upkeep of the church. Half of the money will go to the Church, and the other half in prize money. There will be a monthly draw over the twelve months of the scheme.

The first draw took place at the Village Hall Thursday market on 21st February. The winner was ticket number **110**, and the lucky winner is **Paula McMinn**.

Future draws will be on the second Thursday of the month at approximately 11.30 a.m. at the Village Hall market.

Many thanks to all of you who are taking part and good luck.

*Sheila Stephens.*

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## **ST. GRADE FLOWER FESTIVAL**

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### **This year's theme is Weddings at Grade**

If you or any of your family have been married at Grade Church, it would be lovely if you would "adopt" a place in the church to decorate and display some of the memorabilia (photographs, dresses, order of service etc. etc.) from your wedding. The older, the better. There will be the usual Songs of Praise Service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, so maybe you would like to have one of the hymns from your wedding at the service.

We will be decorating the church on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May and welcome all help.

Contact numbers: Liz 290910 and Wendy 290432



# *Rector's Ramblings*

**A**lthough there are now better universal indicator papers for testing whether something is acid or alkaline, I still tend to think in terms of the older litmus paper. As we move through Lent to approach Holy Week and Easter, litmus paper came to mind when I read the following verse: "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18).

In many respects the message, or 'word', of the Cross is like litmus paper for the heart. I am writing this just after Candlemas and hearing Simeon say; "This Jesus will reveal the secrets of many hearts, a sign that will be spoken against and a cause of many falling or rising." Here, the truth of his crucifixion penetrates our hearts and indicates either 'folly' or 'the power of God'.

Jesus' parables had a similar effect: words thrown down before us; some heard interesting stories; some found them meaningless; but some heard God speaking life-changing truth. The same word tested hearts and revealed their real state before God.

There is something about the cross that is very revealing of the state of your heart. Each Sunday we may stand together to recite the Creed and, understanding these things, we may truly say that we believe them. But it is another thing to ask whether they are changing your life. Understanding is important – truth matters – but the heat is also important. Like a nuclear explosion, the elements of head and heart must come together if life-changing fusion is to take place.

Using another metaphor: the remedy necessary can often indicate the seriousness of the problem. If you go to your doctor with a painful toe and he says you need immediate surgery to amputate your foot, you know it's serious. When we realise that the only remedy to our predicament is the death of the Son of God, we know it is serious; how great must our sin and guilt be; how helpless must we be that we can do nothing but trust in him – it cuts to the root of our independence and pride.

So what does your heart indicate as we come to Holy Week and face the Cross; perhaps it does not indicate 'folly', but if it is at all 'neutral' – if it does not light up as 'power of God' – then you know you have some 'heart' work to do. Prayer is needed ("*Lord, incline my heart to fear you*"), and meditation on his word (spend time reading, thinking and praying), and give yourself to worship (you can stir up your own heart). It is amazing how our hearts can grow cold before such a glorious God.

Let the word of the Cross litmus-test your heart.

Rev'd Peter Sharpe

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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

### March

|           |                                                                                                                              |                              |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sun 3rd   | Morning Praise, St Ruan Church                                                                                               | 11am                         |
| Sun 10th  | <b>Mothering Sunday</b><br>Holy Communion with distribution of posies, St Ruan Church                                        | 9.30am                       |
| Sun 17th  | Family Service, St Ruan Church                                                                                               | 11am                         |
| Sun 24th  | <b>Palm Sunday</b> Procession from Mundys Field car park<br>to arrive at St Ruan Church for Holy Communion                   | 9.20am - ish<br>9.45am - ish |
| Thur 28th | <b>Maundy Thursday</b><br>Holy Communion with foot optional foot-washing,<br>at St Wynwallow Church                          | 7pm                          |
| Fri 29th  | <b>Good Friday</b><br>Three hour devotion, St Ruan Church                                                                    | 12noon – 3pm                 |
| Sun 31st  | <b>EASTER DAY</b><br>Daybreak Service, Man o' War, Cadgwith<br>gather at 6.40am for 6.57am<br>Holy Communion, St Ruan Church | 9.30am                       |

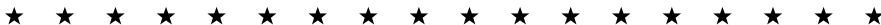
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# Gardening in March

by David Endean

Well what a time of it we have had since the last article. I think that I am developing webbed feet - if I ever see them again as I think my Wellies have become welded on. I am sure it will eventually sort itself out but I am now concerned because February is most often our coldest month. Plants in general survive the cold better if they are on the dry side; there is nothing worse than wet cold periods for plants. They really do hate their roots frozen solid in saturated airless soil.

