# St Martin-by-Looe News



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#### **Parish Council Update**



#### Welcome to the Summer 2022 Edition

A time for celebration, to put the woes of the world to one side and enjoy a very special year, the flowers are opening, the trees coming back in all their glory, it's getting warmer and life is good. In this souvenir issue there is a 12 page supplement documenting the 70 Glorious Years of our Queen, compiled by Adrian Price, this is yours to pull out and keep. The recipe is from the 1950's and is alleged to be the Queens favourite cake. so go on give it a try and join the Queen with an afternoon tea. The next edition is due in September and the deadline is August 10th, so please send in your stories, events etc by that date, see page 2 for contact details.

#### Planning applications

**Application:** PA22/02422. **Proposal:** Extension and alterations to house. Location: St Uny, No Man's Land, Looe. Applicant: Mr. A

Brown. Grid Ref: 227510 / 56698.

Application: PA22/03723. Proposal: Proposed two storey house and garage. Location: Kilmartin, road from The B3253 at Four Winds To Millendreath. Applicant: Mr Chris Biswell. Grid Ref: 226906 / 54146.



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#### **Parish Council Update**



#### **Annual Parish Council Meeting.**

On 5<sup>th</sup> May the Parish Council held its Annual Parish Council Meeting where the Officers for the Council were elected for another year. The are as follows: Chairman: Robert Henly, Vice Chairman: Roberta Powley, Data Protection Officer: David Keeble, Rights Of Way Representative: Nigel Cummings, Transport Issues Representative: Barbara Reynolds. All contact details on page 2.

#### **Parish Financial Audit**

The audit was completed by the internal Auditor with no issues highlighted again this year, all accounts and Annual Return forms have been uploaded to our website and can be inspected by making an appointment with the Clerk between 13th June and the 22nd July.

#### **Speed Watch**

Looe Police are trying to get a team of volunteers together to form a Speed Watch Group, monitoring speed in various locations in the area. If you can give any time to the project please apply via the Devon and Cornwall Police Website, search Community Speed Watch.

#### **Millendreath Post Box**

The PO have finally replaced the postbox and resumed collections.





#### **Parish Council Update**



#### St Martin by Looe Parish Council Chairman's Report 2022

After months of meeting on Zoom we finally managed to resume face to face meetings in May last year. This made it much easier to conduct meetings and involve all members of the council and members of the public. We have retained the ability to use Zoom for meetings if the need arises such as planning meetings when an answer is required quickly. 2021 was an election year for a new council. Boundary changes mean that Springfield Park is now in St Martin by Looe Parish. The existing councillors all stood for re-election with the exception of Lynn Burt. I would like to thank her for her contribution over several years' service. We welcomed Nigel Cummings to the new council and avoided the cost of an election. Nigel has been a very helpful addition to the council with his expert IT knowledge and has developed a new website which he maintains. My thanks to him for that.

A new virtual pavement has been introduced to link Holland Road with the main road, improving safety. A band of volunteers have constructed a community garden with trees, shrubs, planters and a seat at the entrance to the Holland Road estate much enhancing its appearance. An area at the entrance to Springfield Park has also been cleared to improve its appearance. A Christmas tree was again erected at No Man's Land and we were able to perform a low key lights up ceremony outside. A Christmas tree was also erected at Millendreath.

We have recently had a meaningful meeting to discuss water drainage problems on Bucklawren Road and at Millendreath with Will Glassup from Cormac. Hopefully the solutions we came up with will be carried out during the summer and alleviate flood problems next winter.

My thanks go to my fellow councillors for their support over the year. My thanks to County Councillor Armand Toms for the tremendous support he has given us and continues to give us despite now covering a much larger constituency. Thanks also to PCSO Dave Billings for keeping us up to date with crime in the parish and his help when we have a problem. Finally, I extend a very big thank on behalf of myself and all the councillors to our clerk Charles for all his hard work to ensure the smooth running of the council in another unusual year and for his work in producing the quarterly newsletters for the parish.

Robert Henly 07/04/2022.



#### **Parish Council update**



#### **Springfield Park Community Garden Project**

A £250 grant has been approved by Cornwall Council and a further £50 from the Parish Council. Now funds have been approved, Councillor Barbara Reynolds needs to recruit volunteers from the community to help clear the site and prepare for planting and a bench to be installed. If you can help please get in contact with Barbara.

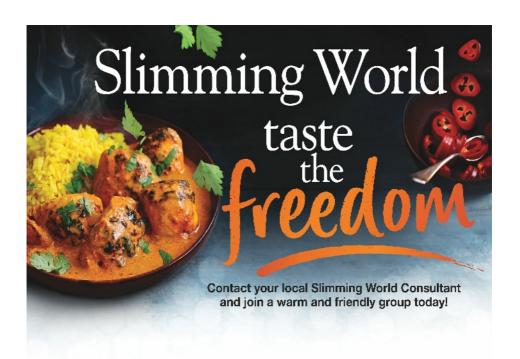
#### **Holland Road Community Garden**

Harkness Roses from Bedfordshire, gifted 5 roses to make a Jubliee Rose garden, our thanks to Mr. Chudleigh for all his hard work preparing the ground and planting the roses.

