

St Martin-by-Looe



News



*Happy Christmas
to all our readers -
and lets hope for a better
New Year.*

Photo by Jenny Wallis

Winter 2020

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Parish Council Update



Welcome to the Winter Edition

I for one will be happy to see the back of 2020, with hope on the horizon in the form of a vaccine, lets hope for a better 2021.

In this bumper issue are some amazing articles by my valued contributors as well as lots of Parish Council news, we may have been in lockdown but we have achieved an awful lot this year. Meetings continue by Zoom, to join please see our Facebook Page, Website or Noticeboards.

A very happy 'lockdown' Christmas to you all, stay safe, see you next year.

Planning Applications received for consideration.

A farm diversification scheme involving change of use of land to site two luxury Shepherd Huts (for holiday use only) with associated operational development and landscaping scheme at Treveria Farm, St Martin by Looe.

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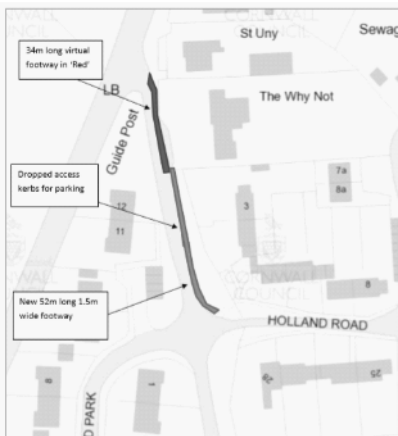


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Holland Road Footpath

The planned footpath scheme is due to start on 22nd Feb 2021 and last until 12th March. This will result in some disruption and road closures although access to residents will be maintained. Once this scheme is complete it is hoped a new community group can be formed to landscape the remaining verges and plant some native small trees, bulbs etc, if this is something you wish to be part of please contact The Clerk or one of the Parish Councillors.



Millendreath Road Closure

The entire road from B3253 at Four Winds to Millendreath village from 4th to 8th January 2021 for a completely new tarmac overlay of the existing road where possible, rather than just patching the defective areas. Some disruption will be caused along with road closures although access to residents will be maintained when possible. Also part of this scheme will be the realignment of the double yellow lines as per the published consultation. Alternative route, Bucklawren Road from Bucklawren Farm to Millendreath.

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Remembrance Day 2020

It was a very different Remembrance Day

In the morning Cornwall Councilor Armand Toms and Mayor and Mayoress of Looe laid wreaths . At 12.30 two Parish Councillors met outside with two committee members from the hall to lay wreaths, Chairman of the hall Tracy Chudleigh and Roberta Powley on behalf of the Parish.



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Parish Defibrillators.

In our Parish, there is now a defibrillator on the car park side of the Memorial Hall in No Man's Land, and the Guardian is Mrs. Gemma Chalk. 13 Holland Road, who will monitor the equipment and is also trained in its use.

An additional defibrillator is shortly to be installed in Millendreath.

- Every day 250 people in the UK suffer a Sudden Cardiac Arrest, of these only 12 will survive. These are not just old and unfit people, the young and fit are just as at risk. The chance of survival depends on how quickly bystanders act. The only effective treatment for cardiac arrest is defibrillation, however it is vital that CPR is started as soon as possible after dialing 999. For every minute that passes with nobody doing anything, the chances of survival drop by 10%, by the time a paramedic arrives, they are fighting the odds, especially in a rural county like Cornwall. Unfortunately, many times when paramedics arrive it is too late to save the person, they have died because bystanders have not started CPR. It doesn't have to be this way, in areas where Public Access Defibrillators are installed the survival rate can be raised to 50%, that's 125 people instead of 12.



Dog Waste Bins

The Parish Council have supplied and had installed two dog waste bins, one at Windsworth which was installed by Councillor Keeble and The Chairman, and another at the rear entrance to Looe Country Park which was kindly installed by the park owners. Our thanks go to The Monkey Sanctuary and Looe Country Park who have kindly agreed to service these bins for us.

Donations

A £50 donation was made to The Emergency appeal by Wild Futures (The Monkey Sanctuary), plus the offer of free publicity in the Parish Magazine for 12 months. No other requests for funding have been received.

Bindown Road

The Parish Council together with Morval Parish Council have agreed to have signs erected on both ends of the road past Looe Golf Club to No Man's Land to discourage large HGV's from using this road.

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Vanishing Cornwall Part 2.

In the last issue we published the first part of an article, written by Peter Cawthorne, in which he reminisced about past times in and around the area, and in this issue we print the concluding part of Vanishing Cornwall.

In the old days it was still possible to buy fish straight off the boat. I remember mackerel at one shilling each (5p), the ferry across the Looe River cost two pence, old money, and our neighbour, May Libby whose husband Clarence was a ferryman, would sit in her bay window overlooking the river and count the customers on the ferry, she then knew how much was made that day.

