# Grade Ruan Gazero November 2015 Vol. 29 No. 8



## **Inside This Month** All our regular features, plus:

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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18 November

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7.30pm Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel,

9 November

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 12.15pm Soup, Pasty, Pudding, Methodist Chapel,

17 November

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm Quiz in the Village Hall, 24 November

Mon & Thurs 7.00pm Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall

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Every Thurs 9.00am - 11.45am Market and refreshments - Village Hall

Every Thurs Yoga at the Village Hall - 5.30 - 6.30 pm

#### NOVEMBER

### (SEE "WHAT'S ON" FOR MORE DETAILS)

2 November Start of Autumn term, Grade Ruan Primary School

5 November Bonfire and fireworks at the Rec, 6pm

6 November "Monkey" by Puppetcraft, Landewednack Hall, 6.30pm
7 November Craft Fair - Village Hall, see ad opposite VH News
8 November Remembrance Sunday, 10.45am at the War Memorial

14 November Children's Hospice Christmas Coffee Morning 10.30am-1.30pm

18 November Book Club - Cadgwith Cove Inn, 8pm

18 November Deadline for contributions to December/January Gazette

21 November Under 5s Christmas Fair, Village Hall, 11am - 2pm

24 November Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm

#### ADVANCE DATES

5 December Christmas Lights Switch On - Cadgwith Cove, 6pm

6 December Carolaire - Village Hall Christmas Concert with "Menherion"

10 December Christmas Market - Village Hall
 13 December Christingle, Grade Church, 3 pm
 16 December Book Club - Cadgwith Cove Inn, 8pm

16 December Joe Carpenter & Son. Village Hall

Pre-show drinks and nibbles 6.15pm. Show starts at 7pm

18 December
 20 December
 3 January
 21 February
 Last day of term, Grade Ruan and Mullion schools
 Open Evening at Treleague Dairy Shop, 5-9pm
 Start of Spring term, Grade Ruan Primary school
 13 - 21 February
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7 August Grade Ruan Vintage Rally

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#### CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send contributions to the Editor's email address shown below. Paper contributions can be put in the Mag Bag behind the door at Ruan Minor Stores. The deadline is the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication.

Articles may need to be split over more than one issue, and might be edited.

If you have a photograph, painting or drawing that could be used on the front cover, please send it to the Editor.

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## Noticeboard

Summer seems to have slipped away quietly and we are now looking forward to all the winter events, details of which you'll find in the "What's On" section.

Switch on of the Christmas lights in the Cove will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like a lantern for your child to carry down the hill, then you will be able to get one at the Under 5s Christmas Fair; see "What's On" for details.

Many of you will have heard of Jan Halliday's recent near death experience. Her husband, Tony, kindly agreed to write an item for the Gazette outlining what happened. It's a compelling story and gives an insider's view of the NHS. You'll find it on page 42.

Happy Birthday in November to: Daniel Woodley, Derek Basey, Sam Birchmore, Fraser Thomson, Nicky Jose, Danielle Legge, Isabel V, Catherine Bird, Dawn Bishop, Toana Ellis, Sally Ellis, Brett Jose (a big 0!), Leanna Hooper, Robin B-A, Esme H, Thea H, Carolyn Ferrari, Tom S, Kate Phillips, Gwen Jane, Andreas H, Paul Penrose (officially a pensioner now?), Margaret Green, Fabian (JJ) G, Jean Smith, Jonathon Coudrille, Janet Gascoigne, Casey V, Garry Holmes, Danny Phillips, Liz Hammill, David Goddard, Joe Stephens, Richard M, Tasha Allen-Goldstone (a big 0!)

The **December Gazette** will have four pages of **colour photographs**, so please

let me have your photos for inclusion. I found last year that I only had photos of a limited number of events. Please let me have photos of any events that you organised or attended, so that we have good coverage of all the many activities that take place throughout the year.

The December issue will also contain **Christmas greetings** as usual. Please let me have your message along with a minimum donation of £5 (more if you're feeling generous), by 18<sup>th</sup> November. You can put it in the "Magbag" behind the door at the Ruan Minor Store, or drop it in the letter box at New Thatch. If you would like to do things electronically, then email your message to me and make your donation (with a suitable reference please) online to: Sort Code: 40-24-06

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As before, half the donations will be given to a local **good cause**. This year, the Committee has decided to donate it to the Recreation Ground to go towards equipment for the new pavilion.

The **Gazette AGM** was held last month. Our Treasurer, Peter Martin, advised that we had not covered our costs over the previous financial year. However, there is no immediate cause for concern and there will be no change in the advertising rates or cover price.

The Committee would like to thank **Ginny Sealey** for chairing the AGM, **Nigel Green** 

#### Front Cover

The team which has been working on the New Pavilion project, from left to right: Moira Hurst, Nigel Green, Mike Fleetwood, Cathy Brown, Jon Spalding. Also in the team, but not available for the photograph: Paul Ferrari and Peter Freeman. See "Recreation Ground News" for the story behind the picture.

Photo by Chris Hunt



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for auditing the accounts, and to all the distributors for ensuring that the magazines are delivered. **Sally Sugrue** has handed over the Prazegooth round to **Glynis Jordan**. On behalf of the Committee, may I thank Sally and Simon for all the help they have given to the Gazette over many years. You've earned your retirement!

The next Gazette will be a **combined issue** for December and January. Please let me have your contributions by 18th November, otherwise they will not appear until February.

Moira Hurst

#### From Judith Green

Thank you to Ronnie Lingard for the very efficient work he did on installing the defibrillators in Cadgwith and Ruan Minor. It is much appreciated.

#### From Jill Thomas

Many thanks to Wesley, Karen, Alex and family, also to Raymond Curnow for his great disco, Jackie for my surprise birthday cake and, last but not least, a big thank you to all that came to the party. Thanks for the cards and presents; I hope you enjoyed the evening because I did. Thank you all.

Also, I would like to say a very big thank you to Simon Fletcher for my day trip to the Isles of Scilly. Rose and myself had a wonderful time, not only by Simon but also the crew and Captain. I will always remember my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Many thanks to everyone.

[Thank you, Jill, for your kind donation to the Gazette. Ed]

#### From Rose Bowcher

What a day we had! A trip on the Scillonian III to the fabulous Isles of Scilly. The colour of the sea and the sands and on the

way over a pod of dolphins made for a truly memorable day. Rose Bowcher and Jill Thomas would like to say a huge thank you to Simon Fletcher for this wonderful trip. Thank you Simon.

