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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Alternate Mon	Recycling - 5th, 19th December, 2nd, 16th, 30th January
Alternate Tues	Mobile Library (Tel: 0300 1234111) - 6th, 20th December, 3rd January. Glebe Place 11.05am-11.20am & Cadgwith Car Park 11.35-11.55am
2nd Monday	Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 12 Dec, 9th January
3rd Saturday	Farmers Market at Mullion School, 17 Dec, 21 January
Mon & Thurs	7.00pm Short Mat Bowling in the Village Hall
Every Weds	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides. Contact Joy Prince 01326 291291
Every Thurs	9.30am-11.30am Market in the Village Hall, refreshments available 6 pm Yoga with Tanya in the School Hall. 01326 290931

3 December	Cadgwith Christmas Lights switch on
4 December	7 .pm Village Hall Carolaire, featuring 'Eight In A Bar' with buffet and pasty
6 December	6pm Grade-Ruan School Christmas Play - all welcome 7.30pm Village Hall Christmas Bingo
7 December	1.30pm Village Hall 'Seniors Party' 6pm Grade-Ruan School Christmas Play - all welcome
13 December	7.30pm Village Hall Christmas Quiz
15 December	Mullion School last day of term. 9.30am - Noon. Village Hall Christmas Market 11am Grade Ruan End of Term Church Service - all welcome
18 December	Christmas Community Evening, starting at 7pm at War Memorial, continuing from 7.20pm at the Village Hall
20 December	Children's Christmas workshop, see National Trust news
25 December	Noon. Christmas Fancy Dress Swim,

### ADVANCE DATES

2 January	New Year Bank Holiday
3 January	Grade Ruan School Spring term starts
4 January	Under 5s Spring Term starts Mullion School Spring term starts 6.30-8.30pm. Snooker training for 11-15 year olds. See Village Hall news
13 - 17 February	Half Term
14 July	Night Before the Rally
15 July	Vintage Rally
25 July	Beach BBQ (Xmas Lights)
1 August	Beach BBQ (Recreation Ground)
8 August	Beach BBQ (Gig Club)
15 August	Beach BBQ (Xmas Lights)
22 August	Beach BBQ (Recreation Ground)
29 August	Beach BBQ (Gig Club)

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Advertising in the Gazette is a great way of reaching everyone in the parish, and further afield. Approximately 550 copies are distributed every month and the rates are reasonable! The Gazette is a not-for-profit publication - the advertising income is used purely to cover the printing costs. A ¼ page is £5 a ½ page £8 and a full page £15 per month, with 10 issues per year. There is a 10% discount if you pay annually in advance.

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send your contributions to me by email to: [graderuan.gazette@btinternet.com](mailto:graderuan.gazette@btinternet.com) or on a disk or hard copy in the letterbox at New Thatch or in the Mag Bag behind the door at Spar, or via the "Grade Ruan Gazette" Facebook page, **to arrive by the 18th of the month prior to publication.**

Please ensure your piece does not exceed 1500 words - or approximately three pages of A4. This translates to three pages in the Gazette in the smallest legible font size. Whilst not wishing to stifle anyone's creativity, this length taxes neither the budget, nor the attention span.

I'm also keen to use your material for the front covers. If you have a photograph, painting or drawing I could use, please pass it on to me.

*Moira Hurst*

**Views and opinions expressed in submitted articles and letters are not necessarily those of the Editorial Team and Committee. The Editor reserves the right to alter submissions for length and/or diplomacy!**

# Noticeboard

Just as we were going to press last month, the sad news came of the death of **Jean Robertson**, at the age of 92. Jean had lived at Seaview on Barn Hill for some 30 years. Our condolences go to her sons Chris and Neville and her niece Maggie Goddard.

We have also had to say goodbye to **Margaret Weedon**, who passed away at Treliske on 11th October. Margaret lived at Riverside in St. Ruan with her husband Ron, who died three years ago. They used to go walking together all over Cornwall and she loved all things Cornish, especially singing with the Cadgwith Singers. Margaret worked for many years in the Village Stores and was well known. She leaves a daughter Maria, a nurse, and grandchildren Rebecca and James. Many thanks to Mike and Julia Nunn and Anne and Rodney Langley for transport. Special thanks to Margaret and Charlie Coates for being such good neighbours. Thanks also to her sisters for looking after her in her final weeks.

*Guy Barber (brother)*

**Wayne Pankhurst.** Keith, Heather and family would like to thank everyone for their cards and messages of support, kindness and sympathy. We would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral. We are grateful to Canon David Miller for conducting the service, the organist Andrew Wood and to the bearers. Finally, our thanks to Pendle Service for all their help. *Keith Pankhurst*

We wish **Phyllis Thomson** a speedy recovering after her recent operation. She has moved out of Sanctuary Cottage and is staying with Frazer and Susie for the time being.

It's nice to see **Martin Fletcher** back on his feet after his accident at Gweek Boatyard, when he fell off a ladder and broke his ankle. His attempts to explain to the 999 people in Exeter where Gweek is, has left him feeling that the emergency services should not be regionalized.

**Happy Birthday.** Our **December** babies are: Sam Jane, James Bennetts, James Green, Danny Meek, Billy, Ivan, Rosie, Lisa Mitchell, Pam Penrose, Ian Arnall, Ben N, Sian Mason, Jack A, Jack S, Jo Gossip, Jai. And in **January**: Simone, Jasmine F, Victoria, Tasha Williams, Tanya Strike, Jane Hills, Desmond Julian, Annie, David 'Bam' Spooner, Dave Lee, Chris Ensink, Liz Outten, Chantelle, Jan Morgan, Hazel Swain, Jasmine, Ben J, Jak, Pam Day-Smith, Chris Sealey, Jess, Linda Drysdale, Peter Hills, Saoirse.

Congratulations to **Margaret Board** who was 80 last month. Sorry we missed it, Margaret, but you did keep it very quiet!

**Ann Vaulter** has asked me to pass on a very big "thank you" to all her family and friends for making her 80th birthday celebration such a wonderful day and evening. She says "Thank you all for the lovely cards, flowers, gifts and gift vouchers; also the donations of £209.00 for the Lizard Lifeboat and Air Ambulance. I shall never forget this birthday - and I'm still on cloud 9! Thank you all."

**Stanley and Margaret Board** have closed the **Lizard Cider Barn** for the last time this month, having decided to retire and take a well earned rest. They originally came to the Lizard from Nottingham in 1972 to work on developing Sea Acres. They went on to refurbish the Telstar Cafe and turned it into a craft centre. They opened the Lizard Cider Barn in 1999, since when it has been well patronised by locals and visitors alike. Stanley and Margaret have employed many local people over the years and are well known in the area. The future



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of the building is uncertain at present but, as it's a bonded warehouse and the name Cider Barn has become commonplace on maps, Stanley hopes that its name will remain and that it will always serve cider. Time will tell. We wish Stanley and Margaret a long and happy retirement.

Welcome to **Paul and Jacqui Dunmall** who have moved into Bodrivy Lodge. They hail from Orpington in Kent and are going to be busy for a while renovating the property.

A belated welcome also to **Simon and Linda Gallears** who moved to Mundy's Field in April. They came from Pembrokeshire, initially to do some work in Coverack, and liked it so much they stayed!

Congratulations to **Malcolm and Lorraine Scott** whose first grandchild, Eva Alyssa, weighing 8lb 12oz, was born to Kalana and Natalie on 4th November.

**Edwina Pogson writes:** "Just to say how wonderful it is to be back at last and to see so many 'old' friends. My new home is in Polhorman Lane, Mullion, which I have named 'Morwenna'. This with fond memories of Rene and Henry Jane. Henry could never remember my name, so christened me with his Cornish version of it! Should you find yourself over this way, do drop in for a cuppa. The kettle will always be at the ready. My telephone number is 241296." Thank you Edwina and we hope you have settled well into your new home.

