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St Martins in winter, by David Keeble

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Contributions

We always welcome contributions from people living in the Parish. If you would like to air your views on a particular subject or have a photograph or piece of artwork for the front cover please get in touch with The Clerk.

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Parish Council Update

Welcome to the Winter Edition

Well here we are again.....Christmas is upon us, this issue has a Christmas theme, with a tasty recipe, news on events in the hall, a Quiz, a fascinating history piece and a new feature on wildlife by our Councillor Dave Keeble. Also included, and intended to make you think is a feature on becoming a Parish Councillor, something you could well do in May 2013.

Once again I appeal for anything you wish to include in future magazines, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Charles Hyde, Editor.

Planning Applications

The following applications at Millendreath were received:

The construction of up to 50 holiday homes (each with 52 week per annum occupancy) for Phase 1 construction of 12 units.

The demolition of existing stables buildings and construction of a detached three bedroom bungalow at land east of The Spinney.

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Parish Council Update

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No requests for funding were received by the Parish Council.

Millendreath Village Sign

A request has been received from a Millendreath resident for the village sign to be replaced due to its age and condition, this has been passed to Cornwall Council highways who have added the request to their list of projects.

Millendreath Redevelopment

Issues continue to be raised at Parish Council meetings regarding the redevelopment at Millendreath, the Parish Council do take the issues seriously and always contact the relevant authorities to ensure everything is being carried out correctly.

Dangerous Driver!

A driver from the Downderry, Seaton area is regularly seen driving carelessly along Bucklawren Road, this person has their dog on their lap, drives too fast with no regard for other road users; if you see them please pass the car registration number to the Clerk.

Parish Council Meetings

Requests to speak at meetings must now be made in writing to the Clerk at least 48 hours in advance, failure to do so could result in your request to speak being refused.

Looe Police Station contact number.

If you need to contact your local Police Station you can use the number below:

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Emergency 999

01392 452935 (Minicom)

0800 555111 (Crimestoppers)

Want to become a Parish Councillor?

In May 2013 your Parish Council will be elected, it may be 6 months away but now is the time to give thought as to whether you may wish to stand for Parish Councillor. Here is some guidelines to help you decide.

Who can become a Councillor?

Anyone can stand as a candidate provided they meet the qualification requirements (see page 7) or you can find out more by contacting the Electoral Services department at your Cornwall Council.

What is a Parish Council?

A Parish Council is the tier of local authority closest to its community as it elects representatives from within that community. Parish and Town Councils are democracy on your doorstep.

How much will it cost?

Parish Councils are entitled to levy a tax from their area.

This is known as the precept and covers the running costs for the Council such as: election costs, local services, the Clerk and their expenses.

The cost will vary from Council to Council but Parish Councils are very cost effective, not least because most Parish Councillors do not claim expenses allowances.



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Many will also commission local trades people which supports the local economy.

How will the Council be accountable?

The decisions of the Parish Council are made by those Councillors who have been elected - or if not enough candidates stand - co-opted to the Council.

Council meetings are open to the public and Parish Councils must hold one meeting per year which is a meeting for the whole parish known as the Annual Parish Meeting

Who will run the Council?

Parish council elections are held every 4 years.

Councillors, (who cannot be deselected during those four years), are the decision making body for the council.

If there are insufficient nominations - a Council may have no choice but to co-opt non elected members.

Does the Council employ any staff?

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Resident for 12 months prior to the day of election - either in the parish or within 3 miles of the boundary

Occupied land or premises for 12 months as owner or tenant - either in the parish or within 3 miles of the boundary

Had a principal place of work - either in the parish or within 3 miles of the boundary

Am I excluded from standing?

You cannot become a Councillor if:

You hold a paid office with the Council

If you are subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order creates disqualification which dates from the judgement or execution and generally ends one year after the relevant order is made

If you have within five years before the election or since election been convicted in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man



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This disqualification begins when the ordinary period for making an appeal is finally dismissed or abandoned or fails for want of prosecution.

