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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 Spring Edition

At a recent Parish Council meeting we were discussing ways of inviting the parishioners to a meeting to discuss a possible small housing development at No Man's Land, of course I suggested the parish magazine only to be told some people don't read the magazine! I hope it's not true, I'd love to know, is this publication usefull and informative? Drop me an email with your thoughts to [Charles Hyde](mailto:Charles.Hyde@btinternet.com) stmartinpc1@btinternet.com or call 01579 340905. Anyway, we will be in touch in the next couple of months regarding the devlopment, once we have something to discuss. In the meantime I hope those who read this magazine enjoy this edition.

Planning Applications

During the last three months the following have been received: The erection of a new build at land NE of the Spinney, Millendreath. Conversion of a garage into two storey home at Bramble, Kellow, Looe. Barn extension at Treveria Farm, St Martin by Looe.

Donations

A donation of £50 was agreed to support the Charity Revitalise, Cornwall.

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Bindown Stores and Post Office

The Parish Council understands the faulty equipment has been replaced and hope to see the Post Office services restored shortly, the Parish Council have written to the Post Office to express our concerns at the loss of this essential service to the community. Please continue to support the shop during this difficult time.

Grit Bins

All of the Parish Grit Bins have been refilled serviced.

Parish Council Meetings

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



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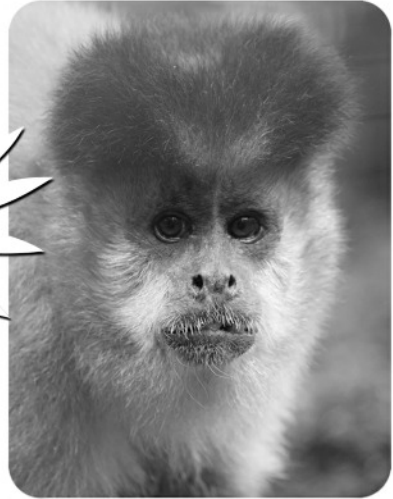
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Wind in your Hare

January has now come and gone and along with it the Annual RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch – always held on the last weekend of the month. I chose the Sunday to do my own count starting at 07.30 which at that time was just light enough to be able to identify the different species. Seventeen species in all visited the garden and feeders – in the



by jefflack Wildlife&Nature JWL5932 Mountain Hare

chosen hour nothing exceptional was seen but it was very pleasing to count a pair of Goldfinches and a flock of eighteen Starlings in the last few minutes. It is very satisfying to take part in this annual survey.

Always interested in any Natural History programme on the television, two caught my attention because of the same subject matter - namely, the European and Mountain Hare. Firstly, BBC's Countryfile dealt with the plight of the Mountain Hare – the animal not familiar to us Southerners is only found in the Northern parts of Britain, mostly Scotland. The programme questioned the validity of the need to cull the hare that occupy the high mountain moors.



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This animal is very different from the Southern Brown Hare which is found in our Southern Counties. Firstly, the Mountain Hare is native to Britain, unlike the Brown Hare which was introduced by the Romans. There are some anatomical differences, most notable is that they have much smaller ears, lighter body weight and a white tail all year round. The striking difference between the two species is that the Mountain Hare turns completely white in the winter months. The animal uses this white coat as camouflage in the snowy mountains to protect itself against predators such as the Golden Eagle.

Unfortunately this is no protection against several dozen sportsmen with shotguns. Reasons given by the landowners for culling the hare are that they compete for food with the iconic Red Grouse and are said also to spread parasites to these birds – quite why it cannot be that the birds spread the parasites to each other and to the hares I think can only be explained by the large amount of money involved in the annual grouse shoots.

Also this beautiful animal is hunted for ‘fun’, sorry sport, by people who just want to shoot something. Given that no figures regarding the number of hare that exist in the Highlands, this animal could be in danger as a

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On a positive note, lobbies have been made to the Scottish Government for the protection of the Mountain Hare.

The second programme that features the hare was Winter Watch – it showed the Brown Hare in its favourite habitat of open fields and mixed farmland. Mainly nocturnal and solitary they can be difficult to see but in Spring they can be seen in numbers during the day. The brown Hare cannot be described as cute but has a majestic look both while at rest or doing what it does best – running. Reaching speeds in excess of 40mph this is the animals only defence against predators. This very enigmatic animal, which features in many myths and fables, seems to capture the imagination of many people who have a chance encounter with it.

