

# Grade Ruan Gazette

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### Alternate Weds

Alternate Tues

2nd Monday

3rd Saturday

Mon & Thurs

Every Weds

Every Thurs

### Every Fri

7 May

8 May

### 10 May

19 May

21 May

22 May

23 May

### ADVANCE DATES

2 - 4 June

4-8 June

5 June

24 June

27 June

7 July

8 July

9, 10, 11, 12 July

20 July

21 July

24 July

25 July

27 July - 12 August

### 29 July

1 August

5 August

8 August

11 August

12 August

15 August

17 August

### 19 August

22 August

29 August

29 Aug- 9 Sept

1 Sept

4 Sept

29 Sept

17 November

### Recycling - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> May \* Note change to day

Mobile Library (Tel: 0300 1234111) - 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May

Glebe Place 11.05am-11.20am & Cadgwith Car Park 11.35-11.55am

7.30pm Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 14<sup>th</sup> May

9am - 1pm Farmers Market at Mullion School, 19<sup>th</sup> May

7.00pm Short Mat Bowling in the Village Hall

Rainbows, Brownies & Guides. Contact Joy Prince 01326 290280

9.30am-11.30am Market and refreshments in the Village Hall

6 pm Yoga with Tanya in the School Hall 01326 290931

### 6.30pm Zumba in the Village Hall - NEW

May Day Bank Holiday

Flora Day

7.30pm Bingo in Village Hall

### “Front of House” in Village Hall. Musical evening - NEW

Olympic Torch passes through Helston

7pm Women in Wellies - Felting Workshop

7.30pm Quiz night in the Village Hall

8pm Cadgwith Book Club meeting. Cadgwith Cove Inn

May Festival on the Rec (see Recreation Ground News)

Half term (Grade Ruan and Mullion)

Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday. Street party 3-5pm in Ruan Minor

Mullion School Midsummer Medley: stalls, BBQ, entertainment

8pm Cadgwith Book Club meeting. Cadgwith Cove Inn

Night Before the Rally

Vintage Rally

Mullion School production of “Honk”

End of Summer term (Grade Ruan)

Noon till late. Folk Day at the Cadgwith Cove Inn

Last day of term (Mullion)

Beach BBQ (Xmas Lights)

London Olympics

### Fun cricket match at the Recreation Ground (change of date)

Beach BBQ (Recreation Ground)

Fun cricket match at the Recreation Ground

Beach BBQ (Gig Club)

Buller Day

Cadgwith Cove Fishing Festival

Beach BBQ (Xmas Lights)

Buller Cup (at Newquay)

### Sharky’s Cup

Beach BBQ (Recreation Ground)

Beach BBQ (Gig Club)

Paralympic Games

Late Summer Fete at the Village Hall

Start of Autumn term (Mullion - to be confirmed)

Harvest Supper.

Hospice Fayre in the Village Hall.

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| Prazegooth             | Sally Sugrue    |
| Ruan Major             | Paul Penrose    |
| St Ruan                | Margaret Coates |
| Treal                  | Suzy Bosustow   |
| Trelugga/Tresaddern    | Avril Evens     |
| Village centre         | Ginny Sealey    |
| Postal/advertisers etc | John Fallows    |

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

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.

**Views and opinions expressed in submitted articles and letters are not necessarily those of the Editorial Team and Committee. The Editor reserves the right to alter submissions for length and/or diplomacy!**

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY, CONT.

**December:** 1 - Christmas Lights Switch-on; 2 - Carolaire; 4 - Christmas Bingo; 5 - Village Hall Christmas Party; 11 - Christmas Quiz; 13 - Christmas Market; 16 - Christmas Community Evening

# Noticeboard

**Happy Birthday in May to:** Will Bowman, Charlie Day-Smith, Paul P, Reuben B, Jenna G, Peggy Hobbs, George Mitchell, Paul Strike, Paul McMinn, Tamsyn B, Liane Carter, Sarah Drummond, William T, Tony Bennett, Jessica T, Emily C, Mary Cook, Jessica B, Dave Trivett, Suzy Bosustow, Fern S-G, Kay Thomas, Jake R, Roger Legge, Judith Green, Jack G, Ewan T, Alison Goldsack, Barrie Cook, Matthew P, Jack W, Steve Holyer, Tara Eustis, David Critchfield, Ginny Sealey, Debbie Collins, Bill Scolding. Also to Gill Preston, now living in Hampshire, who was 80 on 30th April.

## Congratulations to

**Harry Deacon**, who got a credit on "The Fishermen's Apprentice" for doing the crew catering. He had to ensure that there was enough food in the freezer each Sunday to keep between four and nine people fed for the week. The crew had nothing but praise for the quality and variety of meals Harry prepared for them.

**Megan McMinn**, who was selected from over 8,000 entrants to model this season's hairstyles in a six-page feature in the May edition of Company magazine, which has a circulation of over 200,000. Megan is studying English Literature and Creative Writing at Bath Spa University.

2011 Trophy winners at the Helston & District Sea Angling Club: **Chris Newton** (Club Champion, plus other trophies too numerous to mention), **Jeff Lee** (3rd overall), **Jamma Phillips** (Junior Champion). Well done everyone.

Welcome to **Mike and Nettie Allen** from Bristol who have moved to Trenoweth in Ruan Minor, to **Ann Birtwistle** who has moved to Kelyn Mor and to the **Hunt family** who have moved to Ruan Major.

One of the cups presented at the **Autumn Show** needs to be replaced. If you would like to sponsor it, please email Donna Williams at [annod18@hotmail.com](mailto:annod18@hotmail.com).

Cornwall Council has distributed leaflets explaining the **new recycling arrangements**, the main changes being:

- Recycling is now on alternate Wednesdays and
- Garden waste will be collected via a subscription service (the old green bags will still be collected, but they will no longer be available to buy).

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*Front Cover. The new lifeboat "Rose" on the slip at the new station at Kilkobben, which will be opened officially on 5 May. See full story on page 21. [Photo: John Harris]*

# Yoga with Tanya

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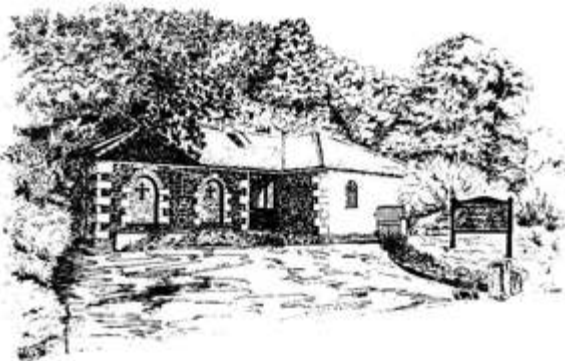
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Pre-empting the official Olympic torch which will be passing through Helston on 19<sup>th</sup> May, Grade Ruan school had its own **torch relay** on 20<sup>th</sup> April. The torch, which had come all the way from the north Cornish coast, was handed over by Manaccan school. The Grade Ruan children, suitably attired in togas, carried the torch to Cadgwith beach. Nigel Legge then took two lucky children - and the torch - by boat to the Lifeboat station at Kilcobben. They were met there by children from Landewednack school, and handed over the torch to them.

