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Alternate Weds	Recycling - 4, 18 February
Alternate Tues	Mobile Library - 10, 24 February. Kuggar 10.45am - 11am, Glebe Place 11.05am-11.20am, Cadgwith Car Park 11.35-11.55am
2 nd Monday	7.30pm Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 9 February.
3 rd Tuesday *	12.15pm Soup, Pasty, Pudding, Methodist Chapel
4 th Tuesday	7.30pm Quiz in the Village Hall, 24 February
Mon & Thurs	7.00pm Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall
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Every Weds	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides. Contact Joy Prince 01326 290280
Every Thurs	9.15am -11.45am Market and refreshments - Village Hall

FEBRUARY

14 February	2pm Talk about Herbal Medicine, see "What's On"
16-20 February	Half Term
17 February	Bird box and feeder making event, see National Trust News
18 February	Deadline for contributions to March Gazette

ADVANCE DATES

11 March	Cadgwith Book Club, 8pm at the Cadgwith Cove Inn
21 March	Seashore foraging event, see National Trust News
21 March	Spring Flower Show, see "What's On"
27 March	End of Spring Term
27 March	Carn to Cove "Alaska", 8pm, Village Hall, see "What's On"
31 Mar - 1 Apr	Bushcraft days, see National Trust News
13 April	Start of Summer Term
25 April	The People's String Foundation, 9pm see "What's On"
23 - 25 May	May Festival at Ruan Minor Recreation Ground
25 - 29 May	Half Term
18 July	Folk Day, Noon till late, Cadgwith Cove Inn
22 July	End of Summer Term
22 July	Beach BBQ, organised by Lights Committee
29 July	Beach BBQ, organised by Rec Committee
5 August	Beach BBQ, organised by Gig Club
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CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send contributions to the Editor's email address shown below. Paper contributions can be put in the Mag Bag behind the door at Ruan Minor Stores. **The deadline is the 18th of the month prior to publication.**

Articles may need to be split over more than one issue, and might be edited.

If you have a photograph, painting or drawing that could be used on the front cover, please send it to the Editor.

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Noticeboard

With great sadness, we have had to say goodbye to: Birchmore

Ted Thompson who, although he'd been in a home for some time, many of you will remember him from his days in Cadgwith when he played such an active role in the community.

Iris Langford, who had lived in Mundy's Field for many years and who had many friends in the area.

Clive McNair, who had lived in Ruan Minor for some 25 years. You may remember an article that Jilly wrote for the Gazette about their trip to Buckingham Palace in August. Sadly his health declined soon afterwards.

Hailstones drumming on the church roof drowned out part of the Tribute to Clive, which was written and read by his son Roger. An abridged version is on p.43.

Best wishes to **Eveline Julian**, who has been in hospital recently.

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

Please join me in welcoming **Mel Edwards and her children James, Charlie, Jack, Grace and Max** to Ruan Minor. Gemma Bennett tells me that Mel used to live here years ago and has come home. We hope you and the children settle in well.

Do you **play bridge**, or do you want to play? If so, please let me know and I'll put you in touch with other like minded people. Perhaps a regular session could be arranged.



Congratulations to **Tommy Phillips** who scored his first try for Redruth in a match against Lydney on 13th December. It proved to be the turning point in Redruth's victory, and Tommy was made Man of the Match.

Well done to **"Any Old Iron"**, aka the Ferrari family and friends, who won the jackpot in the final pub quiz of 2014, and kindly donated their winnings to the Fishermen's Mission.

I'm very pleased that **Sally Watts** has come forward in response to my request

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Front Cover:

The weather was perfect for this year's Christmas Swim. The pictures show: *Top left (l to r):* Jeremy Wootliff, who came second in the fancy dress competition, Norma Gossip, Chairman of the Christmas Swim, Simon Bradley, who judged the costumes. *Bottom right:* Bruce Jordan, who won first prize for his costume.

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in the last Gazette for a volunteer to edit a couple of issues of the Gazette each year and be able to step in for me in an emergency. Sally is the ideal person to do it. May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Gazette Committee to welcome Sally on board.

Unfortunately, no-one volunteered to take on the **distribution**. It's not an onerous job and doesn't take much time, so perhaps someone will come forward. It only takes about three to four hours each month (excluding August and December). It needs to be done around the 27th of the month when the Gazette comes from the printer, and you need to have a car. If you think you would be able to do this, please let me know.

Thank you to everyone who gave **donations to put a Christmas message** in the December Gazette. A grand total of £280 was raised, half of which will be put into Gazette funds and the other half of which has been donated to the Defibrillator fund.

The makers of the Channel 4 Programme called "**Posh Pawn**" are currently filming in Cornwall. They are looking for people to take part who might

have valuable, unusual or quirky items they are looking to sell or pawn to turn into cash, e.g. jewellery, art, antiques, designer handbags, shoes, family heirlooms, memorabilia and collectables, fine wines.....anything goes! If you might be interested in taking part in the programme, then you can contact the makers on 02922 450 284 or by email at casting@boomerang.co.uk. [Please note, I am not endorsing this, merely passing it on. Please check it out carefully before agreeing to take part. Ed.]

Sally Watts will be editing the March Gazette. Sally's contact details are on page 4. You can email contributions to the usual

graderuan.gazette@btinternet.com email address. Please place any paper contributions in the magbag behind the door at Ruan Minor Stores.

I'll be back at the Editor's desk for the April issue.

Moira Hurst

From Jilly McNair

Jilly McNair and her family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks for the loving support, care, beautiful cards and

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messages given to them during Clive's illness and death on 21st December 2014. We should particularly like to thank all the medical, nursing staff, district nurses and the staff from Mullion Health Centre and especially from Ruan Minor Surgery for their great kindness at this very sad time. Thank you ALL so much - we could not have managed without you.

From Peggy Thompson

Peggy and family would like to thank everyone for the wonderful support, messages and cards they received on the recent death of Ted, and for the overwhelming attendance at his funeral. Special thanks to Jan and Sally for all their help. Such kindness is much appreciated.

From Lyn Kibblewhite.

KUGGAR POPPY COLLECTION RAISES £76-35. Merita Jones and myself would like to say a very heartfelt THANK YOU to all residents of Kuggar for such a fantastic result this year – the best ever! Thank you all so much – see you next year!

From Judith Green:

Defibrillator update: We raised a brilliant £630 last November at the Grace Notes evening - many thanks to everyone who supported the evening. Along with a fab donation from the Ellis family craft day in December, £370 from the Village Hall, £140 from the Gazette and generous donations from the Community Trust and the Parish Council, we now have enough for one defib and are on the way to the second so that both Ruan Minor and Cadgwith have one. Thank you to

all those who have contributed to this result - we will be looking into the purchase of one very soon I hope and will keep you all posted. I'd like to arrange a free training session for the use of them too if possible, although they are very user friendly - again I'll let you know.

From Jeb Preston:

Community Tree Planting: Can you spare an hour to help with some tree planting in the Parish? We have a number of planting schemes on the go over the next 6 weeks.

Or, if you would like us to provide you with trees for your own scheme let us know. Trees available this winter, paid for by the Parish Council:

Grey Alder (a current favourite – likes wet and is good for binding loose ground), Common Alder, Wild Cherry, Poplar, a few Hornbeam, Hazel, small leaved Lime, Cherry Plum (*Prunus Cerasifera*), Hawthorn, hedging Maple, wild Privet.

Details : Jeb Preston 07964215277 or Jonathan Fletcher 290746.

