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Welcome to the Spring 2025 edition.

A quarter of the way through 2025 already, time passes frighteningly fast these days, it must be my age! Another great magazine thanks to my many fantastic contributors, you can always be part of the team if you think there is something you can contribute to the magazine, locals have so much to contribute, even if it's just sending in a great photo for the front cover, or a favourite family recipe, a celebration or event, please just send it in, by email, text or post, all the contact details are on page 2. A reminder on pages 8 & 9 about your chance to stand as a Parish Councillor in the May elections, please give it some thought, you may well have a lot to offer your community.

Success at last

After only 12 years of campaigning and a lot of hard work from your Parish Councillors, Clerk and County Councillor Armand Toms we finally have a 40 MPH speed limit through No Man's Land. **HOORAY!**







Planning Applications received:

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of Looe Country Park Caravan and Campsite, as outlined in red on the accompanying Site Location Plan, as a caravan site continuously in breach of Condition 2 of planning permission Ref 5/74/0760.

Location: Looe Country Park Caravan and Campsite, Bucklawren

Road, No Mans Land, Looe.

Proposal: Proposed construction of a self-contained annexe. **Location:** Trefrome Cottage, St Martin by Looe, Cornwall. **2025/2026 Precept**

The Parish Council agreed a precept of £13.063 for the next financial year, an increase of 6%, a £2000 contribution from Parish Council reserves helped to keep the increase down as the election costs this year are considerably more expensive that previous years, this cost is set by Cornwall Council. Your Parish Magazine contributes to the income received by the Parish Council through the sale of advertising, this income can only be used to benefit the community and has already contributed to some of the projects made by the Council, therefore saving the Council tax payer money in these difficult times.







Millendreath Holiday Village Redevelopment.

Representatives from Valley Resorts and their Planning Consultants presented to the Parish Council at its meeting on 6th February 2025. The presentation was more of an informal discussion as to the ideas and plans being drawn up for the redevelopment of the holiday village. A Pre Application has been submitted to Cornwall Council and can be found on our website (address on the front cover of this magazine) click on the Planning Applications tab. The ideas and plans were well received and the team from Valley Resorts answered many questions from the Parish Councillors and members of the public. We are told there will be much more information available as the project plans are made ready for a formal planning application, when the public will be given a chance to comment on the plans.

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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 notceboards, 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: clerk@stmartinbylooepc.org.uk.

Looe Banking Hub

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Parish Council Elections

By the time you read this, we'll be just 5 weeks away from the official launch of County and Parish Council elections, and I'm asking you now to think about what you can offer as a Parish Councillor.

Ask a busy person.

Are you the kind of person who is busy in their community? Active and known and recognised by people?

If you are, then you already have the networks to plug into - a valuable asset for and Councillor. With these links, it'll be easier for you to know what matters locally to your people. It is then up to you to bring those matters to the Council meeting and be ready to argue your corner.

What's the deadline for deciding?

You have from Friday 14th March until Wednesday 2nd April to decide if you want to stand. Just as important, you'll need to get your nomination papers to Cornwall Council by 4pm on that Wednesday afternoon. You'll need two people to propose and second your

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nomination and to witness your own signing of the nomination form. There's no charge for standing in the Parish Election and there will be plenty of advice and guidance on Cornwall Council's website (just google Cornwall Parish Elections 2025).

See for yourself!

There is just time to come along to see your own Parish Council in action.

We meet next on Thursday March 6th at No Man's Land Memorial Hall, Holland Road, No Man's Land

Everyone is welcome to come along and see how their Council works— no need to give notice. If you need more information, see our website, address on the front cover of this magazine.





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No Man's Land Hall

The committee discussed the feasibility of installing WiFi in the Hall after our local councillor offered a grant towards the cost. It was unanimously decided not to proceed with the WiFi installation at this time

The leaks in the Hall roof and the damp in the chimney in the Billiard room have been repaired. It was decided not to hold a Spring Flower and Produce Show this year but the Summer Show will go ahead.

There will be a Family Games Night on Friday 28th February. Last year it was very well attended and great fun was had by all.

Trenode School will hold their Easter Bingo here at the Hall on 28th March and on Saturday 8th March we will have another of our very popular Jumble Sales, don't miss this, there will be loads of clothes, bric a brac, toys, books etc all at silly giveaway prices.