#### **Parish Council Monthly meetings**

Take place at the Memorial Hall, No Man's Land at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month, but this may vary so please check notice boards, social media or our website for dates. Requests to speak during Public Participation need to be made to the Clerk 48 hours in advance.





#### **Looe Slimming World**

**Every Tuesday** 

9.30am and 5.30pm St Martins Church Hall Contact Louise 07914 320697





#### No Man's Land Hall News and Events

Here at No Man's Land village hall, we have some fantastic news and events lined up. Firstly we would like to start with the celebrations we are holding for the Queens Jubilee this year:

We are going to be lining the village and hall with bunting and decorations from the 1st June



and would love it if the local community would join in by decorating the outside of your homes to help us celebrate.

Thursday 2nd June, 2.30pm – 5pm. We are holding a children's party, with party games, prizes and food, parents must attend and can join in the party games if they wish. We have on offer cream teas for mums, dads and grandparents. Commemorative mugs will be given out from 5pm by our own local Parish Councillors.

Friday 3rd June, The fantastic Burraton boys choir will be playing from 7pm at the hall, this is free admission and there will be a raffle with some lovely prizes, please bring along a plate of yummy food to help celebrate.

We also have a number of events lined up so far for you this year :

We will be holding a jumble sale on Saturday 18th June from 2.30pm.

**Book sale** with loads of variety's of books in July date to be arranged.

Fantastic yearly flower show, not to be missed on Saturday 6th August

Yearly harvest festival date to be arranged. Remembrance Sundaydetails to follow. Christmas fair Saturday 26th November. time to be confirmed. Christmas bingo Friday 16th December. time to be confirmed.

We are also looking at holding a coffee morning to be arranged to help fund our **community garden** project which we started last year and is already looking lovely.

We have some exciting and up and coming ideas and are looking for feedback and a volunteer or two.

#### No Man's Land Hall News and Events

Firstly we are looking at **opening up a youth club** one Friday a month for the local children in our community, details would be to follow but would be aimed for boys and girls from the ages 6 – 14, we have some brilliant and fun ideas for this. We would be looking for feedback and possible interest in this, so we can gauge demand and we value the local community's support and any ideas they may have. You can contact Katherina Curtis: reggietilly1@gmail.com

Or Jemma Chalk: cornishbird06@hotmail.com

Secondly we have been approached by Wildanet to offer the hall free WiFi and in turn we are looking at opening up a "Internet style Café " once a week for 2 hours, to help support people who need access to internet and a computer. We would be looking for someone who would like to offer a couple of hours of their time once a week as a volunteer, who would be interested to help out with this to support people who would like to use this service. You can contact Katherina Curtis: reggietilly1@gmail.com if this is something you feel you could help with and we can give you more information if what this would involve.





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#### Church News and Services in the area.

The Reverend Ben Morgan Lundie was welcomed as the new Priest in Charge of the new Benefice of Looe, Morval, Duloe and Herodsfoot at a licensing service on 11th April. Ben is a Cornishman who spent his childhood in Grampound and has lived with his family in Truro and Falmouth since 2005. He is looking forward to working with and getting to know his parishioners.

The Benefices of Looe & Morval with Duloe & Herodsfoot - Services Plan from May 2022				
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Priest-in-Charge: Revd. Ben Morgan Lundie (ben.morganlundie@outlook.com) 07871 967945  Assistant: Revd. Clive Gilbert				
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1st Sunday	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Family Service	-
2nd Sunday	Riverside URC	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	-
3rd Sunday	St. Nicholas, W. Looe	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	-
4th Sunday	Café Church (Hall)	-	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion (BML)
5th Sunday	Holy Communion rotating between all churches, 10.30 a.m see websites & notice boards			
Mid week	Holy Communion at St Nicholas, West Looe, 10 a.m. on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.			
Contacts:	D. Croker (01503 264414)	P. Geach (01503 263980)	M. Willmott (01503 240218)	I. Gordon (01579 320670)
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#### Free Jubilee Mugs and Parish News



#### **STRAWBERRY FAYRE**

There will be a "Strawberry Fayre" at St Martin's Church Hall on Saturday 25th June from 1.00pm-4.00pm. There will be Cream Teas, Children's activities and other stalls. All are welcome. Proceeds in aid of Church funds.

#### **FREE JUBILEE MUGS**

If you registered for your children under 16, to receive a FREE Platinum Jubilee Mug, from St Martin by Looe Parish Council, they can be collected on 2nd June, at the celebration cream tea and party at No Man's Land Memorial Hall, Holland Road, (see advert on page 20).

Only those who registered their children are eligible, however there maybe some left over for anyone who did not contact the Clerk, they will be first come first served at the end of the day.

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#### **70 Glorious Years**

#### A Retrospect on the Reign of Queen Elizabeth 11

#### A St Martin by Looe Souvenir Supplement.

At 2.45pm on 6 February 1952, the Duke of Edinburgh told his 25 year-old wife, Princess Elizabeth, that her father was dead and that she was now Queen and head of the Commonwealth. So began the longest reign of any British monarch and only the fourth worldwide to achieve this milestone.

