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# **Parish Council Update**



#### Welcome to the Autumn 2023 Edition.

Autumn has started early this year, already the Virginia Creeper is bright red and some leaves are falling, after such a hot start, the summer turned into a bit of a damp squid, let's hope for some late summer sunshine, we all need it.

In this issue you will find the usual history and nature articles, a tasty autumn recipe, advice on help for debt, a timely warning about using sky lanterns, together with what's happening in your hall this autumn/winter. The next issue will be the winter edition with a deadline of October 13<sup>th</sup>. I'd love some help with local news and events, just send anything in!

## Please help your magazine

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## **Planning Applications**

The following Planning Application were received for consideration by the Parish Council: A Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use: Use of land as amenity space associated with caravan park. Looe Country Park The formation of car parking area, ancillary to existing holiday yurt accommodation. Land South of Penvith Cottage.

Conversion of existing barn to dwelling house and associated works. Land North East of Penhale Farm.

Application for non-materiel amendment to Application PA21/11900, PA21/0685, PA19/04703 for use and reconfiguration of parts of existing holiday park to allow for the stationing of lodge caravans for holiday use. Change of layout. Tregoad Caravan and Camping Park.

Kilmartin, Millendreath, PA23/01183 (Cont: on page 5)

This application was considered by the Strategic Planning Committee at their meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> August. Despite a sterling effort by Councillor Lawes,

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#### **Kilmartin Cont:**

County Councillor Armand Toms and The Clerk, the application was sadly approved. All the evidence presented regarding the cliff erosion, over development and overwhelming local objection was disregarded.

This is very disappointing as many hours were put in by Simon to build a convincing case against future development at Millendreath, the redundant sewage outfall into the sea is disintegrating fast and the protection it gives the cliff face will be significantly reduced.

#### **Annual Audit Report**

The internal auditor has completed the audit of the Parish Council accounts; the only issue raised was that the Fixed Asset Register was incorrectly entered at last years £12,500 instead if £16,500. This has been amended and uploaded on to the Website with an explanation.

#### **Parish Council Monthly Meetings**

They 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 our noticeboards, social media or website for dates. Requests to speak during Public Participation need to be made to the Clerk 48 hours in advance by email: **stmartinpc1@btinternet.com** or text 07763 364809.







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# No Man's Land Hall News

Many thanks must go to Tracy and Morwenna Chudleigh for their hard work in organising the recent Flower and Produce Show at the Hall and all the people who helped make this event a success (despite the unseasonal rain and wind.) The



organisers were especially disappointed at the lack of entries in the children's sections this year. its a shame as the Hall is there for everyone and if not supported it may not be around to benefit the generations to come. Use it or lose it!!

# Forthcoming events:

Produce Market - every first Saturday of each month
Harvest Festival - Saturday 7th October 6pm

Jumble Sale - in aid of Macmillan, Sat 28th October 2.30pm
Remembrance Sunday - Service 12th November at 2pm
followed by a faith tea

**Christmas lights -** switch on Saturday 2nd December after the Produce Market.

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 9th December 2.30pmChristmas Bingo - 15th December 7pm for 8pm

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# No Man's Land Hall News

This article is printed in the Nut Tree, the Deviock Parish Mag. The Parish Council has not been informed, however as it could affect our parish we thought it should be included our Parish Mag. This has been copied word for word from the Nut Tree.

"Cornwall Council are to adopt the "Dark Skies" proposal which means switching off all street lights in areas except where there is a town centre, a high built up area and those places with high crime rates. The lights will be off from midnight to 5am. This does include small villages and housing estates. Street and road safety lighting will stay on. This will start in Autumn/Winter of 2023. Further information can be found on the Cornwall Council website".

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# No Man's Land Hall - Chairman's Report

We have had another successful year, with well attended events and lots of private bookings. Last years' Jubilee celebrations went down very well and the concert given by the "Burraton Boys" was particularly well attended. We were delighted to welcome them back for our Coronation celebrations in June of this year. The summer flower show was once again well supported with a high standard of exhibits. We have spent a lot of money this year on updating the Hall electrics, new front doors and white lining the car park. Many thanks to our hard working committee and we welcome Jayne and Teresa to our ranks. We are always looking for new members so, if you can spare a few hours every month and help keep the Hall a thriving hub for the community, please contact one of the Hall Committee. I would like to express my personal thanks to everyone

who rallied round to keep the spring flower show going after I was taken so ill, thankfully I have made a full recovery and am now happily back at work. Once again we look forward to more events at the Hall in the forthcoming year.

Please support your local community venue - use it or lose it. Many thanks Tracy Chudleigh.

# Coffee Morning for Macmillan

Friday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> in the hall 10 till 1

We would love to run a raffle but we need some help with prizes, if you can donate a prize please contact Barbara Reynolds.

