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2nd Monday	7.30pm Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 11 th February
3rd Tuesday	12.15pm Soup, Pasty, Pudding, Methodist Chapel, 19 th February
3rd Saturday	9am - 1pm Farmers Market at Mullion School, 16 ^h February
Mon & Thurs	7.00pm Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall (no bowls on Mon 25 th Feb)
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Every Thurs	9.30am-11.30am Market and refreshments - Village Hall

THIS MONTH

6 February	8pm Cadgwith Book Club meeting in the Cadgwith Cove Inn
7 February	Mullion School Parents' Evening Year 7
9 February	7.30pm Quiz Night, Village Hall, in aid of Under 5s. See "What's On"
18 - 22 February	Half Term. Grade Ruan and Mullion
18 February	Deadline for March Gazette
25 February	7pm Meeting of new Local History group. Village Hall, see "What's On"
27 February	7pm (tbc) Mullion School Concert at Mullion Methodist Chapel

ADVANCE DATES

2 March	Vintage Revue, Village Hall
6 March	Mullion School Parents' Evening Year 9
13 March	Cadgwith Book Club meeting in the Cadgwith Cove Inn, 8pm
15 March	Red Nose Day
16 March	Farmers' Market at Mullion School 9.30 - 1.30 Grade Ruan Spring Flower Show in the Village Hall
28 March	Grade Ruan School and Mullion School - End of Spring Term 12 noon
16 April	Grade Ruan School and Mullion School - Start of Summer Term
24 July	Beach BBQ (organised by Gig Club)
31 July	Beach BBQ (organised by Christmas Lights Committee)
7 August	Beach BBQ (organised by Recreation Ground Committee)
14 August	Beach BBQ (organised by Gig Club)
21 August	Beach BBQ (organised by Christmas Lights Committee)
28 August	Beach BBQ (organised by Recreation Ground Committee)

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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.

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Noticeboard

This year has started off on a sad note, as we have lost people dear to the community.

Desmond Julian, who most of you will have known, passed away peacefully at Treiske. He put so much into the community as a Parish Councillor and as Chairman and Treasurer of the Village Hall committee for many years. He will be sadly missed. See page 49.

Glenwood Morecom, who lived all his life at Kuggar, died at home. He was known to be somewhat eccentric, but was a kind and gentle man. See page 47.

Jenny Scolding has passed on the sad news of the death of **Inez Deen Glazzard** who lived in the Parish for many years. See page 55.

Jan Lloyd, who lived with her family at Mengarth in Cadgwith for several years from around 2000, died on 17th December at her home in Surrey, after suffering a brain haemorrhage. On the day of Jan's funeral in Surrey, Rev. Deirdre Mackrill conducted a well attended memorial service for Jan in St. Mary's church in Cadgwith. A total of £330 was donated after the service and will be given to Childrens Hospice South West. See page 49.

Happy Birthday in February to: Ian Henn, Richard Drummond, Esme A-C, Thomas B, Jordan Jane, Abby J, Katey Jane, Tracey Bennetts, Robert D, Ellie R, Chas Deacon, Emma Russell, Angela Jane, Noel Cliff, Jessica S, Jowan B, Aaron G, Michael H, Jack T-B, Fiona Fletcher, Tim Birchmore, Chris Hunt

By the way, if you have ever wondered why you have not been wished a happy **birthday**, it'll be because I don't know when it is. Please let me know so I can add you to the list.

Best wishes to **Charlie Coates** who has been poorly. **Basil Bolitho** is out of hospital and is staying with his sister in Falmouth. We wish **Sam Jane** a speedy recovery after her hip operation. **Danny Phillips** has also had an operation after rupturing his distal biceps tendon. It all sounds a bit technical, but the upshot is that he will be out of action for six to eight weeks. We wish you well Danny.

I have some excellent news about my appeal for a volunteer to take over as Gazette Treasurer. Not one, but two people have come forward! May I extend a very big welcome to **Judith Green** and **Peter Martin**. Judith will be managing subscriptions and over-the-counter sales; Peter will be doing the book-keeping and looking after our advertisers. I'm sure you will join me in letting them know how much we appreciate them coming forward and offering their time and expertise. It means the Gazette's future is secure once again.

You will see that the **layout of the Gazette** has changed this month, with some items that used to be near the back being brought towards the middle. The reason is that our printers will in future pass on to us the additional cost of printing photographs and some ads in high definition, so I need to position the items requiring this higher quality print in a way that minimises the cost. The advertisers who require this quality will help to meet the additional cost by paying a surcharge. The "numbers you might need" and list of advertisers can now be found on page 58 and the surgery hours on page 57; hopefully still easy to find. If you

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Moira Hurst

Jill, Wesley, Karen and Alex Thomas wish to thank everybody for their generous donations of £730, which has been divided between the Seamen's Mission and the Doctors' Surgery. Many thanks. *Jill Thomas.* [

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

Eveline Julian and family would like to give their sincere thanks for all the kind messages of sympathy and lovely cards received following their sad loss. Also for the great support of all who attended the funeral and for the kind donations towards Ruan Minor Village Hall and Mullion Health Centre.

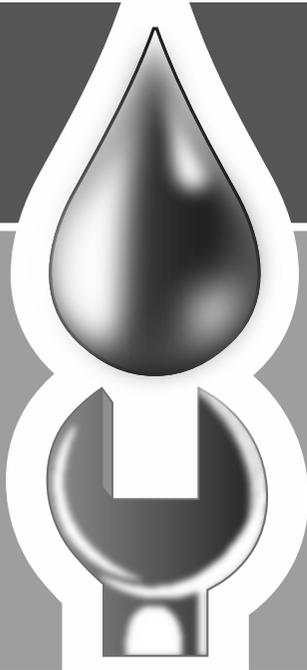
Gill & Colin Thomas would like to thank friends and neighbours for all their offers of help and support following the flooding of their cottage. A special mention goes to **Paul Penrose**, who was first on the scene.

Congratulations to **Daniel Moore** and **Susan Stephens** who got engaged on Christmas Eve. Best wishes from Mum and Dad. *D. Stephens*

It will come as no surprise that last year's Vintage Rally was a wash-out ... again! So to raise the necessary cash to finance this year's event, the Rally Committee is arranging another **Vintage Revue**. It will be held on Saturday 2nd March in the Village Hall as before. The Committee wants to hear from anyone who'd like to be in it. If you have an irresistible urge to get up on stage with a song, monologue, skit, whatever, please call Richard 'Skinny' Williams on 290980. Don't be shy. Tickets will be on sale soon – it was a sell-out last time so don't delay. *The Vintage Rally Team.*



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See you there, we hope.

For further information, contact
Peter Freeman, 290642

Rodney Bewes' One Man Show

Cadgwith celeb Rodney Bewes is beginning his new one man show in Penzance before going on tour. He'll be at the Acorn Theatre on 16th February with a show called A Boy Growing Up, based on stories by Dylan Thomas. Last year's Edinburgh Fringe review listed Rodney's show as highly recommended.

