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The magazine is printed quarterly and has a circulation of 300 copies which are hand delivered to every home in the Parish.

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 Summer 2015 edition of the Parish Magazine, This edition sees the return of Jenny Wallis's great history snippets, which was missed last month. Information on the Morval Rally, a tasty recipe, a quiz and so much more. Thank to my contributors, without whom this magazine would not be published. A usual if you have anything you want to contribute for the next issue please send them to me, contact details on page 2. Charles Hyde, Editor.

Planning Applications

Applications recieved for the refurbishemnt of existing chalets and the demolition of Seahorses at Millendreath Holiday village. The use of land for caravan storage at Trgoad Caravan and Camping Park.

Donations

A donation of £50 was made to Cornwall Air Ambulance, and a donation of £100 was made to Millendeath in Bloom.

Annual Audit of Accounts.

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Parish Council Update

The Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meetings.

Both meetings took place on 2nd April 2015, and 14th May respectively. Minutes of both meetings are available on the website. Councillor Henly was once again voted in a Chairman and Councillor Powley Vice- Chairman.

No Man's land Historic Well

Mr. Belcher has kindly volunteered to maintain the area around the historic well. Our thanks go to him for all his hard work.

Parish Council Meetings.

You are always welcome to attend the Parish council meetings which are held in the Memorial Hall, No Man's Land. They usually are held on the first Thursday of each month but please check the noticeboards. Requests to speak during Public Participation need to be submitted to the Clerk by post or email at least 48 hours in advance.

Quz answers.

Juniper, 2. Turmeric. 3. A folded over pizza. 4. A Cheeses. 5. Sherry
 Beanz means Heinz. 7. 4 inches. 8. A meteor. 9. The fast speed of its beating wings. 10. A Reindeer.

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No Man's Land Memorial Hall

Thanks go to Councillor Armand Toms for awarding a grant through his Community Grant Scheme to decorate the kitchen in the Hall. Thanks also to Mr Morley Stevens for carrying out the work.

Both the Easter Bingo and the recent Jumble Sales were a success. The committee propose to erect a table and some bench seats in the garden adjacent to the Hall.

This will hopefully be used by the local community as a focal point to bring people together or to just to sit and enjoy.

Applicants are being invited to tender to maintain all the grassy areas within the Hall grounds. May to September on a weekly basis and October through to April monthly or as needed. All clippings are to be removed and proof of public liability insurance will be required.

Tenders to be submitted, in writing, by the 30th June to the secretary, Mrs Kate Humphreys, 16, Holland Road, No Man's Land, PL13 1QP.

Diary Dates:

Jumble Sale; Saturday 27th June at 2.30pm. The Annual Flower Show; Saturday 8th August.

If you wish to hire the Hall or enquire about any forthcoming events, please contact Mrs Roberta Powley on 01503 240650.

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2015 Morval Vintage Rally Bray Farm, Nomansland, Looe

August Bank holiday weekend 29th, 30th, 31st August 2015 Gates open 10am each day. FREE Parking.

This years Morval Vintage Steam Rally will include:

- Live Music all weekend
 - Hot food all weekend
- vintage cars and motorcycles
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 - Bouncy Castle
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 - Commercial Vehicles
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 - Big Steam
 - Trade Stands
 - Craft Tent
 - Charity Stalls
 - Face Painting
 - Falconry Display
 - Working Dog Display
 - Entertainment for adults and children.

Rally 10.30am - 6pm each day. Admission: adults £5, Children over seven £3, Under 7s Free. This years charity is FLEET (Front Line Emergency Equipment

39th Morval Vintage Rally

August 29th 30th & 31st sees the weekend of the 39th Morval Rally held at Bray Farm, No Man's Land.

When the rally first started it was a group of people who met to try to raise funds for Morval church, how things have moved on; now we work for Cornish charities or charities to that best help the people of Cornwall .

