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The magazine is printed quarterly and has a circulation of 400 copies which are hand delivered to every home in the Parish.

### **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*

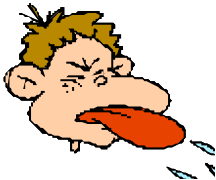
At last the signs of winter coming to an end are to be seen in the hedgerows, the primroses really lift our spirits particularly after such a poor year. Talking of things coming to an end, this is the last Parish Magazine of this Parish Council, the elections are to be held in May, the result of which will be published on the noticeboards and our website.

I hope you enjoy this 'bumper' edition as much as I have enjoyed compiling it for you.

As usual please send in anything you think may be of interest to our readers, and I mean ANYTHING!

## **Planning Applications**

The following applications were received for consideration: Construction of barn for storage of agricultural equipment on land Pt OS 4443, St Martin: Conversion of redundant agricultural barns into 5 holiday letting units with new access and car parking at Longcoe Farm, St Martin By Looe: Removal of Condition 3 (Agricultural Occupancy) at Penhale. Construction of entertainment room following demolition of existing room, at Tregoad Caravan and Camping Park.



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# Parish Council Update

## Donations

No requests for donations were received by the Parish Council.

## B3253 Road Safety Improvements

You may have seen the consultation advertised for the proposed road safety scheme at No Man's Land, although not ideal the Parish Council support the scheme. However, it was pointed out to the staff at Cornwall Council that without a reduction in the speed limit the changes to the road design could well result in rear end shunts. We have asked our MP Sheryll Murray to help us get the speed reduced; if you agree please write to Sheryll, the more letters she receives the stronger an argument she has to try to persuade Cornwall Council to listen to the residents.

As more developments take place in Looe and the almost certainty of a major supermarket being built it must be remembered that all of the traffic and lorries will come through No Man's Land, so we MUST ACT NOW before someone gets killed.

## 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.



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# Millendreath in Bloom

An enthusiastic group of Millendreath Estate and May Lane residents has formed a new Action Committee to participate in the 2013 rounds of the Britain (SW) and Cornwall in Bloom competitions. Our aim is to improve the visual impact of the valley for visitors and residents alike and we plan to finance the displays with a series of fund raising events starting with an Easter Monday afternoon Hog Roast and Car Boot Sale - see local press for further details.

At our meeting on 21 February 2013 we were pleased to welcome Roberta Powley, Vice Chair of St Martin by Looe Parish Council, as an observer and hope that she will promote co-operation between the Committee and our local Parish Council.



Anyone interested in getting involved with this local Project is welcome, please contact John Broad:  
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# South West Coast Path

## **Public advised to take care after more than 35 significant cliff falls reported along Cornwall's coast line**

Cornwall Council is advising residents and visitors to take extra care when using the coast path and beaches in Cornwall over the next few months.

The advice follows an unprecedented period of wet weather which has resulted in more than 35 significant cliff falls around Cornwall's coast line since last November.

The Council currently has 18 footpath closure orders in place on the South West Coast Path alone as the popular attraction heads into its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

"Council staff can't recall a more challenging time for the management of beaches or footpath network across Cornwall" said David Attwell, Cornwall Council's Principal Countryside Officer. "We have seen repeated cliff falls as a result of the severe weather conditions we have experienced throughout November, December and January, resulting in many paths being closed or diverted inland".

Although the Council has been responding to a wide range of incidents across the whole of Cornwall, the area of the south coast from

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# South West Coast Path

the Lizard through to the Tamar has been particularly badly hit. Richard Hocking, the Council's Soils and Materials Engineer and his team has been kept very busy inspecting the recent spate of cliff falls. "The types of cliff falls we are seeing have been exacerbated by the high rainfall over the past 12 months" he said. "In some areas we have witnessed catastrophic collapses whilst in others the whole cliff line has merely slumped".

"It's important to remember that these cliff falls can occur at anytime and I would encourage the public to be vigilant and to take care when in the vicinity of cliffs".

The Council is currently collating a list of damaged sites across the Transport, Waste and Environment Service which are expected to cost millions of pounds to repair. Whilst a programme of repairs is due to start in the next few weeks it is anticipated that some sections of the coast path will unfortunately remain closed into the main holiday season.

