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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Alternate Mon	Recycling - 13 th and 27 th February
Alternate Tues	Mobile Library (Tel: 0300 1234111) - 14 th and 28 th February. Glebe Place 11.05am-11.20am & Cadgwith Car Park 11.35-11.55am
2nd Monday	Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 13 th February
3rd Saturday	Farmers Market at Mullion School, 18 th February
Mon & Thurs	7.00pm Short Mat Bowling in the Village Hall
Every Weds	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides. Contact Joy Prince 01326 291291
Every Thurs	9.30am-11.30am Market and refreshments in the Village Hall
	6 pm Yoga with Tanya in the School Hall. 01326 290931
8 February	8pm Diamond Jubilee event planning meeting, Treleague Farm *
13 - 17 February	Half Term (Grade Ruan and Mullion)
14 February	♥ ♥ ♥
20 February	INSET day (Mullion)
21 February	Shrove Tuesday
22 February	8pm Cadgwith Book club meeting, Cadgwith Cove Inn
ADVANCE DATES	
9 March	7pm "The Lion Tamer" Landewednack Community Hall. *
11 March	4pm Thursday night Fishing Competition planning meeting at the Cadgwith Cove Inn. *
17 March	Spring Show in the Village Hall
18 March	Mother's Day
28 March	8pm. Cadgwith Book Club meeting, Cadgwith Cove Inn
2 - 13 April	Easter Holidays (Grade Ruan and Mullion)
19 May	Olympic Torch passes through Helston
2 - 4 June	May Festival on the Rec (see Recreation Ground News)
5 June	Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday
7 July	Night Before the Rally (note change of date)
8 July	Vintage Rally (note change of date)
20 July	Last day of term (Grade Ruan)
24 July	Last day of term (Mullion)
25 July	Beach BBQ (Xmas Lights)
27 July - 12 August	Olympic Games
1 August	Beach BBQ (Recreation Ground)
8 August	Beach BBQ (Gig Club)
15 August	Beach BBQ (Xmas Lights)
22 August	Beach BBQ (Recreation Ground)
29 August	Beach BBQ (Gig Club)
29 Aug - 9 Sept	Paralympic Games
1 September	Late Summer Fete at the Village Hall
4 September	Start of Autumn term (Mullion - to be confirmed)
29 September	Harvest Supper
17 November	Hospice Fayre in the Village Hall
1 December	Christmas Lights Switch-on
2 December	Carolaire in the Village Hall
16 December	Christmas Community Evening

* see Noticeboard

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Please send contributions to the Editor's email address shown below or submit them via the Gazette Facebook page. 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 (check the Noticeboard section).**

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

Cyril Leonard known to his friends as Len, sadly passed away on Christmas Day after spending the day with his best mate Alan and family. Len moved to Kugger 13 years ago from Ruislip. He worked for Montrey cleaning services where he made many friends. He also liked a drink at his local pub with all his close friends at the Potters Bar. It soon became his second home! Len was a lovely man who was loved by all. He will be missed very much.



Gemma Bennett

Beryl Challis and family would like to thank everyone who sent messages and cards of sympathy, after her late husband **Ronald Challis** sadly passed away at home on the 27th December. A funeral service was held on the 10th January by Revd. Deirdre Mackrill. Many thanks for a lovely service and to everyone who attended. Also thank you to Mark Tonkin of R.E. Tonkin & Son for an excellent service and support at such a difficult time. Many thanks. [Thank you Beryl for your kind donation to the Gazette - Ed.]

Maureen and Brian Underhill would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind thoughts at the death of **Stephen Underhill** on 2nd December, in St. Julia's Hospice. He fought a long battle with his illness, but was so well cared for in the last three weeks in St Julia's. If anyone would like to make a donation to St. Julia's, it can be done via Pendles, the undertakers.

Happy Birthday in February to: Ian Henn, Richard Drummond, Esme, Thomas, Jordan, Abby, Katey Jane, Tracey Bennetts, Robert, Ellie, Chas Deacon, Emma Russell, Angela Jane, Noel Cliff, Jessica, Jowan, Aaron, Michael, Jack, Fiona Fletcher and Tim Birchmore (who gets to have a "real" birthday this year, on 29th Feb).

Proud parents **Steven and Danielle Legge** would like to introduce their new son Jack to those who have through some miracle not met him yet! He was born in Truro hospital on 25th of November 2011 weighing in at 9lb 7oz. They were overwhelmed by all of the cards and gifts they received welcoming Jack into World and would like to say a HUGE thank you for everyone's support and generosity.



Monty Halls and Tamsyn Smith have left the Parish to settle in Dartmouth, but not before producing a Cadgwith baby girl. Isla Grace, weighing 8lbs 14oz, was born at Treiske on 2 December. We hope she'll come back to visit when she's older.

Tisha Nuttall-Smith has moved 500 miles away, to Gateshead, to live near family. She wants you to know that she treasured your kindness, smiles and goodwill during her 10 years in Cadgwith. "It's a very special place, with very special people. Thank you so much to all of you whose kindness meant so much to me and my parents."

Colin Cooper has handed over the Gazette distribution in the Poltesco area to **Jeff Lee**. Colin has been distributing since the first Gazette was published 25 years ago. He would no doubt have continued for ever, but finally the arthritis has got the better of him being able to climb up the sometimes steep steps to houses in his patch. Thank you for your long and stalwart service, Colin and thank you to Jeff for taking the task on. If you do the job for as long as Colin did, you'll still be delivering in 2037!

Cadgwith Cove Inn

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Coming to Cadgwith Cove

Tuesday 14th February: ♥ St Valentines Day. Great menu with an Italian theme. £35.00 per couple including a glass of Prosecco.

Tuesday 21st February: 🍷 Shrove Tuesday. FREE pancakes for Children from Ruan Minor and Cadgwith from 2pm. Parents must be accompanied by children!!!

Wednesday 29th February: 🏃 Leap Day 50% discount for you if your birthday is on the 29th of February. Proof is required. If you celebrate your birthday here with a dinner, we will give you a free bottle of wine for every 4 people.

Monday 5th March: 🍷 St Pirans day. A Great selection of Cornish Foods and Beer. 10% discount for locals today, get your discount cards in advance.

Saturday 17th March: 🍀 St Patricks Day. Buffet Dinner and Irish Disco £15.00 per person. Bookings are essential.

Sunday 18th March: 🌸 Mothering Sunday. We have a special Menu for Mother's Day. Bookings are essential.

Sunday 25th March: ☀️ HOORAY! British Summertime begins. Great Sunday lunch.

Telephone 01326290513 for bookings and reservations!

Noticeboard

The Lizard Cider Barn has been re-incarnated as the **Old Cider Barn Arts and Crafts Centre**, run by Michelle and Keith, who also run the Paintball business next door. The shop will open before Easter and will stock a wide variety of local craft items, including paintings, pottery, needlecraft, woodwork and produce. Martin Ellis (aka Nutty Noah) will have a studio on the premises. Refreshments will be available in the summer.

The **Christmas swim** attracted a large crowd and was blessed with a mild day. The "Cadgwith Stingers" won the fancy dress with their jelly fish costumes and enthusiastic



swimming. The "Cadgwith Cuties" brought their Edwardian bathing machine with them and the purple man was quite a sight in his morph suit. Monty Halls wasn't the only one to turn up in a mankini, although he did cover up slightly! Sponsorship monies are still coming in, but it seems last year's total will be surpassed. **Jeremy Wooltiff** filmed the event and has posted it onto YouTube: see <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXCqrJj0QzA>.

Paul and Jacqui Dunmall, who have recently moved into **Bodrigy Lodge**, are trying to find out about the house's history and are hoping also to track down photographs of the house in days gone by. They believe the original property was built in 1915 for the chauffeur employed by the occupants of the 'big' Bodrigy house, and have also heard that evacuees were accommodated there during WWII. If you know any more than that about any period of its history, right up to last year, please phone Paul and Jacqui on 291179.

There is a piece of film available of **Cadgwith in 1945** on the Pathe News website. It shows a Coast guard officer setting out from Todden Cottage and going about his business, past Pink Cottage and other familiar sights, to the beach. Check it out on <http://www.britishpathe.com/record.php?id=48266>.

Summer will be here soon and so will the **Thursday night fishing competition**. Steve Holyer tells me that a meeting will be held on Sunday 11th March at 4pm in the pub, to discuss the dates and species. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you missed the Bash Street Theatre's production of the "**The Lion Tamer**" when it was on last year, you will have another chance to see it on Friday 9th March at Landewednack Community Hall. It's an action packed show in the black and white silent movie genre, and is suitable for all ages. Ring Judith Green on 290118 for prices and booking information.

While on the subject, I have been asked by someone, who wishes to remain anonymous, to **thank Judith Green** for all she does to bring theatre to the area. She puts in so much work with the Carn to Cove group and others, and may sometimes feel it's a thankless task. Well, Judith, this is just to let you know that your work is much appreciated.

