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News



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Parish Council Update



Welcome to the Winter Edition

Another year nearly over, and what an eventful year it was!!! All we can do is keep smiling and hoping for better times ahead, in the meantime we have the special time of the year to celebrate, yes CHRISTMAS is nearly upon us again. In this issue is a tasty Christmas winter Beef and Ale with chestnuts and cranberries recipe for you to try, news on the parish Christmas light up and the free refreshments and entertainment organised for you to enjoy together. Also is a list of the church services and events planned and also whats happening in No Man's Land hall. Jenny and Dave have their regular History and Nature articles which are always popular and entertaining. The next edition will be Spring 2025 with a deadline of 10th February.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Safe and Prosperous 2025.



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We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



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Planning Applications

PA24/05609. Proposal: Use of land for the temporary siting of a portable building for use as a Cafe/Bar (Use Class E) for a further period of three years (renewal of planning permission PA21/04575).

Location: Millendreath Beach Resort, Millendreath.

PA24/06974. Proposal: Non material amendment in relation to decision notice PA23/05732 dated 30/8/23. To reduce scale of swimming pool and terracing and the removal of pergola.

Location: Tregoad Holiday Park, St Martin by Looe.

PA24/08146. Proposal: Variation of condition 1 (occupation of caravan/siting of tents on site between 31st October and 1st March) to read 'no static caravan/mobile home on the site shall be occupied and no touring caravan or tent shall remain on the site between 6th January and 6th February in any one year' (appeal reference APP/K0805/C/06/2013599 refers). without compliance with Condition 1 of Decision Notice 09/01143/FUL dated 20th October 2009.

Location: Bay View Farm, St Martin by Looe.

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2025 is Local Election Year

If you would like to get more involved with your local community and try to be part of shaping its future, consider becoming a Parish Councillor next year, in the Autumn edition of this magazine there was lots of information about the role and what is required, this can still be found on our website www.stmartinbylooeipc.org.uk under the newsletter tab. It's a very rewarding role and well worth considering, talk with any of our current councillors who would be happy to share their experiences, their contact information can be found on page 2.

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Then into the hall for refreshments and some entertainment from the local band NobZ.

This event is free and when people don't support it the organisers feel very disappointed, so please come along and have some fun.

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No Man's Land Hall

Annie Page and her search dog Lyla from Cornwall Search Dogs, pictured here with some of the Hall committee and helpers, came to the Hall to give a talk and to receive a cheque for £425.20 raised at a recent Jumble Sale.

Cornwall Search Dogs is a charity based in Cornwall, set up in 2020, who use dogs that are trained to follow the scent of missing people and dogs. The charity is run solely by volunteers who dedicate their time 24 hours a day 365 days a year to assist and support the emergency services and voluntary rescue services in the search of missing persons and for the benefit of the public to relieve the unnecessary suffering of animals by searching for lost dogs. Contact: Email: admin@cornwallsearchdogs.org, through Facebook, messenger or instagram.



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No Man's Land Hall

A £100.00 was donated to St Martins-by-Looe Church following the Harvest Festival held at the Hall on 5th October. There was tea and cakes to follow and an auction. **Don't forget the Christmas Fayre** on Saturday the 23rd November at 2.30pm. Lots of Christmas gifts and ideas. Mince pies and cream too! The ever popular **Christmas Bingo** will be on Friday 13th December. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm. This is a fun evening with lots of good prizes to be won and a raffle. The Committee wishes to thank all those people who give up their time to help with events held in the Hall. Your help is much appreciated. We are looking forward to more exciting events in the Hall for next year and hope to see you all there. If you would like to join the committee or help with any events please call Mrs R. Powley on 01503 240650 or any member of the committee. **We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2025!**

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News from Duchy Defibrillators

Regarding the unit at No Man's Land.

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FLEET has recently acquired 270 public access bleed control kits from Bleed Control UK. These kits will be installed in the 270 public access defibrillator cabinets that we manage, ensuring our communities are well-prepared for emergencies.

All 270 public access cabinets that are maintained by us will receive a public access bleed control kit for free! We will be installing these kits in the cabinets and updating the signage to indicate their presence over the coming weeks and months.

The team at Duchy Defibrillators will handle the installation and add new vinyls to the cabinets as part of our collaboration with FLEET and Bleed Control UK. The kits in the cabinets we maintain will be checked by our service engineers every 5-6 weeks when doing defibrillator checks.

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The Youth of Yesterday

History Snippet by Jenny Wallis

“Well! When I was a girl, we never had any problem with teenagers!”

The older generation can rightfully despair at gang-fighting, neuro-diverse, knife-carrying, degenerate snowflakes of the popular press. The sight of an e-bike or iphone can trigger an out-pouring of righteous indignation - the youth of today!