Members of the public using the countryside are reminded to take extra care and avoid straying from the coast path or wandering near the cliff edge. Bert Biscoe, the Council's portfolio holder for Transportation, Highways and the Environment, is supporting the Council's advice. "I walked with my wife from North Cliffs to Godrevy on Saturday 2nd February" he said. "It was a lovely day. We saw evidence of massive cliff-falls and were very careful to enjoy our day out with common sense and caution. Please do the same."

"Current conditions are difficult and volatile and recent weather has affected stability in some places. Please let us know if you see a fall or cracks - and keep an eye on kids and dogs. Thanks.'

Anyone who wishes to report a problem on the coast Path or a beach should phone 0300 1234 202.

## *Public Notice*

### **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic**

**Location:** Footpath 17, Footpath 18, Deviock, South West Coast Path and Footpath 8, St Martin by Looe

**Timing:** 24th January to 3rd July 2013 (24 hours weekends included)

**Reason:** CORMAC Solutions Ltd – Landslides

**Contact:** David Attwell, Principal Countryside Officer, Tel: 0300 1234 202

# No Man's Land Memorial Hall

The following are the events planned for the forthcoming year, Hopefully this will help other organisations and residents. The Committee wishes to remind everyone of the facilities in the Hall. There is a full size snooker table, a darts board and of course a stage. Maybe as it gets more expensive to go out and we are in these times of austerity then entertainment nearer to home and with friends and family could be the way forward.

We do however look forward to meeting everyone at our events

Easter Bingo	15th March	Doors open 7pm - Eyes down 8pm
Spring Flower show	23rd March	2-30pm
AGM	25th March	7-00 pm
Summer Flower Show	10th August	2-30pm
Car Park Closure	Fri. 27th. Sept	9-00am - Sat 28th. 9-00am
Harvest Festival	28th Sept	6-30pm
Charity Jumble Sale for Children's Hospice South West Precious Lives Appeal	26th Oct	2-30pm



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# No Man's Land Memorial Hall

Remembrance Service	10th Nov	6-30pm
Christmas Bazaar	7th Dec	2-30pm .
Christmas Bingo	20th Dec	Doors open 7pm -Eyes down 8pm
Carol Service	21st Dec	6-30pm

St. Martin By Looe Parish Council also holds its regular monthly meeting at the Hall on the first Thursday of each month (Subject to change),

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# No Man's Land Village Hall Committee

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Maybe share seeds, and cuttings etc.

If so please contact:

Mrs Betty Powley on 01503 240650

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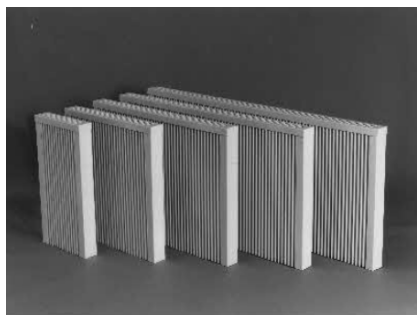
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*Looking for a rainy-day recipe to bake with children? This chocolate fridge cake is really easy and takes no time.*

## Ingredients

250g/9oz chocolate, minimum 70% cocoa solids

200g/7oz unsalted butter

2 tbsp golden syrup

150g/5½oz roasted shelled hazelnuts

200g/7oz digestive biscuits, roughly chopped

150g/5½oz dried figs, chopped

## Preparation method

1. Grease and line a 20cm/8in square tin

2. Melt the chocolate, butter and golden syrup in a bowl set over a pan of simmering water until smooth and well combined.

3. Fold in the hazelnuts, biscuits and figs.

4. Spoon the mixture into the baking tray and leave to chill in the fridge until set.

5. To serve, remove the tiffin from the fridge and allow it to come to room temperature, then turn it out of the tin and cut into squares.

By

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# Plans for Liskeard Work Hub

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There are already several Work Hubs up and running in towns across SW:

Totnes: <http://www.totnesworkhub.co.uk/>

Penzance: <http://www.digitalpeninsula.org/>

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We have put together a survey on our website, please take a couple of minutes to complete it: <http://loveliskeard.wordpress.com/working-groups/business-work-hub/>

We have also set up a LinkedIn Page for the Work Hub: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Liskeard-Business-Hub-4647802?gid=4647802&trk=group-name>

The hub group are organising a morning seminar on the use of Social Media by businesses. It will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at the Elliott Hotel in Liskeard. The cost will be £10 including a buffet lunch. Please watch out for details.