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Many thanks to all 85 of you who came to the show **A Devious Mind** in the village hall on the 23rd October. We all had a great night and were treated to some amazing magic by the two magicians, especially as due to an accident with the mind reader, the second magician had literally hours notice to whizz down from Bristol to fill in. Dean Maudsley the mind reader was really disappointed to miss half of his tour and is planning a trip back to Cornwall in January so look out for posters and info as I may be able to grab him to come here. Thank you again for supporting the show by coming - it was a brilliant turn out, and there was heaps of audience participation which made it good fun. I would like to thank Tanya for all her help selling tickets and supporting me, and spreading the word on Facebook. Also a huge thank you to the Edgerley family who put the magicians up for the night and generally looked after them with many cups of tea and friendliness - much appreciated!

Oh, and by the way if you see **Bill Scolding** (Billy as he is now known!) ask him how many times his watch mysteriously disappeared! Hope you don't mind me mentioning you Bill!

A **puppet show** of The Mousehole Cat will be performed by Puppetcraft on Friday 2nd December at Landewednack Community Hall (school), The Lizard at 6.30pm. This is another show subsidised by Carn to Cove, the scheme that enables otherwise unaffordable professional theatre groups to tour villages around our county. Puppetcraft have beautiful hand made wooden puppets, amazing theatre sets and live music and are a real treat. Previous shows at the Lizard have included Nobody rides the Unicorn, The Selfish Giant, Sinbad, Perseus and the Gorgon's Head and The Tin Forest. If you saw any of those you will know how lovely the shows are. They last around an hour and I will be selling tickets nearer the time or through school 290337.

*Judith Green*

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Thank you to our brilliant supporters of the Forgotten Refugees of Serbia on 12<sup>th</sup> November (Remembrance Weekend) in the Church. It was lovely to use our church for something different on Saturday evening and thank you all for supporting us. In particular the music group, our own pipe major playing Amazing Grace, and all who had brought so many lovely things to eat. One person, although unwell and with unexpected visitors, still provided sandwiches! Many of you including a large Lizard contingent helped enormously with all the setting up operations and clearing away. Those of us who would have loved to support the musical evening in the chapel still loyally came to their church, and in the event, both venues were a great success. As I write this I hear on Radio Cornwall, from Jenny, just how much they raised for the Phoenix appeal, which for such a small village is quite incredible. Although we were not seeking contributions, an offerings plate was promoted by our Rev Deirdre, and an amazing £100 was donated, this to be split between the church and helping to send out to Orphans and refugees in Serbia and Burma, much of the locally knitted warm woollies which we have piled up waiting in our spare room! Thank you all, you know who you are, for your generosity and kindness.

*Richard Palmer*

If you are a fan of **Derek Tangye**, who wrote about life in Cornwall - mainly in the Lamorna area, but also featuring the Lizard - in the 1940s, you may be interested to know that there is a society dedicated to keeping his memory alive. For further information, see the advertisement on page 34.

Do you want to play bridge? David Richardson from Coverack is investigating the potential support for a **Bridge Club** on the Lizard Peninsula. He envisages a club that would cater for existing and improving players who would like to play at a social rather than competitive level. He has proposed booking the St. Keverne Village Hall on Thursday evenings, but these items are up for discussion, depending on the response he receives. If you would like to get involved, contact David on 01326 280058 or at [d813richardson@btinternet.com](mailto:d813richardson@btinternet.com).

The **opening hours** at Ruan Minor Spar Store and Post Office will change over the Christmas period. See their advertisement on the back cover for details.

The **Gazette AGM** was held on 16th November. The main business was the presentation of accounts, which Margaret Tomlinson kindly audited for a nominal fee. Copies are available from the Treasurer (contact details on p.4). The finances are healthy at present (thank you again to the Cadgwith Conservation Society for their generous donation), but our Treasurer is concerned that advertising revenue could fall if the economy deteriorates. Please do mention to advertisers if you have seen them in the Gazette.

Other items covered at the **AGM** were: Simon Sugrue kindly offered to establish a database of all the distributors and the addresses to which they deliver. If you are aware of any distribution problems, please let Sally Sugrue know (contact details on p.4). There was some discussion about how to engage youngsters with the Gazette, but it was decided not to take any action at present. They'll come round to it in their own good time! It was agreed that we should take up Charles Weaver's offer to publish the Gazette on the [www.cadgwith.com](http://www.cadgwith.com) website. We hope our advertisers will be pleased with the increased exposure. Let your friends and family know where they can find out what's going on in this wonderful Parish.



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- 9<sup>th</sup> December : Eastern Europe, USA & Canada.
- 12<sup>th</sup> December : Western Europe.

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- 17<sup>th</sup> December : 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Post.
- 20<sup>th</sup> December : 1<sup>st</sup> Class post.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December : Special Delivery – guaranteed next day.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> December : Special Delivery Saturday guaranteed.

This issue is combined for December and January, so the **next issue** will be the February edition. The deadline for contributions is 18th January.

May I take this opportunity to say **thank you** to our advertisers and subscribers for their support throughout the year. Thanks also to Vic & James at West Country Printers, all our hard working distributors, as well as all the contributors, regular and occasional. Thank you for all the help given to me since I started editing in May; I have enjoyed doing it, but only because you have all helped. I look forward to a good year for the Gazette in 2012.

**Wishing all our readers a Merry  
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# Christmas Greetings

*Each of these Christmas Greetings arrived with a donation of at least £5, to be divided equally between the Minibus Appeal and the Gazette. Thank you all.*

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-  Wishing everyone a Peaceful Christmas and Good Health in 2012. Love from **Pam, Chas, Cath and Alex**
-  **Tim and Moira Hurst** wish all their friends, neighbours and acquaintances a very happy Christmas and health and happiness in 2012.
-  **Deborah and Terry Stephens** will be in Australia over Christmas and New Year with Tracey and Susan, so would like to wish friends and neighbours a happy and healthy 2012. xxx
-  **Paul and Pam Penrose** wish all their friends a wonderful Christmas and a splendid New Year.
-  **Simon, Fi, Ben, Toby and Lucas Fletcher** would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.
-  Love and best wishes for a wonderful Xmas to all our friends and neighbours from **Jenny and Bill, Jake, Gwen and Sam.**
-  **Liane, Len, Mailli Rae and Tamlyn** would like to wish all their friends, family and neighbours a very Happy Christmas and all the best for a fab 2012. x
-  Joy, peace and happiness to you all at Christmas and the New Year. A big thank you too, to so many who make this village so special. **Maureen G.**
-  **Janet, Peter and James Freeman** wish their friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas and New Year.
-  Wishing all our friends and neighbours a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and a healthy 2012. **Cathy and Brian** (Robbers Retreat)
-  **Emma and Richard** wish all their friends a merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.
-  **Stuart and CC** wish you all much joy, love and Christmas fun and a rip roaring New Year.
-  Wishing all our lovely friends and neighbours an extremely Happy Christmas and hope the New Year 2012 is full of enjoying yourselves and the special place where we all live. Good, safe fishing to those that do, with love, **Dick, Sarah, Nancy, Reuben, Sam & Louise Stephens, Britannia IV™**
-  **Peter and Eileen Mason** and family would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2012
-  Merry Christmas to all our friends and neighbours. Hope you are "choughed" over the festive season and have a great 2012. Love **Tim, Sandra, Sam and Lauren.**
-  **Dom, Alison, Tess, Sophie and Jenna Goldsack** wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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-  **Gill and Colin Thomas** wish all their friends in Ruan Minor and Cadgwith a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2012.
-  Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends and customers, from **Peter and Jane** at Spar Shop and Post Office.
-  **Nicky, Ian and Brett** wish all family and friends the very best of Season's Greetings and a Happy and Healthy 2012.
-  **Peter and Anne** of White Feather wish all their friends and acquaintances here, a very enjoyable Christmas and a happy New Year.
-  **Ali, Martin, Emma and Matt** would like to wish everyone a fabulous Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful 2012.
-  Wishing all our friends a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year from **Stevyn and Debbie Collins** xxxx
-  **Malcolm and Lorraine Scott** wish all their friends in the Cove, St. Ruan and Ruan Minor a happy Christmas and good luck for 2012.
-  **Marcia, Keith and family** would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
-  **Sally and Simon Sugrue** wish all their friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2012.
-  A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! to all our friends. With love this Christmas from **Claire, Alan, Simone, Ellie, Dom and Theo.x**
-  **Betty Thomas** would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
-  **Arnold and Eileen** wish all their friends a very Happy Christmas.
-  **Danny, Kate, Tommy, Jamma and Matilda.** Lots of love to all our friends at Christmas time and wishing you all a happy, peaceful, safe and fun 2012. Xx
-  Merry Christmas to all our family, friends and good neighbours, of Ruan Minor and Cadgwith, and with our very best wishes for 2012. Good health to all, from **Yvonne and Tom**
-  **John and Barbara Rosindale** wish everyone "A Happy Christmas" and "A Peaceful 2012".
-  **Tony, Jan and Bryony** wish everyone a Happy and peaceful Christmas. Best wishes for 2012.
-  Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. **Karen, Andy, James and Nick Forster.**
-  **Diana and Peter Martin** wish all their neighbours and friends in the area, a Happy Christmas and New Year.