I have noticed throughout January that growth is coming on at a pace and some lawns are nearing needing a trim. Hold off until it drains away a bit and firms up; this will stop soil compaction and root damage, also do not be tempted if it is frosty as this will do your lawn no favours either. Some extra grass on the lawn at this time of year will help reduce any damage that may occur from necessary foot traffic. I would highly recommend spiking your lawn if you have not done so already; this will aid drainage and get air into the roots of the turf. You can get special hollow tined tools for this job plus many other gadgets, but often the simplest is best, this being a standard garden fork then tread on it as deeply as it will go without jumping on it - with the ground being so soft at the moment it could be the full nine inches. Once the fork is in, push it back and forth a little and then remove it. Step back four or five inches and repeat the process. This is a very laborious job not to say time consuming so, like digging in the veg garden, do a little regularly and this will help to remove the festive excesses. You could brush in some sand.

We can only look forward and hope that this will be a year to remember for all the right horticultural reasons. With the best will in the world I think this spring will be a slow late one in the veg garden especially. This is not because it has been cold to the contrary really, but because it has been so wet for so long that the sun will need some real strength

in it to firstly dry the ground out then warm it up to make it fit for planting into. The ground will only begin to dry out once the plants start to actively grow, drawing up the moisture and transpiring it. This is especially the case with the trees which I believe will make the biggest difference due to the massive amounts of water which they translocate, and their roots go so deep and wide. Many established plants have coped really well and spring has come a little earlier in some cases I feel.

March is a time of madness in the garden. Even if the soil is too wet to work or sow seed into, there is always the greenhouse. There are absolutely tons of seeds that can and should be sown now, but do not do it all at once as you will get a glut of crops and even more so, too much pricking out and potting on to do at one time. Sowing bedding plants starts in earnest now. These are generally half hardy annuals like marigolds, petunias, lobelias and antirrhinums, to name a few. Growing from seed gives you far more choice of varieties but I can see many advantages of buying in plugs of seedlings and growing these on. This is especially useful for slow growing plants like Begonias and Busy Lizzies, as to grow these they need to be sown earlier requiring a lot more expensive heating. You can get a large range of seeds by mail order these days, plus many supermarkets and DIY stores carry them and generally you are assured of better results. If you have ordered seeds, you will find some of them will begin to arrive this month along with any you buy, so get them home and pot them on into good fresh potting compost and keep them frost free in good light, they will then surely romp away.

I think that it is worth sowing many types of vegetables in small pots and plug trays at this time of year. It will give you a head start in the veg patch and they do not generally require so much heat as the half hardy flowers. I think vegetables such as

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cabbage, beetroot, spring onions and lettuce all work well if done in this way.

I expect that you are all like me - well behind with the digging in the veg garden so any opportunity which lends itself with a dry period means out with the shovel or fork. I think it may well be a case of working off boards to stop things from getting too claggy (messy to the uninitiated). Lifting the soil and turning it over will help to get air into it, help it drain and so warm up quicker and things will start to grow, of course first will come the weeds. If the ground allows, now is the time for planting early potatoes and onion sets all directly into the soil.

Every month I can always find you a job for the secateurs, and March is no different. As a matter of course camellias do not need pruning as they look after themselves pretty well but if yours has become a little unruly or out of shape, once it has finished flowering you can use your trusty secateurs to tame it. This way it has the maximum time to recover and flower once again next year. Near the end of the month is the time to trim off the old hydrangea flowers. Most of the frost will have passed and I find that the wind does more damage than the frost down here so the old flowers help to break up the wind and reduce salt burn.

This will also be the last chance to prune your soft fruit bushes before they get too much leaf on them and you cannot see what you are doing. I would not be too hard now just remove damaged, dead, diseased and crossing branches aiming to get a nice open bush so plenty of light and air can get in around. This will help to reduce fungal diseases, aid ripening and make picking easier. Then next autumn go in and look again at pruning for fruit production by developing spurs on the gooseberries, red and white currants.

This is the ideal time to tackle one of those weeds which is a bane to many of us around here, three cornered leek, wild onion, wild garlic are a few of the polite common names for it. Once you have got it you rarely get rid of it, it stinks of garlic when bruised

and has white flowers around bluebell time. Now it spreads from bulbils underground and if left with the flowers on it will happily set seed around although they do not travel far. Spraying them with weed killer is generally ineffective as they grow strongly and seem not to absorb it, plus they like to grow in amongst your more precious plants. The only real answer is to dig them up with a trowel or small fork. This can be done in the summer when all you have is the bulbils in the ground, but that is like picking fleas off the proverbial elephant's b\*. Plus it's easy to miss the odd stray bulbil. At this time of year, before there is too much flower, the stems are quite strong so handling them is easier and you get rid of the whole problem. Later on, the stems are much weaker when the energy is put into seeds and more bulbils. Do not, whatever you do, compost them as you are only going to transfer the problem. Best job is a bonfire. The small first year seedlings which come up like grass can be controlled by hoeing but older ones are more persistent.