Dressed in black, the new Queen arrived back in the UK aboard a BOAC flight from Kenya the following day to be greeted by the first of her 14 Prime Ministers, Sir Winston Churchill, and the Foreign Secretary, Sir Anthony Eden. From the airport, she drove directly to Buckingham Palace, accompanied by her husband,



HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, to begin her long and momentous reign which ushered in the new Elizabethan Era.

Following a year-long period of Official Mourning, the Queen was crowned in Westminster Abbey on the morning of Tuesday 2 June 1953. The coronation ceremony followed a pattern similar to the coronations of the kings and queens before her, being held in Westminster Abbey, and involving the peerage and clergy. However, for the new queen, several parts of the ceremony were markedly different, the coronation was the first to be televised in full.

Along a route lined with sailors, soldiers, and airmen from across the British Empire and Commonwealth, guests and officials passed in a procession before about three million spectators gathered in the streets of London, some having camped overnight in their spot to ensure a view of the monarch, and others having access to specially built stands and scaffolding along the route. For those not present to witness the event, more than 200 microphones were stationed along the path and in Westminster Abbey, with 750 commentators broadcasting descriptions in 39 languages; more than twenty million viewers around the world watched the coverage.

The procession included foreign royalty and heads of state riding to Westminster Abbey in various carriages, so many that volunteers ranging from wealthy businessmen to rural landowners were required to supplement the insufficient ranks of regular footmen. The first royal coach left Buckingham Palace and moved down the Mall, which was filled with flag-waving, cheering crowds. It was followed by the Irish State Coach carrying Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Queen Elizabeth II proceeded through London from Buckingham Palace, through Trafalgar Square, and towards the abbey in the Gold State Coach.

Preceding the Queen into Westminster Abbey was St Edward's Crown, carried into the abbey by the lord high steward of England, while the archbishops and bishops assistant (Durham and Bath and Wells) of the Church of England, in their copes and mitres, waited outside the Great West Door for Queen Elizabeth II's arrival. When she arrived at about 11:00 am, she found that the friction between her robes and the carpet caused her difficulty moving forward, and she said to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Geoffrey Fisher, "Get me started!" Once going, the procession, which included the various high commissioners of the Commonwealth carrying banners bearing the shields of the coats of arms of their respective nations, moved inside the abbey, up the central aisle and through the choir to the stage. As she prayed at and then seated herself on the Chair of Estate to the south of the altar, the bishops carried in the religious paraphernalia—the bible, paten and chalice—and the peers holding the coronation regalia.

After she moved to stand before King Edward's Chair, the Queen turned, following as Fisher, along with the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, Lord Great Chamberlain of England, lord high constable of England and Earl Marshal of the United Kingdom, all led by Garter Principal King of Arms.

The Archbishop of Canterbury asked the audience in each direction of the compass separately: "Sirs, I here present unto you Queen Elizabeth, your undoubted Queen: wherefore all you who are come this day to do your homage and service, are you willing to do the same?" The crowd would reply "God save Queen Elizabeth!" every time, to each of which the Queen would curtsey in return.

Seated again on the Chair of Estate, she then took the Coronation Oath as administered by the Archbishop of Canterbury. In the lengthy oath, she swore to govern each of her countries according to their respective laws and customs, to mete out law and justice with mercy, to uphold Protestantism in the United Kingdom and protect the Church of England and preserve its

bishops and clergy.

She was then anointed as the choir sang "Zadok the Priest"; the Queen's jewellery and crimson cape were removed and, wearing only a simple, white linen dress she moved to be seated in King Edward's Chair. There, Fisher, assisted by the dean of Westminster, made a cross on her forehead, hands and breast with holy oil. At her request, the anointing ceremony was not televised.

The Sword of State was then handed to the Queen, who, after a prayer was uttered by Fisher, placed it herself on the altar, and the peer who had been previously holding it took it back again after paying a sum of 100 shillings. She was then invested with the Armills (bracelets), Stole Royal, Robe Royal and the Sovereign's Orb, followed by the Queen's Ring, the Sovereign's Sceptre with Cross and the Sovereign's Sceptre with Dove. With the first two items on and in her right hand and the latter in her left, she was crowned by the Archbishop of Canterbury, with the crowd chanting "God save the queen!" three times at the exact moment St Edward's Crown touched the monarch's head.

With the benediction read, she moved to the throne and the Archbishop of Canterbury and all the bishops offered her their fealty, after which, the peers of the United Kingdom, led by the royal peers, her husband, Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester and Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, in order of precedence, to pay their personal homage and allegiance.



After the royal peers, the 5 most senior peers, one for each rank, offered their fealty as representatives of the peerage of the United Kingdom: Norfolk for dukes, Huntly for marquesses, Shrewsbury for earls, Arbuthnott for viscounts and Mowbray for barons.

When the last baron had completed this task, the assembly shouted "God save Queen Elizabeth. Long live Queen Elizabeth. May the Queen live for ever!" Having removed all her royal regalia, Elizabeth knelt and took the communion, including a general confession and absolution, and, along with the congregation, recited the Lord's Prayer.

Now wearing the Imperial State Crown and holding the Sceptre with the Cross and the Orb, and as the gathered guests sang "God Save the Queen", she left Westminster Abbey through the nave and apse, and out through the Great West Door.