#### From Ginny Sealey

Have a you a few hours spare each week? Want to work in the heart of the village? A Lunchtime Supervisor is needed at Grade-Ruan School – 12.15pm-1.15pm, five days a week. Please contact Louise in the office if you'd like more information on 01326 290613. There are also Lunchtime Supervisor roles available at St Keverne School (01326 280539) and Coverack School (01326 280529)

#### From Jill Praill

Attention all horse owners/riders!

We are keen to set up a group of horse owners/riders to meet landowners in order to improve, and create new, bridleways in this area to get more safe, off-road riding for all. We plan to have a general meeting at the end of November, probably at the Natural England offices at Bochym to discuss the issues (date to be confirmed). If you are keen to be involved, please let me know by e-mail at jillpraill@gmail.com or by telephone on 01326 290470 (leave message). If you know of anyone who may not get this Gazette, perhaps you could pass the message on - particularly The Lizard or Cury. Thank you.

#### From Nicky Jose:

Hi Folks, Just to let you know that the charity for this year's Christmas Day Swim will be Meningitis Now. It would be great if you feel brave enough to join us for a quick dip (in fancy dress of course) at 12 noon on Christmas Day. If you're not feeling that brave, it would be lovely to see you on the beach.

Over the years you have given fantastic support for this event and raised a lot of



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money for the various charities. Swimmers, collectors, supporters, judges, mulled wine makers, poster and form printers, champagne donators: without you the event wouldn't happen, so a huge thank you to all.

Hopefully the sun will shine and the sea will be calm for this year. Look forward to seeing you there.

Sponsorship forms available from: The Cadgwith Cove Inn, Ruan Minor Stores, or me on 290073.

#### From Marea Downey

Marlan and I are excited to be spending Christmas in Cadqwith with members of our family. Many of you know me, and others may have heard of me because of my book, "In the Heart of Cadgwith". I aim to photograph the events that happen at this time of year - the Turning on of the Christmas Swim. Liahts. the Christmas decorations lit up in the village, the Mummer's Play at the pub, the fireworks on New Year's Eve. Also, if possible, I hope to photograph the Christingle Service at St. Grade, and the Nativity Service at St. Mary's. If anyone would like to have any of the images I shall be pleased to give them to you. If you see me around with my camera and do not want to be photographed, please

do let me know. I do not use social media sites such as Twitter or Facebook. I would only share the images with my family, with the requirement that they also are governed by the "right to privacy rules". I am considering creating a one-off memento book of Christmas in Cadgwith to be left at the pub, just like the Regatta, and Christmas Swim books which are there now from several years ago. I believe it allows tourists to see the wonderful happenings in Cadgwith, and may encourage them to come back at other times of the year.

So if you find yourself in front of my camera and would like the image(s) I can be contacted by e-mail at

mareadowney@mindspring.com.

I will also rely on you to let me know if

I will also rely on you to let me know if such an image would only be for your personal use, or it would be OK to put it in the memento book. Happy Christmas from all the Downeys!

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(from Claire at Ruan Minor Post Office)

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[Apologies that some of these dates have passed already - The info wasn't available in time for the November Gazette deadline Ed]

- 28 Sep:All non-European destinations (except Canada, Far East, Middle East, South Africa, USA)
- 29 Sep:Far and Middle East (except Hong Kong and Singapore)
- 13 Oct: Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa, USA
- 3 Nov: Cyprus, Eastern Europe, Greece, Iceland, Malta, Turkey
- 17 Nov: Western Europe.

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- 4 Dec: Africa, Middle East
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- 8 Dec: Caribbean, Central and South America
- 10 Dec: Australia, Greece, New Zealand
- 11 Dec Int. Standard to static HM Forces Mail
- 14 Dec Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Poland
- 15 Dec: Canada, Finland, Sweden, USA
- 16 Dec:Austria, Iceland, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, France
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## What's On

### RUAN MINOR RECREATION GROUND

# BONFIRE & FIREWORK DISPLAY

## THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

Those of you who saw last year's breath-taking display probably didn't think it could be bettered, but... once again Roddy Hall has kindly offered to put on a professional electronically controlled display, with even bigger fireworks.

This will be the most spectacular display for miles around. Don't miss it

Gates open 6.00pm

Display starts 6.45pm

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You could win the chance to press the button to start the firework display. £1 per ticket.

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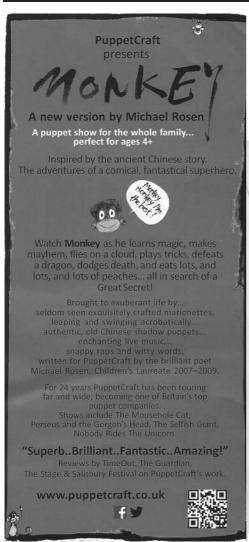


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### What'S On - continued





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It's that time of year again - CHRISTMAS!!!! Our annual Christmas coffee morning for THE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTH WEST will be held in Ruan Minor village hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

It does not seem possible but we have been supporting this for 27 years!!!! This year is very special to me as my great nephew now uses LITTLE HARBOUR in St. Austell. Rieley and the family will actually be in the hospice the weekend of our coffee morning for respite care, so can I please ask for your kind support with extra feeling this year. There will be lots of stalls plus a raffle. There will be tea, coffee, cakes, mince pies and hot pasties at 12 noon. Hoping to see lots of you there and thanks for your support .

Liz Outten

## CHILDREN'S HOSPICE CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Ат

RUAN MINOR VILLAGE HALL

ON

## SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 10.30 A.M. UNTIL 13.30 P.M.

USUAL STALLS: TOMBOLA, LUCKY CHRISTMAS STOCKING, RAFFLE, CAKES, GIFTS, ETC.

HOT PASTIES WILL BE SERVED AT 12 NOON.

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## What'S ON - continued

## Sunday 8th November 2015 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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This will be followed by a United Service in the Chapel at 11.00 am led by Revd. Nicola Thomas-Botwood.

## Ruan Revellers present

## Joe Carpenter & Son

A nativity play
Written by Graham Clarke

Village Hall Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 7pm

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I used to own horses and I would like to point out to the rider concerned that riding on a pavement is not allowed as per the Highway Code. The ladies involved are old enough to know better, their horses are fairly large and it was not a pleasant experience. I didn't say anything to them at the time as I was rather shocked by the episode so I hope that I can reach them through your parish magazine and hopefully an accident can be avoided.

