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2nd Monday	7.30pm Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 10 th Dec, 14 th Jan
3rd Tuesday	12.15pm Soup, Pasty, Pudding, Methodist Chapel, 18 th Dec, 15 th Jan
3rd Saturday	9am - 1pm Farmers Market at Mullion School, 22 nd Dec, 19 th Jan
Mon & Thurs	7.00pm Short Mat Bowling in the Village Hall
Every Tues	(except 3rd Tues) 10am Coffee morning, Methodist Chapel
Every Weds	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides. Contact Joy Prince 01326 290280
Every Thurs	9.30am-11.30am Market and refreshments - Village Hall 6 pm Yoga with Tanya in the School Hall 01326 290931
Every Fri	6.30pm Zumba in the Village Hall

THIS MONTH

1 December	6pm Christmas Lights Switch-on at Cadgwith Cove
2 December	7pm Carolaire in the Village Hall
3 December	6.30pm Women in Wellies. Wine Tasting and Meal, see "What's On"
4 December	7.30pm Christmas Bingo in the Village Hall
5 December	1.15pm Village Hall Christmas Party
6 December	6.45pm Presentation Evening, last year's Year 11s. See "School Spot"
7 December	Wendron Silver Band. Methodist Chapel, 7pm
11 December	7.30pm Christmas Quiz in the Village Hall
12-13 December	7pm Christmas Show at Mullion School (time to be confirmed)
13 December	9.15am Christmas Market in the Village Hall
14 December	Trip to Pantomime at Hall for Cornwall, Ginny Sealey, 290593
15 December	10am - 3pm. Kids workshop at Poltesco, see National Trust News
16 December	11am Carol service in the Chapel 6.45pm Christmas Community Evening, see Village Hall News
17 December	7pm Women in Wellies, Christmas Craft Evening, see "What's On"
19 December	11am, End of Term Service in St. Ruan Church 12noon, End of Term Grade-Ruan School
21 December	7pm Carols with St. Keverne Male Voice Choir Methodist Chapel
25 December	12noon, Christmas Swim at Cadgwith, see "What's On"

ADVANCE DATES

7 January	Grade Ruan and Mullion Spring terms start
9 January	Book Club, 8pm at the Cadgwith Cove Inn
10 January	"Frankenstein" by the Miracle Theatre, Mullion School. See "What's On"
24 January	Deadline for February Gazette

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send contributions to the Editor's email address shown below or submit them via the Gazette Facebook page. Paper contributions can be put in the letterbox at New Thatch or in the Mag Bag behind the door at Spar. **The deadline is the 18th of the month prior to publication, but may occasionally be earlier (check the Noticeboard section).**

Please ensure your piece does not exceed 1500 words, or approximately three pages of A4. 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.

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

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

For more information, please contact Moira Hurst or John Fallows

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Noticeboard

Sadly, **John Bourne**, who many of you will have known, died in London on 24th October. See page 47 for his obituary.

We have also lost **Sam Bowcher**, one of Cadgwith's long time residents, who died on 8th November. Sam will be sadly missed by all. See page 45 for his obituary.

Diana Fitzsimmons has passed on the sad news that **Gwen Clarkson**, formerly of Ledra Close, has passed away at the age of 92. Gwen moved to Surrey a few years ago to live closer to her family, but is remembered for bringing joy and laughter into the lives of all who knew her. She will be greatly missed. If you would like to make a donation in her memory, please give it to Grade Ruan School.

Happy Birthday in December to: Sam Jane, James Bennetts, James Green (an important one, I think), Danny Meek, Ivan B-A, Rosie Jane, Lisa Mitchell, Pam Penrose (a big one), Ian Arnall, Ben N, Sian Mason, Jack A, Jack S, Jai M; and **in January to:** Simone Humby, Jasmine F, Victoria McClarity, Tasha Williams, Tanya Strike, Jane Hills, Desmond Julian, Annie W, David Spooner, Dave Lee, Chris Ensink, Liz Outten, Chantelle B, Jan Morgan, Jasmine G, Ben J, Jak W, Pam Day-Smith, Chris Sealey, Jess S, Linda Drysdale, Peter Hills, Saoirse N

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to **Basil Bolitho**, who has been admitted to hospital with complications following a fall. Our best wishes also go to **Mary Haigh** who had a fall and to **Peter Mason**, who has been poorly.

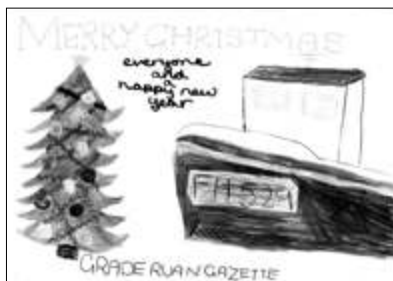
Please join me in extending a warm, if rather belated, welcome to **Tony and Caroline Hills**, who have moved from Grantham to Prazegooth. Tony works at Culdrose and they have been lucky enough to be billeted in this lovely Parish.

The **picture on the cover** this month was drawn by **Lucy Green**, who won the class in the Autumn Show.

Abby Jane was the runner up, and here is her picture. Well done Abby, it's a nice picture of Cadgwith at Christmas. If anyone would like to submit a picture, photograph or words for a future Gazette

cover, please do.

It seems I might have been tempting fate by writing in last month's issue about the storm of 1990, for on the night of Saturday 24th November, the West Country was lashed with exceptionally heavy rain and gale force winds. A great gully opened up on Cadgwith beach, which Jan Morgan caught on camera. Our

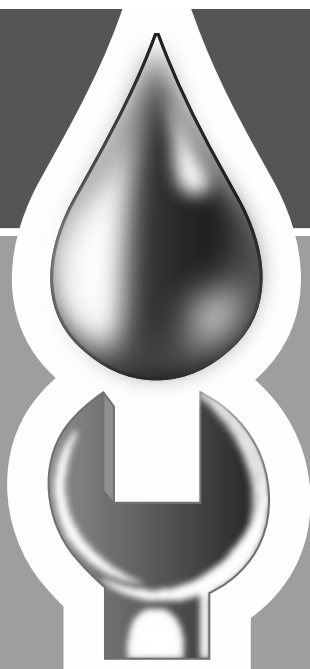


Front Cover: Lucy Green's winning entry in the autumn show class 167 "Design a cover for the December/January Grade Ruan Gazette". Well done, Lucy, it's a lovely picture and is just right for the Christmas edition.

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commiserations go to **Colin and Gill Thomas**, who suffered flooding and a land slip at their house in Poltesco, and to **Susan Needham** and **Victoria Harrison**, who were flooded out of Long Loft.

The **Gazette AGM** was held on 7th November. Our **Treasurer, John Fallows**, has advised that, since going back to work, he is no longer able to continue in this role. The meeting understood his reasons and accepted his resignation with regret. John has put a lot of work into computerising the accounts and has maintained good relationships with our advertisers. We shall be sorry to see him go and I would like to add my thanks for the help and support he has given me. It has been a pleasure to work with him.

