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Parish Council Update

Welcome to the Winter 2015 edition.

As I write this piece the weather has returned to wild wet and windy, normal for Cornwall! We must be thankful that's all we have to moan about, the people of Paris are now living in fear after the terrible events in November; our thoughts and prayers go to all the family and friends of those killed or injured in the terrorist attacks. This issue has a bit of a seasonal feel to it, with Christmas just around the corner. The usual articles delight, history, nature and cooking. Any contributions for the next edition need to be received by mid February 2016. Please send to me by email or post, contact details on page 2.

Parish Council Meetings.

You are always welcome to attend the Parish council meetings in the Memorial Hall, No Man's Land. They usually are held on the first Thursday of each month but please check the noticeboards. Requests to speak during Public Participation need to be submitted to the Clerk by post or email at least 48 hours in advance.



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Donations

A donation of £408 plus VAT was agreed towards the seating in the newly created sitting area at No Man's Land Memorial Hall.

Bus Shelters

The Parish Council is working with Morval Parish Council to provide bus shelters on the B3253 at No Man's Land. The project is progressing well and we expect to make an announcement shortly.

Millendreath in Bloom

The Parish Council would like to congratulate the Millendreath in Bloom Committee on their Silver award this year. Lots of hard work went into make the village beautiful again this year.

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History Snippet - Our Cornish Heritage

When the Saxons arrived around 900AD they stamped their agricultural practises across the parish – but still used Cornish names which endure to this day. We can look back in old charters across the ages and form some idea of our lands before the parish was created.

The Celtic Manors.

Bodigga. The settlement, originally by Windsworth, was the home of a lady called Eadgifu or Godgyo perhaps.

Bucklawren. This was Bokkalawarn, the corner of the foxes. There is reference to a 'burgh' which suggests that the Saxon settlers found an existing fortified area when they arrived. Maybe the Celts found the area occupied by Iron Age people – dubbed foxes!

Trelowia or Treloy was Treloen, Leuien's place.

Treveria was Treveryys, tref erys, the settlement by the ploughlands.

Early settlement.

Bokenver. Bodkenvor was Cynvor's dwelling.

Pethick. In C 14th this was written Botpedek, the house by the



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the North/ South and East/ West routes in tracks and hedgelines. **Poliscourt**, often pronounced Palace Court, can be explained as pol-lys-caer – the fortified administration centre by the pool. There are still earthbanks and the area would have been in the centre of the Celtic Manors.

Trefrome. The farmstead by a fine, brisk river.

Tregoad. The lesser dwelling. It was over-shadowed by Bucklawren and Treveria.

Describing the landscape.

Dovers. Land by the water of the stream.

Longcoe. Lan coed. Celtic church wood.

Millendreath. Melyn dreth. Mill on the shore. We must acknowledge that 'the shore' has been submerged!

Penhale. Pen heyl. The head of the estuary. Erosion has changed the scenery here too.

Penvith or Penveith. A place at the head of the watercourse. Pen weeth in Cornish.

Keveral. An area farmed communally. Kevar-el.

Skreek was originally written Loscruk. Los = tail cruk = a barrow or earth mounds. Was this 'the tail' of that 'burgh at Bucklawren?

Several other Cornish names feature in the Parish but can't be proved to be Celtic! There has been a fashion for re-inventing old names for new houses. The interpretation of place names is not always clear. Cleese for example, maybe Cornish 'clys', a ditch. Or Saxon 'Cleese', a fork in the road.

I decided 'fork' in a Saxon road was most probable. Then I found the name Pangraver at the top of Looe Hill. Could it be 'The end of the ditch?' – a ditch that went over to Cleese? Or Clys?

Jenny Wallis



No Man's Land Hall

No Man's Land Village Hall recently held a jumble sale in aid of the Children's Hospice S.W. The sale made £389.55. Many thanks to all the people who helped, donated goods and supported this event.

The annual Remembrance service was held at the memorial in the Hall garden. The service was conducted by the Rev Philip Sharp aided by his curate Joe Foote. In attendance were the standard bearers, the Mayor of Looe Councillor Armand Toms and representatives from other organisations including the Parish Council and the Royal British Legion (Looe). £60 was collected for the Royal British Legion.

The Hall committee have created a community seating area to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of the second world war. Many thanks to the Parish Council who have donated one of the seats and to Mr Adam Oliver of Peakswater for the building work. It is hoped in the future to open up the doorway from the hall leading on to this area and we hope the local community make full use of it.

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No Man's Land Hall

On Saturday 5th December at 2.30pm we are holding our Christmas Fayre. Father Christmas will be there with gifts for the local children and, as always, we will have a good choice of Christmas goodies on offer. All welcome.

Our very popular Christmas Bingo will be on Friday 11th December. Doors open 7pm.

The committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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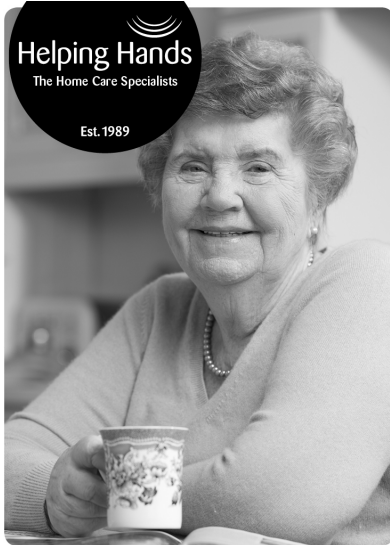
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Looking for a new interest for January? Why not come along to a practise night and say hello? We are a friendly bunch and you will be made welcome. It is not necessary to read music, just love singing.

