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Parish Council Update



Welcome to The Autumn 2024 edition.

Well that was summer! Lets hope for an Indian summer this autumn to make up for the miserable days summer 2024 brought us, we did have some nice warm weather but sadly not enough.

In this issue you will find all the information required regarding to becoming a parish councillor, a opportunity to serve your community and make a difference, with the May 2025 elections less that a year away, now is the time to start thinking about maybe putting yourself forward. As the election gets nearer I will post on the noticeboards and website and Facebook page as and when application packs can be applied for from Cornwall Council.

Also inside, the usual history article, and yes we did have small boats arriving on out shores in the 15 century!! Enjoy this issue, the Winter edition is due in December, deadline November 11th.

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Planning applications

The construction of extension and garage, without compliance of Condition 3, of Decision Notice E2/06/01049/FUL dated 15.09.2006. At Brambles, Kellow, Looe.

Change of use of land to recreational uses in connection with the holiday park, plus the infilling the existing holiday park with up to 9 lodges (7 lodges retrospective and 2 proposed), with up to 5 lodges to have mixed holiday and staff accommodation use, and the installation of a new bus stop, together with associated works at Tregoad Caravan And Camping Park, St Martin, Looe.

Annual Parish Council Account Audit

Completed and signed off by the external auditor, all documents uploaded to the website.

Millendreath Cliff Erosion

So far this year, working on erosion estimates by the Coastal Protection Team, 6 years' worth of cliff erosion has taken place at Millendreath, currently the garages on the cliff are now just feet away from collapse. Councillor Lawes is monitoring the situation



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The Annual Parish Council Meeting

Took place on 9th May 2025. The Chairman is once again Mr. Robert Henly and the Vice Chair is Mrs. Roberta Powley. Other Parish Councillors also were appointed to look after other areas of the council, eg: highways, paths, data protection etc .The minutes of this and all the Parish Council meetings can be found on our website.

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.

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The Annual Produce Show

No Man's Land Memorial Hall held its annual produce show recently. Entries were a little down due to several of our regular exhibitors being unable to take part. But exhibits were of a high quality.

We were delighted to welcome Miss Sasha Kennard to present the trophies. Sasha is the daughter of the late Sharon Kennard who sadly passed away earlier this year. Sharon was the show secretary for many years and a huge supporter of the hall.

Many thanks to everyone who helped, the judges, stewards, the tea makers and everyone who supported the show.

Special thanks to Andrew Chudleigh for doing the heavy lifting.

Best in Show

Congratulations to Sophie Tamblyn for her painting of a sheep on slate

Trophy Winners

Were: Tracy Chudleigh , Morwenna Chudleigh, Adele Conn, Marcus Julian, Teresa Weeks, Chris Halls, Sophie Tamblyn, Lola Lynch, Alex Brownie, Andrea Deeley, Rob Young Morwenna Chudleigh Hon show secretary

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No Man's Land Hall

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The Coffee Morning held on June 20th was very well attended and £160.00 was raised towards the Community Garden in Holland Road.

The Hall and the Billiard Room continues to be booked regularly which all helps towards the upkeep and ongoing refurbishments.

The car park will be closed at 9am Friday September 27th until 9am on Saturday 28th September. All vehicles must vacate the car park by 8.30 on Friday 27th.

Forthcoming Events.

Produce Market the 1st Saturday of each month 9.30am until 12.30pm.

Harvest Festival Saturday 5th October 2.30pm with afternoon tea.

Remembrance Sunday Service 2pm on the 10th November followed by a Faith Tea.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 23rd November 2.30pm.

Christmas Bingo Friday 13th December 7pm for 8pm.

Please contact:

Mrs. R. Powley

*01503 240650 for any
enquiries regarding the Hall.*



Light up St Martin's Parish 2024.

The Xmas light up this year is Saturday December 7th at 6pm, in Holland Road, No Man's Land.

Then into the hall for refreshments, but please remember these refreshments cost us money and when people don't support it we feel very disappointed.

We work hard all year making and selling cakes at our monthly markets to raise funds to do the refreshments and for the parish to get together and meet up.



If you would like something different on the night please speak to Barbara Reynolds and we can look into your suggestions

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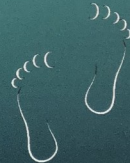
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Looe and The first King Charles

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King James1 is old. In **1622** he appointed his 'favourite', the **Duke of Buckingham**, as **Administrator of Cornwall**, sacking the incumbents and making enemies. **Buckingham** appoints **James Bagg**, a sycophantic logistics guru as his agent - with access to lucrative naval funds and commissions. **The King** was trying to get a treaty with Spain by marrying his son, **Charles**, to the **Infanta of Spain**. Since **Britain** was now Protestant, Catholic Europe was no longer willing to liaise with **Barbary Pirates** to collect ransom money and repatriate captives. - (which was encouraging people-stealing!). **Infanta** refuses marriage offer. James declares **war on Spain**. **Parliament** agrees to send a fleet to **Newfoundland** to deal with complaints of piracy on the high seas - hopefully capturing **Spanish treasure** ships.

