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The View from the Blues and Roots Festival 2015

# Autumn 2015

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The magazine is printed quarterly and has a circulation of 300 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 Autumn 2015 Edition.

No sooner than I put one edition of this magazine 'to bed' another looms up on me, something else requiring my attention! It's refreshing to hear than one of our contributors has been approached by a parishioner offering an article for the history snippet, long may it continue! I constantly struggle for parish content, which is so frustrating as I know there is lots going on that people want to shout about, so come on readers, write it down and send it in! Email your articles to me at stmartinpc1@btinternet.com or call me on 01579 340905.

Charles Hyde, Editor.

#### Find us on Facebook

We now have a Facebook page; due to Facebook rules it can be found as Charles Hyde (St Martin by Looe), sadly it appears to have been monopolised by businesses in Looe, but it's interesting to see what is posted every day. It could be a great tool for the parish to keep everyone informed of events, activity and news stories, so go on have a look.



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# **Planning Applications**

Applications were received for: The Conversion of part of a former restaurant to create a single dwelling, at The Granary, Bucklawren Farm: Listed buildings consent for a proposed ramp to the main entrance of the farmhouse at Treveria Farm: Alterations, upgrading and extension to bungalow at Springwater Cottage, Cliff Valley Farm: The building of a timber structure for use as toilet facilities. At The Monkey Sanctuary.

#### **Donations**

A donation of £100 was made towards Millendreath in Bloom again this year and £150 was awarded to Cornwall Wildlife Trust to help support the Looe and Seaton Clean Streams and Beach Project...

# 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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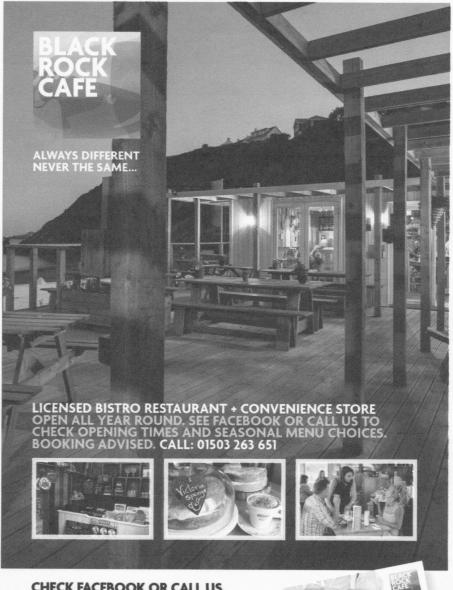


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# No Man's Land Memorial Hall

#### **Hall Car Park**

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#### **Hall Events**

11th Oct	Harvest Festival, 3pm, followed by tea and an auction
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of produce.

24th Oct **Jumble Sale**, in aid of Children's Hospice SW. 2.30pm. Remembrance Service followed by supper, 6.30pm.

5th Dec Christmas Fayre, various stalls, Father Christmas,

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11th Dec Christmas Bingo, doors open 7pm, starts 8pm.

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# **History Snippet - One of The Old School**

There was a shake-up in education in 1899. School-leaving age was raised to eleven (as long as you got your Maths and English grades!). Object lessons became compulsory.

Inspectors inspected the new registers. Log books had to be kept. Our school was already 70 years old. It was built at the junction of 3 roads by the huge horse chestnut and called Great Tree. It has two cottages to provide an income. The 1896 report said the school 'was not of an altogether unsatisfactory nature'.

Special measures were put in place. Mr. Henwood, the master, was allowed 1/6 a week to employ Mabel Pearce, 17, as monitress. Mr. Henwood's salary was raised to £52 pa and Mrs. Henwood continued with £2 pa for teaching sewing. W. Arthur Langson won the £3/3/0 contract to paint the exterior and 30/- was spent on prizes for encouragement.

The new porch was to be fitted with a washing bowl and roller towel to address hygiene issues among the 33 pupils. The schoolroom was 29ft x 15ft.

Oral lessons were popular as writing equipment was scarce! Whole-school topics included Sheep, South Africa, The Atlas and



# **History Snippet - One of The Old School**

Ship from Plymouth to the Cape via the Suez Canal with Troops for the African War!

Object lessons involved drawing and adjectives. Inspiring titles 'The Brick' followed by 'The Tile' featured in October 1899.

Scarlet fever had disrupted lives the previous year and early in 1900 the school was closed 'by certificate' till Easter because of sickness and snow. It was quite a way for little ones to travel from West Looe, Widegates and Tredinnick.

The sick note was in its infancy! William Coombe from Trefrome wrote 'James fell off A DONKEY AND BROKE HIS ARM'. George Searle the blacksmith at Frogmore advised that Wesley Crab ate too many nuts and sloes – stones and all! Frank Bettinson was needed for potato harvest and several pupils were excused to lift mangolds.

Richard Pearce Jun. was warned about Alfred's non-attendance. Frank, Maud and Flossie Mutton from Bucklawren were 'reported' for non-attendance along with Wilke Cook and Bessie Sims from Kellow. But Mabel Pearce rose to become the sewing teacher at £6 pa.

The School closed in 1946. The buildings still stand, but there are now 4 roads and no great tree. The log books are in the County Records Office, Truro.

Jenny Wallis.

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Environmental management Environmental health & licensing	0300 0300	1234 1234	202 212	
Roads, transport and parking	0300	1234	222	

# **Council congratulates GCSE students**

Cornwall Council is congratulating young people in Cornwall who have worked so hard at their GCSE courses and have today received the results that have done their talents and abilities justice.

Andrew Wallis, the Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said the achievements were a tribute to the hard work and commitment of both students and schools in Cornwall and praised the support provided by parents and carers. "I would like to congratulate everyone on their achievements" he said.

