# St Martin-by-Looe News



## Winter 2018

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#### **Contributions**

We always welcome contributions from people living in the Parish. If you would like to air your views on a particular subject or have a photograph or piece of artwork for the front cover please get in touch with The Clerk.

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#### **Parish Council Update**



#### Welcome to the Winter 2018 edition

The last edition of 2018, and what a year it has been, a snowy winter, a beautiful summer, and a county in turmoil, oh well never mind we can't have it all!

I have been asked to point out that this magazine contains paid for advertising, which helps fund projects not paid for out of the Parish Council Precept, over the last 5 years a profit of £1500 has been put aside to help fund projects like the Christmas Light Up, the annual maintenance of a defibrillator which is about to be installed on the village hall and into a fund for play equipment should the proposed playground ever get built, so thank you advertisers for supporting us, and thank you for supporting them. In this edition you will find a Christmas recipe, an amazing history snippet, hall reports and a whole lot more.

The deadline for the next edition is February 15<sup>th</sup> 2019, please send in anything you wish to be printed to Charles Hyde by email to stmartinpc1@btinternet.com.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.



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#### **Parish Council Update**



#### **Planning Applications**

Applications were received for: Use of buildings as single dwellings with parking and amenity at Pine Cottage and Pine Cottage Annexe, Millendreath.

Certificate of lawfulness for permanent living residence at 68 Hillside Villas, Millendreath.

#### **Donations**

The Parish Council agreed to give the following donations: Cruse Bereavement Care £50. Cornwall Hospice Care £100.

#### **Fingerposts**

Sadly only one week after installation a finger was broken off the new fingerpost at Keveral, the repair cost the Parish Council £154.60. Unfortunately the cost was under our insurance excess so could not be claimed, if you ever see a fingerpost being damaged, please take the vehicles registration number and report to the Clerk.

#### **Highways Projects**

Two highways projects have been submitted to Cornwall Council via the Community Network Panel for consideration. They are: a footpath and fence around the grass verges at the entrance to the estate and the painting of double yellow lines in the tuning space, both at Holland Road.

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#### **Parish Council Update**



#### Parish Defibrillator

It has been agreed by the Parish Council to have the Defibrillator which was located in Looe, (but no longer used), to be relocated to No Man's Land Memorial Hall. This unit was donated by The Morval Vintage Rally team and it is fitting that it is being relocated to the Parish. The defibrillator will be operated by FLEET and training will be arranged for all Parishioners at a later date.

#### Mr. Len Belcher

It is with much sadness that we have been informed that Len passed away. The Parish Council were grateful for all of his hard work maintaining the grounds around the old well and for his contribution to the Light up St Martin's Parish project. Our condolences go to Mrs. Belcher.

#### **Parish Council Meetings**

Monthly meetings take place at the Memorial Hall at No Man's Land, normally at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of the month, however please check noticeboards or our website for dates. Requests to speak during Public Participation need to be made to the Clerk 48 hours in advance, however the Chairman may allow items on the night, but this is not guaranteed. Contact details are on page 2.







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#### **Date & Walnut Cake**

Pour 1 breakfast cup of boiling water over 8oz chopped dates. Add 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda and leave to stand while the following are mixed.

8oz caster sugar, 3oz butter, 1 teaspoon vanilla essence, 10oz plain flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, half a teaspoon salt, 2oz chopped walnuts.

Add above ingredients to date mixture and bake 35-60 minutes in a moderate oven

#### **Topping**

5 tablespoons brown sugar, 2 tablespoons butter, 2 tablespoons cream. Boil together for three minutes then pour over cake. Sprinkle top of cake with some chopped walnuts to decorate.

To give a real zing to this lovely cake. drizzle a little Drambuie, or perhaps Brandy, over this baked cake prior to topping, and try eating with Cornish Cream or Ice Cream!

#### \*\*\*\*Prizes for your recipes\*\*\*\*

Let us have one or more of your favourite recipes for starters, or main courses, or sweets/cakes and we will select from all the entries a first, second and third prize winner!

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#### No Man's Land Village Hall



The committee would like to thank residents for their cooperation during the closure of the car park. The white lines that define the car park spaces have been repainted and the boundary has had a facelift.

The recent annual Jumble Sale in aid of The Children's Hospice S.W. was very well attended. There were loads of bargains to be had and £558.01 was raised for this very worthwhile charity.

