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

Moira Hurst

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Noticeboard

The late **June Curtin**, editor of the Gazette from November 1993 until March 2007, used to call this the "Sads and Glads". This month, we have three very "sads" to report.

Maisie Culmer, who spent many years in Cadgwith, has died aged 85. She was born in Torpoint but the family settled in Cadgwith when she was a child. She met her husband, Fred, when she joined the WRNS at the end of the war and they were



married in Ruan Minor in 1950. They had two sons, John and Tony. Sadly Tony was lost at sea in 1994. It was largely due to this tragedy that the National Coastwatch Institution was formed; Maisie and Fred maintained contact with the NCI and some of the volunteers attended her funeral. Despite this loss, she retained a deep love of the sea. When living at the nursing home at Poldhu in later life, Maisie delighted in the sea views across Mounts Bay. Fred died in 2002, but her life at Poldhu was still full after that, with many friends amongst both the residents and the staff. She leaves her son, John, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Our condolences to them all.

On the 1st of June, my sister **Brenda Walpole nee Stephens**, passed away after a short illness in the hospital in Norwich. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. *From her beloved sister Jean Barter in Portsmouth.* (**Brenda** and **Jean** are **Rambo's** daughters.)

A "Gentle" Gentleman. **Neil Basher** passed away peacefully on the afternoon of Friday 17th June. We are devastated, so please spare a thought and memory of a truly gentle gentleman. Live each day and God bless us all. Thanks to all the first responders, para-

medics and 771 Sqn who did all they could. It was not to be. Neil did see his niece, Kirsten, married the previous week in wonderful weather, and he attended the reception at the Polurrian Hotel. Memories of this will live on. *Tim Basher, Liz and Mark Outten.*

Jonathan Coudrille, who started writing his column for the Gazette in June 1995 has decided to take a break. He may write ad hoc pieces in the future but, meanwhile he has sent this message: *"Dear readers, thank you for the many compliments you've bestowed upon my journal over the last decade or so; the Edge has, for me as for many, crept alarmingly close this year, and in the interests of trying to earn a living with less capacity I can no longer commit to being a regular contributor to our beloved Gazette. Please accept my apologies, All the Best, JXC"*. Thanks Jonathan for all your contributions in the past and we hope to see you back as an occasional contributor in the future.

Happy Birthday. This month, birthday greetings go to: Andrea Betty, Josh Legge, Denise Williams, Nigel Legge, Eveline Julian, Vicky Gilbert, Charlie R, Sheri Rogers, Dora Halliday, Thomas, Toby, Charlie B, Herbie Bray, Kenam Sagam, Maillie Rae, Sarita, Sue Thomson, Mike Hardy, Simon Sugrue, Verity, Robbie, Pip, Sade, Nancy, Louisa Burgess, Mo Jones, Alan Thomas, Michael Halliday, Kevin Cryan, Di Fleetwood, Victoria Gilbert, Lee Lewis, Emma Trewin, Sarah Stephens, Sam, Amy.

Congratulations to **Billy Jane** who was awarded Player of the Year at the Penryn Football Development Centre presentations. To be selected for the Centre in the first place was a huge achievement, so to receive this award made it extra special. This came on the back of Billy being awarded Most

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Promising Player for his Culdrose team at their end of year presentations. Well done Billy, we are very proud of you! *Sam Jane*

A Huge thank you to all those who came **Dani and Stevie's (Mr & Mrs Legge!)** wedding service and reception on Saturday May 21st and helped make it such a memorable and enjoyable day. We really do hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Extra special thanks to all who helped organise and prepare for the big day - in particular to those stalwarts



of the Vintage Rally Committee Andrew, Tim, Derrick, Malcolm, Paul & Colin who gave so freely of their time in helping with preparations and clearing up afterwards. *Gerard and Clair Buxton.*

Suzy Bosustow of Treal Farm ran the London Marathon in April and was part of the Cornwall Athletics Club Ladies team that won the National Marathon Championship at the London Marathon, beating many illustrious other running clubs. Suzy completed the Marathon in 3hs 1m 42s and was 52nd lady to finish, setting a new personal best. The two other ladies in the team were Emma Stallard (9th) and Naomi Tier (8th). Suzy was presented with a National championship medal at her recent club presentation awards night. As a family we are all very proud of her. *Kevin, Tommy and Eve*

Our commiserations to **Danny Meek**, who fell

and injured his knee badly, leaving him on crutches. Here's to a speedy recovery.

There will be a **Church working party** on Saturday 9th July, from 0900 – 1200. All are welcome - Ladies & Gents. Coffee will be provided. Tasks include cutting back growth all round the church and lych gate, as well as giving the inside a general clean and polish. Contact Mark Outten (tel 290910) for further information.

Rosemary Prynn has written to the Gazette with a tip for cramp in the legs. Try this: heel down, toe up and hold it there till the cramp passes. She finds it helps her, and hopes it does you too.

We are hoping to have an opportunity to start **Salsa classes** in our area, following our very successful evening last autumn in the school hall. The Salsa teacher has at the moment got an available slot on a Thursday evening 7.30-8.30pm and is willing to come from Falmouth if enough people sign up. The cost would be somewhere around £5 per person. It is looking likely that we may hold the classes at the Lizard now and for this to move forward I need people to sign up by contacting me asap. Initially we would need a 6 week commitment to get it up and running. If this interests you please call me. *Judith Green 290118*

SOS...Save Our Songs. The Tuesday night **Folk Session** in the pub is short of a musician or three. A couple of long-standing players have moved on so we'd love to see anyone who can strum, blow, squeeze. We're not very good so you don't have to be! From 9pm, it's good fun, you might even get free beer. *Tim Hurst 290257*

Can it really be possible that there will be no **Regatta** this year? Is there anyone who feels able to put on even a mini-Regatta, with perhaps half a dozen races and the ever

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Noticeboard

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are able to do this, please contact John Fallows, the Gazette Treasurer.

The next issue of the Gazette will be for August and September combined, so anything received after the 18th of July will not appear until October.

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As some of you may have noticed, there has been a tv crew wandering around the Cove over recent weeks. They can be seen in brand new, brightly coloured oilskins, carrying cameras and microphones, and scribbling in notebooks. There have also been reports of them propping up the bar in the pub, carrying out what they allegedly call 'research'.

The team is from Indus Films, a Cardiff-based tv company which the BBC has commissioned to make a series about the UK's fishing industry. Using Cadgwith as a base, presenter Monty Halls wants to learn more about fishermen and the communities that they live in. Over the next six months, he will explore all aspects of the industry, following fish from net to plate, and experiencing firsthand what happens at sea and on shore.

During the first phase of filming, completed in early June, he was taken on as an apprentice fisherman by Nigel Legge. Monty learned how to launch a boat with a tractor, and how to winch it back up the beach. Nigel showed him how to shoot and haul crab and lobster pots, and how to choose good ground to fish on. Perhaps most importantly, he gave Monty a list of things he must never do at sea: wearing green, eating pasties and never, ever, under any circumstances, mentioning the 'R' word, but to refer to these creatures instead as 'Underground Racehorses.'

Finally, after lots of learning and many mistakes, Nigel decided that Monty was capable of taking a boat out on his own, and Monty is now attempting to catch and sell his own crab, lobster and fish. He would like to make it clear that he is not pretending that he is earning a living from

fishing. He just wants to get a better understanding of the physical and economic pressures fishermen face. And he believes that the best way to do this is to experience – for a short time – the work that UK fishermen do all year round.

Monty will not just be working out of Cadgwith. In the coming months, he will go out to sea on a variety of other fishing boats, and he'll get to know crews working out of Newlyn, Helford and Penryn. He'll visit chefs in London, and will follow crabs that he's caught all the way to France. When he finishes filming in December, he hopes to have a much better understanding of the UK's fishing industry and the pressures it is facing.