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Noticeboard

DIAMOND JUBILEE

Would anyone be interested in **helping to organise** something to celebrate this event in the village? Some ideas floating about are: an old-fashioned tea party with a very long table down the road between the village hall and the corner, stalls, a commemorative mug presented to each child and others for sale, an evening barn dance etc. If you are interested to be involved and are willing to help please come to Jude's at Treleague Farm on Wednesday 8th Feb at 8pm. If you can't come to this initial get together but have an idea, please call me on 290118 or Wendy on 290432 or you can email:

wendyandderek@tiscali.co.uk

I don't personally want to take on organising an event like this but am happy to be part of a group who do it together if anyone feels the same? I also think it's important to involve all ages of residents so that everyone can enjoy the day. *Judith Green*

Carolyn Rule, our County Councillor, has asked me to pass on the following **information about available grants** being made in connection with the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations next year.

Cornwall Community Foundation have put on their web site details of the Queens Jubilee Fund £50 - £250. They will be encouraging collaborative grant use where the most benefit can be achieved. For example an event working in collaboration with community groups e.g., youth group, older people, residents groups, WI and other user groups for example using the local community centres/village halls. I've asked Kirsty at the Foundation for a brief that can be added to the funding bulletin.

Details:

http://www.cornwallfoundation.com/useruploads/files/application_queens_jubilee_v1.1.pdf

http://www.cornwallfoundation.com/useruploads/files/grant_guidelines_queens_jubilee_v1.pdf

Woodland Trust are offering tree planting for communities to celebrate the Jubilee

<http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/jubilee-woods/get-involved/Pages/community-tree-packs.aspx>

Don't forget the Fields in Trust <http://www.qe2fields.com/>

And also the Sita Trust funds <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/projects/qe2fields>

Do you know if you are able to do your **banking at the Post Office**? If not, you're not alone. There have been many changes recently and it's a bit complicated. Jane Vowles of Ruan Minor Post Office, has clarified it as follows:

Personal (not business) customers of the following banks can draw cash at the Post Office: Alliance & Leicester, Santander (previous Alliance & Leicester customers only), Barclays. Lloyds, Nat West, Nationwide, Bank of Ireland, Royal Bank of Scotland, Halifax, Co-op and Smile, Clydesdale. With some of these banks, customers can deposit cheques and cash via their cards and paying in slips (back of cheque books). If in doubt, visit the post office with your bank card and Jane will check it. HSBC customers, and customers with an overseas based bank, cannot draw cash or deposit cheques.

The Post Office can no longer cash cheques or accept cheques for payment for most things, except bill payments (e.g. water, electricity, council tax). The Spar shop now has a PayPoint which means they can renew TV Licences and cover all the bases for electricity key charges.

The Gazette has received a **donation from the Parish Council** of £350, for which we are very grateful. Many thanks.

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A friendly local Society which promotes and keeps alive the series of Cornish Stories written by Derek Tangye, which are collectively known as 'The Minack Chronicles' (nothing to do with the theatre!).

The books, which begin with their move to Cornwall in 1949, detail the efforts of Derek, a Cornishman, and his wife Jeannie, at growing flowers, early potatoes and tomatoes high on the cliffs above Lamorna Cove (early Good Lifers!). Their animals form a large part of the stories, as do the creatures that live wild around them. The, at times, inhospitable rocky landscape that Dorminack, their almost derelict cottage stands on, is described with great passion. Derek wrote in every Chronicle how he looked towards the outline of the Lizard and the winking light of the Lighthouse across Mounts Bay.

Although the books are now out of print, a selection of them can be found at 'Tangye Corner' in the Lamorna Pottery. This year, being the 50th anniversary of the first Chronicle, the Society has published 'The Minack Chronicles Revisited' which contains the first Chronicle 'A Gull on the Roof' plus additional biographies, interviews, photos and area history.

The Society enjoys Worldwide membership but is based in Cornwall. Members receive a thrice yearly newsletter, and enjoy an AGM held at The Queens Hotel Penzance in March as part of a 'Memorial Weekend' programme of Minack linked events.

For further details of membership and the new book 'The Minack Chronicles Revisited' please contact – Gloria Townsin 01326 241745 or e-mail: gloriatownsin@uwclub.net

We are always pleased to welcome new members.

Noticeboard

The **donations** that accompanied your Christmas messages were split evenly between the Gazette and the Minibus appeal. We've had a letter from the School acknowledging the contribution of £95.00 for the Minibus. Thank you everyone - the Gazette benefited by a similar amount.

Simon Sugrue has kindly offered to put together a list of all the **addresses which receive the Gazette**, along with details of who delivers to them all. He's started the work and found it to be anything but straightforward. If you are a distributor who has not been in touch with Simon recently, or if you know of anyone in the Parish who should be receiving the Gazette and isn't, please let Sally Sugrue know (contact details on page 4).

Our printers have cleared out their files and given me their file **copies of the Gazette** for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010. If you would like to have any of these mags, please let me know. I'll hang onto them for a couple of months, but they will then be consigned to the recycling bin. I have a complete set of back copies, starting with the very first Gazette from 25 years ago; you're welcome to come and browse through them.

Due to holidays, I need to bring the **deadline for the next Gazette** forward to the **12th of February**. Apologies for this, I know it'll seem very soon after this month's date, but I couldn't arrange things any other way. Your co-operation would be much appreciated. *Moira Hurst*

Pupils and staff at Grade-Ruan School would like to express their sincere thanks for all the fantastic support you gave to them during the *Cash4Schools* competition, which was run before Christmas. Grade-Ruan were amazed to be placed second out of all the entries, winning an amazing £2,000. The money will be put towards equipment and resources for the school garden, which the years 5 & 6 have been working really hard in since September. Due to a fantastic response from you all, the school collected vouchers with a monetary value of £105,925. I am sure that you will agree this is a staggering total especially with only 52 pupils on roll. We would love to show you around our garden so that you can see our efforts. The children are often found there on a Thursday afternoon and you would be most welcome. They may pass you a broom or rake to help them out! We hope to be sowing our seeds in early spring to grow an array of vegetables, which we hope to sell to the community. In time, you may also see a few chickens too. Thank you for helping to give the children this wonderful opportunity and extra curriculum activity.

Ali Russell

Royal British Legion : Poppy Collection 2011

Once again, many thanks to the generous folk of Grade Ruan. The collection raised over £1,200. Special thanks to the collectors who trudged around, and the business who looked after the static boxes.

Margaret Coates

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Grade Ruan Spring Show

This is just a gentle nudge to you all that our annual spring flower show will take place in the village hall on Saturday 17th March. You may not have much control on what flowers are ready, but there are other classes that you can prepare for like Art, Photography, research your recipes and there will be classes for the young folk. As usual. The schedules will be available around the village soon. Please have a go and enter failing that come down on the day to peruse and have chat.

David Endean



Women in Wellies



Thanks to everyone who attended the *Women in Wellies Gold party* at Treleague.

Over 50 suitably "gold" ladies arrived with beautiful raffle prizes. We had a wonderful evening with food, drink, lovely company and the added bonus of Ginny's Phoenix cards and Karen with Bodyshop, so we could do a bit of Christmas shopping. With added donations we raised a total of £260 for Children in Need so we are really really pleased. Once again thanks to all who came and supported us on such a busy weekend, or gave donations if they were unable to make it.

Judith Green

We had 2 nights making lanterns at Poltesco with Rachel Holder where some fantastic lanterns were created. Rachel /National Trust kindly allowed us use of the barn to make Christmas hydrangea wreaths which were also truly amazing. Thanks to Gill Cuff for her help. £35 was raised at the hydrangea evening for The Lizard Lifeboat Tamar Appeal. Mulled wine kept us warm and perhaps helped our creativity(!) at each event.

