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Alternate Tues	Mobile Library (Tel: 0300 1234111) - 7 th and 22 nd August Glebe Place 11.05am-11.20am & Cadgwith Car Park 11.35-11.55am
2nd Monday	7.30pm Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 13 th August
3rd Tuesday	12.15pm Soup, Pasty and Pudding at the Methodist Chapel
3rd Saturday	9am - 1pm Farmers Market at Mullion School, 18 th August
Mon & Thurs	7.00pm Short Mat Bowling in the Village Hall
Every Tues	(except 3rd Tues) 10am Coffee morning, Methodist Chapel
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Every Fri	6.30pm Zumba in the Village Hall
1 August	6pm Cadgwith Cove Beach BBQ (Recreation Ground)
5 August	1pm Fun cricket match at the Recreation Ground
8 August	6pm Cadgwith Cove Beach BBQ (Gig Club)
10 August	6.30pm Buller Eve in the Cove, bar in the Gig Shed
11 August	12.30pm Buller Day
12 August	Cadgwith Cove Fishing Festival, 4pm BBQ, 5pm Weigh-in
14 August	7.30pm Bingo in the Village Hall
15 August	6pm Cadgwith Cove Beach BBQ (Xmas Lights)
17 August	Buller Cup (at Newquay)
19 August	Sharky's Cup
22 August	6pm Cadgwith Cove Beach BBQ (Recreation Ground)
25 - 27 August	Grade Church Flower Festival
25 August	7.30pm Rally Party, Trevedden Farm, (was 7 July)
26 August	Cadgwith Regatta
27 August	11am Vintage Rally, Trevedden Farm - postponed from 8 July
28 August	7.30pm Quiz Night in the Village Hall
29 August	6pm Cadgwith Cove Beach BBQ (Gig Club)
29 Aug- 9 Sept	Paralympic Games
ADVANCE DATES	
1 Sept	Late Summer Fete at the Village Hall
4 Sept	Start of Autumn term (Mullion - to be confirmed)
29 Sept	Harvest Supper
12 October	2pm Mazymeg and the Honey Bees, see p9
13 October	Autumn Show, see p11
27 October	Craft Fayre (Village Hall, 2pm - 4pm)
10 November	Dance, Bar, Food in the Village Hall, with "Merlins Rockit"
17 November	Hospice Fayre in the Village Hall
23 November	6.30pm Landewednack School. Circle of Tales, see p9
1 December	Christmas Lights Switch-on
2 December	Carolaire
4 December	Christmas Bingo
5 December	Village Hall Christmas Party
11 December	Christmas Quiz
13 December	Christmas Market
16 December	Christmas Community Evening

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Noticeboard

First, let me correct an error that appeared last month, when I incorrectly reported the death of Bernard Thornton, instead of **Bernard Thurston**. May I offer sincere apologies to his widow, Margaret, for the upset caused.

Margaret Thurston would like to thank everybody for their support and kindness during this very sad time. Special thanks to Jane, her next door neighbour.

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death from cancer of **Sue Murphy** (pictured). She and her husband Noel and daughter Siobhan had lived on the Lizard for some 18 years, the last 10 of which were in Glebe Place.



Sue had worked at Mullion school and found a particular vocation in working with special needs children, especially those with severe autism. Her patience and good humour enabled her to help the children achieve their potential. Noel and Siobhan have asked me to convey their gratitude for the kindness and concern shown to them by so many people over the past year during Sue's illness. They would like to make special mention of the doctors at the local GP practice who have been marvellous. Sue bore her suffering bravely and was hugely

comforted by the kindness shown by everyone around her. There was a large turnout for her funeral at Camborne Crematorium and afterwards at Mullion Golf Club, and she was given a grand send-off.

Cornwall Councillor **Pam Lyne** passed away suddenly in late June. In Kerrier days, before the ward grouping was changed, Pam was our representative on Planning and attended Parish Council meetings regularly. Many of you may remember her for the help she gave with your planning issues.

Gill, Jacqueline, Saoirse and **Ben** would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers, gifts and offers of help and sympathy following the death of their husband, father and grandfather Geoff Fox. It is very reassuring to know that we live in such a caring and compassionate village. Thank you one and all.

Happy Birthday in August to: Sally Sugrue, Ashton K, Alfie, Jago, Barbara Rosindale, Richard Palmer, Colin Cooper, Rowan H, Katie H, Pip S, Sue Codling, Ruby Langley, Peter Mason, Shamaun Hall (a big one, I believe!), Theodore H, Jo Sugrue, Gemma Lester Bennett, Sam C, Charlie B, Ellie Jane, Toby F, Hilary Rowe, Ben R, Dylan V, Willow M, Billy J, Ruth Alfrey-Cryan, Bryher T, Maebh M, Thomas W, Elizabeth and myself

And in **September** to: Ronnie Jane, Matt Russell, Nick Jane, Elwyn Jones, Max C, Jessica R, EllieH, Nel, Johnno (a big one!), Lachlan P, Christine Jane, Bruce Bray, Keith Johnson, Heather Blight-Anderson, Sarah Legge, Abigail G, Thalia H, Sarah Rudd, Oliver
cont....

Front Cover: This year's school leavers.

Tillie Alfrey-Cryan, Megan Gribble, Robin Blight-Anderson, Verity Freeman and Toby Goddard with teaching assistant Katey Jane and teacher Wendy Prescott.



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Noticeboard, cont.

W, Nutty (Martin Ellis), Chloe H, Alex S, Jill Thomas, Malcolm Scott, Chloe P, Stephen Green, Alan Humby, David Goddard, Sky.

Congratulations to **Becca Holyer**, who has obtained a 1st Class Masters degree in Physics from Imperial College, London. In September, she starts her career with BP as a Petro-Physicist.

After the generous donations toward the Jubilee celebrations from the Parish Council, the Grade Ruan Community Trust and anonymous donors, some money was left over after the street party. The Jubilee organizers would like to use the money to purchase a **bench for the churchyard**. The feasibility is being checked, but we hope soon to have somewhere for those visiting the graveyard to sit and contemplate. See "Rector's Ramblings" on p56 about how you can help decide where the bench will be sited.

The **Autumn Show** will be on the 13th of October. Two of the children's classes are for a design for the cover of the November Gazette (12-16 years) and December / January Gazette (8-11 years). Bear in mind when creating your entries that the picture will be printed in black and white. The shape of the picture should be such that it will fit in the space available, i.e. square(ish) or landscape rather than portrait. I hope there'll be lots of entries in these classes and I'm looking forward to putting the winning entries on the cover of the Gazette.

This issue is for August and September, so the next Gazette will be in October, with summer over. Although it took its time to arrive, summer does seem to have shown up after all, nicely timed for the start of the school holidays. If you take any **photographs** at any of the village events during the summer - and there are lots planned, see Diary Dates - please would you let me have copies for possible inclusion in the December Gazette "colour supplement".

I wish you all a happy summer.

Moir Hurst

The Parish Council is concerned that the Ruan Minor Youth Club is not functioning at present and is keen to encourage anyone interested in getting it going again. The Parish Council would offer financial support, if necessary. If you can help, please contact a Parish Councillor.

Paul Collins

GRADE-RUAN TREEPLANTING

Grade-Ruan tree wardens are restarting the tree scheme which successfully ran from the '90s to about ten years ago. Using an annual grant from the Parish Council, we can supply a variety of appropriate trees and hedging shrubs – free. We are particularly keen to see long term planting schemes in visible open landscape where trees and hedges can reach their full potential without causing problems near houses and roads. Planting small and into the tops of Cornish hedges and banks is ideal as this gives trees a good start above ground level and there is often plenty of good soil to root into. And any unused field corners or waste land will do too.

Please email Jeb Preston jipoltesco@btinternet.com and Jonathan Fletcher h.j.fletcher@hotmail.com and we can discuss projects. Trees should be available from November onwards. More info' in the October Gazette.