Of course, this leaves a **vacancy for the post of Treasurer**, which we are desperate to fill. Please help us by taking on this role and let John focus on his work. He cannot continue beyond the end of the year - please don't let the Gazette fold for lack of someone prepared to help! If you would like more information about what is involved, please contact me or John.

John presented the **Gazette accounts** for the year to September 2012; they showed a small surplus. However, without the generous donations we have received from the Parish Council and others, there would have been a deficit. John has found that he has had to chase for payment more than in the past - a sign of the times perhaps. Overall, the Gazette is in good health, with new advertisers coming forward all the time. Some adverts are more expensive to reproduce than others, and we may have to look at reflecting this in the charges.

The **insertion of leaflets and brochures in the Gazette** was discussed at the meeting. A precedent had been set with the Jubilee invitations and then the Vintage Rally brochures and a commercial leaflet last month. However, it was agreed that the logistics are too complicated to do it again, except in exceptional circumstances.

This Gazette is combined for December and January, so the next issue will be the February edition. The deadline for contributions has been extended to 24th January to fit round my other commitments. Unfortunately, this means that the Gazette will probably not be ready for the 1st of February, but I hope it will be out soon afterwards.

May I take this opportunity to say thank you to our advertisers and subscribers for their support throughout the year. Thanks also to Vic and James at West Country Printers, all our hard working distributors, as well as our regular and occasional contributors. I look forward to a good year for the Gazette in 2013 - but this is dependent on a volunteer taking up the Treasurer role!

Wishing all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Moirra Hurst

We would like to thank Anne & Peter, Ali & Martin and Paul & Paula for all their help and friendship and the several roofs we have slept under since being flooded. thankyou thankyou thankyou (cubed) ... xxx *Susan & Victoria*



GRADE RUAN DIAMOND JUBILEE MUGS

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Thank you again to Liam Williams, the expert tree surgeon.

Andrea Betty



GRADE RUAN PARISH COUNCIL - JUBILEE TREATS

Calling all young people of the parish. As we have been able to sell so many of the Jubilee mugs designed by Andre Ellis, the pledge of £1,250 made by the Parish Council to provide every child in the parish with a mug, has now been cross subsidised, resulting in a saving of £800. It is the Council's feeling that this money should still be used for the young people of the parish.

The playgroup are exploring the idea of buying in a treat for the little ones. What the Parish Council needs to know now is how you would like this money to be spent. Remember, this is for all parish children up to and including the age of 16 years.

Ideas so far include:

- A trip out to one of the following: Mount Hawke Skate Park, Roller Skating in Newquay, Cinema (All things out of the village will incur the cost of a coach which obviously reduces the amount available from the Parish Council for the activity)
- A disco in the Village Hall (age limit 13 years)
- Bringing some sort of activity into the village.

We do need your help on this as our ideas are pretty limited. Please contact any member of the Parish Council with your ideas or, better still, why not come along to the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 10th December, held in the Sunday school room at the back of the Chapel at 7.30 p.m.

Wendy Elliott - wendyandderek@tiscali.co.uk

Paul Collins - paul@chyreen.co.uk

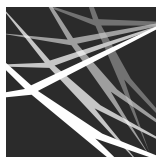
GRADE RUAN PARISH COUNCIL - DOG WARDEN

Due to the increase of dog fouling in the Parish, the Parish Council is willing to investigate the possibility of the provision of training to individuals to enable the issue of fixed penalties.

If anyone is willing to undertake this role, please can they express their interest to the Clerk of the Parish Council by 9 December 2012.

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The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for your letter, sent on behalf of Grade Ruan Parish Council, enclosing a splendid mug celebrating the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

The Queen was pleased to receive this special mug, depicting the street party held in Grade Ruan and painted by Mr André Ellis, which has given Her Majesty great pleasure.

The Queen sends her best wishes to the Parish Council and community of Grade Ruan and I am to thank you once again for writing to Her Majesty in this, her Diamond Jubilee year.

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Tuesday 25 December: CLOSED

Wed 26 Dec - Mon 7 Jan: 9.00 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Tues 8 Jan - Mon 25 March: Normal Winter Hours

Mon - Sat 8.00 a.m - 12 noon

Sun 9.00 a.m. - 11 a.m.

We wish all our customers a Merry Christmas
and Prosperous New Year for 2013!!

What's On



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Women in Wellies



WINE TASTING AND CHRISTMAS MEAL

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Monday 3rd December

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND WREATH MAKING EVENING

at Ruan Major Farm

Monday 17th December, 7.00 p.m.

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hydrangeas for your wreaths and money
to cover costs of crafts, etc.

If possible, bring some nibbles to share.
Mulled drinks supplied.

Parking is restricted, so please car share.

Any questions, contact

Sarah Drummond 290233

Judith Green 290118

The Christmas Swim

12 noon. Fancy dress judging will be done before the swim, so please come and show off your costumes from 11.30 a.m. Sponsorship forms are available in the Ruan Minor Spar Shop and the Cadgwith Cove Inn

Funds raised will be donated to #Toby's Gift, which raises awareness for organ donation and Cystic Fibrosis. For more information, please contact *Nicky Jose on 290073*

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers

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RANGERS	14 yrs upwards	Contact Joy Prince	01326 290280



LAST POSTING DATES

CHRISTMAS 2012

(from Jane at Ruan Minor Post Office)

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- 5th Dec: Asia, Australia, Far East (including Japan), New Zealand.
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10th Dec: Eastern Europe, Canada and USA
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GRADE RUAN PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is looking at ways to improve the play equipment at the Recreation Ground. It would be helpful to have input from as many people in the parish as possible. Please tell us what ideas and suggestions you have. One thing we are eager to have would be a dedicated "under 5s" area, to be fenced off in order to keep little ones in, and dogs out.

Although called play equipment, it is not only for children. There are numerous pieces of equipment on the market aimed at helping the older generation to keep fit.

Do please contact any one of the play equipment committee with your ideas.

Paul Collins - 290754

Wendy Elliot - 290432 or email
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Christmas Greetings


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


 We wish all our friends in Ruan Minor a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2013. **Stephen, Judith, James, Robbie, Jack and Lucy Green.**


 **Noel Murphy** wishes a happy and peaceful Christmas to one and all. Thanks for all the love and support this year.


 **Ian, Nicky, Brett and Ray** would like to wish one and all a wonderful Christmas time and a Happy Healthy and Peaceful New Year.