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# The Christmas Swim

Thank you everyone for your fantastic support for last year's sponsored Christmas Day Swim. See the letter below from the Maternity Wing at Treliske, thanking you all for raising a wonderful £1,181.85.

The time is fast approaching for this year's event, when we will be raising money for the Birthing Unit in Helston. So, **if you "Fancy" taking the plunge**, we would love to see you. Prize for the best Fancy Dress - to be judged by Monty Halls - and a cup of mulled wine for swimmers. How can you resist!

I went swimming at Kennack when we had that glorious weekend in early October. I have to say the sea is warmer now than in August.

**Sponsorship forms will be available from:**

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*Nicky Jose*



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Dear Nicola

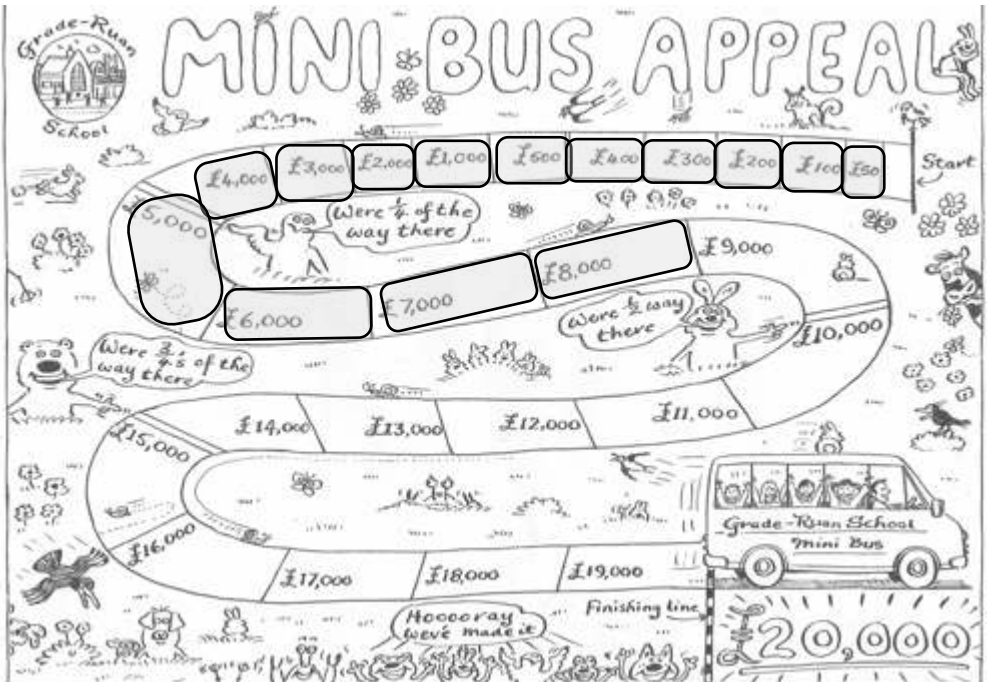
On behalf of my colleagues and myself, we would like to sincerely thank you and the Cadgwith Christmas Swim Committee for the funds they have raised for the Daisy Suite of £1,181.85.

We will advise you in due course as to how the money will be spent for items in the Daisy Suite. I am sure parents who have experienced sad circumstances will welcome the equipment we can buy for the Suite with such fantastic fund raising efforts.

Please thank everyone for the great work they have carried out.

Yours sincerely

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Grade-Ruan Under 5s

# School Spot



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Mullion School

**Under 5s** Grade Ruan Under 5s would much like to wish everybody a Very Happy Christmas! We have been getting ready by making wrapping paper, practising our wrapping and singing and thinking very carefully about what we would like to give to our loved ones. Starting with our Mums they will be delighted to hear that most wanted to give bikes, planes and a rocket. Others thought hard and decided Mum would like an orange or a nice purse. The focus for this season is about giving rather than receiving. Building up the Christmas story, we will find out about angels, shepherds, wise men and animals and the gifts they brought for Baby Jesus. To end our Autumn term we will be out and about visiting our friends in the village and hopefully bringing a little cheer.

Spring term starts on Jan 4 2012. Anybody wishing to join our group in the New Year please contact Jan 01326 290978. Spaces available, children may be left from 2 years, nursery education funding is available for children from the term after their third birthday. *Jan Halliday*

**Grade-Ruan School** The Years 5 & 6 have been continuing to work extremely hard improving our school garden. The greenhouse and shed have been sorted and tidied. Unwanted shrubs have been removed, hedging cleared and overgrown plots dug over and weeded. We were very lucky before half-term to work with Mike Hardy who, with the help of the children, built our first two raised beds. Mike gave the children an opportunity to saw and to use nails and hammers to construct the beds from old railway sleepers. On the same afternoon the Year 4s were also given time to see what has been going on and helped with the sweeping and weeding. *Request – we still need old newspapers and any spare*

*compost or cuttings from your gardens!* Mike Hardy also brought his apple press to school and helped Starfish Class to make apple juice. The children worked hard chopping the apples then squeezing them in the press to make some delicious juice which was enjoyed by Starfish and Seahorses at snack time. A huge thank you to Mike for all his help and hard work.

Well done to all pupils who attended the High 5 Netball Club last term. Ali was so impressed with everyone's efforts each week and this showed whilst taking part in our friendly matches. The Club will start again after February half term. Cookery Club replaces Netball Club on Thursday this term and started with a fabulous bunch of budding master chefs!! On the first session the children made pizza, making scone bases and then topping their pizza from a choice of cheese, ham, pepperoni, mozzarella, mushrooms and tomatoes. Everyone enjoyed them when they got home!

Turtles Class went to Helston Community College recently to work with Helston pupils who are qualifying in Btec Sports Leaders Award. The Sports Leaders engaged pupils in a hockey festival where the Turtles worked on hockey skills before playing their first small sided hockey games. It was lovely watching older students engaging younger ones in learning.

