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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Alternate Weds	Recycling - 5, 19 February
Alternate Tues	Mobile Library - 4, 18 February. 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, 10 February
3rd Tuesday	12.15pm Soup, Pasty, Pudding, Methodist Chapel, 18 February
3rd Saturday	10am - 12noon Farmers Market at Mullion School, 15 February
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

FEBRUARY

7 - 9 February	Pantomime "Aladdin", Village Hall, see "What's On"
14 February	Valentine's Evening at Grade-Ruan School, see "What's On"
17-21 February	Half term
18 February	Deadline for contributions to the March Gazette
25 February	Quiz night at the Village Hall, 7.30pm

ADVANCE DATES

11 March	Local History Group, WWI Memories, see "What's On"
15 March	Spring Flower Show, Village Hall. see "What's On"
25 March	Quiz night at the Village Hall, 7.30pm
4 April	End of Spring term
22 April	Start of Summer term
22 April	Quiz night at the Village Hall, 7.30pm
30 April	Last day of Spring term
22 May	European Parliamentary Elections, 7am - 10pm
24 - 26 May	May Festival at Ruan Minor Recreation Ground
27-31 May	Half term
22 June	Fun Cricket at the Recreation Ground, see "What's On"
24 July	End of Summer term
27 July	Fun Cricket at the Recreation Ground, see "What's On"
30 July	BBQ organised by the Rec Committee
6 August	BBQ organised by the Gig Club
13 August	BBQ organised by the Lights Committee
17 August	Fun Cricket at the Recreation Ground, see "What's On"
20 August	BBQ organised by the Rec Committee
27 August	BBQ organised by the Gig Club
3 September	BBQ organised by the Lights Committee

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This stunning photograph was taken by Steven Legge at the height of the tidal surge that hit Cadgwith (and the rest of the West Country) on 4th January 2014. See page 56 for more pictures of this exceptional event.

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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).**

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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Noticeboard

I expect most of you will have heard of the tragic death of **Chris Newton** in early December. We send Liz and all his family and friends our sincere condolences. See his obituary on page 35.

We also lost **Margaret Gardener**, who lived at Mundys Field at one time, although she had been in a home for the last few years.

Happy Birthday in **February** to: Ian Henn, Richard Drummond, Esme A-C, Thomas B, Jordan Jane, Bob Watson, Abby J, Katey Jane, Tracey Bennetts, Robert D, Ellie R, Chas Deacon, Alice Harry, Angela Jane, Emma Russell, Noel Cliff, Jessica Sealey, Jowan B, Maureen Girling, Aaron G, Michael H, Clare Girling, Jack T-B, Fiona Fletcher, Tim Birchmore.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to **Simon and Lorraine Bradley**, who have recently moved from Kent to Cadgwith. You may have already seen Simon doing his amazing fire-eating and card tricks. Lorraine will not be living here full time until she can retire from her job in Kent, but will get down as often as she can. Simon and Lorraine have two (very large) Newfoundland dogs and a (very small) terrier type rescue dog.

Basil Bolitho has moved to Mundys Field. We hope he will be very happy in his new house.

Elwyn Jones is currently in the Caribbean, having sailed his yacht across the Atlantic. The journey was beset with problems arising from a faulty alternator, but he and his crew (**John Lake** and **Paul Collins**) maintained an average speed of over 6 knots, arriving just before Christmas as planned. He is now spending some time in the sunshine exploring the islands, beaches and watering holes.

We have a new contributor to the Gazette: **Deanne Greenwood**, a medicinal herbalist, will be writing about seasonal plants in the area that can be used for medicinal purposes. Your comments would be welcome.

Thank you to those who made **donations** for having Christmas greetings in the last issue. £200 was raised: half has been put into the Gazette funds; the other £100 was donated to the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust. We have had a nice letter of thanks from their Treasurer, Richard H Gunlack.

Due to space constraints, I have had to hold one or two items over till the next edition, so if your contribution isn't in this issue, rest assured it has not been forgotten.

Moira Hurst

I would like to thank my fantastic friends who dropped everything to help me out in my hour of need on Christmas Eve when I was admitted to hospital with an infected dog bite - they know who they are!!! and Kevin and I are forever in their debt

Ruth Alfrey-Cryan

I would like to take this opportunity through the Ruan Gazette to thank everybody for their kindness, support and affection toward me and my family. I am so sorry that sadly Chris is not here to see how much he meant to so many people and how greatly he will be missed.

Liz Newton

Further to the item in the last Gazette about the wreck of the "Highland Fling": The wrecked wood from the ship was used to build a shed on the Todden. This became a cafe and later, much altered, holiday accommodation now known as "Little Todden".

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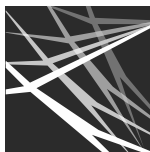
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We are now about to start our second year. if you wish to renew your ticket or join for the first time, please contact me:

Sheila Stephens

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What's On

MEMORY LANE

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Tuesday 11 March, 7.30 p.m.
Village Hall

Do you remember the First World War? No, of course you don't, not unless you're 100 or more. But do you have any family mementos or pictures or stories that have been handed down from your parents or grandparents? We know quite a lot about the brave men who went to war and never came back, but what about those who fought and did come back? How did families get by without their youngest and fittest menfolk? What was life like while the war was on and after it finished?

We're having a bring-and-show-and-tell evening in the Village Hall on Tuesday 11 March at 7.30, so do come along and share your memories. If there's enough interest, we'll assemble all the bits into an exhibition that will run through the summer and show everyone what the village was like in those days. Meanwhile, phone Peter Freeman (290642) or Moira Hurst (290257) and tell us about what you can contribute.

Howzat!

Three dates have been reserved for fun cricket this year (see "Dates for the Diary"): one of the dates is a reserve in case of rain. *Tim Hurst 290257.*

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Friday 7th February, 7.30pm

Saturday 8th February, 2.30pm and 7.30pm

Sunday 9th February, 7.30pm

in the Village Hall

£3.50 Adults

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Tickets are on sale now

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Grade-Ruan Under 5s

School Spot



Grade-Ruan C of E School



Mullion School

Under 5s. This term, the children at Grade Ruan under 5s have been looking at Space. Following on from an interest sparked by Billy, we have been looking at the moon, making spaceships, counting down to blast off and playing in all sorts of makeshift rockets.

We are delighted to welcome back Chris Morgan, Pat Hickman, Liane Carter and other makers of MADE who are providing arts workshops throughout the term. The children met the CRE8 crew and as I write, so far have explored loud and quiet sounds using drums, Tibetan bowls and wind chimes. They will have three weeks of music, three weeks of dance and three weeks of drama. The aim of the project is to see how children engage with the sessions so that future performances can be tailored to enable a more participatory experience.

Cynthia Beach, the health visitor is now making regular visits to the group on the first Tuesday of each month to meet with parents, weigh babies etc. She usually drops in around 10 am so if you need to see her please pop along.