Following the coronation, the newly crowned

Queen, accompanied by her husband, she left the Abbey precincts in the Imperial State Coach to greet the crowds from the balcony of Buckingham Palace. Within minutes of the Royal Family emerging onto the balcony the



air was filled with the sound of aircraft passing overhead in what was the first of many fly-pasts during the Queens reign which impressed everyone except one member of the Royal party, a young Princess Anne.

In 1953, the Queen and her husband embarked on a seven-month round-the-world

tour, visiting 13 countries and covering more than 40,000 miles (64,000 kilometres) by land, sea and air. She became the first reigning monarch of Australia and New Zealand to visit those nations. During the tour, crowds were immense; three-quarters of the population of Australia were estimated to have seen her. Throughout her reign, the Queen has made hundreds of state visits to other countries and tours of the Commonwealth; she is the most widely travelled head of state.

In 1956, the British and French prime ministers, Sir Anthony Eden and Guy Mollet, discussed the possibility of France joining the Commonwealth.

The proposal was never accepted and the following year France signed the Treaty of Rome, which established the European Economic Community, the precursor to the European Union.

In November 1956, Britain and France invaded Egypt in an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to capture the Suez Canal. Lord Mountbatten said the Queen was opposed to the invasion, though Eden denied it.

Eden resigned two months later. The absence of a formal mechanism within the Conservative Party for choosing a leader meant that, following Eden's resignation, it fell to the Queen to decide whom to commission to form a government.

Eden recommended she consult Lord Salisbury, the Lord President of the Council. Lord Salisbury and Lord Kilmuir, the Lord Chancellor, consulted the British Cabinet, Churchill, and the Chairman of the backbench 1922 Committee, resulting in the Queen appointing their recommended candidate: Harold Macmillan.

The Suez crisis and the choice of Eden's successor led, in 1957, to the first major personal criticism of the Queen. In a magazine, which he owned and edited, Lord Altrincham accused her of being "out of touch". Altrincham was denounced by public figures and slapped by a member of the public appalled by his comments. Six years later, in 1963, Macmillan resigned and advised the Queen to appoint the Earl of Home as prime minister, advice she followed. The Queen again came under criticism for appointing the prime minister on the advice of a small number of ministers or a single minister.

In 1957, she made a state visit to the United States, where she addressed the United Nations General Assembly on behalf of the Commonwealth. On the same tour, she opened the 23rd Canadian Parliament, becoming the first monarch of Canada to open a parliamentary session. Two years later, solely in her capacity



as Queen of Canada, she revisited the United States and toured Canada. In 1961, she toured Cyprus, India, Pakistan, Nepal, and Iran. On a visit to Ghana the same year, she dismissed fears for her safety, even though her host, President Kwame Nkrumah, who had replaced her as head of state, was a target for assassins. Harold Macmillan wrote, "The Queen has been absolutely determined all through ... She is impatient of the attitude towards her to treat her as ... a film star ... She has indeed 'the heart and stomach of a man' ... She loves her duty and means to be a Queen."

Before her tour through parts of Quebec in 1964, the press reported extremists within the Quebec separatist movement were plotting Elizabeth's assassination. No attempt was made, but a riot did break out while she was in Montreal; the Queen's "calmness and courage in the face of the violence" was noted.

The Queens pregnancies with Princes Andrew and Edward, in 1959 and 1963, mark the only times she has not performed the State Opening of the British parliament during her reign.

In addition to performing traditional ceremonies, she also instituted new practices. Her first royal walkabout, meeting ordinary members of the public, took place during a tour of Australia and New Zealand in 1970.

The 1960s and 1970s saw an acceleration in the decolonisation of Africa and the Caribbean. Over 20 countries gained independence from Britain as part of a planned transition to self-government. In 1965, however, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, Ian Smith, in opposition to moves towards majority rule, unilaterally declared independence while expressing "loyalty and devotion" to Elizabeth, declaring her "Queen of Rhodesia". Although the Queen formally dismissed him, and the international community applied sanctions against Rhodesia, his regime survived for over a decade. As Britain's ties to its former empire weakened, the British government sought entry to the European Community, a goal it achieved in 1973.

In February 1974, the British Prime Minister, Edward Heath, advised the Queen to call a general election in the middle of her tour of the Austronesian Pacific Rim, requiring her to fly back to Britain. The election resulted in a hung parliament; Heath's Conservatives were not the largest party, but could stay in office if they formed a coalition with the Liberals. Heath only resigned when discussions on forming a coalition foundered, after which the Queen asked the Leader of the Opposition, Labour's Harold Wilson, to form a government.

A year later, at the height of the 1975 Australian constitutional crisis, Australian Prime Minister, Gough Whitlam, was dismissed from his post by Governor -General Sir John Kerr, after the Opposition-controlled Senate rejected Whitlam's budget proposals. As Whitlam had a majority in the House of Representatives, Speaker Gordon Scholes appealed to the Queen to reverse Kerr's decision. She declined, saying she would not interfere in decisions reserved by the Constitution of Australia for the Governor-General. The crisis fuelled Australian republicanism.