Sarita Foord is helping the pupils run The School Council and sends thanks to all of the members of the School Council from the last school year for their help in giving the new members so much advice and support. A huge well done to every student who put themselves forward as a candidate to become a new School Councillor - everyone tried really hard with their speeches and some elections were so close to call they had

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to do it all over again! But we only have room on the School Council for one boy and one girl from each year group so congratulations to the following successful candidates: Toby G (Y6, Chairman), Jessica B (Y6, Treasurer), Ben R (Y5, Vice-Treasurer), Grace (Y5, Secretary), Ewan (Y4), Matilda (Y4, Vice Secretary), Jack A (Y3, Vice Chairman), Chloe H (Y3), Thomas W (Y2), Poppy (Y2), Theo (Y1) and Jenna (Y1). One of their first aims is to meet on a regular basis and be able to update everyone on their progress in the weekly newsletter and on posters around the school. Sarita is very proud with the way they have presented and organised themselves at their meetings so far, they all make a great asset to the team. Hot topics on their agenda this term include playground rules, maintenance and upkeep of the Ray of Sunshine House, Huff and Puff, fundraising and allocation of the School Council budget.  
*Ginny Sealey*

**Mullion School.** OFSTED inspectors may

have judged Mullion School to be "outstanding" and therefore in the top 14 per cent of comprehensives in Britain, but the views which may matter most to the school are those of the parents. The inspectors, who visited the school last month, appear to endorse this. Their report includes a quote from one parent – "The school is one where, quite genuinely, every child matters" – and highlights the fact that 355 parents responded to their questionnaire, despite having only 24 hours in which to do so. This was, they said, a much higher proportion of responses from parents and carers than was usual and the levels of satisfaction for each question were above average. Parents were overwhelmingly positive about the work of the school. A team of four inspectors visited the school over two days. Their report gives the top grade of outstanding to almost all aspects of the school's work. Head teacher Mike Sandford said: "Obviously we are thrilled with this extremely complimentary


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report. Only 14 per cent of secondary schools nationally are given Ofsted's top grade of outstanding and I am delighted that the hard work of our pupils and their parents, the staff and the governors has been recognised. The response of our parents was amazing, as they literally had only 24 hours in which to respond to Ofsted's questionnaire. We think that Mullion School is a very special school, but it is rewarding to see its unique ethos being recognised by these external inspectors." Chairman of governors Simon Meridew added: "The governors were delighted to receive Ofsted's report. This is a well-deserved accolade and is testament to the commitment of the staff, the pupils and their parents/carers." *from the West Briton, Thursday November 10, 2011.*

This is a wonderful accolade for the school but no resting on laurels ... the few weeks to the end of term are as hectic as ever. At the time of writing the choir has the great privilege of being selected to form part of a choir of only 200 pupils from Cornwall, singing at

the Eden Project for the BBC South West's Children in Need programme. The GCSEs are not just in June every year, Year 10 and 11 pupils sit exams that count towards their GCSE final scores throughout the year - Christmas will be a well-earned break for them. I hope that you are able to attend some of the Christmas events at school - they are always sold out so make sure you get your tickets early when those letters come home from school! *Ginny Sealey*

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Quizzes are usually held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month and its fun for all the family. It's £1 per person including tea, coffee and biscuits or you can BYO if you prefer. The contests begin at 7.30pm. Any changes to dates will be notified on the Village noticeboards.

### BINGO NIGHT

Bingo sessions are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month and it's eyes down at 7.30pm.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Check on the Hall and Village noticeboards for details of the special events we hold throughout the year.

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# NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL



Hello again everyone.

Well, what a lovely drop of weather we've been having! Let's hope it keeps on going but, as always it seems, life has been somewhat hectic over the last month with maintenance and improvement work continuing and preparations for the run-in to Christmas well under way. The month began with our annual Craft Fayre which was really well supported. People came from far and wide to take advantage of the wonderful and varied items available and thank you to everyone who helped make such it such a pleasant and successful event.

Inside the Hall we have now re-sealed the floor. It is an expensive treatment but much improves the look and quality of the floor and, it seems, makes life a lot more interesting for our younger users in the Under 5s who were most impressed with what had been done. Thank you for telling us. Yet more work has been carried out to improve the Hall electrics and we are getting nearer to the time when we will be able to say that, at long last, they have been brought up to the standard we feel is required. This latest batch of work will, amongst other things, improve the lighting around the main hall and stage area.

We continue to have major drainage problems to the front of the Hall which, in the main, is brought about by the lack of drains along the road to take away surface water. We have, yet again, cleared our own drainage channels and sump to the soakaway system in an attempt to improve the situation which arises in heavy rainfall, but short of a major investment by the local authority (or a bomb) the problem will keep cropping up. Penny and Julia have helped us to provide new table cloths and decorations to make the Hall look more attractive at functions and events.

Following September's very successful Harvest Supper at the Hall, we had a pleasant visit from Mr. Hamilton Hawkins, leader of the Godrevy Singers. The collection taken by them during the evening allowed them to donate almost £150 to the **St Julia's Hospice Appeal** and Hamilton presented us with a certificate of appreciation. It seems the singers enjoyed the evening as much as the audience!

**Events for the run-in to Christmas include:** GRU5s Christmas Fayre (26<sup>th</sup> Nov), Christmas Carolaire (4<sup>th</sup> Dec), Christmas Bingo (6<sup>th</sup> Dec), Seniors' Party (7<sup>th</sup> Dec), Christmas Quiz (13<sup>th</sup> Dec), Christmas Market (15<sup>th</sup> Dec) and the Hall Christmas Community Evening (18<sup>th</sup> Dec).

**2012 New Year dates to remember include:** Thursday Market restart (12<sup>th</sup> Jan), Quiz Night (24<sup>th</sup> Jan) and New Year Bingo (14<sup>th</sup> Feb).

The Christmas Market on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December will have all of the usual stalls plus a few extra ones and all proceeds from the day will help us make a donation towards the **Phoenix Stroke Appeal**. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Community Evening on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December will, again be opened by Andrew Putt (Coxswain of the Lizard Lifeboat) and Paula Martin (Chief Executive of Cornwall Air Ambulance). A bucket collection will be taken during the evening and all **proceeds will be shared equally between these two crucial services**.

The Hall Management Committee has wholeheartedly supported and approved a request from Paul Williams **to provide a training course for young people in the village aged 11 to 15 years who would like to learn how to play snooker**. The training will take place at the Hall and will run (initially at least) for a period of six weeks from Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Sessions will cost £1 for each person which will help pay for the table lighting. **Anyone interested should contact Paul on 01326 241960 or 07749815358**

That's all for now and, on behalf of everyone at the Hall, may I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Bye for now. *Janet Gascoigne*

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# Recreation Ground News

Our last event of the year went perfectly – our best Bonfire Night yet! We had perfect weather – no rain or wind for a change, and not too cold! We had more people than I can remember come to enjoy the display, and didn't seem any hurry to leave afterwards. As well as people from Ruan Minor and Cadgwith, there was quite a crowd from Lizard, as well as people from Mullion and the other villages, also a few holiday visitors.

Although it has never really been our plan for Bonfire Night to make a profit towards our pavilion fund, just to cover the costs of the display, the last few years have seen increasing profits. This has been a record-breaking year, with a final profit expected to be more than £500!

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make it possible – not just the “pyrotechnicians” (they had the easy – and fun – job!), but also the workers who manned the gates and served refreshments in the kitchen, and everyone who helped behind the scenes and in the preparation.

There is not a great deal to report on the pavilion plans. I am pleased to see that we have had quotations from some local builders – as I've said before, we would

prefer the work to be placed locally if possible. We are still working on grant applications, but are not likely to know how that's going until the new year. At least, with the quotations received, we have a more accurate idea how much money we need to ask for! We had originally thought that we would need something in the region of £100k, but now we see that a more realistic figure is in excess of £200k! We will keep up the fund-raising efforts – the more we can raise ourselves, the better chance our grant applications will have. We are always open to suggestions!