Monty and the crew are more than happy to answer any questions you may have about the project, especially if this happens to take place in the pub, over a pint of Stoggs. But here are the answers to some frequently asked questions:

When will the series be screened? Sometime after March next year. The crew will keep the gazette fully informed!

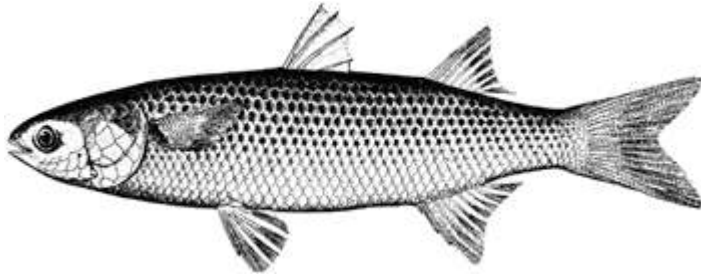
How many films will be in the series? Six hour-long films, which will go out on BBC2 at 8pm.

Why Cadgwith? The team wanted to base the series in a small Cornish community which had a long history of fishing. Cadgwith was recommended to them as somewhere that was both traditional and welcoming.

Where is Monty's dog? Reuben recently joined Monty in Cadgwith, but sadly there is little room for him on the fishing boats, so he is spending most of his time on shore.

James Smith, Producer, Indus Films

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Scenes from the Recreation Ground May Festival.

Top: Cadgwith Rough Jazz on stage. Photo by Mike Fleetwood.

Bottom: The Maypole. Photo by Marea Downey.



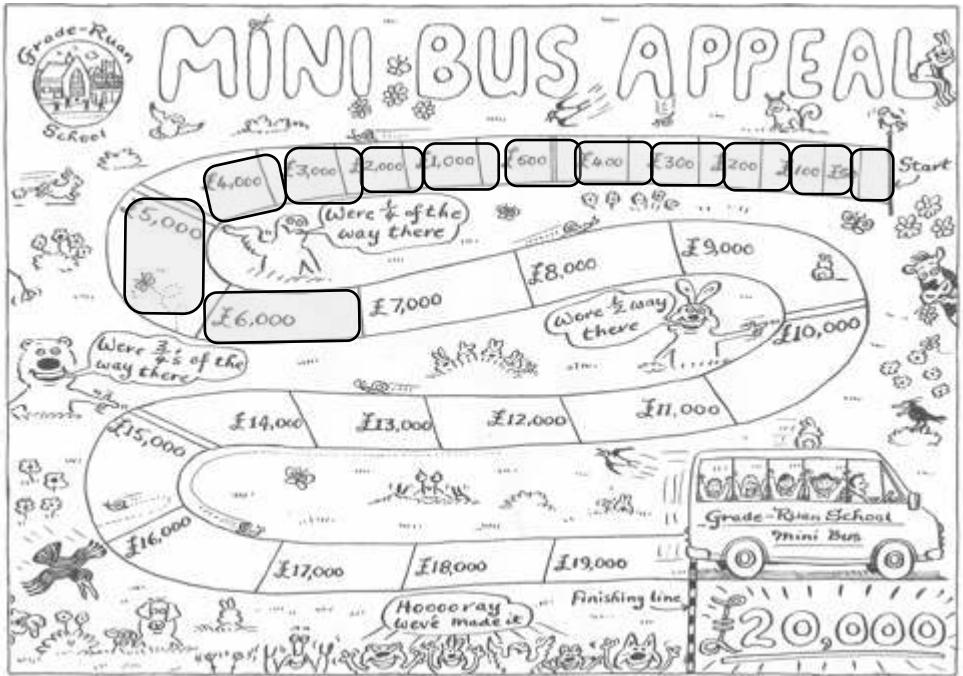
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School Spot



Grade-Ruan Under 5s

Grade-Ruan C of E School

Mullion School

Under 5s June has been a busy month for the Under 5s. We had an exciting visit to the farm to see cows being milked. We saw calves that were only two weeks old and then the children had a look at some farm machinery. Tractors are always a great favourite and Judith very kindly let everyone have a go sitting in the cab.

Thalia and Richard found an egg each amongst the hay, so we went to find the hens to see if there were any more eggs. The chickens were different colours and the children all had their favourite. Judith opened the hen house and we found more eggs which we put into her basket. When we got back to the hall we sang farm songs and pretended to be Farm animals.

Sports day was lovely and sunny, we had been practising running and joined in with the School. After the running race and the hoop race, we had lots of stickers to say we had done well.

Our potatoes are flourishing and the runner beanstalk is getting taller. We're looking forward to harvesting them in a few weeks and maybe having them for lunch.

The end of term sees Thalia, Richard, Jak and Esther leaving us to start school. We wish them the best of luck and will miss them.

Grade-Ruan C of E School Some trumpet blowing required for our brilliant children the first ever Lizard Inter-Primary Maths Competition was held in early June, organised by Graham Allen, Head of Maths at Mullion Comprehensive. Eight Lizard primary schools took part with four pupils from each, two from Year 6 and two from Year 5. After three rounds comprising group questions, practical activities and then teams of pairs in a relay-race style set of questions - **Grade-Ruan came out tops!** Dylan and Tommy from Year 6 and Verity

and Tilly from Year 5 - you are amazing adders, marvellous multipliers and serious subtractors - magnificent mathematicians!!

And they're not just a bunch of brainiacs the sporting element of the school has been in full flow too. The netball team did very well recently at a 'friendly' in May with Porthleven and Mullion Schools, hosted by Porthleven. Grade-Ruan won first place - superb achievement - well done to Joe F, Robin, Verity, Jay, Ben R, Ewan, Sam, Matilda, Rowan and Freddy. And well done to all that took part in the netball tournament at Mullion Comprehensive - all of the above netballers and Maebh, Dominic, Joal and Jessica. The football team has been out and about as well with games against Mullion, Landewednack and Porthleven - the first two matches were very challenging but the team held Porthleven to a draw at 3-3. Well done!

The school minibus appeal has been boosted significantly recently - Indus Films, the production company currently filming in Cadgwith, very kindly gave a marvellous £1000 to the Appeal so the total is now **£6640.22!!** Huge thank you for taking us 'round the bend' on the appeal poster!!

Two very successful French Breakfasts have been held at the school to fundraise for the annual trip to Brittany - thank you to everyone that helped and/or attended the breakfasts.

The Year 6s enjoyed a trip to the Phoenix Cinema to see 'The Diary of a Wimpy Kid' in Falmouth as a reward for the children's hard work during SATs week.

The Governors held an open meeting at the school on 7th June to discuss Academy status and federations with other local schools. The future for small village schools looks precarious under the current Government with its plans for a National Funding

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Cadgwith Cove Inn

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The 300 year old Cadgwith Cove Inn is right on the coastal path and in the centre of the village of Cadgwith. For centuries it has been the meeting place of fishermen and their friends and is now famous for its Friday Night Singing. On Tuesday night there is a Live Folk Jam Session where everybody is welcome to take part or just listen.

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Formula due to be brought in next year. It is likely to mean substantial funding cuts for schools of Grade-Ruan's size and so the governing body is looking at the options available to secure the school's future.

Mullion School June has been a stressful time for the Year 11s and Year 10s, all taking GCSEs. The Year 11s have been on study leave since the middle of May, occasionally invading the school for an exam, and looking suddenly so much older and out of place in the school environment in their home clothes.

The Year 10 Drama students will be performing excerpts from *The Tempest* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on 5-7 July - worth getting along to if you can. The Year 9 Outdoor Adventure trip to Bude will take place on 9-13 July and the same week the Year 7 Brittany trip takes place and the Year 10s are on Work Experience.