1977 marked the Silver Jubilee of the Queens accession. Parties and events took place throughout the Commonwealth, many coinciding with her associated national and Commonwealth tours. The celebrations reaffirmed the Queen's popularity,

despite negative press coverage of Princess Margaret's separation from her husband, Lord Snowdon.

In 1978, the Queen endured a state visit to the United Kingdom by Romania's communist leader, Nicolae Ceauşescu, and his wife, Elena, though privately she thought they had "blood on their hands". The following year brought two blows: one was the unmasking of Anthony Blunt, former Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures, as a communist spy; the other was the assassination of her relative and in-law Lord Mountbatten by the Provisional IRA.

According to Paul Martin Sr., by the end of the 1970s the Queen was worried the Crown "had little meaning for" Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian prime minister. Tony Benn said the Queen found Trudeau "rather disappointing". Trudeau's supposed republicanism seemed to be confirmed by his antics, such as sliding down banisters at Buckingham Palace and pirouetting behind the Queen's back in 1977, and the removal of various Canadian royal symbols during his term of office. In 1980, Canadian politicians sent to London to discuss the patriation of the Canadian constitution found the Queen "better informed ... than any of the British politicians or bureaucrats". She was particularly interested after the failure of Bill C-60, which would have affected her role as head of state. Patriation removed the role of the British parliament from the Canadian constitution, but the monarchy was retained. Trudeau said in his memoirs that the Queen favoured his attempt to reform the constitution and that he was impressed by "the grace she displayed in public" and "the wisdom she showed in private".

During the 1981 Trooping the Colour ceremony, six weeks before the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer, six shots were fired at the Queen from close range as she rode down The Mall, London, on her horse, Burmese. Police later discovered the shots were blanks. The 17-year-old assailant, Marcus Sarjeant, was sentenced to five years in prison and released

after three. The Queen's composure and skill in controlling her mount were widely praised.

Months later, in October, the Queen was the subject of another attack while on a visit to Dunedin, New Zealand. New Zealand Security Intelligence Service documents, declassified in 2018, revealed that 17-year-old Christopher

John Lewis fired a shot with a .22 rifle from the fifth floor of a building over-looking the parade, but missed. Lewis was arrested, but never charged with attempted murder or treason, and sentenced to three years in jail for unlawful possession and discharge of a firearm. Two years into his sentence, he attempted to escape a psychiatric hospital in order to assassinate Prince Charles, who was visiting the country with Diana and their son Prince William.

From April to September 1982, the Queen's son, Prince Andrew, served with British forces in the Falklands War, for which she, like all mothers of serving

military personnel, reportedly felt anxiety and pride. After hosting US President Ronald Reagan at Windsor Castle in 1982 and visiting his California ranch in 1983, the Queen was angered when his administration ordered the invasion of Grenada, one of her Caribbean realms, without informing her.



By the end of the 1980s, the Queen had become the target of satire. The involvement of younger members of the royal family in the charity game show It's a Royal Knockout in 1987 was ridiculed. In Canada, the Queen publicly supported politically divisive constitutional amendments, prompting criticism from opponents of the proposed changes, including Pierre Trudeau. The same year, the elected Fijian government was deposed in a military coup. As monarch of Fiji, she supported the attempts of Governor-General Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau to assert executive power and negotiate a settlement. Coup leader Sitiveni Rabuka deposed Ganilau and declared Fiji a republic.

In 1991, in the wake of coalition victory in the Gulf War, the Queen became the first British monarch to address a joint meeting of the United States Congress.

In a speech on 24 November 1992, to mark her Ruby Jubilee on the throne, Elizabeth called 1992 her annus horribilis ('horrible year'). Republican feeling in Britain had risen because of press estimates of the Queen's private wealth—which were contradicted by the Palace—and reports of affairs and strained marriages among her extended family. In March, her second son, Prince Andrew, and his wife, Sarah, separated, and Mauritius removed Elizabeth as head of state; in April, her daughter, Princess Anne, divorced

Captain Mark Phillips; during a state visit to Germany in October, angry demonstrators in Dresden threw eggs at her; and, in November, a large fire

broke out at Windsor Castle, one of her official residences. In October 1997, Elizabeth and Philip made a state visit to India, which included a controversial visit to the site of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre to pay her respects. Protesters chanted "Killer Queen, go back", and there were demands for her to apologise for the action of British troops 78 years earlier. At the memorial in the park, she and the Duke paid their



respects by laying a wreath and stood for a 30 second moment of silence. As a result, much of the fury among the public softened and the protests were called off.

In November of that year, the Queen and her husband held a reception at Banqueting House to mark their golden wedding anniversary. She made a speech and praised Philip for his role as a consort, referring to him as "my strength and stay".

On the eve of the new millennium, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh boarded a vessel from Southwark, bound for the Millennium Dome. Before passing under Tower Bridge, the Queen lit the National Millennium Beacon in the Pool of London, using a laser torch. Just before midnight, the Queen officially opened the Dome. The Queen and the Duke joined Tony and Cherie Blair, in singing Auld Lang Syne, during which the Queen held hands with Philip and Tony Blair.