Marny and the Toy Library are here every first and third Tuesday of the month and she offers play sessions as well, usually arriving about 10.30.

The children who will be going to school in September are now spending Thursday

morning with the reception class at school to prepare them for the transition.

There will be a fundraising event on 29 March - a pasty, pint and quiz evening so I hope many will be able to join us for a fun evening.

Birthdays in Feb - Jude and Harriet reaching the grand milestone of 1!!

A reminder of our times:

Monday/Tuesday. 08.45am - 3 pm

Wednesday/Friday. 08.45am - 12.45pm

For the older children we do have certain structured activities, but for babies and toddlers you are welcome to pop in at any time when we are open. Sometimes you might just need a cup of tea and a chat, especially if your little one is fretful so please remember you are always welcome.

Jan Halliday

Grade-Ruan Happy New Year! Hope you all had a lovely break. Some of the following may seem a little 'old news' but as the last Gazette went to press in November quite a lot has happened in the meantime. We raised £178.62 for Children in Need - thank you for everyone's support, especially Bella Jane who wrote and sold her own poems! Well done to all the children from KS2 that took part in the swimming gala and congratulations to the Year 5/6 team that came joint 3rd

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overall. Well done to the Year 5/6 pupils who took part in the Bikeability programme - it is good to know that they have had proper instruction and know how to stay safe when out riding their bikes. Cookery Club have made some delicious goodies since Autumn Half Term, including breadsticks, olive rolls and rosemary focaccia, fruit buns, carrot cake and croustades - thank you Ali and Claire. The School has a new PE Specialist, Tom Studd, who will spend an afternoon each week working with the children. Since the start of the Spring Term, children from Years 2-6 have been working on the Heart Start programme with Katey and Ali. The sessions are designed to help children learn emer-

gency life support - simple skills that save lives. When they have completed their course they will know how to check for danger, check for a response and call 999 or 112.

Mullion School's Christmas Term ended with its usual mad rush of events. The annual December production deliberately ignored the festive season and instead focussed on 'the darker themes of Winter' offering an inventive showcase of Performance at Mullion School from over 100 pupils across all year groups taking part in various sketches and ensembles across dance, drama and music disciplines. The show opened and ended with a highly original version of a chart hit - safe to say that Nic Strike

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Presentation evening was held in early December, a chance for last year's Year 11s to say a final goodbye as they were presented with their GCSE certificates and prizes. Former Grade-Ruan School and parish pupils did well again - congratulations to the following on their awards: Jack Glover - the MSA Members' Cup for Mathematics; Daisy Gossip - Progress in Art and Design; Paul Preston - Drama Award for Outstanding Script Work; Alex Strike - Drama Award for Devising Original Work; and Bryher Trewin - Alan Wood Cup for Languages. Headteacher's Commendations were awarded to: Jack Glover, Daisy Gossip, Paul Preston, Alex

Strike and Bryher Trewin and Subject Commendations were awarded to: Amy Court-Spooner, Alex Robertson and Pip Sealey. Paul Preston and Jack Glover were also awarded Sports Leaders Award Level 2.

Five pupils from the village are part of the very successful Senior Basketball Team and dominated at the recent Peninsula Partnership competition - well done to Ivan Blight-Anderson, Ben Coad, Nic Strike, Wade Toy and Will Trewin. Aaron Goddard and Billy Jane are part of the equally successful Junior Basketball Team. And to prove it's not all about sport, Mullion School entered two teams into the Kids' Lit Quiz for the first time this year - and won the South West Region! Team 1 beat Exeter School (3rd) and Truro School (2nd) to come 1st and Team 2 came joint 5th. They went forward to the National Final held at Kings College in London where they came a very creditable 16th out of over 50 schools from across the United Kingdom.

Thank you to everyone that helped support Children in Need Day - through a variety of initiatives including non-uniform day, a sponsored coast path walk from Lizard Village to school and staff car washing (well done Lauren, Poppy and Talia!). The school was able to send off a cheque for an astonishing £1,534.54!

Upcoming events at the school include the Dance Show on 12th February and the Hootenanny on 19th March. Half Term is 17th - 21st of February.

Ginny Sealey



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SHORT MAT BOWLS

Sessions are held on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7.00pm

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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.

Firstly, from everyone at the Village Hall, we wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year and hope that 2014 proves to be a good year for everyone.

Yet again we have had to start the year with a weather watch. I am pleased to say that we have (so far!) withstood the battering from wind and rain very well indeed. There has been no damage from the wind and even the Christmas tree came through unscathed. We are particularly pleased that our efforts to improve drainage to the front of the Hall have worked very well given the enormous amount of rain thrown at us. Yes, of course, some rainwater reaches the doors but, by and large, the drainaways have cleared the excessive surface water pretty quickly and limited damage has been caused.

One of the main items on the Management Committee's agenda is to formulate our plan of work and activities for the coming twelve months. Building repair and maintenance, equipment renewal and community activities will all be discussed in detail in order to agree the best way forward and to provide the best service and facilities we can.

All of this, quite obviously, costs a great deal of money and income generation will be at the top of most of the 'To Do' lists that we examine. We have always adopted a policy of working ourselves to raise the resources required to finance our activities and, in this respect, we are pleased that the Thursday Market has now resumed after a short Christmas / New Year rest period. Those few weeks off are sorely needed to recharge the batteries but it is now back to normal for this absolutely crucial element of Hall activities.

As I mentioned before Christmas, we will again attempt to run a coach trip or two in the coming year but we really do need advice from you on where and when. Please let us know what your thoughts are as soon as you can. In this way we can try to do something to please everyone (if that is possible). We are, as ever, also interested in any other suggestions you might have on the subject of Hall activities and, again, please let us know of your thoughts and ideas.

When all of our plans have been completed we will, as usual, note all forthcoming events and attractions in the Gazette and individual posters will be placed around and about at the appropriate time. On this subject we would, once again, like to record our very grateful thanks to Johnno (where would we be without him) for all his efforts with notices and posters (and lots of other things too) throughout the year.

As this edition of the Gazette 'hits the streets', the Village Hall will resound to the thrills and excitement of 'Aladdin' which will be the first production of its kind to be seen in the Hall for a very long time. We send our very best wishes to all involved and hope that it is a box office smash and played to large audiences at each performance. "Break a Leg", as they say.

Finally, on a more sombre note, we now begin the run in to the last months of this Hall Year. The 2014 AGM will see significant changes in the operation of the Hall and we urge everyone interested in securing its future to become involved with this process. If you wish the Hall to remain at the heart of the village please get involved. **YOU WILL MISS IT IF IT IS NOT HERE!**

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News from the Community Trust

It's quite a while since we last reported on our activities, so here goes.