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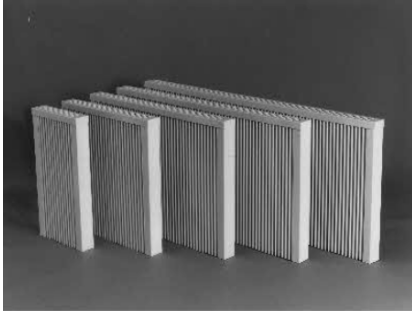


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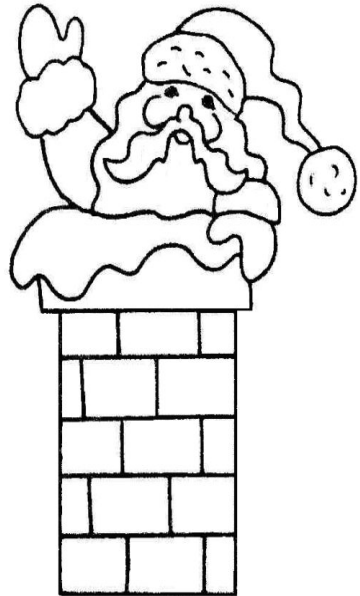
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A Taxing Time - History Snippet *by Jenny*

Once upon a time Father Christmas knew the routine! Park on roof. Go down chimney. Fill stockings. Go back up chimney. Simple! Nowadays the old order is changing. Chimneys are becoming a thing of the past. Now you have to leave keys and signs saying SANTA STOP HERE because modern homes don't have a hearth.

So I've been looking back to a time when a chimney was an essential feature of every up-grade in the parish. Charles 11 has been restored to the throne. Its 1662. Charles is short of cash and taxes chimneys!

The Hearth Tax operated for 25 years. You could get fined for false returns and the parish constable could accompany the receivers to search and examine. Many landlords blocked the chimney to avoid paying. Domestic bread ovens had to pay, but not forges, kilns and blowing houses. The poor were exempt. They could get a note from the vicar, countersigned by Justices, if their tenement was worth less than 20/-. So the Hearth Tax records became a rich list for the Parish!



Walter Langdon of Keverall heads up our list with an original tally of 15 hearths. This was later reduced to 13 as there had been a miscalculation! Walter Langdon was also the local commissioner for taxes!

Bucklawren had a total of 13. John Hoskyn 5, Denzell Hoore only 4 (because one fell down) and William Wilshman said he had 3 but he actually had 4!

There were two houses at Bodigga –Lower Bodigga and Over Bodigga. It seems that the old place (probably on the site of Windsworth) was being replaced. William Burte sen. had 4 hearths at the old place and young William had 2. Up at Over Bodigga, Daniel has declared 3 in 1662 and then Nicholas Burte's 2 are added, showing that the house is under construction. A Henry Burte also owned 'Tregoyde' – one house with one chimney – but John Geech lived in it.

A Taxing Time - History Snippet by Jenny

Down in Millendreath valley Robert Broad had 3 hearths at Prince's Mill in Churchbridge and Mayor Henry Chubb declared 5 at Poliscourt but he was one short! Two further names of the great and good are recorded but not their houses. Thomas Collinge had 3 chimneys and Richard Langstone said he had 6 but was found to have missed 2! In 1669 Walter Hoskyns becomes eligible for tax at Lanturry (2) and Walter Cunning (1) at Hayes.

So the parish had 15 houses paying for Charles 11's flamboyant lifestyle. The tax was resented and maybe we can excuse those who fiddled their returns. The rest of us dwelt in unheated hovels with no chimney. No point erecting the SANTA STOP HERE sign though. He won't be invented for another 200 years.

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Chocolate Christmas pudding cheesecake

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By Simon Rimmer . www.bbc.co.uk



Ingredients

For the cheesecake

- *125g/4½oz bourbon biscuits
- *65g/2½oz butter, melted
- *100g/3½oz good-quality dark chocolate, minimum *70 per cent cocoa solids
- *200g/7oz full-fat cream cheese
- *400g/14oz ricotta
- *75g/2½oz golden caster sugar
- *3 eggs
- *40g/1½oz cocoa powder
- *125g/4½oz good-quality Christmas pudding, cooked, crumbled into pieces (optional)

For the sauce

- *125g/4½oz good-quality dark chocolate, minimum *70 per cent cocoa solids
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To serve

Good-quality chocolate, grated cocoa powder, for dusting, clotted cream, to serve

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Cheesecake recipe

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Preparation method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/ 350F/Gas 4.
2. For the cheesecake, crush the bourbon biscuits into crumbs and place into a bowl. Pour over the melted butter. Press into a 20cm/8in spring-form cake tin to form the base.
3. Place the chocolate in a bowl over barely simmering water and melt, making sure the water doesn't touch the bottom of the bowl.
4. Place the cream cheese, ricotta and sugar in a food processor and blend until smooth.
5. Next add the eggs, then the cocoa powder and the melted chocolate. Stir in the Christmas pudding, if using.
6. Spoon the mixture onto the base. Place the cake in the oven and cook for approximately 45 minutes, or until cake is springy to the touch. Allow to cool in the tin.
7. When cool, turn out of the tin and top with chopped or grated chocolate and a dusting of cocoa.
8. For the sauce, place the chocolate and cream in a clean bowl over a pan of simmering water and melt, making sure the water doesn't touch the bottom of the bowl. When melted, whisk in the butter. The sauce must be prepared just before the cake is served, because it can't be reheated.
9. Serve with a big spoonful of sauce and a dollop of clotted cream.

