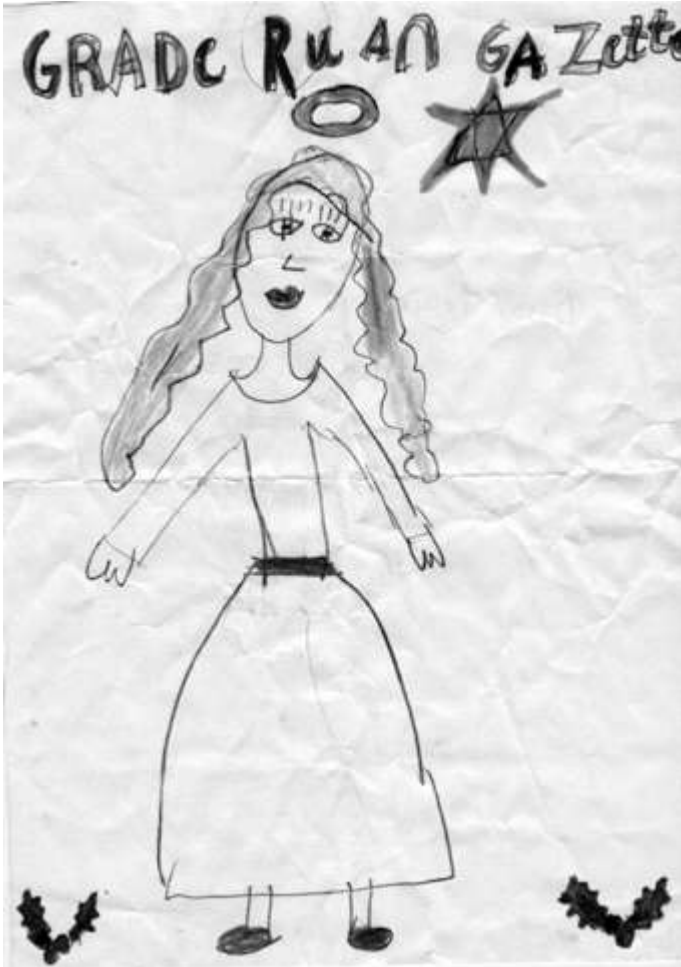


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|----------------|--|
| Alternate Weds | Recycling - 11, 28 December, 8, 22 January |
| Alternate Tues | Mobile Library - 10, 24 December, 7, 21 January. Kuggar 10.45am - 11am, Glebe Place 11.05am-11.20am, Cadgwith Car Park 11.35-11.55am |
| 2nd Monday | 7.30pm Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 9 December, 13 January |
| 3rd Tuesday | 12.15pm Soup, Pasty, Pudding, Methodist Chapel, 17 December, 21 January |
| 3rd Saturday | 9am - 1pm Farmers Market at Mullion School, 21 December, 18 January |
| Mon & Thurs | 7.00pm Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall |
| Every Tues | (except 3rd Tues) 10am Coffee morning, Methodist Chapel |
| Every Weds | Rainbows, Brownies & Guides. Contact Joy Prince 01326 290280 |
| Every Thurs | 9.30am-11.30am Market and refreshments - Village Hall |

DECEMBER AND JANUARY

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1 December | Carolaire in the Village Hall |
| 1 - 14 December | Barrie Cook Exhibition, See "What's On" |
| 5 December | Christmas Tree Festival, St. Grade, See "What's On" |
| 7 December | Christmas Lights Switch-on in Cadgwith, 6pm |
| 8 December | Christingle Service, St. Grade Church, 3pm |
| 15 December | Flower Arranging Taster, 4pm. See "What's On" |
| 17 December | Christmas Quiz in the Village Hall |
| 19 December | Christmas Market in the Village Hall |
| 20 December | End of Autumn Term. Grade Ruan and Mullion Schools |
| 31 December | Pirates & Princesses Party, see Cadgwith Cove Inn advert |
| 6 January | Start of Spring Term. Grade Ruan and Mullion Schools |
| 18 January | Deadline for contributions to the February Gazette |
| 22 January | Book Club, 8pm at Cadgwith Cove Inn. "Silas Marner" and The "Little Coffee Shop in Kabul" |

ADVANCE DATES

| | |
|----------------|--|
| 7 - 9 February | Pantomime "Aladdin", Village Hall. See "What's On" |
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Please send contributions to the Editor's email address shown below. Paper contributions can be put in the letterbox at New Thatch or in the Mag Bag behind the door at Spar. **The deadline is the 18th of the month prior to publication, but may occasionally be earlier or later (check the Diary Dates).**

Please ensure your piece does not exceed 1500 words, or approximately three pages of A4. Articles may need to be split over more than one issue, and might be edited.

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Noticeboard



Sadly, Tom Stephens passed away at the end of October, aged 84. He was described by all who knew him as a lovely man, always kind and interesting to talk to. His popularity was shown by the large number of people who attended his funeral. Condolences to all the family.

Happy Birthday in December to: Billy J, Karen Forster, Sam Jane, James Bennetts, James Green, Danny Meek, Ivan B-A, Rosie J, Lisa Mitchell, Fiona Hunt, Pam Penrose, Ian Arnall, Ben N, Sian Mason, Jack A, Chris Newton, Jack S, Alex Day-Smith, Catherine Day-Smith, (both getting the key to the door, I believe!), Jai M, Ian Shipway

And in **January** to: Simone Humby, Jasmine F, Victoria McClarity, Tasha Williams, Tanya Strike, Jane Hills, Jane Shipway, Annie W, David 'Bam' Spooner, Dave Lee, Chris Ensink, Liz Outten, Chantelle B, Jan Morgan, Jasmine G, Ben J, Jak W, Mary Keeley, Pam Day-Smith, Chris Sealey, Jess S, Linda Drysdale, Peter Hills, Saoirse N.

Our thoughts are with **Colin Cooper**, who has been very poorly and is currently in Barncoose hospital in Redruth.

Best wishes also to **Liz Mitchell** who broke her leg in a fall.

Those of you who remember **Shirley Merritt**, who used to live in Ruan Minor and

now lives in St. Day, may like to know that she subscribes to the Gazette and so is able to keep up to date with the goings on in the Parish.

The **Gazette AGM** was held in November. Our Treasurer, Peter Martin, presented the accounts, which show the **Gazette finances** to be in good shape. We may increase the cover price at some stage to bring it in line with actual printing costs, but there is no intention to increase advertising rates in the near future.

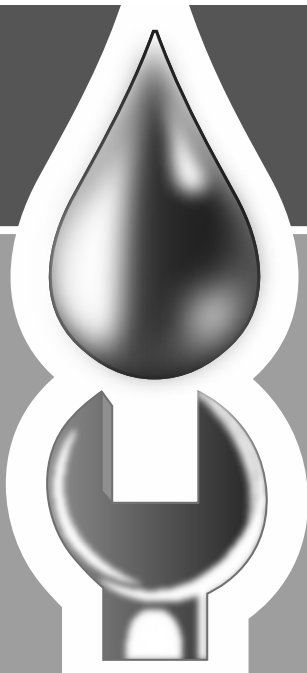
A problem was raised at the AGM concerning the **timeliness of distribution of the Gazette**. It was recognised that distributors are not always able to do their round as soon as the magazine becomes available. The Committee decided to try to find a back-up distributor in each area so that, if the primary distributor was not able to do it promptly in any particular month, they could ask the back-up to do it instead. Your feedback on this would be much appreciated.

This issue covers December and January. It contains your **Christmas wishes** in lieu of sending cards, which hopefully will save a few trees. Thank you for the donations which accompanied the messages. I found an empty envelope in the magbag so, if your message is missing, please get in touch and help me solve the mystery of the empty envelope. Half the money received will go to the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust and the other half to the Gazette. We will use the money to pay for the **colour**

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supplement in this issue. Thanks to all those who sent me their lovely photographs.