 May the Spirit of Christmas warm your heart and stay with you throughout the New Year. Much love and special thoughts. **CC and Stuart Naish.** xxx


 To all our family and friends, near and far, a Healthy and Happy Christmas and New Year. All our love, **Helen and Steve.**

 **Peter and Eileen Mason** and family wish all their friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2013.

 **Viv and Steve**, in Mundys Field, would like to wish their friends and neighbours, in Ruan and Cadgwith, a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.


 Wishing all our friends, family and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy 2013. Lots of love from **Liane, Len, Mailli Rae and Tamlyn.** xxx


 **Cathy and Brian** hope all their friends and neighbours have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas, and a healthy and happy New Year.

 **Jane & Peter from the Spar** store would like to wish all our customers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year


 **Tim and Moira Hurst** wish all their friends, neighbours and acquaintances a merry Christmas and health and happiness in 2013.


 **Chris, Fiona, Roo, Tristan Bim and Carrera Hunt** from Ruan Major Cottage, Ruan Minor, would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a wonderful 2013. We would also like to thank everyone who has made us so welcome since our move here in April.


 **Simon, Fi, Ben, Toby and Lucas** would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2013.


 A very happy Xmas to one and all from **Jenny, Bill and Jake** and from **Gwen and Sam** far away.

 **Margaret and Gordon** wish all their friends a very merry Christmas, peace and good health in 2013.

 Wishing all friends and neighbours a Peaceful Christmas and Healthy New Year from **Pam, Char, Cath and Alex.**

 Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year, to all my friends, from **Christine Legge.**

 **Deborah and Terry Stephens** wish all friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

 Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. **Karen, Andy, James and Nick Forster.**

Christmas Greetings



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

-  **Sally and Simon Sugrue** wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and all our best wishes for 2013.
-  To all our lovely friends of Ruan Minor and Cadgwith, **Tom and Yvonne Stephens** wish you a very joyful and happy time during this festive season. All the best for a Prosperous New Year.
-  Season's Greetings to all our customers, from **Leggy's Pasties**.
-  **Anne and Peter** at White Feather wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.
-  A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone! All our love from **Claire, Alan, Simone, Ellie, Dom and Theo**. x
-  **Paul and Pam Penrose** wish everyone a very Marry Christmas and a healthy and very happy New Year.
-  **Dom, Alison, Tess, Sophie and Jenna** wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.
-  **Glynis and Bruce** would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous New Year.
-  A very happy Christmas to everyone in Grade Ruan. It is lovely to be back and seeing so many friends from times past. I send my best wishes for a good New Year. **Edwina**.
-  Happy Christmas to all our lovely family and friends. Love from **Skinny and Mags** x
-  **Richard and Emma** wish all their friends a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.
-  To everyone we know, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2013. Love **Tim, Sandra, Sam and Lauren**.
-  **Ann Vaulter** will not be sending Christmas cards this year, but wishes all her friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. My love to you all. xx
-  Happy Christmas and all the best for 2013 – with love, **Chris, Ginny, Jess, Pip, Talia and Tom**
-  Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to all friends and neighbours. Very best wishes. **Andrea**.
-  Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all our lovely friends and neighbours, have a fab time & good, safe fishing in 2013 to those that do, with love from **Sarah, Dick, Nancy & the Big ones!xxx**
-  **Marcia and Keith** wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
-  **Gill and Colin Thomas** wish all their friends in Ruan Minor and Cadgwith a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2013.
-  **Evelyn and Desmond Julian** wish family and everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy happy New Year.
-  Wishing our wonderful friends and neighbours an amazing Christmas and a peaceful and happy 2013. With love from **Ali, Martin, Emma and Matt**. xxxx
-  Happy Christmas and a dry new year to all our friends. Love **Stevyn and Debbie Collins**



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The annual Year 11 London trip went off very well. Their amazing itinerary began with an overnight coach to London where they filled the day visiting HMS Belfast, South London Mosque, the Tate Modern, London Docklands, a boat trip on the Thames, an evening Jack the Ripper tour before a night in a youth hostel. The next day a walk around Westminster seeing the Houses of Parliament and Downing Street and then up to Trafalgar Square and Covent Garden. They had enough energy to attend a matinee of Blood Brothers before travelling home on the coach. The students really enjoyed the trip and were a credit to themselves and the school.

Following on from our visit by Jo Yapp, the ex England women's rugby captain, we were very fortunate to welcome Vernon Samuel, a former Olympic triple jumper. He worked with a selected number of Year 7 pupils, organising team building and communications activities. He visited departments throughout the school and gave an inspiring assembly to Upper School.

The Science Department recently welcomed a group of Y5 & 6 pupils from Grade-Ruan and other local schools that took part in a workshop led by Martin Wesley from Shell Oil. They worked on a balloon buggy project, working out the best buggy design that would go the

furthest under balloon power. The pupils and their teachers enjoyed the event and took away their own balloon buggy for further experimentation back at their school. The activity showed pupils how scientists work in industry to design efficient and environmentally friendly vehicles.

The debating season has produced some lively events in the school hall with the motion 'This House believes that summer 2012 put the 'Great' back in to 'Great Britain'. Congratulations to Ivan Blight-Anderson and his debating partner for successfully opposing the motion in the Year 10 competition. The Year 11 debating competition was a two day affair - day one Bryher Trewin and Will Jose argued for the motion and won and then stepped in at short notice to join in on day two, this time facing Paul Preston and Ollie Wilde - the second day victory when to Paul and Ollie who opposed the motion. Well done Bryher and Paul!

A quick reminder of arrangements for school closure in the event of snow or ice. If there is a lot of overnight snow and the decision is taken to close the school, we will send a text message out on our school-comms systems to all parents and inform BBC Radio Cornwall and Pirate FM, who will then also broadcast the information. The Headteacher will try to make the decision as early as possible, either in the morning in the case of overnight snow or during
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the day if there is a forecast of significant snowfall during the day, so that parents can be notified quickly but of course it's a difficult decision - it involves talking to the bus companies, staff that have long journeys to work and the Chair of Governors, trying to strike a balance between carrying on with as little disruption to everyone while ensuring the health and safety of everyone. (If you are not receiving text alerts from the school it may be they do not have your mobile number - call the School Office on 01326 240098)

Thank you to all those that supported the Squares draw - congratulations to Abbie Jane for winning!

And finally, please check you have these dates in your diary - 6th December 6.45pm

Presentation Evening for last year's Year 11s, 12th & 13th 7pm (tbc) December Christmas Show.

