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Parish Council Update



Welcome to the Summer Edition

Another bumper issue this time containing 24 pages, cramed with news and information from the parish and the county. I hope you enjoy reading this magazine as much as enjoyed compiling it for you, once again I would ask for feedback and suggestions for future issues, please email me at smartinpc1@btinternet.com.

Planning Applications

The following applications came before the Parish Council for consideration: A barn extension to provide automated milking parlour at Treveria Farm: Temporary siting of a Beach Cafe for a further three years at Millendreath: Construction of a four bedroom eco house on land north of Cockles Peep Out, St Martin. Visit cornwall.gov.uk to view responses.

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Holland Road Estate

The garages have been demolished and replaced with additional parking, we would ask ALL RESIDENTS to use the parking provided and not the highway, turning area or THE GRASS VERGES. The entrance to the estate is unattractive, caused by the grass verges being churned up by parked cars. The Parish Council with Cornwall Housing are looking to have the verges restored to grass and the area fenced off to prevent vehicles from being parked there, so please use the parking provided.

The Post office

We have been assured by the Post Office that the service at No Man's Land is to be retained and that normal service will resume shortly.

Parish Council Meetings

Monthly meetings take place at the Memorial Hall at No Man's Land, (check the noticeboard or website for dates). Requests to speak need to be submitted to the Clerk at least 48 hours in advance.



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St Martin by Looe Parish Council

Chairman's report.

This has been another busy year for the Parish Council. The regular monthly meetings have been well attended by Councillors. As only 6 councillors stood for re-election in May 2017, we were able to co-opt Andrea Lankston to the parish council. We welcome members of the public to our meetings but request questions in writing before the meetings.

The three notice boards within the parish at No Man's Land, Windsworth and Millendreath help to keep residents informed of activities within the parish and the work of the parish council. Thanks to the councillors who keep them up to date. The notice-board at No Man's Land is in dis-repair and we are working with the hall committee to replace it with a joint one outside the hall.

The speed of traffic through the village on the B3253 remains a concern despite the improved pavements. There is still a blind spot when crossing the road towards Bindown. There are several reports of traffic overtaking parked buses by travelling on the wrong side of the traffic island causing a very dangerous situation with oncoming traffic near the brow of the hill. The police have asked for any photographic evidence of these occurrences. The latest problem is that a large puddle of water forms on the south side of the road near the bus stop due to blocked drains. In wet weather this can lead to pedestrians and those waiting for the bus getting soaked. Cormac are to mend the collapsed drain.

The fingerposts at Keveral Lane and Penshoe have still not been replaced despite the Clerk's best efforts. The manufacturers have now assured him that the work will be carried out in the near future. Potholes in the roads in the parish continue to be a problem especially after the heavy rainfall and frosts of this winter. The Clerk continues to report problems to Cormac. The slippery road from Bucklawren to Millendreath has still not been surface dressed leaving it unsafe for horse riders. Cormac have again promised that the work will be carried out this year.

There have been many cases of blocked drains in the parish this winter. Despite visits from Cormac staff the problems persist.

St Martin by Looe Parish Council

Chairman's report.

The appearance of the Holland Road estate remains a concern to the council. The garages are now empty but remain in a dangerous condition awaiting demolition. Their removal would add much needed additional parking.

The frustration caused by Cornwall Council's slow or lack of response to our requests led the clerk to write to the council's Chief Executive. This led to a useful meeting with members of Cornwall Council staff, the clerk and myself. Watch this space!

Robert Henly, Chairman, St Martin by Looe Parish Council.

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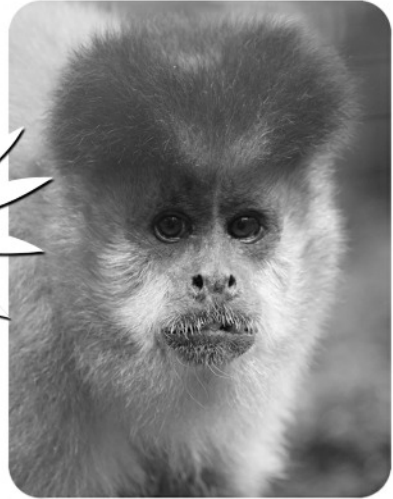
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No Man's Land Hall

Chairman's Report

The Hall has ticked along nicely. Our jumble sales continue to bring in much needed revenue, the one for the Children's Hospice South West was, as always a resounding success and raised a substantial amount for an important cause.

Both bingos have been well supported as was the summer flower show, the spring flower show didn't go ahead this year due to time constraints. The Hall is booked most evenings for regular events, plus many private functions have taken place.