Cadgwith Book Club
Meeting at

the Cadgwith Cove Inn at 8.00 p.m. on
Wednesday 6th February
Wednesday 13th March

👉 Women in Wellies 👈

Many thanks to all those women who came to the Turquoise and Tinsel party at Jude's. We all had a great evening and raised £80 which went to the Air Ambulance.

Thanks also to Helen at Cadgwith Cove Inn for hosting the Wine Tasting. The wine flowed all evening and we all enjoyed a delicious Christmas meal. The most festive wellies were worn by a holiday maker!

Thanks also to Jane and Fiona at Ruan Major for a lovely Christmas craft and wreath making evening where we were treated to scrumptious mulled wine and food, including some Thai, thanks to Jumunjy.

Various events are happening in 2013, the first being at Mullion Meadows - making a glass pendant (cost approx. £10) which Jackie has kindly offered to organise. Please phone her for further details on 01326 291179. Rachel Holder has offered to do some more activities at Poltesco when the evenings are lighter. All welcome to any activity. Putting notices in the Gazette is our only way of informing everyone as we have found this more effective than e-mailing and reaches so many people!

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Recreation Ground News



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I will start off with the bad news that we were not able to get grant funding for the new pavilion – It would appear there's not enough sports usage to attract sports-based lottery funding, and not enough community use to attract community buildings lottery funding! I think part of our problem is that we are too small! There are not enough people living in the parish to justify some multi-sports complex, nor have we anywhere to put one, or the additional pitches and fields it would need, and we already have a perfectly serviceable village hall, and certainly don't need, or want, another! All we need are some decent changing rooms and toilets, with a small social room attached. I would like to thank the team who have worked so hard to put together our funding applications, trying hard to make our needs fit (or appear to fit!) the diverse requirements of the funders. On the positive side, and easily forgotten against the prospect of major funding, we do have a fair amount of money in the bank, plus considerable pledges from local funders, and both SITA and Sport England have smaller funds available that would go a long way towards a smaller project.

So, it is now time to review or plans:

- We could simply demolish the old pavilion, as it is reaching the point where it needs extensive repair to remain usable, and clear the site – but this would mean the end of football at Ruan, and the main purpose of the field.
- We could spend money on re-furbishing the old pavilion – new roof, windows and doors, plus complete internal re-fit. We could probably afford this with the funds we have and a little external funding – but we would probably only get a few more years use out of the building before we need to start again looking to replace it.
- We could carry on adjusting the plans and seeking major funding for a re-build along the same lines as the current plans – I think we will always hit the same problem – either not enough sports use, or not enough community use – and continue to fail to tick the right boxes to get funding.

Having discussed the options with committee members, ex-committee members, and anyone else with an interest that I have been able to button-hole, I think we have a suitable "plan B":

Draw up new plans for a building considerably smaller than the previous plan, to include changing rooms to a suitable standard, toilets (including disabled), a small social room with kitchen/bar servery and some storage space. The design to be such that it can be built in stages, with sections being fitted out as and when funds permit. Probably the first section to be built would be the changing rooms and toilets, with kitchen and store rooms completed later, and the social room probably built on as an extension. If we clear the old pavilion ourselves, that should generate some money due to the amount of metal in its construction that should attract a reasonable scrap value! Where possible, we will probably use volunteer labour in the construction of the new building to keep costs down. Obviously there's a lot of work involved in this and a new planning application, but I think it's probably the best way forward.

I would still welcome any comments and opinions, both on the plan B, and on the other options. And, of course, would welcome any offers of help – in any form!

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And, on the subject of help - we would like someone to join us as Secretary. Readers will recall that Moira resigned as secretary last year, then re-joined as she was working on the grant applications – she is willing to continue as secretary until the end of March, so we would greatly appreciate it if a willing volunteer could approach us before then! I'm sure that if you were to approach Moira, she would be willing to tell you all about what the job entails – apart from the grant applications and managing the pavilion project (which were much appreciated!), I hope the workload wasn't too great!

One last request - Please to not add your garden, and other, waste to the bonfire site – it's a long time until November and we don't want it there all year!

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Mullion School

Grade-Ruan Happy New Year! The new year brought some new faces - welcome to Nathan and Bella who started in Starfish Class and also two student teachers - Mrs Danielle Legge who is working with Years 5 and 6 and Miss Demelza Christophers who is working with Year 2.

The school gardeners have been working on indoor projects as the weather has been a bit too cold and wet to be outside. They have started building their own bird boxes for the garden and school grounds and prepared the new seed potatoes for chitting. Jowan helped out

with the sawing and preparing the wood for the bird boxes and Eve, Grace and Ellie have designed and painted a 'Welcome' sign for the school garden. Although the weather has not been ideal for gardening, the recent snowfall was very useful for Starfish Class as their current topic is 'Water' and they had been talking about where snow comes from!

Cookery club has started up again and the children have made giant cookies and heavy cake. Like something at the top of the magic Faraway Tree, the Grade Ruan Restaurant made an appearance - the children created a full two course meal of spaghetti bolognaise followed by chocolate brownies and chocolate sauce, with a properly laid table with flowers and menus! Thank you to Ali and Claire and also Jess Thomson who is helping as part of her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Dramarama Club is running again on Wednesday afternoons in the school hall and Football Club is on Fridays - outside in all weathers!

Our computers have had a boost of new programmes thanks to Katey Jane and our ICT Co-ordinator, Rob Beadle. After a morning spent adding the new programmes Mr Beadle led lessons with Years 3-6 showing them the new learning opportunities. A particular favourite is

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Mullion School A new year and a new Library! The Humanities Department has completed its extensive rearranging and refurbishment of classrooms and the Library and Careers are now in their own building. The official opening of the new Library will be on Monday 4th February with pupils invited to dress up as their favourite literary character. A surprising number of pupils signed up for the six week block of Latin lessons - perhaps they're hoping to confound their teachers when talking in class.

The School held its bi-annual Career-
scope exhibition with half of the school

given over to stands set up by Colleges, Universities and Employers. Very well attended by pupils, parents and the public, it was an ideal opportunity to speak to professionals about College and University entry requirements and career choices.

Coming up in the Spring Term are Parents' Evening for Years 7 and 9 (7th Feb and 6th March respectively), the annual ski trip in half term, a concert at Mullion Methodist Chapel on 27th February, the Humanities trip to Sorrento at the end of term and the small matter of GCSE controlled assessments. Please see the school website www.mullionschool.org.uk for more information and diary dates.

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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 or you can BYO if you prefer. The contests begin at 7.30pm. Any changes to dates will be notified on the Village notice boards.

BINGO NIGHT

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

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL



Hello again everybody.

First of all I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year from everyone at the Hall. Let's hope it will be a good year for everyone and, in particular, let's hope it will be a lot drier, at least for a little while to come.