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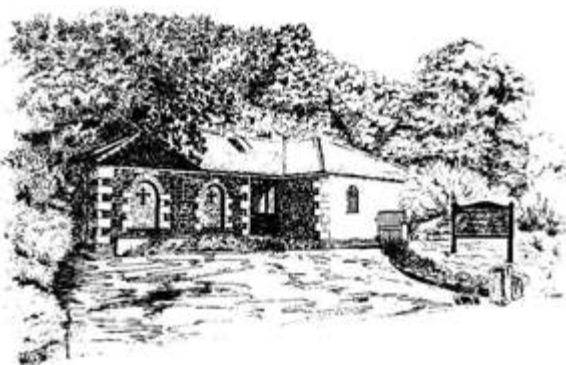
Thank you to all of you who were able to come and celebrate our Journeys project with staff and pupils. A huge thank you to Michaela Vamplew, Marian and Ann's Pasties for all their help with preparing and cooking the delicious pasties which everyone was able to sample after the performance. They were ably supported by our glamorous assistants Ali and Nicky our cook. A thanks also goes to Miss Prescott for overseeing and organising the event. We were delighted that Pam Miller the new Chair of the federated Grade Ruan and Manaccan Governing Body was able to join us for the afternoon.

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As part of our RE Curriculum, all the children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 recently travelled to Truro to visit the Cathedral. They were greeted at the Cathedral by Mrs Benson, a Victorian lady, who was the wife of the first Bishop of Truro. They had a wonderful time learning about how the Cathedral had developed and the stories behind some of the beautiful stained glass windows. The highlight of the visit was when they were taken to an area not normally accessible to the general public and shown the special clothes and items used during services. Every child then had the opportunity to dress as either a chorister, a canon, the vergier or the bishop and all 'processed' through the cathedral to the choir stalls. The children were asked if they would like to sing something and Thomas Williams suggested we sang 'Number 288' (Who put the Colours in the Rainbow)! This they did beautifully, so beautifully, that they attracted a small crowd! A huge thank you to Mrs Birchmore who organised this lovely trip and to Katey and Ali for their help. The biggest thank you of all goes to our wonderful children who the staff were extremely proud to be with as they represented our school so well.

Well done to the children who took part in the netball match at Mullion Primary School. Despite the weather, they were able to play a couple of mixed Grade Ruan and Mullion games, where the children had experience playing in various positions. They then played a game against Mullion and won 3-1. The children all played extremely well and it was lovely to see so many smiles! Thank you to all of the parents who transported children and

stayed to cheer them on.

The School Council would like to thank all the children who came dressed in spotty accessories and to all parents who were so generous with their loose change. We managed to fill 20 Pudsey Bears which was fantastic as we predicted we would only be able to fill 5! Children in Years 5 and 6 had the huge task of sorting, counting and bagging up all the coins which amounted to an amazing £71.07. Thank you also to Ellie Rowe, Chloe Hardy, Jenna Bray, Jessica Robertson and Poppy Gilbert who entertained us all by performing a dance that they had put together all by themselves. Well done girls!

Well done to those children who continue to take part in the X-country league. Your continued support means that we are 3rd in the competition. The next race will take place at Mullion on Tuesday 22nd January at 4pm. It would be fantastic to see as many children there as possible, even if you haven't taken part in the event so far. Congratulations to all 22 children who took part in the swimming gala on Friday 16th November. The children swam extremely well and were great ambassadors for the school. Thank you to Tash Allen, Sue Thomson, Miss Prescott and Katey Jane who all transported the children, making it possible for so many children to enter. Eve, Grace, Ewan and Sam came 2nd in the relay. Chloe, Ellie, Matilda and Nancy came 3rd in their races. Eve and Ben came 2nd in their races. Ewan, Poppy, Chloe and Jessica came 1st in their races. Ben, Isabel, Nancy and Tom came 3rd in the relay - well done everyone!

Ginny Sealey



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THE THURSDAY MARKET

The market is held every Thursday morning from 9.15am to 11.45am or later in the summer. Come along, browse our stalls for some superb purchases, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, some toast, teacakes, or try our speciality '**The Village Hall Bacon Sarnie**'. If you prefer, simply stay for a chat and catch up with the local news.

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Weekly Raffle	Flowers & Plants	Fruit & Veg., Eggs & Specials

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QUIZ NIGHT

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

BINGO NIGHT

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL



Hello there and a Happy Christmas to one and all.

We've kept pushing ahead with repair and maintenance work at the Hall since the last edition and all but a few items now remain outstanding on the list of things to do before Christmas. These will be cleared over the next three or four weeks and then the next big thing is to re-floor the toilet areas in February. That's a lot of work done in a short space of time but, unfortunately, there is always something else that needs to be sorted out!

We have had some extremely good news since we last reported on activities at the Hall. I've explained on numerous occasions that our Bowls Section equipment is in very poor condition and that we badly need a new mat to improve conditions for our existing players and to enable us to encourage new members to join (especially younger members). The cost of a new mat is almost £900 and other equipment is also needed to enable us to provide decent facilities for existing members and new users. We applied to the **Cornwall Community Foundation** for a grant to help us solve some of the problems and I am delighted to say that we have now received a grant of £1200 from the **Goonhilly Wind Farm Community Fund**. This is a fantastic boost for us and our **sincere thanks must go to the Foundation for their wonderful help and support**.

All tickets for the trip to Atlantic Village were sold out in just a few days from being made available and a full coach set out bright and early on Monday morning, 19th November. A very good day was had by all who went, and thank you to all of you who have taken the time to get in touch to say how much you enjoyed the day.

Well, Christmas is seriously on the way now and we have already had a couple of Christmas Fayres in the Hall. December festive events at the Hall are as follows:

- 2nd 7.00pm **Carolaire**
Wonderful entertainment from 'Eight In A Bar' together with a Christmas buffet and it's all free.
- 4th 7.30pm **Christmas Bingo**
- 5th 1.15pm **Village Hall Christmas Party.**
Enjoy singing and music from Grade Ruan Primary School pupils and Sarah Parnell along with carols and Christmas songs. There will be a tasty party buffet and it's all free again! Everyone is very welcome so come along and have some Christmas fun.
- 11th 7.30pm **Christmas Quiz.**
Join us for 'Quiz Night at the Village Hall' with some added festive flavouring.
- 13th 9.15am **Christmas Market.**
Shop for bargains from all the usual stalls plus some extra Christmassy ones as well. Even the bacon sarnies could have holly on!
- 16th 6.45pm **Christmas Community Evening** starting at the War Memorial.
Helston Town Band, lantern procession, carol singing, Father Christmas, presents for the younger children, mince pies, mulled wine plus lots more.

From the proceeds raised at all of our Christmas events, donations will be made to The Lizard Lifeboat, The Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust and The Phoenix Stroke Appeal.

The last Thursday Market of 2012 will be the special Christmas Market on 13th December and Thursday mornings will recommence on 10th January 2013.

All that remains for now is to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at the Hall. See you all again in **2013** and take care. *Janet Gascoigne.*

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Ruan Minor Football Club News

Ruan Minor is still in 9th place out of 16 in Division 3 of the Trelawny League. They're playing well and have got two good results on the board since the last Gazette.