If you would like to join our committee, be part of our team or just want to know more about the Hall, please come to our AGM on Tuesday 25th March at 7pm, you would be most welcome.

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Forthcoming Events

Produce Market first Saturday of every month except August which will be the 2nd Saturday due to the Flower and Produce Show.

Games Night, Friday 28th February 7-9pm.

Jumble Sale, Saturday 8th March 2.30 pm.

Trenode School Easter Bingo, 28th March

Summer Flower and Produce Show, Saturday 2nd August 2.30pm.

Car Park closed, from 9am Friday 26th September until 9am Saturday 27th September.

Jumble Sale, in aid of Refuge for Pets Saturday 25th October **2.30pm.**

Remembrance Service, Sunday 9th November 2pm followed by a Faith Tea.

Christmas Fayre, Saturday 22nd November 2.30pm **Christmas Bingo,** Friday 12th December 7 for 8pm.

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Doom Scrolling

History Snippet by Jenny Wallis

It all started when my sister mentioned her Maundy Money from the Queen. I simply Googled "maundy" and was transported to a tragedy in Polperro where Mary was washing her maund in the stream. A flash flood washed her away and she drowned in the torrent.

I had landed in local Victorian coroners' verdicts! And 170 years later there was still news of people swept to their death in sudden downpours. Is History repeating its self?

There were traffic accidents. The rag'n bone man (aged 71) was going up Sheviock Hill on a donkey. There was a collision with dray horse coming down with a load of hay. Accidental Death! Horses bolted, people got squashed, and alcohol was a factor.

Children were ever at risk. "Fell in the Quay". "Toppled over the cliff". "Was rolled on by granny". Little tots drowned in streams, the canal, the millstream (*The miller noticed the wheel had stopped....*) and clothes caught light on open fires. Two boys were washed away by the tide at Tregantle. Rip currents are not new!

I liked the XL bully story,1850. A respectable Duloe farmer goes to the mill for flour at 11 o'clock Saturday night. On leaving he isattacked by a large bull terrier and eventually dies next Thursday from the bites to his face.

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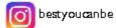
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There were suicides. A mother of nine cut her throat. The new canal was a popular way out. And one sad death was described as 'from extreme poverty' when little Belinda died from malnutrition in Polperro at Christmas 1875.

Sudden deaths were investigated. An old man died while scrubbing his shirt. Another was writing a letter. A fisherman ruptured a blood vessel hauling in his nets and a parishioner was found dead while praying in church. There was very little violence. One drunken brawl led to a death in Sandplace. But miners and fishermen lacked health and safety measures and often came to a sticky end.

So I now know that Polperro Mary's maund was her basket of washing. Maundy Thursday involved washing feet at Easter. But there is one story left to tell.

Joseph Mallet of West Looe was searching for chips by Old Mice Beach when he found a decomposing sailor. The coroner recorded "Visitation of God" - but what was Joseph looking for? I think 'Old Mice' might have started out in Cornish as "ol demmas", the track of the holy men. - but does anyone know where it is?



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Spring Chicken Pot Pie

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Ingredients

4-6 skinless, boneless chicken thighs

1 tbsp olive oil

100g smoked bacon lardons

2 leeks sliced

3 tbsp plain flour

100ml white wine (or extra stock)

200ml chicken stock

200g crème fraîche

100g frozen or fresh podded peas

11/2 tbsp Dijon mustard

small bunch of tarragon chopped

1 egg beaten

320g sheet puff pastry



Celebrate Easter with this spring chicken pot pie. It's kinder on your wallet than the traditional roast lamb, and equally enjoyable



Spring Chicken Pot Pie

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Method

step 1. Season the chicken thighs with some salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a heavy-based saucepan and fry the chicken for 3-4 mins on each side until lightly golden, then transfer to a plate. Add the bacon to the pan and fry for 5 mins until golden. Tip in the leeks and fry for another 5 mins.

Step 2. Sprinkle the flour over the leeks and bacon, and stir until combined. Add the wine, if using, and bubble for a few minutes, then add the stock and stir well. Slice the chicken and return it to the pan – don't worry if it's not fully cooked through at this point, it will finish cooking in the oven.