We were very pleased that our programme of Christmas activities and events was very well supported and that everyone enjoyed themselves. It was disappointing, however, that there were very few children from the Village to meet Father Christmas at our Community Evening and perhaps we should reconsider the format for this event in the future.

Unfortunately, 2013 has started badly with the loss of Desmond Julian and our thoughts and best wishes are with Eveline and her family. Desmond did a great deal of work for the Village Hall over a considerable number of years until he finally stepped down in April 2010. He will be sadly missed and remembered by his friends in the Village.

The weather has caused us a great deal of trouble with the external doors which cost us a considerable amount of money. We have had them replaced by the supplier (free of charge) but despite being told that the problem had been solved we have had even more difficulties with the replacements. We are in close discussion with the parties concerned and hope to have the matter finally resolved soon.

On a more positive note, the grant which was approved by the **Cornwall Community Foundation** through the **Goonhilly Wind Farm Community Fund** has enabled us to purchase the much needed replacement bowls mat and we took delivery of the mat on 21st January 2013. It went into use the very same evening and looks splendid when rolled out in all of its glory. We still have the balance of the grant available to purchase other new items including two new sets of indoor bowls. We hope that this will enable us to achieve our aim of providing short mat facilities to a lot more people in the future and, once again, a great big thank you to the Foundation for helping us out. Anyone interested in joining the Bowls Section can get all of the information they need from **Roy Vivian on 241936** or by calling in to the Hall on Monday or Thursday evenings at 7pm.

The Thursday Market resumed its activities on 10th January after a short break over Christmas and the New Year and things quickly swung into action, until it seemed we hadn't been away at all. All of the usual stalls are operating with a few new items as well. If anyone is having a post-Christmas clear out and has items suitable for our Bric-a-Brac stall please let Dave know and we can collect them from you. It takes a great deal of money to keep the Hall running and, as they say, 'Every little helps!'

Quiz Nights at the Village Hall - 2013 are up and running with a vengeance and take place every 4th Tuesday of the month. Come along and join us as an individual or a team. We can fit you in and are sure that you will enjoy the fun and challenge.

Bingo Nights are scheduled to take place each 2nd Tuesday of the month and will start again in February. Numbers playing Bingo have fallen over the last couple of years and we could really do with a few more players to continue to make it an enjoyable evening.

We are keen to offer a wide range of activities at the Hall and, for example, we certainly intend to run our coach trips again this year. If you have any preferred venues to visit please let us know and we will see what we can do. A full list of events through the year will be included in the Gazette as soon as we can sort things out.

I think that's enough for one edition. Take care and see you next month.

Janet Gascoigne.

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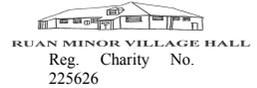
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QUIZ NIGHT NEWS



Firstly, may I wish everyone in Quizland a very Happy New Year and say that I sincerely hope it's a good one for one and all.

As the countdown to Christmas and the New Year began in earnest, it was **The Buccaneers** who took the November Champions Crown with **OTT** gleefully accepting the coveted Wooden Spoon. Just a few weeks later the title of Christmas Quiz Night Champions went to **The Motley Crew** after a keenly fought and seasonally flavoured battle of wits. It was **Christmas Lights** who claimed the Wooden Spoon this time and they were charged with the responsibility of keeping it safe and secure during the festive season. Steve & Helen and then Juliette presented excellent guest rounds which had contestants working hard to get the right answers.

Quiz Night 2013 started on a cold wintry evening but despite this and the continuing effects of the flu bug which just about everyone seems to have suffered from, seven teams lined up to fight for the first Champions' Crown of the year. With brains sharpened and wits refreshed after Christmas excesses had been overcome (well, nearly), a mammoth battle ensued and for the first six rounds a maximum of only five points separated all of the teams. However, the 'Wipe Out' and 'All-Nighter' rounds changed that and, in the end, it was **Cliffhangers** who finished the strongest to claim the title by 3½ points from **The Motley Crew**. Jill from **Christmas Lights** had the pleasure of passing on the Wooden Spoon to the **OTT** team who not only suffered the dreaded 'Wipe Out' in Round 7 but who were also without the flu-bound Jean. It's obvious where the brains lie in that outfit! Thank you to Phyllis for a really good and well thought out Guest Round which certainly got everyone thinking.

All in all it was a great start to the new quiz year and the final scores for **January Quiz Night** were as follows:

Position	Team	Points
1 st	Cliffhangers	92.5
2 nd	The Motley Crew	89.0
3 rd	The Mixed Bunch	88.5
4 th	The Buccaneers	87.5
5 th	Scotty Dogs	84.0
6 th	Bob's Band	80.0
7 th	OTT	74.0

Thanks for a terrific evening and see you all next time when Geoff will be presenting his first Guest Round (you had better swat up on Chelsea, Rochdale and Coventry City!!).

Go well,
Quizmaster Dave.



DAVID LEGGETT

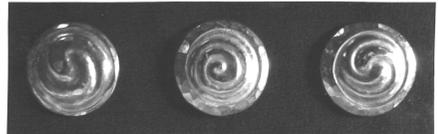
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## Ruan Minor Football Club News

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### Results since the last report

1/12 0-1 Away v. St. Agnes 3rds  
8/12 1-0 Home v. Lanner  
15/12 4-2 Home v. Mawnan Reserves  
5/1 0-3 Away v. Holman SC Reserves  
12/1 1-1 Away v. Goonhavern Ath. Res  
19/1 1-0 Away v. St. Buryan Reserves  
26/1 3-2 Home v. Holman SC Reserves

### 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.

2/2 Away v. Mousehole 3rds  
9/2 Home v. St. Day 3rds  
16/2 Away v. Pendeen Rovers Reserves  
23/2 Home v. Mousehole 3rds  
2/3 Away v. Gulval Reserves

### The Team

The following players were in the team for the last few games:

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Aiden Campbell                  | James Edwards    |
| Sam Edwards                     | Peter Fairclough |
| Sam Faulkner                    | Ryan Gasson      |
| Martin Harvey                   | Darren Hill      |
| Shaun Midgley                   | Ryan Oldfield    |
| Ashley Pickin                   | Derek Pickin     |
| Samuel Rickwood                 | Luke Rogers      |
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# Gardening in February

by David Endean

Well what a time of it we have had since the last article. I think that I am developing webbed feet - if I ever see them again as I think my Wellies have become welded on. I am sure it will eventually sort itself out but I am now concerned because February is most often our coldest month. Plants in general survive the cold better if they are on the dry side; there is nothing worse than wet cold periods for plants. They really do hate their roots frozen solid in saturated airless soil.