May I take this opportunity to say **thank you** to our advertisers and subscribers for their support throughout the year. Thanks also to all our hard working distributors, as well as our regular and occasional contributors, who all do so much to ensure the Gazette remains viable. The next issue will be out at the beginning of February.

Moir a Hurst

— ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ ❖ —
**Wishing all our readers a
merry Christmas and a happy
New Year**

Happy 21st birthday on 20th December 2013 to **Catherine and Alex**. Love Mum, Chas, Cath, Brian and Mike.

Yvonne and family would like to thank everyone for attending Tom's funeral and for all the kind wishes, cards and flowers received. Donations to the RNLI and The Mission for Deep Sea Fishermen amounted to £365 - charities which Tom wholeheartedly supported. Thanks also to Cadgwith pub and Leggy's Pasties for the wonderful spread - you did Tom proud! Finally thank you to RE Tonkins, Funeral Directors, for their compassion.

Yvonne Stephens

Thank you, everyone, for producing this wonderful Gazette from which I can keep up with local news, even when I'm poorly.

Thanks for your support, friendship, lovely flowers, cards, good wishes and love during my illness. You have mad me feel very cared for and I wish you all every happiness

in this very special village where so many work hard to keep it so.

Also I want to thank the church, chapel, surgery, village hall and shop. We are so lucky to live in such beautiful countryside which itself carries a message of love to us all.

Thank you so much.

Maureen Girling.

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The winning ticket in the November Draw was number 112 **Susie Thomson**



After this photo appeared in last month's Gazette, Jocelyn Fletcher informed me that this is not Arthur Mann Jane and Minnie Stephens as stated. The photo is in fact of Jocelyn's great-grandparents, William Henry Jane and Anne Willey.



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TREES can be any size, made of anything and decorated in any way. GOOGLE of course has many suggestions.

So come on businesses, fishermen, play group, Grade Ruan School, Mullion School, college students (discuss on the bus), organisations, shops, Parish Council, National Trust, Clubs, Individuals, etc.



Enquiries - 290910 or 290432.

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His training was very academic and he became a portrait painter and teacher. After 26 years in the profession, he resigned his post to become a full time painter. During this time, he developed an interest in abstract painting.

The last year has been quite hectic. Barrie has held two solo exhibitions in London. In a group show chosen from the best of paintings produced during the 1970s, his work was given the central position at the Piper Gallery in London. His work was also chosen from the Government's collection of 13,000 paintings and is travelling to a number of art galleries throughout Great Britain.

Barrie's exhibition for the Lemon Street Gallery has been curated by his main agent, Marie Louise Jones. Barrie would welcome people to view the exhibition and see what they think.



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Tickets will be on sale from mid January
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LAST POSTING DATES FOR CHRISTMAS 2013

(from Claire at Ruan Minor Post Office)

INTERNATIONAL AIRMAIL:

- 4 Dec: Asia, Australia, Far East (including Japan), New Zealand.
- 6 Dec: Africa, Caribbean, Central and South America, Middle East
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What's New for December:

December Sundays (1,8,15 & 22) drawn at 4pm Retallacks Raffle
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Christmas Lights Switch On 7th December - Live music by Jordan Jane
7pm - 10pm

Christmas Eve - Carols with The Cadgwith Singers

Christmas Day - Bar Open 11.30am - 2.30pm

New Years Eve

Pirates & Princesses Fancy Dress Party
Table Service Sitting 5.30pm- 7pm
Live Music by Harry Rowland 8.30pm
Evening Buffet 8.30pm – 10pm
Disco & Bar open until 2am

January:

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6th – 19th January 2014

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Christmas/New Year Rubbish and Recycling Collections 2013/14

Cornwall Council and Cory Environmental are working together to minimise disruption to the collection services over the festive season.

Rubbish and clinical waste collections will be suspended on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Residents will receive a double collection the following week.

Recycling collections will not take place on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. If your collection is due on either of these days, it will be collected on Saturday 28 December.

Garden waste collections will not take place on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. If your collection is due on either of these days, it will be collected on Saturday 28 December.

Recycling and Rubbish Collections

| Date | Rubbish/Clinical | Recycling/Garden |
|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mon 23 Dec | Normal Collection | Normal Collection |
| Tue 24 Dec | Normal Collection | Normal Collection |
| Wed 25 Dec | Collection on 1 January | Collection on Sat 28 Dec |
| Thu 26 Dec | Collection on 2 January | Collection on Sat 28 Dec |
| Fri 27 Dec | Normal Collection | Normal Collection |
| Sat 28 Dec | No Collection | Collection for 25 & 26 Dec |
| Mon 30 Dec | Normal Collection | Normal Collection |
| Tue 31 Dec | Normal Collection | Normal Collection |
| Wed 1 Jan | Normal Collection incl 25 Dec | Normal Collection |
| Thu 2 Jan | Normal Collection incl 26 Dec | Normal Collection |

Christmas trees

Real Christmas trees will only be collected on weeks commencing 6 January and 13 January. Place your tree out for collection on your rubbish collection day, on the alternate week to your recycling collection. The trees will be collected for free then shredded and composted.

Christmas cards

There are a number of charity collections for Christmas cards, but if you wish to dispose of them using the kerbside recycling collection they should be placed in the cardboard sack.

Envelopes

White envelopes should go into the paper sack, coloured or brown envelopes should go with the cardboard.

Wrapping paper

We can accept most wrapping paper but shiny paper is difficult to recycle as the water in the paper mills cannot penetrate the fibres. So if paper is coated with foil or plastic we cannot take it. Please put all non shiny paper in the paper sack and remove all sticky tape, string and ribbons.

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Chocolate and biscuit tins

You can put chocolate and biscuit tins out for recycling in the sack for plastic bottles and cans. We can only accept metal sweet and biscuit tins, we cannot take the plastic tubs.

Additional recycling

If you have more kerbside recycling than usual, please put it out in carrier bags. Please be extra careful with glass bottles and place out for collection in a rigid box.

Household waste and recycling centres

The sites will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. The normal site opening times are 9am to 4pm.

Top tip

Many of us tend to over cater at Christmas, and this shows in the amount of rubbish that we collect in the New Year. The best way to reduce food waste is to write a shopping list and stick to it. Think about how many people you will be feeding and just buy enough for them. Remember, if you don't like sprouts, you don't have to buy them!

www.cornwall.gov.uk/recycling

to download a full collection calendar or call **0300 1234 141** or email refuseandrecycling@cornwall.gov.uk



Christmas Greetings

Each of these Christmas Greetings arrived with a donation of at least £5, to be divided equally between the Gazette and the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust. Thank you all.

-  Wishing all our friends, family and neighbours a very merry Christmas and a healthy, wealthy New Year. Lots of love from **Liane, Len, Mailli Rae and Tamlyn.**
-  Christmas wishes to all our family and friends. Wishing you all that you wish for yourselves and a happy and healthy 2014. With our love **Nicky, Ian, Brett and Ray.**
-  Wishing all our friends and neighbours in the Parish a happy Christmas and a wonderful 2014. **Tim and Moira**
-  Have a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year. Love from **Tim, Sandra, Sam and Lauren.**
-  A very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas to all readers, from **Noel Murphy**
-  Happy Christmas and all the best for 2014, with love **Fi, Simon, Ben, Toby and Lucas.**
-  A very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all my friends and neighbours. Love **Ann Vaulter.**
-  **Cathy and Brian** wish all their friends and neighbours a peaceful Christmas and a healthy New Year.
-  **Bruce and Glynis Jordan** would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.
-  **Eveline Julian** wishes family, friends and neighbours a merry Christmas and happy New Year.
-  We wish to you all that the spirit of Christmas warms your heart and stays with you throughout the New Year. Lots of love, **Stuart and CC.** xxx
-  Wishing all our dear family and friends a very merry Christmas and all good things in the New Year 2014 - and good, safe fishing to those that do, with love from **Sarah, Dick (Andrew), Nancy and the big ones, Britannia IV** xxxx
-  **Yvonne** would like to wish all her friends and neighbours a very merry Christmas and healthy and prosperous New Year.
-  **Terri and Deborah Stephens** wish all friends and neighbours a happy Christmas and healthy New Year.
-  Wishing everyone a peaceful Christmas and good health in 2014. **Pam, Chas, Cath and Alex.**

Christmas Greetings



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Paul and Pam wish everyone a very jolly Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



Maria and Keith Johnson wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



Peter and Diana Martin wish all their neighbours and friends a happy Christmas and New Year.



