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2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm. 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	Soup, Pasty & Pudding, Methodist Chapel, 12.15 pm. 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	History Group in the Ruan Store Café, 10 am. 17 <sup>th</sup> October
4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Quiz in the Village Hall, 7.30pm. 24 <sup>th</sup> October
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### **OCTOBER (SEE “WHAT’S ON” FOR MORE DETAILS)**

1 October	Pet service, St Grade Church, 3pm
4 October	Cadgwith Book Club, Cadgwith Cove Inn, 8pm
6 - 8 October	Cornish Drinks Festival Weekend - Cadgwith Cove Inn
23 - 27 Oct	Half Term
29 October	British Summer Time ends 2am

### **ADVANCE DATES**

5 November	Fireworks at the Rec, Gates open 6pm
8 November	Cadgwith Book Club, Cadgwith Cove Inn 8pm
6 December	Cadgwith Book Club, Cadgwith Cove Inn 8pm
16 December	Cadgwith Christmas Lights Switch on
20 December	Last day of the Autumn Term
4 January	First day of the Spring Term

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Derek, the Cadgwith Seagull - see article on page 17  
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# Noticeboard

Welcome back after the summer break. I hope you've been able to make the most of it, despite the sometimes damp weather.

The Gazette AGM was held on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Our Treasurer, Peter Martin, presented the accounts which showed that the Gazette is on a sound financial footing. The meeting thanked Peter for continuing to ensure that the Gazette remains financially viable. Our thanks to Catherine Bird for auditing the accounts.

Given that we have funds in hand, it was decided that, this year, all the proceeds from the Christmas Greetings donations will go to a good cause, whereas previously the money had been shared with the Gazette. This year's nominated charity is the Cornwall Air Ambulance. I hope you agree that it's a worthy cause, especially this year when the air ambulance has attended a few incidents in the Parish.

There's been a change to the availability of the Gazette in Mullion, due to changes at the Post Office there. The Gazette Committee would like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to Jocelyn Grimmer who has stocked the Gazette in the Mullion Post Office for many years. We wish her all the best for her well-earned retirement.

Thanks too to Mark and Di Bailey who have kindly agreed to stock the Gazette at Mullion Spar from the November issue onwards.

Sue Cadman has stood down from the Gazette distribution role, and we have

been fortunate that David Gascoigne has stepped into the breach. Our thanks to Sue and Garvin for their sterling service over the last few years, and welcome to David in this role.

Ginny Sealey has had to give up distributing the Gazette in the Ruan Minor Village centre and Janet Gascoigne has stepped forward to take on this round. Thanks to Ginny who has done the round for many years, and thanks to Janet for offering to take over.

The Gazette is on a secure financial footing, and with all the willing volunteers to ensure it is delivered each month, the future looks secure.

Norma Gossip has been setting the questions for the Gazette quiz for some years now, and feels it's time to hand it over to someone else. With all the keen quizzers in the Parish, I'm hoping someone will come forward to take this on. It's not an onerous task - setting six questions ten times a year. Please let me know if you would like to do it.

*Moira Hurst*

**Happy Birthday in October** to Hannah B-A, David Jane, Eve Bosustow, Poppy G, Lauren Birchmore, Paula McMinn, Rebecca Langdon, Claire Humby, Christine Jane, Peter Ogle, Ben F, Amanda Townsend, Kerra Langley, Shirley Lee, Chris Hunt, Ann Vaulter, Emily Luty, Shania Wheeler, Bim Mai, Jimmy Hammill, Dave Gascoigne, Pat Palmer, Riley G, John Trewin, Hannah Johnson, Jamie T, Kevin Bosustow, Joal R, Audrey Stokes.

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Brian was moved to stroke rehab at Barncoose on 14<sup>th</sup> September; so one step further along the long road to recovery.

Can I also mention both Gary Pollard and Tony Bennett whose support in getting the first responders from Mullion and the air ambulance to attend were pivotal in ensuring that Brian got the medical attention he so badly needed. Thanks guys.

*From Ginny Sealey on behalf of the Grade Ruan Horticultural Society:*

We are honoured to announce that the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Colonel Edward Bolitho, OBE will be opening the Autumn Show on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October. It's the 70<sup>th</sup> Show!

*From the Village Hall Committee:*

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*From Gary Pollard:*

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*Sheila Stephens 290583*

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The leader board changed hands a couple of times, but in the end it was Keith Johnson who emerged as top angler with the most points. He also won the coveted Skippers Trophy with help from his trusted crew member 'Big Jim'.

