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Parish Council Update



Welcome to the Spring 2022 Edition.

Pandemic, possible war and terrifying storms, what is there to look forward to? Well lots, spring in Cornwall can be beautiful, we have so many lovely places on our doorstep to lift our spirits and enjoy. Watching the Watercolour Challenge series on Channel 5 reminded me what a gorgeous county Cornwall is, it has inspired me to get painting again. In this bumper issue you will find a tasty seasonal recipe, a story about smugglers, tips on finding new walks and a fascinating nature article by Dave Keeble. If you have anything to include in the Summer issue please contact me on stmartinpc1@btinternet.com or by text to 07763 364809 by 11th April. Happy Easter to all our readers.

Planning Applications.

Proposal: Non-material amendment (NMA3) to change layout in respect of decision PA14/04703. **Location:** Tregoad Holiday Park, St Martin, Looe, PL13 1PB. **Proposal:** Certificate of lawfulness for existing residential outbuildings to north of house. **Location:** 6 Bucklawren Road, No Man's Land, Looe. (Cont: on pg 4).



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Planning Applications Cont.

Proposal: Temporary change of use for 1 year of an existing static caravan from holiday use to residential use for a site manager without compliance with condition 1 of decision PA20/05737 dated 07.01.2021. Location: Bay View Farm Camping Site, St Martin by Looe.

2022/2023 Precept

The precept was agreed at £12,525.00 down 3% on last year.

Flooding on Bucklawren Road and Millendreath

The Parish Council attended a site visit with a representative of Cormac to discuss the flooding issues on the Parish roads, various areas were identified for improvement and work will be carried out this year, some will require fields to be clear of crops before machinery can access the fields.

Commemorative Platinum Jubilee Mugs

Chown China a Cornish company we used for the previous jubilee mugs has designed a commemorative mug to present to all the parish children 16 and under, **IMPORTANT please see page 7** and help us identify who is eligible for a free mug. They will also be available for purchase, however numbers required must be ordered in advance, please follow the instructions on page 7.



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Parish Council Website

A new Environment page is to be included on in the website, Councillor Cummings would welcome any suggestions to include on this page.

Springfield Park Community Garden

Volunteers URGENTLY required to clear and tidy the site, contact Barbara Reynolds on 01503 240520 for more information.

Parish Council Meetings.

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. Contact details on page 2.



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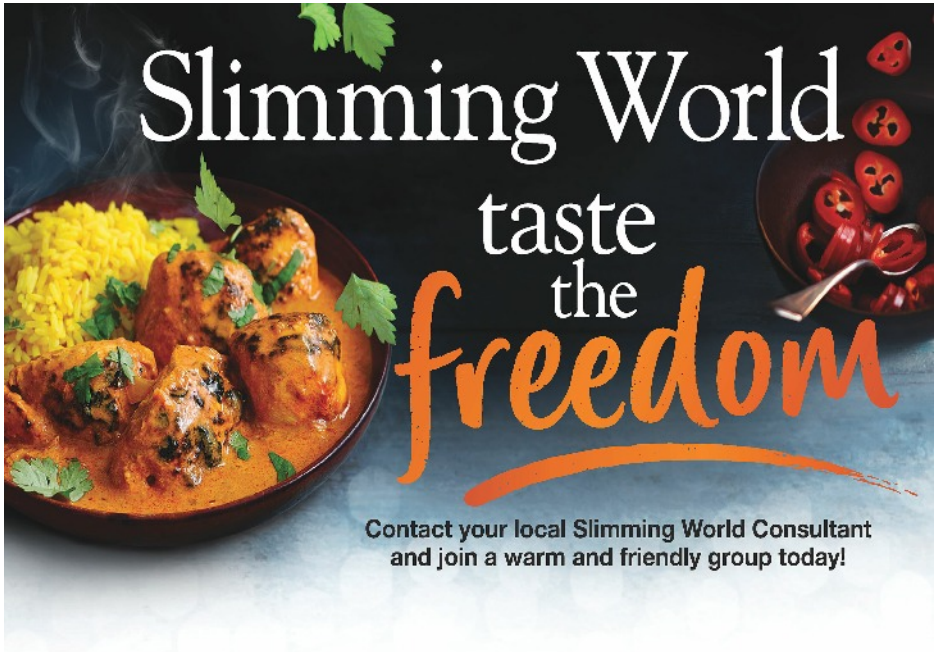
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Churches of St Martin with St Nicholas Looe