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What's On

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PUPPETCRAFT

Puppetcraft are performing an African tale called Circle of Tales at Landewednack Community Hall at 6.30pm on Friday November 23rd. Details nearer the time.

Judith Green

LUNCHES AND COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE METHODIST CHAPEL

For some time now, the Methodist Chapel has been providing "Soup, Pasty and Pudding" lunches, between 12.15 and 2pm on the third Tuesday of each month. These provide a reasonably priced lunch and a chance to chat and meet friends, and are proving quite popular. Now, some of the ladies of the chapel have started to organise coffee mornings, between 10am and 12 noon each Tuesday, except the third Tuesday when there is a lunch instead. Teas and coffees are being offered completely free of charge (although donations are always appreciated!), simply to provide a further opportunity to meet friends and chat. All are welcome to both these events, so please come!

Mike Fleetwood

St. Grade

Flower Festival

"I Vow to Thee My Country"

25th, 26th and 27th August

Refreshments available each day
10.30am - 4.30pm

Also in the church during the flower festival:

Concert

Saturday 25th August 7.00 p.m.

Songs of Praise

Sunday 26th August 6.00 p.m.

All proceeds from these events will go to the Grade Church Roof Appeal.

Please support the Festival to keep this church functioning

GRADE RUAN VINTAGE RALLY

Due to the Trevedden Field being waterlogged, the Vintage Rally had to be postponed. It will now take place on Monday, 27th August (Bank Holiday).

Gates open at 11am.

The "night before" party will be on Saturday 25th August, from 7.30pm.

Cadgwith Cove Fishing Festival

Saturday 11th August, 5pm start
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FROM THE POST BAG

[This letter refers to an item in June's Gazette about dog fouling, particularly around central Ruan Minor. Ed]

Let's clear it up - once and for all. Animals, birds, insects, us, we all produce waste. Nature (or the sewage farm) takes care of it. It disintegrates. It rots away. Not a problem. Yet, one "race" of mammals is pilloried over it, discriminated against!

"Impossible! Call the P.C. Brigade!" - oh yes! This persecution is widely accepted in Britain today. Black, brown, yellow or white, it happens. Very publicly - on signs and notices, and verbally by narrow "responsible citizens"!

Who are these pariahs? Why, the gentle loving canine race and its by-product..... No other creature, wild or domesticated, is thus targeted, with no sense or logical thought. It's time the fadists, the bigots and the politically correct gained a sense of proportion, and stopped picking on defenceless things smaller than themselves, like bullying puritans.

ELIZABETH LOW

[Elizabeth: I would have preferred to have had a full address from you - which doesn't have to be printed - but have included your letter anyway, as I wouldn't want to stifle free speech.

From a personal point of view, I'm with the "pick it up" brigade, especially when it's deposited right outside my gate, waiting for me to step into it as I leave the house. Dog owners should pick up their dogs' mess, if for no other reason than it's the law. I don't think people are persecuting the dogs, merely expecting the owners not to leave mess where someone could step in it. I think you'll be in the minority on this one, Elizabeth. Ed.]

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*The same article elicited this letter from
DIANA FITZSIMMONS.*

I would like to comment on the dog fouling notice on page 9 of the June edition of the Gazette. There is a similar problem in Poltesco Valley, especially during the summer months, and yet there is a bin provided in the National Trust car park. This area is used by local school children and walkers, among others.

It would be appreciated if the area was kept in a pleasant condition for all to enjoy. This includes leaving alone the plants and flowers, which a minority have been pulling out ... sometimes by the roots - would you believe!

We would appreciate it if everyone could work together and do their bit by not removing plants and flowers, and by picking up their dog's mess and depositing it in the bin provided in the National Trust's car park. Thank you.



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AUTUMN SHOW

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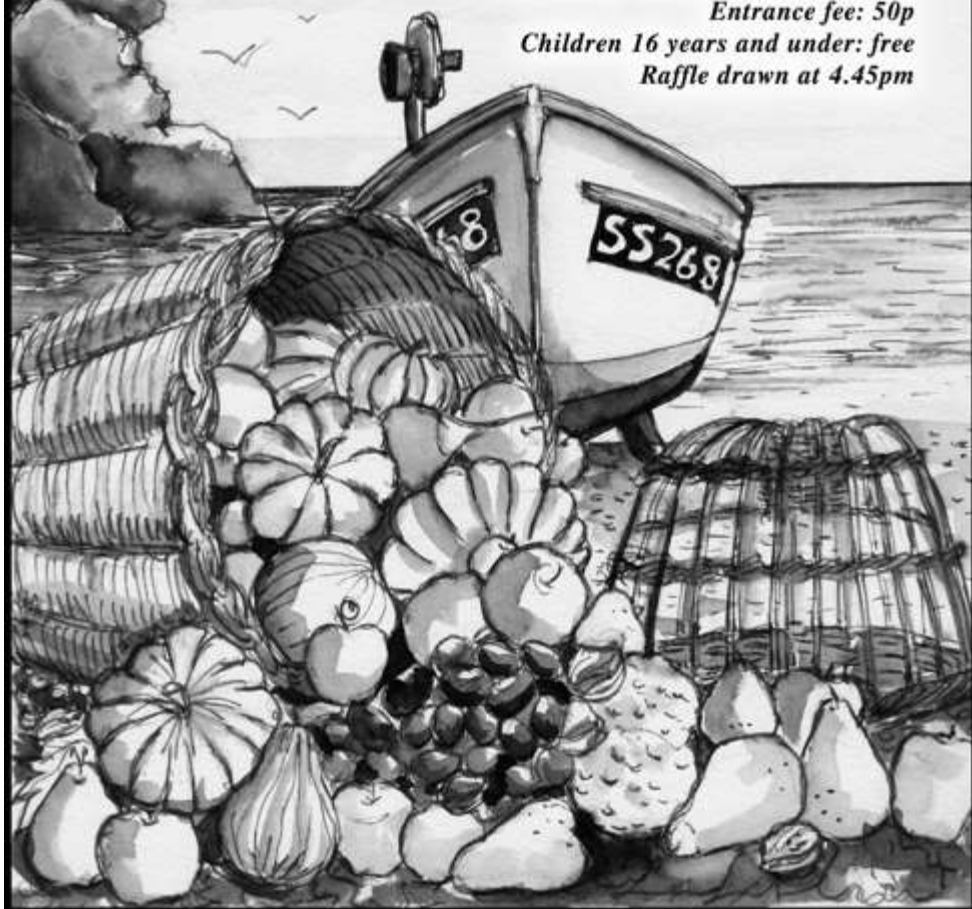
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Grade-Ruan Under 5s

School Spot



Grade-Ruan C of E School



Mullion School

Under 5s. July saw the AGM and this was well attended at the pub, in the drizzle. Thank you to all who came and who have stepped forward to fill positions on the committee. A huge thank you to Martha who has stepped down as treasurer, but who has done so much to simplify the accounts and organise online banking for the group. We are very grateful. Also to Liane, who has been a tireless organiser throughout the year. Without her, many of the events would still have been in the 'good idea' stage! She has agreed to remain as Chair for the coming year. Other positions are now taken by Tasha Allen-Goldstone as secretary, Sarita Foord as Treasurer and Eula Hardy as Vice Chair. This year has been very successful for the group. We have managed to increase the sessions offered and the uptake of these has been higher than expected. We thank the village hall committee and hope to work with them on further projects to improve the provision we offer.

Our annual outing was to Paradise Park and we were lucky with the weather, in that rides on the train and wandering around the park was done in the dry. A move inside to the play barn when the drizzle started was just at the right time, and many hair-raising demon drops were to follow.

The last day of term was marked by a Leavers' Lunch and the presentation of the children's Learning Journeys. These folders document their time in the

setting, their pictures and developmental progression. We hope these will be a keepsake that they will look back on in years to come.

Our new term starts on Tuesday 4 September and there are spaces available. For more information please contact me on 01326 290978.