Best specimen fish went to John Benwell with an excellent dab. The overall junior winner was Matilda Phillips - following in her brothers' footsteps. Well done to all anglers junior and senior who took part and many thanks to all our sponsors, helpers and supporters who turn out on a Thursday evening.

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# Seagulls: Derek and Jonathan Livingston

By Debbie Collins

This may seem a fanciful story, but in Cadgwith we are often surrounded by great stories. The best story at the moment is about Derek the Cadgwith Seagull - he has his own Facebook page! Simon Bradley found Derek - a baby herring gull - crying out in the lane covered in blood. He rescued the small gull by putting it in his breast pocket and started to feed it on mackerel and fishy bits. Derek started to put on weight and Simon set him off on his first flight - only for Derek to come back straightaway and not fly again for 2 days. Since then Derek has been exploring a wide area - he has been seen at Praa Sands, Porthleven, Coverack and many other places between, and he likes playing with bathers in the Cove. Derek can be recognised by his bright yellow leg rings: one says "Derek" and the other "Cadgwith". If you see him, please put a post on his Facebook page, as Simon and Lorraine are trying to keep track of what he's up to. He is very comfortable around people and has become the summer celebrity in Cadgwith. Derek's story made the local news on TV, and is available to view on YouTube, along with other footage taken by Simon and Lorraine Bradley; just search on "Derek the Cadgwith Seagull". Derek visits Simon at his artists studio every day - they are really good friends!

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Thinking about this story has made me think about Richard Bach's book *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* - well worth a read.

The story begins with a seagull named Jonathan who dreams of flying better than a seagull has ever flown, instead of spending his days looking for scraps of food. The author writes:

"Most gulls don't bother to learn more than the simplest facts of flight—how to get from shore to food and back again. For most gulls, it is not flying that matters, but eating. For this gull, though, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. More than anything else, Jonathan Livingston Seagull loved to fly.... This kind of thinking, he found, is not the way to make one's self popular with other birds."

Jonathan tries to behave like other gulls, "...screeching and fighting with the flock around the piers and fishing boats, diving on scraps of fish and bread." His resolve not to pursue what he loves and to act like the rest of his species has some benefits. In the end, however, he finds the mundane life of the average gull meaningless and goes back to his flying, trying to perfect his technique, sometimes failing, sometimes experiencing great success.

One day, after breaking the seagull flying speed record, he tells his Flock of the freedom he has experienced, "Instead of our drab slogging forth and back to the fishing boats, there's a reason to life! We can lift ourselves out of ignorance, we can find ourselves as creatures of excellence and intelligence and skill. We can

Seagulls, cont.

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be free! We can learn to fly!" Instead of sharing his enthusiasm, the Flock shuns and banishes him.

Jonathan flies into exile, regretting only the blindness of his fellows. He realises that "boredom and fear and anger are the reasons that a gull's life is so short." As he is flying one day, two unusually beautiful and skilled seagulls join him and tell him that they have come to take him "home" to begin new kind of learning. In his new home, he finds like-minded seagulls who experience the freedom of flight. He finds new friends who he wants to take to his home on Earth.

They agree to return to the Flock on Earth to find souls in search of flight. Rumours circulate through the Flock about Jonathan's identity and why this Outcast has returned. Curious Earth gulls flock to him and witness his ability to help others have a sense of their own freedom. He believes that he is unique only in that he has begun to practice the truth of who he really is.

Jonathan Livingston Seagull is a parable about a seagull, but Jonathan himself is someone who followed Kipling's creed. He bore lies and twisted truths, success and failure. No matter what happened, he kept after his pursuit of the freedom of his true self.

Let's hope Derek has a true spirit!!

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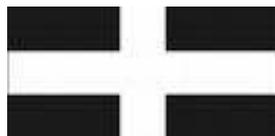
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# Recreation Ground News



See us on Facebook:  
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Well, as I predicted, it was a busy Summer!

Tanya's yoga classes carried on for a few weeks longer than originally planned - they liked the place so much! It is possible she may be arranging further classes in the Pavilion soon.

There were several very popular parties, with bar sales giving a welcome boost to our finances - looking much more healthy now! As usual, we helped run the Summer BBQs in Cadgwith: 2 BBQs fund-raising for the Recreation Ground, 2 for the Christmas Lights and 2 for the Gig Club. With the hit and miss weather this Summer, each group had one successful BBQ and 1 "wash-out"! Still useful income for the 3 groups.