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This year's Rally, held in early August, was very successful. We had perfect weather and it was very well attended by both exhibitors and spectators. Thanks to everyone who helped run the event and also to everyone who came and supported it.

The bank balance is healthy once again, so we're in a good position to stage the Rally next year. It'll be on the first Sunday in August as usual, which next year will be the  $7^{th}$ , with the "Night Before" party being on the  $6^{th}$ .

### **Treasurer Needed**

We are seeking a volunteer to take over the Treasurer's job. It is not an onerous task most of the year, but does require you to be available over the weekend of the Rally and to tie up all the loose ends afterwards. Catherine Bird has kindly offered to audit the books, so the main job is keeping track of all the money and looking after the bank account.

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ally and ideas are invited. It would help the project to have more people on the 'play' committee. With enough interest a separate management group could be set up which would then have access to a wider range of funding than the Parish Council currently has. (Meetings could be held in the lovely new pavilion!). Do let us know if this interests you.

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Quizzes are 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 notice boards.

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Sun 15th Evensong, St Grade Church 3 pm

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Sun 29th Holy Communion, St Ruan Church 9.30am

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## school Spot

Grade-Ruan Under 5s





Grade-Ruan School The topic for this term has been Food Glorious Food - it has pervaded all subjects! We held a Ready Steady Cook event in school, organised by Chartwells, our school lunch providers. Two teams of children took part, in front of a very enthusiastic audience! The Red Team was Mr Jones, Ellen and Rosie, and the Green Team was Katey, Holly and Joe - both teams chosen as they were the Stars of the Week Both teams were tasked with creating two dishes in 15 minutes - The Red Team made a tasty Chicken Noodle dish and the Green Team a yummy Rice and Bean dish with the Green Team winning the vote by a narrow margin.

Orca Class went on a foraging expedition in Poltesco, with the National Trust. They foraged for nettles, seaweed, blackberries and different types of edible leaves for a stew that they cooked for lunch. They also split into groups to press the apples they had picked, make bread, sort the seaweed and leaves and chop the nettles for the stew. According to Poppy and Ryan, the best part of the day was eating the nettles and berries!

The weekly cookery club is going strong; the most recent recipe was 'Oaty Fruity

Scones' - some of the children were not that keen on putting fruit into their scones but were all pleasantly surprised when they tasted the cooked result!

The children are very much enjoying being part of the Mullion Sports Cluster - the first event was a KS1 Multi Sports Competition held at Mullion School. They concentrated hard on all the activities and were pleased to come 3rd out of the eight schools that took part.

A huge thank you to everybody that donated harvest gifts for the Harvest Festival. We were overwhelmed with the generosity and are sure the members of the community that received the packages were very pleased. Thank you to our year six children who very kindly distributed the packages for us. Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest service on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many family and friends join us. A special thank you to Reverend Steve Swann who kindly ran our Harvest service and Julie Swann who played for us

Mullion School have been out and about with the Y10 Art and Dance students taking a trip to St. Ives, where they visited The Barbara Hepworth Museum

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and Sculpture Gardens, as well as an exhibition at Tate St. Ives called Images Moving Out Onto Space. The exhibition was titled after Bryan Wynter's amazing sculptures with light and movement - known as IMOOS. As well as one of these installations, some of his large paintings developed on the theme of the movement of water were also featured. Other works exhibited included paintings and sculptures by 'Op Artists' Bridget Riley and Lilian Lijn.

The theme of movement was also explored through sketches, notes and photographs of the patterns in the sea and on the sand at Porthmeor beach We had a beautiful bright sunny day with a fresh wind, which made working outside there and in the Hepworth Gardens a pleasurable experience for the students, who gathered a useful and varied collection of information (verbal and visual) from which to develop work back at school.

The rugby season has kicked off, with Mullion giving a better showing than

England with matches so far against Penryn, Humphrey Davy and Redruth. The sides are showing plenty of promise and commitment.

The annual Year 7 Beach Day was 'great' - which is praise indeed from an 11 year old boy. They walked from the school to Poldhu Beach - a glorious cliff top walk with a stop at the Marconi monument. Once at the beach, each tutor group built a sand sculpture and was judged on it - the Bs came first, the Ys second, Gs 3rd and Rs fourth. They had a pasty lunch, tug of war battle and the bucket game before walking back, a little tired but having really got to know their tutor groups. It is always a memorable day for them - and when the photos flash up five years later in their leaving assembly and at their Presentation Evening, they are given a taste of the feeling that older adults are only too familiar with - how fast time flies. This year's group to experience that, the 2015 Leavers, will have their Presentation Evening on 2 December, hope you have it in your diaries.



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## Grade Ruan Horticultural Society Autumn Show 2015- Report

Well we were lucky that, after a couple of benign weeks, the weather stayed fair for the Autumn Show. I think a good day was had by all that came, entered and viewed the show. This year the show was opened by our local County Councillor Carolyn Rule. She made special mention of the children's entries which were bright and colourful and she thought that the show had a good future if these children's exhibits were anything to go by. Councillor Rule was particularly taken by a Rocket sculpture made from vegetables.

An intricate cross stitch picture of the West Riding of Yorkshire made by Cadgwith's Margaret Evans was chosen as the best exhibit in the show. This had stiff opposition from a set of Kelsae onions grown by Alec Foreman, Pears and Alstromeria from Doug Stevens and Sally Watts' Dundee Cake.

We had great support this year from all over West Cornwall, none more so than in the vegetable section which had some wonderful exhibits. Once again this year Clarence Thomas won most points in this section along with the most points in the show. We were all pleased when Joy Bosustow won the trophy for most points in the show by a Grade Ruan Parishioner. Joy was the secretary until a few years ago and served tirelessly on the committee for more years than it is polite to mention. Joy entered a little in most sections and was well rewarded, even getting the best exhibit in the Farm produce section with some eggs.

This year has been a wonderful year for apples for most people and we had our best display for many years. Competition was hard fought between Doug Stevens, John Bosustow and Charlie Coates. But it was Doug Stevens who came out on top. It was great to see the old Cornish varieties and one that stood out was called Bottle Stopper; not the prettiest apple you have ever seen but it is obvious where the name came from.

Sally Watts retained both the June Curtin cup for preserves and the Mrs Brierly Goblet for cookery, so we all now know where to head to for a spot of afternoon Tea. The most points in the Cookery section was won by Janette Eathorne who used to be heard on Radio Cornwall with her own programmes and reporting. She was entering for the first time although it was not her first visit as she opened the show quite some time ago. Another new face to win a trophy this year was Mary Keeley who had the best collection of herbs, plus she also won a trophy for her floral art.