"All our schools are committed to providing the best quality education for their students and today's results show that, once again, hard work has paid dividends. This is a very important time for these young people who will be making key decisions which will affect their future lives."

Also welcoming the success of Cornish students, Jane Black, the Council's Head of Service for Learning and Achievement, said that the exams were an important stepping stone for young people in Cornwall. "I'm really pleased to see so many young people do so well in their GCSEs. We are still waiting for detailed results from a number of our secondary schools but anticipate that the picture here will reflect the



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# **Council congratulates GCSE students**

national picture. We will be analysing the data from all our schools over the next few days when we will have a clearer idea of how they have performed".

"The changes in the educational system mean that these young people will continue in learning or training until they are 18. However, this does not mean they need necessarily to stay on in a classroom. While many will choose to remain in full time education, such as a school sixth form or FE College, they can also opt for work based learning such as an apprenticeship or take part in part time education or training if they are employed, self employed or volunteering for 20 hours or more per week. "For anyone who is unsure what to do next, they can contact the National Careers Service which offers free and impartial advice and access to a range of online tools, including skills tests, course search, job search advice and personalised help from careers advisers." The National Careers Service can be contacted in confidence by telephone on a dedicated careers helpline 0800 100 900, via web chat and email by searching online for the National Careers Service.

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# **Autumn Leavers**

Now that Autumn is upon us and most of the visitors have packed up and gone, there are some visitors that you may not have even noticed were here. Not the "pasty eating, aren't these narrow lanes cute, no I am sorry you will have to back up — I don't know where my reverse gear is" kind —these visitors are the avian kind.

We are all familiar with the common birds that spend the Summer with us – swallows, swifts, house martins, cuckoo etc. – but some others may surprise you. First on the list is the Nightingale – it is a bird we have all heard of and doesn't it sound so British, but every year this small bird travels up from West Africa to breed in the Southern Counties of Britain. A member of the Thrush family, the bird arrives in April and produces its rich fluty song until early June. Most famous for singing at night they can also be heard during the day but will often go unnoticed. After pairing up, nesting and rearing their young they leave our shores in August/September returning to Africa.

Footnote to this short overview of the Nightingale is that I am afraid it never did sing in Berkeley Square.



A Hoopoe

The second bird on my list is again a common name but sorry to say it is England's most threatened farmland bird and is on the red list of endangered species – it is the Turtle Dove. A little larger than a Blackbird, the Turtle Dove is smaller and darker than the Collared Dove. Its upper parts are distinctively

mottled with chestnut and black with a tail edged in white. The song of this Dove can be described as that of a purring cat, quite unlike the cooing of similar Doves and Pigeons. The Turtle Dove

# **Autumn Leavers**

feeds on seeds and grain so one reason for the birds decline could be linked to modern farming methods. After spending the Summer with us, it migrates back to its Winter home in sub-Saharan Africa. The last bird on my list is one you may never have heard of – the Hoopoe is an exotic looking bird about the size of a large Thrush, its body is a pinkish-buff with striking black and white bars on wings, tail and back with a tall barred crest on the head which is raised when the bird is excited and almost always when alighting on the ground. When in flight it has a very distinctive butterfly type flapping action, very useful when seen in silhouette for identification purposes. The Hoopoe is mostly seen when feeding on the ground, probing with its long bill for worms and grubs, also feeding on insects, slugs, snails and occasionally small reptiles such as Hoopoe rarely breed in Britain, our visitors have been blown over from mainland Europe while on their migration North from the African Continent. Sightings in Britain are almost always of a single bird, seldom a pair.

The name Hoopoe is derived from its call which is a soft low resonant "hoop, hoop" that carries a surprising distance.

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# **Autumn Leavers**

All these birds have been officially recorded in Cornwall, either by enthusiastic bird watchers or lucky encounters such as the Hoopoe which was seen feeding at Gulval Cricket Ground in Penzance. I was lucky enough to see and hear all three birds this year while on holiday in Tuscany – treasured memories. David Keeble

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# Recipe - Chicken in orange & dates

# A Hyde family favourite, ideal for the cooler nights ahead!

# Ingredients

½ oz butter, melted.
1 can mandarins
½ Itr chicken stock
1 tbsp cornflower
1.2 tsp curry powder
½ tsp lemon juice
Salt and pepper
1 onion very finely copped
½ red pepper
¼ lb dried dates, halved and stoned.

4 Chicken breasts

### Method

Brush the chicken breasts with melted butter, add stock. Bake in the oven for 10 minutes at gas mark 6, (200 degrees C) reduce heat to mark 4 (180 degrees C) and bake for a further 50 mins. After 45 minutes in the oven mix the cornflower, curry powder, salt, pepper and lemon juice with the juice from the mandarins and pour over the chicken. Add the onion, pepper, mandarins and dates and simmer at gas mark 5 (190 degrees C) for a further 15 minutes, serve with rice or new potatoes.



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This song was composed in 1918 by Jack Caddigan and James Alexander Brennan as a tribute to the Red Cross nurses at the front lines of the First World War. We hope toy agree that it shows the very best of humanity.

#### Public Notice

Notice of Appointment of date for the exercise of electors' rights. Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015.

Date of announcement 1st September 2015

Each year the Council's annual return is audited by an auditor appointed by The Audit Commission. Any person interested has the right to inspect the accounts and make copies of the annual return and all books, deed, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:

Charles Hyde, Parish Clerk and RFO, 8 Trelawny Road, Menheniot, PL14 3TS, by appointment only between 3rd September 2015 and ending 28th September 2015.

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And it's wonderful to see,
Tho' it's spray'd with tears, it will live for years,
In my garden of memory.

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