For more information about the work hub, please contact Nigel Day: [nigel.day@clarihon.co.uk](mailto:nigel.day@clarihon.co.uk), David Orr: [david\\_orr@live.co.uk](mailto:david_orr@live.co.uk) or Michelle Virgo: [mitchvirgo@gmail.com](mailto:mitchvirgo@gmail.com)

# St Martin's News

## Bucklawren All Day Big Breakfast

19<sup>th</sup> January 2013

The All Day Big Breakfast at Bucklawren Farm was again a huge success. The locally produced breakfast was enjoyed by 250 people and there was great interest in the Shelterbox Tent erected on the front lawn. Robert and Jean Henly were delighted by the generosity of all those who attended, resulting in a magnificent total of £2650 raised of which St Martins Church, Looe will benefit by £1100, Rotary Shelterbox £1100 and Children's Hospice South West £450.

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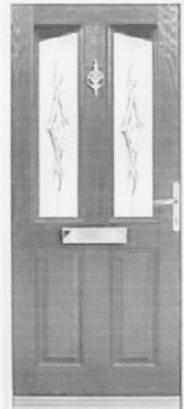
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# The Six Book Challenge

Have you read 6 books or less in the last 6 months? Could you read 6 books in 5 months? Cornwall Council's Library Service and Cornwall College are joining together to encourage reluctant readers across Cornwall to take part in this year's Six Book Challenge.

From now until the end of June, the Library Service and Cornwall College are inviting adults across the county to read a mixture of books, magazines, newspapers, graphic novels or pieces online –anything they enjoy. Anything they read is recorded in a diary and they receive a small incentive for each one. Those who finish the Challenge before June are given a certificate and entered into both a local and national prize draw for a chance to win a weekend in London and an eBook reader.

Learning Centre staff at Cornwall College, St Austell have been running the Challenge since its launch in 2008. This year Cornwall College and Cornwall Libraries want to offer the Challenge across the county.

Kay Ecclestone, Learning Centre Manager at St Austell, said, "There has always been a national draw, but we wanted to offer a local incentive open to anyone living in Cornwall who completes the Challenge with us." Staff at libraries throughout Cornwall will be on hand to provide help and advice to anyone interested in taking up the challenge and give them the confidence they need to start their reading journey.

Merryn Kent, Reader Services Officer at Cornwall Council says, "I am really pleased to be working with Cornwall College. We want people to develop a new reading habit. If you think you won't enjoy reading or that you don't have the time, give the Six Book Challenge a try. Everything changes when we read."

Leading celebrity support for the Six Book Challenge nationally is bestselling novelist and former SAS soldier Andy McNab, in his role as 2013 Challenge ambassador. Andy is hoping the 2013 Challenge will beat last year's record-breaking results when over 23 500 people took part.

Andy McNab says: "I'm a perfect example of how reading can change your life. I had the reading age of an 11 year old when I was 17 and I only became a confident reader when I joined the Army. But once I started I couldn't stop – and that's what the Six Book Challenge is all about."

For more information about the challenge either pop into your local library or contact Cornwall Library Service on 0300 1234 111. Cornwall College staff and students should contact their Learning Centres.



# Could I be a Parish Councillor?

As a councillor you can become a voice for your community and affect real change. Councillors are community leaders and represent the aspirations of the public that they serve. Parish Councils are the most local part of our democratic system and are closest to the public. Why don't you stand for St Martin By Looe Parish Council and see what difference you can make to your local community?

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

Quite often councillors say that their duties occupy them for about three hours a week. Obviously there are some councillors who spend more time than this – and some less, but in the main, being a Parish Councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

## **Am I qualified?**

Most people are. However there are a few rules. You have to be:

- a British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union, and
- 18 years or older on the day you become nominated for election

You cannot stand for election if you:

- are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order
- have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a prison sentence (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine
- work for the council you want to become a councillor for.

Anyone wishing to be a candidate at the May 2013 elections must complete and submit nomination papers to the Returning Officer.

A Notice of Election will be published on Wednesday 20 March 2013 setting out the times and places for nomination papers to be submitted. Candidates must submit their completed papers after the Notice of Election is published on Wednesday 20 March 2013 and before 12 noon on Friday 5 April 2013.