Matthew Price showed his prowess with a camera by gaining most points and the best exhibit in the under 18's photography and Chloe Price won the most points in the children's section. Young Tamlyn Carter won a trophy for his crispy cakes and the Desmond Julian prize for the most points by a boy from the parish.

Many thanks to all of you that entered, came and viewed and sampled the tea and cakes. Unfortunately we were missing several regular faces this year but we hope everyone enjoyed the event. Also many thanks to our sponsors without whom the show would not go on. Lastly preparations start afoot now for next year and we hope to see you all there.

David Endean



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# Recreation Ground News

The Pavilion: We scarcely dared believe it, but finally the day came when everything was in place and work on the new pavilion could begin. The cover picture shows some of the Project team members, caught somewhere between starting the demolition and turning the first sod. In the end, we decided to leave both to the professionals and just posed for the photograph. Thanks to everyone who turned out to witness this milestone in the project.



By the time you read this, we expect the old pavilion to have been removed completely and work on the new building to have begun. We hope to have the roof on by Christmas and the building completed by Easter.

You can see the progress being made on the building from the comfort of you own computer or phone, by following us on Facebook, where photographs of the site will be posted regularly.

The Rascals Children's Football club will still meet for training each Sunday morning and the tennis court can be used.

Using the Rec: The main funding for the pavilion was provided by SITA and Sport England, in the expectation that having a new pavilion would encourage more use of the Recreation Ground for sports and social activities. Please start considering whether you would like to lead an activity at this venue, e.g. tennis club, netball practice, darts team, men's and women's football teams, rounders, in fact anything that would benefit from having a lovely new pavilion with excellent changing facilities and a welcoming social space, with kitchen and bar facilities.

**Bonfire Night:** Despite the ongoing building work, the Bonfire Night spectacular will be going ahead as usual on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November. There'll be food and a bar, but there won't be any mulled wine this year. Toilets will be available on site.

Roddy Hall will once again be putting on an awesome professional display. Tickets will be available on the gate to enter a draw for the chance to press the button to start the display.

The bonfire is extra large this year, because all the wooden components of the old pavilion have been added to it. So, all in all, it should be an unforget-table event. We hope to see you there.

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# **QUIZ NIGHT NEWS**

and well earned holidays necessitated team changing and the shuffling of chairs and tables on September's 'Quiz Night At The Village Hall'. As starting time approached, seven mean and hungry teams sat poised with brains (and 'sustenance') at the ready waiting for the bell to sound for Round One heralding the start of yet another

epic battle.

Long

awaited

It goes without saying that the contest was closely fought throughout with every team in with a very realistic chance of success right to the last round. However, that situation was well and truly blown sky high when, once again, the 'All-Nighters' proved to be the decisive factor. A tremendous score of forty-seven points out of a possible sixty points maximum saw THE MIXED BUNCH forge their way ahead to take the champions' crown from THE **BUCCANEERS** hv mammoth thirteen and a half points - one of the biggest winning margins in Quiz Night's history!

The gap between Champions and Runners-Up apart, it was 'business as usual' for the remaining places with just eleven and a half points the difference between second place and 'The Wooden Spoon' position. At the final reckoning just one and a half points

separated EMPTY HEADS from BOB'S BAND who left proudly holding aloft the coveted 'Spoon'.

Julia Nunn posed some 'Little Crackers' in her Guest Round presentation and there was much brain searching and head scratching before she put everyone out of their misery with the solutions to her tricky posers. Thank you very much Julia and we shall see how well teams cope with next month's guest teasers!

When the dust had settled and pulses were returning to something like normal, the final 'scores on the doors' were as follows:

<u>Pos</u>	<u>ition Team</u>	<u>Score</u>
1st	The Mixed Bunch	126.5
2nd	The Buccaneers	113.0
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Just Us Three	111.5
4 <sup>th</sup>	The Motley Crew	104.5
5 <sup>th</sup>	New Blood	103.5
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Empty Heads</b>	103.0
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bob's Band</b>	101.5

Thanks again everyone for another super evening of quizzy fun and games. Take care and see you all next time.

### Quizmaster Dave.

Next Quiz Night Dates: 24<sup>th</sup> November and the Christmas Quiz on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

## **CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH THE NHS**

## By Tony Halliday

It's now been around 5 months since Jan first noticed some signs of Jaundice and 3 months since the cause of that led to a liver transplant. So much has happened in the intervening time that we as a family have struggled to make sense of it, one thing we are all sure of is that we are incredibly indebted to so many people. The role and abilities of the NHS in particular is very much in the public focus right now – our recent experiences couldn't be more positive.

Once the first signs of something not being right had become evident Jan was immediately referred to a Jaundice clinic by the Health Centre at Mullion. Following more blood tests (and many, many more to come!) there was enough concern to warrant Jan being admitted. An Ultrasound suggested that the more straightforward diagnosis of gallstones was unlikely to be the cause, there were however many more possibilities of varying severity. One Consultant felt that Autoimmune Hepatitis (where the bodies natural defence mechanisms attack the Liver) was a likelihood but all other potential causes had to be investigated too. This led to an initial eight day stay at Treliske, Jan had few secondary symptoms and appeared stable so was allowed home for a few days. The close monitoring continued and following another set of blood tests at Mullion there was enough concern to readmit to Treliske.

Various scans and procedures followed – including a biopsy of the liver itself – whilst an exact cause was still unavailable it was being made perfectly clear to us that by far the most likely scenario was that the liver had failed and that a transplant was becoming inevitable. There followed much Googling, we tried to be as responsible as possible and looked at the NHS and the British Liver Trust websites whilst avoiding all chatrooms, particularly outside of the UK. This did give us a good understanding of what was going on and allowed us to ask relevant questions to the Nurses, Doctors and Consultants.

We didn't always like the replies that we were getting but we certainly felt that everyone involved in Jan's care was 100% focused on just how serious her condition would become. Whilst Jan continued to remain in an apparently healthy state we were being warned that as the Liver fails there is an inevitability as to how the body reacts. The key symptom is encephalopathy, this is the brain's reaction to the build-up of toxins in the system where fluids in the skull build up to prevent the toxins affecting the brain. Unfortunately the resulting increase in pressure can lead to extremely serious consequences so the patient's priority in terms of transplant is partly based on this.