The novice class this year at the Autumn Show is planned to be carrots, so I hope to guide you to grow some prize winners through this column this summer. Those of you who would like to have a go with some exhibition varieties, I have once again got some free seed that people can have. If you would like to try some please contact me on Tel 241178. It is a huge fallacy that show veg is not good to eat and this variety has been bred for commercial carrot production so that must say something for it. Next month I will tell you how to get started.

What else will I be doing this month? Well lawns will need another trim by then, but do not cut them too tightly, and things will be moving more, so a bit of fertiliser will not go amiss - it will help it green and thicken up. Daffodils will want a feed as well so that they put the energy back in to the bulbs to develop good blooms for next year. The Rhubarb needs weeding and giving some fertiliser and a top dressing of farm yard manure. Then you have the spring shows.

All I can say is do your best and enjoy your gardening.

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Please continue to support Foodbank by donating any of the following: UHT milk; fruit juice (cartons); tinned soup; pasta sauces; tinned rice pudding; tinned sponge puddings; tinned tomatoes; cereals; tea bags; instant coffee; instant mashed potato; rice; pasta; tinned meat; tinned fish; tinned fruit; jam; marmalade; biscuits; snack bars (all items to have a long expiry date, please).

Items can be dropped off at either collection point, between 10.30am and 12.30pm each Sunday.

Meanwhile, Grade Ruan School has also agreed to be part of our community's initiative, so a collection point will soon be in place there too.

Deirdre

*(on behalf of St Ruan Church and Ruan Minor Methodist Church)*

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Grade-Ruan Under 5s

# School Spot



Grade-Ruan C of E School



Mullion School

**Under 5s.** Through the grey and chilly weeks since Christmas, we have been battling the bugs, sneezes and coughs. However, the children at playgroup have been busy looking at maps; placing themselves on the map of the village and using maps as they went on journeys around the hall. They have then put their knowledge of where landmarks are situated when we have been out on walks around, taking turns to direct us all to specific points.

As well as this, we have celebrated the Chinese Year of the Snake and enjoyed a Chinese snack time. This was followed swiftly by Pancake Day and the children made pancakes which they ate at snack time and then had a pancake race, practising tossing their beanbag pancakes as they ran from one side of the hall to the other. Good skills displayed there! Valentines Day saw a plethora of hearts, all extremely sticky so I hope the recipients enjoyed them. As the children enjoy cooking so much, there is a list to be made after half term starting with profiteroles. They are nothing if not imaginative and optimistic.

We would like to thank everyone who came to our fundraising Quiz night on Feb 10. I hope you all had an enjoyable evening, we raised approximately £350 to go towards revitalising our outdoor area.

*Jan Halliday*

**Grade Ruan.** It has been a while since we updated the amount of the Mini Bus Appeal - it now stands at an astonishing £15,512.27. This includes wonderful pledges of £1000 from the Tham Trust, £1000 from Indus Films (the company that made The Fisherman's Apprentice), £500 from Lizard Club 2000, £2000 from the Grade-Ruan Community Trust and £2000 from Grade-Ruan Parish Council, and the remainder is from all you lovely people! Recently Orcas Class were invited to visit the new Light and Life Church in Helston. They listened to, and looked at their Bible exhibition where biblical characters described and explained different parts of the Bible and also tried different foods including olives, dates, figs and goats cheese. Finally everyone completed a quiz linked to the exhibition. The children and Katey and Miss Spence were all made to feel very welcome and enjoyed the afternoon.

Some of the Gardening crew have completed their bird boxes. They are extremely proud of their finished product. The boxes will be positioned in the school garden and we look forward to seeing if they are occupied in the near future. The children were also given the opportunity to make their own recycled bird feeder and with money from Cash4Schools. We have purchased two more bird feeders for the windows of

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We are looking forward to being outside after half term. As Spring is on its way (?!), Cookery Club is taking a break - Ali will instead be running the Netball Club after school on Thursdays.