The Cadgwith car park wasn't quite as full last summer as the year before. The Monty Halls effect seems to have largely worn off but we still got enough income from the parking charges to cover our costs. We've kept the fees unchanged for the last four years and see no need to raise them. Just a reminder that residents can get an annual parking permit for their car for only £25, but we have decided to increase the fee for parking a motor home to £40 as they take up so much more space. Small boats can be over-wintered for only £10 but they MUST be removed by Easter. We intend to resurface the car park entrance slope this winter, where it has been damaged by all the spring water running down New

Road, and Liam will do more work to create a footpath walk through the woodland beside Ledra stream. The leaflets "Welcome to Cadgwith" that we give away in the car park and in the cove have proved very popular and we got through our first print run of 13,000 copies in only a few months. It's useful to have a chance to keep it updated in between printings.

The rebuilt toilets in Ruan are (nearly) finished. Sorry it's taken so long but there were lots of complications. We still need to make minor improvements and to tidy up the outside but all will be done before the spring. Access to the disabled toilet is by a RADAR key which is available to all registered disabled people.

Word is getting around that we are able to help local organisations with relatively small amounts of funding. We have agreed to help the Gig Club buy six new junior oars, six adult oars and twelve junior life jackets. The gas BBQ which does such profitable service on summer Wednesday evenings needs a thorough overhaul and we have offered to pay for that. The under 5's group needs new soft outdoor matting for its play area and also wants to buy an "adventure train", so we have agreed to pay for those. St. Mary's church in Cadgwith needs repainting outside and inside and we have pledged a contribution towards the cost if it cannot be found from church funds or other fund-raising. Finally, the production of Aladdin that will be amusing us all this month, needed a small sum of money up front for materials and costumes.

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Peter Freeman (Secretary)



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The Parish Council recently appointed a new Clerk, Mrs Jan Castle. We had an amazing response to our Clerk advert – 17 applicants (from here to Truro, PZ and back again!) and lots of interest. Jan lives at Gillan and is getting to know Grade-Ruan Parish and the monthly pattern of meetings and Council business. The Parish Council also has a number of vacancies for new Councillors. If you're interested, you can see what has been happening in recent months if you look at Council Minutes in the Gazette or GRPC Website. I will also try to write some more background for March's mag'. Or ring me if you'd like to know more : 07964215277.

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Many thanks, Jeb Preston

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QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

2013 finished in a quizzing flurry with November and December Quiz Nights producing displays of brain power and intellectual jousting not seen since Socrates and Plato argued their theories on the steps of the Parthenon.

Both the November and December 'Champions Crowns' were claimed by **The Motley Crew** who were made to fight to the bitter end by **Cliffhangers** in November and then **The Buccaneers** in the Christmas Quiz Night Spectacular. Yet again, both contests were not resolved until the very end and it was a credit to all teams taking part that the standard of quizzing was so high.

The November and December Quizzes saw firstly **OTT** and then **7 Lords A-Leaping** claim the prestigious **Quiz**

Night Wooden Spoon and I have my suspicions that this is the trophy that a lot of teams are really keen to get their names on!!

A big thank you was due to splendid Guest Rounds which were delivered by **Audrey** in November and **Phyllis** in December and my grateful thanks go to all of those quizgoers who provided guest rounds throughout the year. Thank you one and all and I am sure everyone will agree that these special rounds help to make our **Quiz Nights In The Village Hall** such enjoyable occasions.

All in all, two excellent evenings of competition and humour were enjoyed by everyone who took up the Quiz Night Challenge and after all the hard work was over the final positions for the November and December quizzes were as follows:

<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
The Motley Crew	1 st	The Motley Crew
Cliffhangers	2 nd	The Buccaneers
The Buccaneers	3 rd	Cliffhangers
Six Girls and 1 Boy	4 th	The Mixed Bunch
Inbetweeners	5 th	Bob's Band
Bob's Band	6 th	Inbetweeners
The Mixed Bunch	7 th	O.T.T.
O.T.T.	8 th	7 Lords A-Leaping

My thanks to everyone for your help and support throughout the year and lets all look forward to another excellent quizzing year in 2014.

Happy New Year and see you all next Quiz Night.

Quizmaster Dave.

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Gardening in February

by David Endean

Well I hope that you survived the dark days of the festive period relatively unscathed. It really has not been gardening weather, with storm after storm after storm. It does mean that during any lulls you need to go out and check any plants that are tied up or staked to make sure that they are still secure and that the ties are not cutting and damaging them. Apparently all the storms were caused by the large temperature gradient off the USA; well be thankful for small mercies. I certainly did not want their temperatures of -30°C in mid America.

Some of you may have noticed that I have gone up in the world ... well at least I have upgraded my car, a case of having to. In this model there is an on board thermometer. Now I realise this is nothing special for most of you but it is of novel interest to me. I regularly check it on my journeys around the area and it confirms what we know are the frost pockets. The temperature is nearly always a degree lower at home here on the edge of Goonhilly than in Ruan Minor by the village hall and Mullion is generally 2 degrees warmer than home and Gweek by the river is 2 degrees colder than home. These small differences make a big one as to when you can start to plant and work your garden, also what plant will flower when. I know the daffodil Cadgwith will flower a whole month earlier in Cadgwith than it will at home.

February is the time to start sowing some of your seed especially those that need a long growing season or are just slow to start, I am thinking of lobelia, begonias, geraniums and first year flowering perennials such as Coreopsis and Gaillardias and some of the foxgloves. All of these are half hardy plants so need to be started off in trays with some heat ideally in the greenhouse but a start can be made on

the window sill. If you plan to do any amount of seed sowing in trays I really do suggest that you invest in a bag of dedicated Seed Compost. It is designed for the job, being riddled finer to give a better, more even, surface to sow seeds on especially for small seeds. There tends to be extra sand to aid drainage plus it has a lower nutrient balance. This should give a stockier plant and because the seedlings should not be in that tray for long they do not need nutrients and so they would be wasted.

I like to sow my Sweet Pea seed now if I have not done so already. I pre-germinate or chit the seeds before they are put into their pots. I do this by tipping the seed into a yogurt pot lined with damp tissue paper then put the pot in a sealed box like an ice cream container then put it in a warm room like the bathroom. After three or four days a small root will start to emerge and then it is time to pot them up. I put one seed per 7cm square pot as this reduces root disturbance when they are planted out, but many people put five seeds in a 5 inch pot. I use square pots for two reasons, they pack into trays easier and when they are planted out the roots will spread better instead of going around and around the shape of the pot. To get quality exhibition standard blooms, you need to grow the right varieties, not just one of these mixed packets and to those people that say that the show blooms have very little scent all I can say is rubbish.

This month is getting to be your last opportunity to carry out major pruning on deciduous trees and shrubs, but it is the ideal time to cut back broadleaved evergreens like hollies and eleagnus. If you have a Yew this can also be tackled. The Yew is the only conifer which will regenerate itself from old wood; it is also odd as it is the only conifer which has berries.