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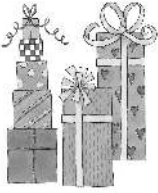
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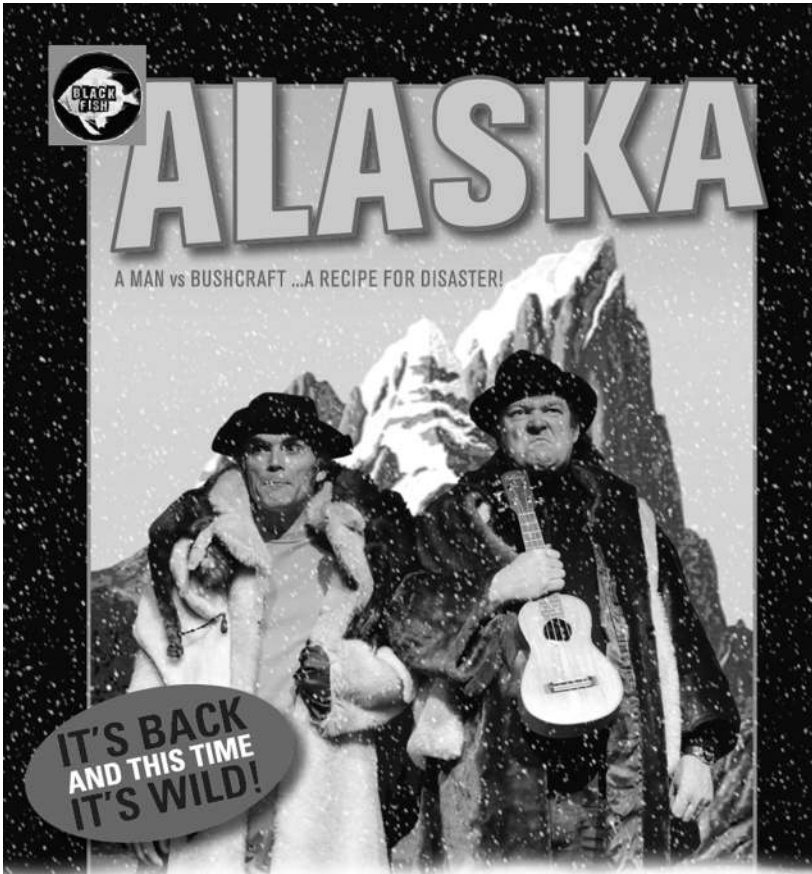
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Mixing artisan flavours with world grooves and a band that expands into a 24 piece Orchestra, The People's String Foundation are fast being recognized as the heavyweights of the South West. As well as touring the Festival and Theatre circuits as a dynamic trio, they encompass a grass roots philosophy, working with the community to promote local music and arts.



Both "Alaska" and "The People's String Foundation" are going to be fab nights I'm sure, so please come and support these amazing events in our Village Hall.

Look out for posters and info nearer the time.

Tickets will be on sale at Ruan Shop - thank you Claire :-)

Judith Green



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Garry and Helen would like to update you on

What's New for February

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Ruan Rascals

Ruan Rascals have had a great start to the year, with 17 children turning up all very keen to play football! We have had a lot of support from people. In November Russ and Paula from Gloucester came down with a new Nike football kit for us and two goals. They managed to get funding for us through their football club. We would like to thank them for their support. Also we would like to thank Gary Pollard for donating training jackets to all the children and coaches. They look amazing with our logo on them, which was designed



by Chloe Hardy. We would like to say well done to Ashton Kostrzewski for coming 2nd with his design.

If there are any children out there that would like to give football a go, please come along on a Sunday between 10 -10.30 (ready to start at 10.30) we would be very happy to see you. For more information please call Gemma or Tony on : 01326 290962.

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Grade-Ruan C of E



Mullion School

Grade-Ruan School playground has been temporarily enlarged by the removal of the Elliot classrooms pending the arrival of the new modular classrooms. The Elliots did sterling service for over twenty years - careful maintenance meant they survived a lot longer than they were ever intended to. And they will continue to do so having gone on to greener pastures, literally, where they are part of their new owners' 'grand design' to live in an eco-friendly recycled home. Quite something! At the time of going to press, the ground-works have started - perhaps by the time you read this they will be in situ. Well done to all the children and staff for coping so well with their temporary classroom situations - the hall morphs from classroom to dining hall to gym in the course of a day which is no easy feat.

At the end of last term we were delighted to hear that Grade-Ruan School appeared in the national list of League Tables based on the performance of pupils at the end of Year 6 in 2014. Grade-Ruan ranked in the top fifteen schools in Cornwall - a fantastic achievement reflecting the hard work and dedication of pupils and staff.

The children have some exciting events coming up - Reception and Year One are attending a gymnastics session at Mullion Gym (thank you to them for inviting us!). Turtles Class have been thoroughly enjoying their Forest School sessions in Poltesco. Years 3 and 4 are off for a day out at Bishops Forum, the outdoor adventure centre near Falmouth. Early in February Chartwells, the school caterers, will be hosting a Ready Steady Cook afternoon which is great
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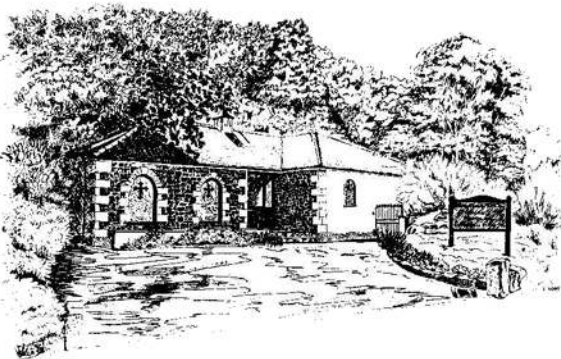
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fun - two teams battle it out making tasty recipes from scratch while the audience cheers them on and votes for the most delicious result.

The minibus has been put to good use by the school and the community. Please call the secretary Louise if you want more information on how to book it - 01326 290613.

And finally - welcome to Harry, Phoebe and Max.

Mullion School said farewell to Georgina Davies, the music teacher, at the end of last term with a variety of send offs. The Christmas Concert at Mullion Church was perhaps the most fitting as the pupils were able to demonstrate beautifully all Georgina

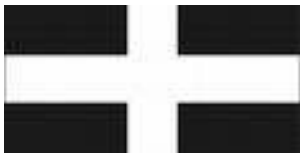
had achieved in her time at Mullion. The range of talent that has been given the chance to excel is astonishing; the pupils have been given a fabulous bedrock of musical experience from which to continue to develop.

Early December was the presentation evening for Flight 33, when the leavers from summer 2014 come back for one last gathering in school. Many congratulations to Jess Thomson on being awarded the Jack Hayhurst History Cup, the Drama Award for Group Performance, the Truro College Award for High Academic Achievement and the Waller Cup for Science; to George McMinn for the Caithness Trophy for Outstanding Achievement in Art, the Nicholson Award for Progress in Science, the MSA Members' Cup for Mathematics and the John Shirley Award for Special Endeavour. Congratulations also to Ellie Humby for the Special Reserve Award.

Dates for your diary include the GCSE Dance Show on 11th February and the annual Easter Hootenanny - always a fantastic evening of live music on 18th March.

And that's it - a shorter than usual offering as we are only just back after the Christmas holidays ... and half term is not far away!

Ginny Sealey



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By Wendy Elliot

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Some children were nestled all snug under throws
With hot bottles keeping the chill from their toes.
While others partook of the warm fruity punch
And added a mince pie to their previous lunch.

And now it was time to fire up the genny
We had practised all day, we had 2 that was plenty.
Mark pulled on the cord nothing happened oh no
Derek pulled on the second but still it won't go.