After almost a year without an incumbent priest, it is a great pleasure to announce that a new priest-in-charge has been appointed for St. Martin with St. Nicholas, Looe, St. Wenna, Morval, St. **Cuby, Duloe and All Saints, Herodsfoot.**

Rev. Ben Morgan Lundie is at present Curate of St. Budock Church, Falmouth, following a career in law and business. We look forward to welcoming him and his family at his Licensing service on 11th April.

Meanwhile the services for March are set out below:

6 th March	11am	St Nicholas	Communion: Rev D Hazlewood
13 th March	11am	Riverside URC	
20 th March	11am	St Nicholas	Praise and Worship, M Foulkes
27 th March	11am	St Martin's Hall	Café Church Lay Team

Forthcoming social events include:

Weds 16 th March	12noon-2.00pm	Lent Lunch in St Martin's Hall
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Eagle Eyed

You may recall in the Winter edition of the Parish Magazine that I commented on a missed opportunity to see a White Tailed Sea Eagle because of a cancelled trip to the Isle of Wight. The island is hoping to become the most Southern point in the British Isles where these birds can be found.



Image www.google.com

Much to my surprise in early January a female Eagle was reportedly seen near Colliford Lake on Bodmin Moor, possibly stopping off to feed on fish that are plentiful in that body of water. The bird is known to have been one of more than twenty that were released on the IOW – it is also known to have visited Norfolk in East Anglia and gone north as far as the Scottish border. After this it returned south to the IOW – the fact that it did so bodes well for the release programme.

Once again this year I took part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch, something I have been doing for more than twenty years and get a great deal of pleasure from. All it requires of the participant is to count the number and species of birds seen in one hour on any one day of three, from a Friday to a Sunday. As in most years the days were the 28th to the 30th January.



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Continuing on garden visitors, it was wonderful recently in the early evening, to see and hear a not so common bird nowadays, the Song Thrush, perched high in a tree it went through its entire repertoire lasting several minutes which is a rare treat these days.

Such encounters can be a tonic and take us away from our daily problems – highly recommended.

David Keeble

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Liskeard Memory Café

Liskeard Memory Café is held on first Friday of each month in Liskeard Methodist Church Hall, Bay Tree Hill, Liskeard, from 2.15 – 4.15pm. All are welcome. For more information please phone 07468 698153/ 01579 321600. Email: liskeardmc@gmail.com

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(See story on page?)

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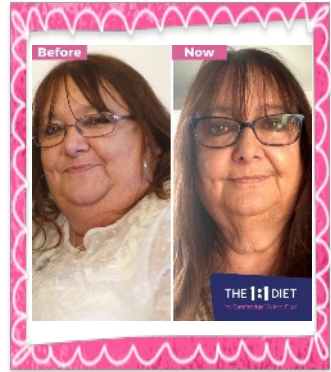


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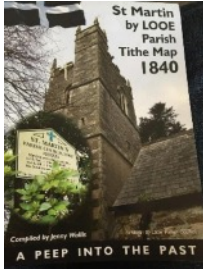
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At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Cornwall <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/cornwall> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Cornwall (part of the Walking in England website – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

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STEP 2

Whisk egg, cream, milk and remaining curd, then sieve into a jug with the vanilla and 3 tbsp of the sugar. Pour over the buns and stand at room temperature for 30 mins for the custard to soak in.

STEP 3

Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/ gas 3. Scatter the remaining sugar and lemon zest over the pudding. Bake for 30-40 mins until the top is golden and the custard gently set. Stand for 5 mins, then serve with cream or vanilla ice cream, if you like.

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History Snippet - Smugglers' Tales Retold

By Jenny Wallis



A Victorian picture in the Guildhall “**The Arrest of a Smuggler in Looe, 1820**” was recently featured on television. It told the story of **Amram Hooper**, Looe’s most notorious smuggler, his cross-dressing sister, **Jochabed**, his daughter **Tilda**, an ex-customs officer from Ireland, **Thomas Fletcher**, and exploits on **Looe Island**.

