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Parish Council Update



Welcome to the Summer Edition

I have recently returned from a 'bucket list' trip to Alaska and The Canadian Rockies, which was breathtaking and something that needs to be experienced to appreciate the beauty of this planet, but despite that, the journey from Heathrow to Cornwall reminded me how lucky I am to live here, the fresh green of the trees, the bluebells and hedgerows lifted my heart, there really is nowhere like home.

In this edition there is a tasty summer treat recipe, our regular nature article by Dave Keeble, and of course Jenny's History Snippet which always is a good read.

The Parish Council presented a commemorative china mug to all the children of the parish to celebrate the King's Coronation, our thanks goes to the No Man's Land Memorial Hall Committee for distributing the mugs and organising the events. Additional mugs are still available at £7.80, please contact Roberta Powley (see page 2).

To commemorate the long life and service of the late Queen Elizabeth II the Parish Council have planted a tree at the entrance to Pethick Farm, see page 15 for further details. Deadline for next edition August 10th.



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Planning Applications

Applications were received for: creation of 26 high end lodges with 5 existing static caravan plots remaining, with associated landscape enhancements and parking at Looe Country Park Caravan and Campsite, Bucklawren Road, No Mans' Land, St Martin by Looe: **Parish Council's Decision - Approved.** Also the construction of new house and garage at Kilmartin, Millendreath. **Parish Council's Decision - Refused.**

Holland Road One Way System

We are at that time of the year again when visitors unfamiliar with the road system are exiting Holland Road the wrong way via the one way system, we know there is no excuse for this, but we urge our residents to take extra care as there have been a couple of unfortunate incidents recently. All we can do is ask you to take the registration number and report it to The Clerk or better still submit any dash cam footage.

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The Annual Parish Council Meeting

The May meeting saw the election of officers for the next 12 months, Robert Henly was re-elected as Chairman, and Roberta Powley was re-elected as Vice Chair. David Keeble is once again responsible for Data Protection, Simon Lawes has been appointed to take a special interest in Rights of Way. Councillor Reynolds was re-appointed to take a special interest in Transport Issues.

Parish Council Vacancy

The Parish Council have co-opted Jill Spicer, from Looe Country Park to fill the vacancy from September 2023, we welcome Jill to the team.

Just a reminder that 2025 is election year and this will be your opportunity to contribute to the Parish by standing as a Parish Councillor. There is plenty information online or contact the Clerk.

Parish Council Monthly Meetings

They take place at the Memorial Hall, No Man's Land at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month, but this may vary, so please check our noticeboards, social media or website for dates. Requests to speak during Public Participation need to be made to the Clerk 48 hours in advance by email: smartinpc1@btinternet.com or text 07763 364809.



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Dates for your diary:

Summer Flower Show - Saturday 5th August.

Harvest Festival - Saturday 7th October, 6pm.

Jumble Sale in aid of Macmillan - Saturday 28th October, 2.30pm

Remembrance Sunday Service - 12th November, 2pm followed by a Faith Tea.

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 9th December ,2.30pm, followed by switching on of the Christmas lights.

Christmas Bingo - 15th December, doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm

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Monthly Produce Market

First Saturday of each month (unless advertised differently).

9.30am - 12.30pm.

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The May market raised money for Mount Edgcumbe Hospice at St Austell, we ran a very large raffle with all the prizes being donated, many thanks to all who kindly donated and the hall committee who generously gave the table money to the cause as well, the proceeds from the cake stall were given to the cause and at the end of the day £320 was raised for them. Barbara wishes to thank all who came and supported this event in any way, as it is a cause very close to her and her families heart.

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News and Events.

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Saturday 29th July

Why do we have to pay to access vital
NHS services?

Do you pay hundreds of pounds a
year to cross the Tamar?

We say Enough is Enough!

Meet Alexandra Square Car Park
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Watch out for me

By Dave Keeble

Although at the time of writing this piece it is not really the height of Summer, the weather is definitely warming – we are though having a good deal of rain, but apparently not enough to lift the hosepipe ban!!

My ground water fed pond has not been dry since last Summer which is good news for the frogs, toads and newts that rely on the water source to complete their breeding cycle.

At this time when working in the garden, I always take great care when cutting long vegetation as there will almost certainly be small frogs and toads sheltering within – mature amphibians are also to be found in the same location. One reptile I find in the garden is the slow worm and I often find up to three warming themselves in the compost heap – they seem to be multiplying each year which is good news as I find them a charming addition to the flora and fauna of the garden.

Other visitors to the garden that also use the pond are a pair of Mallard Ducks – there is not enough cover for them to nest but they stay around for several weeks each year – the pair are frequently joined by a single male bird which often leads to some aggressive behaviour from the resident bird.

Away from the garden I had news of a Red Kite which was seen in the Parish – a rare sight locally but the birds are becoming

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Watch out for me

By Dave Keeble

residents in other parts of the South West. In this particular sighting the bird was being mobbed by Corvids, possibly because it was getting too close to a Rookery.

In the last edition of the Parish Magazine I made mention of a Barn Owl which was



seen by some family members on their farm just a few miles away but now I have some much more exciting news – I had an encounter of my own. While returning after dark, my wife and I saw a single bird perched on a fence post – it took to flight almost immediately but it was a sighting none the less. My affection for these birds goes back a long way to my childhood when these birds were a common sight in rural Essex.

Coincidentally my wife and I were given a Christmas gift of an Adoption Certificate for one year for Wilbur the Barn Owl giving us free admission to the Screech Owl Sanctuary in Cornwall – a place we have been to before and it will not be long until we return – well worth a visit.

