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Parish Council Update



Welcome to the Autumn 2021 Edition

As I write Cornwall is full to bursting, imposing another lockdown on the locals, we are all used to avoiding tourist spots in July and August but this year is exceptional. Lets just hope they all have a good time and plan to visit again. Sadly the works on the Tamar Bridge have not left a good impression of organisation in our county!! Thankfully three Torpoint ferries are being used more often, so us locals can keep our secret way of getting to Plymouth to ourselves. In this bumper issue there are too many articles to talk about. I will however appeal to you all to purchase a copy of the 1840 Tithe Map from the sockists listed on page 17, ALL MONEY goes to the new Looe Lifeboat Appeal, so please help this amazingly interesting worthwhile project, there is the potential to raise over £5k which goes a long way towards the new lifeboat.

Planning Applications (Cont: Pg 4)

Location: Temporary siting of a portable building for use as a Cafe/Bar (A3 Use Class) for a further 3 years. Construction of a store and W.C. on North Elevation, enclosing the decking on the West Elevation and covering the decking area on the South Elevation with a canvas roof.



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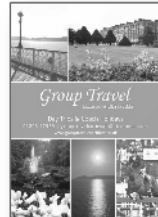
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Parish Council Update



Planning Applications continued:

Location: Black Rock Café, Millendreath Holiday Village, Millendreath, Looe.

Proposal: Erection of a 4 Bedroom Split Level Self Build House.

Location: Land East of Strata Millendreath Cornwall PL13 1NY

Proposal: Single storey front extension and raised patio

Location: Trezelah Road from the B3253 at Four Winds to Millendreath, PL131NY.

Donations

No donations agreed for the last three months.

Annual audit of Accounts

Complete and passed with no issues raised, all of the documents have been uploaded onto our website for inspection by Parishioners.

Springfield Park and properties on the B3253.

Welcome to St Martin by Looe Parish, we hope we can serve you well and if there are any issues that you think the Parish Council needs to deal with please contact the Clerk on stmartinpc1@btinternet.com, or feel free to attend a meeting (dates on page 5). Plans are being made for an extension to the Christmas lights this year to include Springfield Park.



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Holland Road, Litter Bin

The Clerk received a request for the bin to be relocated away from the bench in the Community Garden as the smell of dog waste can be very unpleasant. The request was passed to Biffa who swiftly took the suggestion on board and the bin was moved after only a few days.

Suspicious Cars

Suspicious cars been seen throughout the Parish, stopping in gateways, pull ins and other areas. Often two men are in the car, the activity appears suspicious. PCSO Dave Billing has been given the details.

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council Monthly meetings take place at the Memorial Hall, No Man's Land at 7.30pm on the first Thursdays of each month, but this may vary so please check notice boards, social media or our website for dates. Requests to speak during Public Participation need to be made to the Clerk 48 hours in advance. Contact details on page 2. The next meetings are 2nd September, 7th October & 4th November.

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Days Past and Present

Whilst in a friend's garden recently, my host knowing my interest in all things avian, challenged me to identify a feather he had found just yards from where we were sitting. When I was shown the item I immediately identified it as a primary covert wing feather from a Jay - a species that regularly visit our garden at home.

The Jay is the most colourful member of the Crow family and is common across the UK and can be found in woodland and urban areas.

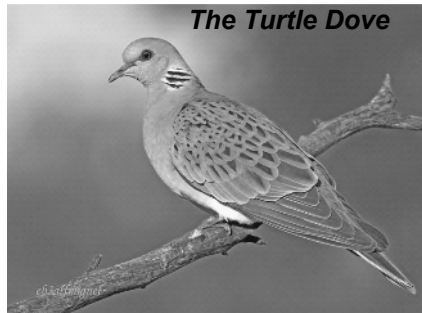
My first encounter with this bird goes back to the 1950's, such a striking bird with a very harsh call was hard to miss. Also vivid in my memory is the sight and sound of the local gamekeeper shooting these birds and hanging their bodies on poles to deter others from coming near. The keeper would take, as a trophy, the birds' covert wing feathers and place them in the band of his trilby hat – needless to say Mr R..... was not my favourite person.