Mullion School is one of only two secondary

schools to be over-subscribed in Cornwall for September 2011 - after some negotiation the Governors agreed that the school could accommodate all requests for places. The upcoming Year 6s recently enjoyed a day in the school, meeting their form tutors, having a tour of the school and activities in the morning and then going on to Cluster Sports on the playing field in the afternoon. After dodging some rain showers all went well!

The Farmers Markets in the school hall are going well - make a note in your diary to get along as there are stalls from lots of local food producers - meat, cakes, bread, juices, veg as well as a great range of plants and shrubs.

Everyone will definitely be looking forward to the summer holidays for a rest! Last day of term is Wednesday 20th July. Goodbye and good luck to all the Leavers - won't be the same without you! For the rest of you, first day back is Wednesday 7th September - have a wonderful summer!

Cadgwith Cove Inn



Folk Day



Saturday 16th July

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CADGWITH COVE GRAND FISHING COMPETITION 2011

5TH MAY – COD 6.30 – 8.30PM

19TH MAY – CUCKOO WRASSE

*Martin Lloyd 1lb 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz 2004 **Tommy Phillips 1lb 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz 2010

2ND JUNE – FLATFISH

*Danny Phillips (Plaice) 1lb 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz 2008 **Jamma Phillips (Plaice) 2lbs 2oz 2010

16TH JUNE - LESSER SPOTTED DOGFISH

*Andrew Stephens 2lbs 11oz 2007 **Jamma Phillips 2lb 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz 2010

30TH JUNE – POLLACK

*Emma Lloyd 11lbs 11oz 2001 **Tommy Phillips 8lbs 12oz 2008

14TH JULY – BULL HUSS

*Joe Casley 14lbs 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz 2010 ** Tommy Phillips 11 lbs 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz 2007

21ST JULY – CONGER

*Jimmy Hammill 31lbs 7oz 2005 ** Tommy Phillips 12lbs 4oz 2006

28TH JULY GARFISH

Keith Johnson 1lb 10oz 2006 ** Peter Falkner 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz 2003

31ST JULY - SHARKY'S CUP 12 – 6 PM

4TH AUGUST – MACKEREL

*Dave Rogers 1lb 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz 2002 **Roxanne Hosking 1lb 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz 2003

11TH AUGUST – BALLAN WRASSE

*Arthur Coupland 5lbs 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz 2006 ** Jamma Phillips 4lbs 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz 2006

18TH AUGUST - GURNARD

*Pat Hayes 1lb 15oz 1999 **Ryan Mitchell 1lb 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz 2004

1ST SEPTEMBER – BASS 6pm – 8pm

*Ian Mitchell 5lbs 12oz ** Jamma Phillips 3lbs 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz 2009

FOLLOWED BY PRESENTATION OF CUPS (*Senior record **Junior Record)

All competitors to assemble off the Cove and wait for Steven Holyer to sound his horn to start. In case of bad weather the competition will still be considered to be running until a group decision is made on the beach at 6pm

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THE FISHING NEWS

Not one, not two but three competitions have got underway since last time and we're certainly cracking on now! At the top of the leader board is Danny Phillips with 15 points, Mike Nunn with 11 points and Jeff Lee and Richard 'Skinny' Williams both with 10 points. In the Junior challenge it's between the two Phillips' brothers again, with Tommy on 25 points and Jamma hard on his tail with 20. Bryher Trewin is on 2 points, keep going Bry! With eight competitions yet to come, there's everything to play for!

Results for Cuckoo Wrasse - 19.05.11

Good conditions for this comp' and Scorpio top boat once more. Happy Birthday to Steve Holyer!

- 1st Danny Phillips 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz
- 2nd Dave Hearne & Dave Rogers 12 oz

Juniors

- 1st Tommy Phillips 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz
- 2nd Jamma Phillips 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz
- 3rd Bryher Trewin 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz

Lisa Mitchell and Ryan presented the prizes, thank you to them!

Results for Flatfish - 02.06.11

Again a lovely evening for angling and a new record weighed in with Jeff Lee's Plaice flattening (!) Danny's 2008 record of 1lb 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. It was a case of Rub a dub dub, three men in a tub for John, Rob and Russ as they had a tow out in Phoebe and Monty competed in his first competition on Scorpio.

- 1st Jeff Lee (Plaice) 2lbs $\frac{3}{4}$ oz new record
 - 2nd Helen Kemp (Turbot) 1lb $\frac{1}{2}$ oz
 - 3rd Mike Nunn (Plaice) 1lb
 - 4th Alan Thomas (Plaice) 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz
- No junior fish caught

Emily Clarke and Arthur presented the prizes, thank you both! James Smith of Indus Films, presented Alison with a cheque for £1000 towards the school's mini bus appeal. I'm sure I speak for us all in saying a HUGE thank you to them for this very generous donation to our community!

Results for LSD - 16.06.11

Sea conditions were a bit wild for this

challenge but never the less the fleet ploughed on. Sometimes it was best not to look behind you at what was coming! Some great fish caught and fortune certainly did favour the brave. Skinny's doggy chewed to pieces brother Dick's 2007 record of 2lbs 11oz - good dog! Three birds went out in Free bird (H is a brave man!) and one bird got joint second place with her nephew Steven, well done Leggies! And it was dog eat dog when Sally's spaniel Rita took a shine to Helen's fish and was last seen carrying it off down the beach ... here boy!

- 1st Richard 'Skinny' Williams (New Record) 3lbs $\frac{1}{4}$ oz
- 2nd Sarah Legge & Steven Legge 2lbs 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz
- 4th Danny Phillips 2lbs 6oz

Juniors

- 1st Jamma Phillips 2lbs 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz
- 2nd Tommy Phillips 2lbs 4oz
- 3rd Bryher Trewin 2lbs 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz

Lauren Williams presented the prizes (which was very nice for Dad!) Thank you to her.

A couple of reminders! On the 4th August (mackerel night) and the 18th August (gurnard night) we'll be cooking up the catch, weather and catch permitting, in aid of the Fishermen's Mission. Please come on down and join in the fun and enjoy a bit of late supper with the freshest of fish, puds, raffle and fish auction. 8.30 ish!

Keep safe on the beach and keep clear of the wire, chains and blocks! Cheers,

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Recreation Ground News

I know it's a while ago now – that's the problem with Gazette publication dates – but the May Festival weekend was a great success, as usual. The weather wasn't brilliant, but it was OK when needed! It was a bit cold and damp on the Sunday afternoon, but there were still a few hardy souls with a picnic! The Blues Connection and the Mullion Funk band were both fantastic and well received, but the surprise of the weekend was the "Ducks" – at the last minute we were asked if we could find half an hour for a new band, in the end they were on stage for nearly 2 hours – they'd only rehearsed a handful of songs, but by popular demand played most of them 3 or 4 times! I'm sure we will be seeing and hearing them again!

As usual, our "customers" managed to drink everything we had to offer, resulting in a profit a little over £2000 towards the new pavilion project.

A very big thank you to everyone who helped over the weekend. Thanks to all the "Christmas Lights" crew, and others, for helping to put the marquee up, the football club for running the bar on Saturday, everyone else who staffed the bar on the other days, everyone who helped run a stall or sideshow on the Monday and anyone else that I've forgotten. A special thank you to the Russell family for organising the bar, tidying up after everyone else had gone home, and in the mornings, and for lots of background things that made sure everything ran

smoothly.

We were also asked to run the bar for Kirstin Outten's wedding party in the Village Hall a couple of weeks ago. Thanks to Ali and Karen for helping run the bar, and to Martin for his "helpline" support when I couldn't get the lager to work properly. Thank you to Mark and Liz for asking us to do this – another £250 profit towards the pavilion!

I don't have anything further to report about our fund-raising plans for the Summer, at the moment. We will be running a couple of the Cadgwith Barbeques, and we are still planning a series of Saturday night entertainments in the Marquee in August, but you will have to look out for posters, nearer the time, to see what's on!