Gill and Colin Thomas wish all their friends a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2014.



Peter and Eileen Mason and family wish all their friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas and all the best for 2014.



Steve and Debbie wish all their friends a sparkling Christmas and a happy New Year.



Sharkey would like to wish all his friends and relatives a very happy Christmas.



Happy Christmas one and all. Lots of love **Maggie & Skinny**. x



Jane and Peter from Roselyn would like to wish everyone in Grade Ruan a very happy Christmas and best wishes for a prosperous and healthy New Year!



Dom, Alison, Tessa, Sophie and Jenna wish all of their friends and neighbours a very merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy New Year.



Clive and Jilly McNair regret they are no longer able to send Christmas cards to all their good friends in Ruan Minor and would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.



Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous 2014. With love and best wishes from **Ali, Martin, Emma and Matt**. xxxx



Barbara and John Rosindale wish all their neighbours and friends a very happy Christmas and good health in 2014.



Andrea Betty wishes all friends and neighbours a happy and restful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



Stephen, Judith, James, Robbie, Jack and Lucy would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2014.



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Community Land Trust



A public meeting was held in Ruan Minor Village Hall on 15 November to discuss the formation of a Community Land Trust.

Helen Downing from Cornwall CLT Ltd did an excellent presentation on the work they have done assisting communities such as ours all over Cornwall in getting a Community Land Trust up and running, and showed pictures of the high quality affordable housing that has already been built.

It was decided to form a community land trust at the meeting with 11 people signing up as "founder members" and two others afterwards. The job of the members is to hold the board of directors of the CLT to account. The board of directors elected from the members were:

- Parish Councillors: Peter Freeman, Nigel Green and Paul Collins
- Non-Councillors: Angela Thomas, Cathy Brown and Judith Green

The main object of the CLT is to provide housing and amenities to people with "proven links to the parish of Grade Ruan", whether they presently live in Grade Ruan or have been forced temporarily to live elsewhere.

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The members suggested at the meeting that the CLT look at providing affordable housing which is not being met by other schemes, such as the provision of 1 bedroom flats. Helen said this has been done successfully elsewhere by making these houses look from the outside like other 2 or 3 bedroom houses, but are subdivided internally into flats.

Subsequent to the meeting Grade Ruan CLT Ltd has been registered with Companies House as a company (limited by guarantee), with each member only being liable for a maximum of one pound.

The CLT will shortly hold our first board meeting and then start working on the path towards developing much needed local needs housing.

Nigel Green
On behalf of Grade Ruan CLT Ltd



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

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| Cards & Stationery | Pets & Bird Care | Bric-a-Brac and Book Stalls |
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You can also try your luck on the weekly raffle to win one of the excellent prizes on offer and it's all done to help raise money to keep the Village Hall thriving.

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

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Sessions are held on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7.00pm

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

QUIZ NIGHT

Quizzes are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month and its fun for all the family. It's £1 per person including tea, coffee and biscuits or you can BYO if you prefer. The contests begin at 7.30pm. Any changes to dates will be notified on the Village noticeboards.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL



Hello again everybody.

Well, the winter seems to want to start early this year and let's hope that the recent cold, wind and rain are not going to stay with us all of the time over the next few months!

Sorry but I have to start with an apology from the Hall Committee this edition. Committee resources have been sorely stretched over recent weeks and the situation is set to last into the New Year. Unfortunately, circumstances on home and hospital fronts have severely reduced our capacity to implement the planned Christmas entertainment programme and it is with the utmost regret that I have to confirm that **the Hall Christmas Party and the Christmas Community Evening have had to be cancelled**. I'm afraid that this is the product of a small band of people trying to fit a great deal into Hall activities and sometimes this just becomes impossible. We have not taken this decision lightly and we hope that normal service will be restored as soon as possible. We will do everything we can to make sure all other activities take place as normal.

Whilst on this matter however, I would like to say a big thank you to **Mark Outten** and **Mike Nunn** who have very kindly and expertly stepped in to help out with kitchen activities at Thursday Markets. Thursdays would just not be Thursdays without 'The Village Hall Bacon Sarnie' being available and Mark and Mike kept this tradition going with some very tasty examples of their culinary skills.

We would also like to say a big thank you to **Pam Collins** who kindly offered her services and expertise to help out with the preparation of the front floral display for the winter period. Thanks Pam, it was a big help to be able to tick another lengthy job off the 'To Do' list and we are very grateful for your kind and generous support.

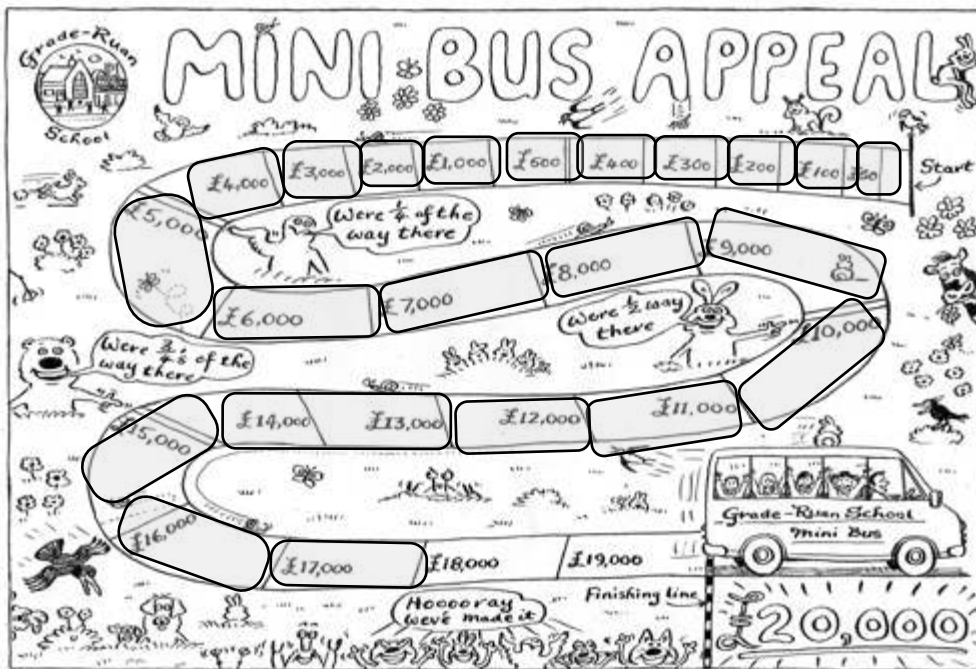
Our attempts to run a coach shopping trip have also been thwarted. Despite asking for venue suggestions since last Spring, we finally received our first suggestion in mid-October. It was felt by the Hall Committee that we could not proceed on this basis, particularly as it would have been very difficult to find a coach to book at this late stage. We have not given up on the idea however and we have decided to try to run a trip somewhere in February (ish) **if we can get the right support**. If you would like to take part in such a trip please let Dave know and your suggestions for the type of venue you would like would also be very welcome.

Our planned annual repair and maintenance work programme has now been finished and just a couple of extra jobs remain outstanding. The hall and kitchen have been redecorated and the work required to get ready for the winter is under way. The process will all start again when the new committee is formed after the next AGM!!