Jan Halliday

Grade-Ruan had the most wonderful series of end of term productions of *The Tempest* down in Poltesco Orchard. The location and set were superb, but what was the most astonishing was the performance level of the children. Not only did many of them have an incredible amount of lines to learn but they didn't just reel them off, their delivery, whatever their part, was fantastic. A huge well done to the children, staff and parents involved in creating such magical evenings. (Actually, I'm not sure what was more astonishing - the children's performance or Mr Harman's ability to control the weather - having existed in a sea of mist and rain for weeks, the three evenings were an oasis of dry, calm, warm weather!!)

Congratulations to the Reception Year children for graduating from the Foundation Stage - the Year 6 pupils organised the graduation ceremony for them in the Church, followed by a party back at school. Congratulations to those toe-tappers that took part in the annual Feetbeat Competi-

tion - the Key Stage Two children came joint first with Landewednack School and Key Stage One children came second. Years 5 and 6 enjoyed an end of term treat by going to see the musical *Honk* performed at Mullion School.

School sailing finished for the term with a regatta - it will start again in September with the new Year 4s able to join in as well.

Thank you to Ali Russell for running the Summer Sports Club - in September Ali will be running an Art Club and after October half term the Cookery Club will run - yum!!

And finally it comes to that funny bit where we say goodbye and good luck to the Year 6s: Tillie, Robin, Verity, Megan and Toby. The school won't be the same without you but Mullion is ready and waiting - enjoy!!

Mullion has had its usual end of term fun as well - I've run out of superlatives with *The Tempest* but *Honk* was brilliant! A golden glow of sunshine and fun in the midst of the most dismal 'summer', it cheered us all up I think. Congratulations to Lauren Birchmore, Poppy McMinn and Talia Sealey for being part of a West End worthy production ... I know that sounds over the top but truly, the standards achieved across the board - acting, set design and music, the passion and level of commitment produced an absolutely first class show.

The Year 7s enjoyed another successful Brittany trip, Bude was enjoyed by the Year 9s that went and those that took part in Activities Week can be rightly proud of enduring everything the Cornish

weather could throw at it - the beach is not just for sunny days!! As I write the Year 10s on work experience are still scattered across the country as far afield as Cardiff and London.

For 13 ex-Grade Ruan pupils it was their last year at Mullion and their turn for Prom - a wonderful evening at Tregenna Castle by all accounts. Managed to pin



most of them down for a photo - Jake Woodley was missing for the photo but from left to right, looking fab, are: Robbie Green, Harry Deacon, Yasmin Burgess, Tom Newman, Ellie Gow, Treve Harry, Caitlin Blight-Anderson, Paddy Alfrey-Cryan, Jess Sealey, Tommy Phillips, Kate



Murray and Dominic Robertson.

And, here's their Year 6 photo for comparison!

Ginny Sealey

Yoga with Tanya

Classes

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Cadgwith Pilot Gig Club News

All welcome at our annual event, Buller Day,
on Saturday 11th August

- Gig racing from the cove, with visiting
clubs from across the South-west - First
Race 12:30 - BBQ - Licensed Bar - Raffle -
Cakes, Pasties and Sandwiches - Live band
and free entry party in the gig shed later.

We'll be operating a traffic system as usual,
and would urge folk to avoid driving
through the cove on the day in order to miss
long delays. We appreciate everyone's
patience with us as we deliver and retrieve
almost 20 gigs to/from the cove!

And back, by popular demand ... Buller Eve
Friday 10th August

Join us for a relaxed evening in the cove, as
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Cards & Stationery	Pets & Birds Care	Bric-a-Brac & Book Stalls
Weekly Raffle	Flowers & Plants	Fruit & Veg., Eggs & Specials

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.

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For more information call **David on 290536**

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 and you can BYO if you prefer. The contests begin at 7.30pm. Any changes to dates will be notified on the Village noticeboards.

BINGO NIGHT

Bingo sessions are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month and it's eyes down at 7.30pm.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL



Hello again everyone.

Did I say let me know when summer starts? I'm still waiting to hear from you!! We've tried hard to make the front of the Hall look attractive with our flowers and plants. They don't look too bad at all do they, but they would certainly benefit from some summer warmth and sunshine just like the rest of us!

Despite the weather, we are still pretending it is summer and our activities have started to reflect this. The Thursday Market now operates its summer hours and opens from 9.15am to 12 noon. This gives everyone even more time to shop the stalls, browse the bric-a-brac and books, catch up with the local news and gossip and meet with friends over some tasty refreshments. Bingo and Quiz Nights continue as normal and I think we will seriously have to look at increasing the size of the Hall in order to accommodate all of our regular quizzers!

We recognise that so much goes on in and around the area during August and we restrict our activities to our regular events so as not to interfere with others. However, as we move into September we will hold our annual **Late Summer Fete** on Saturday 1st September (2.00pm to 4.30pm) and our **Harvest Supper** on Saturday 29th September (7.00pm). By popular demand, **The Cober Valley Band** will provide the entertainment at the Harvest Supper and one of our special Village Hall Buffets will be 'created' for everyone's enjoyment.

Another problem caused by the poor weather has been our inability to carry out external repair and improvement work to the Hall. We will do our best to catch up with this work but it is doubtful that it can all be done if there is not a big improvement in the weather soon. We will certainly do as much as is reasonably possible.

We are on top of a number of other developments and one of these is the new mat for the Short Mat Bowls Section. Arrangements are being finalised for the delivery of our new mat after sorting out the many issues involved, one of which was, of course, our finding the money to pay for it! We searched long and hard to get the best possible deal and it will still cost us just short of £900 - they certainly don't come cheap. Does anyone want any green matting for their sheds or gardens?

Our Lifeboat activities have been particularly busy recently and a great deal of this is due to our close links with RNLI Rose and the Lizard Station. In addition to our weekly Village Hall Market stall, we have taken part in the Mullion Harbour Day, the Lizard Fete and the Open Garden days in Mullion Village. We will also be taking part in the **Lizard Lifeboat Day** at the new Lifeboat Station on 19th August which will be a terrific day out for all the family. It's good to have Ruan Minor represented at these events isn't it?

Finally, one of regular requests - **has anyone got any nice bric-a-brac items for our Thursday Market Stall please?** Every penny we raise from the stall goes towards the up-keep of the premises and the facilities we provide and your help in keeping this going would be most gratefully appreciated. Just give Dave or myself a ring (290536 or 07814118179) if you are able to help. Thank you.

I think that's all for now so bye until next month, *Janet Gascoigne*.

Dates To Remember:

August - 14th Bingo (7.30pm), 28th Quiz Night (7.30pm).

September - 1st Village Hall Fete (2.00pm), 11th Bingo, 25th Quiz, 29th Harvest Supper



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24TH MAY – FLATFISH

Jeff Lee (Plaice) 2LBS ¾ OZ 2011 ** Jamma Phillips (Plaice) 2LBS 2OZ 2010

7TH JUNE – POLLACK

*Emma Lloyd 11lbs 11oz 2001 **Tommy Phillips 8lbs 12oz 2008

21ST JUNE – WRASSE OPEN, BEST SPECIMEN to win

*Martin Lloyd (CUCKOO) 1lb 4¾ oz 2004 **Tommy Phillips (CUCKOO) 1lb 1¼ oz 2010

*Arthur Coupland (BALLAN) 5lbs 6½ oz 2006 **Jamma Phillips (BALLAN) 4lbs 3¼ oz 2006

5TH JULY GARFISH

Keith Johnson 1lb 10oz 2006 ** Peter Falkner 12 ¾ oz 2003

19TH JULY – BULL HUSS / LSD, BEST SPECIMEN to win

*Joe Casley (B H) 14lbs 3 ½ oz 2010 ** Tommy Phillips (B H) 11 lbs 5 ¼ oz 2007

*Richard Williams (LSD) 3lbs ¼ oz 2011 ** Jamma Phillips (LSD) 2lb 5¾ oz 2010

26TH JULY – CONGER

*Rob Evans 31lbs 15oz 2011 ** Tommy Phillips 12lbs 13oz 2011

2ND AUGUST - GURNARD

*Pat Hayes 1lb 15oz 1999 **Ryan Mitchell 1lb 1 ¼ oz 2004

16TH AUGUST – MACKEREL

*Dave Rogers 1lb 11 ¾ oz 2002 **Roxanne Hosking 1lb 3 ¾ oz 2003

SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST - SHARKY'S CUP 12 – 6 PM

30TH AUGUST – BASS 6pm – 8pm

*Ian Mitchell 5lbs 12oz 2004 **Jamma Phillips 3lbs 11 ¼ oz 2009

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*Senior record **Junior Record

All competitors to assemble off the Cove and wait for Steven Holyer to sound his horn to start. In case of bad weather the competition will still be considered to be running until a group decision is made on the beach at 6pm. Please enter the competition with Norma on the beach before fishing commences. Cheers and good fishing!