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

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Out in the veg patch there are a few things which you can plant as long as the soil is fit. Shallots and broad beans both are hardy enough to be planted directly into the soil. But you can steal a little more time if you plant them in pots and put them in a cold greenhouse for a few weeks to start them off. If you have some heat in your greenhouse or wherever you do your growing, I like to sow a pinch of lettuce seed. Given protection, these will give some welcome fresh leaves in the spring. It is also worth sowing some quick maturing cabbage like Hispi which will then mature in May or June. Start them off in small trays or cells to plant out later.

Chit your seed potatoes if you have not already done so. This is where you stand the tubers up in trays with their eyes upward giving them plenty of light to get them to sprout. It may well be worth planting a row of Earlies if you can give them some protection with some clear plastic sheeting. Even a handful of tubers planted in pots/tubs or bags in the greenhouse should give some really early scrapers.

What else to do? Wash down the greenhouse with some garden disinfectant, also wash up all the pots and trays that you intend to use this season. Go out there and spike the lawn with a garden fork to help drain off some of that rain water. Give all your hedges a liberal dressing of slow release fertiliser such as blood, bone and fish. I know that you do not want the hedge to grow a lot but like the lawns if you keep cutting them off they will use all their nutrients and become spent. Then what do you have? A scraggy half dead line of shrubs around your house - I would suggest not the most appealing thing to look at.

Preparations are well under way for the Spring Flower show in March. Let's hope mother nature plays her part.

Well get out there when you can and enjoy your gardening.

Rector's Ramblings

Aslan is on the move

I've never been a fan of walking poles. You probably know the kind I mean – the lightweight, adjustable ones that fold up, that people out for a 'serious' walk use. I usually carry a map and a pair of field glasses, so to carry a stick as well has always seemed an unnecessary extra.

Until, that is, I spent time over the New Year with family in Hampshire when, on new Year's Eve, we all set off to walk up Beacon Hill (adjacent to Watership Down), for a breath of fresh air (*actually, several gasps on my part!*) and a glimpse of Highclere Castle (*Downton Abbey*).

I was offered the use of a walking pole, which I accepted (thinking that it would be churlish to do otherwise) and wondered how I could *not* use it without causing offence.

Beacon Hill is made up of chalk, and at the moment it's like trying to walk up a greased pole. It's really hard to keep a firm foothold; your feet just seem to slide back uncontrollably.

How glad I was of that walking pole! Having once slithered to my knees (much to the family's amusement!) I started using it. Amazing!! The walking pole, firmly placed in the ground before me, gave me the support and strength I needed to clamber up the steep incline. And on the way down, again firmly placing the stick in the ground, I was able to lean on it with confidence, knowing that it would stop me from slipping, sliding and falling.

Many of you will be familiar with Psalm 23 – 'The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want'. In verse four of the psalm the writer assures us that the Lord is with us in all times of difficulty: *'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.'*

No matter what trials and challenges we're going through, if we put our trust in God and rely on His strength, He is by our side; He is there to support and uphold us. Even when we are struggling to conquer one of life's many uphill challenges, He is there. With the strength of His support (rod and staff) we can clamber up the steepest incline without fear.

And when we seem to be slipping out of control down one of life's many pitfalls – God is there too, to lift us up and set us once again upon a safe path, a path that will ultimately lead us to the safety of His eternal house. We can lean on Him and know that we are safe in His hands.

May you be safe in the Lord!

Revd Deirdre

PS: *I'm off to the outdoor shop now to buy a walking pole!*

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Here are the **results** of their latest games:

23/11 A 2 - 5 v. Madron

30/11 H 3 - 2 v. Holman SC Res.

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14/12 H 9 - 1 v. Madron

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Chris Newton 1955 - 2013

Chris tragically lost his life after an accident while he was out fishing in his new boat. A very experienced and skilled angler, this was the first time that Chris had gone out on his own, and it's not known how he came to be in the water. The alarm was raised when he didn't return to shore and a full scale rescue operation was launched, involving the Lizard lifeboat, Culdrose Search & Rescue helicopter, Coastguard shore rescue teams, as well as local boat *Scopio*, skippered by Danny Phillips, and a Swedish survey vessel, *Triad*, which was in the area at the time. Chris was pulled alive from the water and flown to Treliske, but sadly he was pronounced dead a short time later.

Chris was passionate about angling; the photograph shows him with the trophy for taking most points in 2013 in the Cadgwith Fishing Competition, held on Thursday evenings. He was secretary of the Helston and District Sea Angling Club and scooped many prizes, notably that of Club Champion 2012. Chris had been out fishing many times with Steve Holyer,

who paid this tribute "Chris was always very helpful to me. He had a wicked sense of humour and will be greatly missed".

Chris and his wife Liz moved to Ruan Minor some four years ago. Before that, Chris had an illustrious career, finishing as Director of the Environment for the States of Jersey. He had a degree in Biology, specialising in fish, and had worked for the Environment Agency and Water Authorities, leading projects to clean up rivers and improve habitats for fish. He was instrumental in the successful project to bring salmon back to the Mersey.

Apart from angling, Chris spent his time walking his dog Brock and gardening, including growing his own vegetables. He was a very good cook and enjoyed spending time with his two children and five grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by all his family and many friends.

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Herbal Medicine - February

by Deanne Greenwood

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Valley. I moved here with my family last summer and it is the most wonderful, perfect setting for someone who loves and works with plants and herbs, and whose vocation is healing. The beautiful landscape and ever-changing natural light that infuses it is as much a part of the healing environment as the wealth of medicinal plants that cover it.

I'm going to be writing a regular column in the Gazette, talking about the medicinal plants and herbs in the area, and their traditional use in healing. Plus how you can use some as simple home remedies for minor ailments and first aid.

It would be impossible for me to collect and prepare all the herbs I use in my practice, so I buy most of them from organic herb farms and suppliers. However, I try to make a few remedies from plants I grow and find in the wild. Most of these are ready for harvesting in the spring and summer.

I started foraging on The Lizard in the autumn. This is traditionally the time to gather roots, seeds and berries, although as a rule, you should never dig up wild plants unless you're clearing an area of your own land. Burdock (*Arctium lappa*), dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*) and yellow dock (*Rumex crispus*) are everywhere. The roots of these plants are best known in herbal medicine for their laxative effect, although they have other properties. Dandelion, for example, is also a mild diuretic. As is asparagus (*Asparagus officinalis*) root, which I was excited to discover growing wild, for the first time, at Lizard Point.

Dandelion is full of potassium, by the way,

so much better than conventional diuretics, which can leach the body of this important mineral.