I have noticed throughout January that growth is coming on at a pace and some lawns are nearing needing a trim. Hold off until it drains away a bit and firms up, this will stop soil compaction and root damage, also do not be tempted if it is frosty as this will do your lawn no favours either. Some extra grass on the lawn at this time of year will help reduce any damage that may occur from necessary foot traffic. I would highly recommend spiking your lawn if you have not done so already, this will aid drainage and get air into the roots of the turf. You can get special hollow tined tools for this job plus many other gadgets, but often the simplest is best, this being a standard garden fork then tread on it as deeply as it will go without jumping on it, with the ground being so soft at the moment it could be the full nine inches. Once the fork is in, push it back and forth a little and then remove it. Step back four or five inches and repeat the process. This is a very laborious job not to say time consuming so, like digging in the veg garden, do a little regularly and this will help to remove the festive excesses. You

could brush in some sand at this point to keep those channels open but only do this on firm ground as walking on the turf which you have just spiked when it is too soft will result in the holes closing up again.

All this rain will have left the soil very nutrient poor as it will have been leached out especially the trace elements; therefore you will have to be generous when feeding the plants this year - little and often will be best. Also working in bulky organic matter will help with soil drainage and provides a substrate for nutrients to bind to. Everything will need feeding - the lawn, hedges, shrubs, trees and flowers; otherwise the plants will be weak and prone to disease.

From now on into March is a good time to prune your autumn fruiting raspberries there is nothing easier to do. Just remove all the top growth down to three inches or so above the ground. Remove completely any canes which are outside the boundaries of your row, then give the row a top dressing of slow release fertilizer and well-rotted farmyard manure or garden compost. Do not cover the cut cane stumps with organic matter as this may lead to rot and if whatever you are using is too fresh it may burn the new shoots as they come through. Do not treat your standard summer fruiting raspberries in this way as you will get no fruit as their canes need to mature over winter.

Out in the veg patch there are a few things which you can plant as long as the soil is fit. Shallots and broad beans both are hardy enough to be planted

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directly into the soil. But you can steal a little more time if you plant them in pots and put them in a cold greenhouse for a few weeks to start them off. If you have some heat in your greenhouse or wherever you do your growing, I like to sow a pinch of lettuce seed, given protection these will give some welcome fresh leaves in the spring. It is also worth sowing some quick maturing cabbage like Hispi which will then mature in May or June. Start them off in small trays or cells to plant out later.

My flower of the month is the Hellebore. They have quite a long flowering period from Christmas through to early spring. Some of the nicest types are varieties of *Helleborus hybridus*; they come in a colour range from white through pinks to maroon. If you have none in your garden, go out to a garden centre and pick out some, now is the best time as you can see the flowers. When

you get them home plant them in a spot with dappled shade and humus rich soil. Incorporating lots of leaf mould is ideal.

If you have not done so already look sharp and order any seeds and plug plants that you require for the forthcoming year before it is too late, otherwise you will have to take pot luck. I would always recommend that you go for whatever did well for you last year but always try at least something different or new, otherwise you may never know what you're missing out. Then later in the year get together with some like-minded friends and swap your spare plants.

What will I be doing this February? Well, if I have not done so before, I will sow my sweet peas. Also I have a lot of winter pruning of apple trees to do. This is still a good time to prune nearly all deciduous trees but only do this to maintain shape and structure. Pruning for pruning's sake is pointless. I will need to weed around my daffodils a little and try to deter any of the bugs and slugs from nibbling away from the best blooms. My mind is now thinking towards the Spring flower show which is happening once again on March the 16<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall.

This leads me on to the floral art classes at the show which like all the classes could do with bolstering. We have one particular class calling for an exhibit in Ikebana style. Many people are unfamiliar with the term and so are put off from entering. Never fear: the subject for the Floral Art evening this month is Ikebana so come down to the Chapel Sunday school room and see how it's done and give it a go. 7pm Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February is the time; see the posters around the village for any more details.

Well do your best and enjoy your gardening.

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# ***Rector's Ramblings***

## **A Lenten reflection**

**A**s we come again this month to Lent our thoughts may turn quite naturally to self-reflection and, speaking personally, it is a very necessary exercise – there is much amendment of life still required. Isaiah speaks of this in Chapter 64 where he writes, “... in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.” (5b-6a)

There are many other passages I could quote that challenge me to a proper Lenten self-reflection, but perhaps that is not the whole picture. The passage I have quoted starts in a different way, reflecting not on ourselves, but on God – “From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him” (Isaiah 64:4).

The same is true in the Psalms where, again and again, David may start by bemoaning his own situation, but his thoughts turn to God and his faithfulness and the psalm moves from depression to praise.

I wonder, therefore, whether a better Lenten practice for us might be to set our hearts and minds first to a reflection on God and his glory ... full of grace and truth. If we only look at ourselves we may see (all too readily) what we need to do. But we will find little strength or help to enable us to do any of it. Sinful habits have worn a deep rut in our lives that is hard to steer out of.

God is not looking for us to do anything for him. Every other ‘god’ in our lives is seeking our service, but God loves to act “for those who wait for him” – those who trust him. The real battle in ‘amendment of life’ is to trust in the goodness of God, to see him as one who will work for me (for my good and the good of so many who need his help).

Take time to reflect (to look carefully and think hard) this Lent, but make your first and greatest efforts to reflect, not on yourselves, or on the church (needy as we all are), but on him who is the answer to our needs. And as we learn to trust and wait for him ... he will act.

May God grant us a good Lent.

Yours in Christ  
Revd Peter Sharpe

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| Sun 10th        | Holy Communion St Ruan Church                                                    | 9.30am        |
| <b>Wed 13th</b> | <b>Ash Wednesday Holy Communion<br/>with Imposition of Ashes, St Ruan Church</b> | <b>6.30pm</b> |
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## February Quiz

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2. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?
3. Who was T.V.'s first Dr. Who?
4. How many of Queen Anne's five children survived her?
5. What does the herb borage taste like?
6. At which Olympics did Steve Redgrave win his first Gold Medal?



## Answers to the Christmas Music Quiz

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

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**Minutes of the November Monthly Meeting of Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel on Monday 12 November 2012, immediately following a presentation to the Parish Council by Mr A O'Brien at 7:15pm**

**Present:** Parish Councillors P Collins (Chair) J Preston (Vice-Chair), C Cooper, W Elliott, M Alford, R Curnow, N Green, A Humby and Mr Andrew O'Brien from Cornwall Council's Affordable Housing Team.

**1. Absences and Apologies:** Parish Councillors M Fleetwood, P Freeman, J Trewin, PCSO J Berry and Cornwall Councillor C Rule. The apologies from the Parish Councillors were accepted.

Mr Andrew O'Brien, Cornwall Council Affordable Housing Team Leader, addressed those present. He advised there are issues with unlawful traveller encampments around the county. Under the housing legislation Cornwall Council has a duty to make provision for travellers' needs which to date is not being fulfilled. As Cornwall Council is not fulfilling its obligations any s28 Notices served against unlawful encampments are not being supported by the Courts until adequate provision is made. The Homes & Communities Agency had allocated funding to Cornwall Housing to provide 32 fixed pitches across Cornwall to address accommodating non-transient travellers.