It was good to see some new faces at the AGM on the 8th of June – the new committee was voted in, as follows:

- Elected members:
Karen Forster (Treasurer), Michael Halliday, and Moira Hurst (Secretary).
- Parish Council representatives:
Mike Fleetwood (Chairman), Peter Freeman and Nigel Green.
- Football Club representative:
Martin Edwards
- Grade Ruan VC School representative:
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- Grade Ruan Youth Club representative:
Emma Trewin (Vice-Chairman).

Our plans for the new pavilion have finally

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been submitted to Cornwall Council, and I suppose we should hear if they are approved fairly soon. We would like to thank the Parish Council for supporting our application. Peter Freeman has been busy over the last few months working hard on grant applications on our behalf, and maybe, by the end of the Summer we will know if we have been successful!

We have been advised that the Football Club has been told that they need to have functioning showers next season, so it looks like we will need to do some repairs to the old pavilion. If there's anyone in the Parish with the necessary skills, it would be great if they could contact me to talk about it.

It is unfortunate that I again have to finish with a complaint! DOG MESS! Please, if you let

your dog exercise on the Recreation Ground, clear up after it! This ground is now being regularly used by the school and they are fed up with having to clean children's shoes. The Football Club also, has to spend a lot of time inspecting and clearing the pitch before matches. The Parish Council has asked that the Recreation Ground be patrolled by the Cornwall Council Dog Wardens, and they have the authority to fine any dog owner who leaves a mess behind – so you have been warned! If owners do not take a more considerate attitude, then we will have to think about banning dogs from the ground entirely.

As always, many thanks for your continued support,

Mike Fleetwood, Chairman.

A little more from the Itinerant Seafarer ...

By Simon Sugrue

Northern Territory

Cape Don, the Lighthouse after which the CAPE DON was named, is a promontory in the Northern Territory. It has three keepers houses and the lighthouse which is a substantial stone tower. There is a jetty and a channel into it through the mangroves. The insect life is voracious. I was waiting with the aluminium fourteen dinghy to take the ship's lighthouse mechanic back to the ship. At dusk the mechanic still hadn't got to the jetty. I put a boiler suit (always carried just in case this happened) to keep the sand-flies off*

I was joined by an Aborigine who seemed to want to converse and, incidentally who seemed impervious to the sand-flies. He told me about the crocodiles that start hunting in the creek after dark. The late arrival of the mechanic meant that the mangrove swamp passages to the sea would be navigated in the dark. The

Aborigine seemed serious about the size of these crocs. He said that they were at least 'that big' as he indicated with his hands about eighteen inches apart. I tried to take this seriously but I had trouble being suitably scared of any number of eighteen inch long crocodiles. The mechanic turned up and we negotiated the creeks carefully and returned to the ship without mishap. Later in the evening I mentioned the Aborigine and his warnings about crocodiles to an older hand. It was then that I was told that Aborigines measure the size of crocodiles by indicating the distance between their eyes.

* Sand-flies are like midges in Scotland, they come out if the wind drops and at dusk. They bite! A lot! Sand-fly fever is a known illness brought about by too many bites. This fever reduces the sufferer to shivering incomprehension for a few hours. The bites itch intolerably too.



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

BINGO NIGHT

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

Hello again everyone.

I hope you are all enjoying the summer! After another lovely April and May we can hardly refer to the last few weeks as 'Flaming June' can we?

One thing we can guarantee is that life continues to go on at a pace in the Village Hall. The **Thursday Market** gets busier and busier and it is good to see our many regulars come along every week to meet with their friends and have a good natter over a nice cup of tea or coffee along with one of our world famous bacon sarnies or toast and teacakes. We are pleased with the balance and variety of our Market stalls and the arrival of Mandy and her fruit and veg. and florist wares has certainly added to the wide range of excellent shopping opportunities provided by all our other stall holders for visitors to our weekly Aladdin's Cave of goodies.

'**Quiz Night At The Village Hall**' is extremely popular and the Hall is filled every fourth Tuesday of the month with teams battling for the honour of achieving the much coveted title of Village Hall Quiz Night Champions. **Bingo** Sessions on the second Tuesday of the month provide a pleasant evening for all 'Eyes Down' lovers and we are pleased to say that the **Bowls Section** is, once again, thriving with a dozen and more players at our Monday and Thursday evening sessions. Why not come along to any or all of these events and find out about them for yourselves.

The Hall Management Committee is busy trying to identify and prioritise all of the repair and maintenance work required at the Hall. In this way we will be able to finalise a list of those items needing the most urgent attention and then set about getting the required work completed as soon as we can

raise the necessary cash. It is a never-ending list and, without doubt, it certainly needs one of us to win the Lottery if we are ever going to be able to get it all completed!

We have also been busy sorting out entertainment for our regular annual events. We were inundated with requests to ask '**Eight In A Bar**' back for our **Carolaire** on 4th December and '**The Helston Town Band**' for the **Christmas Community Evening** on 18th December. I am very pleased to say that both of these bookings have now been confirmed so we can again look forward to special evenings of seasonal entertainment. Money raised will, once again, go towards our annual donations to **The Lizard Lifeboat** and **The Cornwall Air Ambulance**. We have also arranged for an evening of Cornish songs and tales to be provided by **The Godrevy Singers at the Harvest Supper** on 24th September. Please book these dates in your diaries and help make them really good occasions.

Is anyone out there having a 'spring clean'? **If you are and you can let us have some items for our Thursday Market Bric-A-Brac stall** we would be very grateful indeed. Our stall is very popular at the Market and helps raise money which we use to improve the Hall. **Every penny we raise on the Bric-A-Brac and Book stalls goes to the Hall** so please help us if you can. Please give Dave or me a ring on 290536 if you would like us to collect anything.

And Finally, everyone at the Hall sends their very best wishes to **Kirsten and Kevin** for a long, happy and healthy life together.

Bye for now, *Janet Gascoigne*.

PS. **Fancy a day trip to Exeter?** Why not check with us to see if there are any seats left for our coach on 11th July?



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QUIZ NIGHT NEWS



RUAN MINOR VILLAGE HALL

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In another evening of stunning intellect and social cut and thrust eight teams battled it out on 24th May for something which money simply cannot buy; the honour of earning the title, '**Ruan Minor Village Hall Quiz Night Champions**'.

Cliffhangers were back in the fray after a holiday and party break and it was good to see **The Motley Crew** return to pit their considerable wits against the might of Lizard brainpower.

Scores ebbed and flowed throughout the evening and most of the teams were in with a chance until the final two rounds. However, going into the 'Wipe Out' and 'All-Nighter' rounds it was The Motley Crew, Cliffhangers and The Mixed Bunch who were neck and neck. After a mammoth struggle and nerve tingling finale the result was a tie between **The Mixed Bunch** and **Cliffhangers** who both scored 92 points.

The tension rose even further when it was realised that a tie-break question was required. With excitement at fever pitch it was **The Mixed Bunch** who held their nerve and were quicker to give the correct answer and take the spoils.

Following the scandalous accusations made after the April Quiz, discussion took place on whether or not to freeze the result pending a drugs test on **Danny (The Brains) Meek**. However, after confirming that his 'Nerve

Pills' were actually non-performance enhancing Mint Imperials, it was decided to let the result stand.