Candidate's information packs will be available in mid March. The pack will contain the required forms and guidance on the election process.

For more information contact Electoral Services on 0300 123 1115

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Post: Electoral Services - East Office, Cornwall Council, Luxstowe House, Liskeard, PL14 3DZ

## Cornish Historic Sites At Risk

Campaign and community groups are becoming increasingly alarmed about the impact of housing development on Cornwall's ancient sites of historical importance. Concerns are being raised that the understanding of Cornwall's history and public access to places of major historic value are being compromised by proposals for large developments on these sites. Controversial building works for both the Truro Eastern District Centre and Tregunnel Hill at Newquay would bury major archaeological finds while near Fowey the ancient 'Tristan Stone' faces relocation to makeway for a modern housing estate. Elected representatives, historians and related organisations highlight that not only should these areas be key resources for education and learning about the past, but should be available to celebrate as tangible evidence of Cornwall's unique history. A recent discovery on Duchy of Cornwall land near Truro has revealed a rare 'causewayed enclosure' of a type unknown in Cornwall, built by Neolithic peoples living around 5,500 years ago. Rare finds have been unearthed, including a 'stunning' example of Neolithic art carved onto both sides of a slate disc and a greenstone sphere of a type more usually found in Scotland. And it is not only the artefacts but the soil itself which provides information about Cornwall's history for the layer on the top of this site is the actual surface Neolithic people stood on. This historical site at Woodcock Corner east of Truro is earmarked for development as part of the new Truro Eastern District Centre with the Neolithic causewayed enclosure due to form the foundations of a household waste recycling depot. This would mean that not only would researchers cease to learn more about this but it would not be available for the public today to enjoy. Truro Cornwall Councillor Bert Biscoe has said "Cornwall Council needs to appraise the situation it finds itself in regarding the importance of the archaeology, and to consider if this site is, as many observers and residents believe, inappropriate for the proposed function" A major find, also on Duchy of Cornwall land, has similarly been excavated in Newquay. The new archaeological discovery shows that some of Britain's first ever farmers settled on this site at Tregunnel Hill nearly six millennia ago. A polished stone axe-head, Neolithic flint tools and broken pots as well as a large pit containing charcoal are evidence that these earliest farmers worked the land and held feasting events. The archaeologist in charge of the dig said sites like this are rarely found.

## Cornish Historic Sites At Risk

The site lies within an area of known archaeological potential and will see 174 new homes built under a Duchy of Cornwall housing scheme. It is not just new finds that are being affected by development. The news that the Tristan Stone, a scheduled ancient monument which lies on the road to Fowey may be moved to clear the way for new houses has caused fury. The story of Tristan and Ysolde is Cornwall's greatest contribution to European literature and the 1500 year old obelisk itself is described as 'a significant scheduled monument'. The developer has plans to build 80 homes as well as a park-and-ride. "It is not just our landscape but Cornwall's history which is a casualty of Cornwall Council's current hyper-growth strategy" said a spokesperson for Our Cornwall, the partnership of community organisations heading opposition to the Local Plan, "We are urging elected representatives to support proposals for 29,000 houses rather than a potential 49,000 as a more sustainable way of supporting residents and maintaining Cornwall's distinctive characteristics."



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# History Snippet - Food for thought

*By Jenny Wallis*

Locally- sourced beef is part of our parish heritage. An 'anchant' custom insisted that the parson here must keep 'a Bull alwaie remaininge upon the Gleab ....for the necessary use at all times when occasion shall sarve.' You only had to pay a penny tax per cow as long as you only had one or two. Then the parish bull kept the numbers up.

Most of our land was tilled for wheat in large open fields. Small sheltered paddocks with byres were provided for the oxen that pulled the plough. These were the 'Bove Towns'. The oxen worked in teams and were kept in line by singing to them. They worked up and down the slopes, didn't need a mid-day meal, lived long and provided meat and milk. Then things changed. Wheat-production moved to East Anglia and our local small farmers divided up their fields into closes and parks to rear beef. The parish was quite transformed! New stock-proof hedges of oak, ash and holly appeared. Sycamore hedges were laid – or plashed – to keep the animals safe. Mangolds were grown to over-winter the stock and the vicar had to close his dovecote because the pigeons ate the mangold seedlings.