It was great to see some new faces, there are a few events in the pipeline for the lighter evenings meanwhile if you have any ideas please contact Tanya 290931, Sarah 290233 or Judith 290118

Sarah Drummond



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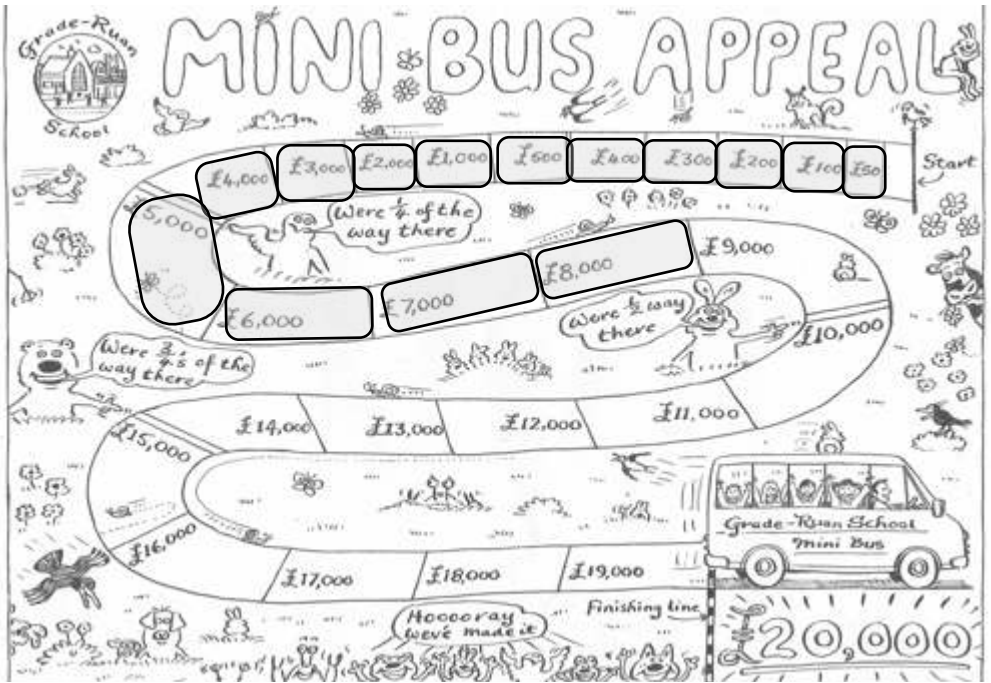
Ruan Minor and Poltesco will always be 'home' to me even though I moved to Nottingham in 1960. I always visit the village on every time we are in Cornwall, and in recent years have supported your

Thursday market on every occasion possible.

On December 4th we were newly arrived in the county and, having seen the Carolaire advertised in the Gazette, decided it would be a lovely evening out. I had two friends, both city born and bred, with me and they were delighted at the wonderful friendly atmosphere in the Hall that night. (We did not intend to intrude on a village celebration and bought loads of raffle tickets to help 'pay our way'.) David Gascoigne had assured me we would be welcome and I hope that no-one thought we were intruding. My thanks to you all for a wonderful evening and my congratulations to the village for the community spirit that is very evident.

We shall be in the area again in May, so will be at the Thursday market and I will check the Gazette for any other activities that take place during our stay. Finally my thanks to the Gazette Team. Keep up the good work it is much appreciated. Kindest regards to all.

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Grade-Ruan Under 5s



Grade-Ruan C of E School



Mullion School

Under 5s No report this month.

Grade-Ruan pupils are back in the swing of things after Christmas but before we move on to 2012 news a quick round up of end of term events. The whole school Christmas performances of 'Not Such a Silent Night' had everyone cheering, performing to a full house both nights. Cookery Club produced wonderful Christmas cakes - absolutely delicious ... thank you to Ali, Claire and Ruth for running a great club that the children (and parents!) all really enjoy. The Christingle event at Grade Church was magical and well done to all the children in constructing 100 Christingles the week before! The School Council co-ordinated a Christmas Craft Fair that raised £77.85 - thank you to everyone that supported the event. Finding out that the school would receive a cheque for £2000 for coming second in the Cash4Schools competition run by the Helston Packet really was the most wonderful Christmas present - huge thank you to everyone that sent in tokens.

It seemed a lovely long Christmas break but the new term is galloping along now ... after school clubs are back with Cookery continuing on Thursday afternoons and Tag Rugby replacing Football on Friday afternoons.

Mullion School had an equally hectic end of term with GCSE Dance and Drama performances to be fitted in around the school's 'Here Comes Christmas Again' concerts - an incredible showcase of the array of talents at Mullion School. The annual Presentation Evening welcomed back the previous Year 11s, perhaps the last time so many of them will be together in one group. Congratulations to the following ex-Grade Ruan and/or Ruan Minor pupils who received awards:

Sam Birchmore - Drama Award for Group Performance

Nick Forster - Headteacher's Commendation

James Geer - Malcolm Scott Cup for Music Theory, Headteacher's Commendation

James Green - Junior Sports Leadership Awards, Subject Commendation

Victoria Hall - Subject Commendation

Rhys Honeywood - Cornwall College Trophy for Work Related Learning, Subject Commendation

Simone Humby - Award for Progress in Art & Design, Headteacher's Commendation

Adele Kostrzewska - Special Reserve Award, Headteacher's Commendation, Junior Sports Leadership Awards

Oli Williams - Inledon Cup for Music Performance, Headteacher's Commendation

Emily Woods - Alan Wood Cup for Languages, Textiles Award, Headteacher's Commendation

As usual there is lots on the agenda for this term - a group of Drama pupils will perform at the Drama Festival at Hall for Cornwall, the Rotary Club Youthspeaks competitions start soon with the four houses fielding their best debaters, the winners of which will go on to a regional competition in Camborne.

Ginny Sealey



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WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL?

THE THURSDAY MARKET

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Cards & Stationery	Pets & Birds Care	Bric-a-Brac & Book Stalls
Weekly Raffle	Flowers & Plants	Fruit & Veg., Eggs & Specials

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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 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



Happy New Year Everyone

Well Christmas has come and gone and by the time we blink it will be Christmas 2012 and the Olympic Games will have been forgotten!

We had a lovely time at the Village Hall over Christmas and all of our events and activities were very well supported and enjoyed by all who took part. From everyone at the Hall, a big 'Thank You' to all who came along to join in with the fun and help make Christmas 2011 one to remember. A special thank you is sent to Steve Green, Arthur Coupland, James and 'The Flying Gurnard' for helping with the Christmas tree, lights and decorations and also to everyone who gave raffle prizes, donations and their help to ensure that everything went so well.

As a result of the money raised from our festive programme we have been able to send cheques for £200 each to The Lizard Lifeboat, The Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust and The Phoenix Stroke Appeal. Thank you to everyone who helped us to help these such worthy causes.

Everyone will be planning their 2012 calendars of events and to help avoid obvious clashes, information on Village Hall event dates already arranged are detailed below:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
17 th March	Spring Show
1 st September	Village Hall Late Summer Fete
29 th September	Harvest Supper
17 th November	Hospice Fayre
2 nd December	Carolaire
4 th December	Christmas Bingo
5 th December	Village Hall Christmas Party
11 th December	Christmas Quiz
13 th December	Christmas Market
16 th December	Christmas Community Evening

As usual, apart from December, Bingo sessions will be held on the second Tuesday in each month and Quiz Nights will take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Any variations on dates will be advised on the village noticeboards.

After our successful coach trips to Exeter and Plymouth last year we are keen to organise at least one trip this year. Please let us know if there are any particular places you would like to visit.

Fancy stretching those brain cells? **The University of the Third Age (U3A)** will be running a stall at the Thursday Market on 16th February and will be able to advise anyone interested on all courses and support available.

2011 was another successful year for the Ruan Minor RNLI Souvenir Sales Branch. Since starting in October 2008 we have now raised over £7500 to support the RNLI and Lizard Lifeboat. Thank you very much indeed for all your support in this.

Please let us know if there is anything new you would like us to try out or if there is anything we do that you'd rather we didn't? We would welcome any suggestions on how to improve and develop what goes on at the Village Hall.

That's all for now, have a good 2012. *Janet Gascoigne*

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Recreation Ground News



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First of all, an update on funding for the pavilion project. Unfortunately, we were not successful in our bid to secure funding from the Football Foundation. In fact, we were rather disappointed with the way they handled our application, being left with the feeling they weren't very interested. But, moving on, we are working on applications for the Big Lottery "Reaching Communities Buildings" fund and SITA "Flagship" funding – both of which seem a good match for what we are trying to do. There are also a number of smaller funds that we are investigating, although we would need several successful applications to cover the cost of building. Having had several quotations from builders, we now have a pretty clear idea of the total cost of the project – as any possible start date is some way off, and we may get additional builders wishing to tender for the contract, I don't want to publish specific figures but the total cost is expected to be in the region of £300,000!

Which leads naturally to fund-raising!

Our next big event will be the annual "May Festival" – which, due to changed bank holiday dates, will be in June this year!

The dates are:

Saturday 2nd June – music and bar in the evening and bar all day.

Sunday 3rd June – jazz and picnic in the afternoon, more music in the evening and bar all day.

bar all day.

Monday 4th June (Bank Holiday) – family fun day followed by more music in the evening and bar all day.

Tuesday 5th June (Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday) – we will not be organising anything this day, as others are planning a street party in the afternoon and an evening event, possibly in the marquee.

I have got the band "Bragatanga" (who were one of the headline acts at "Henry's little big gig" last year) pencilled in for Saturday night, and after last year's success with the "Ducks" on the Monday night, I would like to again showcase a new local band on Monday – any offers? I would be grateful if anyone interested in helping out with the planning and organisation of this event could contact me as soon as possible.