There were a couple of "friendly" football matches, and, of course, the season has started now - with Ruan Minor Football Club playing in the next league up, and still maintaining their un-beaten run!

Recently, we have agreed for the Fish and Chip van to visit the Recreation Ground on Fridays, instead of Mundy's Field. We are opening the bar from 5pm until about 8pm every Friday - so you can sit in the warm with a drink while you wait for your meal - and, if you wish eat in the Pavilion - we have recently bought a few tables to make this easier! We are still opening every Saturday, from 2pm if there's a football

match, or 5pm if there isn't, until about 8pm (but possibly later if people want!). Another new addition is one of the Euchre teams has decided to make our Pavilion their "home" base - so, starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> October, the bar will be open from about 8pm on Thursday nights - league games are roughly alternate weeks, I'll post a notice with the dates. If people want, we can open the other Thursdays as well.

It looks like we've finally managed to save up enough to start planning to complete the kitchen over the Autumn. We are trying to finalise the layout of the room, although we are a little limited by the shape. We also have to start to consider how we plan to run the kitchen and what we will be using it for. We will need to obtain full food hygiene certification for it, and that will require that someone takes responsibility for managing the kitchen and keeping it clean and tidy.

Looking ahead, forthcoming events for your diary are:

- 5<sup>th</sup> November - grand firework display!
- Mid-December - possible party / event to mark the first anniversary of our official opening.
- New Year Eve - Party!

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# School Spot



Grade-Ruan Under 5s



Grade-Ruan School



Mullion School

**Grade-Ruan Under 5s:** Where did the Summer Holidays go? We hope you all had a great summer, even if it was a bit soggy at times! As I write, we have been back at playgroup for almost 2 weeks and we seem to have settled back into routine well. We warmly welcome new faces and returning ones of course. It is lovely to see the new friendships blossoming amongst our next generations. Our first all day Forest School has been a hit with all and we are receiving enquiries often. Likewise we have had our first all day Friday session which now has a couple more attendees also.

The children have been keen to make play dough, so with so much available we have decided it would be a good idea for the children to sell some to help raise funds to buy a resource to support their learning. The first item they would like to raise funds for is an easel. An easel would enable paints, for example, to be available at all times for them to make beautiful creations. So, play dough is 50p a bag and will be available to buy from outside the hall, weather permitting! If not, do knock and we will have some inside. Colour and scent of the play dough available will change weekly!

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September saw the children (and staff!) arriving at playgroup in their pyjamas for a day of fun to support the Crackerjacks charity, supporting children with disabilities / illness to fulfil activities not normally available to them. When all money is collected we will let you know how much we raised for this worthy cause.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October the Health Visitor will be with us again, it was lovely to see so many little ones at the beginning of September. Remember all are welcome for stay and play sessions any day we are open, most parents come on a Friday morning for stay and play however.

A BIG thank you has to be given to all that came and supported our Summer Fun Day before the summer break; we raised an amazing £550! Events such as this one really help make such a difference to our charity run playgroup, your continued support is really valued and appreciated.

*Melissa Hudson.*

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**Grade-Ruan School:** There was great excitement in school at the start of the new term when we took delivery of a new PA system, paid for from the profits of our wonderful summer production of Cinderella Rockerfella.

Starfish Class went on a dinosaur hunt and, although they didn't see any actual dinosaurs, they found a huge hole in a field that may have been made by a dinosaur's foot. They also met Luke with a real live lobster. Derek the seagull came over to greet them and Simon Bradley was able to tell them how Derek was brought up and showed them his Hula Hoop leg rings. They also picked blackberries and, back at school, made blackberry and apple crumble.

Sailing has resumed for year's 5/6. For those children new to sailing, a long sleeve wetsuit, wetsuit or beach shoes and a windproof jacket are recommended. The school would like to say a huge thank you to Derek Elliot, Peter Martin and Ian Henn for helping with the transport each week, also to the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust for giving the children this amazing opportunity. *[Extracted from School Newsletters]*

**Mullion School:** There is no news from Mullion School for this issue.



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# *Rector's Ramblings*

**A**pparently, it's Autumn; a season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. We will celebrate the fruit, but the mists are more lasting. The nights are drawing in and it's getting colder. Sometimes, things that were easier in the wide days of summer, can seem harder as days shorten and the weather is against you. I know it wasn't much of a summer, but as autumn draws on, there will be more days when I look outside and wonder whether the dogs really need walking!