Currently there is a proposal from a landowner near Coverack for affordable housing provision incorporating some traveller provision of 32 dwellings, 18 to be affordable and 14 to be open market rent. This particular proposal relies on 'cross-subsidy' from the sale of market dwellings and so does not require public funding. A consultation process is being undertaken and the proposed development has been identified as a preferred site. The traveller provision would be on a separate site to the affordable and market properties in the vicinity of Traboe Cross for **six** non-transient pitches and **two** transient. At this stage it is only a pre-planning enquiry although a planning application is expected to be submitted in the near future. Mr O'Brien emphasised that only the

'principle' of development is being considered at present. Highways had not yet been consulted and there are some concerns about the access and egress from a busy road. The management of the proposed site would be through Cornwall Housing as an arms length transaction.

A request had been received by Cornwall Council from Coastline Housing for a contribution to the proposed affordable housing development at Glebe Place of £90,000 from the Affordable Housing Capital Programme and the Parish Council's views were sought. Councillor Green declared an interest and left the meeting. As Councillor Elliott did not have an application or interest in the next item it was felt she did not have an interest. It was emphasised this money was a separate fund from the s106 monies held from the development at Kennack Sands. This request for funding was contrary to the information supplied by Coastline Housing to the Parish Council before submitting the application that the project was fully funded. Cornwall Council is considering the merits of Coastline's application

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to the Programme. Mr O'Brien reassured the Parish Council any grants from the Affordable Housing Capital Programme would not be made without justification. The Chair proposed the Parish Council support the grant process being furthered, Councillor Alford seconded. 2 in favour, 3 against, 2 abstentions.

**Resolved: the Parish Council did not support Coastline's application to the Affordable Housing Capital Programme.** Mr A O'Brien to feed back to Cornwall Council that the Parish Council did not support the application and note the Parish Council's concerns. The Chair thanked Mr O'Brien for attending the meeting. Councillor Green rejoined the meeting.'

**2. Declarations of Interest:** there were no declarations of interest.

**3. Public Time:** it was reported that a complaint had been received about the children waiting for the school bus now had to stand in the rain because the bus was turning at Glebe Place where there is no bus shelter. To be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

One Member of the Public joined the meeting.

Treleague Crossroads – it was reported cars are not observing the 'stop' line at the crossroads when approaching the junction from Kuggar and turning left. It is thought Cornwall Council has purchased some ground in order to make alterations to the junction to improve visibility.

Christmas Coach – an enquiry had been made about this by a resident. It was suggested they put their concerns in writing.

**4. Police Report:** during October three crimes were reported to the Police.

A common assault and battery at a local holiday park; this crime was detected and dealt with by way of Restorative Justice. There was an affray at another holiday park; two persons were arrested in connection with this crime. There has also been the report of a theft of fencing. This crime was investigated, however has been filed pending further information coming forward.

**5. Cornwall Councillor's Time:** Cornwall Councillor Rule sent her apologies as she was unwell.

**6. Minutes for acceptance:** the Minutes having been circulated were approved subject to some amendments.

**7. Planning.** PA12/09529 – felling of an ash at The Rectory, Ruan Minor by Mr and Mrs Worden. Councillor Preston proposed the application be supported, Councillor Cooper seconded – all in favour. **Resolved: the application be supported**

**a.** PA12/08972 – erection of a dwelling (amended design) to include decking to the rear to provide patio area off ground floor level at The Coach House, Kuggar, Ruan Minor by Mr M Hale. Councillor Preston proposed the application be supported, Councillor Green seconded – all in favour. **Resolved: the application be supported**

**b.** PA12/04090 – Amended plans to barn conversion to form dwelling at Treveddon

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Farm, Ruan Minor by Mr B Reynolds. Councillor Cooper proposed the amended plans be supported, Councillor Alford seconded. 5 in favour, 3 against. **Resolved: having considered the amended plans Grade Ruan Parish Council uphold their original decision to support this application.**

c. **Proposed Coastline Development at Glebe Place** – request for contribution from Cornwall Councils Affordable Housing Capital Budget. This had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

d. PA12/08690 – Change of land usage, erection of a single garage, installation of 4 Velux style windows and a sun pipe skylight on pitched roofs, continuation of front wall and erection of gate for access at Ebenezer Chapel, Ebenezer Road, Ruan Minor by Mr Ian Palmer. Councillor Preston proposed the application be supported on condition adequate screening be incorporated to the south and west boundaries, Councillor Curnow seconded – all in favour. **Resolved: the application be supported**

8. **Finance:** financial report – copies of the financial report were circulated

a. Donation to Poppy Appeal – Councillor Elliott proposed a donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal of £100, Councillor Humby seconded – all in favour. **Resolved: a donation of £100 be made to the RBL Poppy Appeal under s137.**

b. Subscription to Society of Local Council Clerks – Councillor Cooper proposed a subscription for membership be taken out, the Chair seconded – all in favour.

c. Approval of payments as per schedule – the Chair proposed all items on the Payments Schedule be paid, the Vice-Chair seconded – all in favour.

d. Finance Committee – the next Meeting of the Finance Committee was agreed for 26/11/2012 to be held at 7:30pm in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Church.

9. **Matters arising from the Minutes:** report from s106 Working Party – draft Minutes of the meeting of the s106 Working Party held on 22/10/2012 had been circulated. It was reported that Councillor Rule had contacted Jody Jeffery to raise enquiries from the Parish Council and was awaiting his reply. Once a reply was received another meeting of the Working Party would be scheduled.

a. **Report from Staffing Committee** – this item was held ‘in committee’

b. **Play Area:** a play equipment meeting was being held at Goonhavern, Councillor Elliott to attend. There was also a funding information day being held in Helston. It was felt it would be beneficial to have more input from Parishioners. Councillor Elliott to prepare a request for input from Parishioners as to what they would like to see in the Play Area to go into the Gazette.

c. **Surgery lease** – ongoing, awaiting final details of the new partnership for the Surgery.

d. **Litter bin for Kuggar bus shelter** – awaiting response from Cornwall Council

e. **Poltesco Lane** – works on the verges and drains are ongoing. Councillor Preston is liaising with Highways in respect of remedial works and improving conditions. The verges had been cut; pipe work and ditches are to be done but the weeds in the roadside gutter will not be cleared.

f. **Transfer of land at Glebe Place** – the Clerk had written to Coastline Housing and was awaiting a response.

g. **Burial Plots, land South of the Glanis** – the Clerk had written to the Environment Agency and was awaiting a response.

10. **Matters for consideration:** Code of Conduct – further to the adoption of an interim Code of Conduct, a final version had now been approved by CALC and Cornwall Council for Parish Councils to utilise. Councillor Alford to review the final version and adapt it for Grade Ruan Parish Council.

**Youth Club** – currently this is not running due to a lack of leadership; there had been no expressions of interest when a request for support had been put in the Gazette. It was considered whether it would be worthwhile to make some funds available to pay for a Youth Leader to re-establish the Youth Club. Clerk to make enquiries.