One last thing – I mentioned last time that we were planning to keep the main gate to the Rec locked – there is now a chain and padlock on the gate. The reason is to keep unauthorised vehicles out, as the pitch was being damaged by people driving on it. At the moment, if access is required keys can be obtained either from me, or from the Secretary, Moira, at New Thatch. We do plan to get some spare keys cut, so that the school can have one too.

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Mike Fleetwood, Chairman

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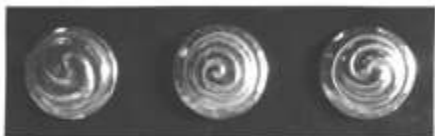


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**Results** since the last Gazette:

28/11/11 7-1 Home win v. Gulval Res  
10/12/11 2-1 Home win v Wendron Utd Res  
7/1/12 1-1 Away draw v Chacewater Res  
21/1/12 4-0 Home win v Pendeen Rovers Res

### **Matches in February.**

Kickoff is at 2.30p.m.

4<sup>th</sup> Away v. Porthleven Rangers  
11<sup>th</sup> Away v. Wendron United 3rds  
18<sup>th</sup> Home v. Goonhavern Athletic Res  
25<sup>th</sup> Away v. Pendeen Rovers Res

If you would like to have a tryout for the team, please contact the Manager, Andrew Lewis ("Lew") on 01326 568383.



## Cadgwith Book Club

At January's meeting, we discussed several book titles we wished to read for discussion during 2012 - this would include Before I Go to Sleep by S J Watson, Me Before You By Jojo Moyes, Yesterday's Sun by Amanda Brooke, When God was a Rabbit by Sarah Winman and The War Horse By Michael Morpurgo.

The next book to read would be "The Black House" by Peter May which we would review at our February meeting. Also in February we hope to read through a play by Alan Bennett "All Day on the Sands".

We would also like to arrange a trip to Manaccan led by our very own archaeologist, James Gossip (who is a Senior Archaeologist with Cornwall Council).

At present we are very small in number - **we need new members**. Do come and join the Book Club or for any future events.

Dates for future Book Club Meetings are as follows:

Wednesday - 22nd February 8pm  
Wednesday - 28th March 8pm  
Wednesday - 25th April 8pm  
Wednesday - 23rd May 8pm  
Wednesday - 27th June 8pm

All meetings are held in the back room of the Cadgwith Cove Inn.

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## **The Lizard RNLI lifeboat station rebuild to feature in a new book**



Over the past 19 months the Royal National Lifeboat Institution has invested £7.8m in rebuilding the lifeboat station in Kilcobben Cove, The Lizard

Throughout the rebuild local photographer Geoff Squibb from Cornishpixels in Porthleven, has been capturing every step of the way on his camera. He has visited the site on most days, in all winds and weather. What started off as an idea to just photograph any monumental changes, ended up with Geoff visiting several days a week so he didn't miss any of the action.

Geoff explained " When the building work got underway I thought I would come down to the site maybe once a week, but on each visit something new would be happening or I would be told what was planned and it seemed to make sense for me to be there to capture it. Before long I found myself driving down to Kilcobben most days".

Gradually everyone from the main contractors Bam Nuttall and the lifeboat station personnel all started to get to know Geoff, as he became almost permanent fixture taking photographs from alongside the winch house. He was introduced to everyone visiting the building site and most would explain what work they were there to carry out.

Geoff began to gather a good insight into what was going on, what was involved with building the new station. When there was work going on down on the base that couldn't be viewed from the winch house, Geoff would get his camera taken down to the slab by one of the workers, so that bits and pieces which were instrumental in the build were photographed.

Geoff ended up with over 6500 photographs of the rebuild, most of them feature on The Lizard lifeboat station website and have also appeared individually in a variety of publications. Geoff went on to explain "Once the work was completed it seemed to make sense that I should put together a book of photographs documenting the rebuild. He continued "I looked into the cost of producing a book and it is going to be expensive, so I approached all the contractors involved in building the new station to see if they would be interested in donating toward the cost of a book. I have had a really good response and Bam Nuttall Ltd agreed to donate over £4000, with Civil Engineers Royal Haskoning also donating £2000, toward the project."

On Wednesday 9 November Lloyd Wickens, Senior Agent for Bam Nuttall Ltd met with Geoff and representatives from The Lizard lifeboat station, to present him with a cheque for £4300 toward the book.

Geoff said" I can't thank Bam Nuttall and Royal Haskoning enough. This money along with some smaller donations I have received from a few of the companies, who were involved in the station build, means I am able to get this book published early in the New Year".

If you would like to know more about Geoff's project, you can contact him at [geoff@cornishpixels.co.uk](mailto:geoff@cornishpixels.co.uk).

**To find out more about The Lizard lifeboat station, please visit the station website at [www.thelizardlifeboat.org.uk](http://www.thelizardlifeboat.org.uk)**



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# QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

First of all, a **'Happy New Year'** to everyone out there in Quizland and let's hope it's a good one.

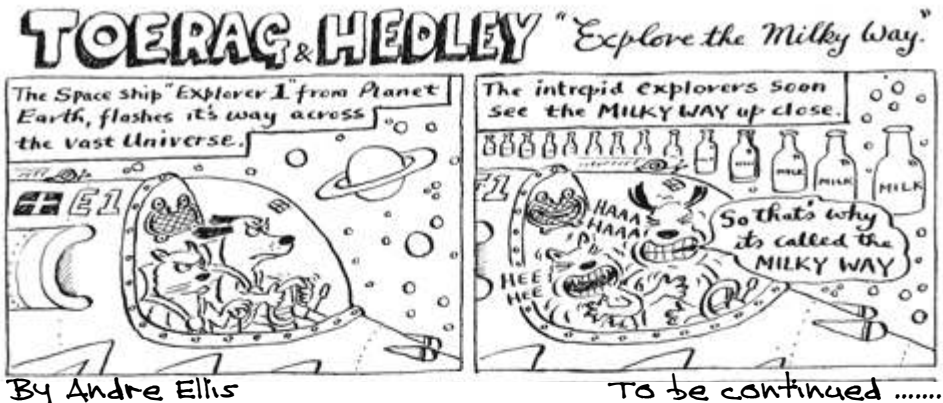
If you came to **Quiz Nights** in 2011, thank you very much for your support and we look forward to seeing you all again in **'Quiz Nights – 2012'**. If you didn't come then why not try it out this year. Everybody taking part would, of course, like to win but above all else it's a fun night out and I'm sure you would enjoy it. Quiz Nights are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month and battle commences at 7.30pm. It only costs £1 each and that includes a hot drink and biscuit (you can BYO if you prefer – and most do!). Teams are not strictly limited to four people, with most of them made up of five or six players.

Most Quiz Nights produce close and exciting finishes and the November and December events were no exception. The **November** title was claimed by **Cliffhangers** who edged out **The Mixed Bunch** by four and a half points, which actually was the biggest winning margin for some time. **Christmas Quiz Night** saw a battle royal with **The Motley Crew** beating **The Mixed Bunch** into second place by just half a point. **Bob's Band** won the coveted wooden spoons (again) and rumour has it that they are going to open a stall at the Thursday Market to sell all of the spoons they have won over the last couple of years!!

The final positions for the November and December quizzes were as follows:

| <u>NOVEMBER</u>     | <u>POSITION</u> | <u>DECEMBER</u>        |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Cliffhangers        | 1 <sup>st</sup> | The Motley Crew        |
| The Mixed Bunch     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | The Mixed Bunch        |
| The Motley Crew     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Santa's little helpers |
| O.T.T.              | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Cliffhangers           |
| The Buccaneers      | 5 <sup>th</sup> | The Buccaneers         |
| Annie Get Your Guns | 6 <sup>th</sup> | O.T.T.                 |
| Bob's Band          | 7 <sup>th</sup> | The Inbetweeners       |
|                     | 8 <sup>th</sup> | Bob's Band             |

Have a terrific year and 'Keep on Quizzing'. *Quizmaster Dave.*





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# Gardening in February

by David Endean

In my mind February is the coldest month of the year but I also regard it as the start of spring. It has to get cold sometime this winter. After three of the coldest winters that I can remember, this one has to be about the mildest although I would not say it has been the wettest - highly unusual.

Depending how you have got on with your chores, February is not too busy a month, I think of it as a time for preparation. Wash down the greenhouse and staging ready for the new season, I use Jeyes fluid but other garden disinfectants are good. Do not use Jeyes on plastics as it has a chemical reaction with them causing them to melt and distort, Armillatox fluid is a good alternative for these.

It is also a good time to wash up all your spare flower pots, seed trays and labels. I find a bucket of hot soapy water and some cloths in the greenhouse is a much more preferable job than some of those outside when there is a cold easterly blowing or - even worse - rain. Time spent now will mean that it will not be lost when it is so precious when you are busy sowing seeds and pricking out plants and potting up cuttings.

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. 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. These are designed for the job they are riddled finer to give a better more even surface to sow seeds on especially for small seeds. They tend to have extra sand

to aid drainage. They have a lower nutrient balance, which should give a stockier plant and because the seedlings should not be in that tray for long they do not need it and so it would be wasted.