27th March 1625 James1 dies and his laws are sidelined.

King Charles1 is taken in hand by the **Duke of Buckingham**. By 1st May **1625** he was married to **Henrietta Maria of France** (aged 15) although he sent a proxy to the ceremony as he was not a Catholic. They finally met in June!

In **1624**, **James Bagg** inherited his father's privateering and customs interests in Plymouth and Saltram House. He was granted **£300,000** of parliamentary aid to equip the navy for the **war with Spain**. He moved to Looe and bought **Killigarth** for £3000. With **Buckingham** as his protector and patron he was elected **MP for West Looe** with 11 votes. (NB There were only 9 voters!) He was now Commissioner

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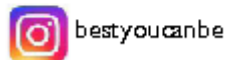
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Looe and The first King Charles

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for Piracy in Devon, Collector of Admiralty Tithes, Vice Admiral of Cornwall, Commissioner to Press Seamen, Deputy Mayor of Plymouth. - loyal servant of the Crown! In **1625 James Bagg** is appointed **Victualler of the Fleet** with powers to impress 10,000 seamen from Devon and Cornwall. **John Mohun of Boconnoc** 'befriends' **James Bagg**, hoping for a knighthood and James Bagg becomes **MP for East Looe**. Sleaze, fraud, embezzlement, false witness, profiteering and bribery result, in **1626**, to the mayor of Looe, **William Mayowe**, imprisoning Mohun's agent. - and **Mohun** arresting the Mayor for debt!

In **September 1625**, **King Charles** and **Buckingham** visit **Plymouth** and **James Bagg** is knighted! **Cadiz** was not captured as the victuals were past their sell-by date and 4,000 seamen died of food poisoning. So **Sir James** had to provide for the sick and impress 4000 more seamen!. In **1625** press men were in Cornwall. In **1626** Looe was short of 60 men! **Sir James** had bagged **14,000** local seamen plus **5000** for the Newfoundland fleet. He was dubbed **BOTTOMLESS BAGG**.

Parliament had loaned the French some ships to subdue Protestant **asylum seekers** in La Rochelle to prevent them crossing the Channel

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(in small boats!). **Buckingham** was criticised and **Bagg** spoke up for him. **Buckingham** was being investigated in the **Court of the Star Chamber** for **taking the knee** before a Catholic altar during eucharist! (post Tudor Brexit).

Buckingham was assassinated in 1628. **Bagg** was taken to the **Star Chamber** by **Mohun** for embezzling £80,000 - But nothing was proved. Killigarth was re-possessed and life in Looe went on as usual!

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The Cornish Chough

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Cornwall – where waves crash against ancient rocks, a winged legend with red legs and a red bill once soared with majestic grace.

Yes, we are referring to the Cornish Chough, a symbol of Cornwall featured on the Coat of Arms, signifying untamed beauty and resilience. Once a common sight in the Britain county, the red-legged chough with coal-black feathers captivated the hearts of locals and wanderers alike. However, over the years, chough sightings have decreased drastically, almost to the brink of oblivion.

About Cornish Choughs

The Cornish chough thrives in short grasslands and coastal heathlands. Member of the crow family, it skillfully probes the earth with its lengthy, red beak in search of insects, like beetle larvae and leatherjackets. Displaying remarkable aerial acrobatics, it emits a distinctive “chee-ow” vocalisation, resembling that of a Jackdaw but louder in volume.



When it comes to nesting, choughs form small colonies and choose cliff faces, rock ledges, fissures, crevices, and even abandoned structures as their abodes. They construct their nests using roots, stems, and heather while lining the cosy interior with wool or hair.

The female chough lays a clutch of three to five eggs, and both parents actively participate in nurturing the hatchlings, ensuring their well-being and growth.

That said, to accurately recognise a Cornish chough, note that it may be 38-40 cm long and boast a wingspan of 82 cm. They mostly weigh 310 grams and live for about seven years.

Return Of The Chough

For many years, conservation organisations have dedicated their efforts towards securing a suitable habitat and nest site for the chough.

The Cornish Chough

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In 2001, a small group of four wild choughs occurred in west Cornwall, and three of them decided to make it their home. This raised hopes that they would remain in the area and breed further.

The delightful news arrived in early 2002 when a pair of birds initiated the nesting process. By mid-April, they had built a concealed nest within a sea cave, out of sight from prying eyes. The female chough had commenced incubating a clutch of eggs – the first successful breeding of choughs in Cornwall (and England) in half a century!