I'd like to request your input to the **Recreation Ground pavilion project**. Peter Freeman and I have been working on securing funding for the planned new pavilion, and in April submitted grant applications to Sport England, SITA and the Lottery. Funding in each case is highly dependent on being able to demonstrate that this is what the community wants. I've set up a Facebook page: ([www.facebook.com/GradeRuanRecreationGround](http://www.facebook.com/GradeRuanRecreationGround)). Please have a look at it (you don't need to have a Facebook account yourself, just use your normal browser), and leave your comments. Potential funders may well view this as evidence of community

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involvement at this critical point in the application process. You can also show your support by turning out to help with the main fund raising event of the year: for details, see Recreation Ground news.

Well, that's it from me for this month.

*Moira Hurst*

**Village in Bloom.** Can you imagine a walk along the street to nice sunny planted flowers? Do you think our village could be brightened up? It would be a nice legacy from the Jubilee celebrations. If anyone would like to lend their support, share ideas or join me in making this happen, then please contact me, either in the Thursday Market, or tel: 290808 or email [MERAlford@aol.com](mailto:MERAlford@aol.com).

*Mary Alford*

I'd like to make residents in the village, particularly the elderly, aware that there have been reports of unscrupulous, **rogue workmen** in a neighbouring village. These workmen are offering to clean fascia boards and paint properties, also possibly repair driveways. The original estimates that are given are always very reasonable; however, once trust has been gained the workmen will carry on with work that is not required and the bill escalates. These reports are being taken seriously and are under investigation. If anyone has had any such problems please can they report it immediately to the Police. This is reportable under Operation Litoties.

You will also be pleased to hear that **PC Dave Vaughan** is back working alongside me on the Lizard Peninsular as Neighbourhood Beat Manager.

*Julia Berry, PCSO*

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# Grade Ruan Spring Show 2012 - Results

|     |                                    |  |  |
|-----|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1   | <b>Jonny Trewin Cup</b>            | Most points in Daffodils                             | <i>Doug Stevens</i>                    |
| 1a  | <b>Mabel Basher Cup</b>            | Most points in Daffodils by a Grade Ruan Resident    | <i>David Endean</i>                    |
| 1b  | <b>Harry London Cup</b>            | Best Exhibit in Daffodils                            | <i>Doug Stevens</i>                    |
| 2   | <b>Britton Cup</b>                 | Most points in cut flowers and foliage               | <i>David Endean &amp; Rex Bray</i>     |
| 3   | <b>Committee Cup</b>               | Most points in pot plants                            | <i>David Endean</i>                    |
| 4   | <b>Ruan Minor Village Hall Cup</b> | Most points in Floral art                            | <i>Julia Nunn</i>                      |
| 5   | <b>Falconer Cup</b>                | Best exhibit class 37 Easter themed                  | <i>Rosemary Bray</i>                   |
| 6   | <b>Hagenbach cup</b>               | Best miniature floral Art Exhibit                    | <i>Margaret Evans</i>                  |
|     | <b>Medallion</b>                   | Most points child under 5                            | <i>Thalia Hardy &amp; Billy Bodkin</i> |
| 7   | <b>Committee Cup and Medallion</b> | Most points 6 to 8 year old                          | <i>Chloe Hardy</i>                     |
| 8   | <b>Committee Cup and Medallion</b> | Most points 9 to 11 years old                        | <i>Evie Bosustow</i>                   |
| 9   | <b>Committee Cup</b>               | Most Points 12 to 16 year olds                       | <i>Lauren Birchmore</i>                |
| 12  | <b>Committee Cup</b>               | Most points in Art, photography and craft            | <i>Margaret Evans</i>                  |
| 13  | <b>Committee Cup</b>               | Most points in cookery                               | <i>Sarah White</i>                     |
| 13a | <b>Gladys Johnstone Cup</b>        | Most points in cookery by Grade Ruan Resident        | <i>Sarah White</i>                     |
| 13b | <b>June Curtin Cup</b>             | Most points in spring Produce                        | <i>Doug Stevens</i>                    |
| 14  | <b>The Newcomer Cup</b>            | Most points for entering the show for the first time | <i>Margaret Evans</i>                  |
| 16  | <b>Iris Mitchell Cup</b>           | Most points in the show                              | <i>Margaret Evans</i>                  |

## Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers

COME AND JOIN US! Wednesdays in term-time in

The Church Hall, Lizard

|          |                |                    |              |
|----------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| RAINBOWS | 5-7 yrs        | 4.30pm - 5.30pm    | 01326 290681 |
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| GUIDES   | 10-14 yrs      | 7.30pm - 9.00pm    | 01326 290280 |
| RANGERS  | 14 yrs upwards | Contact Joy Prince | 01326 290280 |

## **Grade Ruan Spring flower Show 2012 Report**

March the 17<sup>th</sup> saw our annual spring flower show at the Village Hall, and we had another good one. We had a few more entries and a few more people entered this year. Some of you may not have thought this as there were some large gaps on the benches, but this year we had a rise in the art entries and so we took in another room using the upstairs committee room. I am sorry if any of you missed seeing these entries.

Honours were shared around this year mainly within the parish although a former parishioner in the form of Doug Stevens supported our show once again and won three trophies for his daffodils and spring produce. Rex and Rosemary Bray also came over from Mullion and won trophies in the cut flower and floral Art respectively.

Sarah White showed her prowess amongst stiff opposition in the cookery classes with sticky Hot cross buns and Easter biscuits. It was all very tempting whilst I was stewarding the section and waiting for lunch. Julia Nunn took the honours in the floral art with colourful Easter baskets and a conversation provoking Ikebana entry, to mention only a few of her exhibits.

Congratulations must go to Thalia Hardy, Billy Bodkin, Chloe Hardy, Evie Bosustow and Lauren Birchmore whose hard work and colourful displays earned them most points in their age groups. Well Done.

The biggest well done must go to first time entrant Margret Evans who picked up points throughout the show and in doing so gained most points overall. Margret is not new to the area or even new to showing but she is normally on holiday at the time of the spring show. We were pleased that her plans changed this year.

Many thanks go to all of you that entered and made the show. Thanks to all of you that came to view and support the show and thanks to all those businesses and individuals that donated raffle prizes - there was quite a selection. The committee looks forward to you all coming and entering once again next year; we are always looking to improve and come up with new ideas. If you have any constructive ideas for new classes, please contact a committee member and we will look into incorporating them.

*David Endean*

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## **Cornwall Council Registration Service**

Cornwall Council's Registration department has introduced a new service in an effort to make things easier for customers who have recently been bereaved. From now on, if you register a death with the Council, they will be able to inform government departments and other council services on your behalf so you will only need to 'Tell them Once' and they will do the rest.

For example, they can let the appropriate services know if your loved one had been in receipt of benefits; a council tax payer; had a blue badge; been living in council housing; receiving adult care or children's services, on the electoral roll or if they had a library membership. They will also be able to let government departments know if they had a passport or driving licence.