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Well it's all been go down at Poltesco in the last couple of months. Anyone who's walked that way will have seen that builders have been in replacing the vehicle bridge across the stream. The old bridge was starting to decay, so we had to bite the bullet and organise its replacement, which involved a temporary scaffold bridge to carry the public footpath. All's gone smoothly, despite various factors we needed to take into account, including a very rare liverwort called Atlantic *Lejeunea*, which grows on the stone abutment. Its needs are quite specific, in terms of shade and humidity, so we had to plan carefully to avoid accidentally damaging the plant in the process of replacing the bridge. With all nearing completion, bridge and rare liverwort should be set for a good few decades yet. However, that's just bridge No. 1! The footbridge down in the cove itself is also nearing the end of its life, as the recent patching testifies, and we are currently drawing up plans and searching for grants to replace it. We're hoping to go for something of design merit that reflects the location in Carleon Cove and uses local materials. We've had some interesting design ideas from a local architect using largely hardwood with some steel straining wires, and we hope we can take that project forward in 2013. Access will be tricky, so no piece of the bridge can be bigger than we can carry in!

Meanwhile, further work will be happening within Carleon Cove itself, as we undertake consolidation works on the capstan, the substantial round stone tower which housed a winch used to haul fishing boats up the beach. This RDPE funded project is scheduled for the coming Autumn, and will involve scaffolding and careful repairs to the stone walls where the infill has washed away. The capstan, dating to the 1700s, is the oldest building in the cove, and was once beside a square of pilchard cellars (like those still standing at Cadgwith and Church Cove). The fishing cellars made way for the serpentine stone factory in the mid 1800s which is now itself largely in ruins. Hopefully the work will make the future of this interesting building secure, as its structural state has been a cause for concern. We've recently learned more about its history, thanks to a team of archaeologists who excavated the interior (*pictured right*). The archaeologists were set the task of finding the bearing for the capstan as historians have speculated for many years as to whether it would still be there, and if so how deep it would be buried. The answer was surprisingly simple. Yes there is a bearing stone in the centre of the building, and it was just a few inches down! The socket to take a wooden upright was clearly visible, with a round wear mark formed from the turning of the winch. The capstan was probably turned by manpower, although it's conceivable that ponies or donkeys were used. The long since infilled gap in the wall which the ropes would have passed through to reach the beach is clearly visible on the seaward side. As well as the bearing stone, some other interesting finds unearthed during the dig included metal brackets, old clay pipe stems, a shoe insole, and a brass button stud. Once recorded and photographed, the excavation was infilled to protect the bearing stone from damage.



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As well as the project work, we've had a busy period for events and school groups. This term Grade-Ruan, Coverack, St Keverne, Manaccan and Landewednack Primary Schools have all joined us for adventures at Poltesco, which have included den building, flag printing, creepy crawly hunts, and many nature inspired arts and crafts. We've largely got away with the weather, except for poor Landewednack who had to abandon rockpooling to heavy rain! Add to that hosting Grade-Ruan's production of the Tempest in the orchard, as well as a Play Group fundraiser, a couple of popular family bushcraft days, and a visit by the Old Cornwall Society, and it's been all go!

In other news we've recently welcomed Darren Neville to the team based at Poltesco workshop on a 6 month Access Ranger post, thanks to a generous donation. His remit will be focussed on the coastpath, and he has already made a start on improving the drainage where water holds in wet hollows at Poltesco and beyond Inglewidden towards Church Cove. At least this weather has made problem areas easy to spot! Our residential volunteers are a happy bunch, with an ever changing team. We had two German students helping out over the summer, here to improve their English. We made sure 'pasty' was part of their expanded vocabulary! Congratulations to Greg (Mr McGregor to school groups) Cross who has recently moved onto a 6mth job on the Penrose Estate. We will soon be joined by three graduates from the Conservation Biology course at the university at Penryn, who wish to gain practical experience with us, in order to be able to secure work in the countryside sector.

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Recreation Ground News



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First, I'd like to correct any misconceptions about something I wrote last month – the "Good News" about the AGM was not that Moira had resigned as Secretary! But, rather that we were able to welcome some new committee members, and that it was an upbeat meeting with positive feelings about grant applications and the new pavilion project!

As I think was reported elsewhere in last month's Gazette, we were unlucky in our bid for Sita Flagship funding (although we did make it to the final 2!).

As the Gazette was going to press last month, we were waiting for a decision on funding from Sport England. When it came, it was good news and bad news. The bad news was that they had decided not to award us funds in this round, because we did not have sufficient other funding in place to enable us to start work straight away if they had given us the money. The good news is that they thought we had outlined the need and community involvement very well and had a strong case. They invited us to re-submit our application to the next round of funding. We have not decided yet whether to do so, as our situation re further funding will not have changed.

We are still in the running for funding from the National Lottery. This does mean that we need to get our Stage 2 application in by the middle of August. To aid in this application, we have engaged the services of a Quantity Surveyor, with experience of similar bids for grant funding. This appointment will make us better able to assess that we are getting best value for money from the contractors that have tendered for the pavilion construction, and (perhaps, more importantly!) demonstrate that we have done so. We still don't have any independent costing for the project, relying on the quotations we received to indicate a spread of prices. Also, the surveyor

will be able to check that we haven't missed anything – to avoid any future nasty surprises!

The Lottery will not fund a single use building, i.e. it needs to be suitable for a variety of community uses. If you think you would want to use the new pavilion for a particular function please let us know, so that we can include your needs in the application.

If, having done all this work, we find ourselves being awarded funds, it's important that we don't have any last minute interventions or objections that could scupper the whole thing. If you would like to discuss the plans, or have any concerns about what is being done, please contact me sooner rather than later. If you think we should have another consultation event, please let me know.

On the fund-raising front, we are into the Cadgwith Bar-B-Cue season now. The Recreation Ground Committee help with all the Bar-be-Cues, but the ones on the 1st and 22nd August are for our benefit, so we would be grateful for any offers of additional help – also raffle prizes, etc. The dates for all the Bar-Be-Cues are given at the front of the Gazette. Here's hoping the sun will shine (it is at the moment, at long last!)

Other news – in preparation for the Bar-Be-Cue season, we have had the gas bar-be-cue serviced again, and had some small repairs done on the pavilion. The broken toilet windows have been repaired, and new bars secured to protect them against break-ins, a damaged pipe in the ladies toilet repaired and the lights in the kitchen now work!

By the way, I have been asked for permission to put stuff in the "bonfire" area – please don't yet – we want to keep that area clear until just a few weeks before the event, thank you.

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QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

What a scrap! June Quiz Night saw not just one battle but two battles for the price of one. With six rounds gone and just the dreaded 'Wipe Out' and then the 'All-Nighter' rounds to come, only 12 points separated all nine teams. However, these last two giant hurdles split the ranks completely and we were left with half the teams fighting for the title and the other half fighting for the coveted wooden spoon.