The wider world doesn't help; somehow it seems a colder place at the moment; as Jesus says, lawlessness increases and the love of many grows cold (Matt 24.12). And, then there may be personal autumns; as I write this, we have experienced three tragic deaths in Coverack in one week.

Life goes on and many good things are happening as well; this month we will celebrate the licensing of two new Readers and in September, we welcomed Mike Britton as a full-time lay Youth Minister. But, still, sometimes the seasons may make us feel like pulling up the drawbridge and shutting the world out.

Where do you find the grace to brave the weather and go out; perhaps to love where there is no response, or to forgive where there is no change, or to serve when it seems to make no difference?

"There is a river that makes glad the city of God" (Ps 46.4). When everything else is frozen it still runs, like a hot spring in a snowy land. In the Old Testament Hebrew, it is called *Hesed*. In English its translated as God's loving-mercy, or loving faithfulness. David described it in Ps 23 "surely goodness and mercy (*hesed*) shall pursue me all the days of my life." (Pursue is a better translation than follow).

It doesn't depend on us; its source and power is the love of God in Jesus demonstrated in his death or us on the cross. You don't need to know Hebrew, just Jesus. You don't need to grit your teeth and persevere, just turn to Jesus and step into the stream of his love – let its warmth revive you in a cold world and move you to love others.

The truth is that there are days when even the dogs don't want to go out. But God's love in Jesus never stops flowing. "let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up"

Yours in Christ,

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# Church Services



## Church of England Services

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	<b>Pet Service, St Grade Church</b>	<b>3pm</b>
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am
	Evensong ( <i>BCP</i> ), St Grade Church	6pm
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>United Benefice Service, St Keverne Church</b>	<b>11am</b>
	Harvest Praise, St Mary's Church, Cadgwith	6pm
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>United Benefice Service, Ruan Minor Village Hall</b>	<b>11am</b>

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## Ruan Minor Football Club News



See us on Facebook:  
"Ruan Minor Football Club"

Having gained promotion last season, we have started ok this year, having played 4 games and won 4 which sees us joint 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league. Our first match was unfortunately abandoned due to a broken wrist injury for Will 'Pretty Boy' Trewin, and I'm sure everyone will join RMFC in wishing him a speedy recovery and all the best with his studies at Cardiff University this year.

The results have been as follows:-

- RMFC v St Erme 3 -1 Winners – Goal Scorer; Dan Reid Hat-trick - Man of the Match – Dan 'Classy' Reid
- St Agnes v RMFC 1 - 2 Winners – Goal Scorers: Wayne 'No 1 Daddy' Briggs & Jack 'Midfield Guvnor' Green - Man of the Match – Jack 'Midfield



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Guvnor' Green

- RMFC v Titans 2 – 0 Winners – Goal Scorers: Nathan ‘Dog’ Davison & Chris ‘One Direction’ Collins – Man of the Match – Nathan ‘Dog’ Davison
- St Buryan v RMFC 0 – 4 Winners – Goal Scorers: Kyle ‘Speedy’ Furness, 2 from Matt ‘Pretty Boy’ Shaw & Jacob ‘Slick Hair’ Brotherton – Man of the Match – Jacob ‘Slick Hair’ Brotherton



Gary "The Cat" Pollard

Our October fixtures are as follows:

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> September: Home to Madron

2pm Kick Off – Junior Cup Match

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> October: Home to Frogpool

2pm Kick Off – Russell Hall Cup

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> October: Away to New Inn Titans

2.30pm Kick Off – League Match

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> October: Home to St. Ives Mariners

2.30pm Kick Off - League Match

All the players and management hope to see you supporting us over the next few weeks at the Recreation Ground.

Special thanks to Chris Hunt for the action photos!

Many thanks

Gary & Wayne



Jack "The Guvnor" Green



Kyle "Speedy" Furness



Dan "Classy" Reid

# NOEL CLIFF

24<sup>th</sup> February 1921 - 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Noel Cliff died aged 96 in his home, having had a normal day smoking his pipe, eating well and drinking a small glass of whisky. We had hoped he would reach 100 but that was not to be, and his passing ended an era of old men going to rallies who remembered vintage cars as new.



Noel had made many friends; of course if we live a long time, we outlive many of our friends but he managed to make new friends throughout his life.

Although Noel was known for his activities with the Vintage Rallies in Cornwall, he only started the Grade Ruan Vintage Rally 31 years ago when he was 65. A time when most people think of a quiet retirement.

Noel was born in Poltesco in 1921. His father built a garage business in Ruan Minor and one of Noel's first jobs was serving petrol and cleaning cars. This was in the late 1930s, when there weren't many cars around. When Noel turned 18, he used to drive the family taxi, a real treat for a young man back then.