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The Cornwall Hospice Care Make A Will Week will run again this year. More than 15 solicitors offices, from all over Cornwall, are offering their time, free of charge, to write standard Wills – or update existing Wills. Instead of being paid the usual fee, the participating solicitors are asking for a donation to be made to Cornwall Hospice Care, the Cornish charity which provides specialist clinical care and support to adults with life-limiting illnesses through its two hospices; St Julia's Hospice in Hayle and Mount Edgcombe Hospice in St Austell. For Wills made during Make A Will Week, suggested donations are £75 for a single Will, £110 for a pair of husband and wife 'mirror' Wills and £40 for a Codicil to update an existing Will. For a full list of participating solicitors call 01726 66868 or visit the website [www.cornwallhospicecare.co.uk](http://www.cornwallhospicecare.co.uk).

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### Who Remembers?

Gill Preston has written to say that Rose Boucher's article in last month's Gazette about the Cadgwith Post Office reminded her of going to the PO as a child in the 1940's to exchange sweet coupons. Arthur Drew was postmaster and he invariably popped one or two 'extras' into the funnel shaped paper sweetie bags. Gill was fascinated by his glass eye but cannot now remember how she knew - he surely didn't take it out to show her! Arthur's son, John, became the local postman, toiling up and down the hills on a red bike .... those were the days of two, if not three, deliveries a day. Does anyone have any information about the post office in Ruan Minor, or when the Cadgwith PO relocated to somewhere near St. Mary's Church?

JAMES SPENCER MOBILE MECHANIC

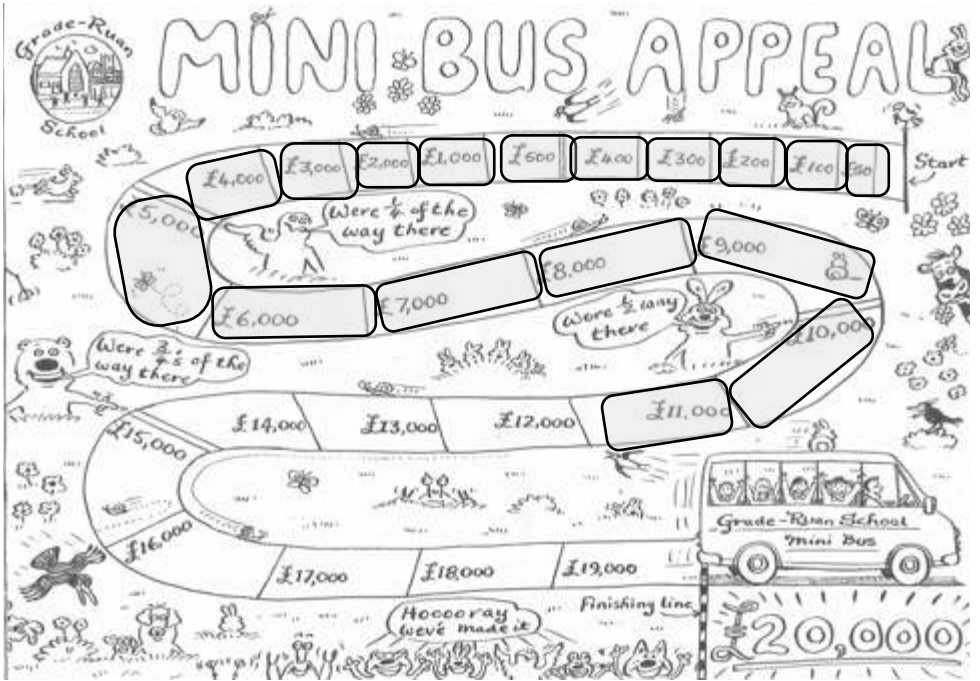
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Grade-Ruan Under 5s

# School Spot



Grade-Ruan C of E School



Mullion School

**Under 5s.** The afternoon sessions have proved very popular and we have had up to ten children attending. It's very satisfying to be able to provide this service and for that we are indebted to the Village Hall Committee for their support.

Last term was busy celebrating various events including St Piran's Day, when the children made pasties, Cornish flags and chough hats. We learned how to say hello in Cornish and a little bit of counting. We also enjoyed watching a video in Cornish.

This term is full of possibilities to explore the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics as well as watching our potatoes grow - lots of exciting activities to enable the children to learn about history, culture, sport and the world around them.

Session times are now:

Monday and Tuesday:

08.45am - 12.15pm Lunch 12.15-12.45pm  
afternoon: 12.45-3.00pm

Wednesday and Friday:

08.45am -12.15pm lunch 12.15-12.45pm

The group incorporates Parent and Toddlers and babies as well. Please drop in and see us whenever we are open. Children may be left from the age of 2; funding is available from the term after the third birthday.

*Jan Halliday*

**Grade Ruan School.** The Spring Term ended with a lovely afternoon at Poltesco with a fundraising duck race - thank you to

everyone that bought ducks as we raised a fantastic £212.50. Congratulations to the prize winners - Julie Swann, Theo, Max and Jenna. Everyone enjoyed the delicious pasties - thank you to Sharon and Christine Legge for making them and to Victoria from Long Loft, Ali Russell and Sharon Rowe for cooking them.

The Easter holidays were a lovely break and the Summer Term promises to be action packed. The upcoming Olympics will be the focus of a lot of activities and other things on the school calendar include school camp, visits, swimming and after school activities which have restarted.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from Grade-Ruan and Manaccan got together here at Grade-Ruan for a fun-filled music-making day. Phil and Christine from Cornwall Music Service led the children in using instruments, voices and their bodies to create sounds, finishing the day with a concert for parents.

Thank you to School Governor Mr Martin for revarnishing the school noticeboard in the playground. Finally, the school is very pleased to welcome Carrera to Starfish class.

*Ginny Sealey*

**Mullion.** The school was delighted to receive a letter of congratulations from Sir Michael Wilshaw, the Chief Inspector of OFSTED who said,

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During first week back after the Easter Holidays the Year 10s took part in a 4 day workshop organised by Cornwall Learning: Education Business Partnership. This involves 110 pupils divided up in to teams for two days with each team briefed to come up with an idea for a restaurant, allocate each other positions, eg Finance, Marketing etc and work together to come up with a business plan, trade stand and presentation for potential investors. The second two days sees the teams further divide into pairs and come up with a fundraising idea for a charity of their choice. They then do a presentation in front of an audience and a panel of judges. Mr Sandford and the head of the Business Partnership team both agreed that the pupils had worked exceptionally well and that the standard this year was particularly high - well done to all those involved.

*Ginny Sealey*



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### QUIZ NIGHT

Quizzes are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month and its fun for all the family. It's £1 per person including tea, coffee and biscuits 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month and it's eyes down at 7.30pm.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

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# NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL



Hello Everyone.

Well that's Easter finished with and now its next stop Summer!

Our 'Spring Cleaning' and maintenance work has been going ahead at full speed and a lot of repairs and improvements have been completed already. Parts of the Hall floor have been replaced after some of the floorboards were looking a little worse for wear and, with health and safety in mind, we have replaced the rear stair carpet leading to the upper room. The outside painting has now been completed and repairs carried out to both front and rear gates. Quite a few other smaller jobs have been carried out and it really does seem never ending.