I recall another character, Jack Soady whom at one time owned his own fishing boat called 'Valhalla' and named his house on West Looe Hill by the same name. After he retired from the sea Jack could be seen by the quayside mending fishing nets. He always had plenty of fish in the freezer and Ruby, his wife would often supply us with fish for running errands for her. Jack lived a long life, going well into his nineties and he put this down to having a nip of whisky with his late evening drink.

Back in those days we had lovely untreated Jersey milk from Palmers on the Polperro Road delivered to our door. Half the bottle would be cream and May Libby would save the cream from her milk and at the end of the week would have enough to make clotted cream in large flat pans on the stove. Roger Palmer, the farmer's son made fudge on the farm from the rich milk and sold it in Polperro at his fudge shop. The Palmers had a large collection of veteran and vintage cars and often enter the famous London to Brighton Vintage Car Rally.

In those days, a very accomplished artist Roy Springfellow lived in Looe and had a studio in Pennylands on the river. He could be seen at his easel drawing in pastel, wonderful harbour and coastal scenes. He renovated several of my father's oil paintings from 1936 which were in need of oiling out and varnishing.

A good many years ago I met a great character, Ernie Ratcliffe who was a deep-sea diver. He had sold land at Barbican, East Looe where Hillcrest Nursing Home now stands and the stylish Barbican Court; properties converted from farm buildings for retirement.

Ernie's place was built next to this and was complete with a gallery, his captain's chair and table with sea charts. He researched and was looking for a Norwegian vessel which had sunk about 200 years ago between Cornwall and the Scillies. From old drawings he had made for him, a

Vanishing Cornwall Part 2.

museum quality model of the ship, the 'Sea Wolf' and this graced his sitting room at the Barbican. With his son Peter, they renovated an older property on West Looe at Hannafore using carved timbers from a demolished Church in Plymouth; they incorporated these into a stylish bar and restaurant and named it 'Tom Sawyers' Inn. It soon became a popular eating house, well known for its steaks and homemade pies. Some years later they opened 'The Smugglers' restaurant in East Looe, full of character and displaying many artefacts from wrecks.

Many years ago, you could pass by 'The Swan' pub in fore Street, East Looe on a Saturday evening and hear the dulcet tones of Ivor Novello or Johanne Strauss played on piano by an old theatrical, Bobby for Malta. He would tickle the ivories every Saturday night and take requests for a brandy or a contribution to the 'Lifeboat' jar. Mr Wilton, the butcher would appear during the evening, complete with Harris Tweed jacket, cavalry twills and a smoking a pipe. He would always request 'Stardust', buy a brandy for the pianist, drink down a pint of ale and depart. The audience were invited to sing along which they often did and many of the songs of yesteryear were given a revival. The piano was short by one octave having once been on a yacht and short of space.

In addition, Bobby also had a handicap of only 8 workable fingers; two were stiff with arthritis. Living in Malta he had run a nightclub called 'The British Bar' set up for Royal Navy ratings. He performed nightly on stage as 'Bobby and Sugar', his partner in a drag act; my brother remembers it all when his ship called in there. When we went to the 'Swan Inn' my brother remembered him. Bobby claimed to be a descendant from the famous Strauss family of Vienna.

Another character from the old days was Mr Miners who was a bone setter and charmer. He lived on a hill near Lostwithiel in an old cottage and milked his goat every morning. His hobby was clock mending and the walls of his sitting room were lined with clocks all ticking away. Anyone with a bone problem would be shown into the kitchen which was normally full of steam from a rabbit stew on the go 'Next please' and you were shown into the sitting room. My sacroiliac joint had displaced, with some quick manipulation and a press and it went; fine and all for a fiver, Mr Miners had again worked his magic. The Police Force were regular visitors with any bone problems or back trouble. He could also charm warts and cure animals instinctively. He could walk through a herd of

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cows and know exactly which one needed his magic touch. He famously treated a lion in Newquay Zoo who suffered a slipped disc; Mr Miners walked barefoot on the back of the sedated animal and pressed back the dislodged disc; it appeared on local television at the time.

In these days of over development of the land and more of Cornwall disappearing under concrete, together with ever increasing technology, it is important to hold onto the stories and traditions on the area. Tales and legends as portrayed in the books of Daphne Du Maurier, Michael Williams with his large collection of 'Bossiney Books' and Dereck Tangy who writes about life in a cottage near to the Minack Theatre such as 'Cat in the Window' and 'Donkey in the Meadow' etc, bringing back magical and romantic memories.

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Peter Cawthorne.



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A New Use For The Old Well

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The official handover of the completed bus shelter at No Man's Land.

*L to R - Parish Councillor - Barbara Reynolds,
MD Wanless PK Ltd, - Tom Curran,
Parish Clerk/ Editor - Charles Hyde,
Chairman St Martin by Looe PC - Robert Henly, .*

At the same time as the road improvements scheme, the bus stop was relocated to the newly formed footpath, which saved the passengers having to use a pull in at a muddy farm gate and walk the busy road. When neighbouring Morval Parish Council commissioned and installed a bus shelter on the other side of the road St Martin by Looe Parish Council agreed to do the same on the at the newly relocated bus stop. Sadly, due to visibility issues Cornwall Highways refused permission and passengers have had to endure the worst of the weather in a very exposed site; children going to school regularly spent the day in damp clothes.