Final scores for the May Quiz were as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Score</u>
1 st	The Mixed Bunch	92.0
	Cliffhangers	92.0
3 rd	The Motley Crew	87.5
4 th	O.T.T.	81.5
5 th	The Buccaneers	80.0
6 th	Rumanites	78.0
7 th	Bob's Band	71.0
8 th	Three Witches of Eastwick	62.0

Thanks to everyone who took part for making it such an enjoyable evening and we hope to see you all next time. *Quizmaster Dave.*

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Our schedule this summer is:

Juniors: Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30pm onwards  
Adult novices: Mondays 7pm (and some Wednesdays)  
Adult crew training: Tues and Thursdays, Ladies 5:30, Men, 7:30

We hope to get Friday night racing up and running – look out for posters  
All slots are weather and sea dependent

Dates for the diary:

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July Buller Cup, Newquay (bus departing Ruan Minor)  
Sat 6<sup>th</sup> August Buller Day, our main event, racing in the cove involving up to 20 visiting gigs  
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*Rachel Holder, Secretary*

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*The 1st gathering of the WELLIES enjoyed an evening of cup cakes and cava in the gig shed, just a warm up night to introduce the group and get to know each other better.*

*The 2nd gathering was an evening at the Housel Bay Hotel where we all enjoyed tapas and wine with stunning views over Housel Bay.*

*The 3rd gathering was held at Coast Cafe in Lizard Village, a pot luck supper where all the girls brought along delicious dishes to share and enjoy with a glass or three of wine.*

*The 4th was a bit more work! With cakes to bake and WELLIES to Wang!! Fun day at the Rec was a great success, raising a total of £80 to be split between the rec club pavilion fund & shelter box.*

*What are the WELLIES getting up to next???* If WIW takes your fancy, just contact Us and we will keep you updated! Sarah on 01326 290233 or Tanya on 01326 290931

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# Gardening in July *by David Endean*

Well what a time of it we have had, as I write this we have just had our most significant rain for months and some more is forecast. Let's hope it keeps coming but only at night and not all the time. This year has panned out very similar to last year - a very cold winter followed by a dry spring. Last year the weather broke in the first week of July so the rest of the summer was wetter than average just right for the school holidays!

The dry time has left the **lawns** looking quite brown and parched. Do not waste water and run the hose on them. They will come back naturally when the conditions are right. You will not need to use the mower so much but it is good to give it a tidy up. Set the blades of your mower higher than you would usually - this will cut off the seed heads of the grass and the weeds along with those daisy flowers. But it should leave the grass looking greener; this also prevents the ground under the lawn drying so fast. Another advantage is that it gives a larger surface area of foliage for any moisture from dews, mist, fog and the like to stick to and so benefit the grass during these dry times. Once the lawn greens up and grows properly it will benefit from a feed with a general fertilizer.

Prioritise what you are going to **water**. The greenhouse is a no brainer as no natural water gets in there, so keep up your usual routine. In the garden, tubs and baskets always need lots of water, there is no way out of that and any rain that we have is never enough. Also if you allow them to dry out, then getting them to soak it up again is a problem. If they are small enough put them to soak in a bucket or something larger if you have it, so it is daily watering for these.

Next priority are any plants that you have recently planted, including shrubs

and trees that you planted this spring as they are unlikely to have put out enough roots yet to support themselves in these dry times. Try to resist using a sprinkler and hose, one your water meter will not like it and two it is not specific enough in where the water goes plus the water tends not to go very deep into the soil and so encourages shallow rooting. It is best to give them a good soak once a week under the foliage canopy and in the evening, this way less water evaporates and there should be no scorching to the leaves of the plants.

Most of the **sowing** is or should have been carried out by now, but there is still time to make some sowings of Sweet William and Wallflowers and other biennials early in this month. Keep sowing your salad crops - they can get forgotten at this time of the year. If you have no space yet, sow some in modules or small pots and grow them on so that you can plant them out to fill any gaps that will come from harvested crops during the next few weeks. Hearted lettuces are less successful at this time of year but the loose leaved types such as Oak leaf and Lollo Rossa generally fair well.

If you have a sheltered spot like me I like to plant a late row of runner beans now these will crop nicely in September and October. Sowings of Dwarf French beans are still good, as is a row of carrots. These may not become massive specimens but they should develop into a tender crop of finger carrots fit to accompany any Sunday lunch or even something more adventurous. Late on in the month is a good time to make the first sowing of spring green cabbage. These will be able to be cropped in the autumn or left through the winter to heart up some more.

Those of you growing **exhibition leeks** should have some strong healthy



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specimens growing away in your garden by now. Get some blanching material on now if you have not already, and this will give you the long white stems. Unwrap the plants regularly about once a fortnight and check for pests. Get rid of any slugs and snails and clear the weeds. As the plants grow, some of the outer leaves will naturally yellow and die, gently remove these from the plant. This prevents rot but also these leaves contain far less of the chemicals which leeks naturally produce to inhibit slug attack, therefore if they are left there you are providing food for those pesky beasts.

Keep cutting your **sweet peas** as they flower, this will encourage them to flower even more, also keep tying them in as any rain and wind will bend them over or break them off causing twisted stems or worse. It is either a tedious job or a therapeutic one depending on your outlook, but it is worthwhile. I have been spending three hours a week tying in and removing tendrils just recently.

July is really a month to start to think about **harvesting**. I am salivating at the thought of it, strawberries are in full flow, raspberries, blackcurrants and most of the soft fruit are coming in. There just is not enough cream around to go with them! Of course you have your veg crops like beans, potatoes, salads and carrots but they do not make you drool like those fruits.

Incidentally if you have a **plum tree**, it may need some pruning. Only do this in the summer when it is actively growing, otherwise it is susceptible to the dreaded fungal disease silver leaf which can mean the end of the tree. Aim to keep an open bowl shaped structure and reduce all those soft whippy shoots back down to leaf joints above the fruit or this year's growth. This will encourage flower bud development for next spring.

Well I hope that that gives you something to be getting on with, but in the mean ime enjoy your gardening.

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The last book club of this session met on Wednesday 25th May. The group discussed *The White Queen* by Philippa Gregory who also wrote *The Other Boleyn Girl*. It was the story of Elizabeth Woodville, a young Lancastrian widow, armed only with her beauty and steely determination, who seduces and marries the charismatic warrior king, Edward IV of York. She is crowned Queen of England, and is then surrounded by conflict, betrayal and murder. Elizabeth rises to the demands of her position, and fights for own family's survival. Most importantly of all she tries, after the death of her husband, to defend her two sons, who became known as 'the princes in the tower'. Philippa Gregory puts forward a new theory about who was actually imprisoned in the Tower and proposes that one of the princes survived elsewhere. The book was felt to have been a gripping read, full of action and emotional truths, so much so that I am currently reading the sequel - *The Red Queen*!

The Miracle Theatre is performing *The Death of Sherlock Holmes* at Roskilly's on Wednesday 17th August at 7.30 pm. Roskilly's will be selling tickets £12 full price and £10 for pensioners (but no discount for parties). The fliers will be ready in July, and when they are available, they will be delivered to Book Club Members so that each member can purchase her own tickets. We plan to meet on site where there is a capacity of 400 seats!

The next Book Group meeting will be on Wednesday 28th September at 8pm in The Cadgwith Cove Hotel. *Cilla Racey*

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## July Quiz

1. In which forest does the Danube rise?
2. Which British island is 230 miles west of the Hebrides in the Atlantic?
3. A skulk is the collective name for a group of which animal?
4. Handel's water music was composed for which English king?
5. Who is the only known unmarried person in Cluedo?
6. Bathophobia is the fear of what?

### **Answers to June Quiz**

Firstly, apologies for the misprint in Question 3 last month - It should have read "feet" not "fee".

1. On which Shakespeare play was "West Side Story" based? *Romeo and Juliet*
2. Which is the world's deepest gorge? *The Grand Canyon in Arizona*
3. What is special about the feet of a palmiped? *They are webbed.*
4. Who sits on the Woolsack? *The Lord Chancellor*
5. What relation was Queen Victoria to her predecessor on the throne? *Niece*
6. Which piece of music was used as the Monty Python theme? *Liberty Bell*



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# The flying fisherfolk of old Portlebm Town

by André Ellis

*Last time:* But no one could come up with an answer to the situation, and then someone suggested that they consult the wise ole man of Tregonning hill "Cap'n Willy Joe Jenkins"

## .....*The second part....*

And so they did, "Freddie Pudd'n" volunteered to go up the hill and ask the old man and shot off to see him, and explained the situation to him. He thought for a while then said "I think someone or something has cast a spell on the villagers", and agreed to come down and sort it out.