Dave Keeble

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History Snippet - Chubbs of Chubbs Mill

By Jenny Wallis

Back before surnames in 1209, Chubba the Carpenter is recorded as leasing land from Launceston Priory with an Augustinian monk called Martin. It is by a mill in Boturnell. Chubb is a nickname referring to a fat face like the fish! Far from cowering beneath the slur, the Chubbs emerge as an enterprising family within the Priory estates, and when the Duchy took over they were poised to sign copyhold leases.

In 1611 Daniel Chubb, Mayor of Looe, is 'seated at Poliscourt' and Henry Chubb has a lease for life. They build a new house with 5 chimneys and move the road from Bucklawren for access. By 1626, John Chubb is granted Letters Patent from Charles 1 for a 99 year lease which, by 1650, includes 3 mills and a hop garden. The 3 traditional, tithe-free, mill sites are at Churchbridge (Prince's Mill), and on the watercourses from Bucklawren, Trefrome and Bodigga. The Chubbs were diversifying into beer-brewing, introducing hops, and would be grinding fodder for the new cattle-rearing enterprises in the parish. This involved the vicar keeping a bull!

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Throughout the C18th the Chubbs were numbered among the great and good in Looe's history, serving as merchants, burgesses and Mayors and working for the crown as surveyor of Salt Duties. But John and his wife Philippa at Poliscourt only had one daughter, Philippa, who was christened in Chapel in 1736. Her son became the famous Looe Historian, Thomas Bond.



In his History of Looe, Thomas Bond mentions that the Chubbs are building a mill in Millendreath Valley. This was state-of-the-art, with new, improved water-supply and a mill-pond on the hill above the wheel, an over-shot wheel. Chubb's Mill appeared on early maps and was still registered in 1902. The other two mills were let out as accommodation, but Bodigga Mill was acquired by a Rev. Glubb who leased it to a blacksmith to use the mill-wheel to turn machinery. This site is now called Chubb's Mill and a curious collection of artefacts have been found there.

Samuel Prout painted the mills in 1820 when rural scenes became fashionable. It is featured in John PPTyler's collection of Looe Prints. The rear wall of Chubbs Mill still stood by the lane in 1965. Bodigga Mill was replaced by a redundant flat-pack military HQ, bought at auction in Rame in 1930s. - the high door for helmets and plumes! But memories of mills can be traced in the landscape - the leats, ponds, sluices, and the hops! In the wood is a ghost medieval hedge with spindle planted to renew the early machinery, and at least two self-seeded hornbeams. The coppiced sweet chestnut planted for hop-poles on the edge of the hop-garden is now enormous. A millstone caps the well in the meadow. By 1861, although the Chubbs had long gone, the mill was still turning. But the locals have been disrespecting the name of Chubb again! The address recorded for posterity in the census is CHEEKS MILL! So from 'fish face' to 'chubby cheeks' our Chubbs left their mark on our parish history for over 800 years. - and still appear in the phone book today!

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Pictured are L – R: Parish Councillors, David Keeble, Barbara Reynolds, Robert Henly (Chairman), Andrea Lankston, Roberta Powley (Vice Chair), Matt Way, (General Manager, Tregoad Holiday Park), & Parish Councillor Simon Lawes.

We look forward to watching the tree mature and becoming a local landmark.

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Step 2: To make the crumble, combine the remaining flour with the remaining sugar and chilled butter. Rub the butter into the flour until you have a breadcrumb-like texture. Chill.

Step 3: When the dough has risen, divide it into six portions, squashing it down slightly and then shape each into a ball on a floured worksurface – the dough may still be sticky, so dust it with flour and work quickly. Flatten the balls gently with your hand so that they look like buns. Put on a baking tray lined with baking parchment.

Step 4: Divide the strawberries between the buns, putting them in the centre of each and sprinkle with crumble. Heat the oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4. Bake the buns for 25 mins until puffed and cooked.

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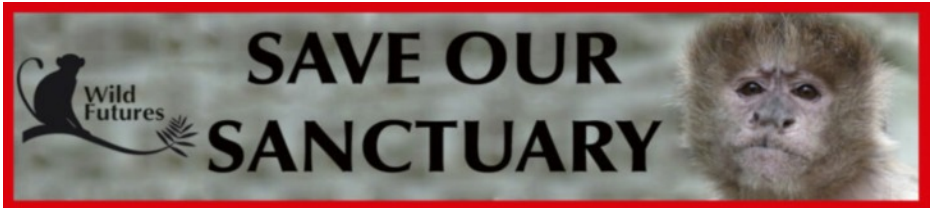
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There will be Cream Teas,
Children's activities (including Glitter Tattoos) and other stalls
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All are welcome.

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WITH THE CAT SAT ON MY LAP.

With the cat sat on my lap, there's nothing to be done,
Except to stroke his flicking ears and watch the morning sun.

As it moves across the garden, casting shadows here and there,
I'll take a sip of coffee and recline here in my chair.

A feline twitch and birdsong, is all I have in mind,
A perfect combination to help my soul unwind.

The cat breathes deeply, in and out, the rise and fall of fur,
The mesmerising sense of peace, the hypnotising purr.

I stretch to reach my favourite book, of pictures I hold dear,
Of loved ones and of happy times, and places far and near.

And in my mind I'm travelling over land and sea,
Yet I'm not going anywhere, with the cat sat on my knee.

The angry noise of the world can wait, as I take my lead from the cat,
Tune in to nature's rhythm and stay here where I'm sat.

There's so much fuss and stress out there, I've got better things to do,
If it's good for the cat to do nothing, then it's good for me too!
Now I'll take a breath and close my eyes and I might just have a nap,
So much to do while doing nothing, with the cat sat on my lap.

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