Then agriculture began to get technical. Modern methods relied on horsepower. We got a blacksmith at Penveith and another at Chubb's Mill. The Bove Towns became field-names and the steep slopes were left to pasture or woodland. Roads needed hairpin bends. The Liskeard Show promoted good husbandry and in 1857 James Arthur of St Martin beat the record at the fat-stock show with a cow that weighed 5cwt 2qtrs 4lbs (i.e. It was big!).

But our farming communities were not easily persuaded to abandon their oxen. Once you got a horse it needed shoes and oats and stables. And at the end of the day you couldn't eat it or milk it! The Bible says you must not eat animals without a cloven hoof that don't chew cud. Horses aren't actually named, but camels are. (so are pigs for that matter!) So we berated the French for their unchristian eating habits while frying our rashers! And somehow horse-trading, horse-play, knacker's yards and tanneries were the business of a shady nomadic underclass that operated down the back of beyond! The settlement of Narkurs in the next parish, first recorded in 1659, was the Slaughterman's Yard.

Well, times change! If we start eating horses there is plenty of meat-on-the hoof along our leafy lanes! No need for a supermarket!

# GROUP TRAVEL

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## 2013 COACH EXCURSIONS

1 <sup>st</sup> March	ROSEMOOR GARDENS
16 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	CABOT CIRCUS BRISTOL SHOPPER
5 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	WOOKEY HOLE
5 <sup>th</sup> MAY	BADMINTON HORSE TRIALS CROSS COUNTRY DAY
11 <sup>th</sup> MAY	MALVERN SPRING SHOW
31 <sup>st</sup> MAY	LONGLEAT
28 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	RIVER DART CRUISE, DARTMOUTH, STEAM TRAIN TO PAIGNTON
11 <sup>th</sup> JULY	RIVER FAL CRUISE FALMOUTH, & HEARTLANDS
25 <sup>th</sup> JULY	GREENWAYS, RIVERCRUISE AND DARTMOUTH
3 <sup>rd</sup> AUGUST	NEWTON ABBOT RACES
4 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	GATECOMBE OPEN/INTERMEDIATE BRITISH FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE
9 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	GRAND HERITAGE CRUISE
14 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	BRITISH WORLD FIREWORK CHAMPIONSHIPS PLYMOUTH
7/8 <sup>th</sup> SEPT	BURGHLEY HORSE TRIALS WEEKEND
21 <sup>st</sup> SEPT	HAYNES MOTOR MUSEUM
9 <sup>th</sup> OCT	TAVISTOCK GOOSEY FAIR
31 <sup>st</sup> OCT	HALLOWEEN MYSTERY TRIP
2 <sup>nd</sup> NOV	BRIDGEWATER CARNIVAL
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## Through the Window

At last the days are extending and surely this spell of poor weather cannot last too much longer – snowdrops on the verges have got to be a sign of Spring.



Picking up on the thread of my last piece in the Autumn Parish magazine, I have had a steady number of birds visiting my bird table. I took part in the RSPB big garden birdwatch at the end of January and recorded a total of 16 different species within one hour, quite good but disappointingly some of my regulars were missing, possibly due to the weather which was windy and wet. I would love to have recorded my family of long tailed tits, usually 8 or 9 in number, but it was not to be on that day – fortunately they have returned on a number of occasions since. Information on the RSPB web site suggests the count was low over the whole of the British Isles due to the weather conditions.

One week before the count took place I was privileged to see a Goldcrest feeding in my potted bay tree just two feet from my kitchen window – as some of you may know it is Britain's smallest bird and always a delight to see. Out and about in the fields there are also large flocks of

## Through the Window Cont:

Lapwing, not so common these days, also known as the Peewit, these handsome birds can be seen strutting about with large raised crests on their heads giving them a unique silhouette. Another regular to my garden is a Buzzard which roosts in the copse where my pond is located. His preferred food at the moment seems to be the frogs which are now beginning to arrive to spawn, the bird is not afraid to get its feet wet going for an easy meal.