There are hundreds of patients awaiting Liver transplant at any one time, there is a rating criteria whereby there have to be at least 3 criteria present before a patient is considered suitable for emergency transplant. Whilst Jan's diagnosis indicated Liver failure she could not be considered for transplant until her condition became more serious which would trigger the third criteria. On July 4<sup>th</sup> it became clear that the slight disorientation that we had been warned to expect became evident. From that moment it became clear that there were well rehearsed plans in place and we were all about to gain a further appreciation of how fantastic this type of care is in the UK.

We had almost been getting blasé about how things were going to progress, we were

waiting for the signs of encephalopathy but to us it seemed that Jan was the least disorientated patient on the ward! Suddenly the signs did appear, fairly subtle at first and would only have been picked up by a close friend or family member. A badly written text (never happens) suggested an out of visiting hours trip to the ward might be an idea. Jan was allowed to leave the ward providing we stayed in the grounds—we met just outside of Endoscopy—nicer than it sounds—and it was clear that we needed a Consultant's opinion. In spite of it being a weekend, one of our main points of contact was working and he quickly agreed that Jan's slight disorientation and listlessness was the trigger and immediately contacted King's College Hospital. Within minutes anaesthetists had arrived with a very clear message about their plans in terms of preparations for transfer, unfortunately most of their message would have been lost on a disorientated patient and some fairly stressed family members.

It was clear that we were now exposed to a very different kind of NHS – critical care. As events are literally a matter of life and death, things happen quickly and providing the patient is stable there isn't much deviation from the plan. For any patient we were told that the preferred option is to transfer in a medically induced coma so that their condition can be monitored and maintained most effectively. There was a transfer to ITU at Treliske, the environment became much quieter but the focus had clearly increased, logistical plans were being put in place as well as some serious medical preparations. There was, however, still time to keep us informed – much appreciated at that point.

As things turned out, we had lost the bed at King's so Jan was made comfortable for the night and the situation was reviewed overnight. An early hours call confirmed that the bed was available again and the situation warranted a Sea King transfer. Weather conditions drove the timing to an extent as thunderstorms passed over Cornwall but Jan was eventually underway around midday. Travel via road in early July from Cornwall didn't bear thinking about so this was a huge relief. In spite of my family's heroic efforts to get me on a train at Truro straight away we failed and I settled for an afternoon train as there would be some very stringent admission procedures preventing me from visiting at King's. I got there at around 9:30 on a Sunday evening and the Lead Consultant was still there and refused to leave until I'd asked every possible question about Jan's condition. I left just before midnight after being introduced to a representative of the transplant team who bought me up to speed with the huge organisation involved.

We were now told that Jan was 'Super Critical', multiple organ failure follows Liver failure and Encephalopathy. There was one-to-one 24 hour nursing, a phone by the bedside that we could ring (and did, regularly) at any time 24hrs a day to speak to Jan's nurse. We could visit at any time although we were asked to respect that there were 21 other critical patients on that ward, there was local accommodation available to relatives of critical care patients which was a massive help in a summer of tube strikes!

There is a system that manages organ donation and transplant. Being a Super Critical patient, Jan's team had first option on any available offer. There is no 'standard' wait but 3 days was suggested as a 'norm'. We had to respect how information was passed to us, none of the professionals could offer reliable facts as the situation changed by the hour (or minute). However, almost without exception they would make time to answer any question and give us any piece of information that we requested. We were

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at the mercy of the donation system insofar as it was only possible to keep Jan's condition stable for so long, and as her condition deteriorated so the quality of a potential donor organ got higher and higher.

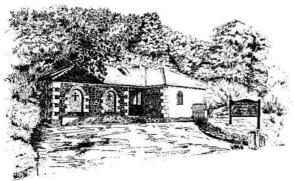
Between us we spent many hours watching the nurses, doctors, registrars and consultants at work. ITU is not a private place, Jan was in bay B and the bays extended to K and beyond. Other families recognised us as they walked past and we were aware of those in similar circumstances too. It was great to see people's moods change as their situation improved, unfortunately there were exceptions but thankfully they were very much in the minority.

We were aware of six potential donors in that week and all had to be refused as the unit operated to very strict guidelines. Some were refused quite early but others were thought of as good potentials, the final decision being made very late on occasions. As a family we strongly expressed that we wanted to be made aware of all possibilities and would take responsibility for the disappointment that we would inevitably feel should the donor organ not be suitable. That didn't fit with the department's main protocol but they did make a concession. This did affect us badly as the 6th refusal was minutes before the operation was to take place with the outlook bleak. We did feel though that the few hours of extreme optimism were worth trading against simply not knowing. We were very, very lucky. On the 12th of July we were told that there was another potential match.

[And in the best tradition of all thrillers, this is to be continued next time... Ed]

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# Gardening in November

by David Endean

Well, as write this, the season seems to have truly changed overnight. On October 14th I saw the last of the Swallows and with them were the first of the Redwings. The previous night was also cold and I had the first small pockets of frost - something you soft sea-siders will not encounter for a week or two yet. All this coincided with a new moon which many old wives tales looked to for a change in the weather. Some people have a set plan of their gardening jobs, dictated to by the phases of the moon; this is fine if you have all the time in the world and can take advantage of the right weather conditions with the right phases. In short, not truly practical in my opinion.

November is the traditional time to plant Tulip bulbs, as it is meant to stop the risk of the plants getting fire blight which disfigures the foliage and affects the flowering. Choose an open well drained site, work it well, add a little fertiliser and possibly some well-rotted organic matter. Plant the bulbs deep, covering them with at least twice the depth of soil compared to the height of the bulb itself. Doing this helps the plants stand up to the weather, especially the wind. I think tulips lend themselves particularly well to growing in pots and then these can be placed around in prominent positions when they are looking good and then moved away again. Most tulip varieties do not put on such a good show in following years, so many people treat them like annual bedding. The choice is yours, but do not be too disappointed if the display is not the same in subsequent years. There are some really good multi-headed varieties on the market these days and these are great for extending the flowering time from a single variety.

If you want to have some bulbs flowering at Christmas, now is the time to think about potting up and starting off those Amaryllis bulbs. They are really easy, put the bulb in a pot which is slightly larger than the bulb. Half the bulb should be above the soil surface. Use compost or bulb fibre. Soak the compost and bring the pot into a warm bright spot and growth should soon start and flowering will occur in about 8 weeks. Often they are given as Christmas presents and when they are planted just into the New Year they flower in March.

