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Parish Council Update



Welcome to the Autumn Edition

Well at last we had a summer, even if at times it was a little 'too hot'. And now normal service has been resumed...rain! In this edition you will find some really interesting articles and even a joke on page 19. The next issue will be the Winter edition so if you have ANYTHING you would like included please send to me before November 10th. This is your magazine so please use it, email: stmartinpc1@btinternet.com.

Planning Applications

Applications were received for: A Certificate of Lawfulness for the continued use of land for the siting and residential use of a caravan on land North East of The Spinney, Millendreath.

Construction of a single storey extension to the front and rear to provide an entrance lobby and storage. The Watch House, Millendreath.

Donations (No requests received).

Post office

Despite all of the efforts made by the Parish Council, Councillor Armand Toms and Sheryl Murray MP, the Post Office is still closed. We will continue to lobby the Post Office to try to get the service reinstated.

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Holland Road Parking

A reminder please to use the car parking spaces provided on the site of the garages. Parking on the grass verges makes the estate look unkept. Parking in the turning area is obstructing emergency vehicles, bin lorries and inconveniencing other residents and is really not necessary. The car park is only a short walk so please use it. During December the verges will be used for the Village Christmas tree, so parking will not be possible.

Household Waste Collections

Comments have been passed to the Parish Council about rubbish bags being ripped open by wildlife and rubbish being scattered around the area: please do not put the rubbish out too early and please cover any black bags. Seagull proof sacks are available for only £3.50 from Cornwall Council One Stop Shops.

Parish Council Meetings

Monthly meetings take place at the Memorial Hall at No Man's Land, normally at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of the month, however please check noticeboards or the website for dates. Requests to speak during Public Participation need to be made to the Clerk 48 hours in advance, however the Chairman may allow items on the night, but this is not guaranteed. Contact details are on page 2.



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Light Up for Christmas



DO YOU WANT THE PARISH LIT UP FOR XMAS?

As written in the last magazine Councillors Barbara Reynolds and Andrea Lankston would like to get the parish lit up for Christmas, and with a band of willing volunteers have been busy raising money to purchase the lights for a large tree to be erected at the entrance to Holland Road Estate, (hopefully if all obstacles can be removed). In July they set off very early one sunny Sunday morning for West Waylands Car Boot sale where they did some brisk business, and raised over £100; this was a very good figure and made the early morning start worthwhile. On August 28th they held a cake sale at 1 Bucklawren Road, No Man's Land.

On September 22nd they are holding a Jumble Sale at St Martin's Church Hall At 2pm, they would like donations of clothes, books, games, puzzles, etc. in fact anything they can sell would be appreciated. There will be a raffle and entrance will be only 20p. Why St Martins Church Hall they hear you ask? Well, No Man's Land village hall will be holding a Big Jumble Sale for Children's Hospice S.W. in October. So the volunteers didn't want to be seen taking any money from them, so decided to move aside and allow both parties to succeed.

ST. MARTIN'S
CHURCH LOOE
PL13 INX

water theme
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14th - 17th Sept
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REFRESHMENTS: ST. MARTIN'S HALL
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Light Up for Christmas



This light up won't happen without the community coming together. Barbara and Andrea would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their services, now and nearer the time; the support has been amazing and they are both extremely humbled by the support of the parish. Thank you all so much. More details at a later date, but December 2nd is a date for your diaries 'The BIG Switch On'. So go up in your lofts and sort your lights, because we are going to be lit up this Christmas.

Any donations towards the cost of the tree can be made directly to Barbara or Andrea, we need to raise £500 to cover installation costs, lights and a licence from Cornwall Council so please if you can, dig deep and lets bring some light to No Man's Land this Christmas



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No Mans Land Memorial Hall Produce Show

After weeks of hot weather that caused growers no end of problems, show day dawned cloudy and wet, but this did not dampen spirits, exhibitors arrived early laden down with produce of every type you could imagine.

Overall, entries were slightly down this year, but mostly in the cookery and children's sections, flowers and vegetables were up on last year, all judges commented on the high standard of exhibits and had a difficult time choosing their winners.

The show opened at 2.30pm, and visitors enjoyed cream teas, tombola and the raffle, it was disappointing to note that not many people from the parish supported the show, most exhibitors and visitors were from other parishes.

Prize giving was at 3.30pm, Mrs Jean Lightfoot gave out the trophies, Mrs Lightfoot is one of the longest serving members of the committee and her help is always much appreciated.