Just out side of the village he donned some lead boots and carried a bag of stones just for luck, then clumped into the village.

By now the air was thick with people, but somehow they never bumped into each other, and they only flew over the harbour and village and nowhere else.

The wise ole man headed straight for Granny Boswell's cottage, although very slowly and noisily. On entering he couldn't see anything that granny had done or was tampering with and scratched his beard in puzzlement.

Then he heard the "meeeeow" of a cat and looked in another room to find "Kitty", granny's cat, up on the ceiling, feet hanging down, and laughing her head off. The ole man hadn't seen a laughing cat before and started to laugh as well and chuckled to himself until tears rolled down his rosy cheeks and into his beard.

Wiping away his tears he then noticed the, "Spells for cats" book and wand on the floor, and picked it up to read it, the page was open

on spell number 42 and it read,  
"Gizzard's n gut's and furball pie,  
Make the fisher folk flap and fly".

"Well that worked" the wise ole man said dryly,

"Now how can I turn it around"??? He thought to himself, as he sat down and had a think.....  
"AH.... I remember now", he then mumble's something to himself...."YES"... Then spoke in a loud theatrical voice.

"I'll reverse this spell with a wave of my hand,  
And let all the Portlebm's safely land".

This was accompanied by his wand being twirled into figures of 8 and finally pointed at the book, which then leapt up into the air

and back down again followed by the cat,

"The spell is now reversed" he added with a sigh,

They then went outside to have a look and sure enough the flying fisher folk were coming down to land one by one. Unfortunately some landed in the sea, some on roof tops and one even landed on the clock tower,. But Granny Boswell for some reason landed back in her own front garden with a little hop like a jackdaw.

"Just the person I want to see" said the ole man of Tregonning hill. Granny looked a bit sheepish, "so you're the culprit who gave Kitty the spell book and created all this havoc, you should be ashamed of yourself".

And she was and replied "that she wouldn't



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do it again”, while the crafty Kitty slinked out quietly unseen and still chuckling to herself.

But this wasn't the end of the story because, unbeknown to everyone else, there was still one person who hadn't had the spell broken for him and that was “Jimmer Flatfoot”, who was still flying really high up in the sky like a Swift and presumably out of range for the spell breaker?

He was blissfully unaware that everyone else had gone back to earth and was carrying on with their lives while he was still zooming around the open skies with the other Swifts and Swallows. It was his wife Mildred who noticed that her husband, local fisherman “Jimmer Flatfoot” hadn't come back for his tea that evening and sounded the alarm. She went out to look for him and after a long while noticed him way up in the sky amongst the fluffy clouds and barely recognisable.

She asked the spell breaker “to try again” which he did, but with no success and who then added “we'll just have to let nature take its course”. It was now late September when the Swifts were grouping together and planning their migration to South Africa.

Every day Mildred had walked out onto the end of the Pier and looked up into the sky hoping Jimmer would come back down to her or just get a glimpse of him, she secretly harboured a fear that he would leave with the other Swifts.

But then one bright and crisp September morning her worst fear came true - she spotted him leaving with a great flock of Swifts heading due south. She shouted and shouted for him to turn around and come back to her, but to no avail. He left with all the others without even a quick glance back, leaving Mildred all alone and grieving at his absence.

The winter was long and lonely for Mildred, she thought she'd never see him again. The only hope that kept her spirits up during the long and lonely winter days and nights, was that he would return safely again in the spring with the other Swifts.

The winter days dragged by as slowly as a snail's race. Then spring finally arrived. Sea pinks and Campions adorned the cliffs with pink and white blossoms peppered all the hedgerows and trees. Ever optimistic Mildred made her daily walk out to the end of the Pier in the vain hope of seeing her beloved Jimmer again. Then one day she thought she caught a glimpse of him between some clouds and way up high with a few of the first returning Swifts, but wasn't sure, then he was gone again.

A week went by before she thought she saw him again on the far end of the beach flying around the cliffs, then he disappeared again, but by the end of that day she had spotted him for sure flying over the harbour. Her heart jumped for joy, he was back safe and sound and perhaps this time the spell breaker could be successful in breaking the spell.

But the wise ole man had gone to Ruan Minor for a couple of weeks to visit relatives, so no luck there. For weeks Jimmer was spotted flying around the harbour and nearby fields and even around Low bar and in Helston. Then fate took a hand in events.

The Swifts were starting to return to the nests they'd used last year. Although Jimmer obviously wasn't born in a nest, he still had the Swifts' instinct to build a nest under the eaves of a house and the first place he had a go at, was under the eaves of old Willy “wished-as-a-Winnard's” thatched cottage up the Gue. Jimmer swooped low over the garden and then up underneath the thatched eaves sadly getting his head stuck in the thatch, he chirped and squealed and wriggled in panic to try to free himself. Luckily he managed to wriggle himself free, but then fell down onto an evergreen bush, then summersaulted and landed on his backside with a thud in the garden amongst the roses foxgloves and Delphiniums.

Unbeknown to him granny Boswell's infamous cat Kitty, the very one who caused all the fuss and problems with the spell, was having a secret sleep there and dreaming of the pilchards she's going to have for her tea.

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She had the shock of her life when Jimmer landed right beside her, causing her to leap a clear three feet vertically into the air with a “squeal”, then landing in the fishpond beside her with a big splash and a “meeeeoow”, losing two if her nine lives in the process. She did a doggy paddle to the side and climbed out looking like a drowned rat, shaking each paw in turn and growling, muttering and hissing her displeasure, now teasey as an adder, she walked slowly away, flicking her tail in anger, disappearing into the nearby evergreen bushes.

Some would say that Kitty the cat had her Karmic comeuppance.

And as for Jimmer - the shock of the incident must have automatically broken the spell, because he was now looking all around in great puzzlement and scratching his head. He was later reunited with his beloved Mildred and went back to his old self being a proper ole Portlebmer.

The end.

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## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held on Monday 9 May 2011 at 7pm in the Ruan Minor Village Hall Upper Room**

**Present:** Parish Councillors P Collins (Chairman), J Trewin (Vice-Chairman), R Curnow, N Green, P Freeman, C Cooper, J Preston, W Elliott, M Fleetwood and PCSO Berry.

### **Absences and Apologies**

Parish Councillor K Codling and Cornwall Councillor C Rule. The apologies were accepted.

Absent: Parish Councillors W Bowman and J Thomas.

**Police report:** this item was brought forward from the Agenda for the May Monthly Meeting so as not to unduly delay PCSO Berry.

A total of 23 crimes had been reported over the year.

It was reported that cars are parking close to the T junction at Kuggar and obstructing visibility and this is felt to be dangerous. PCSO Berry said she would discuss this with the traffic wardens and ask they look at the junction.

Comments were raised that several Cadgwith residents had received parking tickets recently. She advised that Cornwall Council is responsible for civil enforcement in car parks and Civil Enforcement Officers have no discretion.

- 1. Election of Chairman:** the Chairman stood down from the Chair; the Vice-Chairman took the Chair and called for nominations for the post of Chairman of the Grade Ruan Parish Council for the year 2011-12.

Councillor Fleetwood proposed Councillor Paul Collins as Chairman, Councillor Curnow seconded – all in favour.

Councillor P Collins took the Chair and called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Grade Ruan Parish Council for the year 2011-12.