I have the same system for sowing nearly all my seed in trays, I firstly fill the seed tray approximately half full with compost then I sieve the next layer of compost over the top through quite a fine riddle, this is to be sure of no lumps. I then roughly level the compost so that it is evenly distributed around the tray, I then use a dedicated damper to lightly firm the surface ( I have a damper design for each tray size that I use), to give a lovely flat even surface. The tray is then soaked in a shallow soaking tray so that it draws the water up from below. Once the surface of the compost is evenly moist, lift the tray out of the water and leave to drain for a couple of minutes. It is now ready for you to sow your seeds onto. Once you have done that, cover your seeds with more of the sieved compost or vermiculite to the depth required - this is different from species to species. Make sure you label your tray and put it at the recommended temperature. If you do this I cannot think that you can do anymore for those precious little things.

In the veg patch, if you are growing potatoes this year now is the time to put your seed potatoes out to chit. You need a bright cool but frost free place to encourage the seed tubers to sprout, but to keep the sprouts strong thick and green. Set them up so that the end with most of the eyes is facing upward, use shallow trays or egg boxes to hold them in. If you are growing more than one variety, make sure you label the trays because after a few weeks you will not be able to tell different varieties apart, as they shrivel, shoot and green up.

If your ground will allow it, now is

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the time to start to plant some early crops of broad bean, peas, onion sets and shallots. Do not worry if things are not right, as there is still plenty of time and if you truly want a head start then have a go at planting some in pots undercover and planting them out later.

Outside in the flower border now is the ideal time to have a sort out, fork out any large perennial weeds, trim back those dead stems of the herbaceous plants, so that the young fresh growth can come up uninhibited and it has reduced the places for pests such as slugs to hide. You can happily lift and move most plants which are in the wrong place now. The same goes for those clumps of herbaceous plant which are too big or dead in the centre. Get in there, lift and divide and discard the bits which are less healthy. Go around your border and lightly fork over the gaps between plants, spread some general fertiliser such as fish blood and bone. Then if you like you can apply a mulch around your plants to

conserve moisture and reduce weeds. I advise that, once you have done this, quietly sit back and admire the work you have done because all being well. Your plants will romp away and naturally fill the gaps with new growth.

One question I get asked every year is: I have just found some spring bulbs which I forgot to plant, is it too late to plant them? My answer is always the same: if the bulbs are still firm, plant them quickly - you have nothing to lose as they will not keep for another year. I must admit that I came across some unplanted bulbs after Christmas; I got them planted by mid-January and I will keep you informed as to how they fare.

What will I be doing this month well I expect the mower will see daylight once more after a short break. My exhibition sweet peas will be sown if I have not done it already. I like them to be in by the end of January or early February, although last year it was so cold that I did not bother until the end of February and I still had great success with the blooms. The exhibition onion seedlings will need pricking out and leeks will need potting on. I will be taking the first batch of bloom chrysanthemum cuttings towards the end of the month and will start to get the Dahlias and half hardy fuchsias back into growth for some propagation material later in the year.

But what I do recommend is taking a bit of time out to appreciate some of the plants which come into their own now like the snowdrops, which are earlier this year. Wych-hazel can be enchanting but my plant of the month has to be the Hellebores, they tend to be tough old plants but they come in various shades from intense maroon through to white with various veining and picoteed edges. They flower for such a long period in the early spring then they sit there quietly in the shade throughout the summer just needing a quick tidy up and cut back during late autumn.

Well do your best to keep warm this month but do enjoy your gardening.

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"Sea View", with superb views over Cadgwith, was the Pixley Family 'escape' hole .... along with summer holidays at St. Ruan Rectory (memories of splendid garden parties, and climbing in a huge rhododendron tree .... Alas long gone.)

There were, seemingly to a small child, endless beach days, when our families combined on Thorneycliff, reached in those days by a rather precipitous but exciting route from the field above - alas now long fallen in (the 'Big Beach' at Kennack as referred to, was regarded as very 'down-market'!). There were occasional forays in their father's open-roofed car, with a 'dicky' at the back for small people to cram into! (whatever was the make?), to Housel Bay; Pentreath ("watch the treacherous undertow, children") and Rinsey .... did the sun really always shine?

It is good to know that Maggie Goddard, daughter of Jean's youngest sister, Jennifer, (to us "Jempy" and age-wise, our great buddy) continues the family connection .... long may it be.

*Gill Preston*

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# February Quiz



1. In military terms, which is larger, a Battalion or Brigade?
2. Why is Polyanthus so called?
3. What is a group of wild cats called?
4. How long does "Puck" say it take him to "put a girdle round the earth" - in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*?
5. How many blows to the head did Mary Queen of Scots' executioner use to cut off her head?
6. Which bear does Michael Bond write about?

## Answers to the Christmas Quiz

1. Who was "Momma kissing" in the 1952 popular tune? *Santa Claus*
2. What was stolen from Westminster Abbey at Christmas 1950? *The Coronation Stone (or Stone of Scone)*
3. In which city is Wenceslas Square? *Prague*
4. In which film did Bing Crosby first sing "White Christmas"? *Holiday Inn*

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6. To which capital city did the Soviet Union airlift troops on Christmas Eve 1976? *Kabul*
7. From which film comes the song "Have Yourself a Merry Christmas"? *Meet Me in St. Louis*
8. At Christmas 1989, in which country was a communist dictator overthrown? *Romania (President Ceausescu)*
9. From which culture did the custom of wearing paper hats and pulling crackers at Christmas come? *Ancient Roman*
10. In Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", what is Scrooge's first name? *Ebenezer*

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*Our family had a small punt made of wood, painted blue, with a seat going all around the back of the boat. She was a lovely boat and she had a plughole to let any water out. Most of the boats today are fibreglass, so no plugholes!*

*I can remember me and Margaret Jane went right into the end of Dollar Hugo with our small boat. The tide was very low, so we were able to do this. Also, in those days, the French crabbers used to anchor off Church Cove, so we used to row out to them and even went on board.*

*My mother, Ruby Bolitho, used to go to Miss Greenslade's Ruan Minor shop with the ration books.*

*Another time, me and my brother, Basil Bolitho, had been out fishing. I was rowing, when suddenly behind the boat came the fin of a basking shark. It followed us into the Todden and Outer Rocks, then turned and went back out to sea. My sister, Beryl (nee Bolitho), Irene and Sheila Stephens were on the Todden watching. Some of the fishermen were sitting on the stick - or seat in the Cove - and they started to shout "row, Rose, row"!*

*Those were the days. It was an idyllic childhood.*

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# THE EDGE twelfth night 2012

by J.X. Coudrille

Sitting by the fireside I placed another log.  
Merry sparks burst cherry red. The flames renewed their power, gleaming on  
reflected richness, rare antiquity -  
Treasures that affirm my status and prosperity. In my glass a mellow malt.  
The coldness of the hour prowled outside. Nearby I heard the barking of a dog.

Ding dong went the door chime; guests weren't due yet at my door...  
Testily I called the staff. Did no-one hear my call?  
Suddenly a knocking came that shook my quiet ennui.  
Angrily I called again, 'Is no-one here but me?'  
Sullenly I left my chair and shuffled down the hall. On the step a stranger stood.  
Dishevelled, young and poor.

Irritably I enquired his purpose. By what right? Did he dare disturb my easy comfort  
and my peace! Silently he raised his eyes and looked me up and down, taking in my  
slippers, my cigar, my dressing-gown... Nastily I mumbled about calling the police.  
Sadly he regarded me and moved into the light.

Eyes of fire held mine and I was helpless in his gaze... Tales of ancient mariners came  
flooding to my mind: Samuel Taylor Coleridge? But this man was not malign.  
Quietly he shook his head.  
Again his eyes met mine, Reaching out he took my arm, a gesture not unkind.  
He and I were travellers. We walked alone for days.

Here the sea and there the sky. They blaze, two setting suns.  
Softly, winter wraps a silent night around the hill.  
Felted clouds release their snowflakes on the naked trees. Huddled hard upon the  
frozen higher ground one sees Shadowed figures, moving in unease or lying still...  
Whimpering, a child in terror dreams a dream of guns.

Where the village? Where the park, the school, the hearth, the home? Only bones  
beneath the snow remember where they stood, buildings that affirmed a faith in  
higher things above, Beds where once grew flowers, beds where bridal pairs made  
love... Cushions, books, utensils, toys, Is nothing left that's good?  
All are crushed, to lie with broken hope beneath the loam.

Tenderly my guide now spoke. His voice was warm and low: 'If you'd be remembered,  
friend, and, if you'd save your soul, know: A man's not measured by his net financial  
worth. Use your wealth to help the helpless, everywhere on Earth.  
Think on this and, think on me; for soon your bell will toll.'  
Standing shaken on my step I never saw him go.