**Jubilee commemorative item** – there are still some mugs available for sale. Councillor Elliott to advertise these in the Gazette.

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

Helston Town Clerk – further to publication of the Agenda an email had been received from the Town Clerk of Helston Town Council looking for expressions of interest in establishing a joint partnership to maintain public conveniences in the Helston and Lizard area. Currently the toilets in Grade Ruan are maintained by the Grade Ruan Community Trust. Whilst the idea was considered, it was generally felt the Parish Council has a good working relationship with the Trust.

**12. Footpaths, Environment and Treewarden:** the National Trust has offered to maintain the link path between Footpaths 24 and 25 but want it cleared first. Councillor Preston is willing to liaise with the Trust. Clerk to contact the contractor. Concern was expressed at the recent outbreak of ash die back which had now been notified west of Exeter. Councillor Preston advised no ash would be planted in the next block of tree planting.

**13. In committee:** Councillor Collins proposed the next item be considered ‘in committee’ Councillor Alford seconded. – all in favour.

Meeting closed at 10:30pm.

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**Minutes of the December Monthly Meeting of Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel on Monday 10 December 2012 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Parish Councillors P Collins (Chair), J Preston (Vice-Chair), W Elliott, J Trewin, P Freeman, C Cooper, N Green, M Fleetwood, and two Members of the Public.

1. **Absences and Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors R Curnow and M Alford. Cornwall Councillor Rule had also sent apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** no declarations of interest were made.
3. **Public Time:** no items were raised during Public Time.
4. **Police Report:** during November no crimes had been reported to the Police. With Christmas approaching residents were asked to be especially vigilant with their home security and when shopping.
5. **Cornwall Councillor's Time:** it was reported Cornwall Councillor Rule had been unwell. Councillor Elliott proposed Councillor Rule be sent some flowers, Councillor Cooper seconded – all in favour. The Chair to arrange.
6. **Minutes for acceptance:** Councillor Preston proposed the Minutes which had been circulated be approved subject to some amendments, Councillor Elliott seconded. All those present at the previous meeting (5) were in favour, 3 abstentions.
7. **Planning:** PA12/10496 – outline planning: construction of dwelling at Land adjacent to Pen Y Craig, New Road, Cadgwith, Ruan Minor by Mrs Christine Knowles. The applicant was present at the meeting and advised the Parish Council the existing property is too big for her needs and having lived in the village for 28 years she does not wish to leave and is looking to build a smaller property for herself. Councillor Cooper proposed the application be supported, Councillor Trewin seconded – all in favour. **Resolved: this application be supported.**
8. **Finance:** the financial report was circulated and accepted.
  - a. **Grade Ruan Gazette** – a request was received for the Parish Council to assist with funding the post of Treasurer for the Gazette. The Council was concerned that although it wishes to be supportive of the Gazette it should not be funding the general administration of an organisation. Clerk to reply to this effect and to request a breakdown of the hours spent by the Treasurer and request a copy of the Annual Accounts for the Gazette.  
Councillor W Elliott declared an interest in the next item.
  - b. **Grade Ruan Parochial Church Council:** a request was received from the PCC to contribute to the cost of grass cutting and general upkeep of the churchyards. Councillor Fleetwood proposed a payment of £1500.00 under LGA 1972 s124 , Councillor Preston seconded – all in favour. **Resolved: a payment of £1500.00 be made to the Grade Ruan Parochial Church Council.**
  - c. **Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust:** a request for a donation to support the Cornwall Air Ambulance. Councillor Trewin proposed a donation of £300.00 be made under s137, Councillor Fleetwood seconded – all in favour. **Resolved: a donation of £300.00 be made to the Cornwall Air Ambulance.**
  - d. **Approval of payments as per schedule** – Councillor Fleetwood proposed the Schedule of Payments be approved with the addition of the items described above, Councillor Trewin seconded. 6 in favour, 2 abstentions.

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e. **Precept 2013-2014** – copies of the Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 26/11/2012 (to be approved at the next meeting of the Finance Committee) were circulated. No comments or questions were raised. The Finance Committee recommended that the precept for the financial year 2013-2014 remains at £13500.00. Councillor Trewin proposed the Parish Council accept the Finance Committee's recommendation, Councillor Fleetwood seconded – all in favour. **Resolved: the Precept for the Financial Year 2013-2014 be £13500.00.**

**Budget 2013-2014** – copies of the proposed budget had been circulated. It was felt the proposed provision to refurbish the Maen O War path needed to be reviewed by the Footpath Committee once the condition of the path had been ascertained. The Chairman proposed the Parish Council accept the figures of 2013/2014 budget as presented, Councillor Cooper seconded – all in favour. **Resolved: the Budget figures prepared by the Finance Committee be accepted.**

f. **Online banking:** details had been circulated re improvements to Lloyds Bank online banking service which appeared to address previous concerns. Levels of authorisation and access appeared satisfactory. The Chair proposed the Parish Council implement internet banking and define procedures for operation, Councillor Fleetwood seconded – all in favour. **Resolved: the Parish Council implement internet banking and define operational procedures.** Clerk to check list of current signatories and circulate.

9. **Matters arising from the Minutes:** School Bus – children waiting in rain. Councillor Alford had contacted the school bus operator and the bus was now arriving at 8.20am and waiting which appears to have resolved the issue.

a. **Play Area:** Councillor Elliott had attended a play area seminar at Goonhavern. Charles Mant was coming to the Parish the following day to meet with Councillor Elliott and the Chair to discuss options for improving the Play Area in Ruan Minor. Councillor Elliott had also attended a funding event in Helston and obtained useful information. There had been no response to the request for ideas for the Play Area in the Gazette. It was felt the Parish Council now needed to approach the school to determine what the children of the Parish want. Inspection standards need to be reviewed.

Councillor Elliott encouraged all Councillors to consider attending a play area management course to be held at Mawgan on 10 January 2013. The Chair thanked Councillor Elliott for her work.

b. **Queens Diamond Jubilee:** there were still some mugs available for sale. There had been no response to the advertisement in The Gazette. A quote had been obtained for the framing of the Queen's letter of £70.00. It was suggested it first be displayed at the Village Hall and then the School. Councillor Cooper proposed the quote for framing be accepted and it then be displayed at the School, Councillor Elliot seconded – all in favour.

The proposal for a commemorative bench in the Churchyard required permission from the Diocese.

c. **Code of Conduct:** Councillor Alford had prepared a draft Code of Conduct and sent this to the Chair. Copies to be circulated and put on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

d. **Dog fouling:** there had been no response for the request for expressions of interest from anyone interested in training to be authorised to issue penalty notices in respect of dog fouling in the Parish.