Results

10/11 0-1 Away v. Wendron Utd. Res.
Goal scorer: Ryan Gasson

17/11 0-2 Away v. Porthleven Rangers
Goal scorer: Daniel Timpson (2)

Forthcoming Matches

These are Division 3 matches, which start at 2.30 p.m. It would be nice if our team could have a bit of support, especially for home games.

1/12 Away v. St. Agnes 3rds

8/12 Home v. Lanner

15/12 Home v. Mawnan Reserves

22/12 Home v. Chacewater Reserves

29/12 Home v. Gulval Reserves

5/1 Away v. Holman SC Reserves

12/1 Away v. Goonhavern Athletic Res

19/1 Away v. Buryan Reserves

26/1 Home v. Holman SC Reserves

2/2 Away v. Mousehole 3rds

The Team

The following players were in the team during November:

Sam Edwards Sam Faulkner

Ryan Gasson Darren Hill

Ryan Oldfield Ashley Pickin

Derek Pickin Rory Sadler

Daniel Timpson Kai Tutton-Gane

Christopher Unsworth Samuel Rickwood

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QUIZ NIGHT NEWS



Well, they paid the price! The Buccaneers failed to bring 'Rita The Wonderdog' to the **October Quiz Night** and, as a result, found themselves down in third place when the final scores were declared. Their loss was **The Motley Crew's** gain and the Crew **Stormed** to victory after an excellent 'All-Nighter Round'. This left the Buccaneers in a **Deep Depression** with the prospect of **Stormy Seas** ahead.

October's contest was keenly fought with six of the nine contestants in with a very real chance going into the 'All-Nighter'. Superb last round performances saw **The Motley Crew** and **The Mixed Bunch** slug it out for top spot and it was **The Crew** who finally edged out **The Bunch** to claim October's Crown. **Rumanites** gained the prestigious honour of '**The Grand Order of the Wooden Spoon**' and will, I'm sure, jealously guard it until the November battle is decided

Final scores for **October Quiz Night** were as follows:

Position	Team	Points
1 st	The Motley Crew	99.0
2 nd	The Mixed Bunch	96.0
3 rd =	Bob's Band	89.0
3 rd =	Cliffhangers	89.0
3 rd =	The Buccaneers	89.0
6 th	Inbetweeners	86.0
7 th	3 Degrees	81.5
8 th	O.T.T.	74.5
9 th	Rumanites	69.5

October's challenge was hard fought and closely contested to the bitter end and the November and December battles are sure to be just as demanding (with a few laughs along the way). The questions will be just as tough and with Steve and Helen and then Juliet posing the Guest Round Challenges there will be no respite! **Are you strong enough to stand the pace? Can you cope with the pressure?** Get yourselves down to the next '**Quiz Night At The Village Hall**' to discover whether or not you can survive the ultimate challenge.

Go very well and see you all next time,
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Gardening in December and January

by David Endean

The days are now nearing their shortest and darkest and so perhaps it is a good time to reflect on the year that has passed. Well, in summary, this has been the wettest drought year that has been experienced in living memory! There we were in the spring getting on quite well but with every forecaster and water board official warning of possible hosepipe bans, which even got imposed in some parts beyond the Tamar - this was after a dry winter and some river beds drying up. Then, towards the end of April, someone turned on the heavenly tap and it must have suffered from a perished washer because there has not been much let up since. In August the ditches were as full as I would expect at the end of the winter. Walking around now, things are not too bad but it takes very little rain to become messy and I cannot remember when the soil was so wet in many of the drier gardens of the district.

This weather has not been all bad: many plants really enjoyed it - mainly the perennials - whereas annuals struggled much more. But every year is different and this is one of the delights of gardening, so do not despair and say "right I am not growing that again" because it failed so miserably this year. I heard this from several people about different things, for example a group of farmers around Hayle have decided not to grow Maize again due to their poor crop. They must have very short term memories as the crop has been good for them on all those other previous years. If we all stopped doing something after we failed once, in the end nothing would get done.

Anyway, back to jobs that should be carried out in December and January. Most are quite boring if not tedious, and are so easily put off during the summer when things are growing fast, but now growth has

slowed and you are getting on top of things, it's time to get in there and tidy that shed. You know it should have been done months ago - if not years! Put some order back in there and evict those pesky varmint that may be lurking. While you're in there, inspect your garden tools as they will not get much use at this time of year; give them a good clean up, sharpen and oil. Remove all the dirt by scraping and wire brushing and sharpen the blades then wipe over the metal parts with an oily rag (Engine oil). This will help to prevent the metal from rusting and so the tool should work much more efficiently next season as the soil will be less likely to stick to it. Those tools with wooden hilts (handles) could also have the same oily rag rubbed over them but linseed oil would be even better, as this brings back a bit of life in the wood so it is more forgiving. It will be more pliant, softer on the hands, more weather proof and it helps to keep woodworm out.

If your excuse for not cleaning the shed is that mower is in the way, well you will not need it much over the next couple of months so it is a good time to get it serviced. It may well be running well but nothing will annoy you more next spring when the grass is growing like wildfire and you suffer a breakdown or even worse you cannot get the mower started.

Now is also a good time to get your greenhouse cleaned out ready to start off seedlings next spring. Completely empty it out and wash down the glass and frame work with a suitable garden disinfectant such as Jeyes fluid. Do the same with the staging and it is a good idea to fumigate the house with a sulphur candle but you must not do this if you have plants in there as it will do them no favours. Do not put anything back into the greenhouse unless you have

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given it a thorough wash and in the case of plants you are sure that they are pest and disease free, this will help to keep any problems at bay and you will be ready for next season with one less job to do when you are keen to get started.

There are a few jobs that need to be done out around the garden at this time of year. In the veg patch, you can dig over any spare patches of ground - this only needs to be done roughly leaving it in clods. That way the winter will weather it and it will drain easier. Do not bother if the ground is too claggy and sticking to your boots and tools as you are only doing more damage to the soil structure than any good that you could be doing. If you have any winter brassicas growing make sure that they are well protected from the pigeons. Natural food becomes much scarcer at this time of year and so you will find those nice tender greens will become ragged stalks without some netting over the top. Make sure the netting is well clear of the foliage as the crafty devils have a tendency to land on it and eat the leaves through the net.

Didn't begonias do really well this year - they did enjoy the damp conditions and many are still looking good right into November. You can keep the tubers to grow on next year if you wish. If your soil is free draining, they may well survive left in the ground but the problem is that they are slow to grow on in the spring from the soil, therefore I find they are better lifted and started into growth in the warmth of a greenhouse next February. I would remove any that you have in pots as they are more vulnerable to frost, which will turn them to mush. Also pots tend to harbour the dreaded vine weevil grubs and these regard your begonia tubers as the caviar of the plant world. To store your tubers, lift them out of the ground and get as much of the soil off as is reasonable and lay them upside down on some trays in the greenhouse or shed for a week or so to dry off. Then find a deep tray, line it

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heavily with newspaper and pack it with your tubers, cover them with more newspaper and find a cool frost free place to store them for a couple of months. Make sure where ever they are stored is free from mice also as they are partial to a winter snack!