How long did I shiver there? Intrusively the cars drive up.  
They break my waking dream. My guests are many. Put away the tinsel and the  
reindeer and the elves. Are we troubled for the poor, or only for ourselves?  
How many years are left to make amends, if any?  
Awkwardly, they wonder why I weep beneath the stars.

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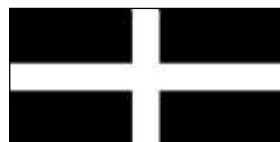
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## **A note from the Parish Council Chairman**

The Parish Council has been very busy recently and several things deserve an explanation before they impact on parishioners.

Many of you will know that there are several housing developments planned for Ruan Minor that are centred on local need / 'affordable' housing for local people to buy or rent. The important thing is that these properties will only be offered to people who are on the **Cornwall Council local needs housing register**. Even if you have applied to be included on the register, you should check again that you are properly registered and ask for help if there is any doubt. There is information on the Cornwall Council web site and there is the Cornwall Council One Stop Shop in Helston where you will find help.

A regular entry in the Parish Council minutes over the last year or so has been the Parish **Car Park** behind the Village Hall. Recently, because of some unwelcome usage of the car park and because the Parish Council has been consolidating and registering its property portfolio, we have been reading and understanding the covenants that apply to the car park. The deeds state that it can only be used for the parking of motor cars and as a result a newly worded sign has been erected at the entrance that states:-

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The Parish Council will be writing to the owners of vehicles and property that are excluded and contingencies are being put in place should any further action be necessary. I do hope that the people involved will understand the Council's position once the legal situation became clear and I apologise if any inconvenience has been caused. This was not an easy decision for the Council to make.

Lastly, I would just like to extend a welcome to anyone who would like to **attend the Council meetings** (7.30 pm on the second Monday in the month at the Methodist Room) and if that's not enough, point out that there is a vacancy on the Council at the moment and that details on how to apply are on the Parish notice board.

*Paul Collins*

*Chairman, Grade Ruan Parish Council*

  
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## Minutes of a Meeting of the Grade-Ruan Parish Council held on Monday 14 November 2011 in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel at 7:00pm

**Present:** Councillor's P Collins (Chairman), M Fleetwood, C Cooper, J Preston, R Curnow, K Codling, P Freeman W Elliott and 9 Members of the Public.

Councillor Green withdrew from the following section of the meeting.

Prior to the commencement of the monthly meeting it was debated how the funds available from a development for affordable housing could best be utilised.

The general consensus was that Councillors were unhappy for the funds to be used to offset rents in the proposed Coastline development . Several alternative suggestions were put forward;

- ⤴ To purchase a property within the Parish to be made available to rent.
- ⤴ Establish a Community Land Trust
- ⤴ Purchase land for self-build projects
- ⤴ Develop Martha's Acre

Feasibility for the above to be investigated together with the following;

What are the Council's powers for borrowing more money?

Can the Parish Council have control of the s106 agreement funds? If so, what interest is being earned and will it be passed to the Parish Council?

Councillor W Elliott joined the meeting together with Mr M Alford. Councillor Green rejoined the meeting.

Mr M Alford had expressed an interest in the casual vacancy. He had been invited to introduce himself to the Parish Council before a decision was made as to whether to co-opt him as a Councillor.

Mr Alford introduced himself, gave a brief history of his life and advised he is now settled in Ruan Minor and looking to stay for his retirement and wants to be involved in the community.

**1. Apologies and Absence:** apologies were received from Councillor J Trewin, Cornwall Councillor C Rule and PCSO Berry.

Those present accepted the apologies from Councillor Trewin.

**Casual vacancy:** the Chairman proposed Mr M Alford be co-opted onto the Grade Ruan Parish Council, Councillor Fleetwood seconded. 8 for, 1 abstention.

Mr M Alford was co-opted as a Parish Councillor

**2. Declarations of Interest:** Councillors Green and Elliott declared an interest under item 7 re affordable housing and Councillor Codling declared an interest in the planning application regarding The Coach House.

**3. Public Time:** a number of Members of the Public present raised concerns about Mundy's Car Park and presented a petition to the Parish Council.

**Mundy's Field Car Park** - It was reported that people had been living in a caravan on the Car Park for four months, urinating in the Car Park and putting rubbish in the dog bins. Also people had been sleeping there in cars and this had increased significantly over the past two years. It was felt the use of the Car Park as an amenity for the village had been compromised to the detriment of the village and residents were becoming frightened to cross the Car Park at night. The Members of the Public were advised the Parish Council was unaware of the Car Park being used for residential purposes and the overnight stays. The Council has been discussing appropriate wording for a replacement sign at the entrance of the car park which would prohibit these activities but this had taken longer than expected although it was expected that would be agreed in the Meeting.

**Glebe Place** – there were a number of residents from Glebe Place present who were

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concerned about the extent of the proposed affordable housing development that would abut Glebe Place and the impact this would have on the Public Right of Way and facilities within the village. The Chairman explained the limitations on funding that applied to the development, the basics of applying for the rented properties and how this would be prioritised. A footpath is to be constructed to link into the village and this with improvements to the existing path would hopefully alleviate the concerns about traffic.

4. **Police Report for October:** [This was published in the December/January Gazette.]
5. **Cornwall Councillor's Time:** Cornwall Councillor Rule had sent her apologies.
6. **Minutes for acceptance:** copies of the Minutes of the October Meeting having been circulated were approved subject to some amendments by those who had been present at that meeting.

7. **Planning:**

**PA11/03008** Erection of dwelling, extension of time to PA08/01865, The Coach House, Kuggar, Mr & Mrs Makin

The Chairman proposed this application be supported, Councillor Curnow seconded – all in favour. Councillor Codling abstained.

**PA11/09072** – discharge of s106 agreement attached to PA93/00683/F, Skyber Treal, Ruan Minor, Mr M Parsons

Councillor Fleetwood proposed the Parish Council did not support the application and the following comment be made;

'Grade Ruan Parish Council recommends the s106 stays in place as it is felt that the reasons for it's original use are still valid.'

**PA11/08723** – Tree works to Copper Beech, Trelowarth, St Ruan Minor, Mr G Bearman

The Chairman proposed this application be supported, Councillor Curnow seconded – all in favour.

**PA11/08240** – erection of domestic outbuilding, Caerleon Cottage, Mr J Tham

Councillor Preston had attended a site meeting in respect of the above application and drew the Parish Council's attention to various discrepancies between the application and the situation on site. Councillor Preston proposed the Parish Council object to the application on the following grounds: 'The Parish Council object on the grounds of visual amenity and over development in open coastal landscape in the Cornwall AONB. The Council also objects to the felling and removal of 150 metres of mature hedgerow and trees and the partial removal of stone and soil along the eastern boundary of the site. Hedge protection is the responsibility of the local authority. The Parish Council wishes to point out that there have been a number of breaches of the Design Statements of 2009 and 2011, and that Condition 4 (boundary treatment) of the May 2009 consent was never met. Also, a substantial gardener's / machinery building has been erected nearby along the north boundary. In short, no further development should be considered until 1. Condition 4 (May 2009) is met and 2. The 150 metres of screening hedge (with trees) is re-established.' Councillor Cooper seconded.

The Chairman proposed an amendment in that the decision on the application be deferred until proposals for boundary treatment were presented and implemented *before* development commences and any accommodation is tied to the dwelling by a s106 agreement. Councillor Fleetwood seconded.

Voting on the amendments 3 in favour, 6 against – proposal defeated. Voting on the original Cont...

proposal 8 in favour, 1 against – proposal carried.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Preston for attending the site meeting and his work.

PA11/08505 - Erection of extension and conversion of loft to form additional living accommodation at Tremogh, Ruan Minor by Mr Gregory.

Councillor Freeman proposed the application be supported, Councillor Fleetwood seconded. 6 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention – proposal carried.

**Affordable Housing contributions:** Councillor's Green and Elliott withdrew from the meeting for this item. The Chairman proposed to agree to support the rent subsidy scheme proposed by Coastline for Affordable Housing Site 12/13, Councillor Fleetwood seconded. Councillor Codling proposed an amendment to the proposal that a decision of this nature be deferred until all other options were investigated fully, Councillor Freeman seconded.

Councillor Cooper wished her total opposition to this proposal recorded as she felt there were better options available and would be opposed to anything other than the money available from a s106 agreement being used for a tangible asset for the benefit of the Parish. Vote for the amendment 6 in favour, 1 against. Amendment carried.

Councillor's Green and Elliott rejoined the meeting.

8. **Finance:** financial report was circulated, a discrepancy of £35.00 was identified which was probably the EDF direct debit. Clerk to check and clarify.

VAT claim had not been received. Clerk to investigate.

Requests for donations were received from Grade Ruan Gazette and Penhaligon's Friends.