I did pick a lot of fat, juicy elderberries (*Sambucus nigra fructus*) and hawthorn (*Crataegus* spp) berries on my ramblings. Elderberries make an excellent cold and flu remedy. I used them to make both a tincture, which involves macerating in alcohol, and a delicious cough syrup. The berries are packed with antioxidant vitamins A and C, so the syrup is a good infection-fighter, as well as being very soothing for coughs and sore throats. I add liquorice and thyme to my syrup, for their expectorant, antiseptic and antibacterial properties. Elderberries can also be used to make a very moreish (and medicinal!), wine.

I macerated the hawthorn berries in a tincture made from hawthorn buds, flowers and leaves earlier in the year. Hawthorn can help reduce high blood pressure.

Autumn is also when we harvest the seeds of the milk thistle (*Silybum marianum*) – one of the best known and scientifically researched liver herbs. It boosts the liver's detoxification and excretion processes, and stimulates regeneration of liver cells to help repair any damage.

Now I just can't wait for spring. One of the first medicinal plants ready to harvest will be coltsfoot (*Tussilago farfara*), which I have previously gathered in March but would not be surprised to see in late February on The Lizard, if the weather is mild. The vibrant yellow flowers, which appear a couple of weeks before the leaves, are a potent remedy for coughs (*tussis* is the Latin word for cough). After that, there will be a barrage of plants to discover and discuss, right through to October. I'm going to have a busy year, which I'm looking forward to sharing with you.

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3. What does MG stand for in the well-known make of car?
4. What test cricket ground is reduced to "The Gabba"?
5. Which insect has the shortest life?
6. How old was Mozart when he died?



Answers to the December/January Quiz

1. Ben Lomond and Baldwin are types of which fruit? *Blackcurrant*
2. What did Jerry's Guide to the World Wide Web become? *Yahoo*
3. How many years was Robinson Crusoe marooned? *28*
4. Which racecourse is home to the St. Leger? *Doncaster*
5. In which ocean is the Gulf Stream? *North Atlantic*
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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the of Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel on Monday 11 November 2013 from 7:00pm

National Trust

Before commencement on the main body of the meeting, the Chair introduced Mr Justin Whitehouse, who is Head Ranger of the National Trust for The Lizard. Mr Whitehouse gave a brief talk on the activities of the Trust over the last 12 months, the main points of which were:

- National Trust rangers have moved out of properties owned by the Trust which has allowed the properties to be used for housing volunteers and to earn money through new tenancies.
- There have been various changes in personnel
- Over £200,000 of funding has been secured to allow renovation of coastal heritage buildings, such as the Serpentine Works, the Mill at Poltesco and also improvements such as new gates, footpaths and drainage at Poltesco.
- Corgerrick, Poltesco and Mill farms were formerly leased under a secure tenancy by Jimmy Green. When he passed away in 2012, the freehold of Corgerrick was sold to the Green family by the Trust as part of negotiations for the succession tenancy of his son Stephen. It was explained that Corgerrick was always regarded as “alienable” land by the Trust which was earmarked for sale when the land next changed hands. Corgerrick is protected by restrictive covenants and so no building or physical changes to the appearance of the land can be made without the Trust’s consent. The proceeds of the sale must be kept “within the valley” to fund local projects and part of the money has already been used to pay for improvements of Poltesco Mill roof and fund other ranger and volunteer facilities.
- Poltesco Farmhouse toilets are not considered suitable for use by all volunteers and visitors at Poltesco Farm and so it is proposed that new toilet facilities be installed in the present workshop building. It was stressed that these new toilets will not be public toilets.
- The National Trust have licenced Lizard Adventures to use Carleon Cove as a base for kayaking and “coastineering” activities at Innis Head. The Trust is encouraging this as they see it as a good way to get people involved in the local environment. It was seen to be a trial to see how it went. The Trust has found that greater numbers of people have been visiting than anticipated and there has been more vehicle movement than originally thought.

The Chair then asked for questions from Councillors:

Councillor Cooper asked whether the work which is being carried out to Poltesco Mill has planning permission, and being a listed building whether listed building consent had been obtained. She was informed that this was looked at carefully and it was determined that no such consents were required as it was only permitted repairs to the existing structure and no alterations were planned. Councillor Cooper said there should have been more local consultation and the Trust agreed.

Councillor Cooper also expressed concerns about the proposed toilets and drainage arrangements. The Trust responded that the treatment plant in the car park was deemed to be sufficient for this.

Councillor Cooper also expressed concern over the “coastineering” activities because she had heard of a person who had died participating in similar activities in Dorset. She was assured by the Trust that only professionally qualified organisations were allowed

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to undertake these activities.

Councillor Cooper also expressed dismay over the use of Carleon Cove which was previously a nice quiet cove, and received applause from the members of the public present. She also highlighted the disruption caused by the work on the Mill which has caused the road to become blocked or impassable on many occasions.

Councillor Collins asked about physical changes to the shingle bank in front of the pond at Poltesco, and was informed that there were no intentional changes but that changes occurred naturally.

The Chair then asked for questions from members of the public:

Ann Adkin addressed the meeting. She was born at Poltesco and explained that Mr Ironside (who was the former owner of the whole of the Poltesco valley) recognised Poltesco as being a special place and wanted it to remain unspoiled and safe from development. With this thought in mind, Mr Ironside bequeathed parts of Poltesco to the Trust and the remainder to his daughter Margaret who subsequently gave it to the National Trust on her death. Ms Adkin highlighted the rare plants, rare bats and otters at Carleon, and is keen to see that all the flora and fauna are preserved and maintained by the National Trust. She is concerned that the recent activities supported by the Trust may be endangering this and scaring off the otters. She asked the National Trust to think again, and said these activities are not wanted in this quiet valley.

Michael Davidson addressed the meeting. He explained that when Dick Rogers retired in 1972, he visited Margaret Ironside to enquire whether he could take on the farm, however it was explained that Mr Ironside had bequeathed it to the National Trust for safekeeping and so it was not possible for him to take it over. Miss Ironside explained that the valley was to be returned to nature and remain a natural valley. Mr Davidson said that it was important that Mr Ironside's wishes were respected and carried out by the Trust.

Justin Whitehouse responded that nature conservancy and zoology are his main expertise and focus and if he ever thought that these activities were endangering wildlife it would be stopped. He also explained that he had seen no evidence that "coastineering" would endanger local species. He also stressed that the "coastineering" was being carried out at Innis Head and not Carleon Cove. A group of 7 – 10 people in rugged rocky water would cause minimal disturbance to wildlife. He is happy to discuss the traffic, noise and feel of the place but would robustly defend his position concerning the wildlife as he strongly believed no such damage was being caused.

Jeff Lee addressed the meeting expressing concerns over too much traffic and he counted around 100 people coming into Poltesco Farm yard with their associated vehicles. He also highlighted that people doing "coastineering" do not remain at Innis Head but often come around to Carleon Cove. Justin said the Trust received only minimal revenue from the "coastineering" activities (£1 per person attending per day). It was recorded that 204 people did such activities between May and September and he was not aware of any damage to the species or the environment.