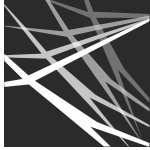
So over to Peter's by Land Rover we flew
To fetch his generator to add to our two.
Chris, Tris and Roo got stuck in and went straight to work
They primed and they pumped and pulled with a jerk.

But nothing but a flicker of light was emitted
To light up the puppets - we had to perform we were committed.
Robin played on and the ladies kept singing
The audience got colder we don't have any heating.

We were late - a decision had to be made
Son in law Richard came to our aid.
A torch on his head shone some light on the screen
It was tricky not to get caught in the beam.

Paul and Tammy gave help with directions and puppets
To entertain our audience was our only target
They'd stuck with us throughout and were freezing with cold
No moaning or groaning they're pure solid gold.

We made it - we finished - we got to the end
My thanks to you all and good wishes I send.



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QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

The season of mists, mellow fruitfulness and goodwill did nothing to dilute the competitive nature of November and December 'Quiz Nights at the Village Hall' and, yet again, two mammoth battles of wits and demonstrations of pure (and raw) brain power shook the Village Hall to its foundations.

November's contest saw **Cliffhangers** return to winning ways as they scaled the heights to claim the title but it was **The Buccaneers** who battled back like true pirates to plunder the **Christmas Quiz Night Champions** crown. At the other end of the score charts it was **We've Had Our Chips** (November) and **Santa's Two Little Helpers** (December) who claimed the **Yuletide Wooden Spoons** but December's contest witnessed a magnificent attempt by Sarah and Jill to combat an

unavoidable reduction in team numbers.

A huge thanks was due to **Team Ferrari** (November) and **Audrey Burnham** (December) for two tremendous **Guest Rounds** which tested all quizgoers to the full.

After all the excitement and brain activity had died down the final 'Scores on the Doors' for the end of year quizzes saw team placings as follows:

NOV	POSITION	POSITION	DEC
Cliffhanger	1 st	1 st	The Buccaneers
New Blood	2 nd	2 nd =	Mixed Bunch
Inbetweeners	3 rd	2 nd =	Cliffhangers
The Buccaneers	4 th	4 th	New Blood
The Mixed Bunch	5 th	5 th	Inbetweeners
Bob's Band	6 th	6 th	Bob's Band
Had Our Chips	7 th	7 th	Just Us 5
		8 th	Santa's Helpers

After a year of huge fun and closely contested quizzes, a very special award was presented for the first time. Forget the Ballon D'Or and Senor Ronaldo, the '**Cuillere En Bois D'Or**' (The Golden Wooden Spoon) **Award** was presented to **Santa's Two Little Helpers** whose various teams throughout 2014 had the honour of winning the most Wooden Spoons.

Thank you for your support over the year and very best wishes for a **Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2015**.

Take care and see you at the first **Quiz Night at the Village Hall – 2015**.

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Well so far winter 2014/15 has been kinder to us than 2013/14, but perhaps I'm speaking too soon! Not that we've finished repairs from last winter just yet, with work ongoing when weather allows at Kynance and Mullion Cove. At Kynance we lost the main access route to the beach in February 2014, as waves smashed the stone steps. A temporary repair by our Ranger team got us open for the summer season, but the cracks are still growing. A permanent (or at least we hope it will be!) rebuild will be undertaken in February 2015, necessitating transporting concrete over the beach at low tide. Please bear with us during the works, as the steps will be closed, so the beach will only be accessible from the café side.

The same 2014 storms caused extensive damage to Mullion Harbour. Although dramatic, most of the damage to the western breakwater was cosmetic, and was put right relatively rapidly. This included salvaging and replacing over 5000 granite setts that pave the top of the breakwater, which had been stripped off and dumped in the harbour by the waves. The southern breakwater has proved more problematic to put right as the damage is structural. We have agreed with English Heritage and Cornwall Council that the inner visible face will be rebuilt in stone, but the outer wall will be repaired with reinforced concrete for strength. This work began in September and is ongoing whenever conditions allow. Although bad, the events of last winter weren't quite the catastrophic storm that will almost inevitably put the harbour beyond repair one day in the future, so for the time being the walls are being repaired and it will hopefully be in better shape than ever to withstand whatever nature throws at it.

Moving back to Grade-Ruan, we have some news regarding Corgerick, between Polstangey and Kuggar. When the NT took on the land at Poltesco from Margaret Ironside we agreed with the family that not all the land would be held by the Trust forever and that the land on the inland side of the Kuggar to Ruan road would be sold at an opportune moment to help fund work on the remaining area of coastal land and buildings. In 2012 we sold the land to the existing farm tenants and income from this has been used to replace the roof on the Mill and make improvements to our Ranger base and education facilities at Poltesco. The next stage is to realise the potential for the redundant barns at Corgerick and we have recently submitted a planning application to convert these barns to residential use. We employed architects to draw up a scheme that has met with the approval of the Trust's own Architectural panel and has strong environmental elements to ensure that the impact on the environment, both visually and in future energy use has been minimised. Once a scheme has been approved the barns will be sold on the open market and, along with the land, will be subject to National Trust covenants to help protect from future unsuitable developments. Funds arising from this work will be used to refurbish and re-roof Poltesco mill house. The plans for the barns can be viewed at the Cornwall Council online planning register ref. PA14/12218 or at the Poltesco Ranger base.

Our Christmas events were a great success, and looking forward towards spring, we've got lots more fun planned locally. For families, at half-term we have a bird box

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and feeder making event (17th February Poltesco) and our popular Easter bush-craft days at Poltesco are back (31st March, 1st April). Adults and families alike are welcome at our Seashore Foraging event on 21st March at Poltesco, where we'll attempt to cook lunch from nature's bounty over the campfire! Come along to learn what's edible and what's not. For all these events small charges apply, and booking is essential, on the number below.

Please do call by the Shepherd's Huts or give us a ring if you'd like to chat to us about our work locally.

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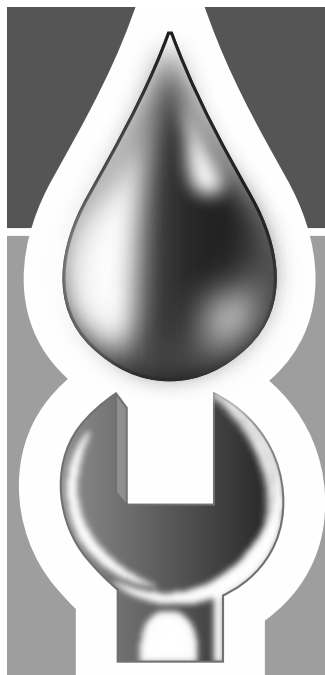


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or just call in on a Thursday morning to see what's going on.

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QUIZ NIGHT

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL



Thank you for the support you've shown the Village Hall over the Christmas festivities. Our Carolaire was a fantastic evening, with lots of singing from The Lemonaires and the audience alike. And a very jolly time was had. The bucket collection, Carolaire Raffle and Christmas Hamper raffle raised £370 which has been donated to the Parish Defibrillator Fund . A very big thank you again.

All the markets over the Christmas period were well attended and congratulations to Maureen Arnall on winning the Christmas Hamper. Our first Market of 2015 was held on the 15th of January and was really well attended. (I personally thought we'd start quiet and build up, but no! Proved wrong! Three hands needed in the kitchen, we nearly ran out of mugs and we even had DOUBLE BACON sandwiches ordered, because 'Catch Up' was the order of the day!)