The work on the Hall continues, the problems with the floor seem to have been resolved, the stage has been refurbished and looks lovely with the new sanded floor. Plans are afoot to revamp one of the flower beds at the entrance of the Hall, this will include a bench and a new Parish notice board.

We are pleased that the Hall continues to run well, despite it being a very small committee. We would like to see more of the local residents, both on the committee and at events at the Hall.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of the committee for their continuing hard work.

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No Man's Land Village War Memorial

The War Memorial Cross sited in the No Man's Land Memorial Hall garden has now been awarded listed building status.

The hall committee wrote to Historic England who applied to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to have the Cross protected as a building of special architectural or historic interest.

The Cross, originally to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria had stood at the top of Millendreath Hill since 1897 where a "Great Tree" actually split the road in two. Another slab was later added to commemorate those parishioners who lost their lives during the First World War. (No Parishioners were lost in the Second World War). When the tree died and due to the widening of the road it was then taken to the churchyard at St Martins where it stood for nearly four decades.

On Thursday 29th October 1998 Pascoe & Son, Monumental Masons from St Anns Chapel, removed the Cross from St Martins churchyard and placed it, with help from Kevin Hards, into what is hoped will be its final resting place here in the garden at No Man's Land Memorial Hall.

There was a large gathering of people for the historic re-dedication of the Cross in the Hall garden on Remembrance Sunday 8th November 1998.





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No Man's Land Village War Memorial

The service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. Brian Mc Quillan. Those attending included the Looe Mayor Mr. David Bryan, two previous Mayors, Mr. Colin Shore and Mr. Sid Gardner, County Councillor Mr. George Hocking, Mr. Ron Overd from the Royal British Legion, Doug Tamblyn Royal Air Force, Brian Toms R.B.L. Looe, Paul Tucker Royal Naval Association, the standard bearers and Ron Hards Chairman of the Hall committee.

Wreaths were laid by Ron Matthews Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Ron Overd for the R.B.L., Mrs. Violet Jenkins on behalf of ex service men and women.



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No Man's Land Village War Memorial and Hall News

Mrs. Jenkins was herself in the Medical Corps during WW2. The Rector laid a wreath which had formally been placed in the churchyard by an unknown person where the Memorial Cross had stood.

Another Memorial was later added to the Cross by the Parishioners to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth the second.

This year we are having a special service on Remembrance Sunday 11th November at 6.30pm to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War. We have been trying to contact any descendants of the people whose names appear on the Memorial to join us. Lieut. R. B. Picken of the Rectory, H. Saunders of Longcoe, J.A. Ough of Windsor and W.T. Syms of Pendragon.

Many thanks to Sharon Kennard for the information for this article, taken from the archives of her late Father, Mr. Ron Hards.

The Flower Show this year is on Saturday 11th August at 2.30pm. Please contact Mrs. R. Powley 01503 240650 for any information.

The Hall is available to hire at £6.00 an hour to include the toilet and kitchen facilities.

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Happy Hacking, Lynne Burt.



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Up Close

During a spell of hot, dry weather in April I took the time to take a close look at some of the common, and not so common, birds that visit my garden. At this time of year the birds are in their breeding plumage and at their most resplendent which is why I chose the most colourful species to study.



A common bird to most gardens is the Chaffinch, hardly noticed most of the time but now with its colours at their best, it really is a handsome member of the Finch family. Next on the list is the Goldfinch, this is a jewel at any time of year but especially now – when seen up close feeding on dandelion seed heads it is easy to see why these birds are still bred in captivity as cage birds (absolutely not condoned) - their fluted, flittering song should always be heard in the wild.

Commanding a place on my list of colourful birds is the Great Spotted Woodpecker, a regular visitor to my feeders - this bird is instantly recognised even in flight, with contrasting black and white upper parts and face, buff chest and most striking of all, the male bird has scarlet patches on its head and under its tail.

The next bird may be a bit of a surprise as it is a member of the Crow family 'Corvidae' – it is a Jay. You may not give the Jay a second look, because being usually very shy, all you would see is its very distinctive white rump as it flies away. When seen feeding on the ground, especially in Autumn collecting acorns, the white wing bars and black moustache are very noticeable – most striking of all are its primary wing coverts – bright blue barred with black. These feathers were most prized as trophies worn in the hat band of trigger happy game keepers.