That's all for this edition. Our next event is the Carolaire on 1st December and we hope for a good attendance for this event which is, of course, free. The usual Village Hall buffet will be provided and, by popular demand, the evening's entertainment will again be provided by 'Eight In A Bar'

On behalf of everyone at the Village Hall we hope you have a Happy Christmas and a good 2014.

Janet Gascoigne



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Grade-Ruan Under 5s

School Spot



Grade-Ruan C of E School



Mullion School

Under 5s. The children have now completed their Forest School sessions with Sarah Henn and thoroughly enjoyed making dens, using tools and eating food cooked on the campfire, amongst other things. We are hoping to repeat this in the future when finances allow. In the meantime we continue to take the children out and about as much as possible to enable them to appreciate their immediate environment. They have planted many, many tulip bulbs in the plot in the school garden, and made friends with several worms along the way. Dig him up, bury him, dig him up again.....

We joined with the school in an act of remembrance on Armistice Day, the children keeping quiet beautifully. We have also been looking at safety - on the road and in the car. Building on from our knowledge of road safety and Bonfire Night precautions, they have been thinking about keeping safe in the car. They all know about putting on seat belts and using the appropriate car seats and the consequences if you don't.

As we have been monitoring the progress of the various building projects around the village, the children have also become very aware of the need for safety in different situations. Spotting the different coloured hard hats is a good game and knowing of the need for hi-vis jackets and steel toe-capped boots. They have been looking at signs depicting roadworks;

danger; keep out; no children on site etc and understanding what they mean.

Christmas is fast approaching and the next project is to decorate a tree for Grade Church as well as others to take home to share with their families.

In the Spring we are due to start a new arts project with Pat Hickman and Chris Morgan of Music and Dance in Education which will be very exciting. More details to follow when dates are finalised.

Marny is due with the Toy Library on 03 and 17 December and will be doing an activity in the hall on those mornings as well.

We have been delighted to welcome Isla, Jude, Clover, Harriet, Riley and Ivan recently. A reminder that sessions are free for under 1 year olds and only £1.50 a session for 1-2 year olds accompanied by their parent / carers. The very little ones have been coming on a Tuesday morning, so if there are any other Mums and babies out there who may be feeling a bit unsure about popping in, please come and have a look. We are hoping to arrange Health visitor visits at this time as well.

Belated birthday wishes for November to Billy and Isla.

Any enquiries, please ring Jan 01326 290978. Playgroup phone when in session - 07929 902 938.

Jan Halliday

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Grade-Ruan Grade-Ruan School was inspected by OFSTED over two days in October and the following are some of the key points the report noted: teaching is good with much that is outstanding, good teaching means pupils attain high standards, high standards have been maintained over time, attainment at the end of Y6 in English and Maths is above the national average and still improving, attainment at the end of Y2 is also above the national average, progress in reading and maths is good, expectations are high, reading is taught well, all pupils make at least good progress, pupils have excellent attitudes towards learning, pupils behave very well, pupils say there is no bullying, pupils are proud of their school, the Five School Partnership has brought many benefits. The full report is available on the OFSTED

website but other key quotes include: Headteacher Tom Harman described as leading the school "with passion and purpose", with all leaders, staff and governors sharing a "common ambition" for the school and a "clear determination that all pupils will achieve well." The governing body was described as "strong and effective", providing good support while challenging the headteacher and staff to do even better. (As a parent with a connection to the school for the past twelve years I cannot fault the commitment shown by all members of the staff - the village is so lucky to have such a wonderful learning environment for its children - long may it continue.)

The School Choir performed beautifully at Camborne Music Festival and won their class. The adjudicator praised their excellent ensemble skills and said she was able to hear every word. Well done to all the children and to Katey Jane and Julie Swann for all their efforts and hard work.

Thank you to everyone that supported the cake sale in October, which raised £86 for the PTA. Cookery Club has started again with all sorts of delicious goodies arriving home on a Thursday afternoon! At 11am on Monday 11th November, the entire school and pre-school held a two minute silence at the War Memorial, with a wreath laid by two Year 6 School Councillors.

Starfish Class joined up with other Keskowethyans Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils at Poltesco for a Dinosaur Hunt - they searched for dinosaur footprints (they now know how many children can fit into a dinosaur footprint!), looked for ammonites, created the outline of an enormous dinosaur with natural materials and
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finished it all off with a group picnic. Thank you to the staff, parents and palaeontologists involved and especially Claire Scott, the Wild Lizard Education Officer.

[Note: Most of the information in this piece is taken from the School Newsletter, available from the School's website, www.grade-ruan.cornwall.sch.uk]

Mullion School Congratulations to **Amy Bird** for being one of seven Mullion pupils selected for the Cornwall Hockey Junior Development Squad and to **Nic Strike** for being elected to the School Council. Well done to **Ellie Humby** for completing the Duke of Edinburgh expedition which seemed to throw four seasons' weather at them in the two days they spent orienteering on the coastline around Hayle. The Year 10 rugby team competed valiantly

against last year's county champion Truro School in the Cup competition - Mr Loder said the team 'held their own in terms of spirit and pride' - with Ruan pupils **Ben Coad**, **Jamma 'the Rhino' Phillips** and **The Witty Weasel Will Trewin!**

The School is pleased to announce it has been re-awarded The Silver Award from Investors in People. John Telfer, MD of Inspiring Business Performance, the organisation that delivers IIP for London and the South, said "This is a fantastic achievement for Mullion School and clearly shows that continual improvement and development is a top priority." *[Note: Most of the information in this piece is from the School's website:*

www.mullionschool.org.uk]

Ginny Sealey

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QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

Firstly, I must say a big thank you to David Edean for running the October Quiz Night whilst I was unable to do it myself. Thanks David, I understand another good night was had by one and all.

A major surprise was on the cards at the end of Round 7 of yet another night's stunning quizzing. **Bob's Band** (YES Bob's Band) led the field with just the All-Nighter to go, but magnificent last round performances from **The Mixed Bunch** and **The Motley Crew** saw them surge away from the rest of the field. It was **The Mixed Bunch** who pulled the most punches and they took the **October Champions Crown** by just 2¹/₂ points from The Crew with Bob's Band finishing in a very creditable third place. **OTT** triumphantly claimed **The Wooden Spoon**.

Thanks were due to **Richard and Maggie** for a first class Guest Round as they set some more very interesting posers. It's Audrey's turn next time so get your thinking caps on for that one!

At the end of an exhausting night's quizzing, the final **Scores on the Doors** were as follows:

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Team</u> | <u>Score</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 1 st | The Mixed Bunch | 93.0 |
| 2 nd | The Motley Crew | 90.5 |
| 3 rd | Inbetweeners | 84.5 |
| 4 th | Cliffhangers | 80.0 |
| 5 th | Bob's Band | 79.5 |
| 6 th | Rumanites | 75.5 |
| 7 th | Sarah's One Night Only | 73.0 |
| 8 th | The Buccaneers | 65.5 |
| 9 th | OTT | 51.0 |

Thanks to everyone for a really exciting night's quizzing and we look forward to seeing you all next time.

Can you handle the pressure? Can you cope with the strain? Can you rise to the challenge and defeat the finest brains this side of Helston? Give it a go and see just how good you are!!!

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26/10 A 2 - 4 v. Hayle 3rds

2/11 A 0 - 2 v. Mawnan Res.

9/11 H 10 - 1 v. St. Day 3rds

16/11 H 8 - 1 v. Troon Reserves

Forthcoming Matches: (2.30pm)

7/12 A v. Hayle 3rd

14/12 H v. Madron

21/12 A v. Wendron Utd. 3rd

4/1 H v. St. Agnes 3rd

11/1 A v. Goonhavern Ath. Res.