Mrs Evens addressed the meeting and highlighted the road congestion with there being no room to turn and the road being only 9 feet wide in places.

Colin Thomas of Primrose Cottage believed the contract of Lizard Adventures finishes in June and was concerned that they will be buying property in the Lizard Peninsula and was particularly concerned that they were trying to establish a base at Poltesco. He wanted a clear assurance from the National Trust that they will not be given an office at

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Poltesco. Justin gave that assurance and confirmed that they will not be based in Poltesco whilst he remains Head Ranger.

Andrew Fletcher said that on one occasion a person participating in these activities was shouting and swearing so loudly that it had led him and his children to believe that a person was in trouble and had run to help, however it was a false alarm. Justin thanked him for that feedback.

Justin Whitehouse concluded by saying that they were examining the matter on the basis of the whole of the Lizard and said it was right to consider whether other places might be more suitable such as Kennack or Cadgwith. The Trust would talk with other land owners to consider options.

The Chair thanked Mr Whitehouse and the public for attending and said that this topic will continue to be discussed in future months at the Council with such a strong feeling amongst residents.

The meeting continued with the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council commencing at 8:10pm.

Monthly Meeting of Grade Ruan Parish Council for November 2013

Present: Parish Councillors J Preston (Chair), N Green (Vice Chair), J Trewin, C Cooper and P Collins, PCSO Berry and 14 members of the public.

- 1. Absences and Apologies:** Parish Councillors P Freeman and M Fleetwood, Cornwall Councillor C Rule

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

3. **Public Time:**

Path at Cadgwith Car Park

Mrs Wild who is the owner of "Malahat" addressed the meeting and expressed concern over the misuse of the public footpath running beside her property leading down from Cadgwith Car Park to the Cove. She described how she had problems with members of the public cycling down the path, urinating on her adjacent property and leaving litter both on the path and on her property. She was particularly concerned that a young toddler had almost been run down by a bike. She suggested that the Council considered how signage may be improved, possibly indicating no cycling and no litter. She also enquired whether the public should be encouraged to use New Road as alternative route from the Car Park instead.

The Chair responded that the matter would be considered and discussed at the next meeting.

4. **Police Report:**

During October there were three crime reported to the Police:

- A common assault and battery; this is under investigation and it is hoped that it will be dealt with by way of restorative disposal.
- Criminal damage to a motor vehicle; this is currently under investigation.
- Theft; this is also under investigation.

PCSO Berry attended an assembly at Grade Ruan Primary School on 04/11/2013 and spoke to the children about aspects of road safety.

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Cornwall Councillor Rule could not attend this meeting but sent her apologies.

6. Minutes for acceptance:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held in October had been circulated. Subject to one minor amendment, Councillor Trewin proposed the minutes of 14/10/2013 be accepted and Councillor Collins seconded – all in favour.

7. Planning:

PA13/08977 – *Stationing of 21 additional static caravans at Sea Acres, Kennack Sands, Kuggar.*

Councillors were extremely concerned about the visibility of 10 of the proposed caravans from Kennack Sands beach, the headland between the beaches and also the coast path. Councillor Collins proposed the application be opposed, and Councillor Green seconded -- All in favour.

Resolved: It was resolved to comment to Cornwall Council as follows:

“Grade Ruan Parish Council notes that the siting of 10 new stationary caravans at a lower level further down the hill than the existing caravans will be clearly seen from the beach at Kennack Sands, the headland between the beaches and also the coast path. For this reason Grade Ruan Parish Council strongly objects to this planning application on the grounds of loss of visual amenity and also the significant harm caused to the landscape in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

If the planning authority are minded to approve this application, Grade Ruan Parish Council requests that the application be brought before a full planning committee hearing following a site meeting at Kennack Sands with Grade Ruan Parish Council members.

Furthermore, Grade Ruan Parish Council would like it to be noted that the existing sewage disposal system runs very close to the coast path and there have in the past been complaints of smell to the Council. We would therefore request that Environmental Health (and possibly also the Environment Agency, if appropriate) thoroughly inspect the existing sewage system to determine whether it is capable of handling the extra load that would be imposed upon it by the siting of these additional residential units without causing additional offensive smells or discharges to users of the coast path and other visitors.”

PA13/08975 – *Alterations to the main building at Sea Acres, Kennack Sands, Kuggar*

The modifications proposed to the building were considered to be minor and would not significantly affect the size or appearance of the building. Councillor Green proposed this application be supported and Councillor Trewin seconded -- All in favour.

Resolved: It was resolved to comment to Cornwall Council as follows:

“Grade Ruan Parish Council supports this application.”

PA13/09104 – *Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling.
Land at White House Farm, Ruan Minor*

Councillor Cooper proposed that this application be supported and Councillor Green seconded – all in favour.

Resolved: It was resolved to comment to Cornwall Council as follows:

“Grade Ruan Parish Council supports this application.”

PA13/09108 – *Outline application for the erection of a new dwelling at Kuggar House*

Councillor Trewin proposed that this application be supported subject to the observations made by Councillors at the meeting and Councillor Green seconded – All in favour.

Resolved: It was resolved to comment to Cornwall Council as follows:

“Grade Ruan Parish Council supports this application providing the highway access is deemed to be satisfactory.

The attention of planning officers is drawn to the inaccurate statements made in the Design and Access Statement with regard to the planning record of this site. Specifically, the planning application referenced of PA96/00479F refers to an application for a conservatory extension to the main dwelling and not a "dwelling on the site".

It is incorrect and possibly misleading therefore to say that an application for an additional dwelling was "previously approved".

The planning record only shows applications refused (W2/88/01407/O) or withdrawn (W2/89/01054/O) for the "erection of a new dwelling" on this site.”

PA13/08556 – Formation of a domestic garage and installation of solar panels at White House, Ruan Minor

Councillor Collins proposed that this application be supported and Councillor Cooper seconded – All in favour.

Resolved: It was resolved to comment to Cornwall Council as follows:

“Grade Ruan Parish Council supports this application.”

8. Finance:

Financial report

Copies of the bank reconciliation and the income and expenditure reports were circulated.

VAT Rebate

It was reported that the Council had received the VAT rebate from HMRC for the financial years 2011-2012 (£857.22) and 2012-2013 (£434.85).

Christmas Trees Invoice

The 2009 invoice had been located and the double-charging for the 2009 Christmas tree was proven and will be taken up with the supplier. **Action:** Councillor Preston

Internet banking

Councillor Green reported that Lloyds Bank had been extremely slow in dealing with this matter and not all the required documentation had been received from the bank to permit online banking. **Action:** Councillor Green to continue to pursue this matter with the bank.

Next Finance Committee meeting

The next finance committee meeting will be held on 27/11/2013 at 7pm.