As part of our attempts to ease the problem of surface water flooding from the road to the front of the Hall we took advice and, as a consequence, we have extended the Aco drainage system in an attempt to divert rain water away from the main front door. In order to help the drainage system cope better, the remainder of the moss on the roof will be cleaned off. The weather (and the birds!) cause the moss to fall off the roof, block the drains and slow down the flow of escaping water. We will keep a careful watch on the situation and time will tell if this action makes any significant difference to our problems.

We continue to examine ways in which we might ease our storage problems and we just might have found at least a partial solution. As ever, cash to pay the bill is a major constraint and we are looking into this in detail.

On 10<sup>th</sup> May, the Hall will host a 'musical extravaganza' to be produced and performed by students from Truro College as part of their final year studies. They are required to organise every aspect of the

production from booking the venue to performing on the evening. The first such event was held in the Hall last year and, once again, the event will be called '**Front of House**'. Those who came last year will recall an excellent performance from some very talented young musicians and I am sure that a splendid evening's entertainment will be enjoyed by all who come to this year's event. The programme is scheduled to commence at 7.30pm and a nominal entry fee will be charged. Refreshments will be available.

The Junior Snooker Course run by Paul Williams was a great success with twelve or more young persons taking part. We hope that this will encourage as many of them as possible to use the Hall's facilities regularly in the future and to help this along it is planned to run a knock-out competition for them with a trophy for the winner and runner up. If this takes off it could become an annual event.

Another significant success is the weekly Zumba Class run by Maria Hocking. The classes have been going for a number of weeks now and continue to be well supported. It's 6.30pm on Friday evenings for anyone who would like to join in and Maria has promised to be gentle with any new starters!

We have received a number of responses following our request for possible coach trip venues. The two favourites so far are a visit to gardens and a shopping trip later in the year along the lines of our last Plymouth trip. **Anyone got any different/better ideas??**

## **May dates to remember:**

8<sup>th</sup> Bingo (7.30pm), 10<sup>th</sup> 'Front of House' (7.30pm), 22<sup>nd</sup> Quiz Night (7.30pm).

I think that's all for now so have a good May and see you again in June.

*Janet Gascoigne*



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## **Opening of the new lifeboat station and dedication of the new lifeboat Rose**



**Lifeboats**

**Over the past two years The Lizard lifeboat station has been going through a station rebuild and taken delivery of a new Tamar class all-weather lifeboat.** Saturday 5 May will see the culmination of the build project when the lifeboat station team will celebrate the opening of the new station and dedication of their new lifeboat *Rose*. Admiral The Lord Boyce, chairman of the RNLI will officially open the station while Lady Mary Holborow, the recently retired Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall will name the new lifeboat. Lady Mary was Patron of the Lizard Tamar Lifeboat Appeal throughout the three years the appeal ran. Remarkably the target of £300,000 to raise locally was achieved in just two years due to the help of the local lifeboat fundraising branches at The Lizard, Coverack, Porthleven and Helston, and because of the amazing response from many local and national businesses and individuals, too numerous to mention. The rest of the cost of the lifeboat was met by donations from Trusts, major donors and legacies. There was also a donation of over £1.3 million from an anonymous donor for the naming rights.



Photo: Bernice Putt

During the time the appeal ran, the lifeboat station was demolished and a new larger station now replaces it on the same site at Kilcobben Cove. BAM Nuttall were employed and set about the challenging task of extending the concrete base on which the original station was built in 1961. They then built a 'state of the art' station suitable to take The Lizard RNLI into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Lizard lifeboat chairman Mike Lord says; 'We are all looking forward to the boathouse opening and the dedication of our new lifeboat. It is something we have all been waiting for, for a long time. It's amazing to look back at what has been achieved here over the last two years. From the station being demolished in May 2010 and the lifeboat having to be moved around from moorings off Cadgwith and Polpeor or in extreme weather taken to Falmouth to the shelter of the harbour. Having our Coxswain Phil Burgess retire in October 2010 and new Coxswain Andrew Putt arrive, the Tyne class all-weather lifeboat *David Robinson* being replaced by the Tamar lifeboat in July 2011 and now our new station being completed. This building is phenomenal, so much bigger and better than the old, with fantastic facilities which can be used by so many'.



Photo: Geoff Squibb

When the old station was demolished in May 2010, local photographer Geoff Squibb decided to take a few images of the rebuild for posterity, but after visiting the building site in all winds and weather and having taken over 6500 images, he has now produced a book documenting this amazing project. Geoff will be signing copies of his book 'Kilcobben's Rose' at Coast Coffee Bar and Bistro in Lizard Village from 10am to 2pm daily until Friday 4 May.



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# Diamond Jubilee Grade Ruan Street Party



Tuesday 5th June, 3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.  
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Everyone Welcome

Free hot and cold drinks and cakes will be provided. Please bring a plate of food to share (no china or glass plates please). The street will be decorated in red, white and blue. and you may wish to wear something in these colours. Music from the last 60 years will be played and there will be old-fashioned games for children. Harry Deacon has kindly offered to make a "Jubilee" cake and there will be a formal cake cutting ceremony.

Mugs, designed by Andre Ellis, will be given free to each child living in the Parish, so please ensure that your child is registered via the form in last month's Gazette or by phoning Wendy Elliot on 290432. Additional mugs will be available for sale on the day.

Andre has kindly offered to hand over the original artwork and this will be auctioned by sealed bid in aid of charity. Further information will be given at the party.

In case of rain, the party will be moved into the Village Hall but it may not be possible to accommodate everyone, so please bring wet weather gear and an umbrella if rain threatens.

If you need transport to and from the event, please contact Christine Whitehorn (291234) or Moira Hurst (290257).

For any queries or offers of help, please contact the organizers via Wendy Elliot on 290432 or at [wendyandderek@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:wendyandderek@tiscali.co.uk).



By Andre Ellis

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## 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY – COD 6.30 – 8.30 PM

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## 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FLATFISH

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

## 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – POLLACK

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

## 21<sup>ST</sup> 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

## 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY GARFISH

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

## 19<sup>TH</sup> 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

## 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY – CONGER

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

## 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST - GURNARD

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

## 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – MACKEREL

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

## SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - SHARKY'S CUP 12 – 6 PM

## 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – BASS 6pm – 8pm

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

## FOLLOWED BY PRESENTATION OF CUPS

\*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!

*Sarah Stephens*

# **RUAN MINOR RECREATION GROUND**

## **May Festival (in June this Year)**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7.30pm-midnight**

**Bragatanga**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1pm-midnight**

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# Recreation Ground News

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I see we are getting nearer to the date of our May/June Festival! We still seem to be rather short of volunteers to help us run this important community event. As I wrote last month, it takes a lot of people to make this event run smoothly. For the most part, it's not hard work, or particularly time-consuming, and it is an enjoyable way to spend a few days.