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Maira Hurst



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Rector's Ramblings

Aslan is on the move

Another year is drawing to a close and a new one beckons. Sometimes it can seem like the pace of life is getting faster and faster, but at the same time there is a feeling of sameness – as if we are running round the same track, getting older but not getting very far.

In CS Lewis' 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' this feeling is aptly described in the statement that in Narnia it is 'always winter, but never Christmas'. Or you might say that it is just another year, the seasons turn but nothing fundamentally seems to change. But early in the story of Narnia, when nothing much yet seems to have changed, the Beavers announce to the children; Aslan is on the move. It will be some time before the thaw sets in and hope truly rises, and there is as yet no sight of Aslan, but he is already 'on the move'.

The events of Christmas are like this. For most it was just another year. Only Mary & Joseph have an inkling that 'God is on the move'. And it doesn't seem to be much movement; a baby is born to two nobodies. But Jesus, the Son of God, is on the move. All the powers of Roman and Jewish authority, even the cross and death itself, will not stop him.

And now, just as in the Narnia story, the power that holds life in futility (always winter, never Christmas) has been defeated. We may still feel that little has changed; but when Jesus came among us 2,000 years ago something unstoppable was started. On the cross, knowing the centuries of struggles and failures that yet lay ahead for his people, Jesus rightly cried 'It is accomplished!'

Even now, though they are not big and spectacular, there are signs of new life in the church if you can believe it. So let us celebrate, this Christmas, God who is on the move. And next year?

Next year may bring new crowds, healing and transformation (like entering Jerusalem in triumph), or it might bring 'going backwards' (like fleeing to Egypt), or it might bring quiet waiting and personal growing (like the obscurity of Nazareth) ... but every step we take with God in faith will not be 'same old same old', it will not be wasted; God is on the move and Jesus is Lord!

Revd Peter Sharpe

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December

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| Sun 1st | Advent Sunday | |
| | Morning Praise, St Ruan Church | 11am |
| Sun 8th | Holy Communion, St Ruan Church | 9.30am |
| | Christingle at St Grade Church | 3pm |
| Sun 15th | Family Service, St Ruan Church | 11am |
| | Nativity at St Mary's Church, Cadgwith | 3pm |
| Sun 22nd | United Family Carol Service, St Ruan Church | 11am |
| Christmas Eve | Midnight Mass, St Ruan Church | 11.30pm |
| Christmas Day | Family Communion, St Wynwallow Church | 10am |
| Sun 29th | Holy Communion (BCP), St Ruan Church | 9.30am |
| | United Carol Service, R M Methodist Chapel | 11am |

January

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| Sun 5th | Morning Praise, St Ruan Church | 11am |
| Sun 12th | Holy Communion, St Ruan Church | 9.30am |
| Sun 19th | Family Service, St Ruan Church | 11am |
| Sun 26th | Holy Communion, St Ruan Church | 9.30am |

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Cadgwith Pilot Gig Club News

CADGWITH JUNIOR SQUAD 2013 – A FINAL WORD

2013 was another full-on season for the Under 16 squad. The plan was to get a crew to the mixed junior Champs at Saltash which we did in early July, and also to repeat 2012's three crews at Newquay U16 Champs, which we did.

So training and some degree of selection started as early as February, with rowing at St. Anthony and fitness sessions in the gig-shed. Getting a junior crew up to Saltash for the Mixed was a challenge in itself, but racing in the Final made the journey worth it. A ferocious first leg saw us battling for 2nd, Fowey in the lead. Three in a row we hit the 1st mark where the inside berth gave Coverack advantage. Squeezed in the middle, Caradon skilfully tucked in behind and inside to come out of the 3rd mark ahead. Who was coxing them? ex Cadg' junior Rhiannon Halliday! Final position for us - 4th- Jordan Lugg, Charlotte Punter, Paul Preston, Tom Worden, Bryher Trewin and Verity Bray.

At the Newquay County Champs, in August drizzle and mist, we knew holding onto the County title was a big ASK, but hopefully we made Caradon work on the first leg. The outer berth played against us at the 1st mark, so we had to settle for 2nd place. This year's 'A' crew were: Jordon Lugg, Josh Goddard, Paul Preston, Tom Worden, Jack Glover and Del Arasteh. Congrats again to

Miss Halliday for coxing our opponents! In 6th position was our 'B' crew – a superb result and with great potential: Billy Jane, Jamma Phillips, James Lake, Harry Dark, Aaron Goddard and Arthur Underwood.

And Cadgwith repeated 2012's success by winning the girls trophy: Verity Bray, Ellie Humby, Bryher Trewin, Charlotte Punter, Jess Thomson and Saoirse Noonan. Perhaps the biggest triumph this year was being the only Club to enter 3 crews at County Champs! And away from the big events there were local regattas to enjoy and also the weekly routine of training in the glorious weather from the cove.

2013 was my 14th season running Junior gig rowing, and my final one. Time to pass on the responsibility, and this has been happening - the last couple of seasons the Under 14s have been ably run by Sam Jane and other helpers.

Fourteen years doesn't seem that long, but when I think that Paul Preston was only 2, it takes me back a bit! And over that period there have been some exhilarating and hilarious times, too many to list here! 'Tales of a Junior Gig rowing cox' .. coming perhaps one decade soon. Many ex juniors have gone on to sliding seat rowing at Universities, or had gig rowing as something they can return to - at whatever level they choose; and over the years juniors have helped make up the senior crews, something I'm sure they will continue to do. There will always be great potential: 6 County Championship titles proves what can be done; but whether it is that elusive top spot, the exclusive top 3 positions, or whether it is just taking part, getting out sea rowing has got to be one of the best things our community can offer!

Over and out for now, Jeb Preston



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Cadgwith Under 14s

Our Under 14 squad has gone from strength to strength this year. Training began back in May on a Tuesday night and we were overwhelmed by the number of children wishing to row. Such was the enthusiasm we added an extra night, this being a Thursday.

Over the season we have had close to 30 children from years 6,7,8 and 9, meeting down in the Cove and enjoying being out in the gig. Peter and Tony night in the Cove was well attended by our juniors and they also performed extremely well at Buller day where we managed to field 3 crews. We also supported our local neighbours Coverack at their event. Many of our juniors rowed along with Coverack at the Cornwall School Games and managed a clean sweep, winning every category, a tremendous result for both our gig club and Mullion School.

The main Under 14s championships took place on August bank holiday in Hayle. Unfortunately it clashed with many people going on holiday but we still managed to field 2 crews. Our A crew which consisted of myself in the coxswain seat, Billy Jane, Jamma Phillips, Aaron Goddard, Jai Mallinder, Eddie Dark and Franco Moorhouse performed extremely well throughout the day. Unfortunately they missed out on the final by a narrow margin but achieved an overall placing of 4th which was an amazing result. So after a 5th last year and a 4th this year, the juniors are on the up! Our second crew consisted of Bracken Rawlins, Toby Goddard, Tiggy Heaton, Madi Martin, Zoe Dark, Maeve Mcauley and were coxed by Sue Atkinson. For many in this crew this was their first race. They managed to row extremely well and surprised themselves by getting in to the plate race final. It was lovely to see both our crews doing so well and enjoying their rowing; the parent support was brilliant too.

We look forward to another successful season next year. We usually start rowing from the Cove in May, after the Scillies World Gig Championships. Any child at secondary school is welcome to attend and children in year 6 will be welcome to join us when they leave primary school at the end of July. Thank you to Sue, Emma, Lara, Mo and Elwyn for helping me with the under 14s this year. It takes a huge effort but seeing how much enjoyment the children get out of it, makes it worth it.