A massive thank you to everyone who made this show possible and such a success, exhibitors, judges, stewards, visitors, and the ladies in the kitchen making the extremely good cream teas. An especially big thank you goes to Morwenna Chudleigh for all her help as Assistant Show Secretary, without her I couldn't have run the show, Also a big thank you



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No Man's Land Memorial Hall Produce Show

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Trophy winners: Chris Hall, Roberta Powley, Andrew Chudleigh, Philip Thomas, Bridget Hawker, Theresa Weekes, Noreen Grenville, Tracy Chudleigh, Annie Rice, Carol Bryant, Tian Bersey, Morwenna Chudleigh, Brendon Hickman, Freya Bidwell- Hall, Lily Reynolds, Iris Marriott, Milly Bersey, Karen Pengelly, John Marriott, Jayne Gazur, Best exhibit in show went to Tian Bersey for her outstanding and colourful floral arrangement entitled ' Pirates of the Caribbean'



Photo Chris Halls



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No Man's Land Hall News and Events

Eric Thomas in one of our oldest residents, he has lived in Holland Road for many years. On the 7th October he will be 90 years old. His family are celebrating his birthday with friends and neighbours on the day, and we wish him a 'Happy Birthday'.

The Harvest Festival this year will be on the **30th September at 3pm**. If you are able, please bring appropriate goods or produce that we can auction after the service. There will be tea afterwards, everyone welcome.

The Jumble Sale on **27th October at 2.30pm** will be in aid of the Children's Hospice S.W. We support this charity every year. This is one of our biggest events and one not to be missed. Clear out your cupboards! All donations would be most appreciated.

The Remembrance Service will be on **11th November at 6pm** with a supper to follow. This year, it being the Centenary of the end of WW1, we are going to have a special service to remember the fallen of the Parish, whose names are commemorated on the Memorial, located in the Hall garden. We have managed to contact some of the descendents and have invited them to join us, but everyone is welcome.

The Christmas Fayre is on **Saturday 8th December at 2.30pm**. If you would like to book a stall please contact Roberta on 01503 240650.

The Christmas Bingo this year will be on **Friday 14th December**, doors open **7pm**, eyes down **8pm**.

The Car Park will be closed this year from **9am on Friday 28th until 9am on Saturday 29th September**, please remove all vehicles by 8.30am or you could be locked in! This is to comply with charity regulations. For all enquiries contact Roberta on 01503 240650. Visit our Facebook Page - Nomansland Memorial Hall.



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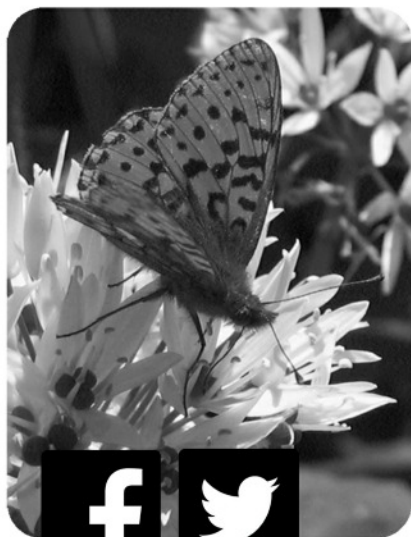
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Shore Thing - A History Snippet

By Jenny Wallis

Just one thing blighted our perfect summer – SEAWEED!

From Polperro to Portwrinkle I heard vociferous visitors and outraged residents ranting at a seaweed bank thrown up and abandoned in a random gale. It was not always thus! Seaweed was part of coastal economies.



Oar-weed (Kelp)

It enriched soil, made soap, tempered glass and made gelatine. In a dry summer it was fish-folks income. Fast growing oar-weed, or kelp was cut so that it could grow again by Autumn. It was dried, stacked and tended on shore, ready to burn.

Kelp burning was women's work and done at night in fine weather. The fire pit was dug and lined with stone, the dried weed was added, a handful at a time, and the kiln raised with a ring of stone as the process continued. By morning a man would use a metal bar to heave the molten substance – about 3 hundredweight of it – out to cool. By mid-August the enterprise would be wound down and a dealer advised to transport the material to Bristol factories.



Caragheen

And, doubtless, the 18th Century equivalent of Trip Advisor was incandescent about the smell!

Locals collected seaweed manure. (My Grandad stacked it round his runners). Caragheen made ice-cream, porphyra makes laver bread; dulse is dried for an appetiser and gigartina gels a blanc-mange.

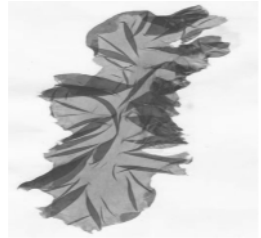
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Shore Thing - A History Snippet

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freebie, remember it is now important to leave seaweed to rot beneath a sandy beach. This underpins an eco-system with a nutritious diet for sand-fleas and hoppers.

Elizabeth I allowed tenants of Bucklawren to harvest oar-weed on Bodigga and Millendreath beaches. As far as I know the law has never been repealed!



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1 onion, finely chopped 150g maple-cured bacon, cut into small pieces
1Ltr chicken stock 100ml double cream
3 tbsp pumpkin seeds, toasted.
Maple syrup, for drizzling
½ Crown Prince pumpkin or onion squash, peeled, deseeded and cut into medium chunks (you need about 500g pumpkin flesh).