Sadly we have had two traders leave us over the break and with sadness we say goodbye to Rodger. And Mandy has sadly closed her green grocers stall but will be opening up another stall soon, sounds exciting! But we are sure to see them on the 'Punters' side of the table, for chinwags and chai! (Mandy...your cup is safe and sound with us ladies in the kitchen!)

We are looking to re vamp the book stall too, so if you have any gripping novels, weepy romantics, summertime easy reads and you're looking for a new home for them, then please pop them in to us! Thank you.

We have some tables/stalls available to rent, so if you're interested in starting a market stall, please contact me and we can discuss arrangements etc. (subject to committee approval)

NEW CLUB!

Yoga with Tanya has started in the hall on Thursdays from 5.30pm till 6.45pm. All abilities are welcome from the cautious beginner to the uber-bendy! It's a great way to de-stress and exercise, and it's always a proper giggle.

SNOOKER ROOM.

The Snooker room has had a real resurgence over the past couple of months and lots of people are enjoying the facilities, and it's so good to see it attracting players from across all age ranges. The teething troubles that have been experienced with electric fuses and meters are being sorted and all hopefully will run smoothly now.

I've been asked to remind players that if you need to pay club fees can you do that as soon as please. Also, please remember not to eat or drink in the snooker room and please leave the room as you would like to find it.

The Short Mat Bowls is thriving and if you'd like to join, please contact Steve Griffiths. His details are in the RMVH advert.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

As per The Thursday Market is every Thursday (Does what it says on the Tin!)

The Quiz is every 4th Tuesday in the month.

We are looking to hold a 'Mad March Hop' surprisingly in March, so watch out for more details in February's issue.

And Carn to Cove have two events booked in March and April too.

So Once again Happy New Year and see you all soon!

Tasha Allen x

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Rector's Ramblings

Globally, 2014 saw some of the most savage, brutal acts of violence and persecution in living memory: 200 schoolgirls in Nigeria kidnapped and forced to convert to Islam; a passenger jet shot down over Ukraine, killing everyone on board; innocent hostages beheaded with a sickening video of those barbaric acts being posted on the Internet; the gruesome massacre of 132 children and nine members of staff in a school in Peshawar, Pakistan. And with the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, it seems that 2015 has started off in the same vein.

Where can we find a glimmer of hope, when humankind seems to have lost all sense of compassion, moral values and respect, when the world seems plunged in darkness?

The answer, of course, is in the tiny, newborn baby, born in a stable in the bustling, busy town of Bethlehem – Jesus, whose birth we celebrated at Christmas. Jesus our Saviour, sent by God into the world - not because of any good things we had done, but because of God's great love that He pours out so generously upon us.

Yet Jesus is more than a mere glimmer: he is the Light of the World! Jesus is Life and 'the Life is the Light of all people. **'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.'** (*John 1:4-5*). That's an important statement, and one to hold on to in our troubled times.

Sadly, as we know only too well, there are many people today who choose not to see the light of Jesus Christ. They know it's there but they choose to ignore it; they live by misguided ideologies, their minds blinded by sin and unbelief, preferring to live in darkness. They would rather carry on in their own way – a way that is evil and against all the precepts of the one, true God. Perhaps this is because to follow in Jesus' light actually means making some kind of sacrifice on their part, changing their old ways.

It was always God's plan to send that part of Himself, Jesus - 'the Word made flesh to live here on earth amongst us' (*John 1:14*) - to teach us how to live out our lives: putting aside anger; war; revenge; injustice; oppression and violence and embracing instead love for others. And as we prepare to set out on the Lenten road to Good Friday, we are reminded of just how deep God's love for us is in sending his Son to be an atonement for all our wrongdoings.

The 'Light of all people' will *not* be overcome by the darkness of sin and evil – even on the Cross. One day God's Kingdom *will* come and those who have chosen to live in the Light will become children of God.

Blessings

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1 March Home v Shortlanesend

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Recreation Ground News

Pavilion Funding

After our presentation before Christmas to SITA Cornwall Trust (expertly done by Peter Freeman), we were selected to go forward for approval by the organization that vets projects receiving money under the landfill tax scheme. So the suspense isn't over yet, but we were pleased with the positive response to our presentation.

If the SITA application is successful, then Sport England will provide additional funds. We also have our own funds from all those years of fund raising, as well as pledges from the Parish Council and the Grade Ruan Community Trust.

Pavilion Design

We have used the time while waiting to hear about the funding to revise the design, in order to make best use of the space available and to be sure that the changing rooms fully meet the needs of sports' governing bodies.

In our plans, we have taken care to reduce the visual impact on neighbouring properties as far as possible. Before finalising the plans we are holding consultations with the neighbours closest to the building to discuss ways of achieving this. By next month, we hope to be able to announce the results of our funding applications, and to publish the final version of the building plans

Meanwhile Jon Spalding is contacting local trades people to form a list of contractors we can use if our fundraising is eventually successful. If you would like to be considered please get in touch. We are looking for every trade, from groundworks through to tiling.

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Gardening in February

by David Endean

Happy New Year to you all. The endless gardening year continues and my mind has already turned to the spring, and seed sowing. Last year seemed to end mild and meek and we have yet to see much in the way of any cold white weather, be it frost or snow. The only white stuff there has been is the foam from the stormy seas being blown inland - and hasn't it blown again! The mild time has led many people to comment on out of season blossoms, be it Daffodils and Narcissi which I have seen odd ones since the end of November, early Camellias and Rhododendrons, or the spikes of clear summer blue Agapanthus gracing us on Christmas day. These are just a few of the blooms - others of the more usual types are primroses, violets and daisies. I even spotted a hawthorn bush with a few sprigs of blossom on before Christmas but I have noted that this tree has done that feat in three of the last four years.

Back to seed sowing. I have already sown my exhibition onions and by the time you read this I hope to have started my Sweetpeas. There is still time for you to have a go at these, along with seeds of Lobelia, Antirrhinum and Begonias. You can also have a go at some lettuce and leafy cabbage like Hispi or Greyhound. For all of these you will need protection, ideally a greenhouse with some form of heating. The basics of sowing all of these are the same: start with clean seed trays and fill with good quality seed compost, this generally has less nutrients and more sand in it to improve drainage. Too much nutrient can inhibit germination of some seeds. When filling the trays I tend to riddle the compost to remove any large lumps, I then level the surface and gently flatten it with a board. At this point, I soak the seed tray in a shallow tray of water and let it draw the water up through the compost. Once the compost is evenly

soaked, I let the tray drain for a short while before sowing onto the damp surface. At this point, read the seed packet as to what depth to cover the seeds; many of the finer dust-like seeds need no covering as light actively aids germination, whereas brassicas need much more depth - quarter of an inch or more - otherwise the plants tend to be more spindly and flop. I gently sift more seed compost to the required depth and flatten off once more lightly with a board. The tray is then placed in a heated propagator or heated pad at the required temperature until germination.

Out in the garden, when conditions allow get out there and look at your Rhubarb. Dig out any weeds that are around the crown, paying particular attention to the perennial weeds such as buttercup, bindweed and couch grass. Then give it a handful general fertiliser, then a good mulch of well-rotted farmyard manure. Hopefully you will be rewarded with some tasty thick stems in a few weeks' time. Many people like to force some rhubarb by covering the crown with an old bin or deep bucket. If your pockets are deep enough you can get some very good looking terracotta specialist versions. They all do the same job in excluding the light and protecting the stalks, producing long pink succulent stems. But the drawback with this method is that it takes a lot of energy from the plant and it will take a couple of years to recover. The only job to do after this is to pull the stalks, trim, cook and add some cream.

