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# News



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# Parish Council Update

## Welcome to the Spring 2017 issue

It's election year in the County this year, your chance to have your say as to who represents your community. There will be County Council and Parish Council elections on May 4th.

This issue contains information on your Parish Council and how to stand as a Parish Councillor if you so wish. Our history article is very topical and well worth finding, I hope you enjoy reading this magazine as much as I enjoyed putting it together for you, as usual, please send me anything you wish to have included in the next issue, deadline mid May, and please support our advertisers who make this publication possible.

*Charles Hyde, Editor.*

## Planning applications

Applications have been received for: The installation of a flue, at The Old Piggery, Keveral Farm. The demolition of a timber framed barrack and a replacement constructed at The Monkey Sanctuary. The change of use of land for 5 hardstanding caravan pitches at Polborder Farm. The variation of Condition 2 to enable use of building to include B1 & B2 use, at Cliff Valley Farm. The change of use of 5 staff caravans to holiday use at Looe Bay Holiday Park. Construction of stable and barn for horse breeding, land east of The Spinney, Millendreath.



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# Parish Council Update

## Bus Stop

The bus stop on the Holland Road side at No Man's Land has been moved to the pavement near the old well and a bus shelter has been installed on the Bindown side. Our thanks go to Morval Parish Council.

## Fingerpost Repairs

The Clerk has been trying to find contractors who can repair the wooden fingerposts in the parish, as currently two are in need of repair. In Cornwall, there is hardly anyone interested in carrying out such work, hopefully a contractor will be found soon.

## Donations

A donation for £50 was approved towards the work of Cruise Bereavement Care in Cornwall and £50 was approved for Revitalise (Cornwall) who provide much needed breaks for the disabled and their carers.

## 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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## Horse Riding in the Parish

Following comments from several horse riders in the Parish, Councillor Lynne Burt met with Adrian Drake from Cormac re: the slippery road surfaces for horses and in particular the public highway from Bucklawren Farm to Chubbs Mill at Millendreath.

This road is used frequently by riders as it leads to the Bidigga Cliff bridleway and makes a circular route on quiet lanes.

It was a positive meeting and Mr. Drake drove the road in question to see for himself our concerns. The road is tar and chipped half way down the hill but has not been finished. Mr. Drake agreed and thought this was due to a works breakdown. He said the slippery black tarmac was a base surface ready for the top dressing of tar and chip. He said he would recommend to the surface dressing team that this road was finished

because it is well used by horses going to the bridleway. However, this will not be considered until the next financial year, i.e. After April 2017.

He has since confirmed this by email to the parish Clerk.

It would probably be better to avoid this road for the time being on safety grounds, Councillor Burt will monitor the situation and inform riders through this magazine, as and when the road has been redressed. Don't ride on the new surface until it has had a few days to bed in, especially in hot weather as you risk getting tar and chip lodging in the horses hooves. Ride carefully and be sensible, wear your Hi-Vis at all times.



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# Horse Riding in the Parish

All horse riders using public highways have a duty of care to ensure their farrier visits regularly for shoeing. If the horse is regularly exercised on roads attention must be paid to the level of wear on shoes.

Avoid roads if the shoes are shinny and thin. Road nails are often helpful but must be fitted by your farrier.

Horses should not be ridden with loose shoes as it can cause them to trip and stumble. Safe riding!

Councillor Lynne Burt

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# History Snippet - Tudor Brexit

By Jenny Wallis

Parliament agreed! Henry VIII's word was law! Henry said he was head of the church in England. There were only 6 articles involved, but there was no referendum. Henry's split from Rome shook the country to its foundations. 800 years of Christian custom was stifled, over 3000 religious houses torn down, thousands were displaced.

## So what happened here?

Bucklawren Manor has been managed by Launceston Priory for 400 years. The Priory was the centre of culture, worship, knowledge and learning. It was the people's bank, estate agent, land registry, hospital and old folks home. Most importantly it prayed for the souls of the departed journeying to heaven. On 24<sup>th</sup> February 1539 the Priory lease was surrendered.