**Mullion School** We have just had the results back from our recent parental survey, co-ordinated by Kirkland Rowell Surveys. They commented: "Many of the parent comments were very positive and many of the negative comments were qualified in light of parents' overall satisfaction with the school. The parents were enthusiastic in the number of comments that they made and the comments were diverse in their nature. Many of the parents commented how happy and confident their children had been since starting at Mullion School." The school is really pleased with the results - this is the 4th survey carried out and parental confidence and support in the school remains really high. All the comments help to determine the direction of the school and areas where improvement is needed.

Year 11 pupils have been attending college Open Days to help them decide where to go next - there are four in March: Penwith College, 2nd March; Cornwall College, 2nd March; Truro College, 9th March; and, Duchy College, 16th March. The whole of the school and community was invited to attend the recently held Careerscope, the biennial careers event. Over 50 individual stands at the event included representa-  
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tives from Cornwall, Truro and Duchy Colleges, the Armed Forces, Head & Head Vets, University College Falmouth, Pendennis Shipyard, Sainsbury's, The National Trust and Royal Cornwall Hospital. Many of the stands were interactive with pupils being able to try their hand at building a wall, cake decorating, wood turning on a lathe, handling snakes and insects and even becoming a Crime Scene Investigator interpreting blood splatter! The event was very successful with all the exhibitors commenting how helpful and polite the pupil volunteers were.

Congratulations to the following Grade-Ruan School / parish pupils for receiving awards at the Presentation Evening for last year's Year 11s:

Harry Deacon - Neil Ashby Cup for Food Technology

Harry Deacon & Tommy Phillips - Resistant Materials Award

Jess Sealey - Textiles Award

Caitlin Blight-Anderson - Caithness Trophy for Outstanding Achievement in Art

Jess Sealey - Jack Hayhurst History Cup

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Katherine Murray - Hosking Cup for All-round Academic Achievement.

Truro College keeps Mullion School updated regarding its former pupils - here are the updates on former Grade-Ruan School / parish pupils:

Ben Campbell - studying Science at University of West of England

Will Drysdale - studying Chemistry at York

Sam Edwards - achieved a National Diploma in Art & Design

Jenna Goldsack - achieved a National Diploma in Media and is now at Truro College studying a Higher National Diploma in Moving Image

George Harry - gained 4As at A Level and is applying next year

Dylan Jane - studying Primary Music at Reading

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# Blast from the Past: Naming of Socoa

*Previously printed in the Grade Ruan Gazette in June 1990*

*Written by the late John Bourne*

On April 29, Cadgwith's new Pilot Gig, the Socoa, was named in the Cove. The star of the ceremony was Annie Moor, the mother of John, the builder of the boat. She sprinkled the champagne and gave the traditional blessing.

Later, the Gig club was very touched by Annie's gifts - not only of £25 for the boat, but of a cake stand bearing Socoa's name as "a trophy to be awarded for gig racing". The porcelain stand came from the original Socoa and was given to Annie by her grandfather, Henry Jane. He received it for helping to float the French ship off the shoal where she grounded just north of the Cove in 1906. Henry was bowman of the Cadgwith Lifeboat, Minnie Moon.

Many visitors, and even a few locals, have asked why the new gig should be named after the ship Socoa. Socoa was the most popular

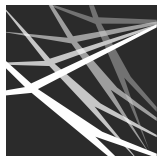
choice when the vote was taken at a general meeting of the Club. The reason is the link between the ship and the late Buller Arthur, who inspired the renaissance of gig rowing by Cadgwith men at Newquay races after the Second World War.



When Harry Arthur, Buller's older brother, was a young man, he painted a picture of the Socoa on the central window embrasure of the Arthur family's home, which is still called Ship Cottage. Harry was killed in the First World War, when he was in the Navy and his anti-submarine netting boat was shelled by an Austrian cruiser in the Adriatic. Afterwards, Buller faithfully re-touched the painting whenever

the weather got to it, until his death in 1982. The picture was then covered over.

The present picture of the Socoa in the embrasure was painted by *[the late]* Tony Culmer, a great nephew of Buller, who used to do a bit of coxing for the Gig club. Steve Collins, the Club's chairman, is another great nephew.



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1. Which nation first gave women the right to vote?
2. What are Moss, Garter and Cable types of?
3. Who uniquely won world championships on both two and four wheels?
4. Ursine describes which type of animal?
5. Who was on the cover of the first issue of Playboy magazine?
6. Which English city was once known as Deva?