As a child I knew nothing of this but even then, when seen, which was quite frequent, this animal just seemed to have a special aura about it, the memories of which have stayed with me to this day.

Unfortunately we are very unlikely to see a Brown Hare in the South West but I think people who have these wonderful creatures in their area are privileged indeed.

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Pea, mint & spring onion soup with Parmesan biscuits.

Ingredients.

1 tbsp olive oil.

Knob of butter.

½ bunch spring onion, sliced, plus a few extra to serve.

1 potato, cut into small dice.

1 Ltr hot vegetable stock.

900g frozen petits pois.

½ small bunch mint, leaves picked, plus a few extra to serve.

85g parmesan (or vegetarian alternative), very finely grated.

Method

1. Heat the olive oil and butter in a heavy based pan. When foaming, add the spring onions and potato. Gently fry without colouring for about 5 mins. Stir in the stock, bring to the boil and simmer for 10 mins or until the potato is tender.

2. Stir in the peas, bring to the boil again, then cook for about 3 mins until they are just done. Remove the pan from the heat, add the mint leaves and whizz in a blender/processor until smooth.



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3. To make the Parmesan biscuits, heat the grill to high. Line a baking sheet with baking parchment and divide the grated Parmesan into 6 long strips. Grill for 1 min or until the cheese has melted and is lightly golden. While still warm and a bit flexible, release the biscuits from the baking parchment with a palette or cutlery knife, then cool until firm.



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4. To serve, heat the soup and divide between 6 bowls. Scatter with mint and sliced spring onions, if you like, and serve with the Parmesan biscuits on the side.



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No Man's Land Village Hall



The Christmas Fayre was a great success with lots of stalls and a visit from Father Christmas.

The Hall was full of people for the Christmas Bingo. There were some super prizes This event is always very popular. Don't miss the Easter Bingo on Friday 23rd March, doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 8pm.

We always have a Remembrance Service at the Memorial here in the Hall garden. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the First World War so we

are planning something special to commemorate this and to keep alive the memory of those from the Parish who lost their lives.

Thanks go to Mr Morley Stevens for his excellent work in refurbishing the stage and also to Mr Andrew Chudleigh for maintaining the Hall grounds. The committee have ordered a new seat to be placed at the entrance of the Hall in memory of our past Presidents who worked so hard to help make the

Hall the successful venue it is today.

Why not hold your own function here or join in some of the other events such as Pilates, Yoga, keep fit, or an art class? There is also a Mother and Toddler

group, Whist every Wednesday evening at 7pm, not to mention the various Jumble sales etc held throughout the year.

The Hall is available for hire at a very reasonable £6.00 an hour! This includes

heating and the use of the kitchen and toilet facilities plus ample parking. The Hall has several allotments which occasionally become available to rent at only £10.00 a year.

Please contact Mrs R. Powley 01503 240650 for more information.

The Annual General Meeting is on Monday 9th April at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. After all, this is **your** Hall. Thank you. Kate Humphreys, Secretary. 01503 240661, katehumphreys279@btinternet.com.

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No Man's Land Village Hall News



No Man's Land Village Hall Committee have been researching the people from the parish that were killed in WW1. They are hoping to have a special service for Remembrance Sunday as its the 100th anniversary. We are trying to trace their descendants in the hope they would join us. These are the names recorded on the Village War Memorial:

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Nomansland Village Hall Easter Bingo Friday 23rd March

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Superfast Broadband - Update

The new 2018-2020 part-EU funded Superfast Cornwall programme is now underway, and it includes sufficient funding to upgrade about half the remaining 16,000 slowest premises in Cornwall. Superfast Cornwall have now published the list of postcodes that high level modelling shows they should be able to upgrade at www.superfastcornwall.org/future-programme. These 'Stage 1' postcodes will still need more detailed surveying and planning, which will happen on a rolling basis until late 2019. Postcodes will then become 'Stage 2' postcodes, and the first of these have now also been published.

Because the funding will not enable a solution to be delivered everywhere, Cornwall Council are planning to make a grant scheme available to communities and businesses not covered in the 2018-2020 programme. The scheme will launch very shortly and information will be at <http://www.superfastcornwall.org/alternative-solutions>. At this stage, it is possible to say that there is likely to be up to £1700 per property. This could be used to contribute towards the set-up costs of any viable technical solution capable of delivering superfast speeds, including 4G mobile, wireless and satellite. It could also be used to contribute towards the costs of a fibre solution, for example through Openreach's Community Fibre Partnership scheme at <https://communityfibre.openreach.co.uk/>.