You will see the weed seeds start to germinate this month so get weeding on a dry day and keep up the digging in the veg patch, maybe even covering an area of prepared ground with some spare plastic sheeting. This will keep the worst of the weather off the soil and help to warm it so that you could sow some early crops at the

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end of the month or in March. Maybe some shallots, peas, broad beans or early potatoes will be destined for that patch.

During this mild winter so far, the grass really has not stopped growing but I have resisted mowing, my thoughts being that the extra growth will protect the lawn from the salt laden gales and persistent rains of winter. I do expected to start giving the lawns a trim this month, but I'll raise the blades as we are still likely to have bad weather. I would recommend giving your lawn a spiking with a fork to aid drainage, get air into the soil and roots, and reduce compaction. Use a sturdy garden fork and push it in 4 or 5 inches with your foot and repeat this every 5 or 6 inches all over the lawn. This is a very boring and time consuming job, so I suggest doing it little and often - 15 to 30 minutes a day - and consider it as part of your fitness regime. It is cheaper than the gym or even a second hand Jane Fonda video. It will do wonders for your muscle tone and tummy.

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I noticed the first snowdrops in the first week of January. You should still be enjoying them through February, especially if it does get cold. If you wish to spread them around your garden, my advice is to enjoy them whilst in flower but as soon as those flowers fade lift up some clumps with a small fork and split them down into small clumps of three or four bulbs. If you plant single bulbs it takes a long time for them to bulk up and have an effect, plus if you lose a bulb through damage, mouse attack or any other problem you will not have a gap in your planting scheme. Snowdrops have a much higher success rate when transplanted in the green rather than dry bulbs in the autumn.

Pruning jobs are to cut back shrubs which are grown for their coloured stems on young growth like Dogwoods (*Cornus alba*) and some of those willows with yellow and orange bark. These can be cut back hardtop within in a bud or two of the stool (where they have been regularly cut back to). This encourages lots of fresh growth in the case of dogwoods I would do it every other year as they can lose vigour. Once pruned give the shrub a handful of slow release fertiliser.

What else have I got planned for this month? There is some nice material growing for chrysanthemum cuttings, dahlia tubers will need potting up and starting off for cuttings. The storms have brought down some large limbs off the trees which will need cutting up, ideal for firewood. I have recently removed a badly diseased Escalonia hedge which is par for this area. The plan is to dig the hedge line over and add some organic matter then replant with Griselinia. Next month sees the spring flower shows, so I will be making sure that the daffodils are not getting damaged and progressing at the right pace. I grow a lot in pots so these get moved around into different places either to slow flowering or enhance it a little .

Well, keep warm, keep safe and enjoy your gardening.



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The Herbal Medicine Cabinet

by Deanne Greenwood

BSc (Hons) Herb Med

Like all gardeners at this time of year, I am currently planning what to grow, preparing the beds and sowing the seeds. I tend to focus on herbs and medicinal plants, leaving the vegetable plot to my husband. But there is a crossover. Some of the active constituents in medicinal plants that give them their healing properties, also prevent them from being attacked by insects, bacterial and fungal infections. These are secreted through the roots and leaves. And when strategically placed, my herbs help protect the plants in the vegetable plot, too. For example, the pungent, musky odours of white horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), marigold (*Calendula officinalis*) and yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*) are excellent for keeping aphid and beetles at bay. Other aromatic medicinal plants such as fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*), sage (*Salvia officinalis*), thyme (*Thymus vulgaris*), mint (*Mentha piperita*), chamomile (*Chamomilla recutita*), lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia*), angelica (*Angelica archangelica*) and lemon balm (*Melissa officinalis*) attract beneficial insects like ladybirds, which feed on aphids, and bees.

I add marigold leaves to my home-made herbal insect spray concocted from another natural insecticide, garlic (*Allium sativum*). I pulp a small bulb of garlic, cover it with a litre of water, leave overnight then strain. Slugs, snails, caterpillars and aphids really don't like it. A similar spray made with a tablespoon of fresh or dried chilli (*Curcuma longa*), instead of garlic, deters mice and rabbits.

Lemon balm (*Melissa officinalis*) is good for killing red spider mite, which attacks plants such as tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines and peppers. You need to make an infusion (tea) with the lemon balm, let it go cold and then pour it around the roots of infected plants. No need to strain.

A chamomile tea spray (prepared the same way but strained) will protect vulnerable plants like courgettes against mould. To treat plants that develop fungal infection, add pulped garlic and a few drops of antifungal essential oil of tea tree (*Melaleuca alternifolia*) or neem (*Azadirachta indica*) to the chamomile tea.

Gardeners keen to avoid chemical fertilisers probably know that comfrey (*Symphytum officinale*) is an effective natural alternative. Lemon balm is another one. These plants need steeping in rainwater for two weeks in a sealed container to create a nutritious sludge.

When I have a large enough crop of a herb, I dry and/or tincture it for use in my practice. Home-grown and prepared herbal medicines always seem to be the most efficacious.

If you'd like to find out more about herbal medicine, I'm doing a talk in Poltesco on Saturday February 14th, explaining what herbal medicine is, how it works and ailments it is commonly used for. I'll also be talking about the wealth of medicinal plants growing on the Lizard and, as it's Valentine's Day, aphrodisiac herbs!

There'll be time for questions and discussion. You'll find me in the Education Barn in the National Trust car park in Poltesco. Starts 2pm.

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February Quiz

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2. In which country was the Bayeux Tapestry embroidered?
3. Eboracum is the Roman name for which English city?
4. Name the six annual Nobel Prize categories.
5. Who was the child with the magic Talking Piano?
6. How many Psalms are there in the Book of Psalms?



Answers to the Christmas Quiz

1. In Charles Dickens' novel, "The Christmas Carol", who was Scrooge's dead business partner? Jacob Marley
2. Name the eight reindeer from the "Twas the Night Before Christmas" poem. Comet, Cupic, Dasher, Dancer, Vixen, Donner, Blitzen, Prancer
3. How many points does a snowflake have? Six
4. Who wrote "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"? Dr. Seuss
5. From which country does the Poinsettia plant originate? Mexico
6. What are the names of the three wise men? Balthasar, Mellchor and Casper

Questions set by Norma Gossip



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CLIVE MCNAIR 1928 - 2014

[This is an edited version of the Tribute written by Roger McNair and read by him at Clive's funeral. Ed]



Dad was a very special man, dearly loved by Mum, his four children and four grandchildren. Dad's character made him special; first and foremost he was a gentleman; he was hard working, tolerant, intelligent and humble and strong, his character shaped by a remarkable life.

Dad was born into a life of gentile impoverishment. His parents managed to educate him at Blundell's School, and holidays were spent messing around in boats, caravanning and developing his skills as a marine artist.

In 1944, aged 16, Dad joined the British India Steam Navigation Company (BI) and spent the next two decades circumnavigating the world, having plenty of adventures along the way.

In 1960, he visited his sister in Ilfracombe, where he met my mother. He proposed five weeks later and they married the following year. In 1966, by now the father of two small children, Dad wanted to spend more time ashore, and he took up a new post as Personnel Manager of a major Liverpool stevedoring company. The family grew when Dad and Mum adopted two babies the following year. Holidays for the much expanded McNair family were now taken in our new touring caravan, nicknamed the "snail house".

The stevedoring company collapsed during the industrial strife of the early seventies, and Dad won a job as a Personnel Manager with Sandoz, a Swiss pharmaceutical company.