Pastureland is a common place to see Corvids, or the Crow family feeding, not so common to see is the largest member of that family, the Raven, so to see one feeding just 60 yards from my back door was surprising. Through my binoculars I could see the Raven trying to deal with what looked like a large item in the grass. It seemed at first to attempt to conceal the item as is often the case, to retrieve and consume later, that plan was quickly abandoned as other Corvids were also feeding close by. The bird then picked up the object in its massive beak and before flying off with its booty I could at that moment see plainly what it was – the coveted tasty morsel was in fact a ‘golf ball’ – nevertheless the bird took flight and was last seen heading eastwards towards the Monkey Sanctuary. Great moment for me but I fear disappointment for the bird!!

Please keep you feeders full and your binoculars at hand – good birding.

*David Keeble.*

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### **Reckless fog light drivers caused 300,000 accidents in 2011**

Motorists who use their front and rear fog lights indiscriminately when visibility is not impaired have caused as many as 300,000 accidents and 2 million near misses in 2011, *despite it being an official driving offence*, - one in five young drivers who had left fog lights on did so “because it looks good”, research by insurance provider swiftcover.com has found.

#### **The Highway Code states that drivers must not:**

- \* Use any lights in a way which would dazzle or cause discomfort to other road users, including pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

- \* Use front or rear fog lights unless visibility is seriously reduced. You must switch them off when visibility improves to avoid dazzling other road users.

Looe Police will be monitoring fog light use and also looking out for faulty vehicle lights, so be warned.

# Looe Golf Club

## Advertisers Announcement

It is sometimes easy to forget that, within just a couple of miles for most of our readers, we have a real gem in the form of Looe Golf Club. One of just a handful of Courses designed by six times Open Champion Harry Vardon, it is set in an area of quite breathtaking beauty. The panoramic views from the Course, which includes within its boundaries the Bindown Beacon, are simply stunning. To the east are the peaks of Dartmoor and the Tamar estuary, to the south, Looe Island and the Channel, to the west and north, glorious countryside and the Cornish moors. The planting of over 3,000 trees, over the last ten years or so, has enhanced, rather than impinged upon, the fantastic vista.

Looe Golf Club has an enviable reputation of being one of the friendliest Clubs in the southwest. General Manager and PGA Professional, Barrie Evans, attributes this in part to the efforts of the staff, many of whom, himself included, have been with the Club relatively long term, and in part also to the open and friendly nature of the members. The Clubhouse, which is extremely well equipped, welcomes visitors. The fully licensed bar (Harry's Bar) provides a very comfortable spot for a refreshing drink whilst the Restaurant enjoys a first-class reputation for the quality and variety of its meals at very reasonable prices. Barrie points out that the renowned Sunday Carvery attracts many visitors nowadays as it does members and the Vardon Lounge, with views across the eighteenth fairway to Looe Island, is the ideal place for a relaxing post-meal coffee or perhaps afternoon tea and teacakes.

Finally, many readers will be unaware that the Pro-shop at Looe Golf Club stocks a wide range of quality, affordable casual clothing, especially ladieswear, that is by no means just for golfers. With the weather we have all endured of late, it is no surprise that the shop has been doing good business in waterproofs, just as suited to walking as golfing, and also umbrellas. Again, as with the rest of the Clubhouse facilities, we know that the shop staff make sure that visitors are made very welcome.







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**1) Does your surname begin with Tre-, Pol- or Pen-?**

*If yes, score 5*

**2) How many of the children in your family are called Tristan, Perran, Demelza or Kerenza?**

*Score 3 for each one*

**3) How many "traditional" pasty recipes run in your family?**

*Score 2 for each*

**4) Do you know all the words of the second verse of Trelawney?**

*Score 4 if so, (and 6 if you can sing it in tune!)*

**5) Were you there when Cornwall won the rugby championship at Twickenham in 1991?**

*Score 8 if you were and 4 if you wanted to go but had to stay behind to do the milking!*

**6) In the past ten years how many times have you been to the Royal Cornwall Show?**

*Score 10 for 10 visits, 9 for 9, 8 for 8, etc*

**7) Have you danced in the mid day Flora Dance?**

*Score 8 if you have and 20 if you were one of the leaders*



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# How Cornish Are You?

If you scored:

**0-20**


Oops still a long way to go! Book yourself in for pasty making classes to redeem yourself!

**21-40**

Not bad at all. You're on your way to becoming a true lover of Cornwall. A little more homework is needed though, have a piece of heavy cake while you're at it, great brain food!

**41+**

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