Step 3. Stir in the crème fraîche, peas, 1 tbsp mustard and the tarragon, and bubble for a few minutes until thick and saucy. Add a splash more stock or water if it seems too thick Remove the pie filling from the heat. Whisk the remaining ½ tbsp mustard with the egg in a bowl.

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Step 4, Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Spoon the filling into a pie dish with a lip and use some of the egg mix to brush the sides of the dish. Unroll the pastry over the top of the pie and crimp the edges against the sides of the dish, then cut away any excess with a knife. Will keep frozen, well covered, for up to three months.

Step 5. Brush the remaining egg glaze over the pie and make a small steam hole in the middle. Bake for 40 mins until golden and puffed. Serve with buttered new potatoes and steamed greens or carrots, if you like.

Prep: 15 mins, Cook 1 Hr 5 Mins. Easy, Serves 6.

* Freezable uncooked.

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By Dave Keeble



A good place to start any conversation is the topic of the weather – we Brits are well known for it.

The New Year started with a flurry of snow in the first week of January – nothing to worry about as long as you had no pressing engagements. The real weather issue came before that on the 7th December 2024 in the form of storm Darragh. Wind can be terrifying, especially when it becomes gale force – its power can be measured by the damage it causes.

In my own case a very large Sycamore was uprooted but luckily it fell away from my garage – it later had to be dealt with by a professional tree surgeon. Another casualty was our Scots Pine which was so badly damaged it will have to be felled. Fortunately no structural damage occurred to any buildings. Many of you will have suffered damage of some kind during those wild couple of days but I hope nothing serious.

Away from the weather, another topic which was in the Media was the activity of trail hunting involving riders on horseback and a pack of hounds – this activity started when fox hunting was banned in England and Wales in 2005. The ban was in response to a public outcry over the cruel sport of chasing foxes until exhausted and then letting the dogs horrifically kill the unfortunate animal.

By Dave Keeble

Supporters will say that is not the case as when the fox is caught it is humanely despatched – I do not subscribe to that version of events. Another view of the pro-hunters is that it is a tradition which has its origins in the 16th Century so should be maintained – also not a view I share. The activity of trail hunting , supposedly, can let the hunt continue with the tradition on horseback with hounds to keep the spectacle alive. This would be acceptable if that were the case. The laying of the trail is the important factor in many cases as they are sometimes routed through known fox territory – thus when the hunt goes through that locality foxes are flushed and then the hunt diverts to the scent of the fox – then what should happen is the hounds are called off.

I do not believe this happens in the majority of cases and so by accident or design foxes are still being killed in this fashion. I understand this can be a controversial subject but this is my view. Keeping on the rural theme, another subject that has been of interest to me, due to having dairy farmers in the family, is the reoccurrence of Bovine Tuberculosis.



By Dave Keeble

After being free of TB since Spring 2024 my daughter and son-in-law's dairy herd were found to have what is called a 'reactor' since the last test period. One other beast was declared 'unsure of a definite result' so to be safe it was sent for slaughter with the positive animal. Compensation is given to farmers when they lose animals in this way but does not reflect the true cost of losing a dairy animal. Other factors come in to play when positive tests are made – the movement of animals to and from the herd are restricted which can have financial consequences.

The actual transmission of TB is wildly debated – a possible way is when animals are bought and sold from different areas but this is not thought to be the case in most instances. The most widely upheld source of the infection is from wild animals. Animals that can get Tuberculosis include Deer, Goats, Pigs, Sheep, Cats and Dogs and Rabbits, but the most accused is the Badger. There are a lot of theories as to why this is the case but it does remain the most likely cause of transmission.



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Badgers are protected animals, along with their setts, so a complete cull is not possible as they were protected under a Protection Act in 1992, but some culls are made under Licence by Natural England – there is some dispute as to whether this is effective against the spread of the disease. There was a major cull of Badgers in 1970 which in some locations had a positive effect on the number of cases in cattle but was not repeated. One of the methods of stopping transmission from Badgers is with vaccination – some results have proved to be encouraging. Natural England has proposed local farmers can be trained to trap and vaccinate in their farming locations. Let us hope that an effective method can be found to protect farmers and Badgers alike. To finish on a more positive note – I hope everyone can enjoy

To finish on a more positive note – I hope everyone can enjoy the Spring flowers which are just starting to appear and bloom.

David Keeble



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