Councillor Fleetwood proposed a donation of £350 be made to the Grade Ruan Gazette,

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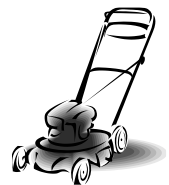
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Councillor Green seconded – all in favour.

Councillor Cooper proposed a donation of £100 to Penhaligon's Friends, Councillor Codling seconded – all in favour.

Precept 2012/13 – Finance Committee to meet on 28/11/2011 to prepare a budget and make recommendations for the precept for the next financial year to the Parish Council in the December meeting.

Approval of payments as per circulated schedule Councillor Cooper proposed all items on the schedule should be paid, Councillor Fleetwood seconded – all in favour.

9. **Matters arising from the Minutes:** Kuggar Bus Shelter – the original bus shelter had been demolished, the replacement appeared to be constructed on the public highway.

The Parish Council had a licence on the original shelter which had lapsed with its removal and it now appeared to exist with no owner and required repair. Councillor Codling thought he may know someone willing to conduct the repairs if the Parish Council would pay for the materials and would make enquiries.

First registration of land – the first registration of various titles of land owned by the Parish Council had been completed.

Ruan Minor Bus Service – complaints had been raised by a resident who had been asked to move his car so the bus could turn outside the Chapel. The parishioner was concerned the surface where the bus turned was breaking up as it is not part of the public highway and not constructed to take the level of wear and load from buses turning. Western Greyhound had responded to similar concerns that had been raised previously and stated this was the most appropriate area to turn and they had conducted risk assessments which had drawn this conclusion. Clerk to write to the bus company and request sight of the assessments conducted by the Chapel and the School. Western Greyhound had also advised the service would be terminated on 31 March 2012 as Cornwall Council had withdrawn part of the subsidy it currently received.

10. **Matters for consideration: Mundy's Field Car Park** – further to the representations made in Public Time, Councillor Fleetwood read out the redrafted wording for the replacement sign as follows:-

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The form of wording was approved. Councillor Curnow to contact Alligator Signs and order a new sign.

Glebe Place "Village Green" - it was suggested the Parish Council take over the greened area in Glebe Place and register it as a Village Green. The Clerk to enquire of Coastline Housing Association whether it would be willing for the Parish Council to takeover the area or purchase it for a nominal fee.

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Christmas Coach - It is difficult to get the timings right to run the coach. The coach companies want a pick up time after the school run in the morning, they used to offer discounts if the return journey could be worked in with the school run, but this made for a short days shopping and the Council received complaints. Two years ago none of the coaches would offer any concessions in this regard and a later return was organised so there were complaints received, last year complaints were received it was not back in time for the school finish. It was decided not to run the trip this year as it was not particularly well supported last year and did not represent good value for money to the Council and Grade Ruan appear to be the only Parish Council locally doing this.

Ruan Minor Village Hall representative – to be held over to the next meeting.

Casual vacancy – it was confirmed Councillor J Thomas had resigned. Clerk to advise the Electoral Registration Officer and obtain the Notice for display.

11. **Correspondence:** Letters and emails received.  
[Not included here due to space limitations. Details are available from the Editor.]
  12. **Footpaths, Environment and Treewarden**  
Councillor Preston had not yet contacted the contractor re the extra items to be trimmed on the footpaths.  
Councillor Preston advised it was National Tree Week from 26 November to 4 December
  13. **In Committee:** the Council went in committee to discuss staffing matters.  
Meeting closed at 12.05am
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### **Minutes of the December Monthly Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held on Monday 12 December 2011 at 7.30pm in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel**

**Present:** Councillors P Collins (Chairman), J Trewin (Vice-Chairman), R Curnow, J Preston, P Freeman, C Cooper, M Fleetwood, M Alford, W Elliott, N Green and six Members of the Public.

1. **Apologies and Absence:** no apologies had been received from Councillor Codling.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** no declarations of interest were made at the outset of the meeting.
3. **Public Time:** the Members of the Public present were attending to be updated as to what is happening about the unauthorised residential use of the Mundy's Field Car Park.

Since the Parish Council's November meeting a new updated sign had been erected and a site meeting had been held which the Chairman and Councillor Alford had attended although it was emphasised this was for information purposes only and not specifically as representatives of the Parish Council.

The Members of the Public commented they were pleased to see the new sign had been dealt with so quickly after the last meeting, although residents were not necessarily agreed on the form of wording. It was felt the site meeting held was unrepresentative as a number of residents were not present. They were asked if they felt it would be of benefit to call a meeting to specifically discuss the matter, but this was not furthered.

It was reported that people had been living in the caravan again, albeit intermittently.

Councillors had referred this to PCSO Berry who had advised on the limitations on the Police in these circumstances but had asked patrolling officers to pay additional attention to the Car Park, particularly on weekend and night shifts, but as resources are increasingly limited she

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requested that parishioners phone the 101 number to report overnight stays in the Car Park to the Police when it is happening.

The Parish Council requested that parishioners phoned the Police promptly when these situations arose and to also notify the Parish Council so it could identify the extent of the problem.

4. **Police Report:** PCSO Berry sent her apologies but had sent a report to say two crimes had been reported during November and both were currently under investigation. She also reminded parishioners to be increasingly aware of security on homes, outbuildings and vehicles, especially over the Christmas period.
5. **Cornwall Councillor's Time:** Councillor Rule had sent her apologies but wished the Parish Council a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
6. **Minutes for acceptance:**
7. **Planning:** PA11/07494 – erection of summerhouse at Lofty's Cottage, 5 Ruminella View, Cadgwith, Ruan Minor by Mr R Keen. It was commented this application was not accessible on Cornwall Council's website. Councillor Freeman proposed the application be supported, Councillor Cooper seconded. All in favour.

PA11/09762 – demolition of dwelling and construction of two dwellings at Parc Vean, Kuggar, Ruan Minor by Mr Adrian Punter. Councillor Fleetwood proposed the application be supported, Councillor Freeman seconded – all in favour.

PA11/09871 – installation of solar photovoltaic array and associated equipment (may affect a public right of way) at Gwavas Jersey Farm, Ruan Minor by E-tricity Ltd. The Chairman proposed the Parish Council agree in principle with the concept of the proposal but the site is very close to the road and the screening is inadequate. The Parish Council would prefer to see the panels located elsewhere in a less visible position. Should the development proceed as presented the Parish Council strongly advises adequate screening be incorporated. Councillor Cooper seconded – all in favour.

Correspondence was received and noted relating to:-

PA11/09072 – discharge of s106 agreement attached to PA93/00683/F, Skyber Treal, Ruan Minor, Mr M Parsons

PA11/08240 – erection of domestic outbuilding, Caerleon Cottage, Mr J Tham

There was a planning application for a wind turbine at Bruggan PA11/08374 showing on the Cornwall Council's website, but the Parish Council had not been notified.

8. **Finance:** Financial report was circulated.
  - a. VAT payment of £825.24 had been received.
  - b. Finance committee report – a draft budget for the year 2012/13 was circulated. The claim was yet to be submitted for the Local Maintenance Partnership. The recommendation from the Committee that there be no increase in the precept for the next financial year and it remain at £13 500.00.
  - c. Precept 2012/13 – The Chairman proposed the precept for the financial year 2012/13 be set at £13500.00, the Vice-Chairman seconded – all in favour.
  - d. Requests for donations were received from the Royal British Legion, Victim Support and Homestart Kernow. Councillor Green proposed a donation of £100.00 to the Royal British Legion, Councillor Cooper seconded – all in favour.

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- e. Councillor Elliott proposed a donation of £150.00 to Victim Support, Councillor Cooper seconded – all in favour.
- f. Councillor Fleetwood proposed a donation of £50.00 to Homestart, the Chairman seconded – all in favour.
- g. Randle Thomas Solicitors – accounts were received for the work conducted on the change of addresses for the service of notices in respect of properties owned by the Parish Council at the Recreation Ground, land on the south side of Prazegooth Lane, Public Convenience at Ruan Minor, Public Convenience at New Road, Cadgwith and the Public Conveniences at Kennack Sands.
- h. Registration of the Todden – Councillor Green had enquired of Randle Thomas the costs of registering the Todden at a nominal value of £1.00 and advised this would be £120 plus £40 for the Land Registry fees. It was unlikely a first registration of The Island would be successful as there was insufficient documentation available to support an application. The Chairman proposed the Parish Council proceed with the registration of The Todden, Councillor Cooper seconded – all in favour.
- i. Councillor Green also suggested a replacement sign be obtained for the Todden as the existing sign had become illegible. He presented a proposed design for the sign which was acceptable. Councillor Curnow to organise the preparation of the new sign with Alligator Signs. The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Councillors Curnow and Green for their respective work regarding the replacement signs for Mundy’s Field Car Park and The Todden.
- j. Renewal of shredded bark in Play Area – the bark around the play equipment was seriously depleted and in poor repair. Councillor Fleetwood proposed Cornflower Garden Services be instructed to obtain replacement bark, the Chairman seconded – all in favour.
- k. Schedule of Payments – the Chairman proposed the items on the Schedule of Payments be paid, Councillor Curnow seconded – all in favour.
- l. Councillor Preston had been requesting quotes for the trimming of overhanging branches by the Church and part of the Coastal Path on Footpath 24. One quote had been received from Cornflower Garden Services for £100. The Chairman proposed the quote from Cornflower Garden Services be accepted, Councillor Preston seconded – all in favour.
- m. Estimates for replacement fencing around the Play Area had been obtained. Councillor Elliott declared an interest and withdrew from this part of the meeting. Estimates received from Matthew Hendy for £1280.00 + VAT, and Chas Deacon Builders £1197.60 + VAT. Councillor Fleetwood proposed the Parish Council accept the estimate from Chas Deacon Builders, Councillor Cooper seconded – all in favour.