Dad was ingenious, a master at modifying perfectly useable items from houses to caravans to make them better. For several years, Dad experimented with home brewing - starting with easy to use home wine kits and graduating to making wine from a range of ingredients including quinces from the back garden. None would challenge those from the Camel Valley - in fact most were barely drinkable! The ginger beer escapade during the hot summer of 1976 produced a concoction so explosive it had to be opened in the garden - our cat went adrift for several days after one of the bottles exploded over the utility room! Dad was also a skilled woodworker and later built his grandchildren a superb rocking horse.

In summer 1988 aged 60, Dad retired early from Sandoz and Phase 3 of Mum and Dad's life began at Trevaze House, Ruan Minor. The Master Mariner and Senior Manager became the B&B Proprietor, local artist and Warden of this church. The constants of his life endured: love for his wife and family, his ingenuity in building and modifying things and delight in travelling. After retirement, Dad and Mum travelled widely through Europe and Turkey, across Canada twice, Korea, Japan, and cruised through Suez and the Red Sea.

Twelve years ago Dad and Mum built Mermaid Cottage and Dad designed the mermaid stained glass window, which was beautifully built by my cousin Anthea, and remains as a lovely tribute to him. Soon after, Dad illustrated Mum's book, which was successfully published. In late August Dad accompanied Mum to a garden party at Buckingham Palace. So that was Dad's journey - it was long, unhurried, full of adventure and rich with experience.



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A little more from the *Itinerant Seafarer ...*

By Simon Sugrue

Arch Leckie and I were called to a ship aground incident near Esperance. The ship was firmly planted on some rocks near the port and, after an initial inspection, it was decided that if she was to be salvaged, a lot of the cargo of bagged fertiliser would have to be discharged. Esperance is a long way from anywhere and only one barge was available. The ship was still functioning to some extent and her gear (cargo derricks) were working so about a thousand tons of the bags were sent ashore at a time and the wet ones were thrown into the sea. A tug came round from Fremantle and she was towed off and taken to Fremantle for repair but was considered a CTL (constructive total loss) and she went on to India for scrapping. There is nothing too remarkable about any of this and it is the trip to the ship that I remember most. Arch and I arranged an Air Taxi and we turned up at the Airport to be met by the pilot, a woman! Arch nearly turned round and said we'd drive; but this was not practical, Esperance was about seven hundred miles away and we needed to be there that afternoon.

On the four hour flight we ran into a headwind and the pilot said that we would run out of fuel before we got to Esperance. Arch's reaction was not printable but was centred on the gender of the poor pilot. She said 'No worries!' the way Australians usually do when there is a good reason to worry. On this occasion she meant it though. A lot of the road to Esperance is absolutely dead straight – about a hundred and fifty miles of it! She buzzed the road and the drivers obviously knew the drill; two of them blocked the road, about a mile apart, stopping what traffic there was, and we landed, pulled off to the side and the traffic resumed. The pilot got out and took some Jerrycans out of a cargo space. She suggested we sat in the shade under the wings while she thumbed a lift to get some fuel. She did this, to a farm with an airstrip, and was back in about half an hour. The plane was refuelled; the flight was resumed and was completed successfully. Instead of being impressed Arch swore that we would drive back; this we did and it took two days in a hire car.

Marco Sambrialo featured a fair bit in my life while I was Arch Leckie's Associate. He is a Croatian immigrant and the *de facto* leader of the Yugoslav community in Western Australia. It was he who declared and ensured that the post-Tito Yugoslav civil war was not carried over to WA in the way that it was into NSW and Victoria where there were bombings and shootings between the various Yugoslav factions. Marko said that that war should be left in Europe and such was the respect for him that it was.

Marko and a gang of his people often came with us, under contract, when we were asked to organise any salvage of fishing boats on the WA Coast.

The children had a playhouse in the garden in Claremont, it was the wheehouse of a scrapped fishing boat which Marco brought us one day.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel on Monday 10 November 2014 from 7.30pm

Present: Parish Councillors, J Preston (Chair), N Green (Vice-Chair), J Clifton, P Collins, P Freeman, J Lee, S Stephens, J Trewin, Clerk J Castle, and 1 Member of the Public (C Brown)

1. Absences and apologies:

Parish Councillors C Cooper, M Fleetwood; Cornwall Councillor C Rule & PCSO J Berry (these apologies were accepted by the Council).

2. Declarations of interest:

Councillor Preston declared an interest regarding Glebe land and Councillor Green declared an interest with regard to the proposed mast on Treleague Farm.

3. Public time:

Cathy Brown expressed concern that the consultation regarding the siting for a new bus stop had been restricted to neighbouring residents and had not been carried out on a widespread basis, yet it affects the village as a whole. Councillor Preston explained that this was not a Parish Council-led project but a Cormac initiative and Coastline Housing is involved as owner of the land. Coastline had conducted the survey and the results have not yet been released. Cormac had proposed a re-siting as a result of concerns about the bus turning and as Cormac had funds available for such a project. It was suggested that the proposed plan be included in the Gazette to enable wider comment.

4. Police report:

In the absence of PCSO Berry, the Clerk read out the monthly report. There were no reported crimes in October and Halloween passed with no logs for anti-social behaviour.

5. Cornwall Councillor's time:

In the absence of County Councillor Rule, there were no items to discuss.

6. Minutes for acceptance:

Having been previously circulated, it was proposed by Councillor Preston and seconded by Councillor Trewin that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2014 be accepted. Carried 7 votes in favour and 1 abstention. It was noted that Len Carter was incapacitated following a serious accident and as a result it is unlikely that he would be able to carry out the work regarding the bus shelter or grass trimming for some time. The Clerk was asked to suspend payments to Mr Carter until he is able to resume his duties.

7. Planning:

Planning Applications for consideration

- PA14/09122 – External insulation, 3 Council Houses, Kuggar. It was noted that this application had now been submitted on the correct form. On the basis that it provided better insulation and a more consistent finish to the exterior of the property, it was proposed by Councillor Clifton and seconded by Councillor Green that this application be supported. Carried 8 votes in favour.

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General planning matters:

- Land north of Prazegooth Lane, Cadgwith - the Clerk had received a request from the landowners asking for the parish council's views on their proposal to put in a pre-application for planning advice regarding the building of a studio and small house as a live work situation. It was proposed by Councillor Lee and seconded by Councillor Trewin that, although we acknowledge their request, the Parish Council only comments when consulted by Cornwall Council, the planning authority. Carried 8 votes in favour. **Action: Clerk**
- Pre-application consultation request - Proposed installation of 30m High Lattice Tower Mobile Phone Base at Treleague Farm, Ruan Minor
(Councillor Green left the meeting) - the Parish Council had received details of a potential project site from Harlequin Group, telecom consultants. The project forms part of the wider Broadband Delivery UK project for the Department for Culture Media and Sport aiming to reduce the digital divide and provide mobile coverage to not spots. After some discussion and considering some comments already received from parishioners, it was agreed that a short comment in response be prepared by the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman explaining that the Parish Council does not comment in advance of formal applications, but that it is aware of adverse public reaction in the Parish. (Councillor Green re-joined the meeting) **Action: Clerk**
- Enforcement query – Councillor Collins raised a potential enforcement / retrospective planning application query. It was agreed that this would be considered at the next meeting

Other applications not requiring consultation

- None

Planning applications decided by the planning authority since the last meeting.