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- e. **Poltesco Lane:** further to Mr A Hosking of CORMAC meeting with Councillor Preston the situation in Poltesco Lane was still unsatisfactory. The Clerk to ask Mr Hosking to liaise directly with Councillor Preston.
- f. **Surface water at New Road, Cadgwith:** South West Water had contacted the Clerk to advise they were willing for one of their engineers to meet with a representative from the Parish Council. Councillor Freeman was willing to do this.
- g. **Transfer of land at Glebe Place:** Coastline were to respond to the Parish Council's response to the proposed conditions of transfer but had confirmed there could be no negotiation on the transfer price.
- h. **Poltesco Lane hedge:** this has now been trimmed by CORMAC
- i. **Friars Lane:** the Clerk had not had any contact with R Sanders. If there is no contact or if he is unable to trim the lane Cornflower Garden Services to be approached.
- j. **Environment Agency – Burial plots near The Glamis:** no response had been received from the Environment Agency.
- k. **Youth Club:** the Clerk had been unable to contact a colleague to discuss options for supporting a Youth Club.
- l. **Rural Payments Agency:** Clerk to follow up
- m. **Strategic buildings:** Councillor Freeman had drafted a list of possible buildings.
- n. **Terms of reference for Committees:** Councillors Freeman and Green to look at the Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee. Terms of Reference to be drafted for the Footpath and Staffing Committee.
- o. **BT phonebox:** this is included on the next scheme of works for repainting which is scheduled to start from March 2013. It is still dirty. Grade Ruan Community Trust to arrange for it to be cleaned.
- p. **Granites in Mundy's Field Car Park:** awaiting drier weather before moving to the Recreation Ground.
- 10. **Matters for consideration:** Helston Folk Museum – a request for funding was received. It was thought some items from Grade Ruan Parish were held in the Museum. Clerk to send a letter of support.
- a. **Affordable housing:** Cornwall Council has received a pre-application for affordable housing within the Parish for consideration. At the date of the meeting there was no further information available.
- 11. **Correspondence:** *[The full list of letters and emails is not printed here, due to space constraints. It is available from the Editor.]*
- 12. **Footpaths, Environment and Treewarden:** footpath near St Ruan, past the pumping station was reported to be in a very bad state. To be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting.
- a. **Rail and steps on The Todden:** these were to be inspected before the next Meeting.
- b. **Ash die back:** it was reported this had now reached Camborne.
- 13. **In committee:** the Parish Council then went into Committee.

**Meeting closed at 11:15pm**



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## Glenwood Morcom 1930 - 2013

Many of you will have known Glenwood all your life as he was a familiar figure in the parish. He moved to Kuggar with his mother and sister in about 1935 when he was five years old, first living in Downs House (where apparently adders used to come in through the thatched roof!), then (I imagine to his mum's great relief!) at Number One – the house where he lived for the rest of his life.

He went to Grade Ruan School – regularly arriving 15 minutes late each morning! As a young man he was called up to do his national service, which he loved. He got the nickname 'Tiny' because he was so strong.

Later, he worked on local farms, at Goonhilly laying the concrete for the satellite dishes; he also worked for a time at Sea Acres. He was a very hard-working man.

Glenwood was good with his hands. He made all his own clothes, including jackets and jeans. And for a hobby he turned serpentine, which he sold via Mrs Shipton's down at The Lizard. He talked a lot! He loved music and played a mouth organ.

Glenwood did have some unusual ways. Some would call him an eccentric.

Yet despite his ways, he wouldn't hurt a fly. He was a kind and gentle man. He was considerate – even to the extent of taking off his boots before going into the shop. He longed for a world in which everyone loves and helps everyone else.

Glenwood died at home – where he would have wanted to be. One of his great fears was that he might have to go into a care home. I believe that he was content. He'd had a bath (he liked to be clean), he'd had his tea (a pasty) and his neighbours Caroline Browning and Steve had left him sitting with a cup of tea, promising as usual to pop back later in the evening to make sure he was alright. When they returned they found that he had died; he had suffered a heart attack.

Glenwood has been described as 'A strong, hard-working, generous, gentle man, we shall not see his like again.'

*Deirdre Mackrill*

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*The star of the class was Glenwood  
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*He does not need man's clock or watch*

*The sun is his day, the moon his night.*

This was written by Charlotte Doreen Thomas, nee Pascoe, who was a teacher at Grade Ruan school in 1936 to 1938 when Glenwood was a young boy, and is included in a book she wrote in later years entitled "A Backward Gaze" where she recorded some memories of the pupils at the time.

*Courtney Rowe*

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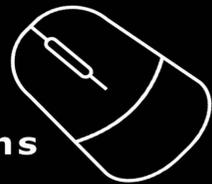


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## Desmond Henry Julian

1930 - 2013



Desmond was born at Lelant. Until the age of 14, he spent time with his grandparents at "Turnpike Farm" in Helston, then from his home at "Trelugga Farm", he worked for Mr Bloomfield of St Keverne. Desmond was then called up for National Service and during this time, in 1952, he met and married his beloved Eveline. They made "The Cottage" in Ruan their marital home and brought three children into the world: Barry, Brian and Beverley.

During Barry and Brian's younger years, Desmond worked away on erecting and dismantling steel constructions. When Bev was born, he found local employment and in 1970 the family started building "Linden Lee". Barry and Brian have many memories of building their new home, and the family celebrated their first Christmas there in 1972.

Desmond worked at Goonhilly for many years before retiring in 1992. He dedicated much of his time as Chairman of the Parish Council, and for many years as Chairman and Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee. He loved gardening and his produce fed his family and many others for many a year. Many raffle prizes were donated from Desmond's vegetable patch.

Desmond and Eveline celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012, surrounded by family and friends. Desmond had a light hearted view of life and would say "I came into this world with nothing, and I will leave with nothing". He seems to have got that wrong, having left behind so much love.

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## Jan Lloyd

1953 - 2012



Although Jan and her husband Martin only lived in Cadgwith for a few years, they made a big impact on the community. Busy with B&B, Jan worked at the school, where both children and staff loved her. She also threw herself into local drama productions, catering with Nicky Jose for fund-raising dinners and lending a helping hand wherever she could.

Jan's children, Emma and David, sent a tribute for me to read at the memorial service at St. Mary's church. They speak of the vibrancy and glamour of their mother, how much fun she was and all the good times they had together. But, most of all, they speak of how caring Jan was towards them, always there for them and reminding them frequently how proud of them she was. They feel very lucky to have had such a wonderful mother.

Martin also sent a tribute, in which he told of meeting Jan in 1968 in Majorca. The holiday romance turned into a happy marriage, and they were soon to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. He spoke of how she had been diagnosed with breast cancer and had faced it with courage and humour. After courses of chemotherapy and radiotherapy, she had recently been given the all-clear. With that behind her, she and Martin had so been looking forward to the coming year with her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, a cruise booked, Emma getting married and their Ruby Wedding to celebrate. Martin said how unjust it seems that such a vibrant and caring individual should be taken away so suddenly.