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Children from the Under 5s invited their parents to join them for the last of their Forest School sessions. The children, aged between 2 and 4 years, left a trail of flags for their parents to follow from the village hall to Poltesco woods where the last of 6 sessions, run by Sarah Henn from Miracle Wood Outdoor Kindergarten, was held by kind permission of the National Trust. The children have taken part in a range of activities in the woodland including using saws and drills to make their own pendant necklaces, creating their own dens and “log dogs”, cooking on the campfire and investigating the woodland environment. The Forest School programme aims to give children the opportunity to develop their learning in a holistic and experiential way. They solve real problems and use real tools. The sessions took place once a week, regardless of the weather. If it rained, we put up a tarpaulin shelter but actually the children were so engrossed in what they were doing, they hardly seemed to notice the rain.

The National Trust opened up a previously unused area of woodland, put in steps to improve access for the children, and built a fire circle for Forest School to use. It has been fantastic to be able to use such a wonderful area and I'd like to say a big thank you to the staff and volunteers from the National Trust, who made it possible.

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Gardening in December and January

by David Endean

Well I feel really cheated - I am sure we did not have an autumn. Summer was nice, then from mid-September we had three weeks of fog and mist rarely lifting. This progressed through October with regular bands of rain. The forecast would often read something like tomorrow will be wet with heavy rain being brought in on an Atlantic weather front, the next day will see showers often being persistent, Wednesday will be blustery with the rest of the week best being summed up as changeable. In other words a week of rain.

October then finished off and November began with gales and driving rain and hail. This brings me on to an article that I read in the national gardening press by a regular columnist about his allotment and those gales that we were all warned about. His comment went something like this: "my plot is looking pretty dishevelled now with much work to do around the plot tidying up, but I am lucky to have anything left after we had 48 hours of driving rain and winds of 25mph". Well I felt sorry for the poor chap because if we were to have winds of that magnitude I could not be sure if it was not just someone breaking wind. As to the regularity of those winds speeds around here, I remember eight or nine years ago - when I was running a kitchen garden on the cliffs in Mullion - gusts of wind were recorded at 100mph+ three weekends on the trot in October .

Any way that's my moan over for a short while. What can you do in the garden during these dark days? Most of it is preparation for next year, but here are a few ideas. I have gone on for a while about pruning, but now while the plant is dormant the least stress will occur so it is the ideal time to carry out heavy pruning on all deciduous trees and shrubs, like apple trees, privet bushes, Sycamore trees and the like.

I was asked the other day what do you mean by heavy pruning? Well I would define it as anything that needs to be cut back using a saw. Obviously this kind of pruning only occurs out of necessity, if the bush is an untidy tangle and mess or if a branch is in the way of a path or driveway. You may find the bush may take a year or two to come back to flower and/or fruit. Broadleaf evergreens can also be tackled, but I would tend to attempt the work nearer to spring. Those plants like it better and the gap is not quite as big for so long until fresh growth appears. As I am sure that you know by now, cutting into old wood (brown barked) in conifers does not work - they do not regenerate so you have to be very careful here to maintain the shape of your tree.

Conifers bring me on to another aside: As I write this I keep removing bits of small clippings from my person. I have been trimming back a regularly maintained Lleylandii hedge today. Isn't it amazing how bits of that stuff manages to find its way into every bodily nook and cranny, crack and orifice. If you do not know this you're lucky - I find it gets in your eyes and irritates your nether regions and all areas between, however well you are wrapped up.

December is a time I like to go to town on pruning the roses. Hybrid teas and floribundas are easy as these are cut back hard each year removing all dead and diseased wood and all good stems are cut back to a point just above the 3rd or 4th bud which you aim to be outward facing. Aim to prune everything back to an outward facing bud if possible. Shrub roses require a light trim, taking only up to a third of the length of the stem back and, in the case of mature bushes, remove the odd one or two complete stems only. On climbing roses, just trim the spur shoots back to 4 buds of the main stem and tie in any new main

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stems and possibly remove some of the oldest stems. Cut ramblers back to shape. Once pruning is complete I like to put down a thick mulch of well-rotted organic matter preferably animal dung. If this is carried out right away, little damage to emerging shoots occurs.

Your lawns should slow down now, so you could do without your mowers for a short while so why not save yourself the hassle of a long wait in the spring and get your mower serviced now. This should reduce the risk of a breakdown next season when you least need the bother.

I am always thinking about the next show coming up and you know March will soon be here along with the spring flower shows, and daffodils really make these events. At this time of year I like to remove the weeds and grass foliage away from the area that the bulbs will come up from. I do this so that there is little for those pesky slugs, snails and caterpillars to hide in to damage my blooms. This is best done

before any sign of the bulb coming through the ground is apparent, then you can strim the area or use some glyphosate weed killer. Do not dig the area as you will do too much damage.

If you have a greenhouse or some clear plastic sheeting why don't have a go at growing some really early potatoes. Do not put your whole crop in, but it is worth the risk for half a dozen tubers. The easiest way is in some old compost bags filled with soil rich in well composted organic matter. I find about 15 litres (3 gallon bucket) per tuber is right. Put these in the greenhouse or poly-tunnel and keep watered - but not too wet in case of frost - and have some extra fleece handy if the forecast is bad. Growing in the open soil outdoors with the protection of plastic sheeting is perfectly viable as you see by the acres of plastic on the fields around here in the spring. I used to plant in January on Mullion cliffs to harvest for Easter.

With the aid of a cold greenhouse much is possible and by the end of January its worth having a go at sowing carrots in tubs and trying some salad leaves, spring onions and the like. I will also be sowing my sweet peas hoping to have similar success next year as I did this year. If you are going to have a go at showing these lovely blooms you really do need to grow named varieties with exhibition potential; a packet of mixed seed from the garden centre will rarely cut the mustard.

What else will I be doing in the garden this winter? Well, exhibition onions, leeks and shallots will all need to be started off in the greenhouse. The chrysanthus will need to be woken up ready to get some cuttings. Tidying up, washing flower pots and trays and digging needs to be done. Then, if things get too bad, I will come indoors and peruse the seed and plant catalogues and sort out my orders for next year.

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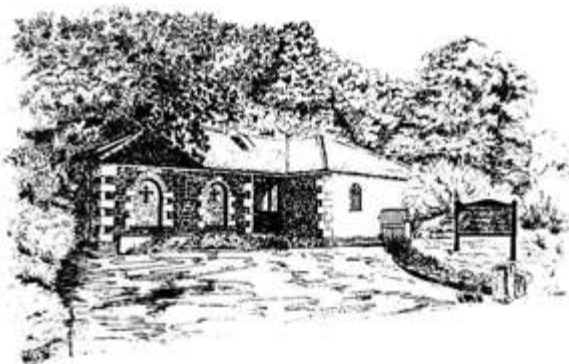
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December / January Quiz

1. Ben Lomond and Baldwin are types of which fruit?
2. What did Jerry's Guide to the World Wide Web become?
3. How many years was Robinson Crusoe marooned?
4. Which racecourse is home to the St. Leger?
5. In which ocean is the Gulf Stream?
6. What does VSOP stand for on a bottle of brandy?



Answers to the November Quiz

1. How were Rita Hayworth and Ginger Rogers related? *First cousins*
2. Mt. Everest stands in which two countries? *China and Nepal*
3. How old was Top of the Pops in 1989? *25 years*
4. For which league football club did Des O'Connor play? *Northampton Town*
5. What does a Notaphile collect? *Bank notes*
6. What is the symbol of the World Wildlife Fund? *Giant Panda*

Questions set by Norma Gossip

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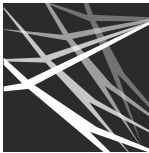
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A WINTER'S VIEW FROM THE EDGE

A GOOD READ

BY JONATHON COUDRILLE

One of the delights of returning to live in the family homestead is the endless supply of books. It, They, will, well, yes, have to be sorted out one day. I have plans to take away a wall, engage strong friends to move the piano, put the little writing table with the pewter-owl-inkstand into the window of what is now a bedroom, and, arrange and catalogue into shelving an inheritance that moulders fragrantly in boxes gone rhomboid from the weight of boxes above.

Treasure.