- We need something like 20 people to put up the marquee. I guess elements of this job could be described as "hard work", but most of it isn't – it just needs a lot of people. We usually do this on the Friday evening, starting from about 5pm. The main task that needs the "manpower" is getting the main frame and roof of the marquee in place, and that doesn't take too long if there are enough of us! Once that is done, there are smaller tasks like putting up the side-walls, and setting out the wind-breaks that act as fences to stop people falling over the guy ropes.
- We need a couple of volunteers to make sure the kitchen and toilets are as clean and tidy as we can in the old pavilion.
- We need help on the Saturday afternoon to make sure the bar is all set up, stocked and prepared for the evening. Also, there needs to be someone watching over the bar until it opens.
- We need a team of 4-6 people to staff the bar on the Saturday evening. It will probably only need 1 person at a time (although it is better with 2) for the first couple of hours, until it gets busy, then 2 people with another available to help for the rest of the evening..
- We need a couple of people to spend about 1/2 hour at the end of the

evening to tidy up. It doesn't take long to go round with a black bag collecting empty glasses and other rubbish. All the bar stock needs to be packed away and taken off site at the end of the day (We don't store anything valuable, or drinkable, in the pavilion!)

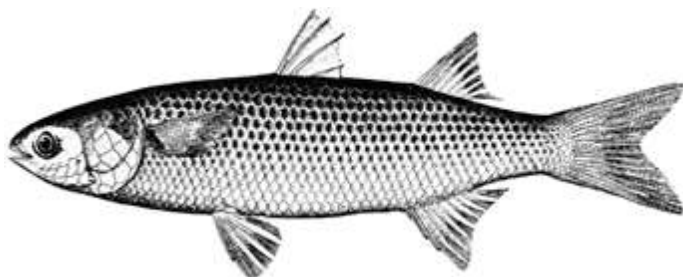
- Same again on Sunday, but starting at lunchtime, and not needing as many people to staff the bar.
- And again for Monday.
- Also on the Monday, we need people to set up for the Fun Day, fetch tables from the Village Hall, put up bunting, set up side shows and stalls, etc. etc.
- As in previous years, we welcome anyone who would like to pitch their own stall in the marquee or outside – just contact us to arrange it.
- We need people to volunteer to supervise various side-shows. Ideally we need sufficient that nobody needs to look after any activity for more than 1/2 an hour or so, but this does need plenty of volunteers – the more there are, the easier it gets!
- A few days after the dust has settled, we need another army of volunteers to take the marquee down again. This is easier and quicker than putting it up!

That's the main jobs that I can think of – I'm sure there are more, but it gives an idea of what is involved. Again, the more volunteers there are, the easier it all becomes, and the more we can all enjoy the event! If you would like to help in any way, please contact myself, Ali Russell, or any committee member – we would be most pleased to hear from you!

Many thanks,

*Mike Fleetwood, Chairman*

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## Ruan Minor Football Club News

Ruan Minor is still in second place in Division 4 of the Trelawney League, behind Wendron United 3rds and just ahead of Mawnan Reserves. The last game of the season will be played on 1st May, so we hope the team will manage to hold onto their position for the next few games.

**Results** since the last Gazette:

17/3 3-2 Away v. Goonhavern Athletic Res

24/3 3-3 Away v. Redruth United Reserves

31/3 1-2 Away v. Porthleven Rangers

10/4 4-4 Away v. Gulval Reserves

**As mentioned last month, Lew, who has done such a great job building up the team and achieving success in the League will be stepping down at the end of this season. Please contact me if you know anyone who would like to take over managing this successful team.**

*Moirra Hurst*

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# Gardening in May

by David Endean

Well March was one of the warmest on record and dry also. April has carried on that theme although, as I write this, the forecast is to rain all night and return again later in the week with gales so there was reason not to be up to date with all your gardening jobs. As usual I am like the cows tail, all behind. My excuse is that the weather has been so good that I thought I couldn't waste the time in the greenhouse as the weather will change at any time; therefore I have been doing things outside. It is amazing how you can find excuses for anything.

May is just about the busiest month in the gardening calendar, so what you read here are just a few ideas and by no means a comprehensive list. I will start in the vegetable garden. The soil is warm enough to germinate most seeds without protection now. So it is the ideal time to make your main crop sowings. Carrots are always a favourite with most people - nothing tastes better than some tender young fresh roots straight from the garden. But the big menace with these vegetables is the dreaded carrot root fly. The books will tell you that these little devils fly no higher than 18 inches (45cm) above the ground, so therefore you only need barriers that high and your roots will be problem free. Well I will tell you that that is rubbish - I have grown them three feet above the ground and more and still get problems. Your only hope is to grow them in ground that has not grown anything from the carrot family for a year or two, then sow your seed and immediately cover the area with horticultural fleece or better some kind of frame with viromesh attached. You need to use products like these because the flies are so small they will get through other barriers. You can grow varieties like Resistafly or Flyaway which both show some resistance and taste good also. But the seed companies do recommend sowing a standard variety with them,

these act as a sacrificial lamb. This is all well and good but how many people can afford the space to write off a row or more of carrots. The fly problem is not just in carrots: it also affects parsnips, parsley, celery and celeriac.

May is the time to plant your main crop of Runner beans. They are thirsty hungry plants so dig a good trench and fill it with well-rotted organic stuff, be it garden compost or farmyard manure; add some fertilizer and backfill the trench. Put up a strong framework for the beans to grow up, then plant the seed. Lay the seed out on the surface of the soil at the recommended distance along the row, then push them in the ground with your forefinger to a depth of your second knuckle.

The end of May and beginning of June was always the traditional time to plant out your summer bedding displays. This seems to have moved forward now and bedding is sold from early April - this is too early but they hope that you will come back for more when that lot dies or just becomes stagnant. I have no problem with people buying it, as I do for various reasons, but you must be aware that it will need protection from the cold nights and cold winds, it does not necessarily need to be frost to do the damage. If you want to have displays ready for the Jubilee celebrations on the early June bank holiday weekend, these are the plants that you need to buy now and then grow them on in larger pots and give them the protection of a greenhouse. Heating will not be needed but plenty of ventilation during the day is required. Red white and blue is the colour scheme of the time, so some ideas for plants that you may well get to flower for the first weekend in June are lobelia (Crystal Palace), Bacopa, Diascias, perennial type Nemesias, Surfinia petunias, Zonal geraniums, fibrous rooted begonia (red devil) and

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salvia (firecracker).

The trouble with pushing plants on like this means is that they are less likely to flower so deep into the season. There are lots of other bedding options you can try with different colour schemes and you can plant these later as space becomes available. Gaps are likely to come as your spring bulbs die back. Don't be tempted to get rid of the leaves too early as this will reduce the flowering next year. If I have bulbs in the flower beds, I like to mix up some garden compost with spent compost from old tubs and hanging baskets and a bit of fertilizer, put this on top of where the bulbs are, then plant your summer bedding in this. This gives a bit more working depth of soil and so protects the bulbs, which seem to work their way up in the soil level.