You can tidy your beds and borders. With most of the leaves now fallen, you can often see stubborn weeds that need removing. Also clear any fallen leaves off the crowns of your plants as they tend to sit there fester away, holding moisture there and so causing the heart of the plant to rot out. If you need to carry out work like this, do as much as possible from the paths to avoid soil compaction and, if you are doing quite a bit in one spot from a lawn or the like, it is a good idea to use a board or even some old carpet laid on the ground, as this will help to spread the weight and prevent the area from looking like a paddy field after you have finished.

If you have any spring bulbs left to be planted, get on with it sharpish - they will not keep for another year. They might flower a little later but should be OK. The shortest day is the traditional time to plant your shallots but truly any time from then on into early spring is fine.

I will be sowing my exhibition onions somewhere soon after Christmas and, with the long evenings and damp days, you have plenty of time to peruse seed, plant and tool catalogues. You can decide what to grow next year or what might make life easier in the garden next year. With a bit of luck and a fair wind, especially if the catalogue is left around open on the right page with a few well timed comments, you never know your heart's desire may find its way to appear under the Christmas tree.

Well I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a bountiful New Year, enjoy your gardening.



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As the year draws to a close, there's just time for a final update for 2012.

The building works in Carleon Cove mentioned as upcoming in our last piece have gone ahead as planned, despite the wet weather. Stone masons have been carefully re-pointing and repairing the round capstan which dates to the 1700s, and housed a winch used to haul fishing boats up the beach. The biggest headache has been the transport of all the scaffolding down into the cove, which had to be carried in piece by piece. The poor scaffolders got to know that path to the cove very well! Whilst on site, the stone masons will also see to some repairs to the Victorian serpentine factory, as there's one section in particular, where eroding bricks could leave a wall above vulnerable to collapse. The bricks will be carefully replaced with new ones, to match the style of the old as best we can. All this work has been funded by the Rural Development Programme for England, as part of a project focussed on sites along the South West Coast Path, and we'd like to thank them for their support.

Also about Poltesco, we're gearing up for renovations at both Carleon House and Poltesco Farmhouse which will be happening early in the New Year. We will be switching our full time volunteer accommodation from Carleon House to Poltesco Farmhouse once work is complete. Over the 15 or more years that Carleon has been accommodation for volunteers, more than 100 people have had the opportunity to live there, some staying just a month or two, others a couple of years, all remembering their time at Poltesco fondly. A few ex-volunteers haven't wandered too far from the parish since we arrived as fresh faced students many moons ago! All the Ranger staff locally started as volunteers on the property. Other volunteers have used the experience they gained with us to work all over the UK and beyond in conservation, teaching or whatever direction life has taken them since. We're keen to keep offering the same volunteering opportunities that we all benefited from, and, at the Farmhouse, we'll accommodate up to 4 residential volunteers. We're making the switch because it makes sense to have the volunteer accommodation beside the workshop and yard, and as a consequence Carleon House will become available to rent on the open market as a residential dwelling in the spring.

Elsewhere in the parish, we've had a busy time with visiting volunteer groups through the autumn, with over 80 different folk lending a hand with work to benefit the Lizard's rarest plants. A residential working holiday cleared gorse around the old quarries at Carn Barrow, close to Gwavas, the thin stony serpentine soils being ideal habitat for many of the Lizard's specialities including the rare grass like fern land quillwort, and the tiny 1cm high dwarf rush. In October, 35 International Baccalaureate students from Truro College joined us for a day on the cliffs above Poltesco, clearing scrub around outcrops that support a range of species including the pretty little twin headed clover. At the same time, 30 first year geography undergraduates from the University of Exeter Cornwall Campus at Tremough, made short work of clearing gorse from an outcrop in the sheep fields at Bodriggy, which is one of the few Cornish sites for four-leaved allseed. All this clearance is part of a co-ordinated programme of work for rare plants across the Lizard, guided by botanists with an in-depth knowledge of the Lizard's unique flora. Generally the situation is looking good for our rare wildflowers, with most populations recorded in the 1980's still going strong, but without ongoing grazing and scrub clearance, the rarities would soon disappear under gorse and blackthorn.

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Our Access Ranger Darren Neville and our team of residential volunteers have been busy too, working on small scale improvements along the coastpath. You'll hopefully notice that, although they look the same at first glance, all those places along the coastpath that used to be muddy hollows, are not quite so deep in mud any more!

In the run up to Christmas, we'll be hosting a kid's workshop at Poltesco on Saturday 15th December making Christmas gifts and decorations inspired by nature. This event, between 10am and 3pm, is for unaccompanied children 8-12yrs old (parental consent form required), £4 per child. It's always a fun and action packed day, so why not come along. Booking is essential on the number below.

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For further details of the book and/or The Friends of Minack Society please contact Gloria Townsin, Secretary – 01326 241745 e-mail: gloriatownsin@uwclub.net. We are an active local and worldwide society with our AGM being held in Penzance every March, when four days of activities take place relating to the Minack Chronicles. We are always happy to welcome new members.

Christmas Music Quiz

1. Who had a mega hit in 1973 with "Merry Christmas Everybody"?
2. What was Johnny Mathis's 1970 Christmas offering?
3. Which group were "Alone on Christmas Day" in 2004?
4. Which was the first Christmas song to make it to number 1 in the U.K.?
5. "Christmas is Just Around the Corner" was a 2008 hit for whom?
6. Who was the first of many to record "The Christmas Waltz"?

Answers to the November Quiz

1. Which Bronte sister wrote Jane Eyre? *Charlotte*
2. What is the name of the prison in "Porridge"? *HMP Slade*
3. What is Switzerland's largest city? *Zurich*
4. For how many years was Margaret Thatcher Prime Minister?
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5. What is a smolt? *A young salmon or trout*
6. Where did snooker originate? *Amongst British army officers in India*



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Samuel Richard Bowcher 1934 - 2012



I should imagine that Sam's early memories of the Second World War remained vividly with him throughout his life, because in 1940, when he was just six years old, he and his mother, 11 year old sister Elizabeth and 10 week old William (known as Dicky), had to get out of Belgium in a hurry, as the German invasion rapidly advanced.

They had been living in Poperinghe, where Sam had been born. His father, William – a Cornishman (he was born in Mabe) – was a nurseryman working for the Imperial War Graves Commission near Ypres.

Just as the German army was entering Poperinghe from one side, about 200 evacuees, mostly members of a small but close-knit colony of British - including the Bowcher family - were making their hurried escape out of the other, along with hundreds of Belgians fleeing their homes.