I have been asked by our “groundsman” if we can keep the main gate closed – so don't be too surprised if a lock and chain appears on it soon. This is because the ground is very soft this time of year and vehicles driving over the football pitch soon leave ruts that can take ages to recover. This was particularly noticeable when people were driving in to leave garden waste on the bonfire – most were careful to avoid driving on the pitch itself, but the sideline was getting quite worn in places.

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*Mike Fleetwood, Chairman*

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Cajun Spiced Salmon Fillet

*With cafe de Paris butter*

Grilled Rump Steak, Lamb Chop & Sausage

*With tomatoes and onion rings*

Vegetarian Medley

*Aubergine charlotte, spinach and Feta croustade with twice baked cheese souffle served with pan roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables*

### DESSERTS

Christmas Pudding & Brandy Sauce

Homebaked Cheesecake

Homemade Chocolate Mousse

Yarg & Cornish Brie

*With savoury biscuits and onion chutney*

## Seafood Christmas Fayre

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### STARTERS

Homemade Crab Soup

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### MAIN

Pan ~Fried Medallions of Monk Fish

*With bacon, garlic and cherry tomatoes*

Traditional Fish and Chips

*With mushy peas*

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Cadgwith Seafood Casserole

*With mussels, prawns, calamari and other tasty morsels*

Salmon and Prawn Fish Cakes

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# Ruan Minor Football Club News

Things are looking up! As I write in mid November, Ruan Minor is in second place in Division 4 of the Trelawney League, being beaten by Mawnan Reserves only on Goal Difference.

**Results** since the last Gazette:

22 October	5 - 0 Home win against Madron Reserves
29 October	3 - 2 Home win against Mawnan Reserves
5 November	3 - 3 Draw against Chacewater Reserves
12 November	0 - 2 Lost against Porthleven Rangers
19 November	2 - 0 Lost away to St. Day

**Forthcoming matches** Kickoff is at 2.30p.m.

10 December	Home against Wendron United 3rds
17 December	Away against Troon Reserves
7 January	Away against Chacewater Reserves
14 January	Away against Mawnan Reserves
28 January	Away against Madron Reserves
4 February	Away against Porthleven Rangers

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Well, as the year draws to a close, it's time for a round up of recent news. We're settling into our new office in the shepherd's hut at Poltesco, with that now being the main contact number (01326 291174) for the Ranger team on the Lizard. Do pop in to say hello, or catch up with us about our work locally. Most importantly you'll get to meet Justin's Jack Russell pup Woody, who's currently the main attraction!

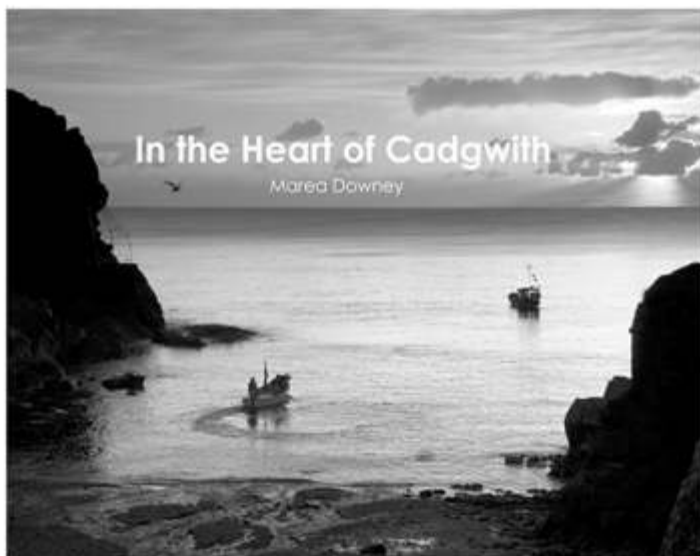
It's been a busy few months, particularly with education and events. Anyone taking a walk at Kennack Sands one Thursday in September was greeted by the unusual sight of a giant sand sea serpent, complete with boulders for its eyes, and a stony spine decorated with 200 flags! The 50 metre sculpture was the combined handiwork of Grade-Ruan and their partner schools Manaccan, St Keverne and Coverack who came together for a day of fun on the beach organised by ourselves and Natural England, to celebrate their new partnership under shared Headteacher Tom Harman.

Whilst Claire from NE and I do lots of work with schools, it's usually a class at a time, not four whole schools (totalling 200 kids) at once! Nothing that a huge army of enthusiastic volunteers, an air horn and a time keeper charged with keeping us all on track couldn't solve! The day went really well, blessed too by glorious sunny weather. We started with a giant Mexican Wave, with added woosh sound effects. The kids were then divided into four groups by age, giving plenty of opportunities for new friendships to be made across the schools. As well as helping to shift sand for the sculpture with wheelbarrows and spades, and printing marine themed flags, the children also got to play parachute games... on the beach. Professional storyteller Mark Harandon enthralled his audiences, gathered in a hollow in the dunes, with tales of the infamous pirate Captain Avery and rumours of long-lost treasure. During the afternoon, Sky High Photography (thanks to Andrew Fletcher) flew a silent battery powered model airplane high over the beach to take pictures to capture the sculpture, before the tide came in and the sand was reclaimed by the sea.

October half-term proved action-packed with Poltesco playing host to a BBC linked nature trail, based around 'deadly detectives'. 100 kids took the Live 'n' Deadly challenge over the 3 days, following clues around the valley to solve the mystery of who or what had eaten the clutch of eggs. It proved really popular, and we'll be running the trail again over the next few weeks for a number of local schools including Grade-Ruan and Landewednack. Also in half-term, 10 families joined us for a Halloween lantern making workshop at Poltesco. Elm and dogwood from the valley were used to shape a frame of any shape, which was then covered in glue soaked tissue paper. The lanterns looked really effective, and are great fun for all ages to make. The biggest challenge however, is how to get them home, dripping wet, in the car! By the time you read this, Women in Wellies will have joined us on 28th November for their take on lantern making, as a follow up to a September green woodworking session in the orchard with us. Spoon carving, making gypsy flowers with a draw knife and shave horse, having a go on a pole lathe, and making string out of nettles were all on offer.

In October Truro College students joined us as they have done for many a year for a couple of days to help us clear and burn gorse on the cliffs at Poltesco, as part of the community element of their International Baccalaureate qualification. The ponies always take great interest in what we're up to on the cliffs, and are particularly keen to get in to cleared areas to strip the bark from the gorse stumps. Must be tasty! The ponies will be up to Kil-

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down Point, and then back down to the Valley, before they head off to Lizard in the New Year.

Also in October, we were grateful for the help of Geography undergraduates from Tremough Campus, Penryn, who joined us for a day clearing gorse from a bank on land towards Kingey, owned by John Bosustow, who kindly provided pies as sustenance. The spot has been identified by botanists, as once being home to the rare twin headed clover which is a speciality of the Lizard, so we're keen with John and Natural England, to get the site restored to more open grassland. This is part of a wider project we're involved in, bringing better co-ordination between experts, nature conservation organisations and private landowners, to benefit the Lizard's rare plants on and off the beaten track.

What else will be coming up in the next few months? Well we'll be needing to do some more work to remove elms close to paths, roads and buildings that have succumbed to Dutch Elm Disease, mainly in and around Poltesco valley. Every winter we need to take a few more trees down, but at least the effects on the landscape aren't too dramatic spread across the years, and fresh suckers soon emerge to take their place.

We'll be running a Christmas workshop for kids at Poltesco, on Tuesday 20th December. All sorts of festive crafts and fun will be on offer. It's for unaccompanied 8-12 yr olds (parental consent form required) 10am – 3pm, £4 per child. Call us to book.

Seems a bit early to say this, but Happy Christmas and New Year!