Narcissi like Paperwhites are even guicker and need less warmth. A sheltered spot will suffice and I have often used an unheated greenhouse. These will be ready in four to six weeks so, if you have quite a few bulbs, spread out your planting over a few weeks. If you plant Soleil d'Or narcissi at the same time these will flower in succession after the Paperwhites. When you force bulbs like this you do not need to plant them as deeply as normal. Often you will see them with their necks out of the soil, but once they have flowered I tend to plant them out in the garden back down at the normal depth of twice the depth of the bulb, below the soil surface.

Now November is here we do expect winter to start with more cold and frosty weather but it can also be more windy and this can do just as much damage. If you have some tender plants out in the garden or on the patio, it is a good idea to move them to a more sheltered frost free but light position. An unheated greenhouse is very handy for this. Some of the plants that I am talking

about are the tender fuchsias, pelargoniums and lots of the perennial salvias. If you have grown them in pots or tubs, it is easy to just pick them up and carry them to the new site, but if planted in the open ground you will need to dig them up with a good root ball and put them in some spare flower pots. Water them when you pot them up but once they are rehomed water only sparingly: just enough to keep them ticking over. Well drained plants tend to survive colder temperatures much better because it reduces the chances of rot and freezing damage.

Some of you may also have citrus trees growing in pots on the patio; these really should have been housed by now but get them inside but preferably in your conservatory where it is warmer and you can enjoy the scent from the blossoms which are produced all year. Also house other tender shrubby climbers like Plumbagos and potted jasmines; they will have more chance in the conservatory.

Now the decision is yours whether to lift and store your dahlias or to leave them in the ground over winter. I must admit mine are generally left in situ all winter and lifted in the spring for maintenance. Lifting has the advantage of being able to clear and improve the ground, you can get a head start in the spring and get them into growth earlier. You could even take a few cuttings and you will protect them from slugs and snails, which I find kills more of them than anything else as they eat all the fresh tender new shoots in the spring before you realise they are shooting and soon all the tubers' energy has been used up. Conversely it is much less work to leave them in situ and just put a big label in to mark the tuber and mulch over the top to give some added protection. If you do decided to lift the tubers, cut the tops back, dig them up then bring them into the greenhouse or dry spot and turn them upside down so that all the excess moisture drains out. Leave them there for a few days to a week, then box them up into dry compost and put them somewhere cool but frost-free and make sure there are no rodents around as those tubers are really tasty to them. After all, plant hunters originally brought dahlias back to Europe not for the flowers but they thought the tubers could become a useful food crop like potatoes. Note that I do not recommend eating them as from all reports I have read while breeding for their ornamental values, the tuber flavour is very variable to say the least.

The drop in temperature will see more of these rodent house guests now, so I advise a plan of attack before they cause too much damage. I always think the best method is to use the classic nipper traps, as you know exactly what you have caught, they are dispatched quickly and there are no toxins left around which you have no control over.

Some other jobs that can be done now are: sowing Sweet Peas but I will wait until the early spring. Also sowing seeds that need a period of vernalisation before germination, this means they need a cold spell like winter. These are generally large seeds like many of the trees so if you are planning to reforest Cadgwith, now is the time to start sowing some of these in pots. It is often a bit of fun for children to sow conkers which they have collected and then watch them grow.

Now deciduous trees and shrubs are in their winter lull, the time is here for larger pruning jobs. So prune for shape and structure, prune your apple trees, rose bushes and cut back those Buddleias. But time is on your side as you have all winter except for periods of extreme cold.

The days are shorter but there are still jobs to do so get out there and enjoy your gardening.

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# The Herbal Medicine Cabinet by Deanne Greenwood BSc (Hons) Herb Med, MCPP

### Cold and Flu Remedies

There are lots of herbs and spices, many of which are likely to be in your kitchens, that make fast and effective remedies for colds and flu.

They all, variously, have potent antibiotic, antiviral and antiseptic properties, promote sweating (which is the body's way of reducing temperature and fever) and, not least of all, are soothing and comforting.

**Ginger, lemon and honey:** The classic herbal cold and flu remedy. It's best to use fresh ginger (*Zingiber officinale*), chopped or grated (you don't have to peel) and freshly squeezed lemon juice (*Citrus limon*). Make a tea with the ginger and leave to infuse for at least ten minutes before straining and adding honey and lemon juice. The stronger the better, but make to taste – the idea is to enjoy it!

**Cinnamon (Cinnamomum spp.)**, clove (Syzgium aromaticum) and cayenne (Capsicum frutescens): Lovely warming spices that are so comforting when you are feeling cold and shivery. They stimulate circulation, warming you right down to the tips of your fingers and toes. Add to your infusion, as above.

**Yarrow and elderflower:** I gather and dry elderflower (*Sambucus nigra*) in the spring and yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*) in the summer – I never have to travel far to find either of these wonderfully fragrant plants on the Lizard – to make teas with. They are renowned diaphoretics (induce sweating), but they also soothe the mucous membranes in the nose and throat, which helps reduce catarrh.

**Thyme and lemon balm:** These are my favourite herbal teas to help relieve the muscular aches and pains you can get with colds and flu. I grow them in the garden, harvesting and drying in the summer. Elderflower helps too, and blends well with thyme (*Thymus vulgaris*) and lemon balm (*Melissa officinalis*). Inhaling the vapours of aromatic herbal infusions is part of the healing and comforting process, by the way! You can also add strong infusions (use about 25g dried herb) of thyme and rosemary to a bath to help relieve aching muscles and soothe the senses.

**Sage (Salvia officinalis)** and rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*): The antiseptic and astringent properties of these garden herbs make them ideal for sore throats and infections. Use the cooled teas as a gargle. Thyme works well, too.

**Go for garlic!** If you can bear it, garlic (*Allium sativum*) is one of the best herbal remedies for colds and flu. Its antimicrobial properties are unsurpassed. The best way to take it is to squeeze through a garlic press, pound in a pestle and mortar, mix with honey (ideally local and organic), and eat it. Smelling it on your breath indicates that it has passed through your lungs, confirming its deep, penetrative action.

And finally, when you have a cold or flu, look after yourself. Drink plenty of fluids such as herbal teas, and juices and smoothies made with antioxidant-packed berries (hopefully you bagged and froze lots of blackberries that were particularly fat and lush and abundant on the Lizard this year). Cut out dairy products as they are so mucous-forming. Keep warm. Rest as much as possible. And trust in the healing powers of nature and the body's innate ability to heal itself, given the right support!