The economy stalled, social safeguards vanished. The King sent enforcers. No candles at Christmas! No ashes on Ash Wednesday! No palms on Palm Sunday! No beads! No incense! No reference to the Pope!

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The new order took back control to the Parish. Parish borders had to be defined and children taught to know the boundaries. Each year at Rogation tide the Parish youth were taken to 'beat the bounds' – a long way in our case! This is when No Man's Land was discovered!

In the church was a register of births, marriages and deaths. The clergy had new powers to raise money and form a Parish Council! They were now responsible for poor relief, roads and housing – but only for registered parishioners.

Vagrants – immigrants – were branded with a V and reduced to slavery.

People were fearful of signing registers. They thought it meant a tax liability! They feared the souls of the departed were causing death, disease and misfortune.

Bucklawren became Duchy land.

Eventually Elizabeth became Queen in 1558 and took measures to boost the economy and mend broken Britain.

New deals for fishermen were forged with European markets where fish was still needed for Fridays and Holy Days.

Church attendance was compulsory and two Church bridges were built between Hessenford and the church (on the old route), so there was no excuse. (There was a shilling fine).

A poor house, with subsistence garden was provided. It's still called Halt's Cottage and is now in Barbican Road.

Looe got Borough status, 2 MP's and a gaol. In the chaos the church silver got sold off to mend the bridge!

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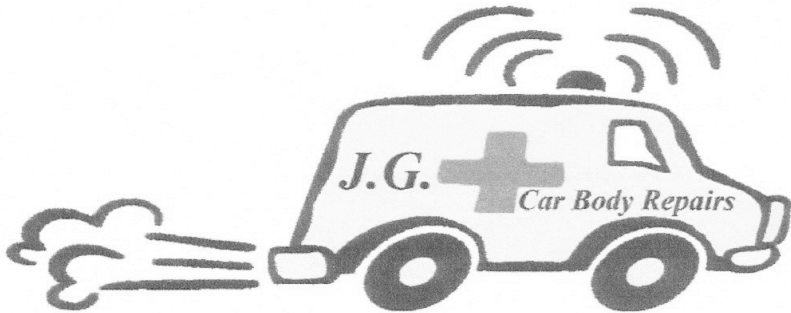
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## £2.9 Million boost for roads

*Additional road safety and drainage schemes carried out accross Cornwall following £2.9m Council boost.*

Work is now underway on more than 1,800 road safety and drainage schemes across Cornwall after the Council's Cabinet allocated an additional £2.9m to carry out repairs.

Funding for the work, a range of resurfacing, drainage and road marking schemes which would not have otherwise taken place for several years, was announced in October.

One of the main themes highlighted in the residents' survey, which was carried out by the Council in June 2016, was the need to improve the condition of the local road network.

The money has been used to fund schemes throughout Cornwall, from drainage works in Morvah, near Penzance and Coverack, near The Lizard to repainted white lines in Whitstone near Bude and Landulph, Botusfleming and Hatt in South East Cornwall.

Find out more about how the Council has spent the funding and view the full programme of work and view the full programme of work, as well before and after photos from the schemes as they are completed

How are we spending the £2.9m?

£600,000 - renewing more than 1,100 white and yellow lines to improve safety at junctions and enforcement of parking restrictions in key areas highlighted by Council Members as well as renewing KEEP CLEAR zig zag signage outside schools.

£1,345,000 - surfacing and surface treatment at 24 locations across Cornwall. This will not only address current issues, such as potholes and weaknesses in the road, but will also extend the life of the highway.

£1,000,000 - a targeted programme to clean and renew 598 drainage features along the rural road network. This will not only make it easier for water to drain away from the road, but taking water away from the road surface also reduces the likelihood of potholes forming.

"There is a difference between new road schemes and repairing pot-holes," said Councillor Bert Biscoe, Cornwall Council's Portfolio Holder for Transport. "New schemes can be paid for with one-off 'capital' money. Maintenance is paid for by regular income - 'revenue' money.