- 2. Election of Vice-Chairman:** Councillor Freeman proposed Councillor J Trewin as Vice-Chairman, Councillor Preston seconded – all in favour.
- 3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10 May 2010:** these had been circulated and approved at the Parish Council Monthly Meeting held on 14 June 2010.
- 4. Matters arising from the Minutes:** there were no matters arising from the Minutes.
- 5. Attendance Report:** the Clerk circulated copies of an attendance report. Some Councillors queried the information and asked that it be checked and brought back to the June monthly meeting.

It was noted that Councillor Bowman had not attended for six consecutive months and a casual vacancy had arisen.

- 6. Chairman's Report:** the Chairman presented his report. Copy to be filed with the Minutes.
- 7. Clerk's Report:** the Clerk presented her report. Copy to be filed with the Minutes.
- 8. Nominations of Councillors and Representatives to the following Committees and Advisory Committees:**
  - i. Finance Committee:** the Chairman proposed the Chairman, Councillors Fleetwood, Freeman, Cooper and Green. Councillor Curnow seconded – all in favour.
  - ii. Footpaths Committee:** the Chairman proposed Councillors M Fleetwood, J Preston, J Trewin, R Curnow and N Green, Councillor Fleetwood seconded – all in favour.

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- iii. **Planning Committee:** The Chairman proposed the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillors N Green, J Preston, R Curnow, C Cooper, and W Elliott. Councillor Freeman seconded – all in favour.
- iv. **Housing Committee:** The Chairman proposed the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Councillors Freeman, Fleetwood, Preston and Cooper. Councillor Curnow seconded – all in favour.
- v. **Staffing Committee:** Councillor Fleetwood proposed the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillor Freeman. The Chairman seconded – all in favour.
- vi. **Play Area Safety Committee:** The Chairman proposed Councillors Collins, Fleetwood, Elliott and Curnow. Councillor Freeman seconded – all in favour.
- vii. **Tree Wardens Advisory Committee:** Councillor Trewin proposed Councillor J Preston and J Fletcher (non Councillor). Councillor Fleetwood seconded – all in favour.
- viii. **Churchyard Maintenance Advisory Committee:** The Chairman proposed Councillors Cooper and Curnow, The Vice-Chairman seconded – all in favour.

**9. Nominations of Parish Council Representatives to the following parish organisations:**

- i. **Under Fives Committee:** the Chairman proposed Councillor Elliott. Councillor Curnow seconded – all in favour.
- ii. **Community Network:** the Chairman proposed Councillors Cooper and Elliott. Councillor Curnow seconded – all in favour.

Councillor Cooper advised that although Parish Councils were expected to have representatives at the Network meetings, they were open to all Parish Councillors should they wish to attend.

- iii. **Village Hall Committee:** The Chairman proposed Councillor R Curnow, The Vice Chairman seconded – all in favour.
- iv. **Recreation Ground Committee (3 Representatives required for this to comply with the Recreation Ground Trust Deed):** the Chairman proposed Councillors Fleetwood, Freeman and Green. Councillor Elliott seconded – all in favour.

Councillor Cooper advised the representatives they needed to familiarise themselves with the terms of the Trust Deed because as the Parish Council representatives they automatically became trustees of the Recreation Ground. The same also applied to the representatives to the Village Hall Committee.

**10. To consider delegation of the drafting of 'Terms of Reference' for Parish Council Committees, Advisory Committees and Representatives to the respective Committees and Representatives:**

The Chairman advised it is good practice to have terms for reference for members of the various committees and representatives so the members were aware of the purposes of the various committees and limitations of their powers on them.

He had drafted some terms of reference for consideration.

It was suggested that each committee should draft their own terms.

This item to be deferred to the next monthly meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council closed at 8.35 pm and was immediately followed by the Parish Council's monthly meeting for May.



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**Minutes of the May Monthly Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held on Monday 9 May 2011 immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council**

**Present:** Parish Councillors P Collins (Chairman), J Trewin (Vice-Chairman), R Curnow, N Green, P Freeman, C Cooper, J Preston, W Elliott, and M Fleetwood.

**1. Apologies and Absence:** Parish Councillor K Codling and Cornwall Councillor C Rule. The apologies were accepted.

Absent: Parish Councillors W Bowman and J Thomas.

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

**3. Public Time:** no members of the Public were present but the following was raised.

a. Two lorries had been unable to access Cadgwith Cove as two cars had parked obstructing the width of the road by Rooks Nook. This would also have meant obstruction for the emergency services if they were required.

b. A letter was also received from Nicky Jose requesting that residents parking be allocated in Cadgwith to alleviate the parking issues.

Those present felt this should be investigated further and that it should be put on the Agenda for next month.

c. A letter was received from Ginny Sealey regarding comments that had been made about the different types of vehicles using the Mundy's Field Car Park and how she felt her personal use of the park was not unreasonable.

Some Councillors had received negative comments about the variety of vehicles using the car park. Councillors were reminded that there is a restrictive covenant within the deeds of the car park limiting it to the parking of private cars only.

To be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

d. It was reported one of the cubicles in the toilets at Ruan Minor was inoperable; Councillor Freeman to investigate.

e. It was requested that a decision be made as to a venue for the meetings of the Parish Council as to continue using the upper room in the Village Hall was a breach of the Disability Discrimination Act.

Councillor Cooper proposed the Sunday School Room in the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel be used for the Parish Council meetings until the end of the summer, Councillor Elliott seconded – all in favour.

**4. Cornwall Councillors' Time:** there was no Cornwall Councillors report.

**5. Police Report:** the Police report had been presented during the Annual General Meeting.

**6. Planning:**

a. PA11/00610 – amended plans for continued use of land as a campsite for tents and touring caravans, erection of 9 amenity buildings to include showers, WCs and a shop and installation of a septic tank at Nampara, Kuggar, Ruan Minor by Mr M Doel.

Councillor Freeman proposed the following comments on the application:

“The Parish Council cannot support the application as there have been so many breaches of planning conditions imposed in previous consents, we therefore have no confidence that any conditions imposed on this application will be observed or enforced. The Parish Council has received a number of complaints emanating from the site in the past about activities conducted there”.

Councillor Cooper seconded – all in favour.

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- b. PA11/03194 – Extension of time for the erection of a dwelling with integral garage (Decision Notice PA08/0065/F dated 3 July 2008) at The Coach House, Kuggar, Ruan Minor by Mr and Mrs LJ Makin Councillor Cooper proposed the application be supported, the Vice-Chairman seconded – all in favour.
- c. The following grants of conditional planning permissions were received and noted:
  - PA11/00533 Two storey extension to dwelling at Verbena, Ruan Minor, by Mr and Mrs Halliday
  - PA10/08425 Construction of two storey extension and associated works at Watershed, New Road, Cadgwith, Ruan Minor by Mrs J Rowe
  - PA11/01971 Installation of freestanding photovoltaic panels at Rosemerryn, St Ruan, Ruan Minor by Mr A Whitehorn
  - PA11/01268 Construction of extension at White Feather, Cadgwith, Ruan Minor
  - PA11/01071 Construction of raised patio at Mon Abri, Prazegooth Lane, Cadgwith, Ruan Minor by Mr W Mudford
  - PA11/01748 Felling of one horse chestnut tree at Square Cottage, Cadgwith, Ruan Minor by Mr E Jones
- d. Affordable housing – a copy of an updated planning brief on Site 12/13 was circulated.