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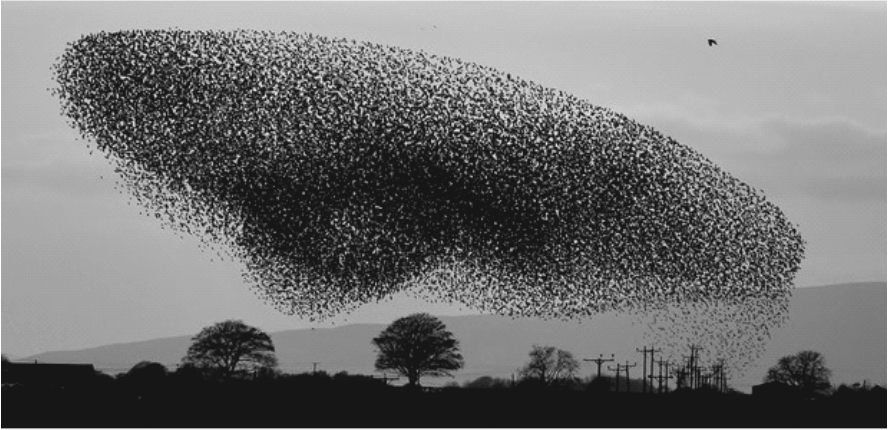
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I am sure it is not just me who thinks time passes too quickly – the Seasons seem to merge and are gone before we can enjoy their benefits.

As a child time seemed to almost stand still, special events such as Birthdays, Holidays, Christmas etc. never came around quick enough – carefree hours spent roaming around the countryside from the farm where I lived seemed endless. My play area was large with woods, streams, meadows and marshes, all to explore. The farm was set on a large Estate which included many other farms and was once a hunting ground for King Henry VIII who had a hunting lodge just a mile from my home. The lodge was sold to King Henry by Thomas Boleyn in 1516 – the King rebuilt the Lodge in brick and renamed it Beaulieu. Its original name of New Hall is the current name of the private Boarding School which it is now used for. Hunting still went on of sorts when I was growing up, mostly pheasant, partridge, fox and rabbits - my pocket money was increased occasionally by a few shillings when beating for the guns. Despite the Estate being a regular to shooting parties and the fact that it had a resident Gamekeeper, wildlife was still plentiful – game such as pheasant and partridge always featured on our Christmas dinner table. It was quite normal for my father and

Looking Back Cont:

uncle to leave the house on a windy moonlit night and return hours later with a sack full of pheasants 'it must have been late night opening at the local butchers' there is no other explanation!! I never tired as a youngster of roaming the fields and woods, every year would bring new experiences - my temporary pets included crows, rooks, jackdaws, owls, foxes and all kinds of reptiles.

Whilst out I would see fields full of lapwing, numerous brown hares and one sight I've never forgotten were the murmurations of starlings. Thousands of birds, twisting and turning in the sky, forming every conceivable shape. My sleepover pal and I would stay out until dusk and conceal ourselves in a small copse of trees where the birds came to roost – the noise of these birds as they alighted and settled for the night was loud and raucous and then, as if orchestrated, would fall silent. Large flocks of starlings can be seen here in the South West, their numbers are increased each Autumn with birds which have migrated from Northern Europe, Russia and the Ukraine. Feeding on open farmland the birds eat a great deal of pest insects and their larvae, problems to farmers occur when they move on to animal feed stores. Not only do they consume large amounts of feed, they cause hygiene problems with their droppings – links to avian TB have been made. Starlings look

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black from a distance but when seen closer, on a bird feeder for example, they are very glossy with a sheen of purple and green. These birds are very vocal with a gift of mimicry – other bird species and man made noises included.

The starling population has fallen by over 80% in recent years and they are now on the critical list of UK birds. The decline could be due to current farming methods, food shortages and nesting sites.

Despite these figures, let's hope we continue to see this spectacle in our skies for many years to come.

Dave Keeble.

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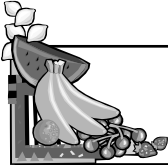
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The male caller identifies himself as either Michael or Peter and says that he is investigating accidents that the householder has been involved in. Cornwall Trading Standards Officers are warning the public that these calls are bogus.

Senior Trading Standards Officer Gary Webster commented: "The scammers appear to be ringing people and asking about accidents that they have allegedly been involved in – whether they have been or not. It

would then just be a short step to the scammer offering help in claiming or even offering compensation and potentially asking for bank account or other personal details."

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1 swede, peeled and cut into chunks
4 large carrots, peeled and cut into chunks
3 sprigs thyme, leaves removed and roughly chopped
850ml vegetable stock
500ml semi-skimmed milk
2 x 410g cans mixed beans in water, drained

Method

Heat the oil in a large saucepan, then gently soften the garlic without colouring. Tip in the swede, carrots and two-thirds of the thyme, then pour in the stock and milk. Bring to the boil, then simmer for 15 mins.

Ladle a third of the soup into a blender, whizz until smooth, then pour back into the pan along with the beans. Check for seasoning, then return to the heat and warm through. Serve sprinkled with the remaining thyme and some warm, crusty bread rolls.

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