"It's two different sorts of money. Revenue funding is very precious - which is why this £2.9m is so valuable. It enables us to undertake maintenance schemes to keep our roads in good condition. It's not enough by any means, but it will make an important difference."

# Chocolate Easter Egg Nest Cakes

[www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes](http://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes)

*Brilliant to make with little children over the holidays, these easy chocolate crispy cakes are a perennial favourite.*

## Ingredients

- 225g/8oz plain chocolate, broken into pieces
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 50g/2oz butter
- 75g/3oz cornflakes
- 36 mini chocolate eggs



## Method

1. Line a 12-hole fairy cake tin with paper cases.
2. Melt the chocolate, golden syrup and butter in a bowl set over a pan of gently simmering water, (do not let the base of the bowl touch the water). Stir the mixture until smooth.
3. Remove the bowl from the heat and gently stir in the cornflakes until all of the cereal is coated in the chocolate.
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Eyes down 8pm.

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## “Yaffle”

It is hard not to wish the time away when the temperature is low and the rain is beating on the windows, but Spring is a welcome thought - we must though, enjoy every phase of the yearly seasons.

At this time last year I had completed once again the garden bird survey for the R.S.P.B.



The Big Garden Bird Watch is a vital method by which the numbers of different species of birds can be estimated – bird populations can rise and fall on a yearly basis so valuable data can be gained by as many people as possible taking just one hour to collate details of bird species and numbers visiting their gardens. My own count was taken at 08.00 hrs on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January – weather conditions were not ideal but an improvement on last year. Some preparation is needed to get the best results from your watch – the most important thing to do is to make sure that all your feeders are full the night before - the next morning you can just sit back and record your sightings .

My own location requires me to move from window to window, door to door, to get the best views of my feeding stations, invariably my pre-made coffee is forgotten and goes cold – that hour just flies by. I am very familiar with the types of bird that visit my feeders on a daily basis so it can be quite frustrating when one of your normally reliable regulars does not show – not a bad count this year – a total of eighteen species recorded. One disappointment was that a once quite frequent visitor, the Great Spotted Woodpecker was nowhere to be seen.

I have recorded two types of Woodpecker in my garden – they are the two most common types normally seen in parks and gardens. The Great Spotted is one and the other is the Green Woodpecker - this bird is most often heard but not seen. This is a bird of my childhood known only to me then as the ‘Yaffle’ – upon hearing and identifying this bird it is easy to see how the name came about.

As a child living in East Anglia I would see this bird frequently feeding on its staple diet of ants in the fields and meadows surrounding my home.

## “Yaffle”

Most often I could walk right by, but if approached too close it would take flight and in doing so would give its distinctive laughing call. If you, like me, have seen this handsome bird up close you are sure to be impressed by the combination of green and yellow plumage, red crown and black moustache. In March, the birds will be at their most vocal – this is when both sexes will be looking for their partner of last year as it is known that they keep the same partner for many years whenever possible.

They spend the non-breeding season apart, only seeking their partner again when the warm Spring weather brings them instinctively back together. Although like other Woodpeckers they nest in holes in trees, the Green Woodpecker

has a more delicate beak and can only excavate holes in softer parts of a tree, very often returning to last years site so requiring minimum work. A

brood of five to seven eggs laid in May is normal and after they have fledged, each parent bird takes half the young and shows them how and where to feed – it is at this time when most sightings are made in our gardens and other open green spaces.