Current Programme -

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Natures Puzzles!

Can you tell your Old Man's Beard from your Witches' Whiskers?

These oddly descriptive and rather cheeky names belong to some of our region's hidden woodland treasures, the lichens. Unsurprisingly not many of us could point them out on a woodland walk yet the south west's coastal and upland woods (known as Atlantic woodlands) are some of the richest places for lichens, mosses and liverworts in the British Isles. Plantlife with funding from the National Lottery and the support of regional partners wants people to know more about the woodlands on their doorstep so that we can value them more and do more for their conservation.

Over the next 12 months we will be developing the 'Building Resilience in South West Woodlands' project and we want to hear from the people who live near these woods, work in or visit the area. Let us know what you think about the woodlands of Dartmoor, Exmoor, North Devon, North Cornwall and the Quantock Hills. Tell us what activities you would like to get involved with. To do this go to www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BRCCommunities

Now back to those beards and whiskers..

On your next woodland walk have a look into the branches of hawthorn, oak, ash and birch trees to see if you can find either of these lichens. Both are nationally fairly rare but can be abundant in some of the south west's older native woodlands as they prefer to live in the clean, light and damp conditions they provide.

Witches' Whiskers (*Usnea florida*).

With its huge hairy wart-like discs, this grey-green lichen can't be mistaken for any other. The discs are the fruits of the lichen and can grow up to 1cm across although they can be much smaller.

Old Man's Beard (*Usnea species*)

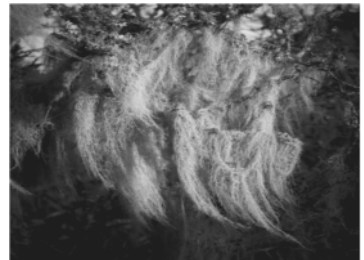
Sometimes sticking up on branches and sometimes dangling from them in clumps, these 'usnea' lichens are made up of thin, round, grey-green threads and are reminiscent of a tangled beard.

To hear Plantlife's Alastair Moralee talk about the project on BBC Radio Devon go to:

https://twitter.com/Love_plants/status/907228502394634240



Witches' Whiskers (*Usnea florida*)



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History Snippet - Lost and Found

When King John was on the throne, our local focus involved the mills that Pendrym and Bucklawren had built on the same stream that ran between their manors. The technology needed up-grading. This involved embanking, emponding and leat-digging along contours to harness and increase the water flow.



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The area was heavily wooded. Pendrym had 2 acres of alder grove. Bucklawren Wood needed reasonable access for the locals to cut timber for housing and fencing.

Bodigga is mentioned and the ‘royal way’ between Pendrym and Bucklawren – the Kings Highway no less!

But where were the mills? Where was the wood? Where was Pendrym? Where was the road?

Scrutiny of the 1840 Parish Map gave a few clues – “waterleat meadow” was a good one! Then I read the small print. 3 landholdings in the Parish were exempt from tithes (early Council Tax!). They were subject to a ‘modus’, which only applied to mills.

A ‘modus’ was granted before time immemorial – before 1300AD. Early mills retained their privileged status for 600 years! So I found my two missing mills and discovered another one!

The ‘royal way’ went through the medieval wood, down the slope to cross Millendreath Valley at its narrowest point and up to the site, at the end of the ridge, where an early settlement is marked “Hamlet”. Pendrym means “end of the ridge” and the way links up with ‘Pendrim Road’ going down to Looe.

It shows as a crop-mark on Google! – memo to self: Always read the small print!

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The last twelve months have seen some exciting changes to the Club. A new Greenkeeping team are in place and are working hard to establish Looe Golf Club as one of the best all round Courses in Cornwall. Last summer new machinery was bought from Devon Garden Machinery and Vincent Tractors to update our work fleet.

It seems that their addition to the Club has already made a noticeable difference. The Cornwall Golf Union has now requested that Looe Golf Club hold their annual Cornish Closed Championship incorporating the Under 21 Championship on Sunday 6th May for the first time in the Club's history.

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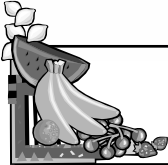


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