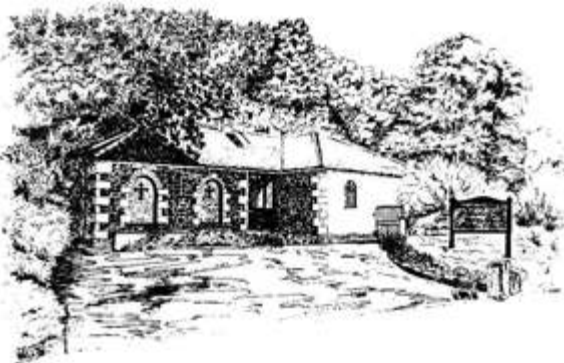
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The books, which begin with their move to Cornwall in 1949, detail the efforts of Derek, a Cornishman, and his wife Jeannie, at growing flowers, early potatoes and tomatoes high on the cliffs above Lamorna Cove (early Good Lifers!). Their animals form a large part of the stories, as do the creatures that live wild around them. The, at times, inhospitable rocky landscape that Dorminack, their almost derelict cottage stands on, is described with great passion. Derek wrote in every Chronicle how he looked towards the outline of the Lizard and the winking light of the Lighthouse across Mounts Bay.

Although the books are now out of print, a selection of them can be found at 'Tangye Corner' in the Lamorna Pottery. This year, being the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Chronicle, the Society has published 'The Minack Chronicles Revisited' which contains the first Chronicle 'A Gull on the Roof' plus additional biographies, interviews, photos and area history.

The Society enjoys Worldwide membership but is based in Cornwall. Members receive a thrice yearly newsletter, and enjoy an AGM held at The Queens Hotel Penzance in March as part of a 'Memorial Weekend' programme of Minack linked events.

For further details of membership and the new book 'The Minack Chronicles Revisited' please contact – Gloria Townsin 01326 241745 or e-mail: [gloriatownsin@uwclub.net](mailto:gloriatownsin@uwclub.net)

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# QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

Well, we borrowed a couple of shoe horns; squeezed everyone into the Hall and 10 teams began the 'Battle of the Brains' only a little later than usual.

Bob's Band had clearly been holding rehearsals and had taken on a **few** new recruits. As a consequence, it was necessary for them to be re-named '**Bob's Orchestra**' and the power of their music was sufficient to compose enough points to out-score the opposition and drum up the October title of '**Village Hall Quiz Champions**'. The **Cliffhangers**, **No Hoppers** and **Mixed Bunch** teams made valiant attempts to hit the right notes but were finally out-played and had to be content with the runner-up positions.

Thanks to everyone who took part for making it such a terrific evening and we look forward to seeing you again at the Christmas Quiz Night (funny hats optional!) on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Score</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob's Orchestra	114.0
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cliffhangers	105.0
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No Hoppers	102.0
4 <sup>th</sup>	The Mixed Bunch	101.0
5 <sup>th</sup>	The In-Betweeners	99.5
6 <sup>th</sup>	The Buccaneers	92.0
7 <sup>th</sup>	O.T.T.	91.0
8 <sup>th</sup>	The Whelks	89.0
9 <sup>th</sup>	The Motley Crew	81.5
10 <sup>th</sup>	Just The Four Of Us	76.5

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# Gardening in December and January

by David Endean

I remember vividly writing this column a year ago having just had our first really cold snap of the year, giving us quite thick ice on open water and buckets. Little did I know then that that perishingly cold period would come and go for long spells throughout November and December. It brought snow and thick ice - not good for the tender plants in our gardens, especially after the first hard frosts. It had been so mild prior to that that the plants had had no hints of winter and as a consequence the growth was still very soft and easily damaged. Think of all your hydrangeas that were still in full leaf, I am sure some still had quite fresh flowers on them. Then overnight they looked really sad as they were black and bedraggled. Well that was our third unusually hard winter on the trot, who knows what this one will bring. As I write this in mid-November, I have just seen a pair of Swallows still flying around the School in Ruan Minor. It is for the best that we do not know what the weather will be as I am sure otherwise our world woes would be even worse than just the financial collapse of the Euro zone.

I thought this was probably an apt time to discuss indoor plants with the run up to Christmas. Many of you will be buying, receiving and giving pot plants over the festive period and I thought some timely information may help you get the most out of them. You can get some very good deals on plants now for gifts and even better ones just after Christmas as the shops want to get shot of excess perishable stock. I think in general these plants are good value for money as most of them are comparable in price to that bunch of cut flowers alongside them in the supermarket stand and, with a little care and attention, the pot plant will provide colour and interest several times longer than that bunch of flowers.

Many of the plants that are bought suffer from being brought into and kept in

rooms which are just too hot with dry central heating. A cool light room is much better for most, an even temperature of 5-10°C is ideal for them, but obviously there are some exceptions. The other point which I have touched on is that the air is so dry around the plants causing desiccation and browning of the leaves. The simplest method of overcoming this to stand your prized plant in a saucer which has been filled with a layer of gravel then put water in the saucer. This will keep the air around the plant moist without drowning it. Like bunches of cut flowers, pot plants are not great fans of gas appliances. This is because the increased level of ethylene which is produced causes flower and leaf drop.

Cyclamen like the cool room and saucer treatment. Another tip is that you should only water from the bottom. Do not water the plant until a point where it has just started to flag a little, then put the whole pot in a pan of water and give it a drink for an hour, let it drain and return it to its saucer. This treatment is ideal for those evergreen Japanese azaleas that are so cheerful.

Spring flowering bulbs like Narcissi, Hyacinths and the like all do much better in a cool room, otherwise the flowers may only last a couple of days instead of up to a fortnight. Once these have finished flowering, they can be planted out in the garden if you wish, to flower in 15 months' time.

Poinsettias are the archetypal Christmas pot plant with their regal red bracts and now you see some other shades as well. But they are as fickle as they come. The first thing you need to do is to buy them from a retailer who looks after them. Do not be tempted to purchase those plants displayed outside the shop or on an outside stall. Once you have got your plant, look after it. They are very temperature dependent; if they catch a chill they will soon drop the majority of their leaves, spoiling

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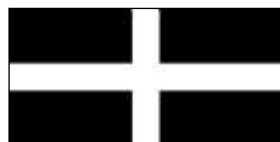
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their festive appeal. You can keep your plants from year to year, but to get them to produce the colourful bracts for Christmas requires dedication and is rarely worth the effort. To get them for Christmas, the commercial growers have to pack greenhouses full and control both the temperature and light levels giving them artificially long nights in the run up.

A gift which is often popular is the Amaryllis bulb, or Hippeastrum to give it its proper name. These are dead easy to grow and normally the whole kit and caboodle is given in one package for you to have a floral success. They generally take six to eight weeks to flower and produce a spike with four or five trumpet flowers. The larger more expensive bulbs produce more spikes with more trumpets and so you get a longer display. These are quite easy to keep from year to year. After the flowers, you will get a plume of strappy lush green leaves, so keep watering the plant and feeding it with a good proprietary plant food up until around

August, then stop and lie the plant on its side. This will encourage the leaves to yellow and die back and give the bulb a short dormant period until you decide to start it off again early in the following year. They are not frost hardy so do not put them outside until all risk of frost has gone, but they will cope with relatively cool conditions.

Kalanchoes or Flaming Katies have relatively tough leathery succulent leaves with red flowers and so are generally good house plants. Just keep them moist and frost free and they will reward you with several months of flower.

Out in the greenhouse, those of you with grapevines will find that the next few months are ideal for pruning the vine. The plant is now dormant and the leaves have dropped. Prune all the fruiting spurs back to a single bud. This will leave you with a few long branches, called rods, along which there will be numerous knobbly protrusions from which next year's flowers and fruit will come, the spurs. Check the plant for pests

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and diseases and treat as necessary. Often scale insect is a problem; the old fashioned treatment was a spray with tar wash but this is not ideal in the greenhouse. I find the best treatment is to wait until the spring and use a biological control, for this problem the answer is a predatory insect which you can buy mail order. I use a similar product for Red Spider mite if I am unlucky to get a problem.