Although it is a great pleasure to see and identify this bird, much satisfaction can be had by just recognising its call. I wish you luck in your sightings.  
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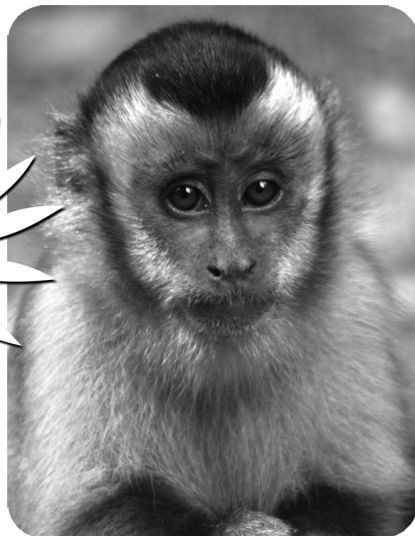
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# What is a Parish Council and why become a Parish Councillor

## **What is a Parish Council?**

A parish council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the parish. It is the level government closest to the community, with the district authority (Calderdale MBC) above it in the hierarchy.

As it is the authority closest to the people, parish councils are invariably the first place people will go with concerns or ideas. For this reason they are a vital part of any community.

## **Why become a Parish Councillor?**

If you've never been to a parish council meeting before, you may be forgiven for thinking that parish councillors are a group of (probably older) people who meet now and then in a draughty village hall. If, however, you live in a community where something 'big' has happened, you'll know that when people in the community need support and guidance, it is sometimes the parish council that is turned to.

By becoming a parish councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support ? a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

## **What decisions do Parish Councils make?**

Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters (they are statutory consultees), crime prevention, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities.

It's true to say that on their own, parish councils have limited powers to make decisions. But they do have the ability to negotiate with, and the power to influence, those other organisations that do make the final decisions (such as the borough council, health authorities, police etc).

In this respect parish councils are extremely powerful. The organisations that make the final decisions know that a parish council gives the best reflection of how a community feels about something, and its views will be taken seriously.

## **How much time does it take up?**

Councils usually meet once a month for the council meeting, to which members of the public are also invited. Meetings may last two or three

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hours, depending on the agenda set for the meeting to discuss. Some councils have committees to deal with specific subjects, such as environmental issues. In addition to the regular meetings, councillors are required to attend other meetings representing the council. ? for example acting as a representative on an outside body, community activities or helping develop a new project for the community. Such meetings won't happen every day, so it's not going to take over your life.

## How long does a parish councillor serve for?

Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years, and this is an election year. If they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election.

## Am I eligible to be a Parish Councillor?

To stand for election on a parish council, you must:

- be a UK or commonwealth citizen, or;
- be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or;
- be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union;
- be a least 18 years old.

To be eligible to stand for an election for a particular parish, you must:

- be an elector of the parish, or;
- for the whole of the previous 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish, or;
- during the previous 12 months have worked in the parish (as your principal or only place of work), or;
- for the whole of the previous 12 months lived in the parish or within three miles of the parish boundary.

You don't have to be connected to a political party.

If you do become a parish councillor you will have to sign up to the Code of Conduct.

## What powers do parish councils have?

They have a wide range of powers which essentially related to local matters, such as looking after community buildings, open space, allotments, play areas, street lighting, bus shelters, car parks and much more. The council also has the power to raise money through taxation, the precept. The precept is the parish council's share of the council tax. The precept demand goes to the billing authority, the district council, which collects the tax for the parish council.

# What is a Parish Council and why become a Parish Councillor

## Parish Duties

St Martin by Looe Parish Council has 7 Councillors who stand for election every four years. The duties and functions of a parish council are many and varied.

The Council meets monthly and considers planning applications and any other matters referred to it by local residents, Cornwall Council and by central government. All meetings are open to the public and there is a Public question time before the start of the meeting at which members of the public can raise concerns and ask questions. There is also an annual meeting which all parishioners are invited to attend. All meetings are advertised on the council notice boards. Residents can bring to the attention of the parish council anything that concerns them, either directly or through the clerk. If matters raised are not the responsibility of the council, the clerk can bring them to the attention of the proper authority.

**This year is election year so act now if you wish to be considered as a Parish councillor**, nominations to stand to be a Parish Councillor closes at 4pm on 4 April 2017. If you want a nomination pack please phone one of the following numbers:-

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