In the race to the finish it was neck and neck between **The Mixed Bunch** and **The Motley Crew**, but a wipe out in Round 7 from TMC and an excellent 43 points in the All-Nighter by TMB gave **The Mixed Bunch** the final advantage and saw them claim the Champions Crown. A brilliant run-in on the rails by **OTT** saw them claim a share of the runners up spot and a place in the winners' enclosure. At the other end of the field, **Bob's Band** tried hard to retain ownership of the much



desired **Wooden Spoon** but in the end they were forced to hand over the giant stirrer to **Loose Ends** who ran out of puff in the sprint to the winning line.

Everyone needed a good rub down after the race and the final scores weighed in as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 st	The Mixed Bunch	92.0
2 nd	The Motley Crew	85.0
	O.T.T.	85.0
4 th	Bob's Band	81.0
5 th	Inbetweeners	80.5
6 th	Thick On The Ground	75.5
7 th	The Buccaneers	74.0
8 th	Rumanites	71.0
9 th	Loose Ends	64.0

Thanks for yet another highly entertaining evening and see you all next time.

Quizmaster Dave.

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Gardening in August and September

by David Endean

Well as I put pen to paper we have had one of the wettest Junes to date, and in some places July has already yielded three times the long term average rainfall. But St Swithans day was lovely. The adage obviously does not run true as the very next day returned to drizzle with more forecast for the following week.

But let's not dwell on the problems it has brought, but see how well many things have done. Established shrubs have put on masses of growth, as have hedges, and the lawns are looking lush and green. Surprisingly, I have heard many reports of really good soft fruit crops so long as they are picked regularly. We have had really good raspberries and several people have had so many strawberries that they are giving them away. I put the good strawberry crop down to the winter and spring weather as we had a definite cold snap to initiate flower bud production followed by a warm spring to get the plants moving and flowering early. Since then, we have had plenty of rain to swell the berries; they just lack a little sunshine to sweeten them.

There is little sowing to do at this time of the year. It is mainly tidying and harvesting. With the damp weather, dead heading your flowers is very important as the flowers will rot readily and so damage the leaves and soft stems that they fall on. Doing this should give your plants the best chance when we do get some favourable weather. As I touched on last time, it is a really good idea to give your plants a feed as all the rain that we have had will have leached many of the nutrients from the soil. I would now steer clear of feeds which are rich in nitrogen at this time of year, as the growth is soft enough and you want it to ripen. This will promote flowering in annuals and herbaceous plants and firm up shrubs for the winter.

Keep trimming your hedges: little and often is best. Try to complete the last trim of your evergreen hedges by the middle of September. They will grow a bit more before the end of the year, but it will give this growth enough time to ripen and toughen up. Cutting any later and the winter gales will come and burn the foliage.

Like dead heading your flowers, keep on top of harvesting crops like peas and beans. Get them whilst they are young and tender and hopefully the plants will continue to produce more. I know of several people that say that they do not like runner beans. On further investigation you find that they have been given some in the past that when they are cooked and eaten make them think they have got some plastic in their mouth. These beans should have gone on the compost heap. You want young tender beans, so they need picking every three or four days - and do not keep any that are showing outward signs of the internal beans. If the bean does not slice easily, do not persevere with it either, one bad bean can ruin the pleasure of eating the serving.

Hopefully your tomatoes will be swelling and beginning to change colour now. When they do start to change colour, you can begin to remove some of the lower leaves. My advice is only to remove the leaves up to the truss which is ripening, this will allow more air and light in around the plant. Do not be over zealous with the leaf removal because the plant needs them to produce the energy to put into the fruits which are still forming. It is often good to remove the growing tip of the tomato plant when it reaches the greenhouse glass or after five trusses have formed, whichever is first. This stops the plants rotting against the glass and all the energy is put into ripening the fruit in the short summer. Commercial growers do not bother; their plants can have

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thirty trusses, but they have much more space and can lay the plants down and have different feed regimes and more access to heat to keep the crop going.

Those of you growing onions for the autumn show will need to think about harvesting them early on in September. The aim is to have a perfectly round onion with one unbroken skin of a nice shade of golden brown. To do this, I select the best specimens, peel the dry outer layers back to one good skin and then place them on a layer of sawdust in boxes in a dry airy spot like a spare room or garage. Allow plenty of room around each onion. It takes about a month for this process to happen but this is not an exact science, some people wash them off first then dust them over with zinc powder or talc so that the skins dry evenly.

This is a good time to propagate many plants from cuttings. Try mainly semi ripe woody cuttings like fuchsias, pelargoniums and a host of other shrubs. Try to find non flowering material which is beginning to become woody and trim off below a pair of leaves. Strip off a couple of pairs of the lower leaves and pinch out the soft tip, then push them quite deeply into gritty compost. Cover them with some clear plastic covers, like a propagator lid, lemonade bottle or some bespoke cover. Site your cuttings out of direct sunshine and leave them to their own devices for several weeks, making sure that they do not dry out. Sometime in the autumn you should be able to pot them on. This system will not work for pelargoniums; do not cover them with a lid as they will just rot off.

It is time to get in some new daffodils ready for planting in the early autumn. Pick some nice varieties and hopefully you will have some for the spring show next March.

Plant out your autumn brassicas and there is still time to sow some spring greens such as Durham Early in August, or the ball headed variety Spring hero. If your ground is not too heavy, you can plant some autumn onions. Sets are the easiest to grow. These will mature much earlier next year but they will not keep all winter long so I do not recommend them as your main crop. Try varieties like Radar or Electric. Choose a patch which has been well worked and manured, possibly where you grew potatoes this summer. If you have a spare large tub, I think it's worth sowing some quick maturing carrots especially if you can bring it into the greenhouse later in the autumn. These should mature to finger carrots for Christmas.

If you have a spare patch of ground in the veg garden it may be worth you thinking about planting some green manures. Depending on what you grow, they do different things. They can add structure and humus to the soil, some fix nitrogen, others are deep rooted and so bring up nutrients from deep down and make them accessible for the next crop. Whatever you grow, the end is the same: cut them down in the spring and dig them in. The choice is yours. Look in a mail order catalogues, and they can be found in larger garden centres.

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Looking for Lillian

A letter was published in the July Gazette from Marilyn Blundell, asking for information about Lillian, a relative of her husband's known as Great Aunt Bill. Marilyn thought Lillian had stayed at the Old Forge in Ruan Minor at some time in the late 50s or early 60s. She has since done some more research and passed on (via Peter Freeman) what she found.



Marilyn found a Lillian Tratt Hyde born in North London in 1893. In 1912, she married a Mr Herbert Victor Thirkell, who worked as a telegraphist with the Post Office in London. By 1918 the family were living in Barnstaple, Devon - this could have been an evacuation during WWI.

It is not known when or why they moved to Ruan Minor, but they were there in the 1950s and 60s; Marilyn's husband visited them at the Old Forge when he was a boy. Herbert died in 1966; his death is registered at Redruth, so they were still living locally. At some point in the next four years Lillian moved back to Barnstaple and she died there in 1970.

Lillian and Herbert Thirkell did live in Ruan Minor at the Old Forge, and their sons Victor and Patrick may have been with them. Does anyone remember them? They may only have rented the cottage from Harry Putt. Marilyn has seen a photograph of the Old Forge in the 60s and there was a little open shop window on the side wall - did Lillian have anything to do with this or was it done after she left?

The photograph shows the family in Cornwall in 1941 - Lillian is far left. If anyone can help Marilyn put a few more pieces into the jigsaw, please let me know and I'll put you in touch.

Moira Hurst

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6. What is the average number of hairs on the head?
7. What is Rupert Murdoch's first name?
8. What was Spitting Image's nonsensical hit in 1986?