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## November Quiz

- 1. In which country was Francis Bacon born?
- 2. Who was the first celebrity champion of Strictly Come Dancing?
- 3. What is Switzerland's largest city?
- 4. What was the name of the first U.S. space shuttle?
- 5. Which John always sang in black?
- 6. When was the football World Cup first televised?

## Answers to the October Quiz

- 1. Who created the Cornish detective Wycliffe? W J Burley
- 2. What does DVD stand for? Digital Versatile Disc
- 3. Who killed Lee Harvey Oswald? Jack Ruby
- 4. Who won the first Rugby World Cup in 1954? Great Britain
- 5. What rope is used for tying up a ship? Hawser
- 6. How many pecks in a bushel? Four

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel on Monday 14 September from 7.30pm

**Present:** Parish Councillors, N Green (Vice-Chair: Acting Chairman for this meeting), J Clifton, P Collins, M Fleetwood, P Freeman, J Lee, S Stephens, J Trewin, Clerk J Castle. and 1 member of the public.

- Absences and apologies: There were apologies from Councillors Preston and Jones, Cornwall Councillor Rule and PCSO Berry. These apologies were accepted
- **2. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 3. **Public time:** A report had been provided by Wendy Elliott regarding grant applications in respect of new playground equipment. An application has been sent to Cornwall 100 Club for £3,000 towards a nest swing. This is the maximum grant available. The likely cost of the swing is £3,365 plus VAT so limited extra funding would be required **if** the grant was successful.

The application to Coastline was unsuccessful as there is not a member of the play equipment committee who lives in a Coastline house. It would be worth finding someone who lives in a Coastline house to join the committee to aid any future applications.

The next application is to the Gannett Foundation but this needs to be made by a registered charity – either the Community Trust or the Recreation Committee. Councillor Freeman agreed to help with this.

- 4. **Police report:** In the absence of PCSO Berry, the Clerk read out the report. There had been 7 crimes dealt with by the police during July and August, including 2 thefts, 2 incidents with dogs, an assault and a burglary.
  - PCSO Berry also reported that whilst on patrol she had noted and given words of advice to members of the community that do not wear seat belts. Not wearing a seat belt is one of the "Fatal Four" main causes of injuries and deaths on the region's roads and if caught driving without a seat belt you can receive a fixed fine of £100. Information about government legislation and guidelines can be found at www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/road-safety/
- Cornwall Councillor's time: In the absence of Cornwall Councillor Rule, there was nothing to report.
- 6. Minutes for acceptance: Having been previously circulated, it was proposed by Councillor Freeman and seconded by Councillor Fleetwood that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2015 be accepted. Carried 7 votes in favour and 1 abstention.
- 7. Planning: Planning Applications for consideration
  - PA15/06825 Erection of an agricultural building for livestock housing, Trerice Farm Tresaddern, Ruan Minor. The Chairman had discussed and agreed a treeplanting scheme with the applicant on site to run in conjunction with this application. Following review of the details of the application, it was proposed and seconded that the application be supported. Carried 8 votes in favour.
  - PA15/06826- Erection of an agricultural building for livestock housing, Trerice Farm Tresaddern, Ruan Minor. Following review of the details of the application, it

was proposed and seconded that the application be supported. Carried 8 votes in favour.

 PA15/06890- Proposed extension and alterations including a balcony, Yesnaby Prazegooth Lane, Cadgwith. It was noted that Cornwall Council had decided in favour of this application today, before the Parish Council had chance to comment.

### Planning applications decided by the planning authority since the last meeting

- PA15/05841— Land adjacent to White House Farm Ruan Minor, Proposed garage
  and installation of solar panels, amended design to an existing consent
  [Approved]. As the Parish Council's response in support of this application had
  been determined by e-mail to meet the consultation deadline, it was proposed and
  seconded that the response be ratified. Carried 7 votes on favour and 1 abstention.
- PA15/05021 Demolition of existing garden room and attached greenhouse and erection of new garden room with solar panels on roof, Square Cottage, Cadgwith [Approved]
- PA15/04440 Conversion of existing building to residential dwelling, The Square, Cadgwith [Approved]

### Pre-applications ,consultations and appeals:

- PA15/02178/PREAPP Pre-application advice for erection of a dwelling with adjoining studio (live/work unit) ,Land North Of Prazegooth Lane ,Prazegooth Lane, Cadgwith [Advice given]
- PA15/07095 -Submission of details to discharge conditions 7 and 8 in respect of decision notice W2/PA09/00767/F, Kennack Sands Inn, Kuggar [Discharged- No comment required]

#### 8. Finance

- Financial Report the Financial Report was noted.
- <u>Payments Schedule</u> it was noted that a request had been received in respect
  of the village Poppy Appeal. It was agreed that a donation of £100, in line with
  last year, should be made. It was proposed by Councillor Lee and seconded by
  Councillor Fleetwood that the payment schedule totalling £2284.98 be approved,
  subject to confirmation by Councillor Preston regarding the work carried out by
  Bob Sanders in respect of his invoice for £1282.06. Carried 8 votes in favour.

## 9. Matters arising from the minutes:

- Play Area update the sketches provided by Alastair Guy of the Phase 1 equipment were looked at. It was noted that it had been suggested that an old boat to be half buried in a gravel play area would provide interesting play and a notice would be placed on the village notice board/ Facebook page asking if anyone had a boat they would donate. Concerns were expressed about ongoing planned maintenance and also the need to check the quality of the fittings in view of the climate. It was agreed that the Play Area committee would look at the specifications for the fittings and enquire as to ongoing maintenance with the equipment supplier. Action: Play Area Committee
- School Bus Shelter it was noted that the quote for a shelter to be supplied by Rozen is prohibitively expensive. The Clerk was asked to explore the possibility of any funding from Cornwall Council and also to get costings for a cheaper and

smaller metal design. Action: Clerk

- <u>Emergency Plan</u> it was agreed that an outline of the required plan be circulated to Councillors ahead of the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- Speed humps the very expensive cost of road humps was noted and concerns were also expressed about the noise impact. The Clerk was asked to get costings for an automatic speed warning sign. Action: Clerk
- <u>Sign for Kennack</u> it was noted that the Highways department would replace the crossroads warning sign with one that has Kennack Sands clearly marked on it should funding become available later in the year.
- Ruan Pump Sign the photographs of the new sign were noted.
- <u>Defibrillators</u>- it was noted that these have been installed and a training session held. The Parish Councillors expressed their thanks to all involved in the project. It was agreed that there needed to be signage of the locations of the keys together with a warning that the unit is alarmed.
- <u>Rural Housing Survey</u> concerns were expressed about the proposed extension
  of the Right to Buy Policy to housing associations and the impact this would have
  on the availability of housing to rent. It was proposed by Councillor Freeman and
  seconded by Councillor Clifton that the Clerk should write to the local MP to express
  the concerns of the Parish Council. Carried 8 votes in favour. Action: Clerk