Fact or fiction?

Amram Hooper was born on **Looe Island** in 1796. His parents moved there as newly-weds in **1789**. **Elizabeth**, his mother, already had three children who were brought up locally with their father. **Benjamin Christopher**. Amram’s father was **Anthony Justy Hooper** born in Morval, 1746. The Hoopers had been prominent citizens since Elizabethan times; were Burgesses of Looe and are recorded at Wringworthy, Sandplace and Widegates. The island, according to **Thomas Bond**, the historian, had been the home of the Finns for forty years and these were the new residents. Amram was born when his big sister was nearly five. Her name was **Jochabed**.

At this time the Preventative Officers were trying to apprehend the **Free Traders** who were evading taxes on luxury goods via a loophole in the **status of Guernsey**.

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Barrels were made bigger and less easy to carry . A water guard service was created with shore-based Revenue Cruisers and Riding officers. Insurance and shipwreck laws were changed to disadvantage the fraudsters. Coastguards were posted in 1822 and by 1841 **James Gallaway, a Scotsman**, is recorded in the census as living on the island with his son (his wife and daughter are on the Quay). **John Connor**, another Looe coastguard, and his wife, **Grace**, came from Cadgwith.

Amram Hooper is 45 in **1841**. His mother is 80 and still lives with his half-sister Elizabeth on **Looe Island** which has been her home for over 50 years. **Amram** is a fisherman living with his wife Philippa (Medland) in Church End with 4 children and his eldest daughter, **Matilda**, is 15. He is still living there in 1861.

Round in Chapel Street in 1841 there is a house of multiple occupancy! It is next door to Amram's half-brother, **John Christopher**. **Thomas Fletcher** aged 25 was born in **Ireland** and has a wife, Elizabeth (Higgins) and two toddlers. They share the house with her dad from Polperro and an **Irish** family called Paynn/Prynne. No **Thomas Fletcher** is recorded as a Coastguard but a **Benjamin Hooper** was serving in Lanteglos at the time. He married **Eulalia** - a name found again in the census of Looe.

In **1851 Jochabed** is in Hannafore with her waterman husband, Thomas Broad. She is 61. In **1871 Thomas Hooper** retires from the Coastguard to live with his sister in Wringworthy. In **1881** widow Elizabeth Dan lives with her daughter **Jochabed**, aged 11, in Market Street.

So our 'smugglers' all had a record in reality! But in **1820**, at the scene of the smuggler's arrest, **Amram** would have been 23 and **Tilda** wasn't born. **Jochabed** was married and **Thomas Fletcher** was still in nappies.

When Victorians portrayed our history it was to encourage tourism! Scurrilous yarns were cobbled from scraps of folk tales. But I suppose ankers of spirits and bundles of brocade on the high seas are more newsworthy than, fiddling the VAT returns, avoiding council tax or opening an off-shore bank account!

And yes! Amram and Jochabed were the parents of Moses. I thought you'd never ask!

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The meeting started with entertainment provided by the ever-popular Wendy J Bassett with her usual excellent and entertaining and extremely well received performance of songs from the 50s and 60s.

They were also joined at this Meeting by the Mayor of Liskeard, Rachel Brooks. There was then a birthday party, featuring a beautiful birthday cake which was kindly donated, having been baked by the daughter-in-law of one of the committee members and iced by a friend.

This cake was ceremoniously cut by the Mayor and Wendy who stayed on and joined us in our celebrations.

On Friday, 4th March, immediately following the AGM which starts at 14:15, the Liskeard Memory Café will be holding their regular Monthly Café.

We welcome people affected by memory related issues, both those living on their own, or accompanied by their carer(s). This month we will be playing Musical and other assorted games. This will be followed by our regular tea / coffee and cakes, quiz, chat and raffle. There is no charge for attendance, and the meetings are held on 1st Friday of each month 2.15 – 4.15 pm. at Liskeard Methodist Church Hall, Bay Tree Hill, Liskeard.

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