The fashion of feathers adorning hats goes a long way back in history – in the Victorian era fashionable ladies wore hats covered with the plumage of such birds as the Great Crested Grebe, Little Egrets and the Bird of Paradise – as many as sixty one species were threatened with extinction. Hundreds of thousands of birds were killed just to decorate

the headwear of the elite – it took an Act of Parliament in 1921 to stop this barbaric trade.

Such barbarism still plays out today – one example is the shooting of Turtle Doves in Spain. These Doves are a Summer visitor to the UK and their numbers declined by 95% between 1995 and 2018 – the birds migrate through Spain and over one million are killed legally each year. There appears to be no particular reason for this slaughter other than sport.

The Turtle Dove is a monogamous bird that symbolises eternal love – something that seems to be lost on the Spanish.



David Keeble

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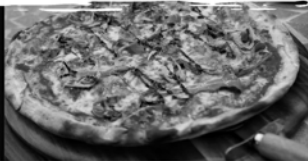


Tregoad Holiday Park are delighted to be a part of the local community here in Looe and we welcome you to enjoy everything our brand new restaurant has to offer.

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History Snippet - Harry Lord of Tregoad

By Jenny Wallis

This tale is a bit short on morality and long on wealth and privilege! Who actually owned Pendrym Manor with its estates at Tregoad? Cue the web!

Barbara Palmer is a key player. While devoting her life to her 3 offspring and her lover, Charles II, I doubt she paid much attention to the estates that were bestowed upon her in 1670 when she became the first Duchess of Cleveland. But by 1833 her descendants had intermarried with other entitled families including the Powletts, the Dukes of Bolton, Lords of Pendrym.



Lord Harry Vane

The last Duke of Cleveland was called Harry, Lord Harry Vane, born in 1803. His father was William Vane, Duke of Cleveland, Baron of Barnard Castle, Earl of Darlington, MP for Totnes with connections in Barbados, who had married his cousin, Catherine Powlett (and confused the gene-pool!).

The Slave Compensation Act 1837 awarded the family a sum of £4854 for lost revenues when their 233 slaves were released.

Our Harry was the sixth child. He changed his name to Powlett and political allegiance to the Whigs. He was MP for Durham and Hastings before taking his seat in the Lords. He married Lady Wilhelmina Stanhope.

Lady Wilhelmina, Duchess of Cleveland, was the widow of Archibald Primrose. Their son became Prime Minister in 1894.

She was a celebrity in her own right. A society beauty, she was Queen Victoria's bridesmaid and Maid of Honour at the coronation. She was a historian and genealogist. Her book on the Battle of Hastings is still available online.

I don't know whether they ever came to Pendrym but in 1881 the estate was having an expensive make-over. A team of workmen including land-drain experts (building those stew-ponds??) were billeted at Tregoad and the Barbican. The old Manor House was demolished to create substantial new residences, still admired today. The work was incomplete in 1891 when Harry died.

History Snippet - Harry Lord of Tregoad

By Jenny Wallis

The Dowager Duchess died in 1901 when all the titles were declared extinct because he changed his name (or because he was a Whig). She donated £60 to St Mary's Church in 1882 and Looe named a new road 'Cleveland Avenue'.

I want to follow up the story as one of the gang of workmen was John Putt, blacksmith of the South Hams, who married my great-great aunt. His firm built trade-mark circular gate-posts. Harry must have known they would last!

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Light Up for Christmas is back on (we hope!)

Well...what a couple of years we have all had, but fingers crossed we will be back lighting up the Parish with the Christmas lights.

As many of you will be aware Springfield Park is now in St Martin's Parish and we intend to have a Christmas tree on Springfield Park as well as our usual two on Holland Road, and who knows we might find somewhere else for one. As fundraising has been very difficult recently, we shall be asking parishioners to donate something to the Christmas Hamper which we will raffle on the night, all being well.