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4. Norway.
5. Ladies dancing. 6. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen.
7. The Nightmare before Christmas. 8. White.

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The children, aged five to seven, who take part in the training learn three key skills:

Choosing safe places and routes to cross the road **Crossing safely between parked cars** **Crossing safely at junctions**

This year, 17 schools across Cornwall are taking part in the Cornwall Council child pedestrian training scheme.

Tracy Porter, Road Safety Officer, says "With the risk of a child pedestrian being involved in a collision increasing when they start school, it is extremely important that our children are armed with the information they need to cross the road safely."

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Advertisers Announcement

As a small family Farmshop & Deli in Looe we just love Cornwall and really care about promoting small independent local businesses that are not found 'up country'. Every hamper is individually selected and prepared just for you. Grandad and his Elves gift-wrap, handwrite your festive message and despatch the parcel in time for Christmas to anywhere in mainland UK. It would really help them if you can order well in advance, don't worry if it contains fresh short dated items as we will hold delivery until it is needed.

Treat yourself to some of the very best cheeses for Christmas. Once again we have stocked up with small truckles which are ideal for posting. Cornish Blue - Cornish Gouda - Nettle Yarg - Trelawny - Miss Muffet - Gevrik Goats - Worthy Cheddar - Keltic Gold and Oak Smoked Cheddar. If you prefer we have a Selection Basket of Cornish Cheeses which we will send just before Christmas.

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Cold Calling - Don't buy it!

Stay safe from cold calling rogues and say NO to doorstep traders

Trading Standards Officers in Cornwall are urging people to stay safe in their own homes by saying a firm "NO" to cold calling doorstep traders. Householders are encouraged to download a no cold calling 'super sign' from the [Trading Standards Institute website](#). It tells cold calling doorstep traders* to go away –those who don't are committing a criminal offence and consumers should report them to the police or trading standards.

Officers from Cornwall are backing the national campaign to close the door on rogue traders and help end the heartache and financial loss that can be caused by unscrupulous cold callers, who often target the elderly and vulnerable.

More than 10,000 complaints are made about cold calling doorstep traders every year, but this is likely to only be the tip of the iceberg – we know victims are often embarrassed and frightened as many incidents will go unreported.

During the National Consumer Week in November high risk areas in the county were given leaflets on the subject.

Elizabeth Kirk, Cornwall Council Senior Trading Standards Officer said: "Every day Trading Standards Officers up and down the country are dealing with cold callers targeting vulnerable consumers for expensive, unnecessary and badly done home maintenance work.

Our message is clear: we think that there is only one way consumers can really stay safe from rogues in their own homes, and that is by saying 'no' to cold calling doorstep traders.

"With our Cold Calling – Don't Buy It campaign, we want to raise awareness, particularly with our more vulnerable consumers that they should never buy anything from someone calling at their front door."

Cornwall Council cabinet member for Community Safety, Public Protection and Waste Management Lance Kennedy said: "If you need work on your home or want to buy goods don't do it with a stranger on your doorstep and never under any circumstances allow them into your home. Please think if you didn't know you wanted it you probably don't need it and if you do then call a local trader or supplier, don't buy off strangers - the cost may be more than you can afford!"

If you are concerned about doorstep sellers and want advice, please contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 08454 04 05 06

Become wild plant 'pioneers'

"Wild plant charity Plantlife (www.plantlife.org.uk), are hoping to reach out to many wild plant enthusiasts and nature lovers by inviting them to become wild plant 'pioneers' and subscribe to a free quarterly e-learning bulletin to learn more about our native wild plants via the 'Wild About Plants' project website - www.wildaboutplants.org.uk .

The November e-bulletin is out now! The Wild About Plants project aims to help people reconnect with the outdoors and their local green-spaces.

Working with schools, families and communities from all walks of life and with fantastic free downloadable resources, the team hope to engage people with the nature on their doorstep.