Finally, after much discussion it was agreed that the site of the capped old well would be an ideal place to build a bespoke bus shelter for the village. Sadly, Mr Belcher has passed away and his wife Jean has found maintaining the flowers extremely difficult, so a new use for the site seemed appropriate.

The new bus shelter built by Wanless PK Ltd of Looe is bespoke and designed and constructed to fit the site, made of treated timber with a fibreglass roof, it should provide many years of use.

The project was jointly funded by a £3k grant from Cornwall Council, a £1,800 contribution from St Martin By Looe Parish Council and £3,400 from the sale of advertising in this the Parish Magazine.

Ray of Hope

We know Autumn is truly upon us when the leaves on the trees turn beautiful colours, fall and carpet the ground. This can be a special time to walk in the countryside and woodland areas but in recent years falling leaves tell a different story. Some of our native and much loved trees are under threat – Oak, Sycamore, Elm and most recently, the Ash, are all succumbing to imported pests and diseases. The best known up until now is most certainly Dutch Elm disease – the name derives from a team of Dutch pathologists who carried out research in to the disease in the 1920's. Dutch Elm disease was accidentally imported into the UK from Canada in the late 1960's – it spread to the whole of Great Britain in just ten years and since being introduced it has killed millions of our trees and also devastated populations in Europe and North America.



Photo: www.hortweek.com-ash-dieback-disease

The one most concerning us at the moment is affecting the common Ash tree “*Fraxinus Excelsior*”. The disease, commonly called Ash dieback or Chalara, was first reported in the East of England in 2012 and since then it has spread rapidly and reached South East Cornwall in the last two years. The disease is a fungus named “*Hymenoscyphus Fraxineus*” which is suspected to be of Asian origin and it is thought to have been spread by the movement of diseased plants and seeds but the fungus spores can simply be dispersed by being blown in the wind.

Ray of Hope

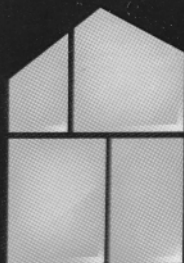
The first symptoms to appear are the dying leaves on the outer branches leaving bare twigs – the twigs die, followed by the branches and eventually the trunk. Young trees can die very quickly whereas mature trees can take two or three years, but once a tree becomes affected, for the majority, there is no cure.

The Ash is not a tree to stand out like the majestic Oak but it will be surely missed when the spaces they once filled become noticeable.

One ray of hope is something akin to herd immunity “a phrase I am sure you might have heard during recent months”. Scientists believe it is possible over a long period of time that a small number of specimen trees will become resistant against this killer disease. I hope eventually cures will be found for this disease and other viruses that are impacting on all aspects of our lives.



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History Snippet - A Sorry Tale

By Jenny Wallis

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The manors were given to The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, the eldest son of the Monarch.

The new regime was in its infancy when Elizabeth 1st became queen. She had no children so collected the revenues for the Crown leading to more uncertainty. But she made efforts to allay the growing unrest by trying to rebuild social structures and help the poor. She granted the inhabitants of Bucklawren the right to take seaweed off the beach. She was running out of money and sold our three manors. But the ink was hardly dry on the paperwork when she died. James 1st reversed the sale and gave the revenue to the new Prince of Wales. This new normal was short-lived. The Prince died.

Life goes on in the parish and the tenants of Bucklawren go to the shore to gather the seaweed to “sweeten” their land. But two Admiralty Officers arrive and claim they are stealing Royal property. Arrests are made and people marched to the new Lock-up in Looe.

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History doesn't say how long it was before the 'Admiralty Officers' were exposed as fraudsters! The whole thing was a scam. The Tucker Brothers, William and Edward, had milked an opportunity created when their world was turned upside down.

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Jenny Wallis

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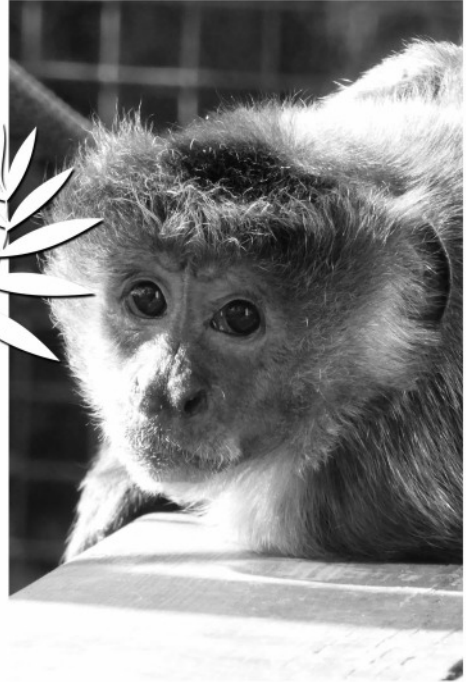
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