Method

1. In a large, heavy-bottomed pan, heat the oil with 25g butter. Add the onion and a pinch of salt and cook on a low heat for 10 mins or until soft. Add 60g bacon and cook for a further 5 mins until the bacon releases its fat. Then increase the heat to medium, add the pumpkin and stock and season. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat to a simmer, cover with a lid and cook for about 40 mins until the pumpkin is soft. Pour in the cream, bring to the boil again and remove from the heat. Set aside some of the



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Pumpkin and Bacon Soup

liquid, then blend the remaining pumpkin until smooth and velvety, adding liquid back into the pan bit by bit as you go (add more liquid if you like it thinner). Strain through a fine sieve, check the seasoning and set aside.

2. Melt the remaining butter in a pan over a high heat and fry the rest of the bacon with black pepper for 5 mins. Divide the bacon between four bowls, reheat the soup and pour over. To serve, sprinkle over the pumpkin seeds and drizzle with maple syrup.

Prep: 10 mins Cook: 1 hr, 10 mins. Easy. Serves 4.

By Tom Kerridge. www.bbcgoodfood.com

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Parish Fingerposts renewed

After many months of waiting the damaged fingerposts have been replaced. They have been made and installed by Iron Brothers of Wadebridge.

The company normally only make steel posts so these were a challenge. They have been made with Croatian Oak which has quite a nice appearance and have been varnished for protection. The Parish fingerposts were originally maintained by Cornwall Council; a couple of years ago the Parish Council were told that they would no longer be maintained.

The Parish Council were

so concerned they would be eventually be lost forever, they agreed to take over the maintenance from Cornwall Council.

Fingerposts are a cherished feature of the English countryside; the oldest one, in the Cotswolds, dates from 1669, but old fashioned direction signs or 'fingerposts' to give them their correct moniker, are becoming an endangered species. "Fingerposts are not only attractive in their own right but have become icons that are important to national as well as to rural identity," said Philip Davies, English Heritage Planning and Development Officer (South). "They enrich the countryside wherever they are found and enhance local character which is so important to local communities."





Phew!



The very hot dry Summer has had its good points – great for most outdoor activities, fantastic beach days for holidaymakers and Tourism in Cornwall must have benefited. It can however have detrimental effects on other areas that rely on normal patterns of weather.

Farming is just one of those which has had to adjust to the abnormal weather patterns – poor grass growth affects grazing animals that would normally have ample vegetation to feed on therefore they have had to have their diet subsidised with other types of feed. Some have been fed Winter food supplies, thus adding costs to farmers' budgets in the coming months. Dairy farmers might see an even longer period of hardship as high temperatures make for lower milk yields that can last an entire lactation period of an animal. The fact that the weather now has cooled will hopefully mean that farmers might get another cut of grass before Autumn.

Our wild animals and birds have also had to cope with hot dry conditions for an extended period – some being affected by the lack of food, some simply having to search for water to drink. The hedgehog has been a casualty – dry weather means fewer slugs, snails and worms to feed on. This little animal is a gardener's friend and is in need of our help.

Other not so obvious effects of the dry weather are that the breeding of common amphibians, such as the frog, toad and newt, will have been reduced due to their breeding sites drying up before their full life cycle has been completed. My own pond for example, which is ground water fed, would normally contain water until September/October, thus enabling the tadpoles to complete their journey from egg to a tiny, fully formed animal. By June the pond was dry and many tadpoles and newts would not have been ready to leave the water by then so would not have survived.

Another casualty of the dry Summer is a visitor that migrates to us from sub-Saharan Africa – the Swallow. You might think this small bird would be very used to hot, dry conditions as it does spend its non-breeding time in hot, dry locations but comes to Europe to breed. The problem, not food or water to drink, as you might think, but the lack of rain and dry earth means the bird has no material to construct or repair its nest. The Swallow builds its nest out of small pellets of mud which it collects from any convenient puddle or wet area – this year mud supplies were scarce so a great number of normal nest sites for Swallows and House Martins were left empty and vacant. This has had a significant impact on the



Phew!



number of birds that have fledged. The problem was highlighted when the RSPB asked its members and the public to provide a small muddy area in their gardens – one suggestion was an upturned dustbin lid with a mix of soil and water to be used as material for nest building. As to whether this desperate attempt to help the plight of these Summer visitors was successful, we probably won't know, but let us hope that next Spring we see the familiar sight of Swallows and House Martins in the skies above us.



David Keeble

The Computer Swallowed Grandma!



The computer swallowed Grandma.
 Yes, honestly it's true.
 She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
 And disappeared from view.
 It devoured her completely,
 The thought just makes me squirm.
 She must have caught a virus,
 Or been eaten by a worm.
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I've even used the Internet,
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