Your camellias will have just about finished flowering, so now is the time to do any pruning if necessary. Camellias need not to be pruned as a matter of course. Pruning is only carried out to shape the bush; you can

be harsh if you need to be, but you will lose the flowers for a year or two if that is the route you go down. Also, look over the bush to see if there are any seed pods set - they are glossy green, red to brown and somewhat medicine ball shaped. Remove these pods, as it is said that leaving them on can reduce next year's flowering by 40% or more. They will produce viable seeds if you want to have a go at growing something new and different, but they need to be sown as soon as the pods ripen and crack open. Be prepared for a long wait as the seeds may take a year to germinate and many more years will pass by before the plant is mature enough to flower.

While you have your secateurs in hand, you can prune those early spring flowering shrubs like Forsythia, Ribes (flowering currant) and Viburnums. As usual, take out about a third of the oldest most mature stems and branches, and then trim to a pleasing shape. This encourages the bush to rejuvenate itself but you should still have flowers next year.

The onions that I have been growing for those of you who wish to have a go at the novice class in the show this year will be ready this month. If you want some, please contact me and I will get them to you. Make sure you prepare the ground well, as you will find that all the supplementary feeding that you give it will never surpass previously dunged ground. I certainly found that last year, when I grew my onions in an area that I filled with chicken manure during the winter. The next autumn I had some of the best onions that I have produced in that garden and we are still eating them as they kept really well.

What else will I be doing this month? Well, I will keep sowing lettuce, radish, beetroot courgettes, and French beans - really just about any vegetable. I will keep mowing the grass, plant up hanging baskets and tie in my sweet peas on a twice weekly basis. Thank goodness for the light evenings. Make sure that with the warmer times in May you enjoy your garden as well as your gardening.



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# QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

What a Quiz Night, what a battle!! February's contest saw the top three teams separated by only one and a half points and only a silly mistake in the Wipe-Out Round stopped one of the other teams being up there as well. Going into the Wipe-Out Round six of the nine teams were in contention for the winners slot and it certainly does not get much closer than that.

At the death it was **Cliffhangers** who took the Champions Crown by half a point from **Eclectic** with **The Mixed Bunch** just a further point behind. **The Buccaneers** got the author and hero of 'The Thirty Nine Steps' mixed up and said the hero's name was John instead of Richard Hannay. It cost them seven points and a place in the top three.

It was Phyllis's turn to deliver a really good Guest Round and it will be Jill Thomas who does the honours next time.

After a cracking battle the final scores for the night were as follows:

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Team</u>        | <u>Points</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Cliffhangers       | 80.5          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Eclectic           | 80.0          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | The Mixed Bunch    | 79.0          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | The Buccaneers     | 72.5          |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | O.T.T.             | 71.0          |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | 6 Virgins and Jill | 70.0          |
|                 | The Motley Crew    | 70.0          |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | Bob's Band         | 60.5          |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> | Rumanites          | 56.5          |

Much to the dismay of all quizzers present, February's contest saw the nostalgic end of an era with the last presentation of small individual wooden spoons to the team finishing in last place. However, everyone soon cheered up when they learned that a new trophy - 'THE WOODEN SPOON' -

would be presented each month to the 'Runners-up with the fewest number of points'! The first presentation of the new trophy is pictured with Roy Vivian, captain of '**Rumanites**', becoming the first proud owner of the new prestigious award.



Thanks for yet another great evening and see you all next time  
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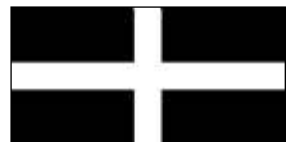
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# CADGWITH PILOT GIG CLUB NEWS

Rowing Slots from Cadgwith this Summer

Please see below the proposed weekly timetable of rowing from the cove, subject to weather and any unforeseen (or seen) circumstances! We'll kick off in earnest after Scilly championships, so these slots to begin week of 14<sup>th</sup> May.

|                |  |                               |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Monday         | 6:30pm Men, incl. newcomers                                |                               |
| Tuesday        | 5pm U14s   | 6:30pm Ladies incl. newcomers |
| Wednesday      | 5pm U16s   | 6:30pm Men incl. newcomers    |
| Thursday       | 6:30pm Ladies incl. newcomers                              |                               |
| Friday...      | Look out for posters advertising evening races in the cove |                               |
| Sunday morning | Social crew  |                               |

Forthcoming dates include our own event - Buller Day - on 11<sup>th</sup> August followed soon after by Buller Cup (evening of racing in Newquay) on 17<sup>th</sup> August. Our fundraising Wednesday BBQs in the cove this year will be on 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August. Those who haven't paid 2012 membership yet, please pick up a form from the gig shed, and return to Emma George as soon as possible.

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## May Quiz

1. What was the first bird released from Noah's Ark?
2. Which is mainland Britain's most northern town?
3. In which forest is "As You Like It" set?
4. What is the "Old Lady of Threadneedle Street"?
5. A "Turks Head" is a type of what?
6. Which liqueur is used in a "Sidecar" cocktail?



## Answers to the April Quiz

1. What is the collective noun for Kangaroos? *Mob*
2. What Home Guard Platoon does Captain Mainwaring command? *Warmington-on-Sea*
3. What is the largest prehistoric monument in England? *Avebury Circles*
4. Which cabinet minister swapped his wife for his secretary in 1997? *Robin Cook*
5. What bird can swim but can't fly? *Penguin*
6. Which father and son were Formula One world champions? *Graham and Damon Hill*

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*A little more from the Itinerant Seafarer ... By Simon Sugrue*

**Western Australia.** Keast Island, a long thin island which the then captain of the CAPE DON, Ron Line, very much wanted to rename Line Island, had some strange attributes. The most notable were the huge number of very large shells, all vacated by their long dead occupants, that lay about on the beach. There are two of these in our garden in Cadgwith now. The second was the ferocity of the spinifex grass that grew there, a trip ashore was a painful experience and one's ankles itched for days afterwards. The third was the odd behaviour of the local sharks; they would follow anyone walking on the beach. Most people did walk on the beach because of the spinifex. The sharks would get as close as possible to eye up their hoped-for meal. Anyone thinking that they could ease the irritation for the spinifex by paddling were very quickly dissuaded by a shark rushing in regardless of the shallow water. I know of no other place where the sharks make their intentions quite so obvious.

**Western Australia, Kimberly Region.** While the light at Degerando was being built the builders camped out on the Island just above the high tide level. The light was on top of a hill and a monorial to run equipment up to the light from the beach was being built at the same time as the light. One of the mechanics, Fred Payne, rode the newly built monorail from the light site to the bottom and fell off, breaking his leg. There was no chance of evacuation for a few weeks so Fred was settled in an open tent with his leg splinted and there he waited. He tells the story of the day when he was lying there reading his book for the fifth time when a crocodile, at least twenty feet long, walked through the tent without taking too much notice of him. The rest of the crew were up at the light about a quarter of a mile away and Fred didn't even bother yelling. He dined out on the experience for the rest of his life.

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**Minutes of the March Monthly Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel on Monday 12 March 2012 at 7.30pm**

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

1. **Apologies and Absence:** no apologies were received.  
Councillor Codling was absent without apology.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** there were no declarations of interest.
3. **Public Time:** on behalf of the residents of Mundy's Field Mr D Gascoigne thanked the Parish Council and the efforts undertaken by Councillors in addressing the various problems regarding the Mundy's Field Car Park. He also advised Sylvia Partridge was willing to volunteer to go to residents to collect contributions towards a planting scheme.  
  