When the Second World War began, Noel joined the Army. He was attached to the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, and landed in France three days after D-Day. As the Allied Armies moved through France and Belgium, Noel was one of a detachment of fitters who were dispatched to any regiment that needed rapid repairs to equipment to keep the tanks and lorries moving.

Noel told this story about tank recovery. "They had to recover a tank in a bog and so attached a wire to it from the recovery lorry. The winch attempted to pull the lorry into the bog. To counteract this another wire was attached to a nearby railway line. The tank was recovered, loaded onto the lorry and off they went, only to see a train coming along the line which promptly derailed allowing its German prisoners to escape". Noel could tell a good yarn. He was recently awarded a medal as a Chevalier de le Orde National de la Legion d'honneur by the French Government for services to France during the war.

When the war ended Noel married Maisie, a local girl who ran the guest house they lived in. He became prominent in local affairs including long service on the Parish Council.

Noel maintained his interest in everything mechanical. He worked at Culdrose, and then for Vickers Armstrong at Predannack when it was still a functioning airfield. After another stint at Culdrose, Noel started up his father's old business again, the garage in Ruan Minor. After selling the garage, he went to work at the Cornwall Tech and continued making and repairing equipment for local fishermen and farmers in between marching around the village with "Ursula" the Afghan Hound he loved. Indeed, at the Rally dog show he would have won the rosette for "The owner that looks most like his dog".

Sadly, Noel missed this year's Rally, but he would have rejoiced at the weather, turnout and help from the community he loved.

At Noel's own request, his coffin was rested at his home, Chy Ula, the night before the funeral. His coffin was transported to the well-attended funeral service at the Church in Ruan Minor on a trailer towed by a 1937 Marshall Tractor, owned and driven by Mr Tommy Roberts of Kuggar. The bearers were Richard Williams, Stevyn Collins, Alex Thomas and Ben Collins. The funeral was carried out by R.E. Tonkin & Son.

Noel will be sorely missed for his good humour and excellent advice. On occasion when asked how he had managed to have such a long and healthy life, he said that he had never worried about anything much and didn't know the meaning of the word stress. Perhaps this will be his legacy.

*Stevyn Collins*



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# A SHORT HISTORY OF THE CADGWITH REGATTA

By Steve Collins

During the Second World War the regattas were cancelled, probably because there were not enough young men to enter. I am going back over 50 years to, say, 1963/4 so around 15 years after the war. Coverack held a regatta and it was decided to get a fleet up from Cadgwith and compete. I cannot remember exactly who went, but I would bet that Harry "Put" Stephens who was the engineer of the lifeboat and a competitive crabber racer, Buller Arthur, Tony Jane, Sharky and a few other motor boats and then us boys with our punts ready for rowing or outboard racing. The day went very well with the usual cheating and disqualifications and much bias to the Coverack boats and men. I would guess that the Paris Hotel did as well out of it as anyone. On the trip home, we all discussed the day, being very rude about the opposition as is normal and healthy with communities so close.

That evening Tony Jane, Martin Goddard and a few others including myself decided to run a regatta in Cadgwith. We decided to hold it on the following weekend. We borrowed a shotgun and blank cartridges, a loud hailer and some flags from, I have no idea where. We made long pole dahns to race around. I'm not sure whether there were any swimming events as I was at sea throughout the day. We hadn't advertised at all, so only our own boats turned out but it all went very well – or so we thought!

We held a meeting to discuss doing it again the following year. It was held in the Reading Room – what is now "The loft, Old Cellars" – and were very unnerved by the number of people who turned up including my father Ben Collins, Steve Goddard and Bert Wylie. Lots of the older men had been on the pre-war regatta committee. Before we got started we had to form a proper committee with treasurer, secretary, chairman etc. All I can remember now is that Bert was elected chairman and Martin Goddard secretary. Then we were castigated in no uncertain terms: no brass band, no advertising, no cups, no prizes at all, no committee boat, no public address system, no dance in the evening, and so on. We young men were made to look very small with our puny effort. If we tried to stand up for ourselves, we were beaten with a long withy with which Bert maintained order.

Eventually we were allowed to point out that we had no money for such luxuries but the proceeds from the raffle had raised about £11.00 so we were on our way. The pre-war committee members then remembered that the regatta had a bank account with over £100.00 in it which had been accumulating interest for the previous 20 years.