- PA14/08388 – Land north of 3 Council Houses, Kuggar – New Dwelling [Approved]
- PA14/07059 - Partial change of use for cafe area, Ruan Minor shop [Approved]
- PA14/08341 – Extension to dwelling, Bodrigny Lodge [Approved]

8. Matters arising from the minutes:

- Glebe land, Poltesco Lane (Councillor Green took the Chair. Councillor Preston's non-pecuniary interest was noted and he took no part in the discussions) – it was noted that the alleged encroachment had been reported to Planning Enforcement and the Clerk is waiting for the outcome of this to be reported to her. With regard to any future extension to the graveyard, it was proposed by Councillor Clifton and seconded by Councillor Collins that the Glebe land is the current preference of the Parish Council for any future graveyard. 7 votes in favour and 1 abstention. The Clerk was asked to draft a letter to the land agents (with a copy to the diocese) confirming this. (Councillor Preston returned to the Chair) **Action: Clerk**
- Bus stop – Coastline Housing has yet to release the survey results or agree any land transfer. It was agreed that Councillor Preston would ask Cormac to attend

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a Parish Council meeting to answer questions from the public once the land availability is confirmed. **Action: Councillor Preston**

- Defibrillator – it was noted that the Community Trust has pledged £1,000 towards the purchase of a defibrillator for Ruan Minor to be situated in the porch of the Surgery. It was proposed by Councillor Lee and seconded by Councillor Preston that the Parish Council pledge £500. Carried 8 votes in favour. The Clerk was asked to notify Judith Green of this. **Action: Clerk**

9. **Matters for consideration:**

- Recycling bins in the Cove – it was agreed that this matter should be kept under review and that owners of let properties should be encouraged to make appropriate provision for recycling.
- Play Area Update – Councillor Preston reported that an update committee meeting will be held shortly. He had seen the apparatus provided by one of the proposed contractors at a site in Bude and had been impressed by the quality. He did explain that he considers a project of £60,000 to be too ambitious to achieve in the short term and felt that with the readily available funds of approximately £20,000 it would be better to get started and then build on this going forward. Councillor Lee referred to the new playground in Lizard but had no information as to how it had been funded. It was noted that grant applications were still being pursued.
- CLT/ s.106 funds – it was noted that Cornwall Councillor Rule had attended a meeting of the Community Land Trust (CLT) on 3 November and had provided useful support to aid future decision-making. Councillor Rule was party to the discussions as to how CLT selects an appropriate site and negotiations with any landowners concerned. It was noted that the availability of s.106 money ends on 1 July 2016, at which point any unspent funds will go back to the property developers. The money can only be spent on affordable housing and work on site must realistically be started by December 2015 to ensure the funds are utilised in time. The CLT is not yet aware of what the criteria will be for drawing down the money.
- Housing Needs Survey – the results of this survey, which was a joint operation between the CLT and Cornwall Council, have recently been published. The survey ran for 6 weeks from 16 July to 31 August 2014. Cornwall Council has confirmed to the CLT that this survey has identified sufficient housing need within our parish to support a small housing scheme. Total need is for 11 dwellings and the CLT proposes to build an initial scheme in the region of 5 – 8 dwellings. The survey has also outlined classes of people who did not qualify for Higher Moor, these being single people, elderly people or those in need of sheltered accommodation. It is important that the CLT get the housing policy correct so that those local people who did not qualify for Higher Moor get a fair chance to obtain housing from our CLT.
- 20mph zone – some concern had been expressed in the Gazette about vehicles speeding past the school. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department to ask if they would explore the various options available to slow traffic. **Action: Clerk**

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10. Finance

- Financial Report – the report was noted. Councillor Preston expressed the wish that the £200 received in respect of filming at Cadgwith be ring-fenced to finance work on erosion / safety aspects on the Todden.
- Payments Schedule – the Payments Schedule for November, subject to the removal of the payment to Mr Carter, was proposed for approval by Councillor Clifton and seconded by Councillor Collins. Carried 8 votes in favour. It was agreed that the schedule would in future be e-mailed to Councillor Green for display at the meeting. It was also agreed that in future the Clerk's salary would be paid by standing order.
- It was noted that a Finance Committee meeting would be arranged for late November. Councillors were asked to inform the Clerk of any future spend (outside of normal annual activity) that they considered should be taken into account when setting the precept.
- Payment out of Reserves – Councillor Freeman asked if the Parish Council was prepared to contribute towards the funding for a new pavilion. It was noted that a provision of £5,000 for making a grant towards this project was included in the approved reserves schedule. It was proposed by Councillor Preston and seconded by Councillor Collins that the Council pledges support of up to £5,000. Carried 6 votes in favour and 2 abstentions. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to Councillor Freeman confirming this pledge. **Action: Clerk**



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11. Correspondence:

- Letter from Chacewater Parish Council re Cornwall Council performance – the Clerk was asked to write a letter to Mr Dyer of Chacewater Parish Council to point out that, although we have had differences with Cornwall Council, we do not support their criticism as we do not generally have a problem with Cornwall Council. **Action: Clerk.**

12. Footpaths, environment and treewardens:

- Councillor Preston reported that there had been a useful meeting with Chris Fry of PAROW and they would carry out work to improve the surface and drainage of the footpath in Cadgwith from the car park down to the harbour. They are not able to carry out any major capital works.
- Kuggar Pump site - Councillor Preston reported that Mr Lewis had carried out the initial clearance of the site. It was agreed that Councillor Green would explore registering the site as common land. **Action: Councillor Green.**
- Mundy's Field car park - Councillor Preston confirmed he was checking the car park this month and would report to the next meeting.

13. In Committee:

- It was agreed that the next part of the meeting be held in 'closed' session.

The meeting closed at 10.05pm.



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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel on Monday 8 December 2014 from 7.30pm

Present: Parish Councillors, J Preston (Chair), N Green (Vice-Chair), J Clifton, P Collins, M Fleetwood, P Freeman, J Lee, S Stephens, J Trewin, Cornwall Councillor C Rule.

1. Absences and apologies:

Parish Councillor C Cooper; PCSO J Berry; Clerk J Castle (these apologies were accepted by the Council).

2. Declarations of interest:

Councillor Fleetwood declared an interest with regard to Cadgwith net lofts and Glebe land in Ruan Minor. Councillor Preston declared an interest as tenant of Glebe land in Ruan Minor.

3. Public time:

There were no members of the public present.

4. Police report:

In the absence of PCSO Berry, the Chairman read out the monthly report. Two crimes had been reported in the Parish in the past month, one about production of cannabis, the other theft of granite mushrooms from a garden. Police urge owners to mark all valuables with postcode or other identifier.

5. Cornwall Councillor's time:

Councillor Rule reported that she is now chairman of the local Community Network and hopes to make it more open to input from parish councils. The next meeting will be in January or February. She has protested against the council's plan to confine road gritting to only A roads, and has requested that all B class roads be included also. Councillor Collins suggested that Cornwall Council should review which roads are essential to keep clear to ensure no communities are isolated, regardless of A, B or no classification. Councillor Fleetwood asked whether grit would continue to be supplied to roadside bins. Cadgwith has two bins which are needed to keep both steep approach roads clear. Councillor Rule will investigate. **Action: Councillor Rule.**

Councillor Rule reported that due to budget cuts, drain clearing and verge trimming will be severely reduced. In the future, Cornwall Council will only work on areas where traffic safety is an issue.

It was widely reported in the media that there was an average wait of 20 minutes for calls to the non-urgent police 101 service. Councillor Green suggested that in light of the closure of police station front desks and the reliance on the phone to contact the police that a wait of this length is unacceptable. Councillor Rule reported that the Police & Crime Panel will be holding the Commissioner and Chief Constable to account over this, but indicated that they were looking into whether the phone outside every police station can be made to jump the queue.