**9. Matters arising from the Minutes:**

- a. First registration of land – this had been adequately dealt with under Finance.
- b. Casual vacancy – the vacancy had been advertised.
- c. Village Green – copies of a plan supplied by Coastline Housing of the grassed areas in Glebe Place that incur a service charge were circulated. Coastline Housing are willing to consider any offers by the Parish Council to take over the grassed areas. It was suggested that the Parish Council either buy the grassed areas for a nominal sum or lease them at a peppercorn rent. Before taking any responsibility for this the Parish Council require assurance from Coastline Housing that charges in respect of grass cutting will be eliminated from the tenant’s service charge. It is understood some elements of the service charge relates to facilities

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provided by Coastline which Grade Ruan parishioners do not receive any benefit and this needs to be clarified. The Parish Council would also require confirmation as to what conditions Coastline would impose on a transfer.

- d. Mundy's Field Car Park – the replacement sign was installed, however the enforceability of some of the clauses within it were questionable. To be put on the Agenda for the next meeting. At the meeting convened by some residents, Councillor Alford had prepared a report. Councillor Cooper took the hard copy, Clerk to request the electronic copy from Councillor Alford and email to the other councillors. The implications of taking enforcement action needed to be investigated.
- e. Sign at Worvas Farm – apparently Enforcement is to hold a site meeting in respect of this. Councillor Elliot to investigate.
- f. Cadgwith Car Park – Clerk to complete forms for registration.
- g. Martha's Acre – is it worth registering this land as an agricultural holding?
- h. Play Area – a rota needs to be established for regular inspections.
- i. BT – no response had been received about complaint made in respect of the broken window and poor condition of the telephone kiosk.
- j. Stiles – Councillor Preston reported grants of 25% were available to landowners for maintaining stiles.
- k. S106 money – what can be done with this money? Clerk to follow up.
- l. Kuggar Bus Shelter – to be held over to next month for an update.

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- m. Bus turning point in Ruan Minor – no response had been received in respect to the Clerk’s request for sight of the risk assessments conducted for turning in the village. Currently the bus is turning next to the Chapel. Local understanding is that when the Council houses were built part of the lane was bought by Kerrier District Council and part by the Chapel; it would appear the bus company is turning on a private road. Councillor Rule knows nothing about the possible cancellation of the service as suggested previously by Western Greyhound. It was suggested that the Clerk write to the Traffic Commissioner in Bristol to confirm where the designated termination point for the bus route is.
- 10. a. Matters for consideration:** Councillor Cooper proposed the Parish Council purchase suitable recording equipment for the purpose of recording Parish Council meetings. There was no seconder for the proposal so it was not carried.
- b. Terms of reference for Finance Committee and Staffing Committees – drafts had been prepared and to be considered further at the next Committee meetings.
  - c. Expediting planning matters in meetings – it was felt to be helpful to have the plans laid out prior to the Meeting for perusal before discussion in the Meeting. It was suggested the Clerk and Councillors arrive earlier, say 7.15pm to lay out and consider plans. Councillors were reminded that all applications could be viewed online on the Cornwall Council’s website and it would be beneficial if they did this prior to meetings. It was commented that the dialogue that had been conducted on some planning matters via email between Councillors prior to the Meeting had been very useful in the past month and had saved a lot of time. Councillors were reminded that although the dialogue had been useful, decisions were not to be made through email and had to be agreed at meetings.
  - d. Village Hall representative – it was agreed to defer appointing a representative until the next Meeting, but in the meantime Councillor Curnow would be the Parish Council’s representative for the next couple of months.
- 11. Correspondence:** Letters and emails received.  
[Not included here due to space limitations. Details are available from the Editor.]
- 12. Footpaths, Environment and Treewarden:** the footpath trimming contract needs to be reviewed. The one year probationary period was nearly over. No complaints had been received. Councillor Fleetwood proposed a meeting of the Footpath Committee be held to review this. It was reported the middle stile on the five stile path leading to Treal was in very poor condition. Footpath schedules to be checked as to whether this path is included for maintenance at the Committee meeting.
- The Chairman proposed the following part of the Meeting be held ‘in committee’, the Vice Chairman seconded – all in favour.

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### **Police report for the December Council Meeting**

Please accept my apologies for not attending the meeting tonight.

During November there have been two crimes reported to the Police, criminal damage to building and a theft. Both of these crimes are still currently under investigation.

On another note, I understand from the member of the Parish Council that there has been anti-social behaviour and the possibility of drugs being used in the Council car park. I have submitted intelligence on this matter and have asked that other officers pay particular attention, when time permits, at patrolling this location whilst on duty, particularly during weekend and night shifts.

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I would also like to remind you that, as of the 1 December, Devon and Cornwall Police will be increasing their patrol as part of the drink driving campaign.

I would like to thank you all for your assistance and support throughout the past year and take this opportunity of wishing you a merry Christmas and a Happy, prosperous and crime free New Year.

### **Police report for the January Council Meeting**

Report completed at 1300 hrs on Monday 9 January 2012 by PCSO Julia Berry.

Firstly we would like to take this opportunity of wishing you a very happy New Year. We apologise that we are unable to attend this meeting.

During December there were three crimes dealt with by the Police:-

A burglary to the building at the recreation ground, this crime has been filed pending any further information coming forward.

There was a death related crime recorded, however, following investigation it was found that this person died of natural causes.

Someone has been arrested and bailed for the offence of driving or attempting to drive with excess alcohol in their body.

This compares with 2 crimes reported in December 2011.

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.

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## **GRADE RUAN PARISH COUNCIL**

### **NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY**

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In the absence of written notice to the Returning Officer to request an election, the Parish Council will proceed to fill the said casual vacancy by co-option.

Any individual wishing to stand as a Parish Councillor should express their interest in writing to the Clerk of the Council at the address below no later than **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2012**.

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# *Rector's Ramblings*

If you go to the Parish of St Keverne's website: [www.stkevernechurch.org.uk](http://www.stkevernechurch.org.uk) and click on Clergy, you will see the following announcement. The same announcement was made in both St Ruan Church and St Wynwallow Church at the beginning of January:

*'We are very happy to announce the appointment of the Revd Peter Sharpe, as our next Priest-in-Charge. Peter is currently the Rector of South Hill with Callington, Priest-in-Charge of Stoke Climsland and Linkinhorne, Curate-in-Charge of St Ive and Rural Dean of East Wivelshire.*

*We are expecting to welcome Peter and his wife, Jan, here shortly after Easter.*

*Peter will also be responsible for the Benefice of St Ruan with St Grade and Landewednack.*

Some of you may be surprised at the final sentence – about Peter being responsible for this parish and Landewednack. Does this mean that I will be leaving you? The answer is a resounding NO! And so I shall still be very much part of the parish as your Associate Priest – taking services, making pastoral visits, and of course dropping in to the Thursday market! And I still have the hopes and vision that I mentioned in the November 2011 edition.

Peter will, of course, want to get to know his 'patch' and the people who live in it. It is a huge area to cover and he will need help – help which I am eager to offer. So I'm looking forward to assisting him in his new ministry and together taking God's purposes forward here.

'OPEN THE BOOK': I am hugely grateful to Julie Swann - Children & Families Worker for the Lizard & Mounts Bay Methodist Circuit - for getting this wonderful outreach project off the ground here in this parish and in Landewednack. 'OTB' has been one of my 'hope boxes' for the parishes and Julie has enabled that box to be ticked!

We now have a small team which goes into both Grade Ruan School and Landewednack School and together – often with the children's help – we read / act-out stories from the Bible, donning stunning costumes (*like tea towels!*) and using 'props' to help us! It's great fun (*'specially our rehearsals!*)

P'raps you would like to be part of our team? If so, come and be a 'fly on the wall' at the schools' assemblies - Thursdays, 9.15am, Landewednack School; and Fridays, 9am, Grade Ruan School - and see what we get up to! Or you might like to help by making 'props' or costumes? Contact Julie on 240200.

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| Wed 22nd | <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b><br>Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes<br>St Wynwallow Church, The Lizard | <b>6.30pm</b> |
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