The following year, and then every year since, saw the style of regatta that was held in August. Cups, flags and other extras, stored away awaiting the result of the war appeared, along with the Gweek Silver Band. One memorable race was between

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Then as now it gave everyone a chance to test their seamanship, settle differences about who could do what best etc. as well as making for a very enjoyable day which the whole village joined in in one way or another. Long may these traditions continue!

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# Gardening in October

by David Endean



Autumn is well and truly with us now by whichever way you define it, be it the first of September, the equinox or just by how many layers of clothes that you are wearing. The last two months have been poor by any standard, warm (not hot) and wet fungal problems have been rife. I lost my tomatoes to blight - you could see where the infection took place in the mist as it fell through the open vents of the greenhouse. Most other plants and crops look as you would expect a month later. As I write this, the farmers around here are struggling to harvest their spring corn. The bulk of the swallows have left to return to Africa; they also seemed to bid us farewell slightly earlier than the norm this year, although there are a few pockets about still. With the poor weather I think there were far fewer second broods so nothing to hang around for.

Your herbaceous perennials tend to look a bit untidy at this time of year therefore it is often good to cut back and tidy up. With the damp weather so far this autumn and more fungal problems I am finding diseased foliage and dead rotting material which needs removing from the crowns of the plants as it can rot them out and harbour slugs and snails. This is not to everyone's taste as they like aesthetics of the seed heads and the dead stalks provide homes for all sorts of insects, some good some not so. Often you find with the winds that we get down here all those seed heads are blown to smithereens and you have seed spread all around the garden growing as weeds for the next seven years!

Your mind should move forward and plan for some spring colour now in those spaces in your flower borders. Now is the right time to plant spring bulbs such as daffodils, crocus, anemones and aconites. You can get away with planting later but getting them in earlier gives them the chance to send out a good root run in the warm moist soil of the autumn. But leave planting tulips until November. I have talked about planting bulbs many times before so I shall not bore you other than to say plant them quite deep for best results, as a rule of thumb make sure the top of the bulb is down twice as deep as the depth of the bulb itself. Most spring bulbs only give a week to at most a fortnight of colour because all they have is one bloom therefore I do recommend De Caen anemones as they will send up several stems over many weeks especially if you dead head them and the newer multi-bloom tulips have a longer blooming window also.

Other things that will give spring cheer are those biennials which are so useful, and October is about the last chance you will get to plant them so that they will establish and put on a good show next year. Wallflowers are good, Sweet Williams and Canterbury bells put on a good show in late spring. Winter flowering pansies are really colourful but I feel that you get better value from their smaller cousins the violas and plants like Bellis and dianthus are other options to bring some cheer into those short days. I like to plant one or two tubs up with a selection of the suggested plants along with primroses or polyanthus, winter heathers, ornamental cabbages, ivies and other

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small evergreens. Pack them in for a good display and place the tub in a prominent place near your door or outside a window that you look out of regularly, so you will enjoy them more and be able to respond quickly if they need attention. They may still need some watering in the winter if we have a dry spell, especially on an east wind.

Life is much quieter in the veg patch at this time of year. It's a case of harvesting the last of the summer crops like beans, courgettes and marrows; then once the ground is clear you can dig it over and this will save you a trip to the gym.

You can sow Broad bean super aquadulce now. I like to trench out and fill the trench with farmyard manure or garden compost, then back fill. If you put all the soil back, you should have a ridge and by sowing into this your plants will naturally be a little higher than the surroundings and so better drained, therefore more able to cope with winter deluges and frosts. The same technique holds true for peas. Choose a round seeded variety suitable for overwintering. There are several to choose from so, if you want to be adventurous, you can find some with coloured flowers and pods. There is still just about time to sow some overwintering lettuce like Arctic King or Winter Gem outside in short rows, but they will need protection from pests and diseases. These will mature next March or April but you can still get a crop of salad leaves this season if you broadcast some seed in deep trays of compost and keep them in the greenhouse. I would not be too fussy about the variety - any seed that you have left over from this season will do, as you are not growing them to maturity.

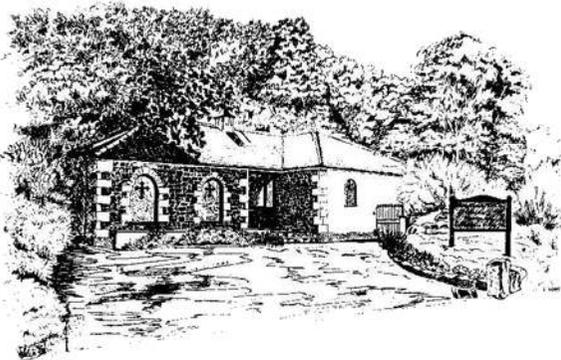
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4. What do silkworms feed on?
5. Which holder of the Victoria Cross devoted himself to charity?
6. Where are the Spanish steps?