Around Christmas and the New Year is the traditional time to sow your large exhibition onions. I will be doing this once again this year. At our recent autumn show meeting, we decided that next year our novice class will be for large exhibition onions after we had leeks last year. So, as last year, I will be growing on some plants to give away to those of you that are interested in growing them and are willing to enter them in the show in the autumn. The variety that I will be growing for this class is Bunton's Showstopper and as before I will use this column to guide you through how to grow them and prepare them for the show.

What else will I be doing in the depths of this winter? Well I hope to take some hardwood cuttings of some shrubs to bulk up stocks. You can do this for nearly all the shrubs. I will need to pot up the cuttings that I rooted earlier in the autumn and also the merry go round of those Exhibition leeks will continue with their first potting on from rooting the pips. There will always be the boring tidying and the important washing down of greenhouse and pots ready for the spring. Days are short and weekends will be packed. Working for a living will get in the way of doing all that I want and need to do in the garden, but we will all plod on. If all else fails and the weather is too bad, I will peruse garden and seed catalogues and plan my exploits for the year to come.

Well enjoy your garden whatever the winter brings and have a good Christmas and maybe Santa will bring a sparkly new garden toy to you.

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2. What was stolen from Westminster Abbey at Christmas 1950?
3. In which city is Wenceslas Square?
4. In which film did Bing Crosby first sing "White Christmas"?
5. To help which country was the song "Do they know it's Christmas" recorded by many stars in 1984?
6. To which capital city did the Soviet Union airlift troops on Christmas Eve 1976?
7. From which film comes the song "Have Yourself a Merry Christmas"?
8. At Christmas 1989, in which country was a communist dictator overthrown?
9. From which culture did the custom of wearing paper hats and pulling crackers at Christmas come?
10. In Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", what is Scrooge's first name?

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## Answers to November quiz

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2. After Association Football, what is the next most popular spectator sport in Britain (measured by numbers attending)? *Greyhound Racing*
3. Who wrote the play "The Caretaker"? *Harold Pinter*
4. Who is the present Queen's eldest grandson? *Peter Phillips (son of Princess Anne)*
5. In the Cornish language, which day of the week is Deyow? *Thursday*
6. How many pounds of lettuce make up one thousand calories? *12½*

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*A little more from the Itinerant Seafarer ...*

By Simon Sugrue

Mount Blaise. Western Australia

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It was during one call at Mount Blaise that I got a huge surprise. In the late afternoon I was drifting up the tidal channel towards the light where I was to pick up the mechanic who had been landed there in the morning and had been servicing the light all day. Dusk was approaching and the wind dropped, which meant that the sand flies were on their way out to eat me. I had a boiler suit in the boat and stood up to put it on as a challenge to the sand flies' ingenuity. All this involved me being a bit more conspicuous to anything on the creek banks. These banks were grassy, a gentle green colour. As I looked around to check that the boat was drifting safely, I saw a lot of the creek bank move. This surprised me almost enough to cause me to fall out of the boat. Creek banks don't move, but this one ... .. turned into a herd of camels that had been startled by my movements while putting my boiler suit on. These camels were green. I knew that there were camels running wild in WA, but green ones? It seemed that they liked the brackish water of the creek and lay about there most days. They got so damp that algae grew on their fur, turning it green.

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## **Minutes of the October Monthly Meeting of the Grade-Ruan Parish Council held on Monday 10 October 2011 in the Ruan Minor Village Hall**

The Meeting had been advertised to be held in the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel but had to be relocated to the Village Hall at short notice due to the unavailability of a key holder to open the Chapel.

**Present:** Councillors P Collins (Chairman), J Trewin (Vice-Chairman), J Preston, K Codling, W Elliott and N Green. Also present were Jody Jeffery (Cornwall Council Senior Development Officer for Affordable Housing) and Michelle Foster (Director of Development Coastline Housing). Councillor Cooper joined the meeting at point 8d in the Minutes.

Councillors Green and Elliott withdrew from the following discussion but remained as Members of the Public.

Further to the September meeting when Coastline representatives had been advised of dissatisfaction expressed by Coastline tenants within the Parish, copies of a customer satisfaction survey conducted by Coastline at Glebe Place were circulated which indicated a general level of satisfaction with Coastline overall, although the greatest number of complaints related to the grass cutting service charge.

Michelle Foster advised that this cost does fall very heavily on the Coastline tenants as there is a high proportion of properties in the development that exercised the Right to Buy leaving a small percentage of tenants to bear the service cost. Coastline is aware that this is an unsatisfactory situation and are considering a number of options to try and reduce this burden on the tenants.

The Chairman advised of the purpose of the Community Trust within the Parish and suggested the grass cutting may be something it could take responsibility for.

Since September a housing consultation had been conducted in respect of the proposed affordable housing development to abut Glebe Place. Forty households had attended with a number of positive and negative comments made regarding affordability, road access, concerns about rent, traffic and ability of services in village to support the additional demand.

On the whole it was felt it had been a positive event with no major problems identified and it was intended a planning application be submitted.

The Council drew attention to the AONB's comments regarding landscaping, discussed the responsibility for the boundary hedge on the north side and the possible design implications that could be considered during the planning process.

Enquiries were raised as to whether the affordable housing contribution available for the Parish through a Section 106 agreement on another development could have a significant impact on this proposal. Michelle Foster would calculate the effect these monies could have on the rents for the properties.

Questions were raised as to how applications would be prioritised. Councillors were advised there is a definite priority order that has to be applied. Concern was expressed that properties would be allocated to those in emergency accommodation rather than people with local needs.

Jody Jeffery requested that as the major concerns had been considered and Coastline were ready to submit a planning application on the basis of having addressed the major concerns that had been raised, that the Parish Council support the application when it come before them.

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Michelle Foster advised the cost of the application will be £70 000.00 and this will be made in good faith that the major objections have been addressed.

The Vice-chairman thanked Jody Jeffery for his contribution to date through the Priority Parish scheme.

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council commenced at 8.30pm.

1. **Apologies and Absence:** Councillors R Curnow, P Freeman, M Fleetwood and C Cooper.

The apologies were accepted by those present.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** there were no declarations of interest.
3. a **Public Time:** it was reported a large sign had been erected at Worvas Farm which may be in breach of permitted development. Clerk to refer to Enforcement.  
b **Road planings:**The dumping of road planings on the verge at Hendra had recommenced. It was thought Councillor Rule had confirmed there would be no further dumping at this site. Clerk to check correspondence relating to this.  
c **Kuggar Bus Shelter:** there was graffiti on the bus shelter and some slates missing. It was queried who was now responsible for the maintenance of this since it had been resited.
4. **Police Report:** PCSO Berry had sent her apologies but had forwarded a report to the Clerk which was read to those present.
5. **Cornwall Councillor's Time:** there was no report from Cornwall Councillor Rule.  
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6. **Minutes for acceptance:** the Minutes of the September Meeting having been circulated were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

7. **Planning:** PA11/018181 – loft conversion including three dormer windows at Mon Abri, Prazegooth Lane, Cadgwith, Ruan Minor by Mr W Mudford

Councillor Green proposed this was supported, Councillor Trewin seconded – all in favour.

An application was showing on Cornwall Council's website at Trenoon Farm. The Clerk had not received any details of this. Clerk to contact Cornwall Council and request the Parish Council be given time to consider this.

Parishoners had drawn attention to Councillors about a high powered security light on coastal farmland near Kuggar Farm, and concerns have been raised over unregulated development at the site'.