Concerns were expressed as to why the school bus is now turning at Glebe Place. Previously the pick up had been at the bus stop. The children have been advised the bus could not turn by the Chapel nor the School Hall.  
  
The announcement by Cornwall Council to increase fees on burial plots was questioned. Cornwall Councillor Rule advised the increase only applied to Cornwall Council owned graveyards, none of which were in Grade Ruan Parish, although there is a separate scale of fees set by the Church for Church burial grounds. Councillor Rule advised the fees were being set to reduce the extent Cornwall Council subsidises churchyards.
4. **Police Report:** PCSO J Berry sent her apologies but had sent a report which the Clerk read to those present. [The report was printed in the April Gazette - Ed.]
5. **Cornwall Councillor's Time:** Cornwall Councillor C Rule reported Cornwall Council had set a 0% rise for Council Tax for the forthcoming financial year. She encouraged the Parish Council to make applications to the Community Fund.  
  
She reported First had won the contract from Western Greyhound and assured the Parish Council that Cornwall Council can monitor the levels of service on subsidised services (mainly rural routes) but had no influence over commercial routes. It was commented that the bus companies would only issue single tickets and not return tickets which was disadvantageous to bus users.
6. **Minutes for acceptance:** the Minutes of the February Monthly Meeting (having been circulated) were proposed for acceptance by Councillor R Curnow, seconded by Councillor M Fleetwood. These were approved by those present with two abstentions.
7. a. **Planning:** PA12/00022 – amended plans - normal pruning works to all trees, crown raise of roadside trees at Chylin, Ruan Minor by Mr Liam Hywel Williams.  
  
Two Members of the Public joined the Meeting.  
  
The Chairman proposed this application be supported, Councillor Curnow seconded – all in favour.  
  
Councillor Green joined the Meeting.
- b. At this point there was a deviation from the Agenda where a Member of the Public questioned what was happening with the School Bus. The Chairman updated on the information that had been provided under Public Time and advised the land by the Chapel is privately  
  
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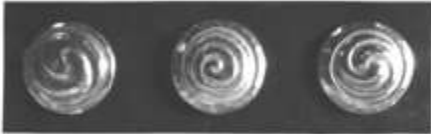
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owned and has been damaged due to buses turning on it and there is a potential claim for damages. The Parish Council were advised although the contracted bus company had spoken to the children about the change in the drop off points, there had been no written confirmation or information supplied to parents.

Mr A Ellis joined the Meeting.

Councillor Preston advised the member of the Public of the meeting that had been held with Western Greyhound where it had been agreed the buses would turn at Glebe Place, although the school bus contract was with a different company. If the school bus was to continue terminating at Glebe Place it was requested a bus shelter be provided and the pavement area increased, or the parking restrictions around the school be rearranged or enforced to utilise the turning area there. Cornwall Councillor Rule would make enquiries as to where the school bus contract terminates.

- c. There was a further deviation from the Agenda in that the Parish Council then considered designs for commemorative Jubilee mugs designed by Mr A Ellis. Bone china mugs had been sourced which could be printed with the proposed design at Mullion. Councillor Elliott had organised an application form for the mugs to be circulated in The Gazette. The Chairman proposed the Parish Councillors receive a mug as part of the Jubilee celebrations, Councillor Fleetwood seconded. 7 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention – the proposal was carried. Mr A Ellis is willing to donate the original design to be raffled.
- d. PA12/00773 – retrospective planning for two dormer and a velux window at Coth Lytherva, Cadgwith, Ruan Minor by Mrs M Whitehead. Originally planning consent had been granted

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for this development in 1979 but had since lapsed. Attention was drawn to a new entrance onto the highway that had been created. Councillor Trewin proposed the application be supported, Councillor Cooper seconded. 8 for, 1 against. It was agreed the application should be supported but comment that concern be expressed at the fact this is a retrospective application and do not wish this development to set a precedent. We also wish to draw attention to the fact additional engineering works have been conducted in that a new entrance to the publicly maintained highway has been made from the plot.

- e. PA11/10743 – erection of extension and replacement roof to fire damaged house, replacement windows, internal alterations and insertion of window on the north-west elevation, re-roofing of studio building including raising the roof height, insertion of roof light and replacement windows and doors at Trelugga, Ruan Minor by Mr N M Gardener. Councillor Freeman proposed this be supported, Councillor Fleetwood seconded – all in favour.
- 8. a. **Finance:** copies of the financial report were circulated. The Clerk drew attention to the s137 limit. Banks statements had not arrived in time for the meeting for the Clerk to prepare a reconciliation.
- b. Appointment of internal auditor for the financial year ending 31 March 2012-04-01. The Chairman proposed Hudson Accounting be appointed as the Internal Auditor for Grade Ruan Parish Council for the year ending 31 March 2012, Councillor Trewin seconded – all in favour. The Notice of Audit had not yet been received from the Audit Commission. Clerk to notify the Chairman when it is received.
- c. Requests for donations. A request was received from the Ruan Minor Recreation Ground Committee for a pledge of financial support from the Parish Council to assist in making

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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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

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grant applications towards the construction of a new pavilion at the Recreation Ground. It was queried how this should be treated in the accounts, whilst it was being considered as a commitment to a donation, if treated as a s137 payment this would have a significant impact on the amount the Parish Council was permitted to use the s137 allowance for. Clerk to clarify with CALC. Councillor Cooper proposed an initial pledge of £2000.00 at this time towards the project, Councillor Elliott seconded. All in favour. Councillor Fleetwood thanked the Parish Council on behalf of the Recreation Ground Committee.

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

9. a. **Matters arising from the Minutes:** casual vacancy – an expression of interest had been received from Mr A Humby. Councillor Cooper proposed Mr Humby be invited to the next meeting of the Parish Council, Councillor Fleetwood seconded.,
- b. Mundy’s Field Car Park – all offending vehicles from the Car Park had been removed. The estimated cost for a barrier to limit the size of vehicles entering the Car Park is £1000.00. Llawnc Parking Services – there would be no cost to the Parish Council to utilise this firm’s services but they would retain receipt of all revenues raised from releasing clamped vehicles. It was agreed the situation would be monitored and reviewed in three months.
- c. Play Area – the repairs to the fence are nearly complete. Councillor Elliott had made enquiries about the surplus tower at St Keverne but had been unable to obtain any more information.
- d. Bus turning at Chapel – it was reported the bus is still turning at the Chapel, concern was cont....



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expressed at the damage to the road. The road is not adopted. It was suggested details of the properties beyond the Chapel be obtained from the Land Registry to ascertain what rights of way existed. The Chairman proposed this be done, Councillor Cooper seconded – all in favour.