## Answers to the August - September Quiz

1. What was the pen name of Eric Blair? *George Orwell*
2. Where is home to the French President? *Elysee Palace*
3. Who was the first professional to captain England at cricket? *Len Hutton*
4. Where is the San Siro Stadium? *Milan*
5. When was decimal currency introduced in the U.K.? *1971*
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# Minutes of the meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held at Ruan Minor Village Hall on 10 July 2017, 19:30.

## 61/17 **Persons Present/Apologies**

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), Green (Vice Chair), P Collins, S Collins, Fleetwood, Lee, Stephens, Trewin.

Apologies: Cllrs Clifton, Freeman. Cllr Rule CC.

In attendance: L Dunkley (Parish Clerk), 3 members of the press/public.

## 62/17 **To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.**

Cllr S Collins declared an interest in PA17/05008.

## 63/17 **Public Participation.**

M Hawkey spoke against PA17/05008, citing that there was no consultation with the neighbouring property owner.

C Bollard (applicant) gave context to PA17/05008.

## 64/17 **Reports from outside bodies.**

PCSO Berry will no longer be covering the Parish.

## 65/17 **Council Meeting: Minutes 12 June**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the above date having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Lee, seconded Cllr Fleetwood. 7 voted in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr S Collins.

## 66/17 **Planning Applications for consideration**

PA17/05538: Proposed Replacement Shed and Log Store. Mr & Mrs W. Mudford. Mon Abri Prazegooth Lane Cadgwith Ruan Minor TR12 7LA. The Council supported the application. Proposed, seconded. 7 voted in favour, 1 abstained. *Clerk to notify*

*\*Cllr S Collins left the room. 66/17 cont.*

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PA17/05008: Add an outside staircase to access 1st floor rather than going through shop. Ms C Bollard. Ealing House Ruan Minor Helston Cornwall TR12 7JL. No comment proposed, seconded. 2 voted in favour, 5 against. The Council objected to this application in its current form on the grounds that residential amenity of the neighbouring property, "Monte Carlo", will be compromised. The Council have no objection in principle to a staircase and would welcome a revised application which has less impact on the neighbouring property. Proposed, seconded. Unanimous. *Clerk to notify.*

*\*Cllr S Collins re-entered the room. 66/17 cont.*

PA17/06026: Proposed alteration, refurbishment and rear extension. Ms Harriet Bourne. Veronica Cottage Cadgwith Ruan Minor TR12 7JY. The Council supported the application. Proposed, seconded. Unanimous.

PA17/06027: Listed Building Consent for proposed alteration, refurbishment and rear extension. Ms Harriet Bourne. Veronica Cottage Cadgwith Ruan Minor TR12 7JY. The Council supported the application. Proposed, seconded. Unanimous. *Clerk to notify*

### 67/17 **Planning Applications decided since last meeting**

**NOTED:** PA17/04304: Proposed extension, loft conversion and alterations. Bosca Ebenezer Road Ruan Minor TR12 7JR. [APPROVED]

### 68/17 **Pre-applications, consultations and appeals.**

PA17/01591/PREAPP Polstangey Praze (Poltesco valley): 1. replace static caravan and use for holiday accommodation; 2. restore stone building; Advice given.

PA16/06877 Two 'infill' buildings, land adjacent to Trepool, Ruan Minor: Appeal dismissed ref: APP/D0840/W/17/3169631

Reports of noise nuisance:

1.) Music at travellers' site, affecting the observation of Nightjars at Goonhilly National Nature Reserve.

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2.) Caerleon Cottage : complaints received about noise from an electrical generator. *Clerk to write to Tim Pickett for an update on Site Management (ref PA15/00892 / EN17/00009). Clerk and Chairman to research designations and guidelines relating to noise (and light) pollution issues generally.*

### 69/17 **Finance report**

**RESOLVED** to adopt the most recent Finance Report and authorise the payments of Accounts Outstanding:

L Carter Cleaning	£20.00
Ruan Minor FC Play Area grass	£30.00
Cornwall Assoc of Local Councils Cllr training session	£30.00
N W Adams Playground annual inspection	£81.00
Staffing costs	£395.78
Cornwall Assoc of Local Councils Annual membership subscription	£345.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£902.43</b>

Proposed Cllr Lee, seconded Cllr Fleetwood. Unanimous.