In recent years subscribers have been asked to record the plant life in their local area and recount what they used to see/pick and forage for. Wild About Plants is funded by Natural England through Access to Nature, as part of the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme. It is a partnership project involving partner organisations throughout the country."

***Did you know that the
County flower of Cornwall
is the
Cornish heath
(Erica vagans)?***

Gardeners please check

Sadly we lost our beautiful young boy cat in a tragic accident a few weeks ago. He jumped on to a water but with a badly fitted lid, fell in and drowned. Please don't let anyone else suffer the heart-break my wife and I have, check your water butts are safe. Thank you, Charles



Feeding our Winter visitors



Winter always brings with it long dark nights and cold crisp days – we can't wait to close the door on the weather and get comfortable and warm by the fire. The gardeners amongst us have very little to do but protect our fragile plants from the nip of the frost but I would ask you to spare a thought for the sometimes forgotten visitors to your garden. I am referring of course to the various types of birds that can be found there. You can help the birds and get great pleasure for little effort by providing a feeding station such as a bird table or some other safe location for them to feed. The food you provide should have good nutritional value and try to avoid white bread and kitchen scraps as these can attract vermin. Peanuts, seeds and fat balls can be bought in small quantities at our local Farm Shop and Garden Centres at a very reasonable cost. If possible position the feeding station so it can be seen from your favourite chair and just sit back and count the number of birds that visit within a very short time. Try if you can to identify the various species and if you get hooked you may find a bird guide is helpful – I hope you do. I am a member of the RSPB and would welcome any information regarding unusual sightings – you can contact me on 01503 263525 – Dave Keeble

County Councillor Armand Toms

Local Councillors Surgery

Dear Resident, Each Friday I hold a members surgery in the Library next to the Millpool Car Park, West Looe to help local residents bring concern and issues to me for help or advice. It may well be a housing issue, planning problem or Social Care need you wish to discuss and this can be done in confidence and confidential manner.

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Thought for the day!

Many Farmers this winter are going to struggle to survive. The unusual extremes in weather this year have meant desperately low yields of everything from hay to wheat to apples to vegetables. On top of this is the aggressive tactics and dominance of supermarkets that squeeze suppliers until passion and dedication are the only things left to try and make a living.... how can milk be less expensive than bottled water? If you value future choice, the countryside and sustainability please please consider buying a just few items from Farmers Markets and your local independent shops this Christmas.

Every little helps

Some excellent news for Looe town and businesses, the parking on the Millpool Car Park has been reduced over the winter period to 50p for one hour, £1 for 3 hours and £2 for all day. I'm sure this will help locals and visitors and good news for the town.

Celebrate The South West Coast Path

The South West Coast Path Association is busy organising a special event to celebrate their 40th anniversary next Spring, with the aim of funding improvement projects throughout the route of the South West Coast Path in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset.

To raise funds for small but significant improvement projects, over and above general maintenance of the path, the SWCPA are launching “The Great South West Walk – *putting 40 years of love back into the Coast Path!*”

A large number of countryside organisations are supporting the event including the South West Coast Path Team, the National Trust, County Councils and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty Teams, along with local walking groups & numerous tourism businesses. Media partnerships have also been secured with Western Morning News, Cornwall Today and BBC Radio Solent, Devon and Cornwall.

The event next April/May aims to encourage at least 30 walkers each day across a series of sponsored walks which have been broken down into 56 legs and will be done in relays to cover the entire 630 mile path around Dorset, Devon and Cornwall (as well as the Exmoor coast through Somerset).

Meeting with a birthday party at Land’s End on 7th May 2013, the South coast series starts at Poole on 3rd April, with the North coast series starting at Minehead on 16th April. Each leg will be guided by local experts, rangers and path wardens, who are all assisting the SWCPA with this event.



Millendreath Beach part of the South West Coast Path. *Picture by M D Budden*

Christmas Quiz

1. What date is St Stephen's Day?
2. In Charles Dickens' novel A Christmas Carol, who was Scrooge's dead business partner?
3. The song White Christmas was first performed in which 1942 film?
4. London's Trafalgar Square Christmas tree is traditionally given by which country?
5. In the song The Twelve Days of Christmas, '...my true love brought to me nine...' What?
6. Which Christmas carol includes the lyrics '...To save us all from Satan's power, when we were gone astray..'?
7. The character Jack Skellington appears in which 1993 Tim Burton film?
8. What colour are the berries of the mistletoe plant?



Answers on page 15



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