Another jewel of the garden is the Goldcrest, mostly olive green in body colour with blackish wing bars, but as its name implies, it has the most wonderful yellow to gold centre of the crown of its head. If you have never seen a Goldcrest I urge you to Google it as they really are in our gardens (N.B. this is Europe's smallest bird).

Next we have a bird that I am looking at whilst writing this article – one of my guide books describes this bird as 'brilliantly coloured with an iridescent copper coloured body marked with dark scallops on the breast and flanks, metallic green head and neck, red face, small ear tufts with long ginger tail crossed with dark bars' – don't go rushing to the exotic

Up Close Cont:

section of your great guide of World birds, although not native to our shores this bird has established itself through adversity to being a common sight in our countryside and also on our dinner plates – the Pheasant!!

Last, but not least, is a bird worth a mention just because it makes a journey of three and a half thousand miles to be here. The Willow Warbler is a little yellowish-brownish-greenish-smallish bird which weighs the same as a 10 pence coin. It is a Summer visitor to our Country, travelling from West Africa every year to breed – what this little Warbler lacks in the colourful plumage department, it more than makes up for with its cascading, trilling series of descending notes. They are a great addition to any Summer garden.

It's good to take the time to notice what there is around us.

David Keeble



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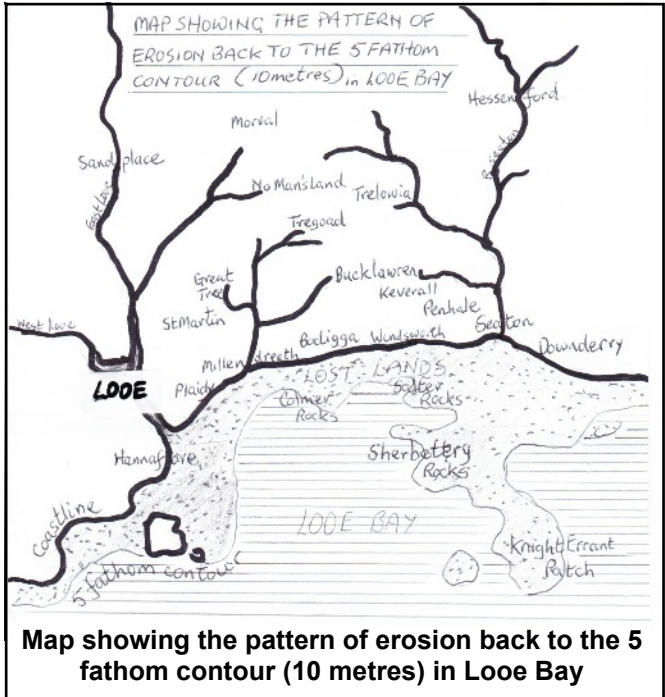
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History Snippet - Roll out the Barrel

By Jenny Wallis

Snippet has taken leave of its senses and thrown itself off the cliff. It all started with the question "When did the tide flood the valley in Looe?"

I traced a map and added the submarine contours that reveal a lost peninsular between Seaton and Looe. Looe's histories have called the East Cliff 'Serpatorre' (crumbling cliff in Latin) and 'Hamelin Peche' (crumbling cliff in Anglo Saxon!)



Map showing the pattern of erosion back to the 5 fathom contour (10 metres) in Looe Bay

so the geology has long been unstable.

The OS map shows Colmer and Salter Rocks (charcoal pit and salt works). Then my friend showed me an Admiralty Chart! Two more names! Knight Errant Patch can be explained as 'terrant peche', a rushing river by a hill belonging to a Knight.

Sherbetery? Old English for a business dealing in the storage, production and maintenance of butts, waterproof barrels - a boterie in Norman French.

In 1314 Otto de Bodrugan appointed Roger Knight to represent him at the Court of Bucklawren for the land he was leasing called 'Bodfus'. Bod is a dwelling. Fus(t) is old French for a cask! So I give you 'Bodfus' the lost land of Bodigga, once part of our Parish.

So never mind the single-use plastic free zones, our Parish hosted the ultimate technology, the sustainable manufacture of a pivotal essential for global commerce, the watertight barrel. And we led the green economy with the forerunner of the bottle bank - a barrel recycling centre. 800 years ago! Be proud of our heritage.



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Adopt a Greyhound

by Andrea Lankston

Hello, it's Andrea, the short lady with the tall, skinny (but rather handsome) dog you have to weave your way around in the lanes of the parish. Thank you for slowing for us and giving us room.