- e. Diamond Jubilee celebrations – Councillor Green proposed a vote of thanks be recorded for Cornwall Councillor Rule whose assistance in organising the loan of road closure signs for the celebrations from Cornwall Council had saved a significant amount of money. A s16 road closure had been applied for from Glebe Place to the school. The Parish Council expressed its thanks to Councillor Green for his work. On the day of the closure a ‘Chapter 8 approved person’ is required to erect the signs. It was thought a suitably qualified person may reside in the Parish who could assist. The insurance policy had been checked and everything appears to be in order. The committee is trying to get other organisations to loan tables for the event. Is additional insurance required or is it more practical to indemnify table owners against any damage should it occur? Councillor Green to enquire as to cost. Councillor Elliott requested the Parish Council contribute £250.00 towards the costs of the party. Councillor Cooper proposed this be supported, Councillor Trewin seconded – all in favour.

Councillor Elliott is attending a safety course on 15 March 2012.

- f. Ruan Minor telephone box – the Clerk had emailed BT again and received no response. She had also phoned but kept waiting and unable to get through.
- g. Grassed areas in Glebe Place – Michelle Foster had emailed the Clerk to advise that she

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was unable to reply fully to all the issues that had been raised as some information was still outstanding but she hoped to have everything ready by the end of March. She advised initial estimates are that the grass cutting bill for the tenants on the Glebe Place estate will drop from £4.53 per week to around £1.65 per week if the communal grass area is adopted. It is important that any grassed area that goes right up to a tenant's window is not transferred unless absolutely necessary. Yet the current area maintained under the grounds maintenance contract includes the land directly in front of the bungalows at number 7-14 Glebe Place. (The land behind the bungalows is maintained by the tenants themselves.) The system whereby rear gardens are maintained by tenants in bungalows and front gardens are maintained via a service charge appears to be a system which goes right across all the estates and Coastline is keen to consult further with tenants to understand the reasoning behind it.

- h. Planters for Mundy's Field Car Park – further to a request from the residents of Mundy's Field for planters to be provided for the Car Park, this had been investigated and the cost of suitable planters commenced from £50.00, the potential cost of buying enough planters to have a significant impact could run to about £500/1000.00 plus these items would need to be added to the insurance policy. It was commented that it was thought there was a planning obligation to keep the Car Park as an open plan design. Councillor Cooper proposed that planters should not be purchased for the Mundy's Field Car Park, Councillor Freeman seconded. 4 in favour, 2 against, 3 abstentions. Proposal carried. Councillor Alford to report back to the residents.

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- i. Affordable housing and s106 agreement – in respect of the s106 agreement Cornwall Council had responded that the monies being held in respect of this would be held by Cornwall Council as the planning authority and any interest earned would go to the Council's general fund. The funds had to be utilised for affordable housing. Councillor Freeman proposed a working party be set up to investigate options for affordable housing projects to utilise the s106 funds. Councillor Cooper seconded – all in favour.
10. **Matters for consideration:** the date of the usual monthly meeting for April falls on Easter Monday. It was agreed the Meeting should be held on Tuesday 10 April 2012 at 7.00pm. Councillors to gather at 6.45pm to meet with the prospective new Councillor.
11. **Correspondence:** [Letters and emails not listed here due to space constraints. The list is available from the Editor.]
12. **Footpaths, Environment and Treewarden:** Footpaths – some additional funding had been available in January. Some works had been done. Councillor Preston had referred various items, paths 33-34 are currently unusable. Poltesco Lane – there are dips in the verge and raised covers in the road. Councillor Preston to investigate.
13. **In committee:** the Parish Council meeting then went into committee.

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**Police Report:** Report completed at 0900 hrs on Thursday 5 April 2012.

Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend the meeting this evening.

I am pleased to report that during March there were no crimes reported to the Police. This compares with one crime for the same period last year.

Whilst the following crimes were not committed within Grade Ruan, I would like to bring them to your attention. There has been the theft of two outboard motors from St Anthony. These engines are a black Yamaha 40 and a grey Mariner 20 and were possibly stolen overnight; it would certainly have taken two people to take the Yamaha engine. The third crime is that of a theft from 2 stoppers that were cut from an inflatable vessel at the Helford River. At this time it has not been established whether this was a theft or criminal damage to the boat. All crimes are being investigated.

If anyone has any knowledge regarding these thefts or notices anyone behaving suspiciously please do not hesitate to contact the Police. If there are any suspicious vehicles in the area please take a note of the registration numbers, this may take a few minutes of your time but could prove to be a vital part of any investigation.

For information a Purple Mercedes E300 Saloon, Registration S319NLT was seen in suspicious circumstances at Darthaven Marina, Kingswear about 2000hrs Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March. If you see this vehicle please contact the Police. Please ensure that your local maritime community are aware of this vehicle. Please ensure your marine engines and boating valuables are safely secured.

Both Boat Watch and Farm Watch are up and running from Helston Police Station. These schemes are run by myself and PCSO Jon Bell. If anyone would like any more information then please contact us on the office phone number and leave a message 01326 555158.

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

# ***Rector's Ramblings***

## ***The Spirit Comes to Set Us Free***

**O**n that long ago first morning of Pentecost, Jerusalem was crowded with thousands of visitors for one of the most popular feast-days in the Jewish calendar – the Feast of Firstfruits, looking forward to the wheat harvest.

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They were not disappointed, because on that morning the Holy Spirit came into that small room like a rushing wind with tongues of flame, and transformed those believers into the Church, Christ's Body here on earth (*Acts 2:1-21*).

Pentecost was not the first time that the Holy Spirit came to the world – throughout the Old Testament there are stories telling of how God had guided people and given them strength. But now His Spirit would use a new instrument - the Church.

The Book of Acts opens with the preaching of the gospel in Jerusalem, the centre of the Jewish nation. Within 30 years the gospel had spread throughout the northern Mediterranean: Syria, Turkey, Greece, Malta... to the very heart of the Roman Empire: Rome. The Church was on the move – God was on the move! He was calling people from every nation to repent, turn to Jesus for forgiveness of their sins, and to follow him.

God calls each one of us to do the same: to turn away from our wrongdoing, ask Jesus to forgive us, and to follow him.

So, this Pentecost (27th May) let the Holy Spirit set *you* free, inflame *your* heart, change *your* life! Let there be a revival in God's Church - Christ's Body - here in this parish and across the Lizard peninsular!

Revd Deirdre

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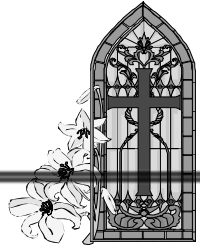
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|          |                                                                              |               |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Sun 6th  | United Methodist Anniversary Service<br>Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel          | 11am          |
| Sun 13th | Holy Communion, St Ruan Church<br>Evensong, St Grade Church                  | 9.30am<br>6pm |
| Sun 20th | Family Service, St Ruan Church<br>Evening Praise, St Mary's Church, Cadgwith | 11am<br>6pm   |
| Sun 27th | <b>Pentecost</b><br>Holy Communion, St Ruan Church                           | 9.30am        |

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| Thursday  |                      | 10am              |
| Friday    | 10am                 |                   |
| Saturday  | 4pm                  |                   |
| Holy Days | 10am                 | 7.30pm            |

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