Many thanks to all the people who helped and those who donated goods, we couldn't do it without you.

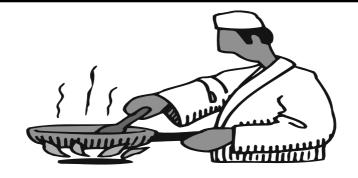
The Christmas Fayre this year is on Saturday 8th December. This event is very popular. There will be lots of varied stalls,mince pies and cream and Father Christmas is expected to arrive with gifts for the local children. If you are interested in having a stall, please contact Roberta on 01503 240650.

**Don't forget the Christmas Bingo!** There will be, as always, some fantastic prizes and a cash house to be won. This year it is on **Friday 14th December.** Doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 8pm. Come and try your luck.

The Committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2019!



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#### The Langdons of Keverall

A History Snippet by Jenny Wallis



Walter Langdon

Langdon was north of Launceston, C13th Priory records show that Robert de Langdon had acquired a manor, Halford, in Devon, and that his son Robert donated land there to the Priory. The family crest shows a lizard. Their name had been Lesard, with Norman origins, but they soon associated themselves with their new homelands.

Langdons served on juries for Priory Courts. In 1327 Baldwin de Langdon was in Launceston and in 1389 John witnessed an agreement involving Beal's Mill in Stoke Climsland.

By C15th the family are simply 'Langdon' and William is empanelled onto a jury when Richard II intervenes in a land-grab in Trefrize near Linkinhorn. The Langdons are well established in Keverall by 1522, Robert Langdon of "Seynt Martyn Juxta loe Parish" heads the rich list. Assessed at £66.13.4 he is worth more than Pendrym and Bucklawren put together! The information is recorded in the Muster Roll when able parishioners were required by law to present themselves at church with their military equipment. The 1569 Muster decreed that any man whose wife wore silk gowns, velvet bonnets and gold necklaces had to provide a military-grade horse with full armour. Sure enough John Langdon turns up on "a light gelding furnished". I wonder what the 26 billmen and archers thought of that!

By 1612 Keverall had a deer park and a big house. A Walter Langdon re-arranged the church so his family their own side aisle with a new opening in the wall to see the vicar - and pews displaying their coat of arms.

The Langdons were Royalists. In 1628 Walter was held in the Tower by Parliament. Charles I secured his release. His son Walter raised a troop in the Civil War which surrendered to Fairfax at Pendennis.

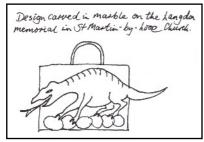
Back in the Parish Walter Langdon (1638) was reviewing the bounds of Bucklawren where there was a dispute about Chubb's hopyard and water leat. In 1661 a Walter Langdon was collecting the Hearth Tax for the Parish. Walter Junior has 15 hearths at Keveral.



Rhoda Langdon

#### The Langdons of Keverall

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Walter married Rhoda Martin. They were childless. Walter commissioned a huge marble monument from Nicholas Abrahams to be erected in the church. He died in 1676 "last of the lyne on that Honnorable, Ancient and Loyall family". He is buried under the marble.

He and Rhoda are portrayed on the structure - portraits of past parishioners!

Rhoda remarried a Buller of Morval. Keverall was abandoned. A ceiling is said to be in ST Germans and there had been a portico. The memorial somewhat sidelined, is still stunning.

And NO! It is not Dippy the Dinosaur! It's the lizard from the coat of arms of an aspiring family who came over with William the Conqueror and left their mark on our Parish. (Some spellings are as they were in those times).

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With the arrival of the wet and windy season, residents and landowners are being advised to check on their trees to make sure they don't pose a hazard to others.

Owners have a legal responsibility to make sure trees which border public areas - such as roads and schools - are in a safe condition. And while they play an important role in our environment, trees that pose a threat to public safety due to their poor condition will require work to ensure they are safe.

It is essential that trees growing adjacent to the highway are inspected regularly, explained Matthew Odgers-Brown, Cornwall Council's Tree Safety Officer.

"Dead trees, broken hanging branches and trees affected by decay fungi represent a potentially serious hazard to motorists and other road users " he said.