New last year, we are again having a Cornish tent which was very popular and a great success, so hopefully there will be much more in it this year.

All the normal rally activities will be there and things are in hand for more and different activities this year.

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History Snippet - Life on the Hedge

Our hedgerows look just glorious, especially in June. But they also preserve plantlife and tick all those eco-boxes about bio-diversity and sustainability. Some of our hedges are prehistoric – but look just like a hedge! Dating hedges makes a stroll down the lane just that little bit more interesting. So here are some pointers.

The first hedges were big turfbanks. Some followed the contours of hills. This let stormwater seep slowly into the valley to prevent flash floods – a practice that could be usefully revived! Others cordoned off areas of woodland and had a deep ditch to keep deer away. Turf was cut and banked up – so I suppose the builders were grazing sheep to create turf. The hedges could be planted with useful timber and brushwood. Boundary hedges became pathways. There is a ghost of one in Millendreath were spindle (not a Cornish plant) still reminds us of the great knowledge of our forefathers who grew it there to provide the wood for mill machinery.

Original Saxon 'fields' had no hedges but were arranged in cultivation strips with headlands (Cornish 'vorends'). These were gradually turned into 'closes' as agricultural demands evolved. These enclosures are now called fields! And the hedgelines often reflect



History Snippet - Life on the Hedge

the pattern of the strips and headlands.

These new hedges has to be stockproof. In C17th the new timber arrived – sickummer- from Turkey and the samplings were 'laid' to form a 'plashed' hedge on top of a turfbank. Evidence of this can still be found in the parish and sycamores still seed everywhere! The C18th scientific initiatives brought a new idea in hedges. The banks would be straightened where necessary and planted with holly, ash and oak.

The holly formed a stockproof hedge if cut regularly. The leaves were milled for winter fodder. The ash was coppiced to provide poles for construction and oak provided timber. The new manor house lands at Pendrym were laid out at this time.

Sheep were traditionally 'folded' in hurdles! Hazel for the hurdles came from coppices usually planted on hillsides. But by C19th sheep were being over wintered with turnips and kept in fields. Sheep could climb banks. So Sheepfield banks were faced with vertical stones.



Politaen Country House in the beautiful Looe Valley at Sandplace

History Snippet - Life on the Hedge

The fishing industry wanted more hazel for securing barrels so many hedges were planted solely with hazel. These had to be cut regularly or the tree would keel over and breach the hedge.

My favourite hedge is on the parish boundary and was coppiced chestnut. It was planted in C17th when Mr. Chubb had a hopgarden there. Chestnut was planted for hop-poles. One tree in now the biggest tree in the parish – or can you find a bigger one!

Jenny Wallis

A short Quiz

- 1. The berries of what shrub-like plant are used to make gin?
- 2. What is the ingredient that turns curry yellow?
- 3. What is calzone?
- 4. What is port salut?
- 5. What drink is produced in the Spanish town of jerez?
- 6. What did a million housewives say every day in the 1970s?
- 7. How high is an equine hand?
- 8. What is a shooting star?
- 9. What makes a humming bird hum?
- 10. What deer is not a deer but a member of the caribou family?

Answers on page 4.



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Cornwall Council Tenants News

All 10,300 Cornwall Council tenants will soon receive a census questionnaire to update their household details in preparation for the change to Housing Benefit and the introduction of new online services. The census, named 'Everyone Matters' will be sent out from 15 June and will require all households to let the housing service know what help they need to be ready for changes ahead. Universal Credit, the single monthly payment for people in or out of work which is being introduced by the Government, merges together some benefits and tax credits. Universal Credit will replace: Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance; Income-related Employment and Support Allowance; Working Tax Credit; Child Tax Credit; Income Support; and Housing Benefit. Tenants will be asked to update their personal details, indicate if they have access to the internet and inform Cornwall Housing of what help they need to prepare for the introduction of Universal Credit.