## 7. Finance:

- a. End of year accounts – no questions were raised on the End of Year accounts, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.  
It was suggested that rather than the Clerk produce a complete copy of the accounts each month a monthly summary be produced for circulation.
- b. Internal Audit – copies of the Internal Audit Report, summary of the receipts and payments account for the financial year ended 31/03/2011 and the year end bank reconciliation had been circulated to Councillor prior to the meeting for consideration.  
The Audit had been advertised and the accounts with supporting documentation were available for inspection by members of the public in the One Stop Shop in Helston until 6 June 2011.  
Having considered the Internal Auditor’s recommendations the Clerk was instructed to arrange direct debits for her salary and PAYE and enquire of the bank if it would be possible to have bank statements sent earlier so they could be reconciled in time for the meetings, maybe changing the date of the statements if necessary to achieve this. Other points within the report would need to be addressed by the Finance Committee.  
It had been intended to work through the annual governance statement that formed part of the Annual Return to the Audit Commission at this meeting but as the meeting was becoming protracted it was agreed to hold this over to the next meeting.
- c. Audit 2008-09 – a letter was received from the Audit Commission advising that there would be an additional charge for the additional work incurred by the Commission in respect of the 2008-09 Audit and the issuing of the Report in the Public Interest. An invoice would be issued in due course.
- d. Under 5s heating (s137 payment) - £167.25
- e. CALC subscription - £262.12
- f. Playsafety Ltd – £75.60. As some serious discrepancies had been identified in the report it was agreed to withhold paying the account until these had been investigated further.
- g. Hudson Accounting Ltd - £200.00



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- h. Ruan Minor Village Hall - £10.00
- i. AON Insurance – the insurance renewal was set at £1887.33. Councillor Green felt a number of items were over insured and there was potential for the premium to be reduced and requested the Council’s consent to approach the insurers on the Council’s behalf to renegotiate the premium. Councillor Green would need authorization to speak with the insurers as their policy was only to speak with the person to whom the policy was addressed who is the Clerk.

The Clerk advised that the insurance was due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> June and if there was a change in premium the Council did not have time to approve the new payment before the next meeting.

The Chairman proposed that the insurance should be paid on the original amount requested, pending enquiries by Councillor Green within the next week and if a lower rate could be negotiated then pay the lower rate, the Vice-Chairman seconded – all in favour. Clerk to contact insurers to authorise them to liaise with Councillor Green. Councillor Fleetwood to liaise with Councillor Green about items of equipment and seating that no longer required insurance.

- 8. **Minutes for Acceptance:** the Minutes having been circulated were approved subject to some minor amendments and signed by the Chairman.
- 9. **Matters arising from the Minutes:** Play equipment and safety inspection report – this was received and no items had been identified as needing urgent attention but on closer consideration it was discovered that there were inaccuracies in the report with equipment being reported on that had been removed from the Play Area.

Repairs – these had not been started.

Some Councillors had met with Paul Newing, Cornwall Council’s Play Officer who had offered to liaise with Taylor Made, the original manufacturers of the equipment to organise repairs. The Chairman recommended to the Council that his offer should be accepted; it was agreed the Chairman should contact Paul Newing in respect of this.

- 10. **Matters for consideration:** To utilise the pieces of granite in Mundy’s Field Car Park for seating in the Recreation Ground.

Councillor Fleetwood reported there were 6 sizeable pieces of granite in the car park that could be utilized for seating by placing them on the concrete plinths where the wooden benches had stood.

Councillor Cooper proposed this should be done, Councillor Elliott seconded – all in favour.

Verge trimming – Cornwall Council had produced a contract for trimming the verge at the entrance to Ruan Minor.

The Chairman proposed the contract be accepted but enquire of Cornwall Council first as to whether they were willing to put a mower over the verge first as it was in such a state that the first trim would be more than a contractor could deal with manually. Councillor Curnow seconded – all in favour.

- 11. **Correspondence:** the following items were received and noted.

Correspondence and Emails

[Not printed here due to space constraints. The list of correspondence and emails is available from the editor.]

- 12. **Footpaths, Environment and Treewardens:** Local Maintenance Partnership – the Chairman signed the agreement for the Parish Council to participate in the Partnership for the year 2011-12.
- 13. **In committee:** there were no items to discuss in committee.

Meeting closed at 11.15pm

# *Rector's Ramblings*

By the time you read this, the outcome of the appointment process for a Vicar of St Keverne, St Ruan with St Grade and Landewednack St Wynwallow, should be known. Meanwhile, I should like to assure you that whatever emerges I am, and will be, committed to serving you as a Priest. I have really valued your welcome and acceptance of me – from the people who make up the Sunday congregation, to the 'Thursday Marketeers', and to the staff and children of Grade Ruan School. So, a big THANK YOU from me!

I ain't giving up! But I do need your help, your input.

There have been two Sundays recently when the congregation numbered just nine. This is not sustainable to maintain our beautiful, ancient church, nor to serve the spiritual needs of those who live in our parish.

OK, I know that 'Church' is not/should not just be about 'bums on seats'. But unless we have a goodly number of people coming to worship in the church and giving freely of their time and talents, and contributing to the collection plate, then ..... well, I'm not going to end this sentence. Work it out for yourselves! This is where I need your input, your help, your advice, your feedback.

For my part, I have huge hopes for this parish and here are just a few of my hopes. I would love:-

- To hold a regular act of worship at a time which is accessible for *you* – please let me know what time: maybe a Sunday afternoon? Or sometime on a Saturday? Or a weekday, p'raps, after school?
- To start and lead a junior choir or singing group – which would practise, say, once a week and then sing at a service once a month;
- To meet with parents before the end of this summer term to talk about the above two bullet points.
- To run a 'workshop' for leading intercessions (prayers); and to do the same for reading the lesson in church on a Sunday morning.

There's so much to be done! Yet, through God's grace – and with your commitment and help we can, together achieve these things!

God has given us the most wonderful gifts: of life, of love, of family – so many things – but especially, He has given us the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Surely, we can give Him just one hour of our time on at least one day of the week?

Blessings Revd Deirdre 01326 281178 [deirdre.mackrill@btinternet.com](mailto:deirdre.mackrill@btinternet.com)

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# Church Activities



## Church of England Services

|             |                                   |        |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Sunday 3rd  | St Ruan Morning Praise            | 11am   |
| Sunday 10th | St Ruan Holy Communion            | 9.30am |
|             | St Grade Evensong                 | 6pm    |
| Sunday 17th | St Ruan Family Service            | 11am   |
|             | St Mary's Cadgwith Evening Praise | 6pm    |
| Sunday 24th | St Ruan Holy Communion            | 9.30am |
| Sunday 31st | St Ruan Holy Communion            | 11am   |

## Methodist Services

**Rev'd Sylvia Burgoyne 01326 240200**

|                  |      |                 |                        |
|------------------|------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Sunday 3rd July  | 11am | Mr. F. Moyle    |                        |
| Sunday 10th July | 11am | Mrs S. Richards |                        |
| Sunday 17th July | 11am | R. Allen        |                        |
| Sunday 24th July | 11am | Mrs. S. Wearne  | 6pm Service in Mullion |
| Sunday 31st July | 11am | HC Kitts        |                        |

## Roman Catholic Mass Times

**Father John Richardson 01326 572378**

|           | St Michael's Mullion | St Mary's Helston |
|-----------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday    |                      | 9am               |
| Monday    | 10am                 |                   |
| Tuesday   |                      | 6pm               |
| Wednesday | 12.15pm at Culdrose  |                   |
| Thursday  |                      | 10am              |
| Friday    | 10am                 |                   |
| Saturday  | 4pm                  |                   |
| Holy Days | 10am                 | 7.30pm            |

## Ruan Minor Surgery - 290852

Monday 9am - 12pm  
*Appointments 9.10am - 11.20am*

Tuesday 3pm - 5.30pm  
*Appointments 3.30pm - 5pm*

Wednesday *CLOSED*

Thursday 2pm - 6pm  
*Appointments 3pm - 5pm*

Friday 9am - 12pm  
*Appointments 9.10am - 10.40am*

## Mullion Health Centre - 240212

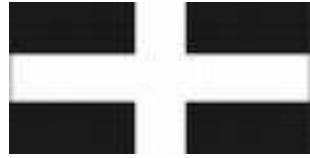
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