Answers to the July Quiz

1. What do the five Olympic rings represent? *The Five Continents*
2. How many letters are there in the modern Welsh alphabet? *28*
3. What was once called brimstone? *Sulphur*
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AN AWFUL WAIST

LIFE ON THE EDGE MID 2012

One of the advantages of keeping a journal is that it gives you the opportunity to compare how things are now with how they were on the same day last year, or any number of years earlier and, thus monitor the wonderful richness and variety of life. It's more than merely interesting to see what has – and hasn't – changed. A bonus on the diary habit is that it helps us conceal the woeful blancmange that the passing years make of our little grey memory cells, for the written word gives us an effective – in fact unique – handle on the priceless gift of time.

There are, disadvantages. Number One is: having to use some of that priceless time to actually write the wretched thing up - a serious bind for the Busy, for by definition it should be done daily, and such a regime makes small allowance for human nature. When you're sitting Writing, you ain't out a-Doin'.

In consequence it tends to be the less exciting stuff that gets recorded in depth. My years on tour in North America, Southern Africa, Russia and Europe and, my sojourn in the Far East had Far Too Many beguiling distractions to allow for the bother of putting pencil to notepad, and I'm left with only a vague out of focus but warmly spiced and highly coloured memory, like something with foggy flutes and horns by Debussy. My time back here on the cliff-edge, however, is documented at dark and Wagnerian length, which brings me to disadvantage number two: the swelling pile of mouldering paper that has to be housed somewhere. My first wife had a lovely friend who spared herself the journal-keeping and simply, saved all her newspapers. By the mid seventies she'd had to move out of her dining room. By the time I returned to Cornwall at the end of the eighties, she'd abandoned her impenetrable apartment and gone to live in Puerto Rico.

Disadvantage number three is the embarrassment, after an interval, of trying to decipher one's own handwriting. Mine, already a hurried and degenerate scrawl by the time of my parting of the ways with my schooling, now resembles the markings left by the growth of Dry Rot, a form of fungus - hang on, that IS fungus...

But the worst hazard is that, fearful that the truth may get out when one has become Dust, or far far worse, while one is still alive, one may be made a liar; may hold back on one's true opinions and put spin and gloss and inject convenient Omission on and into the reportage of one's actions. This is disastrous to proper diarist conduct. Samuel Pepys is rightly famous for the broad window on his world that his journal has passed down to us, but it is his total honesty that makes him laudably Human. Every flaw is laid bare, not least his own weaknesses, which were many and, rendered in disarming relief.

I give frequent thanks for the wonderful Word Processor that can present the most self-indulgent and re-worked of narratives in crisp twelve-point type, and can file decades of entries on a little silver disc, lightweight and mushroom-proof, ready for instant retrieval if and only if, one can remember the password; provided the electricity doesn't run out.

Despite our laudable wisdom in having sold that electricity along with the nation's God-given water, to a nation that may very well remember Agincourt without the need to consult its journals, and certainly holds only too well in its little grey cells the concept of *le Barbaric Rosbif* and, that of having *le Client* over *une barillet*, today all is functioning,

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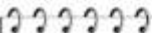
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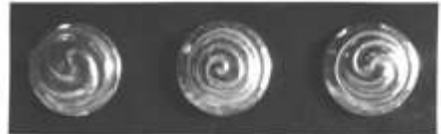
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Things were: Very much the same. The barometer had fallen right off the wall, the wind was blowing, the rain was not so much pattering on the roof as hammering on the wall to get in, something not to be defeated in this location by anything short of a solid rubber house.

Rats and mice were then, as they are now, dragging furniture about in the roof, immune to the expensive bleepers that have been bought and plugged in to repel them. But this year I hear they've also grown resistant to the Final horrible Option, Rat Poison; not just in Cornwall, but nationwide. Apparently, much animal feed is now reinforced with Vitamin K, as it was formerly with the ground-up little grey cells and spinal cords of sick sheep, remember the man-made catastrophe of BSE? Well, unlike that triumph of economics, *this* dietary additive has been entirely beneficial to the farm animals – huge sigh of relief – and, has made the rats, who have partaken of the spillage, so fit and strong that they now regard our most lethal toxins as a tasty snack. If I heard the radio aright, Oxfordshire and Hampshire are now home to more rats than people, (bit like Westminster, then) and none of us anywhere is ever more than ten feet from one of the little darlings. I have dear friends that keep pet rats; they're highly intelligent and affectionate, and the rats are quite bright too; they can smell a chucked punnet of KFC at 300 yards, and know that they can raise large families on our reliable largesse; I'm told that many households, addicted to the supermarket Buy-One-Get-One-Free culture, gaily load their trolleys to the rim and, back home, purge the fridge of all the uneaten – sometimes unopened – nosh and restock the shelves, binning much of the last week's purchases. Are we really so catastrophically irresponsible? Our problems aren't our own fault, surely?

But, while elsewhere the hungry remain un-fed, clothing the naked has never been more of a doddle. All those unsold and so rapidly unfashionable crop-tops and unsaleable reprised flared pants will continue to flap around the ribs and shanks of the Third World for decades; however, back here in the First, the thrift shops are grown picky, glutted with the worn-once or not at all, while thanks to regulations (regulations, I'm moved to say, that any other population would laugh to scorn,) we must still tip the wasted food - that would make ecologically sound and gourmet grade pig-swill - along with our twice-worn unfashionable clothes into polluting land-fill, and must feed our porkers and chickens on imported wheat, priced at a premium because somebody discovered that the conversion of food-crops into petrol is such a wonderful earner. But then, WE (or still, most of us in 2012) in the wasteful, waistless West, are not (yet) hungry. Little Miss Muffet said,

'Bub, you can stuff it! I won't eat it. Take it away!!'

Distressing the waiter presenting the plate of the Chef's Special Curds of the Day.

Persisting with calm to conceal his alarm, he protested the charm of the sweet.

She straightened her arm, obtruded her palm and spilled it all over his feet.

'Let me make myself plain,' said this Gluteal Pain,

'If you wish to remain in your niche, you'll fulfil my design, or your job's on the line.

Now get me a burger! *Capiche?*'

The waiter - whose pride was displayed in his stride -

Squelched away in a murderous mood.

Determined, let's say, to gain face for his tray, sent away in a cab for such food.

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The burger was brought – of a popular sort,  
It reposed in its polythene box,  
Where steroids compete with debatable meat to repeat the physique of the ox.  
Miss Muffet fell to with a gusto quite gruesome,  
A twosome could not have dined faster;  
It's bad for the soul to swallow things whole. For the body it's total disaster.  
Deprived of relief, the hormonal beef  
Sent a chemical jolt through the nerve-vine;  
'Build muscle!' It said. 'On her hips! On her head!  
And don't rest till she's perfectly bovine!  
Mama simply swooned as the moppet ballooned  
A-wobble with blubbery shudders;  
It wasn't her size that was such a surprise: it was rather the horns and the udders.  
But what of the staff? Well, they just had to laugh;  
As Miss Muffet made helpless cow eyes,  
She had quite overlooked the spider, half cooked  
That arrived In the box With the fries.  
My Child, be polite. You know it's not right to be overbearing and rude.  
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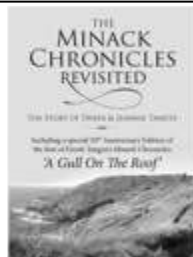
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# NOEL CLIFF REMEMBERS

*The following is taken from a wonderful radio interview conducted with Noel Cliff by Jenny Scolding. The transcript was edited by Tim Hurst. It evokes memories of Ruan Minor, Cadgwith and Goonhilly before and during the Second World War:*

"I was born in a thatched cottage in Poltesco in 1921, one of five children. We moved to Ruan when I was a few months old into the house I live in now. I went to the village school when I was six – there were about 80 children in two classrooms. In those days the school was also the village hall, and they could fold back the partitions to hold village dances. There was a school garden, now part of the cemetery, and it was divided into little allotments, two boys to each patch. One afternoon a week you'd grow potatoes and peas and so forth and it got you into gardening. The girls used to do needlework and sewing. That was the way of life.