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Looe Bathing Waters Project

The new Looe Bathing Waters Project is up & running! The project, funded through the Environment Agency's Catchment Partnership Action Fund is going to be working with local businesses, residents & holidaymakers to help protect & improve the bathing waters in Looe & Seaton. The Cornwall Wildlife Trust has appointed a Community Engagement Officer who will be based in the town all summer, working with tourists & locals alike.

Amelia Bridges, Community Engagement Officer said:

"I'm really excited to get started with this project in Looe. Growing up here means that the project is close to my heart & I'd love to help protect the beaches & bathing waters in any way I can. The aims of this project are to encourage businesses and the public to make positive changes by informing them about what to flush & pour down the drains."

The project arose due to the implementation of more stringent EU bathing water standards coming into effect in 2015. Looe & Seaton both have histories of fluctuating water quality levels due to pollu



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Looe Bathing Waters Project

tion from several sources including agricultural runoff and urban pollution from within the catchment area. The Looe Bathing Waters Project ties in with the on-going East Looe Catchment project that's been working with farmers in the catchment for the past 2 years. Amelia Bridges says: "We're hoping that by tying the Looe Bathing Waters Project in with the work carried out by the Cornwall Wildlife Trust higher up in the catchment, we'll be able to make a positive difference to protect the bathing water quality". To find

out more about the project, keep your eyes peeled for updates on social media via the East Looe Town Trust & Looe Marine Conservation Group Facebook and/or Twitter pages. Alternatively, call Amelia on 07442 539339 or email:amelia.bridges@cornwallwildlife trust.org.uk.



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Recipe - Naughty But Nice

6 OZS BUTTERPLUS EXTRA TO GREASE

6 OZS DARK MUSCAVADO SUGAR

3 TBSP GOLDEN SYRUP

2 EGGS BEATEN

4 OZS SELF RAISING FLOUR

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Pre heat oven to 180c/350f grease 2 pint pudding basin

Heat 2ozs butter 2ozs sugar and syrup in pan over low heat until smooth, pour half the sauce into basin put rest of sauce to one side. Melt rest of butter and sugar in heavy based pan remove from heat. Cool for ten minutes add eggs.

Sift flour and salt into large bowl make a well in the middle pour in melted mixture and stir until combined spoon into basin

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Looking Skyward

After watching birds in my garden for many years I have logged in excess of forty different types – some stopping off to feed, take a rest or in a number of cases, build a nest and raise young. Some years are better than others for successful breeding – this year has been fair but not excep



tional. Robins, Wrens, Blackbirds, Blue Tits, Great Tits and Magpies have all raised broods – one sorry story is that of a pair of Fieldfares who built a nest in a tall elm, only to have their chicks taken by a pair of Carrion Crows. I hope they go on to produce a second brood at a less exposed site.

While counting birds that visit the garden there also have been many species seen flying overhead – these birds include Peregrine Falcon, Raven, Geese and many types of sea bird. There is one bird however that so far has not reached my neck of the woods – this bird has made a successful recovery from the brink of extinction helped by the reintroduction of birds from the continent.

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Looking Skyward

Once common throughout the British Isles, even in the city streets of medieval London, this bird feeds mainly on carrion, scavenging on dead or dying flesh of any kind. The bird is the Red Kite - not a name most people have heard but well known in bird watching circles. It can be identified when in flight by its long wings, forked tail and reddish brown body. Comparison can be made with the common Buzzard but the Kite has a far more graceful appearance. When seen up close it has exquisite markings making it a truly handsome bird. This elegant bird of prey was persecuted by land owners and their game keepers for taking young game birds, unfortunately illegal poisoning still remains the main cause of unnatural deaths to this day. With help the Red Kite is spreading throughout Britain and there are some 600 breeding pairs recorded in all parts. Many birds have reached the South West and sightings are frequent – I have been fortunate enough to see a Kite in the Glynn Valley – it can only be a matter of time until a bird is seen in the sky above St. Martins. Written by David Keeble



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