But it is true that once we had no teenage problems! History can swerve the truth! The truth is that we had no teenagers! They weren't invented till 1960! Post-war rationing, school milk and healthy dinners had created a buoyant generation, nursed by the NHS. Opportunities, money, apprenticeships, more compulsory schooling all contributed to the dawn of teenage angst!

Wind back a generation and children left school at fourteen. Delinquents were sent to Approved Schools. Our nearest one was Northbrook in Exeter. Boys had shaved heads, institutional jeans and braces (to deter suicide). They had numbers instead of names and were squadded around the premises, army-style. They were destined for the armed forces, cannon fodder, ballast on boats that took our problem youth away from our shores. Kinder Christians transported shiploads of kiddies to the colonies! But for several generations our society off-shored any problem children (to grow into problem adults), as far away as possible.

History might observe that our culture does not deploy effective measures to deal with the teenagers we have created! So can History enlighten us?

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Back in the days of the Manors, Bucklawren, Treveria, Keveral Tre-lowia and Pendrym would all be responsible for their own offspring. Any trouble, the whole community was punished. It was in everybody's interest to make sure that youngsters became good citizens, aware of the laws and customs. At 16 a lad would be called to court to pledge his loyalty to his fellow men, View of Frankpledge.

Children in trouble were taken on by relatives or neighbours. Francis Drake was taken on by Cousin Hawkins when his mother had 10 more boys! The Church had a sobering influence with a seasonal rhythm and offered basic education. The first schools in Looe taught maths, navigation and astronomy! Skills were passed down from father to son, mother to daughter. Grandparents often had pivotal child-care roles in family units.

Not all was rosy. Children had to work. They became victims of fire, machinery and waterways. But the newspapers were not reporting sad situations of knife-crime and violence.

I did Latin at school. We were taught that the Roman Empire collapsed because Roman culture had out-sourced its child-care to Greek nannies and pedagogs - leaving its youth without a cultural identity. Hmmmm!

Can History teach us a lesson?

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Summer and Autumn Visitors

By Dave Keeble

Over the last few months we have had some interesting sightings and activities in the garden. One event happened on a very hot day in July when I noticed, what appeared to be at first glance, a mouse on the patio. Upon closer inspection it turned out to be a Pipistrelle bat – given that the temperature was in the 20's in mid-afternoon this was not normal. There were no signs of injury to the little creature but it did look immature and the fact that we have bats in our loft space it was a logical conclusion – but still out of the ordinary. With as little handling as possible, I placed it in a small box and put it in a cool and dark place waiting for sunset. My intention was to release it after dark. When the time came there were bats flying overhead so I felt confident that this was the solution – I left the little chap in the folds of our patio parasol. Imagine my disappointment on seeing it there the next morning - this was when we decided to contact the Bat Conservation Trust in Plymouth who arranged for it to be picked up by one of their volunteers - phew, what a relief – responsibility relinquished.

One other similar event happened weeks earlier – again on a hot sunny day. I found a hedgehog in the open on the lawn. It seemed to be unharmed and no visible signs of injury – hedgehogs would not normally be found in the open in daylight.

By the size and weight of the animal I deduced it was an adult as it weighed over 800 grams.

We do have a hedgehog house in the garden and so I replaced the bedding, supplied food and water and left the hog to settle in.

On checking the next morning the hog had left – since then we have occasionally had visitors in the hedgehog house during the day – ***much to the delight of the grandchildren.***



Summer and Autumn Visitors

By Dave Keeble

Another visitor in early October was a bit of a surprise – standing motionless in rough grass was a Grey Heron. We do have a pond in the garden, and Herons have visited in the past, but this bird was quite some distance from it – the part of the garden where it was seen does have frogs, toads and slow worms but no observations were made as to what, if anything, it was stalking. Unusual to see this bird out of its normal environment – it lingered for some time and then left as quietly as it had arrived.

My daughter and son-in-law have a dairy farm not far from us and I often get reports of sightings from the farm – animals often seen are Foxes, Badgers and Deer. One bird that has visited occasionally, using the barns as a roost, is a Barn Owl. I did manage to get some pictures of the bird myself after getting a tip off from my grandson.

Another more unusual visitor to the barn was a Sparrow Hawk – his presence was almost certainly something to do with the large number of Swallows that were nesting there. No evidence of any kills he might have made were found.

The old quote from a poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson that “Nature is red in tooth and claw” is epitomised by this majestic killer.