In 2002, Elizabeth marked her Golden Jubilee, the 50th anniversary of her accession. Her sister and mother died in February and March respectively, and the media speculated whether the Jubilee would be a success or a failure. She again undertook an extensive tour of her realms, which began in Jamaica in February, where she called the farewell banquet "memorable" after a power cut plunged the King's House, the official residence of the governor-general, into darkness. As in 1977, there were street parties and commemorative events, and monuments were named to honour the occasion.

The Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee marked 60 years on the throne, and celebrations were held throughout her realms, the wider Commonwealth, and beyond.

She and her husband undertook an extensive tour of the United Kingdom, while her children and grandchildren embarked on royal tours of other Commonwealth states on her behalf. On 4 June, Jubilee beacons were lit around the world. While touring Manchester as part of her Jubilee celebrations, the

Queen made a surprise appearance at a wedding party at Manchester Town Hall, which then made international headlines. In November, the Queen and her husband celebrated their blue sapphire wedding anniversary (65th). On 18 December, she became the first British sovereign to attend a peacetime Cabinet meeting since George III in 1781.



The Queen, who opened the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, also opened the 2012 Summer Olympics and Paralympics in London, making her the first head of state to open two Olympic Games in two countries. For the London Olympics, she played herself in a short film as part of the opening ceremony, alongside Daniel Craig as James Bond. On 4 April 2013, she received an honorary BAFTA for her patronage of the film industry and was called "the most memorable Bond girl yet" at the award ceremony.

The Queen surpassed her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, to become the longest-lived British monarch on 21 December 2007, and the longest-reigning British monarch and longest-reigning queen regnant and female head of state in the world on 9 September 2015. She became the oldest current monarch after King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia died on 23 January 2015. She later became the longest-reigning current monarch and the longest-serving current head of state following the death of King Bhumibol of Thailand on 13 October 2016, and the oldest current head of state on the resignation of Robert Mugabe on 21 November 2017.

On 6 February 2017, she became the first British monarch to commemorate a Sapphire Jubilee, and on 20 November, she was the first British monarch to celebrate a platinum wedding anniversary. Philip retired from his official duties as the Queen's consort in August 2017.

On 20 April 2018, the government leaders of the Commonwealth of Nations announced that she will be succeeded by Charles as Head of the Commonwealth.

The Queen stated it was her "sincere wish" that Charles would follow her in the role.

On 19 March 2020, the Queen moved to Windsor Castle and self-isolated there as a precaution, as the COVID-19 pandemic hit the United Kingdom. Public engagements were cancelled and Windsor Castle followed a strict sanitary protocol nicknamed "HMS Bubble". On 5 April, in a televised broadcast watched by an estimated 24 million viewers in the United Kingdom, she asked people to "take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return". She added, "we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again".

On 8 May, the 75th anniversary of VE Day, in a broadcast at 9 pm, the exact time at which her father George VI broadcast in 1945, she asked people to "never give up, never despair". In October, she carried out her first public engagement since March, and visited the UK's Defence Science and Technology Laboratory to officially open its new Energetics Analysis Centre. On 4 November, she appeared masked for the first time, during a private pilgrimage to the tomb of the Unknown Warrior at Westminster Abbey, to mark the centenary of his burial. The same month, due to the rise in the risk of COVID infection, the Queen and Prince Philip returned to Windsor Castle, where they celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary.

Philip died on 9 April 2021, making Elizabeth the first British monarch to reign as a widow or widower since Victoria. She remarked in private that his death "left a huge void". Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Queen sat alone at Philip's funeral service, which evoked sympathy from people around the

world. Despite the pandemic, she took part in the 2021 State Opening of Parliament, and hosted a reception for G7 leaders in Cornwall, as part of the 47th G7 summit. On 5 July, the 73rd anniversary of the founding of the NHS, she announced in a personal handwritten message that the NHS would be awarded the George Cross to "recognise all NHS staff, past and



present, across all disciplines and all four nations".

In October 2021, Elizabeth began using a walking stick for comfort during public engagements for the first time since her operation in 2004. On 19 October, she declined The Oldie's Oldie of the Year Award, telling nominator Gyles Brandreth in a letter: "You're only as old as you feel".

She was briefly hospitalised on 20 October, after cancelling a visit to Northern Ireland on health grounds, but left hospital the following day. She was also unable to attend the 2021 National Service of Remembrance after spraining her back; this was said to be unrelated to previous medical advice for rest. On 21 November, after returning to public duties, she attended a rare joint christening of two of her great-grandchildren at the Royal Lodge in Windsor Great Park, Berkshire. On 30 November, Barbados removed the Queen as head of state, becoming a republic. In her 2021 Christmas broadcast, the Queen paid a personal tribute to her "beloved Philip", saying, "That mischievous, inquiring twinkle was as bright at the end as when I first set eyes on him".

On 28 February, it was reported that she had recovered and spent time with her family at Frogmore. On 6 March, it was reported that the Queen had made Windsor Castle her permanent residence and would not return to live at Buckingham Palace. On 7 March, the Queen met Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at Windsor Castle, which was her first in-person engagement since her COVID diagnosis in February. She met Canada's first indigenous governor general, Mary Simon, at Windsor Castle a week later.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee began on 6 February 2022. It marks 70 years since she acceded to the throne upon her father's death. She held a reception for pensioners, local Women's Institute members and charity volunteers on the eve of the date at Sandringham House. In her Accession Day message, Elizabeth renewed her commitment to a lifetime of public service, which she originally made in 1947.