### 70/17 **Matters arising from the Minutes**

**RECEIVED** an update regarding the Community Trust service level agreement. Awaiting response from NALC's Legal advisors.

**RECEIVED** an update regarding Mundys Field resurfacing. Council felt this should take place as soon as possible.

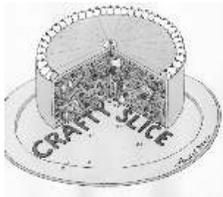
*Clerk to pursue both*

### 71/17 **Cornwall Electoral Review**

**CONSIDERED** a consultation as above. The Council felt that fewer Cornwall Councillors would lead to an unmanageable workload and would mean less attention and representation for individual parishes. The Council has no appetite for any parish boundary changes. *Clerk to draft response for circulation before submission*

### 72/17 **Correspondence.**

**NOTED** an email from Kellie Burslem, new Treasurer of Grade-Ruan under-5s (following Jan Halliday's retirement). Extended hours are planned and an application for a heating rebate from the Council is likely in



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due course.

**73/17 Footpaths, Highways; Tree wardens report.**

**CONSIDERED** Ruan Major churchyard maintenance. Ruan Major churchyard and tower; Churchyard has been cut by CC, but not within the Church body. The tower will need some vegetation control next year.

**CONSIDERED** Maintenance at St Ruan Well: considered to be part of FP4 (trimmed last week).

**NOTED** the following:

- Felling of elms, Ebenezer road opposite little Treveddon entrance.
- Duck's Lane: Chairman has reported blocked drain and uneven surface by New thatch to Debra Marriott, CC footpaths coordinator.
- Cadgwith FP6: Link path to New Road to be trimmed;
- Verges at Bridleway 18, Grade road: visibility splays to be trimmed back by Bob Sanders; landowner at Jericho to trim hedge sides.
- Friars lane link path FP24/25 to be trimmed.
- Roadside hedge trimming – Grade cottage to Prazegooth: Chairman has posted in requests to landowners following a number of calls and letters.
- Closure of 'Double Hedge' FP4. *St Ruan churchyard - Cllr Stephens to monitor*

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*St Ruan Well - Cllr Green to check ownership responsibility*  
*Tree felling - Clerk to contact Power company to query extent.*  
*FP6 - Chair to meet contractor and arrange works.*  
*FP4 - Clerk to contact CC for update & copy Landwednack*

74/17 **Reports from Council representatives to outside bodies.**  
None.

75/17 **Notification of meeting/items for agenda: 11 September**  
Potential Autumn Show grant request. Ruan Minor Parish Pump maintenance.

76/17 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.**  
**RESOLVED that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable that the press and public be excluded and instructed to withdraw during the discussion for the following items: Insurance claim.**

Proposed Cllr Green, seconded Cllr Preston. Unanimous.

77/17 **Insurance claim against Council**  
**RECEIVED** an update as above. Nothing further to note at this time.

The meeting closed at 21:25.



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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Grade Ruan Parish Council Meeting, held at the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Church on 21 August 2017, 19.30.**

**78/17 Persons Present/Apologies**

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), Green (Vice Chair), P Collins, Fleetwood, Lee, Stephens, Trewin.

Apologies: Cllrs Clifton, S Collins, Freeman.

In attendance: L Dunkley (Parish Clerk), 0 members of the press/public.

**79/17 To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.**

None.

**80/17 Public Participation.** None.

**81/17 Planning Applications for consideration**

PA17/07026: Conversion and extension of existing ancillary residential outbuilding to form a living room for "The Cottage". Mr & Mrs Fowles. The Cottage Ruan Minor TR12 7JL. The Council supported the application. Proposed, seconded. Unanimous.

PA17/07027: Listed building consent for the above. The Council supported the application. Proposed, seconded. Unanimous.

PA17/05600: Installation of new rooflight in position of current rooflight. Mr Naish. Cove Cottage Cadgwith TR12 7JX. The Council supported the application. Proposed, seconded. Unanimous.

PA17/05601: Listed building for the above. The Council supported the application. Proposed, seconded. Unanimous.

PA17/07081: Works to a tree subject to a tree preservation order. Crown thinning of Beech by 20% & crown reduction from 9m to 6m. Mr Woods. Glenelg St Ruan TR12 7JS. The Council supported the application. Proposed, seconded. Unanimous.

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The meeting closed at 19:38.

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