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# **Suncream or Brollies?**

By Dave Keeble

We Brits are often accused of being fixated with talking about the weather but can you wonder at it given the changes we have had over the last few months. First came the very hot dry period with farmers fearing for their crops and animal feed - also those of us with gardens to care for, coupled with the hose pipe ban, resulted in more than a little anxiety.



After watching lawns and other green areas turning brown and thinking 'will they ever get back to the verdant colour that we expect', well, no need to worry as next came the rain and plenty of it. That resulted in the wettest few weeks at that time of year recorded for a very long time.

The last piece of weather related information I have to mention is Storm Antoni, with it's high wind and heavy rain was the first to be named by the Met Office this season. Many people living locally suffered some kind of damage — clearing up the debris with fallen trees in the area caused considerable disruption.

Recalling more pleasant memories from the last few months – on a visit to a beautiful location on the Isle of Wight while walking around the garden of Quarr Abbey - we spotted a Goldcrest, sometimes referred to as the Golden Crested Wren, busily hunting for insects in the bark of a tree. We were very fortunate to see it as this bird can be quite elusive.

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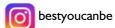
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Another very pleasant memory was seeing a large number of Swifts flying over an adjacent field to our house – they had obviously found a food source arising from the meadow. This spectacle went on for some hours but our time sitting on the garden bench was limited – back to the chores in hand. Other sightings in the garden included a pair of Jays with two young, a pair of Carrion Crows, also with young, four in total, which are all still visiting on a daily basis. The Crows have been visiting for many weeks now, firstly just the adults and then the fledglings – the young birds constantly harassing the adults to be fed was quite a sight and very noisy. One other visitor who has been quietly using the garden to feed is a young rabbit – nowhere near fully grown, we feel quite responsible for this little animal as they can become the victim of many natural predators, as well as roaming neighbourhood cats.

Our grandchildren were very excited when informed that our hedgehog house has been occupied for two or three weeks – quite naturally they wanted to see the little hog but I have to limit the sightings to just a glipse of the prickly creature among it's bed of hay.

A foot note to my last piece in an earlier edition of the Parish Magazine about a Barn Owl – I have now seen the Owl myself on location at my daughters farm – sadly just the one bird but it is encouraging. I will be getting updates and am always hopeful.

David Keeble

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# **Fascinating Facts - Mini History Snippets**

**By Jenny Wallis** 

The **Signal** at **Penhale** used to relay information about shipping to Plymouth Dock via Maker church tower, using flags and balls and lights. Then the telegraph was invented.

The war memorial in No Mans Land was originally funded and erected by the children at Great Tree school for Queen Victoria's Jubilee. The Great Tree had fallen down so they planted a new one - a beech instead of a chestnut.

The **Holiday village at Millendreath** was going to be an all-year-round venue for Welsh miners. Plans included a sanatorium. All the properties were converted into flats and a clubhouse built, The Gwalia. But the project foundered. The miners left before any of the chalets were built.

Parishioners used to bring children to **lime kilns.** Fumes cured whooping cough, eased bronchitis and 'racked up the phlegm'! Fake news is not new.

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In 1896 the **School at Great Tree** went into special measures! So Mabel Pearce was paid 1/6 per annum as a monitoress; the head's wife was paid £2 a year to teach sewing. A porch was built for a basin and roller towel! Wesley Crab of Frogmore was absent. He had eaten too many nuts and sloes - stones and all!

In Elizabethan times a Poor House was built with a subsistence garden near the church - called **Halt's Cottage**. Barbican Road was built right through its garden, leaving the property on the side of the highway today.

In 1566 William Lamb was appointed **vicar at St Martin's**. He had spent time in the stocks at Duloe for goings-on in the chamber above the buttery in St Keyne. He claimed he was married to Flizabeth White!

Once **a whale** washed up at Millendreath. A local man got a ladder to go and cut it up. He slipped and fell in the carcass - and nearly suffocated!

**Osbert de Treveria** up-graded his watermill at Skreek without planning permission. He had to dismantle it. This was in 1220 in the reign of Henry III.

**The Pendrym Cross** was found in a barn wall at Tregoad. A field called Pendrym Cross Park is nearby. The cross is in the museum. Once it marked the way to church.

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- 1. Heat the oil in a large, lidded saucepan over a medium-high heat. Add the onion and carrots and cook until softened. Stir in the ginger, garlic and chilli flakes and fry for 2-3 minutes, or until fragrant.
- 2. Stir in the sweet potatoes and stock. Turn up the heat and bring the pan to the boil. Reduce the heat to low and simmer with the lid on for 15 minutes, or until the sweet potato is tender.
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Once alight, they float gently upwards and will drift away on the wind. As the fuel cell runs out they land but they can remain hot for a while afterwards. Depending on the strength of the wind they can drift for several miles and can reach nearly one kilometre in height.

Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service are calling on members of the public to avoid using these lanterns due to the damage that they can cause through fire and injury to wildlife.

"Cornwall Council has already banned the launching of sky lanterns from its land, and would urge other landowners and venues across Cornwall to do the same.

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