Or, rubbish. I shan't know until the task is complete, and as I have now effortlessly managed twenty years without starting it, when that will be is as mysterious as what it will be.

But I do Dip. Instantly alluring are the King's Treasuries of Literature, a series collected by the Cornish writer and intellectual Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch and published by J. M. Dent, a conscientious Imprint founded in 1888 and absorbed in 1988. Gold-blocked fine linen covers, faded for a century from potent hues to crepuscular neutrals encase beautifully stitched slim wads of pages no bigger than my hand. The mark of the inked metal type is still sharply impressed in the thick cream paper in the way that no digital stuff can match.

The frontispieces depict great writers of a far yesterday; in elaborate framing a hand-engraved Rudyard Kipling sucks his pipe. Against an Admiralty window, Samuel Pepys gazes spaniel-haired across his diary at the reader. An introspective Thomas Hardy dismisses us in crosshatched vignette and, tousled young Rupert Brooke stares clear-eyed to the death that gains on him.

Bracketing these journeyman portraits, the endpapers blaze with cartouches like Fabergé eggs, each stating that "This book belongs to..."

And, faded though the ink, one can see that most had belonged to my mother. Her steel-nibbed dip-pen lays elegant, confident claim. A scholar, she never missed a prize at a school Speech Day and not only won but, thoroughly read these miniatures. Her notes speckle the margins with observations in words few children know today.

Her comments are often, especially in the volume entitled *Longer Poems*, the most satisfactory part of the read. I'm un-encharmed by much that passes for poetry today, but a lot that is hallowed by those beautifully printed pages is pretty poor too. Then as now did not just a few but most Celebrities spend their days altered by drugs? The bewildering pleonasm of Shelley and friends cannot but bring to mind 'Eighties evenings in the company of a dear girlfriend's girlfriends' high-flying City beaux whose cocaine-sourced monologues were similarly

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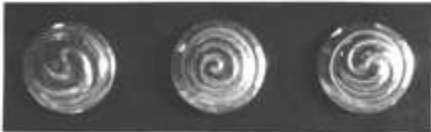
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overloaded, incomprehensible and, deeply unentertaining. One wonders if then (as now?) success in the Arts was less condign to excellence, more to inclusion in a prevailing coterie. If the cream of the best by the great names is average, the dross must have been dire.

However: the war poems are another matter. Heartbreak and horror crowd in on the heroisms and communicate as directly as a punch on the jaw.

My late friend the sculptor, writer and brawler Sven Berlin wrote a handful of charming books about his life (and one less charming, 'The Dark Monarch' which disrespected an artistic coterie from which he felt excluded and resulted in lawsuits from erstwhile friends sufficient to drive him from the county) but his great novel 'I am Lazarus', which described his pacifism, disenchantment and enlisted experiences on active service in the tank corps transcends charm and is one of the finest and most thought provoking things I've read. This is nearly so of *The Dark Forest* by Hugh Walpole. Another Dip into the pile, this is a fat novel by an author who is now forgotten but who earned honours and riches with his writing in the inter-war years and here draws upon his time as a stretcher-bearer with the Russians in the Kaiser's war. He was decorated for retrieving a wounded man under fire and his descriptions of the dead are not to be read at mealtimes. Lucky are those that can exorcise their horrors through their Art. And, by far the greater part of Humanity's horrors find their root in war.

Knowing the unspeakable pains and miseries of war full well, Man does not seem discouraged from leaping into it at the slightest provocation, and that provocation is generally the most tawdry of sins, Greed: the desire for wealth, territory and women that belong to others. I realise that that last sentence will cause offence for of course women are nobody's property. But at a genetic level, Males are programmed to possess Females and are quite prepared to kill other males in order to do this. It seems further that we have evolved to like more war; the 'survival of the fittest' means not just the ones with the greatest intelligence, strongest limbs and healthiest organs, but those that are prepared to be unscrupulous and, murderous in order to survive.

Well, this is long way from Christmas and, books, isn't it? And how good it would be to round things up by saying,

'Ah, but don't just read *A Good Book*, read *The Good Book*', and Peace will descend and we can forget the woes of the world, eat and drink with our families and all will be Right. Unfortunately the greater part of the *Good Book* – and I understand this to be true of probably all Scriptures – documents cruelty unto and beyond genocide, committed to please a god of fear rather than a god of love. Until suddenly we turn a corner, and there is a tiny boy cradled in a manger, hidden and in peril, who will nevertheless grow up to speak of Peace with a power that startles. His message has been distorted and defiled down the centuries but is still un-bettered as a script for Getting on with our fellow People that on Earth do dwell.

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JXC

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**Present:** Parish Councillors J Preston (Chair), N Green (Vice Chair), J Trewin, C Cooper, M Alford, M Fleetwood, P Collins and Cornwall Councillor C Rule.

- 1. Absences and Apologies:** Parish Councillor P Freeman and PCSO Berry
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Councillor Fleetwood declared an interest under Finance matters relating to the Chapel.

**3. Public Time:**

Poltesco Mill. Concerns were raised about development activity at Poltesco Mill. This was discussed under Item 7.

Inquest Details. The details of the inquest into the death of a young person who had died in a cliff fall in Cadgwith during the summer had been published. This was discussed further under Item 12.

**4. Police Report:**

During September there were three crimes reported to the Police:

- Common assault and battery. This was dealt with by way of restorative disposal and the offender has made an apology.
- There were also two thefts at Mullion Holiday Park. These crimes are still under investigation.

The Police have been carrying out patrols outside Grade Ruan Primary School. A number of parents have been given verbal warnings as they were not wearing seat belts. Parishioners are reminded that not wearing a seat belt is an offence carrying the penalty of points on a driving licence and a £60 fine. Over the next few weeks Police will be carrying out spot checks to ensure that drivers and passengers are wearing seat belts and issuing fixed penalty tickets if they are not. It has also come to the attention of the Police that cars are not being fitted with the appropriate child restraints. This has been highlighted in the school newsletter this week. Child restraints must be used up until a child is 135cm in height or their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday, whichever they reach first. "Child restraints" is the collective term for:

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If in an emergency these restraints are not available, then a child must use an adult belt in a rear seat of a vehicle.

**5. Cornwall Councillor's Time:** Cornwall Councillor Rule

In summary, recent publicity about a shortage of beds in the county had arisen from confusion over procedures from the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust where protocols had not been implemented to utilise empty beds located in other hospitals.

There had been significant problems with the Orange mobile telephone coverage in the area.

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These were being addressed.

Cornwall Councillor Rule encouraged the Parish Council to have input into the Community Network Consultation that is currently running. She reminded those present about the Community Fund and asked it be promoted in the Parish as it needs to be spent by the end of January 2014.

Cornwall Councillor Rule is now Vice-Chair of the Devon and Cornwall Police Panel.

### **6. Minutes for acceptance:**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held in September had been circulated.

Councillor Fleetwood proposed the minutes of 09/09/2013 be accepted subject to an amendment, Councillor Alford seconded – all in favour.

Councillor Green proposed the Minutes under Item 12 held 'in committee' from the same monthly meeting of 09/09/2013 be approved, Councillor Trewin seconded – all in favour.

### **7. Planning:**

**PA13/09147** – *Extensions and alterations to include construction of pitched roof over flat roof utility, raised decking to south-east and roof terrace to south (This is an amended design from that approved under PA13/03260) at Malahat, Cadgwith, Ruan Minor by Mr Mark Wild.* Councillor Fleetwood proposed the application be supported, Councillor Alford seconded – 6 in favour, 1 against. **Resolved:** It was resolved to comment to Cornwall Council as follows: **“Grade Ruan Parish Council supports this application”**

**PA13/05552** – *Erection of a dwelling and formation of parking area, including access of private road at Land at Ruminella View, Cadgwith, Ruan Minor by Mrs G Holyer.* It was reported that this application had been withdrawn prior to the meeting.