The village in those days was more or less self supporting: cattle, sheep and pigs were slaughtered and butchered here and bread came from the local bakery. A blacksmith made anything in the way of ironwork and carpenters made furniture, coffins and farm carts. People don't realise how well-off people are now; when I was going to school, some of the children didn't have shoes. Everything was very basic.

My first job, at the age of 14, was cutting cauliflowers - we called it broccoli. My brother-in-law used to buy a field of cauliflowers off the farmers, and he'd cut the cauliflower, pack it and send it off by rail to Covent Garden. We started at 8 o'clock in the morning and my job was to carry the wicker basket on my back. My brother-in-law would be in one row and the men who worked for him were in the other row. They'd be cutting the cauliflower, trimming them off, throwing them in the basket. When I got a full basket, I'd trundle across the field, up to the gate, tip the thing off, put another pack on my back and then repeat the process. This went on until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Then we had to go back and pack the cauliflower into boxes and wire them up. Then they were loaded onto the truck. I had to go on the lorry then with my brother-in-law to Helston station and unload them into the railway trucks. By the time I was finished, it was about 7 o'clock, so it was a long day. All those hours for – I think – 7/6d a week. *[Less than 40 pence in new money.Ed]*

A grown man's farm labouring wage was about 30 shillings a week, but beer was only sixpence a pint. You got your pay on Saturday morning and blew the lot in the pub on Saturday night! The pub hasn't changed much but it has been tarted up. The floor used to be slate with sand on it, with spittoons cause the men used to chew tobacco and spit. Women never went in, only certain types! The landlord was a retired policeman, he was fairly strict. Some of the men used to drink and drink and become a nuisance, and they were kicked out. A lot of the fishermen were Methodists and abstained from drinking.

When the war started, I was briefly in the Home Guard, then called the Local Defence Volunteers – the LDV. There were so many jokes about the name – one was Look, Duck and Vanish – that Churchill changed the name to the Home Guard. They used to patrol the beaches and the cliffs. Between Cadgwith and Carleon Cove there's a sort of amphitheatre called Killdown and they used it as a rifle range. They took a machine gun down there one day, and were firing out to sea. A patrol boat came along and decided to fire



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back. It frightened the daylight out of them!

I was married when I was 22 to Maisie Williams, a local girl. The village Hall had been built then and was much the same as it is today. We had dances and used to go to the pub, only about once a week because we didn't have much money. She was a nurse at Truro, but after I joined the Army she was sent to Bodmin General Hospital. She was there right through the war years, until I got demobbed in 1947. We had 55 years of marriage, and not a day goes by now that I don't think of her.

Before I went away in the war, a bomb was dropped near Ruan Minor, in a field up at Kuggar. The blast blew the thatch off a roof at Polstangey and when the people tried to get out, they couldn't - they were buried in thatch!

There was bombing at Goonhilly because there was a dummy airfield there and they used to switch the lights on when the German aircraft were coming across. When they switched on the dummy runway lights, the planes would bomb the Downs, that's why you see all the pits up there with water in them even today."

*When Noel returned to Ruan Minor after the war, he got a job at Culdrose, and then worked for Vickers Armstrongs at Predannack, before re-opening the garage that his father had run (where Rozen is now).*

*Noel was a Parish Councillor for many years and started the annual Vintage Rally to raise funds for various local causes. He has had a lifelong interest in cars and machines. Being over 90 years old doesn't stop him whizzing up and down to the shop on his electric tricycle. And his advice for a happy life? "Be content with what you've got and make the most of it."*

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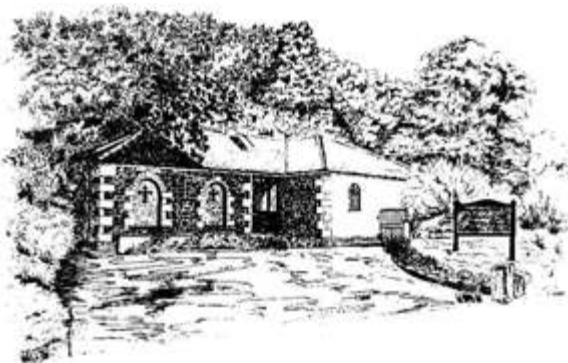
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**Minutes of a Meeting of Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel on Monday 11 June 2012 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors P Collins (Chairman), J Preston (Vice-Chairman), W Elliott, M Alford, A Humby, P Freeman, C Cooper, N Green and two Members of the Public

**1. Absences and Apologies:** Councillors M Fleetwood, J Trewin and R Curnow. Their apologies were accepted. The Chairman had spoken with Councillor Codling who was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments and asked they accept his apologies. 3 for, 3 against, 1 abstention. The Chairman used his casting vote to accept the apology. Clerk to write to Councillor Codling to ask for a clear indication as to whether he wished to continue as a Parish Councillor.

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

**3. Public Time:** Mr P and Mrs J Dunmell introduced themselves to those present and were attending to hear their planning application considered which they had made with the intention of improving the property for them to stay in the area.

Councillor Green joined the meeting.

**4. Polstangey Bridge** – it was reported that this had become very overgrown; it is believed the bridge is listed. Clerk to write to Highways.

**5. Police Report:** [This report was included in the July Gazette. Ed]

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

**7. Minutes for acceptance:** the Minutes of the AGM and the May monthly meeting having been circulated subject to some amendments were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

With reference to the Minutes of the AGM it was felt that although the Youth Club was currently not running it would be beneficial to post in the Gazette that the Parish Council is willing to support any initiatives in this regard.

**8. Planning:** PA12/04090 – barn conversion to form dwelling at Treveddon Farm, Ruan Minor by Mr Brian Reynolds. Councillor Freeman proposed this be supported, Councillor Alford seconded – all in favour.

**a.** PA12/04787 – erection of conservatory at Mount Pleasant, Cadgwith, Ruan Minor by Mrs P Thompson. Councillor Cooper proposed this be supported, Councillor Elliott seconded – all in favour.

**b.** PA12/04355 – erection of extension and alterations to dwelling at Bodrigny Lodge, Cadgwith, Ruan Minor, Helston by Mr & Mrs P Dunmall. Councillor Freeman proposed this be supported, Councillor Collins seconded – all in favour.

**c.** Planning Officers comments on planning applications PA12/01498 and PA12/01500 were received and it was noted that although the caravan occupancy was extended to include the months of November, December and January it did not grant consent for twelve month occupancy.

**9. Finance:** financial report - copies of the most recent financial report were circulated.

**a.** Requests for donations – a request for a donation was received from Mountford House. As the Council was unfamiliar with the organisation the Clerk was instructed circulate the email request again and to write and obtain further information.

**b.** Schedule of payments – Councillor Green proposed the scheduled items be paid  
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including the invoice for the mugs which was not presented at the meeting, Councillor Cooper seconded – all in favour.

c. Council Tax for Mundy's Field Car Park – this had been sent to an incorrect address. Clerk to update.

d. Annual Return for the Financial Year 2011-12 – the Chairman proposed this be approved, the Vice-Chairman seconded – all in favour.

The Clerk and Chairman signed the Annual Return.

**10. Matters arising from the Minutes:** Play Area – a draft plan had been prepared for improvements to the Play Area. Priorities now needed to be agreed. Play Area Committee to meet Sunday 17 June 2012 at 2:00pm. Clerk not required

a. Bus turning at Chapel – it was agreed the bin needs to be moved from the corner by the School wall to facilitate turning. This bin is supplemented by another bin by the original bus shelter. There should be a reappraisal of the existing road markings with the most important ones being enforced and remove those that are not.

b. Diamond Jubilee celebrations – a lot of people worked very hard to make this event a success. Councillor Green proposed a vote of thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success as this was a far wider group than the Parish Council and felt that it had brought the village together. The Chairman seconded the proposal – all in favour. A letter of thanks to be written to Andre Ellis who designed the commemorative mugs.