On 14 March, the Queen was unable to attend the annual Commonwealth Day service; which had a special focus on her Platinum Jubilee year. It was reported, however, this was due to mobility issues and not health-related problems, with the Prince of Wales representing her at the service.

She does not intend to abdicate, though Prince Charles, now the longest King-in-waiting, began to take on more of her duties when she entered her nineties and began carrying out fewer public engagements. The words of the National Anthem, "Long may she Reign " are as pertinent to-day as we celebrate her Platinum Jubilee as they were when first sung in 1952.

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#### Millendreath Jubilee Memories 2012



In 2012 Millendreath had a Jubilee Day Celebration (low budget), called Buddies for Basil.

Basil is a character who sits outside Driftwood on the coast path and collects money for charity. We asked everybody to create Basil a Buddie and bring a picnic to the beach for a photo shoot. The scarecrows assembled on the beach head but sadly the picnic didn't happen (weather, people working), but Black Rock, Wendron and Driftwood held a BBQ on the boat path. It was memorable.







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#### The 'Royal' Chocolate Biscuit Cake

**Courtesy Barbara Reynolds.** 

Here is a recipe from the 1950's and is believed to be Queens Elizabeth's favourite cake, It's easy to make, so try it for your Jubilee Party.

#### INGREDIENTS for the cake

½ Tsp butter for greasing the pan.
 8ozs Rich Tea Biscuits or sweet cookies.
 4ozs unsalted butter softened.

4ozs granulated sugar.

4ozs dark chocolate.

1 egg

#### For the Icing.

8ozs dark chocolate.

1oz milk chocolate for decoration



#### **PREPARATION**

- 1. Lightly grease a 6 inch by 2 1/2 inch cake ring with a little butter and place on a tray on a sheet of parchment paper.
- 2. Break each of the biscuits into almond size pieces by hand and set aside.



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#### The 'Royal' Chocolate Biscuit Cake

**Courtesy Barbara Reynolds.** 

#### **PREPARATION Cont:**

- 3. In a large bowl combine the butter and sugar until the mixture starts to lighten.
- 4. Melt the 4ozs of dark chocolate and add to the butter mixture stirring constantly.
- 5. Add the egg and beat to combine.
- 6. Fold in the biscuit pieces until they are all coated with the chocolate mixture.
- 7. Spoon the mixture into the prepared cake ring, try to fill all of the gaps on the bottom of the ring as this will be the top when it is unmoulded.
- 8. Chill the cake in the refrigerator for at least three hours.
- 9. Remove the cake from the refrigerator and let it stand 10 minutes. Meanwhile melt the 8ozs of dark chocolate over a basin of hot water on the stove on low heat. Slide the ring off the cake and turn it upside down on a cake wire.
- 11. Pour the melted chocolate over the cake and smooth with a pallet knife.
- 12. Allow the chocolate to set at room temperature.
- 13. Carefully run a knife around the bottom of the cake where the chocolate has stuck to the cake wire and lift on to a plate.
- 14 Melt the remaining 1oz of milk chocolate and use to decorate the top of the cake

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#### **Mostly Encouraging**



So far this year I have had the pleasure of seeing some of the 'not so common' birds found in and around our garden, some of which I listed in the January RSPB Survey.

The Bullfinch and Nuthatch were two most welcome – coming in to their breeding season plumage. One other rare sighting was of a bird very common in my youth – it was seen while we were travelling the lanes of St. Martin by Looe at dusk on two separate occasions. The bird in question is the beautiful Barn Owl – generally when seen on the wing the Barn Owl looks all white, but when seen up close the intricate patterns on the wings and back make it a spectacular sight, coupled with the heart shaped face mask, these features make it my favourite of all birds. I have wonderful memories of these birds which can never be replicated.

One other bird found in our garden this year was sadly a dead Tree Creeper – I found no indication as to what might have caused the death of this bird so can make no assumptions, only that most predators would

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have eaten it. I found a quiet place in our copse of trees and buried it as befits this rarely seen species.

Another delightful encounter was to welcome back the Swallows, wheeling and calling in the sky over the house, having made their epic journey from Africa. Swallows will have an increasingly hard task to keep their numbers up as it appears that their main diet of flying insects is on the decline. There are a number of reasons given for this but I don't think any one of them can be cited. Another creature seen on the wing recently were Pipistrelle Bats – they also spend most of the time on



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the wing catching flying insects – thankfully their choice of food is more diverse than that of the Swallow.

One bird I have never seen from my garden is the Red Kite but I know they are becoming a common sight in the West of Cornwall – congregating in large numbers. These large groups of birds could include some that have migrated from the Continent. A very encouraging sign is that a very reliable source tells me that a Kite was seen less than a mile from my house – consequently I have, whenever possible, been keeping a look out but nothing yet.

Watch this space.
David Keeble



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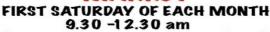
by Barbara Reynolds.