### 10. Matters for consideration:

- War Memorial this item is to be carried forward to a future meeting, giving time for the extent of the necessary work to be considered. It was noted that the cut-off for applications for grant funding is 31 December 2015.
- CLT update re S.106 it was noted that, with the help of Cornwall Councillor Rule, the funds of £257,198 arising from the development in Kennack Sands Inn had been re-assigned for the sole use of Grade Ruan Community Land Trust and this also enabled the deadline to be extended to 01 July 2018.
- <u>Distribution of minutes</u> the concerns expressed by ex-councillor Carol Cooper were noted.
- <u>Cruse Bereavement Care Cornwall- 2015 Appeal</u> it was proposed by Councillor Fleetwood and seconded by Councillor Collins that a donation of £50 be made. Carried 8 votes in favour. **Action: Clerk**
- Helston Lizard Community Network Panel update Councillors Freeman and Lee reported on the recent meeting, attended by Cornwall Councillor Edwina Hannaford. It was noted that Cornwall Council are under pressure to build 7% more houses than the number already included in the Local Plan. Although, the production of a Neighbourhood Plan was recommended to give more power to parish councils with regard to planning decisions, Councillor Freeman was not convinced of the actual benefits unless a conglomeration of parishes was involved.

### 11. Correspondence:

 <u>Paperless Planning</u> – the Clerk reported the large amount of correspondence over the last couple of months regarding Cornwall Council's decision to withdraw

the distribution of paper copies from January 2016. It has been suggested that Cornwall Council will make a grant to each parish council to purchase equipment to display the electronic information. It was noted that training and better presentation of information in the planning portal would be helpful. The Parish Council would need to consider purchasing the necessary equipment, rather than relying on Councillor Green's personal laptop and printer.

### 12. Footpaths, environment and treewardens:

- AONB Signage update- the proposed designs for the signs were considered and the black sign was preferred. The Clerk was asked to report this to the AONB unit, together with a proposal that the sign should be mounted on rough serpentine natural stone rather than a formal shape. Action: Clerk
- Steps at Little Cove Cadgwith it was noted that the erosion at the top of the steps is being caused by a blocked drain, work on which has been deferred by Cormac due to lack of funding. In view of the health and safety implications of the erosion, the Clerk was asked to contact Cormac and ask if this could now be dealt with as a matter of urgency. Action: Clerk
- Request for railings on Footpath 6 in Cadgwith it was noted that this is for the side of the steps on the path down from the car park. It was suggested that Councillor Preston look into whether this could be combined with forthcoming work on the path. Action: Councillor Preston



- <u>Little Cove knotweed, Cadqwith</u> after discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should take no action regarding this as it is the responsibility of the landowners and if necessary they should be pursued to take action. Rachel Holder of the National Trust is to be notified of this decision. **Action: Clerk**
- <u>Giant Hogweed</u> it was noted that as this relates to Ruan Major churchyard it is the responsibility of Cornwall Council.
- <u>Tree warden request</u> it was noted that the Tree Wardens had requested a sum of £250 to cover autumn planting. It was proposed by Councillor Lee and seconded by Councillor Clifton that the request be granted. Carried 8 votes in favour.
- <u>Mundy's Field car park</u> Councillor Trewin had carried out the monthly inspection and had nothing to report. He did consider that some clearance of the grass areas might be beneficial. Councillor Preston will cover the next month.
- Roadside trimming it was noted that some trimming had been undertaken by
  the Highways Department but that they had confirmed that Poltesco Lane and
  other minor lanes would not be trimmed and should be cut by the relevant landowners. There was nothing to update on the verge trimming project. Note: After
  the meeting, notification was received that Treal and Poltesco lanes would receive annual 'treatment' (verge cutting), and indeed those areas had been
  trimmed
- <u>Pavement near Rozen</u> it was noted that work on the trip hazard reported on the pavement near Rozen is ongoing.
- Obstruction of footpath, Buller Day it was reported by Councillor Clifton that
  concerns had been expressed to her that some visitors had obstructed the path
  from Cadgwith car park to the village. It was suggested that a representative of
  the Community Trust talk to the Buller Day organisers regarding this. Action:
  Community Trust
- <u>Litter on second beach, Kennack Sands</u> Councillor Clifton reported that there
  was a great deal of litter, including dog poop bags, in the area behind the wall
  and would like to suggest some wording for a laminated sign pointing out where
  the appropriate bins are located. **Action : Councillor Clifton**
- <u>Inspection of Closed Church at Ruan Major</u> under the terms of the insurance for the closed church, a monthly visual inspection of the church is required. The Church Uses Committee has requested whether a local person might carry this out on behalf of the church. Councillor Stephens agreed to speak to the Venerable Bill Stuart-White, Archdeacon of Cornwall regarding the requirements. **Action Councillor Stephens.**
- Noise at Kuggar concerns had been raised by a parishioner regarding loud noise and light pollution arising from a beer festival and disco at 2 sites in Kuggar over last weekend. It was noted that it is the responsibility of the individual to report this to the police and Cornwall Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should reply to the individual raising the concerns regarding this and also notify Cornwall Councillor Rule. Action: Clerk

#### 13. In Committee:

It was agreed that the next part of the meeting be held in 'closed' session The meeting closed at 10.25pm.

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Oh my goodness – its November already! It's hard to believe it when I'm writing this in glorious sunshine in late October. Those few weeks of glorious sunshine in October certainly made up for the less than sunny Summer this year.

It will soon be bonfire night and I hope you'll all support this year's event. I only got to watch over the roofs from the shop doorway last year but it was still amazing. New in store, to keep you warm as the temperature outside begins to drop, we have sourced some fresh chilled soup. Made in Devon, Rod and Ben's soup uses local, seasonal ingredients.

With Summer and Halloween behind us, we start to turn our attention to Christmas. We already have a selection of cards, gift wrap and chocolate. We're also looking into food hampers and meat orders, so please check with a member of staff if you're interested.

As always, we have Euros available in the Post Office on demand. Other currencies can be ordered and if the order is placed before 2pm, will be available the following

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