Beef in Ale with Chestnuts and Cranberries

www.recipesfromacornishkitchen.blogspot.com

A great dish for a special meal with Christmas themes! It's that time of the year when we are planning our menus for the festive period and this is just perfect. No last minute work, except add a green veg and some mash - to soak up all the yummy gravy and very easy. Chestnuts are so delicious and we do not make use of them nearly enough

Ingredients (serves upto 6)

2 lb chuck steak, cubed medium small

Rapeseed oil - olive will do

2 large shallots or medium onions, peeled and sliced

1 tablespoon plain flour

½ pint beef stock - I used a stock pot - they are great

½ pint pale ale

Sea salt and freshly ground pepper

A very large handful of dried cranberries

½ teaspoon nutmeg

grated rind [use half] and juice of a medium orange

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Brown the beef in a hot pan with the oil. This is essential - it seals in the flavours. You will need to do this in 3 or 4 batches. Yes, I know it makes a mess of the top of the stove but it is worth it! Transfer the meat to a casserole dish. Add a little more oil in necessary and fry off the shallots and when just softening add the flour and keep stirring to cover them, then add the stock and ale, followed by the nutmeg and cranberries and orange zest and juice. Bring to a boil. Season generously and pour over the beef. Tip in the chestnuts and parsley, stir well and cover the dish [I used foil]. Put in a hotish oven 190 deg C

Wash, top and tail the carrots - I never bother to peel them and par boil for five or ten mins.

Tip them into the beef mix after about 45 mins of the cooking time. Re cover then back in the oven for a total cooking time of 1¾ hours, turning the oven down to 170 after about an hour and a half. I prepped and half cooked the casserole then chilled overnight to continue on a timer the next day. I have not done it, but cannot see why it cannot be frozen halfway and de frosted in a fridge, then add an extra 15 mins to the remaining time. It is so delicious and will happily keep in the fridge for a day or so. Enjoy!



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Payments of £80 per person will be made automatically to those eligible, including pensioners receiving council tax support and vulnerable adults on a low income.

In a change to the way HSF funds are allocated, this latest round will see an £80 payment made to an additional 3,000 pensioners in receipt of council tax support – previously only those in receipt of pension credit received payments. A payment of £80 per child will also be made to low-income households who claim council tax support.

In addition, Cornwall Council will continue to work with providers including Citizens Advice Cornwall, Age UK, Cornwall Rural Community Charity, Cornwall Community Foundation and Disability Cornwall to ensure other financially vulnerable residents are assisted where appropriate. The latest round of funding will run to March 31, 2025, and will provide urgent support for those most in need as living costs continue to rise. It will primarily be used to assist low-income households to cover the cost of household essentials such as energy bills, water bills and food. *Contact Information link in title.*

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November 2024 update

We're undertaking a major modernisation upgrade of the A38 Saltash Tunnel in Cornwall. This represents a £25 million investment from National Highways to improve journeys and maintain the safe operation of the tunnel for many years to come.

We are now fine-tuning the programme of works for the scheme. As with any complex scheme, dates are subject to change while commercial and programming decisions are finalised.

Current proposed key dates are:

- **Early 2025 to late 2025** - The tunnel will be closed in both directions on weeknights with traffic using local diversion routes.
- **Summer 2025 for 5 months** - 'The Switch-off'. The tunnel and bridge will no longer operate on a tidal flow basis. Fixed lanes will be in operation with clear directions for each lane, until work is complete.



More details about the works will be available on the National Highways webpage as the scheme progresses:
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When the call comes, they drop everything and are trained to deal with a range of emergencies such as rescues floods, crashes and chemical spills. Applicants must be 18 or above and will need to apply for a station that is five minutes from where they live or work. There is no upper age limit. Pay for on-call firefighters varies depending on the individual's availability and the station's activity rate. They receive additional pay for training nights and courses.

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Christmas 2024 Services & Events

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Saturday 23 rd November	Christmas Fayre , St Martin's.
Friday 29 th November	Looe Christmas Lights , 6pm East Looe Quay.
Sunday 1 st December	Taizé Service , 6pm St Nicholas.
Sunday 8 th December	Celtic Evening Prayer , 3pm Herodsfoot.
Monday 9 th December	Looe Primary School KS2 Carol Service, 9.30am St Martin's.
Tuesday 10 th December	Looe Primary School KS1 , 9am-12pm Looe Primary.
Thursday 12 th December	Looe Primary School KS1 , 9am-12pm Looe Primary.
Sunday 15 th December	Carol Service , 4pm St Wenna.
Tuesday 17 th December	Trenode School Christingle , 5.30pm, St Wenna.
Thursday 19 th December	Carol Service , 7pm St Martin's.
Friday 20 th December	Duloe School Service , 1.15pm St Cuby.
Friday 20 th December	Jubilee Carols , 5pm Duloe Jubilee Hall.
Sunday 22 nd December	The Real Christingle , 4pm St Nicholas.
Sunday 22 nd December	Beer & Carols , 7pm, Jolly Sailor.
Monday 23 rd December	Carols in the Cattle Shed , 3pm, Bucklawren Farm.
Christmas Eve	Crib/nativity , 11am, St Cuby. Carol Service , 6pm. All Saints Herodsfoot. Midnight Communion , 11.30pm, St Nicholas.
Christmas Day	St Cuby, 9.30am. St Wenna, 11am. St Martin, 11am.
Sunday 29 th December	Benefice Service , 10.30am, St Nicholas.



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