6. Minutes for acceptance:

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Having been previously circulated, it was proposed by Councillor Lee and seconded by Councillor Freeman that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2014 be accepted. Carried 7 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

7. Planning:

Planning Applications for consideration

- PA14/010952 Extension and alteration of shower block and re-siting of LPG tank at Silver Sands Holiday Park. Councillor Preston reported he has visited the site and raised no objections to the proposed work, which is well screened by woodland. He proposed support for this application and was seconded by Councillor Lee. Carried 9 votes in favour.

Planning applications decided by the planning authority since the last meeting

- PA14/08876 - Chy An Deylek, St Ruan, Ruan Minor – occupancy certificate of lawfulness [Granted] This has been granted but it is unclear whether it just applies to the present owner or whether it lifts the restriction for any future owners. The Clerk was asked to clarify this with Cornwall Council. **Action: Clerk.**
- PA14/09277 - Kernyk, St Ruan – pruning of sycamore [Approved]
- PA14/09013 - Sea Acres Park – extended opening [Approved]
- PA14/09122 - 3, Council Houses, Kuggar – external insulation [Approved]
- PA14/09068 – 10c Trevelyan Holiday Homes – reduced opening [Withdrawn]
- PA14/10698 – Bodrigy, Cadgwith – Change colour of windows to grey [Approved]

Pre-applications and consultations:

- PA14/03917/PREAPP: Pre-application consultation request - Proposed installation of 30m High Lattice Tower Mobile Phone Base at Treleague Farm, Ruan Minor. It was noted that the pre-app for a communications tower at Treleague Farm has now been validated and registered with Cornwall Planning. Details can be viewed on Cornwall Council online planning website. The Parish Council had discussed this case at November's meeting.
- Amended proposal re new dwelling at Glenelg, prior to re-submission to planning (PA14/04058 previously withdrawn). Agents for Glenelg had supplied a revised site plan and asked for the Parish Council's comments, but it was agreed that no opinion could be formed until more information was available. It was noted that the revised plan avoids removal of the large tree that was previously of concern.
- Net lofts conversion, Cadgwith [Councillor Fleetwood left the meeting]. It has been brought to the Parish Council's attention that there had been renovation work on net lofts within the Cadgwith conservation area. Although individual Councillors have been approached and asked for opinions, no approach has been made to the Council and no firm information supplied. The Parish Council looks forward to receiving a formal application for planning approval for any work being completed beyond permitted development. Further information will

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be sought to clarify the Council's understanding of the work being carried out. [Councillor Fleetwood rejoined the meeting]

- Development in field, Ebenezer Road. It was noted that there have been two enforcement visits to this site - in June 2011 and March 2013 - and that a formal planning application, PA14/06078 for 'retention of extension to an agricultural building for use as a dwelling' has been submitted but has not yet been validated.

8. Matters arising from the minutes:

- Glebe land, Poltesco Lane – Councillor Lee reported that some Councillors had met on site with church representatives.
- Recycling – it was noted that Cornwall Council would not collect recycled material if bins were put in public places in Cadgwith. It was suggested that the company which collects glass weekly from the pub might be willing to empty a glass recycling bin in the cove, if one were provided, at a small extra cost to the Parish Council. Councillor Clifton will talk to the pub landlord about this. **Action: Councillor Clifton**

9. Matters for consideration:

- Revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations - these had been pre-circulated and no comments were raised. Adoption was proposed by Councillor Freeman, seconded by Councillor Collins and carried 9 votes in favour.
- Glebe Place Village Green - it was noted that it is not legally possible to register the land as a village green as the covenant on it already gives the public right of access and enjoyment, so no further action can be taken.

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- Weed spraying quotation - a quotation has been received from Cormac for bi-annual spraying of roadside weeds. It was agreed that the length of pathways covered could be considerably reduced and Councillor Preston agreed to negotiate a new price with Cormac. **Action: Councillor Preston.**

10. Finance

- Financial Report – the minutes of the Finance Committee were taken as the finance report for the month. It was agreed that the Parish Council should resume paying Len Carter for cleaning the bus shelter and maintaining the area around the parish notice board, since the work was being done on his behalf while he recuperates.
- Donation to Chapel for room hire - it was agreed to make a donation to the Methodist church of £250 in lieu of rent for

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use of the Sunday School room over the past two years. Proposed by Councillor Lee, seconded by Councillor Stevens and carried 8 votes in favour with one abstention.

- Donation to Cornwall Blind Association – A letter had been received requesting a donation. It was thought that several parishioners had benefitted from the work of the Association. A donation of £100 was proposed by Councillor Freeman, seconded by Councillor Collins and carried 9 votes in favour.
- Payments Schedule Approval of the schedule of payments, totalling £494.85, was proposed by Councillor Clifton, seconded by Councillor Stevens and carried 9 votes in favour.
- Budget for 2015/16 and setting of Precept- the Finance Committee had recommended an increase to the parish precept from £13,500 to £13,770, an increase of 2%, the first for three years. Acceptance of this recommendation was proposed by Councillor Trewin, seconded by Councillor Lee and carried 9 votes in favour.
- Risk Assessment - an updated risk assessment had been produced by the Clerk, which was amended by the last meeting of the Finance Committee and recommended for approval by the Council. Councillor Collins queried whether the measures taken to backup the Council's computer data online were sufficient to protect against loss at the Clerk's residence. The Council felt that login details to the online data should be shared with the Chairman and Vice Chairman in case anything happened to the Clerk. Councillor Green will discuss the online backup arrangements with the Clerk. **Action: Councillor Green.** Adoption of the updated Risk Assessment was proposed by Councillor Lee, seconded by Councillor Fleetwood and carried 9 votes in favour.

11. **Correspondence:**

- Bus Stop - Councillor Preston reported Coastline's refusal to allow the bus stop to be on the proposed green area at the turning into Glebe Place and Cormac's intention to propose re-siting it on the road opposite the entrance to Mundy's Field. It was felt this would be unpopular with parishioners and Councillor Preston agreed to discuss the issues with Cormac and Coastline. **Action: Councillor Preston.**
- Steamer's House and Fort York - Councillor Freeman reported that Cornwall Council have again refused our nomination of these as assets of community value as they are currently used only by members of the fishing community. It was agreed that it is not worth pursuing the matter further as both properties already carry covenants requiring community use, but the possibility of their being owned by the Parish Council should be discussed at the next meeting.

12. **Footpaths, environment and treewardens:**

- Footpath 43 (Gwendreath to Kuggar) - Councillor Preston reported that a stretch of about 100 metres needs cutting back. He will ask the owner of the adjoining land if he is about to cut it back. If not, he will ask our contractor to do so as an extra job at a cost less than £50. **Action: Councillor Preston.**

Footpath 1 ("Five fields") - a blackthorn hedge is growing over the path at one of the stiles and will be cut back.

- Todden erosion - Councillor Preston has asked a contractor to look at the site with a view to possibly reinforcing the bank with caged netting as at the lifeboat house. Councillor Lee reported that a sign "Surfers against Sewage" has appeared on the Todden without prior consultation. He agreed to contact the organisation and request removal. **Action: Councillor Lee.**
- Fly tipping at Thorny Cliff - Councillor Preston reported fly tipping of electronic equipment at Thorny Cliff, Kuggar. He will try to remove it. **Action: Councillor Preston.**
- Kuggar pump site - the site has been cleared and swept, in consultation with local residents. Councillor Green was asked to investigate whether the site can be registered as common land and if this is the case, to commence the registration process. **Action: Councillor Green.**
- Mundy's Field car park - Councillor Preston reported at the end of his month's inspection duty. There have been one or two instances of overnight parking but no serious breaches of rules.

13. In Committee:

- No items were discussed in committee.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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