"If you haven't already done so, now is a particularly good time to carry out any necessary work. It is outside the nesting period and, with trees having shed their leaves, it is easier to see deadwood and any decay when inspecting."

The Council has powers under the Highway Act to ensure tree owners make their trees safe in cases where they are a threat to the highway, explained Councillor Sue James, Cornwall Council's portfolio holder for environment and public protection.

"While we do have the option of legal action, we would much rather landowners took preventative measures and avoid a potentially serious incident," she said.



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#### Parnsip Rosti

bbc.com By Matt Tebbutt From Christmas Kitchen



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Preparation time: less than 30 mins Cooking time: 10 to 30 mins Serves: 4. Dietary: Vegetarian

#### Ingredients

300g/10½oz parsnips, grated 300g/10½oz sweet potatoes, arated

Pinch dried chilli flakes

1 small bunch fresh coriander. leaves reserved, stalks finely chopped

1 garlic clove, crushed

½ tsp ground coriander

½ tsp ground cumin

1 tsp black onion seeds

1–2 tbsp plain flour

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#### Method

- **1.** Put all the ingredients, apart from the oil, yogurt and harissa, in a large bowl and mix to combine. The mixture should hold together. It it doesn't, add an extra tablespoon of flour. Using your hands, divide the mixture into four and shape into 8cm/3½in flat rounds.
- **2.** Place a large frying pan over a medium heat, add the oil and fry each rosti on both sides until golden and crisp. The rostis will probably need to be cooked in batches. If so, place the cooked rosti on a plate lined with kitchen paper and keep warm in an oven on a low temperature until ready to serve.
- 3. Mix the yogurt and harissa in a small bowl.

To serve, put the rosti on serving plates and spoon the harissa yogurt over the top.

#### Looe Police Station contact number.

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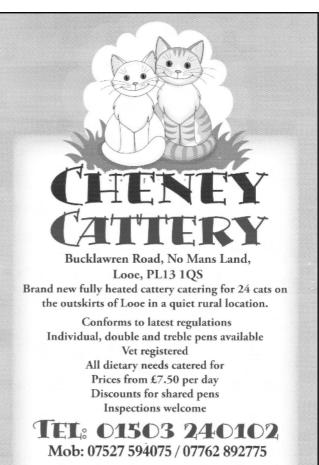
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#### The Good and the Bad



By now most people will have noticed a distinct chill in the air, temperatures are down most days to single figures. To compensate for the need to put more layers of clothes on, nature gives us treats to savour - Autumn colours in trees and hedgerows, fruit and berries of many kinds. These help birds and animals survive the coming Winter, either by fattening up or by stashing – most common is the Grey Squirrel hiding nuts of all kinds in all sorts of places above and below ground.

Many small mammals and birds do exactly the same but not all can guarantee locating their stashes or from having them raided by a hungry rival.

Frequent visitors to our garden over the last couple of weeks have been a pair of Jays taking away the falling chestnuts. We also have benefited from the bounty by picking and storing many kilos of nuts and are now enjoying roasting them on our wood burner.

Another fruit that we have been enjoying is from our apple trees – by far the largest amount of apples we have ever had and mostly all in good condition. We have now found most ways of storing, eating and cooking the fruit, even resorting to long lost forgotten Granny's recipes.

The windfalls from the trees are also attracting wild things of all kinds – Pheasants, Crows, Blackbirds and even the odd Seagull is tempted – but much to the dismay of my wife, large numbers of Wasps have also found this abundant food source.

This abundance of fruit and nuts is possibly due to the extremes of weather we have had this year – from the Beast from the East to the Heatwave – this has provided the right conditions for the bumper crop – a good thing.

On the other hand, a not so pleasing occurrence is a story reported in the press in October has me greatly alarmed as it relates to an animal that I have written about many times and is top of the list of my favourite British mammals





#### The Good and the Bad Cont:



The story refers to the possibility of transference of the Myxomatosis virus from the wild Rabbit population to our already endangered Brown Hare – if this is confirmed it would indeed be a tragedy. When this disease was introduced in to the British Isles in 1953 it killed 99% of our wild Rabbits.....



...If this was to happen to the Hare it could see the end of this species in the UK. Already persecuted by 'so called' Sportsmen with guns and dogs, this enigmatic animal will disappear from our countryside, only to be seen on calendars, tea towels and coffee mugs.

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