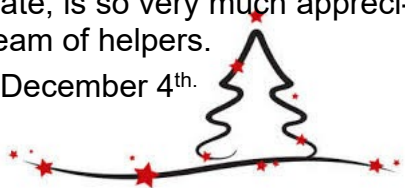
We must thank our residents on Holland Road who so kindly donated the electricity for our display and to all the people who decorated their houses to add to the display thank you.

We will be aiming for December 4th for the big switch on and look forward to seeing you all there.

None of this can take place without the hard work of the men who so kindly come and put up the tree, kindly donated by Robert and Jean Henly. The time these men donate, is so very much appreciated by myself and Andrea and our team of helpers.

We look forward to seeing you all on December 4th.

Barbara Reynolds



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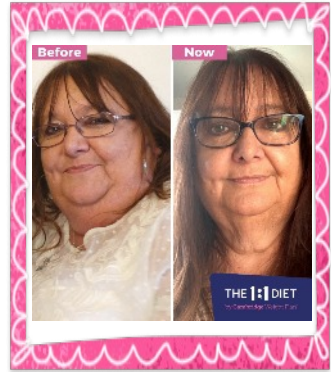
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Events

The **BIG Jumble Sale** is planned for **Saturday 2nd October** , at 2.30pm. (*Face masks advised*). The **Autumn Produce Show, October 9th**

News

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The story behind the 1840 Tithe Map

Our map spent nearly all of its formative years as 24 sheets of A4. The day it got assembled - the big reveal - was so exciting. At last the parish landscape appeared with all its wooded valleys, shoreline, settlements and the great turnpike road carving across the web of ways that went before it. The Cornish manors became defined. The Norman Church has commandeered the entire hill around it, sweeping away the Saxon settlement of Maristowe. This was the Norman Conquest in action. Tithes could be collected and paid to the Conqueror; produce stored in the tithe barn. (You can see this on Lidar in Barn Park.)

Little glimpses of past lives appear in the **field names** - where the Cornish plays were held; the site of Midsummer Bonfires; where there were barrows, hay-yards, wood for wainscotting. We had a defensive wall and beacons. There were watermills, a windmill, quarries, pits and a vineyard.

The **field numbers** refer to the Tithe Apportionment, written in copperplate, showing area and ownership. This gives the names of leaseholders - a haven for **genealogists!** All the plots in Looe are numbered but too small on our map. A bigger scale map would make a great resource for Looe historians. I am arranging to make photocopies and the CD available in the **Looe Library**.

The oldest names are the **river names**, the Frome, Bunny, Kennal, Side, Sarre and Dover. They are Celtic river names used across Europe before the Romans 2000 years ago at least.

Some tithe maps are printed and coloured. Ours only had **red** for **habitation**. But the colour-coding on this version means you can see the **pattern of land-holding** (all bounded by watercourses). This complements historic leases etc. The Duchy lands have been surveyed and recorded. Pendrym had a succession of absentee landlords leaving archives in St Ives, Dorset, Mount Edgecombe, Courtney Library, Shevioc and more. **Cornwall Record Office** has a wealth of information. There is much more to discover!

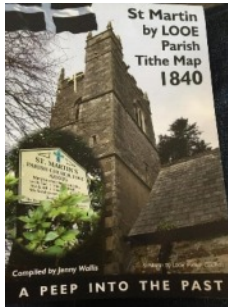
The map fills a gap in the local history and is screaming out for further research. Teachers, home-schoolers, budding historians, photographers with drones, archaeologists and geologists can all expand on the information which is 180 years old already. **The Victoria Bookshop** in Looe has fascinating local publications which could do with a map! The **library** has existing history books of Looe. The internet is revealing a wealth of new research. Last week I discovered that an ancestor helped rebuild Tregoad and Barbican!

I'm hoping our map will inspire other parishes to create their own map. I shall be sending them out as **Christmas presents!** Big thanks to Jon Puckey of A2Z Printers for the design and to our Parish Council for the support..

So put your hand up if you think we should have a SPOT THE SPELLING MISTAKE competition? I know the answer. Someone spotted it! Must do better!