Wouldn't it be nice if once in a while we could buy our fresh bread, veg, etc, without going to the supermarket. OH of course you can at the local producer's market at No-Man's-Land hall, on the first Saturday of each month 9-30 to 12-30, where you will find some fantastic fresh local veg at such good prices and with no air miles. Fresh bread made that morning from South Coast Bakery, cakes made by the 'Light-up Committee' raising money so we can all get together at Xmas, for a light up celebration. Beautiful homemade pies, chutneys, etc, from home farm Morva. Award winning sausages from O Keefes of Pelynt, alongside some of the finest and freshest meats available anywhere, I personally can recommend the pork chops. Local potatoes from Downderry at very good prices per bag. Lars and Margo coffee grinders from Liskeard are now joining us with their very aromatic and delicious coffees. The Cornish Homestead is a regular with us, with their wonderful array of homemade soaps, so local to us no travelling at all. There is a very talented gentleman from Pelynt with his slate work which has to be seen to be appreciated. Each month we have a guest crafter join us to showcase their goods, in June we are very excited to welcome a distiller from Liskeard, with his rum and whisky, I am reliably informed his rum is very moreish; also joining us in June is an American doughnut company. Why not pay us a visit you will be surprised at what you can get, we are very lucky to have this asset in our small parish...But!!! It needs you to support it, the local producers need you to support them, without our support they have no income and the small businesses are the backbone of our country, so come along have a look maybe have a coffee and browse and free parking.



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## History Snippet - Surnames from the Looe Charters By Jenny Wallis

Local history sources are being plundered by genealogists for evidence of family history. It would be a good idea to compile a dictionary of local surnames. So I made a start by studying the original Borough Charter of Looe, granted by Lucy **Russel**, Lady of Pendrym, in about 1200 and re-affirmed by Oto de **Bodrugan** in 1320.

This was before surnames became passed on as family names and a man could be described by his job, his home, his appearance or station in life. So the charter mentions John of **Trenoda**, Turstan of **Hendresuk** (Hendersick), Wymund of **Hay** and Richard of **Kylgadh** (Killigarth). The portreeve was Richard of **Bokenver** and the document was compiled by John the **Clerk**. Thomas the **Tailor** had a field in Shutta and Henry de **Lym** had an orchard near the station next to John **Dyala**'s field. Nicholas and Roger both came from **Lomond**.

Henry had come from Lym. **Lym** is an old British name for a river running by elm trees. South-east of Looe Beach we still have rocks called Limmicks. Before the water level rose this was where the river from Millendreath ran along to join the Looe river. It became tidal and powered the mill. A wick was a small settlement (from Latin vicus) often associated with salt-making.

Nicholas and Roger came from **Lomond**. This is another British word for an elm river. It also appears as Lemon, Lymn, Lemene, and we find the manor west of Looe was still called Lemaine in 1840.



## History Snippet - Surnames from the Looe Charters By Jenny Wallis

As all official documents were written in Latin, this would have been written as Lamannae. Nicholas and Roger came from Hannafore!

But where did John **Dyala** get his name? He appears on a list of burgesses who had been withholding rent. Thomas **Forst** was a barrel-maker (Norman-French) but the others were a mystery. At this time the landowners were French-speaking invaders from Normandy with Anglo-Saxon in-comers lording it over the Cornish speakers. And the clerk wrote it in Latin! But Cornish was still spoken.

Here is the list of names as found **phonetically** in the **Cornish** dictionary.

John **Dyala.** chi halow house in a marsh John **Hadmer.** hedh mor stop the sea Reginald **Chepman**. shap min shape borders

Adam **Jerman**. gyrr min complaints about boundary

John **Vigros**. *meur grys* higher position

Thomas **Fountayn.** fowt tewen diminishing sand dunes

John **Symon**. syghan a dry place

It looks as if these burgesses' complaints have gone down in history as their surnames! The encroaching tide was causing unrest and swamping the old town.

When Lucy **Russel** built her chapel in 1200AD, now on the sea-front, it was a long way from the tide-line. **Russells** still own large estates. I don't think they all still have red hair! But the tide is still coming in!

Jenny Wallis (Celtic foreigner)

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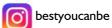
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Class tutor Amanda Brier said: "Heather made a beautiful bowl after attending only three pottery sessions. I often hear learners refer to using clay as 'therapeutic', and I think they are right. Many studies show that working with clay can help reduce anxiety, depression and stress."



Cllr Andy Virr, Cornwall Council member for Adults and Public Health, said: "I'd highly recommend that everyone considers how they can keep learning as they get older. This supports the council's priority that people should live in vibrant, safe and supportive communities where people help each other to live and age well.

"Learning a new skill is a recognised way to keep the mind active as we age and joining a class in your community helps people make connections to more people and places where they live. This in turn helps to reduce isolation and loneliness which is often associated with people needing more intense care and support as they get older. Portfolio holder for Children and Families, Councillor Barbara Ellenbroek has responsibility for Adult education. She said: "It's great to hear about Heather's experience and just goes to show the wealth of benefits of taking part in one of our Adult Education courses. There's something for everyone so I'd urge everyone to have a look on Cornwall Council's website.



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