A collection was held at the memorial service, with the proceeds to be donated to Children's Hospice South West.

*Norma Gossip*



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**How does it work?** Non-perishable food items can be donated each Sunday at both churches between 10.30am & 12.30pm. Periodically – depending on how generous you are! – the food is then taken to the collection point in Helston (at the Mustard Seed's Open Door Café, 14 Wendron Street) for storage.

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The need for practical help, such as from Foodbank, is often due to circumstances beyond people's control – for example illness, redundancy, unemployment, a delayed benefit cheque, the break-up of a relationship. And one familiar question for those in these situations is:

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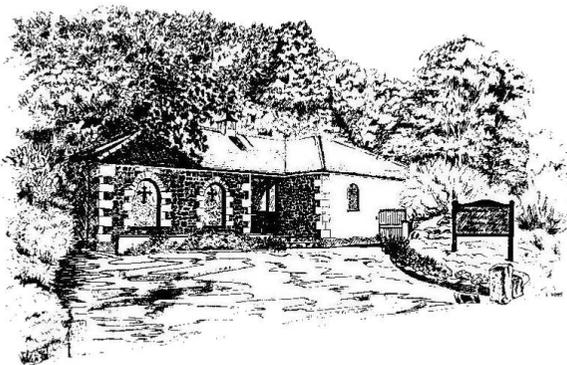
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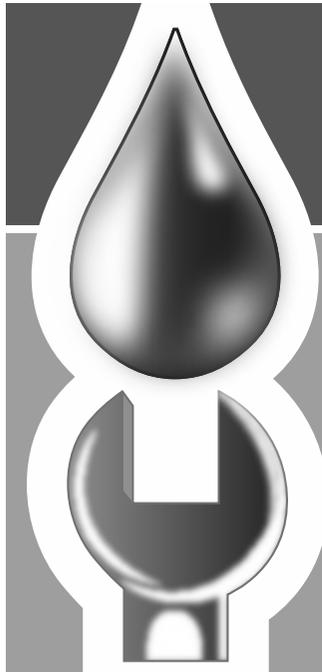
Many of you will remember Inez, who lived with her family for many years at Tresadden in the house now occupied by Paul and Tanya. A colourful character, both literally and metaphorically, she embodied the mantra of the hippie era: love and peace. You never quite knew who you'd meet in her home, because everyone, no matter who, was welcomed with immense warmth and her wonderful smile. Despite her laid back approach, meals and parties would somehow materialise at the last minute for whoever happened to be around. On special occasions the fare would include her trademark dish, pink salad – a concoction of beetroot and mayonnaise which was a product of her native Holland. She lived simply, in a house often overflowing with free range children.



I shall think of summer days at Kennack with Inez, the sun worshipper. I shall remember nights in the Blue Anchor after our Spanish class, where she would hold court on the long table in the front room, looking like a colourful butterfly in the gloom. I shall see her in the Tresadden barn, manufacturing hundreds of candles for her Xmas market stalls. My lasting memory, though, will be of her surrounded by small children, dishing out the famous pink salad, and everyone singing Happy Birthday in Dutch.

On 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012, aged 58, she died in a car accident in Portugal, where she lived with her partner, Mick Kingett. She leaves two daughters, Gwendoline and Jessie, a son Benji, and five grandchildren. Her ashes will be scattered in the spring in her beloved Morocco, where she spent a lot of time in her youth and which she revisited in recent years.

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## *A little more from the Itinerant Seafarer ... By Simon Sugrue*

*Stevedoring, Geraldton, Australia*

Working as a stevedoring supervisor took me to Geraldton, about 300 miles north of Fremantle and Bunbury, about 120 miles south. I remember one particular job at Geraldton. The ship was a Greek bulk carrier. She was to load grain. Geraldton had a very strict maximum draught limit for ships sailing from there, I cannot remember the figure now but call it 28'6". Any more than this, even half an inch, and the pilot wouldn't take the ship out. Loading grain is an apparently simple process. The grain is sent to the ship on a conveyor belt and poured in, usually at a rate of about 5000 tonnes per hour. The facts are a little more complicated. All the compartments in the ship should be full, or very nearly so, so that the grain has no chance of shifting during the voyage to the discharge port. The compartments left partially loaded have to be 'bagged off' by hand to secure the bulk grain to stop that shifting. This is an expensive process because manpower is involved. The trim of the ship has to be calculated well in advance so that the loading can be planned well because mistakes cannot really be rectified. The ships have no means of discharging grain themselves; it is normally sucked out at a discharge port. There are no arrangements at all for grain loaded in error or into the wrong compartment to be returned to the silo. Add to this that the conveyor belt from the silo takes a few minutes to stop and there are a lot of ways for things to go wrong.

All this is just for normal ships. On this particular job the ship was Greek; so were the crew. Greeks are not renowned for their efficiency or attention to detail. The ship had been recently purchased from Russia and this was to be her first cargo with her new owners.

As usual, I boarded the ship, sought out the Chief Officer and asked for his loading plan. He had been told what his cargo was to be a few days previously and he should have known about the draught limitations of the port from general information held on all ships. In this case the Chief Officer just looked blankly at me; I may as well have been asking him about tides on Mars.

Even this was not a huge problem; often we had to rework the ship's own plans for any number of reasons. I asked for the ship's tables, hold and tank capacity information and stability book. After some rummaging these were provided. All were in Russian, a language and written form not understood by anyone on the ship or by me. It seemed to me that the Russian approach to ship stability was different in an oblique way to ours. I simply couldn't make any sense out of any of the information I had before me.

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Itinerant Seafarer, cont.

Barely even the titles, an example of which is here:- Данные по стабилности корабля  
This was now getting interesting.

The gang that was to load the ship was waiting, the conveyor poised. People were getting a bit restive about the delay, not the least the pilot and port authorities who had another ship arriving on the next tide. The Greek Chief Officer and Captain of the ship seemed totally indifferent to this or perhaps even incapable of any other attitude.

After a few minutes with the ship's tables I decided to go right back to basics. I went ashore and looked at the ship, looked hard. I needed to estimate the tipping centre by eye. This was the start of a process that would allow me to create a rough stability table that I could use. I estimated the tipping centre and then paced out the centre of each hold. I had managed to glean the TPC from the tables somehow. With this information I did a quick, literal, back-of-the-envelope loading plan.

The loading started and with a lot of cross-checking as we went along things seemed to be going well. Six of the seven holds were loaded, one partially and the bagging off was in progress. A final check made and the silo asked to shut off the conveyor for the last time. Job done! Just about.

I went ashore for the final draught check. It was 28'7" forward and 28'4½" aft. The pilot was there and said that he wouldn't take the ship out at one inch over the limit. This was unreasonable but I couldn't object. I had one idea though. I went back on board and asked the Chief Officer to fill the ship's swimming pool! Pools are always emptied in port. This done, the trim changed to 28'6" fore and aft. Phew. And she sailed on the planned tide.



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