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30g plain flour
500ml vegetable stock
1 tbsp wholegrain mustard
1 tbsp white wine vinegar

450g potatoes (we used Maris Piper), cut into 2-3cm chunks
3 apples, peeled, cored and chopped into 1-2cm chunks
150g mature cheddar, grated

For the pastry

300g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
70g cheddar, grated
150g cold butter, cut into cubes
1 egg, beaten

Method

STEP 1

First, make the pastry. Tip the flour, cheese and a pinch of salt into a large bowl and mix. Add the butter and rub it in using your fingertips until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Mix in 4-5 tbsp cold water, and bring together into a dough. Wrap and chill for 30 mins.

STEP 2

To make the filling, melt the butter in a medium saucepan over a medium heat, then add the oil and onions and cook for 10-15 mins until caramelised. Add the thyme and fry for 1 min more. Tip in the flour, and stir to combine.

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Gradually stir in the stock, adding it in small amounts to prevent lumps forming. Bring to a simmer and cook for 10 mins, stirring occasionally. Stir in the mustard and vinegar towards the end of the cooking time.

STEP 3

Meanwhile, put the potatoes in a large pan of cold water, bring to the boil and cook for 4-5 mins until just cooked and still holding their shape. Drain well, then stir into the sauce. Add the apples, cheddar and some seasoning, and stir again. Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6.

STEP 4

Pour the filling into a 28cm oval baking dish (ours was 28 x 18.5 x 6.5cm). While it cools, roll out the pastry on a surface lightly dusted with flour to the thickness of a £1 coin. Cut into strips roughly 1cm wide. Lay half the strips across the dish horizontally, leaving gaps of a few millimetres in-between, then, one by one, weave in the remaining strips vertically, using an over and under technique, also spacing them apart by a few millimetres. Re-roll any trimmings and cut into flowers, leaves, or other shapes to decorate, if you like (see tip, below). Arrange any pastry shapes on top, then brush with the beaten egg.

STEP 5

Bake for 50 mins, keeping an eye on it – you may need to cover the top with foil if it's starting to brown too quickly. Leave to cool for at least 10 mins before serving.

Preparation and cooking time: Prep:25 mins. Cook:1 hr and 15 mins + 30mins chilling time. Serves 4-6.



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Wildflowers flourish under Cornwall Council's new verge cutting policy

Wildflowers are being left to flourish in towns and villages under Cornwall Council's new approach to urban verge-cutting. The Council is responsible for maintaining over 75 hectares of urban verges across the Duchy. These are the verges you see within 30mph zones.

Previously, these sites were mown around eight times a year starting in spring. However, at the start of the pandemic, grounds maintenance operations on urban verges were held back which resulted in a flush of native wild flora, drawing in insects and other wildlife.

Over the winter Cornwall Council carried out a public consultation asking residents how they wanted the verges to be managed in the future. The results of the survey, which received more than 2,000 responses, overwhelmingly suggested that residents wanted to see nature encouraged to flourish.

As a result, Cornwall Council has introduced a new policy which aims to encourage wildflowers and pollinators to thrive, without compromising road safety.

The Council will still be tidying path edges, cut around benches and fixtures, ensuring visibility for safety reasons, as well as removing noxious weeds. Cutting at junctions & bends on the highway will also continue



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to ensure roads remain safe and visibility is not compromised. Martyn Alvey, portfolio holder for Environment and Climate Change at Cornwall Council, said: "During the pandemic our verges became full of colour as wildflowers took back control.

"We know that many of our residents appreciate this natural beauty and we listened to the feedback we received during the public consultation.

"This policy aims to help flora and wildlife thrive while also ensuring that our roads and pathways remain safe for residents and visitors."

Mike Beckett, Interim Environment Contract and Change Manager at Cormac Ltd, which is responsible for cutting back the verges on behalf of Cornwall Council, said: "It's amazing how quickly nature bounced back. Many verges that would have been cut back by now are covered with beautiful flowers. "Our teams work hard to ensure that our roads and pathways remain safe and this will continue." "Areas that need to be cleared for safety reasons will be cut back and care will be taken to ensure that wildflowers are left to flourish where possible." "Our teams work hard to ensure that our roads and pathways remain safe."

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