Approval of payments as per schedule

A donation of £100 was proposed for the British Legion. Besides reimbursement for advertising fees and CLT registration fees to Councillor Green, the only other invoice presented to the meeting was for the purchase of some 105 trees to be used for tree planting the parish by the Tree Wardens.

The Chair proposed that the Schedule of Payments be approved. Councillor Collins seconded – all in favour.

9. Matters arising from the Minutes:

Play Area

Councillor Collins described the difficulties in obtaining funding for the Play Area redevelopment and the difficulty in the alignment of the funding windows across different funds. It is estimated that a sum of around £70,000 will be needed in total based upon the quotations that the Council have received. After a brief discussion it was decided to make contact with the fundraisers from Mawgan who have had some success in their area and see whether they can offer us any advice concerning funding. The Chair will discuss the matter with the Local Community Network and seek their advice also.

Freedom of Information Request

Councillor Green had adapted a standard Freedom of Information policy for use by the Council and after a brief discussion of its contents the Chair proposed that this procedure be adopted by the Council and Councillor Trewin seconded – all in favour.

Community Land Trust Meeting

Councillor Green reported that following the public meeting in Ruan Minor Village Hall on 15/10/2013 the Grade Ruan CLT limited company has been registered with Companies House and so is now a legal entity in its own right and ready to commence its work.

It was reported that a total of 11 people had attended the public meeting to see the presentation by Helen Downing who is the Development Manager of Cornwall CLT Ltd who are offering to assist us in the start-up phase of our CLT. All 11 members of the public who attended signed up as founder members of the Grade Ruan CLT Ltd. These founder members will hold the board of the CLT to account.

Councillors Freeman and Cooper were both unable to attend the meeting but signed up as founder members subsequent to the meeting. Councillor Trewin (who attended the CLT meeting) expressed disappointment that more members of the public did not attend considering the great need for affordable housing in the village.

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- Council Representatives: Councillors Green, Freeman and Collins
- Non-Councillors: Angela Thomas, Cathy Brown and Judith Green

Councillor Cooper expressed that she did not agree with two members of the same family being on the board of the CLT. Councillor Green explained that the board of the CLT can only contain 3 members of the Parish Council and so three of the board members have to be non-councillors. At the poorly attended meeting it was difficult filling these three places on the board and Judith Green had only kindly agreed to step forward when no one else from the community was willing to stand.

Councillor Collins expressed that he would be willing to stand down if someone with suitable drive and enthusiasm to push the project forward were to come forward.

Councillor Cooper also expressed that she

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thought the CLT should exclude people from outside the Parish as she believed it should be operated for the benefit of Grade Ruan parishioners only and thought this had been agreed. Her opinion was noted.

The objects of the CLT have been laid down when it was formed and the main object is to provide social housing to people with “proven links to the Parish” of Grade Ruan whether they presently live in Grade Ruan or have been forced to temporarily live elsewhere.

The next action of the CLT will be to hold the first board meeting and then start working on the path towards developing much needed local needs housing.

War Memorial

It was previously agreed that the War Memorial in Ruan Minor would be insured by the Council. The Council’s insurance company insisted upon an estimate from a stone mason as to the replacement value of the memorial. The replacement value has been estimated at £25,000 to £30,000. **Action:** Councillor Green to approach the insurance company.

Road Name for Coastline Development

The Chair reported that it was his understanding that the name of “**Higher Moor**” had been accepted by Cornwall Council as a suitable road name for the new development. Cornwall Council had originally advised the Council that a suffix to the name would be required (such as “Road” or “Close”) but when it was pointed out to them that we have “Long Moor” in the village with no suffix they accepted that no suffix was required.

Todden Safety

Various matters relating to Todden safety were discussed and the actions that have been taken to improve safety over the years. At the conclusion of the discussion it was decided that an additional sign beside the steps to Little Beach would be purchased with suitable words of warning. **Action:** Councillor Preston to procure a suitable sign.

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Councillor Trewin reported that a crack in the road had appeared on the left hand side of the top step to Little Beach. It appears that it is related to a broken storm drain. **Action:** Councillor Preston to report to Highways for investigation.

10. Matters for consideration:

Code of Conduct Updates

Although the Council had adopted a draft Code of Conduct some time ago when mandated by Cornwall Council, it was reported that this document is now out of date. Councillor Collins explained that at the time, updates to the code were being revised so frequently by Cornwall Council, CALC and NALC that the previous Chairman of the Council declared a hiatus to allow the matter to settle down before any further action was taken. It is felt that the matter has now settled down sufficiently, with definitive advice now being issued by Cornwall Council, and it was

agreed that we should ask our new Clerk to attend to this matter early next year.

11. Correspondence:

A number of items of correspondence were received relating to signage in the parish. A general discussion followed concerning various signage changes required.

Stop sign at Traboe Cross

Councillor Cooper highlighted the recent refusal by Cornwall Council highways to a request by St Keverne Parish Council to replace the "GIVE WAY" sign with a "STOP" sign at Traboe Cross (as reported by the local media). It was thought that our Council could express a view on this matter as we are a neighbouring parish, but no specific action was decided.

Safety Sign at the Recreation Ground Gate

This concerns the installation of a new warning sign at the side gate onto the road to Cadgwith which had not been actioned before our former Clerk resigned.

Action: Councillor Preston to arrange the purchase of a suitable sign.

No other specific items of correspondence were discussed at the meeting.

12. Footpaths, Environment and Treewarden:

Grass cutting at Glebe Place

To be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Footpath Sub-committee meeting

The Chair to arrange a suitable date with the committee members.

Action: Councillor Preston

Footpath past St Mary's Church, Cadgwith

It was reported that this path gets washed away by the rain and needs resurfacing. It was agreed that this path needs attention and will be investigated.

Footpath from the Car Park to St Ruan bridge

This path was reported to be precarious where it passes near to the pumping station. It was agreed that it needs either levelling or a handrail and will be investigated.

Highway signs next to the Recreation Ground on road to Cadgwith

It was reported that the post holding up the triangle sign is rotten and the 30mph sign had fallen over because the post is rotten. This is to be reported to highways for action.

Action: Councillor Preston

Road resurfacing at St Ruan and the road between Treleague Crossroads and the pinch point

There was acclaim for the good job that Cormac had done recently with their road resurfacing work and it was agreed that write to Cormac to thank them for a job well done. **Action:** Councillor Preston

Footpath outside of Sharkey's house

The Council understands that the Fisherman's Mission are ready to fund work on resurfacing the footpath outside of Sharkey's house and it was agreed that the Council will write to Cormac to express our support for this work. **Action:** Councillor Preston

Lifebuoy on The Todden

The Council has been advised that the Maritime section of Cornwall Council inspect the lifebuoy at Cadgwith every month and are responsible for its maintenance

13. In committee:

The Parish Council then moved to an 'in committee' session to discuss "Staffing Matters".