## Answers to the February Quiz

1. What is the world's largest bird of prey? *Condor*
2. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel? *Michelangelo*
3. Who was T.V.'s first Dr. Who? *William Hartnell*
4. How many of Queen Anne's five children survived her? *None*
5. What does the herb borage taste like? *Cucumber*
6. At which Olympics did Steve Redgrave win his first Gold Medal? *Los Angeles*



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*Treasure Island is meant to be a fictional book, but Martin Ellis is convinced that it's a true story set around Cadgwith and Kennack Sands. He has identified several places mentioned in the book that he thinks bear a resemblance to local landmarks. He's convinced that the treasure from Treasure Island is still buried somewhere in the vicinity. See if you agree.....*

## **Treasure Island**

**by Martin Ellis**

Penzance's Admiral Benbow pub does not have a cove, high cliff, small fishing boats or a small bridge down the hill from the Inn. But **Cadgwith Cove Inn** has, and the configuration of how it fits in with all of the places described in *Treasure Island* aligns with that part of the book.

**Cadgwith** had a Revenue House for their gig which is now the Watch House. Before the RNLi built the Lifeboat house, there would have been an open river and the bridge over that river would have had to have been low and the banks either side around 4ft high. From the place below the position where the bridge would have been, one can still see the pub or inn. So the ending of the first part *Treasure Island* when Banes dies, Revenue

men kill Pew and Jim's Mum has been hidden under a bridge ..... it all fits in with Cadgwith.

When Jim Hawkins leaves in a gig from the place where the treasure had been found by Ben Gunn and re-buried, the direction is opposite to the quarry in which Ben Gunn had been found. This in my imagination was leaving the second beach at **Kennack** and heading for **Lankidden**. You may not have been down to Lankidden yourself, but if you did you would have noticed that from the top of the cliff there is a zig-zag to the top of the very steep cliff that goes the last distance of 80ft at a 75° angle. It has a deep path cut into its side, wide enough for donkeys to walk easily. At the bottom is a sandy beach with  
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the width to beach a big schooner because the sand goes a long way out and is never stony after gales. The high sides would easily conceal the masts of ships in close and after half tide around the right hand side there is a smugglers cave. At the very top of the cliff on a 1880 chart, there is a watch house which had been a revenue station in those days (called Borgwitha). This I reckon was the B— in Treasure Island.

Local legend has it that a Revenue Man was killed outside of the **pub in Cadgwith**. I think that Pew's death was probably be put down to the death of a Revenue Man. I reckon **Ruan Minor** would have been the little hamlet mentioned in that scene, as it was in the direction of Kennack Sands from where the men who had been working on the land had seen the pirates with Pew.



The stockade in the book is close to the place where they land on the beach. Next time you are at **Kennack**, keep the story line with you and wander into the woods at the top of the beach. There you will find a square house in ruins with no front door. This I think was the house that the Revenue had built in front of a trader's post or stockade.

**Falmouth** is within walking distance from Kennack. Cadgwith is only a slow hour and the coach Bones came in was from the Royal Garage the day before, which also fits in with Falmouth or Penryn.

The story of Treasure Island has all the hallmarks of a real story, I believe, because it is based on real places that would have been known to people at the time. Stevenson once stayed up at Coverack and could well have visited Cadgiwth and Kennack Sands.

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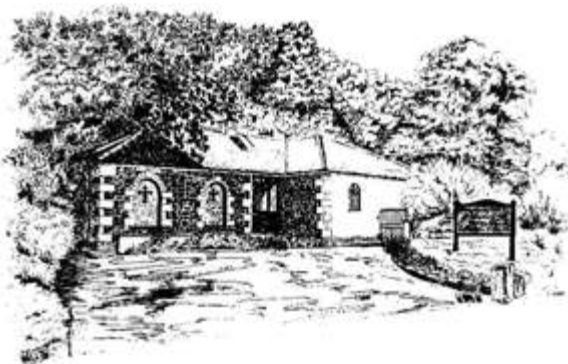
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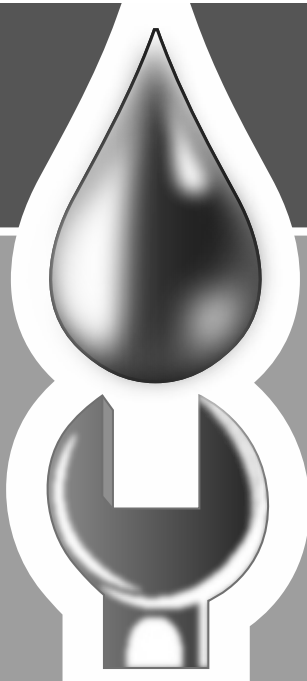
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