**Poltesco Mill.** It was reported that works were being undertaken at this property which is thought to be listed and the Parish Council is unaware whether Listed Building consents had been issued for these works. To be referred to Enforcement.

**National Trust.** The National Trust has offered to come and speak to the Council about its work in the area.

**Coastline development at Glebe Place.** Queries had been raised about an area that it was thought to have been set aside for a play area within the development but has now been tarmacked. Chair to raise enquiries with planning to clarify if any amendments had been made to the original design that had been presented to the Parish Council.

8. **Finance:** Financial report. Copies of the bank reconciliation and the income and expenditure reports were circulated.

Approval of payments as per schedule. An invoice had been received for the supply of

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Christmas trees over a number of years. This to be held over to the next meeting in order that the facts can be checked against previous Christmas tree invoices.

Councillor Cooper proposed a donation of £250 be made towards the staging of a pantomime that is being organised in the Parish, Councillor Trewin seconded – all in favour.

Subject to the amendments above the Schedule of Payments was approved.

Budget 2014-15. The Chairman reminded those present that they would need to start planning the budget for the forthcoming financial year 2014-15 and requested that the grant for Parish tree planting that had been agreed in previous years be continued. Chairman to put an article in the Gazette to ask if parishioners wanted any items to be considered.

Internet banking. It has transpired that all the signatories on the account need to make individual applications online in order to register for internet banking. Councillor Green to progress this.

Completion of Audit. Councillor Green to complete the Notice, scan for publication on the Parish Council website and then pass to the Chair to display on the noticeboard.

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

Play Area. Councillor P Collins and Mrs W Elliott had been investigating funding sources. Evidence of need has to be produced to support any bids for funding. Suggestions for gathering evidence were:

- Requesting 'likes' for the proposal for improvements on the 'Ruan Minor Noticeboard' Facebook page
- Form to be completed in the Post Office

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- Asking the shop to display posters that had been supplied by the play equipment suppliers.

Supporting Communities in Neighbourhood Planning. Funding is available for preparing either a new Parish Plan or improving an existing. Grade Ruan's Parish Plan is ten years old – is it worth updating? It was felt it would be beneficial to discuss this with Cornwall Councillor Rule and neighbouring parishes.

Land abutting Mundy's Field. Further advice had been received from the Council's solicitor. Attempting to register the land in the Parish Council's name is not possible as it will be difficult for the Council to prove exclusive possession by the Parish Council for the required period of time. Currently the land is being used by the Under 5s group. In the absence of an identifiable owner it is understood that the land will revert to either the Crown or the Duchy of Cornwall and if it is to be sold, then it must be offered on the open market. The process is difficult and the Council was advised that the legal fees involved may be prohibitively expensive; however the land is still subject to any planning obligations that may have been imposed on the land at the time of the development of Mundy's Field. It is possible to register it as common land which would retain it for public use, would preserve it for the community use and prevent encroachments. The Council will explore this option further.

Community Right to Bid. In the absence of Councillor Freeman, Councillor Green reported the application for The Winch House was progressing and proposed that the next application to be submitted under this scheme should be the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel – all in favour.

Co-options for casual vacancies. There had been no applications for the four vacant Parish Councillor positions.

Freedom of Information requests. A publication policy is required. The Chairman and Councillor Green to research further.

Improved signage at Treleague crossroads. Highways have been emailed, awaiting a response.

Coastline development abutting Glebe Place. There has been much discussion in the community. Of the suggestions made, the top 3 in order of preference appear to be 'Higher Moor', 'Green Meadow', and 'Green Close'. These suggestions to be passed in order of preference to the developers Galliford Try. It was queried what was the criteria to be applied for the allocation of properties when the development is completed? To be put on the next Agenda.

Mundy's Field Car Park. Repair of potholes. Councillor Trewin indicated that he could arrange the repairs required. The Council took him up on his kind offer. Councillor Cooper made the formal proposal and Councillor Green seconded – all in favour.

Community Land Trust. Councillor Freeman had organised a meeting in respect of this, to be held on 15/10/13 in the Ruan Minor Village Hall at 7:30pm which would present the CLT and form the company. Councillor Cooper proposed the Parish Council become the custodian member of the Grade Ruan CLT Ltd and that the Parish Council pay the incorporation fee of £40.00, Councillor Collins seconded – all in favour. **Resolved: "The Grade Ruan Parish Council shall become the custodian member of the Grade Ruan CLT Ltd and shall pay the incorporation fee of £40.00".**

War Memorial. A stone mason Mr R Lawrence had conducted two site visits to the War Memorial, one accompanied by a granite merchant and estimated the cost of replacing the

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Memorial would be £25,000 - £30,000.

Code of Conduct Training. Several Councillors had attended the recent training session run by Cornwall Council. Councillor Alford updated those present on the topics covered.

Electricity meter. The meter for street lighting outside the bungalows for the elderly in Glebe Place has been located by Councillor Alford in a cupboard in the porch of 9 Glebe Place. Meter Number is recorded as L0911D

**10. Matters for consideration:**

Ruan Minor Surgery. The Practice Manager for the Surgery had contacted the Council to advise the surgery is likely to undergo an inspection by the Care Quality Commission in the near future and there may be concerns raised about disabled access and other facilities. If such concerns are raised, alterations to the surgery building may be required, which under the terms of the lease will require the Parish Council's approval. Any structural works carried out to the building would need to be agreed by both parties. The Surgery is an important facility to our parishioners and the Parish Council is to reply that it is willing in principle to be supportive and facilitate the surgery complying with the inspection.

Noticeboards. Ruan Minor: The Chair is holding Councillor Freeman's main key. Councillor Collins has two spare keys.

Cadwith: Agendas are not being posted on this board

Kuggar: Currently there is no notice board facility in Kuggar.

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Community defibrillators. These are being offered free for community use across Cornwall. To be included on next month's agenda.

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11. **Correspondence:** [A list is available from the Editor.]

**12. Footpaths, Environment and Treewarden:**

Grass cutting at Glebe Place. The Community Trust is reconsidering its original response to the Parish Council's request that the Trust assume responsibility for cutting the grass in Glebe Place if the Parish Council purchases the grassed areas from Coastline Housing. To be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Footpath Sub-committee meeting. Members of the Committee to liaise and agree a date.

Footpath 2. The state of the surface of this path has been reported to Highways. Katie Jose is dealing with this.

Inquest into death near The Todden. Further to the inquest into the death of a young

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person who had died in a cliff fall in Cadgwith during the summer, the Council's attention was drawn to comments made by the Coroner saying that no signs were in place. Newspapers had reported the young person had fallen from The Todden which was incorrect. Hazard warning signs are in place on The Todden, but not in the area where the young person had fallen as it was felt that the area concerned was inaccessible, in addition to it being on land the Parish Council did not own and was therefore outside the Parish Council's control. Erecting a small sign beside Little Beach steps, warning of loose cliffs, was discussed.

Lifebuoy on The Todden. Councillor Collins had checked the lifebuoy on The Todden which is in its box, but the box can't be accessed. It was unknown who maintains the lifebuoys or whether regular inspections are conducted. Chair to raise enquiries.

Stile at the top of Cadgwith Car Park Path. After the initial complaint that the stile had been damaged and should be reinstated, further to subsequent inspection it was felt the removal of the stile actually improved access for visitors with mobility issues to access the village from the Car Park.

Christmas Coach. Queries had been received as to whether the Parish council was going to organise a Christmas Coach. The Parish Council had decided two years previously to discontinue organising a Christmas Coach as the last trip had been poorly attended, costs were increasing and complaints were always received as to the times the coach ran.

White House Corner. Complaints had been received about workmen parking their vehicles on White House Corner. Chair to speak with the contractors and advise of the complaints.

**13. In committee:** Staffing matters – the Parish Council then went 'in committee'.

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