Mugs – 152 had been put aside to be given to children of the Parish, 85 were sold on the day and there are orders for a further 96 and there are likely to be more orders. Councillor Freeman proposed there should be a final order for 120 mugs, Councillor Elliott seconded – all in favour.

c. Ruan Minor telephone box – it was confirmed the telephone box was now working and repaired, however it would benefit from being painted and cleaned. Clerk to write and thank BT for works conducted to present and request it be painted and cleaned.

d. Transfer of grassed areas at Glebe Place – copies of the proposed terms and conditions of the transfer of the grassed areas at Glebe Place had been circulated to all Councillors and draft responses were formulated.

e. Signage to Cadgwith – this item had been added to the agenda at the request of Councillor Trewin who was not present. To be held over to the next meeting.

f. S106 Working Party – it was felt this either needed to meet or be discussed at full Council. Meeting to be held 25/06/2012 from 7-8pm to draw up various proposals and obtain advice. Cornwall Councillor Rule is willing to assist.

g. Renewal of surgery lease – this is ongoing.

h. Sign at Worvas – nothing further had been heard. Clerk to circulate email the most recent email from Enforcement again.

i. Smell at Hervan Lane – this had been ongoing for over five years. Councillor Elliott was waiting to hear from Mr M Galligan of South West Water.

**11. Matters for consideration:** to adopt a new Code of Conduct for members of Grade Ruan Parish Council in compliance with the Localism Act 2011. The Chairman proposed this should be adopted in principle until the final details had been clarified, Councillor Cooper seconded – all in favour.



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All Councillors will be required to complete a new Register of Interests by 28 July 2012. A new pro-forma should be available. Clerk to circulate when received.

j. Consultation on Proposal to form a Federation between Manaccan Community Primary School and Grade Ruan C of E Primary School. All present were in favour of the proposal to form a Federation between the two schools. Councillor Freeman to report the Parish Council's support at the meeting to be held on 13 June 2012.

In respect of Item 11f it was reported this had been a very informative evening by those who had attended. Future plans to utilise the site had been outlined and the organisers were very keen to encourage Parish Council involvement.

**12. Correspondence:** [Letters and emails are not listed here due to space constraints. The list is available from the Editor.]

**13. Footpaths, Environment and Tree warden:** Local Maintenance Partnership and SW Coast Path Agreement 2012-13. Councillor Freeman proposed the offers of grant be accepted, Councillor Cooper seconded – all in favour.

**14. In committee:** the Parish Council meeting then went into committee.

**Police Report:** Report completed at 0800 hrs on Monday 9 July 2012.

I am pleased to report that during June there have been no crimes reported to the Police from this Parish.

Whilst crime is extremely low in this area, I would advise that in another local Parish there has been a burglary from an unlocked shed. Taken in this burglary was an unusual set of Longdale left handed ladies golf clubs. During this time of the year when we do not know who is here staying locally, I would like to reiterate the importance of security, particularly to outbuildings and sheds.

If you have any crimes you would like to report please telephone 101, or should you have any concerns which you would like to discuss please call me on 01326 555158, this is an answer machine service, please leave a message and I will get back to you.

PC 5951 Dave Vaughan, PCSO 30053 Julia Berry, SC Chris Butterill, SC Tony Soady

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**Cornwall Council would like your views on proposed changes to the guidelines for how they provide discretionary rate relief is provided in Cornwall.** They are reviewing the application criteria, which were introduced in 2009, to provide a more consistent approach across Cornwall which is fairer, clearer and easier to understand. The new guidelines will come into effect in April next year.

The principles that helped form the proposals that they are consulting on favour grass root organisations that benefit their local community.

Councillor Steve Double, the Council's portfolio holder for Shared Services, (which includes revenues and benefits) says: **"It is important that with the restraints on the Council's budget we make sure that the funds available to support charities and community groups are focussed in the best possible way to the right people. We have now come forward with some proposals but we want to take this opportunity to consult further before making a decision.**

More information about discretionary rate relief and the proposed new guidelines, along with a link to the Council's consultation survey are available on their website: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/raterelief](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/raterelief)

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

**E**ven washing-up liquid is not immune - as a well-known brand's current advertising campaign shows! They are now marketing their 'Gold Platinum' range. I'm referring, of course, to the Olympic Games. Whether you love them or hate them; whether you will be glued to your TV for the duration or not; whether you think the whole thing is a complete waste of money or a wonderful opportunity for our beleaguered economy – the Games are here!

You have to admire the athletes, though: the dedication, the commitment, the pure hard slog endured in hours of relentless training which completely takes over their life and changes their lifestyle – all in the hope of winning, of receiving a medal in recognition of their achievement.

In 1 Corinthians 9:24, St Paul tells us to run the Christian race with the intention of winning the prize at the end of the race. When a person believes in Jesus Christ, he or she becomes a runner in the Christian race. So, if you are a Christian, whether you like it or not, you are a runner! "Run! Don't walk. Don't stop. Don't sit down. Run because you can win the prize!", Paul says.

Many Christians enter the race but some drop out for various reasons: temptations, disillusionment, false teachings – or perhaps they lacked the commitment and dedication, they found the life-changing 'training' too uncomfortable, the self-discipline too tough. If this describes you – or someone you know – don't despair; tell them not to despair! You/they can always re-join the race and claim the prize.

In ancient times, an athlete's prize was a crown or wreath made from leaves which, after a short while, faded and perished. The Christian's prize is the honour and glory of everlasting rewards. And this is the amazing grace of God: that we receive salvation as a free gift and then the Lord blesses us on top of that with temporal and eternal rewards for faithfully serving Him.

The Christian life is a race, a race to accomplish what God put us here for, a race to finish in a way so as to hear God say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." (*Matt 25:21 & 23*).

Revd Deirdre, 01326 281178, [deirdre.mackrill@btinternet.com](mailto:deirdre.mackrill@btinternet.com)

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### **Are you sitting comfortably ...?**

... then we'll begin – by thanking Ruan Minor Jubilee Committee for their thoughtful and generous gift to St Ruan Church. The Committee would like to donate a timber bench for the churchyard. This will be a wonderful addition and one which will be appreciated by all who like to savour the peace and tranquillity there.

Meanwhile, St Ruan Church Council agreed that they should like to involve YOU in deciding where the bench should be situated. So, for the next few weeks there will be an aerial photo of the churchyard at the Thursday Market (courtesy of Andrew Fletcher, Sky High Photographs), so that you can mark your preferred spot on it. The most popular spot will decide where the bench will be placed.

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

|                                             |        |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|
| The Revd Peter Sharpe, Priest-in-Charge     | 280999 |
| The Revd Deirdre Mackrill, Associate Priest | 281178 |
| Churchwarden, Sheila Stephens               | 290583 |
| PCC Secretary, Chris Lovelock               | 290181 |
| Church Treasurer, Derek Elliott             | 290432 |



# *Church Activities*



## **Church of England Services**

### **August**

|          |                                            |        |
|----------|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| Sun 5th  | Morning Praise, St Ruan Church             | 11am   |
| Sun 12th | Holy Communion, St Ruan Church             | 9.30am |
|          | Evensong, St Grade Church                  | 6pm    |
| Sun 19th | Family Service, St Ruan Church             | 11am   |
|          | Evening Praise, St Mary's Church, Cadgwith | 6pm    |
| Sun 26th | Holy Communion, St Ruan Church             | 9.30am |
|          | Songs of Praise, St Grade Church           | 6pm    |

### **September**

|          |                                            |        |
|----------|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| Sun 2nd  | Morning Praise, St Ruan Church             | 11am   |
| Sun 9th  | Holy Communion, St Ruan Church             | 9.30am |
|          | Evensong, St Grade Church                  | 6pm    |
| Sun 16th | Family Service, St Ruan Church             | 11am   |
|          | Evening Praise, St Mary's Church, Cadgwith | 6pm    |
| Sun 23rd | Holy Communion, St Ruan Church             | 9.30am |
| Sun 30th | Holy Communion, St Ruan Church             | 9.30am |
|          | Annual Pet Service, St Grade Church        | 3pm    |

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| Saturday  | 4pm                  |                   |
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