Clerk to refer to Enforcement.

8. a **Finance: Financial Report** - copies of the financial report were circulated.

b **Audit:**

c **Cornflower Garden Services:** £240.00, Councillor Codling proposed this should be paid, Councillor Elliott seconded – all in favour.

Councillor Cooper joined the meeting.

d **Clerk's salary:** to be carried over to the next meeting

e **Land registration:** Councillor Green had made enquiries as to the costs of voluntary registration on the Council which would be calculated on the value of the property to be registered. It was suggested £40 000.00 for the Car Park as there were a number of restrictive covenants on the property and £95 000.00 for the surgery. The cost of registration based on these values would be £380.00.

The Chairman proposed that the Council proceed with first registration on the unregistered properties, Councillor Codling seconded – all in favour.

f **To consider a motion “*The Council resolves with immediate effect to adopt the changes to the Grade Ruan Parish Council Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment and Grade Ruan Standing Orders that were laid before the Council at this meeting(with or without amendments)*.”** Copies of the revised procedures were circulated for consideration.

Councillor Green proposed these were adopted, Councillor Trewin seconded – 6 in favour, 1 abstention, the motion was carried.

g **Requests for donations: Spectrum** - Councillor Cooper proposed a donation of £100, Councillor Elliott seconded – all in favour.

h **Cornwall County Playing Fields Association** - it was agreed not to donate to this.

i **EDF** notification was received of a change in charges.

9. a **Matters arising from the Minutes: fencing at Play Area** - to date Councillor Elliott had been unable to obtain any quotes for new fencing.

b **Casual vacancy:** there had been one expression of interest in the vacancy, a Mr M Alford . Councillor Codling proposed Mr M Alford be co-opted, the Chairman seconded.

A number of the Councillors were unacquainted with the applicant and unhappy to appoint someone they did not know. Councillor Cooper proposed an amendment that Mr Alford attend a meeting to introduce himself to members, Councillor Elliott seconded.

The amendment was voted on – 5 for, 2 abstentions. The amendment was carried and became a substantive proposal.

It was agreed there should be a private meeting at 7.15pm prior to the start of the November monthly meeting.

c **Dogs on Kennack Beach** – Councillor Elliott had spoken to the Dog Warden and 4 signs are to be made up for Kennack Beach, re dogs on the beach and Cornwall Council is renewing the old signs.

d **VAT** – the repayment for the year 2010-11 had not yet been received.

e **Verge trimming** – Councillor Cooper proposed a letter be sent to the Trust to request they took over the verge trimming of the verge into Ruan Minor, Councillor Preston seconded – all in favour.

f **Phone box** – in response to Mr Palmer's letter of the previous month, the Clerk had contacted BT to request it be cleaned and repaired.

10. **Matters for consideration: Cadgwith Car Park** – to apply for grants for the ground around the car park, the land needs to be registered. The Clerk confirmed the Car

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Park had been registered.

**11. Correspondence: [Not included here due to space limitations. Details are available from the Editor.]**

**12 Footpaths, Environment and Treewarden:** the 30mph sign entering Ruan Minor towards Cadgwith has been knocked over by the stile.

**Serpentine stiles:** whilst it is the responsibility of the landowner to maintain the stiles, the serpentine stiles are unique. Councillor Preston to enquire whether any grants are available.

**13 In committee:** there were no items in committee

Meeting closed at 11.05pm.

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Police Report at Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday 14 November 2011

Please accept my apologies for not attending the meeting tonight.

During October 2011 there have been five crimes reported to the Police:

The offence of Committing an Act Outraging Public Decency for which someone received a caution.

There has been a report of a burglary; upon investigation it is believed that this was a drunken prank. It happened late at night at a property where an insecure window was opened and a microwave pushed.

A False Representation, not Card or Cheque; this crime is currently being investigated. It involves purchases made on the internet where cheques have been cashed and goods have not arrived.

There has been a burglary at a holiday cottage at Kennack Sands; this crime has been investigated, but filed pending any information coming forward.

There has also been criminal damage caused at a building site at Kennack Sands, this is currently under investigation.

Whilst there have been no thefts reported within the Parish and crime is still extremely low on the peninsula, there has been an increase in burglaries to sheds and insecure out buildings in other areas and I would ask members of the public to increase their security to such buildings in order to prevent opportunist crime. If you see anything that you consider suspicious please report it to the Police or to crime stoppers.

I would like to advise you that 101 is the new Police non-emergency number, this replaces the 08452 777 444 number and can be used if a crime has already happened, to give information about a crime or to speak with a local officer. The cost of the call is 15p for the duration of the call. Alternatively, you can contact me on 01326 555158 (answer machine) leave a message and I will return you call.

PCSO **Julia Berry** – Police community support officer  
SC **Chris Butterill**  
SC **Tony Soady**

# *Rector's Ramblings*

It's been an eventful year, hasn't it? So much has happened. Pro-democracy rebellions have erupted across the Middle East, known as the 'Arab Spring', and civil uprisings and demonstrations continue there. Presidents have been ousted, regimes challenged and a dictator 'taken out'.

Then we had the August riots on our streets here in Britain – something unheard of for three decades. Whatever the socio-economic causes of those riots and the authorities' response to them, many of us reflected that our society was really not dissimilar to the emerging democracies in the Arab world.

Currently we have the 'Euro Zone crisis'. And an Italian prime minister is forced to bow out. This of course only reflects the whole global economic situation. I don't fully understand either national or global economics – but I do understand the devastating effects that it can have on individuals, families and communities.

We've seen changes here in Ruan Minor. Much-loved people have died and with their passing, lives have been changed forever.

So many changes. It makes us wonder if *anything* is constant, if *anything* can be relied upon to give some stability.

Well, there's one thing, one Being, that *is* constant, upon whom we can always rely – and that is GOD. God loves us and will continue to love us forever – even though we often seem to reject and deny Him.

And at this time of year we are reminded of His love – because we remember and celebrate that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be born as a tiny helpless baby in a dirty, smelly cowshed, to save you and me. He gave us Jesus knowing that Jesus would pay the ultimate price – his life – so that we may be free, our wrongdoings washed away by his blood.

What do we give God, what do we give Jesus, in return? In the words of the well-known Christmas carol: 'What can I give him, poor as I am? Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.' As we are giving and receiving our Christmas presents this year, may we once again give our hearts and our lives to Jesus Christ.

A very happy and blessed Christmas and peaceful New Year to you all!

Revd Deirdre

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## Church of England Services

### December

Sun 4th	Morning Praise	11am
Sun 11th	Holy Communion CHRISTINGLE @ St Grade	9.30am 3pm
Sun 18th	Nine Lessons & Carols NATIVITY @ St Mary's, Cadwith Community Carols – meet at the lychgate, process to Hall	11am 3pm 7pm
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	MIDNIGHT MASS	11.30pm
<b>Christmas Day</b>	FAMILY COMMUNION @ St Wynwallow Church	10am

### January

Sun 1st	NO SERVICE	
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	9.30am
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service	11am
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**St Ruan needs a Treasurer!**

David Gascoigne has been doing sterling work as Treasurer for St Ruan Parochial Church Council (PCC) during the past few years.

However, you will know just how many 'hats' David wears and with what commitment he wears them - and something has to give! David now feels that he is unable to continue as Church Treasurer and will be standing down at the end of this calendar year. So the PCC needs a new Treasurer to take over from him.

You will see from my 'Ramblings' that I write of giving something back to God – our hearts and our lives. But 'giving' is also about giving of our time and our talents. So even if you're not a regular church-goer, please pray and think about whether you have the time and the talents to be our Treasurer. Speak to David or to me to find out a bit more – but please keep your heart and mind open to God.

Meanwhile, on behalf of the PCC, I should like to give heartfelt thanks to David for all his hard work.

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