The Cornwall Chough Project was established through the collaborative efforts of the National Trust, the RSPB, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and English Nature. Building upon existing initiatives, its primary objective was to facilitate the return of the chough to Cornwall.

Edited article by the Editor www.barefootcornwall.com, see website for full article

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Cherry Ginger Cake

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Another old recipe from the Farmer's Weekly collection. They really are a wonderful source of excellent traditional recipes. Those of you who have followed me for many years will know I love ginger, in any form, but particularly crystallised! But come to think of it, any ginger.



You will need a 2 lb loaf tin, as I used, but equally good in a 7 inch round. Pre heat your fan oven to 160C

Ingredients

5 oz crystallised or stem ginger	4 oz dried or glacé cherries
8 oz SR flour	6 oz caster sugar
6 oz butter, softened	3 eggs
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Method

First chop your ginger into very small pieces, reserving a few larger bits to decorate the top later on.

Halve the cherries and toss the fruit in a little flour.

In a mixing bowl, cream the butter and sugar, then whisk in the eggs, alternatively with the flour.

Add the vanilla and milk and mix well.

Tip into your prepared tin and bake for about 45 mins, then turning down your oven to 140C for a further 20 mins.

Cool, then if you wish, make a water icing with icing sugar and decorate with more cut halves of cherries and ginger.

Enjoy!!

Naomi Turner
Foot Care

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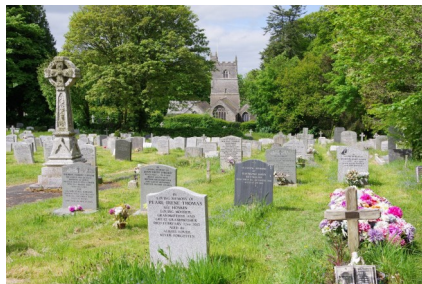
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I will be joining the Elysian team in Looe in September. To book an appointment send me a message. #footclinic #cornwall #looe #foothealth Naomi Turner

St Martin's Churchyard

Many readers will have relatives or friends laid to rest in St Martin's Churchyard. Although the churchyard is now closed to new burials, the Parochial Church Council are still responsible for keeping it in a tidy condition by maintaining the grass, hedges and trees



This is sometimes carried out by volunteers, but we are increasingly having to employ contractors to do the work. This comes at a considerable expense to the PCC which relies entirely on voluntary donations and fund-raising events to cover these expenses plus the general running costs of the church buildings. If you feel able to make a one-off or regular contribution towards keeping the churchyard in a tidy condition please contact me on 07790 038640.

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Cornwall Council is thanking everyone who has contributed to planting the Forest for Cornwall which has now reached a million trees. Since the community planting programme started five years ago volunteers, businesses, farmers, community



community groups, schools, landholders, town and parish councils and many more have all helped put trees in the ground in multiple places across Cornwall.

The Forest for Cornwall now spans approximately 1,000 hectares across woodland, parks, community spaces, gardens and farms, increasing nature for residents and absorbing CO2 emissions to slow climate change.

Councillor Martyn Alvey, Cornwall's cabinet member for environment and climate change, said:

"We want to say thanks a million to everyone who has helped plant and look after the million trees we've established for the Forest for Cornwall which is enriching both our countryside and our communities. It's an incredible feat and shows the exponential growth of this important project for a carbon neutral Cornwall.

"Our next target is 1,500 hectares by next spring as more farms are undertaking large-scale planting of trees, shrubs and hedges.

"Don't forget to tell us about your tree-planting on our website and in these warmer months give your trees some extra water and start planning planting projects for the autumn.

"If you want to get involved in the Forest for Cornwall but don't know where to start, take a look at our Forest for Cornwall web pages where you'll get loads of ideas and inspiration."



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Becoming a Parish Councillor

Full Parish Council elections are held every four years. But from time to time, vacancies may be available as councillors retire or resign. We always advertise these 'casual vacancies' on our website and parish notice boards, and anyone is free to apply as long as they satisfy the criteria.

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Qualifications for standing for election

To be able to stand as a candidate at a parish council election in England or a community council election in Wales you must:

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union, and
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
 - a. You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish/community in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards.
 - b. You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish/community area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
 - c. Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community area.
 - d. You have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

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Disqualifications

Apart from meeting the qualifications for standing for election, you must also not be disqualified. There are certain people who are disqualified from being elected to a parish or community council in England and Wales. You cannot be a candidate if at the time of your nomination and on polling day:

- a. You are employed by the parish/community council or hold a paid office under the parish/community council (including joint boards or committees).
- b. You are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.
- c. You have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence), without the option of a fine, during the five years before polling day.
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Being a Parish Councillor

As part of their preparation for taking an active role in the Parish Council, all Councillors need to undergo a period of induction. This will give them the opportunity to learn more about the way in which the Parish Council works, what its obligations and legal responsibilities are and how they can make the best use of their time as a councillor.

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