According to one observer amongst those evacuees, whose recollections are recorded in the book, 'The Children who fought Hitler': 'They were all wearing their best clothes and, looking at the party, one might have imagined it to be a mixture between a Sunday School treat and an excursion to the seaside.'

It was to be anything but. As they made their way towards the French border by whatever means they could – by foot, by car, by coach - they came under attack. In the same book, Elizabeth Bowcher records: 'That's when the Stukas came down and started machine gunning us. I was trying to carry the baby [Dicky], holding on to Sam for dear life, everyone running and jumping into ditches. People were screaming....'

They eventually arrived safely back in England. But even so, their arrival was, like so many other evacuees from Belgium, not greeted with a welcome they might have expected. People were being interrogated by the police and the security services and those who had lost their papers in the chaos at Calais now had to convince British officials that they weren't illegal immigrants, spies or fifth columnists. Sam's family, whose suitcase containing all their family papers had been destroyed on the quay at Calais, were marched off the boat by soldiers with fixed bayonets.

The family came back to their native Cornwall, to Penryn, where young Sam quickly earned the nickname 'Beljink' – a name that apparently stuck for many years to come.

Sam and Rose met in 1959 and they were married 51 years ago. They loved their days out and their holidays together. They went to Paris, travelled along the River Seine, visited Versailles. But one thing they really did enjoy was the 'all day breakfast.'

When Sam stopped working as a market gardener, he became a fisherman, working with Basil on 'Victory', as a winchman. Rose showed me a picture of the boats in Cadgwith then – no cabin for protection. It was – and still is – hard and dangerous work. When his fishing days were over, Sam had a variety of jobs including up at Sea Acres and as a potman at the Cadgwith Cove Hotel.

Sam was a deep and thinking man, with a huge wealth of knowledge – gained from his being an avid reader of books. He loved history – both local and national, and he loved wildlife, especially birdwatching.

Many have described Sam to me as being a dear man and a loveable man, a great character. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. May he rest in peace.

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John Bourne 1926 - 2012

John Bourne died peacefully in London on 24th October, aged 86. He and his wife Jean have been visiting Cadgwith for over 50 years, staying with Buller and his relatives until they bought Veronica Cottage, where they were always very happy. John was partially paralysed down his left side after a medical accident in 1971 and his mobility was severely restricted, but he never complained. He was a highly-respected journalist on Fleet Street, working for The Guardian and then for the Financial Times, covering the turbulent years of the Wilson governments with their colourful union disputes and personal tensions.



When John retired, he and Jean came to live in Cadgwith and started their own monthly journal, always immaculately edited and printed. John was also appointed by the new Gig Club as their Gazette Correspondent, making good use of his love of rowing acquired during his student days, and of the sea when he served for two years in the RNVR at the end of the war.

As his medical needs grew, the couple had to return to their London home in Hampstead where he could more conveniently be treated. Jean brought him back twice this summer to Cornwall where he could watch the sea and remember happier times. Jean, their two children Matt and Vic, and three grandchildren Flo, Dot and Ed will no doubt be familiar faces around Cadgwith for many years to come. Our sympathy goes to them all.

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Minutes of the October Monthly Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel on Monday 8 October 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors P Collins (Chairman), J Preston (Vice-Chair), J Trewin, P Freeman, N Green, M Alford, C Cooper, M Fleetwood, PCSO J Berry and one Member of the Public (Mrs M Eustis).

1. Absences and Apologies: apologies were received from Councillors W Elliott and R Curnow. The apologies were accepted.

Apologies were also received from Cornwall Councillor C Rule

2. Declarations of Interest: no declarations of interest were made.

3. Public Time: Mrs Eustis advised that the application for redevelopment of the building to be considered later in the meeting was to retain a useful building rather than leave the building that had been used as a shop and was no longer viable fall into disrepair.

4. Police Report: the Chairman welcomed PCSO Berry to the meeting. PCSO Berry apologised for the long absence since there had last been a Police presence at the meeting but changes in shift patterns had meant the Police had been unable to attend Parish Council meetings. The Council was disappointed the changes couldn't accommodate the Parish Council meetings.

Councillors Cooper and Fleetwood joined the Meeting.

PCSO Berry reported there had been two crimes in the Parish during September. An arrest and charge had been made for an assault causing actual bodily harm. There had also been a burglary which is awaiting the outcome of finger prints taken by a Scene of Crime Officer.

She reported an increase in thefts of bicycles from remote locations and advised any bicycles be kept locked and in a secure shed or garage and for owners to record and register their bicycles, keeping a description of the model, make and frame number and utilise the website www.immobilise.com.

5. Cornwall Councillor's Time: Councillor Rule had sent her apologies and there was no report.

6. Minutes for acceptance: the Minutes having been circulated subject to some amendments were proposed for acceptance by Councillor Fleetwood, seconded by Councillor Trewin – all in favour.

7. Planning: PA12/08120 – part demolition of redundant shop to form a domestic garage at The Green Cabin, Ruan Minor by Mr & Mrs C Eustis. Councillor Cooper proposed the application be supported, Councillor Fleetwood seconded. **Resolved: the Parish Council support the application.** Mrs Eustis thanked the Council for its support.

a. PA12/04945 – additional information supplied in respect of Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of dwelling without compliance of Condition 5 of Decision Notice 48355/W at Bruggan Bungalow, Bruggan, Ruan Minor by Mrs Margaret Kennedy. Councillor Fleetwood proposed the new information did not change the Parish Council's view to object to the application, Councillor Cooper seconded. **Resolved: the Parish Council's original decision to object to the application remains unaltered.**

b. Planning application comments – Councillor Green had analysed the responses for the applications considered at the last meeting. These had been received by Cornwall Council

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and posted on their website on 26/09/12. The Parish Council felt the delay between the previous meeting and the receipt of the responses was unacceptable and expressed disappointment in the Clerk. Councillor Green proposed a closed session of the Council for further discussion, Councillor Freeman seconded. **The Council went into committee for the next item.**

8. **Finance:** financial report - copies of the financial report and bank reconciliation were circulated.

a. Tree planting grant – Councillor Preston in his capacity as Treewarden requested the Parish Council make a grant towards the purchase of some trees for planting as the Treewardens do not have a bank account. An allowance had already been made in the budget for treeplanting.

The Chairman proposed the Parish Council would pay for trees and issue a cheque direct to the suppliers Councillor Green seconded. **Resolved: the Parish Council would pay for trees and issue a cheque direct to the suppliers**

b. Approval of payments as per schedule

c. Remembrance Sunday: the Chairman reminded everyone that Remembrance Sunday Service would be held at the Ruan Minor Village War Memorial at 10:45am on Sunday 11 November 2012. A wreath would be supplied to be laid by a representative of the Parish Council. Donation to be considered at the next Meeting.

d. Audit – the Audit had been completed by the External Auditor. The Completion of Audit Notice to be displayed on the notice board and Parish Council website..