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel on Monday 9 December 2013 from 7.30pm

Present: Parish Councillors J Preston (Chair), N Green (Vice-Chair), M Fleetwood, P Freeman

1. **Absences and apologies:** Parish Councillors C Cooper, P Collins, Cornwall Councillor C Rule, Clerk J Castle, PCSO Julia Berry
2. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest
3. **Public time:** No members of the public were present
4. **Police report:** During November no crimes were reported to the police. PCSO Berry appealed to all residents to be particularly vigilant about home and vehicle security and gave notice that a drink/drug driving campaign would be operating throughout December.
5. **Cornwall Councillor's time:** In the absence of Cllr. C Rule no items were raised
6. **Minutes for acceptance:** The minutes of the monthly meeting held in November had been circulated. Subject to a few small typographical corrections, Cllr. Preston proposed the minutes of 11 November 2013 be accepted and Cllr. Green seconded. All in favour.
7. **Planning:** No new planning applications have been received this month.

Chy Carne Holiday Park – application for retrospective planning for shower block.

Cllr. Preston reported that Cornwall Council were minded to approve the application despite the Parish Council's lack of support, but had added a condition requiring landscaping work in line with the Parish Council's suggestions

Goonhilly Wind Farm Extension – Cllr. Preston drew attention to a pre-application enquiry to all parishes on the Lizard Peninsula for an extension to the wind farm at Bonython. Following a discussion it was generally agreed that the Parish Council has no great objection to the proposed extension but would not support any further extension after this one. Concerns have been raised about the cumulative impact in the AONB and the extra height of the two proposed turbines. Cllr. Preston undertook to draft a statement of the Council's view and circulate it to Councillors for comment before sending to Cornwall Council. **ACTION: Cllr. Preston**

Cllr. Green reported that the Parish Council's comments on all planning applications were now showing on the www.cornwall.gov.uk website as being from Mrs. J. Castle, not from the Council. He undertook to bring this to the attention of Cornwall Council and get the error corrected. **ACTION: Cllr. Green**

Cllr. Green noted that the AONB had surprisingly not made any comments on the proposal for more caravans at Sea Acres. Cllr. Preston read a section of AONB literature that states their general concern about the impact of caravan parks on the landscape, and undertook to contact their office to remind them that there is still time to comment. **ACTION: Cllr. Preston**

8. Finance:

Cllr. Green introduced a report of the meeting of the Finance Committee. The proposed budget for 2013/14 was discussed, Cllr. Freeman proposed acceptance, Cllr. Fleetwood seconded, all in favour. In view of the current uncertainty about the government's operation of the Council Tax Benefit Support Grant in future years, Cllr. Freeman proposed that the precept for 2013/14 be set at £13,500, unchanged from the last two years. This was seconded by Cllr. Green, all in favour.

Cllr. Green reported that he was still only able to use internet banking by logging in as if he were Julie Blewett, but he is working to get this changed. **ACTION: Cllr. Green**

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Cllr. Green circulated copies of the bank reconciliation and the income and expenditure reports. Cllr. Green presented a schedule of payments for the month. It was agreed to donate £500 to the Cornwall Air Ambulance and £1,500 to St. Ruan with St. Grade PCC for grass cutting in both churchyards. Reimbursement to Cllr. Freeman of fees paid for advertising the vacancy for Parish Clerk was approved, and it was agreed to pass the sum of £222.48, which had been received from Cornwall Council for the grass cutting of Treleague verge, on to Grade Ruan Community Trust, who had already paid for the work to be done.

9. Matters arising from the minutes:

National Trust - Justin Whitehouse has emailed a NT update, to be circulated to Councillors. The NT are working in the 'Linking the Lizard' Partnership to look at the growth of outdoor activities. There are discussions about Kennack being used for kayak launching and research is being done by Tremough Campus. No further activities will take place until compromise is agreed. Cllr. Preston reported that it was close to the minutes of the last monthly meeting and didn't contain anything new. It was agreed to instruct the Clerk to write thanking the Trust for their information and willingness to meet parishioners and to ask them to keep the Parish Council informed of future work or changes. **ACTION: Clerk**

Play equipment - On new play equipment, Tatia Churchill is in touch with Cllr. Collins and will help with applications for grants to cover part of the cost. **ACTION: Cllr. Collins**

Safety signs - Cllr. Preston produced quotes from Alligator Signs for safety signs warning of passing cars at the exit from the Recreation Ground onto Cadgwith road and warning of falling rocks at Little Beach, Cadgwith. It was agreed to purchase these at a cost of £10 each. **ACTION:**

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Drainage - Cllr. Preston reported that the broken clay pipe draining rainwater onto Little Beach had been inspected and made safe. The remedial work needed will be referred for consideration in Cornwall Council's next financial year.

10. Matters for consideration:

Drainage - Cllr. Freeman reported that a site meeting will be held in New Road at 9am on 11 December to consider what can best be done to stop the spring from spreading across the road.

Vacancies for parish councillors - Cllr. Preston reported that he has three copies of a notice requesting expressions of interest in being co-opted as a Parish Councillor and he will display them in the parish shortly. **ACTION: Cllr. Preston**

Community Network - Cllr. Preston reported on a meeting of the Community Network Panel he had attended recently. The discussion had been mostly about the role of the AONB with a little about the problem of cars parking on double yellow lines in villages.

11. Correspondence:

There was no discussion about any items of correspondence.

12. Footpaths, environment and treewardens:

Glebe Place - Cllr. Freeman recalled that it is now nearly a year since any discussion with Coastline about the Parish Council taking over responsibility for grass cutting in Glebe Place. Two major considerations were (a) Coastline's insistence that the council would have to purchase the freehold title to the land and (b) the potential cost of the cutting. It was generally agreed that the land would be a valuable asset to the parish and Cllr. Freeman indicated that the Community Trust would probably be willing to contribute substantially to the cost. He undertook to assemble the existing correspondence and draft a potential approach to Coastline to be circulated to councillors for consideration.

ACTION: Cllr. Freeman

Cllr. Preston promised to circulate the minutes of the last Footpaths Committee. Hamish Gordon, Cormac, is prepared to meet the Committee to consider remedial repairs and extra waymarking.

ACTION: Cllr. Preston

Cllr. Preston reported that the Council has purchased a wide variety of young trees and will make them available for suitable plantings in the parish. **ACTION: Treewardens**

Cllr. Freeman reported that an email had been received from Mrs. Wild about several matters relating to Cadgwith car park and the footpath from there to Cadgwith. He undertook to circulate a draft reply for consideration. **ACTION: Cllr. Freeman**

The meeting closed at 9:50 pm.

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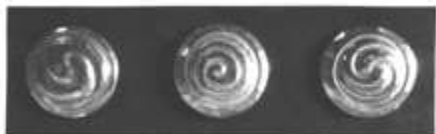
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