April is or was Adopt a Greyhound Month, but truthfully I think any month is Adopt a Greyhound Month. I will admit to bias here and now, but with very good reason. What is your immediate impression of the greyhound? Viscious, toothy, spindly, ugly, nervous, hard work? Or do you think loyal, affectionate, goofy, lazy, gentle, elegant? I'd like to think you would go for the latter set of adjectives. Unfortunately most of the more negative ones result from the racing industry as it is the setting we most commonly see greyhounds in.

I was brought up with German Shepherds and English Springer Spaniels. I love all dogs, but was a staunch springer fan, the only dog I would ever own I declared. Then about 2 years ago a dog in a newspaper caught my eye. A breed of dog I had never even considered, indeed knew nothing about; a beautiful dusty grey blue hound, with startling caramel eyes, a rescue dog that needed a home. A greyhound by the name of Donald. I was smitten. I set about finding out more about the breed, their temperament, their need for exercise, the amount they ate, where I could go and meet some, were they the right dog for us as a family. In that research another adjective reared its ugly head, a word there is no misconception about – disposable.

My children and I took part in a group greyhound walk at Lanhydrock House as part of our research. We talked to owners, we met the dogs. We walked in a sea of 40+ hounds for over an hour and not a single snarl, growl, grumble or snip was heard from any of them, not even when we stopped en masse for tea afterwards. The sea became a carpet as these beautiful, lazy dogs settled down for 40 winks until it was time to go home. I was sold.

Donald had happily found a forever sofa so we headed to Russet Greyhound Sanctuary on 17 September 2016 (after our home check) just to have a look. I had the idea we would probably go a few times even if we found "the one" in order to get to know them a bit first before we brought him/her home. And then we met Archie. Terrified but so desperate to be brave and try to make friends, tail clamped between his legs, ears flat, severely underweight (although he had gained 2kgs under Sandra's care). He had come directly from racing kennels and had only been at Russet a week. An hour later he was in the boot of the car (it was a hatchback), a bag of kibble on the back seat, the contents of the boot squashed in wherever it would fit round the children and we were on our way home. We haven't looked back.

It's not been all plain sailing but I knew it wouldn't be, and that's part of the reason I brought him home; he is a particularly complex rescue dog with a

Adopt a Greyhound Cont:

history we will never fully know, this lowered his chances of being homed even further. Rescued Greyhounds are not all like this, neither are all rescue dogs. On the day we could have chosen any one of the other bouncy, confident, outgoing dogs. But we chose Archie. He didn't sniff anything on his walks for the first few days, now; I'm almost convinced he has Bloodhound in his background somewhere. He is frightened of people especially men in flat caps; white transit vans, crowd noise, people coming up behind him and traffic cones but he gets braver as time goes on. His house training was a doddle, he walks beautifully on the lead (but then most greyhounds do); he arrived with a reliable "wait", we have worked on getting a reliable "lay down", (sit isn't on the agenda - over developed thighs make it painful for most greyhounds to achieve); "on your bed" is a bit hit and miss and we won't talk about his recall! He has no fear of lorries, tractors or the vacuum cleaner, doesn't bark when people come to the door and loves going for a ride in the car. We have had tussles over the sofa and the bed but these were resolved easily with gentle, sensitive training. He adores my oldest son despite his deep voice and less than quiet movement around the house. He snuggles with my youngest on the sofa, and takes treats from him in the gentlest way, never snatching from him even when stealing toast. He is loving in a quiet, thoughtful, undemanding way, he rests his head on your lap or just stands in front of you for a fuss. His teeth chatter when he is especially happy and content – I'm proud to say he does this a lot. If he runs round the garden twice a week it's a surprise. Now that he knows he can go out when he wants, he is particular regarding the weather, rain - maybe, wind – maybe, rain and wind – no way! If he wakes up and it's sunny there's no peace until he's been for his walk. He, like most greyhounds, is happy with two 20 minute walks a day. But he does enjoy his longer walks around the parish, in the woods, on the moors and out at Hannafore. He can stretch out and take up a four-seater sofa or curl up to fit on your lap. He loves squeaky toys. He hoards them in his bed, along with the odd shoe, jumper or cushion and yesterday I found my water bottle in amongst the duvets! Wool is also a favourite, even if I am knitting with it. He follows the sun around the house, snoozing wherever it shines through the window. He has barked 3 times in the 18 months we have owned him. We wouldn't be without him.

I would urge anyone looking to have a dog to consider a Greyhound. There are many fantastic rescues around the country and in Ireland, all surviving on a shoestring, doing everything they can to save these "disposable" dogs. Puppies are sometimes available for adoption, but like any puppy they need a lot of work and time. Older dogs are always looking for loving homes also.

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