9. **Matters arising from the Minutes:** Play Area – Councillors Collins and Elliot had met and contacted Tatia Churchill, Community Regeneration Officer for Cornwall Council. It was discussed whether it was viable to have a skate boarding facility in the village. There had been no response to the Parish Council's offer of funding if someone was willing to reinstate the Youth Club.

It was considered investigating the costs of a Youth Officer and making provision in the precept.

a. Diamond Jubilee Commemorative item – the Jubilee Committee are purchasing a bench for the Churchyard. The Church Council have asked the public for suggestions as to where it should be sited.

b. Strategic buildings within the Parish – a draft list was prepared. Councillor Freeman to investigate the procedure to record buildings of strategic importance.

c. Casual vacancy – no expressions of interest had been received from the recent advertisement. As there is an election of the whole Council next year it was agreed not to fill the casual vacancy at this time.

d. Dog fouling – dog fouling is increasing in the Parish. The dog litter bin in the car park is emptied regularly and the Parish Council was advised that dogs mess can be deposited in any of the rubbish bins. Cornwall Council offer training courses for people willing to monitor dog fouling issues and this would certify them to issue fixed penalties to people not clearing up after their dogs. It was suggested that expressions of interest be requested from anyone wishing to become a Parish Dog Warden.

e. Surgery lease – this had not yet been signed by the doctors as there is a change in the partnership.

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- f. Terms of reference – Councillor Freeman to review.
- g. Cadgwith Car Park – the Clerk had been unable to follow up on this.
- h. Weeds in roadside gutters – weeds had been cleared in the main village but not Mundys Field. Clerk to refer back to Highways.
- i. Litter bin in Kuggar bus shelter – a response had been received asking if a bin was required inside or outside the shelter. It was felt it would be better outside.
- j. S106 working party – minutes had been circulated. The Affordable Housing Team want specific suggestions before they can advise further. A further meeting of the s106 Working Party to be held on 22 October 2012 at 7:00pm.
- k. Adoption of path from Sowenna to New Road – Highways had acknowledged receipt of the request.
- l. Polstangey Bridge – the works requested had been completed.
- m. BT phone box – Councillor Freeman to ask Cornflower Garden Services whether they would be willing to clean this.
- n. Granites in car park – awaiting removal.
- o. Transfer of grass at Glebe Place – letter drafted.
- p. Poltesco Lane – work had been conducted at Poltesco but it was unsatisfactory. Clerk to re-refer to Highways and ask they liaised with Councillor Preston.

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q. Flooding at New Road – South West Water had replied saying as the water emanated from natural springs it was not their responsibility. Clerk to respond that this problem had only arisen since South West Water had conducted work in the area.

r. Graves at Glanis – this planning application had been approved by Cornwall Council. The Parish Council to raise concerns with the Environment Agency who had raised no concerns about the application despite it being in direct contravention of their criteria. Clerk to write.

s. Bus turning – one resident had their car damaged by a bus turning but the bus company has accepted liability for this. Complaints had been received about the new bus service running late, being unreliable and not arriving.

10. Matters for consideration: a resident had raised a concern about congestion in Cadgwith and suggested a one way system be implemented. This had been discussed at the Parish Council on previous occasions and the signage has been altered by Highways to improve access to the village. It was felt that the congestion is caused more by vehicles parking in the village when there is a nearby car park available.

A complaint had been received about the long-term storage of net bins at the end of The Todden on common land. It is possible that this may be a permitted use for this common land but it would need to be checked what the land is designated for.

11. Correspondence: *[The list of letters and emails is not printed here, due to space constraints. It is available from the Editor.]*

12. Footpaths, Environment and Treewarden: beneath the tarmac path with steps leading from New Road past the property known as Malahat in Cadgwith is a drain for surface water to the stream that roughly follows the line of the path. This appears to be blocked and the resulting run off is making the footpath muddy, slippery and dangerous.

Clerk to report to Highways.

13. In committee:

Dog Poo in the Churchyard

The incidence of dog poo in St Ruan Churchyard has gradually increased recently. Not only does this make it very unpleasant for others who enjoy walking through the churchyard or who come to tend the grave of a loved one, it also poses a serious health risk to humans from, for example, the *Toxocariasis* range of bacterium. The effects from these bacterium can include mild flu-like symptoms that often go undiagnosed, to a more worrying form that affects the eye and can lead to permanent blindness.

So:

- out of respect for those who lie buried in St Ruan Churchyard
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- out of a concern for the health of our community

Please clean up after your dog.

Thank you.

Revd Deirdre Mackrill

Rector's Ramblings

An ancient Greek philosopher once observed that the only constant in life is change. If it was true in ancient Greece it is so much more true today when the pace of change seems to be accelerating.

Oddly, it can be at those times of year when life is most constant – like Christmas – that we feel the effects of change most deeply, and then before we know it, the New Year is upon us.

Perhaps we will be able to soften the effects of change by gatherings with family and friends to celebrate and enjoy relationships that give us real peace and stability in our lives. I do hope that this will be true for many of us.

However, many I am sure, will find that Christmas merely emphasises how life is changing. Perhaps this year will be the first without a loved one. These can be the hardest Christmases. Or perhaps it's the changes of families growing up. For some, Christmas is a time when they are reminded of broken relationships; for others, Christmas will be just the same as last year – spent alone. No wonder we yearn for some constant in our lives at Christmas and New Year, something that can give us comfort, stability ... and hope.

Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord! Though we welcome and remember his first coming as a baby, it is his staying as a Saviour and friend – God with us – that we can really celebrate. He promised 'I will never leave you, nor forsake you', and he never has. By his Holy Spirit given to us, he is still here.

At the New Year many will quote Minnie Haskins famous poem: "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".

You don't have to wait for the New Year! His hand is all the comfort you may need this Christmas too. It is the strong hand of the creator of stars and planets; it is the little hand of a child reaching out from a manger; and it is the nail-pierced hand of one who has borne all your sorrows and understands where you are.

Take his hand this Christmas.

Yours in Christ,

Revd Peter Sharpe

Priest-in-Charge

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Church Activities



Church of England Services

December

Sun 2nd	Morning Praise, St Ruan Church	11am
Sun 9th	Holy Communion St Ruan Church	9.30am
	Christingle, St Grade Church	3pm
Sun 16th	Carols at St Ruan Methodist Chapel	11am
	Nativity at St Mary's Church, Cadgwith	3pm
Sun 23rd	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am
Christmas Eve Midnight Mass, St Wynwallow Church		11.30pm
Christmas Day Family Service, St Ruan Church		10am
Sun 30th	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am

January

Sun 6th	Morning Praise, St Ruan Church	11am
Sun 13th	Holy Communion St Ruan Church	9.30am
Sun 20th	Family Service, St Ruan Church	11am
Sun 27th	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am

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