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Parish Council Update



Welcome to the Spring Edition

As I write this my builder is repairing the roof after storm Ciara, lets hope the weather starts to improve and we have a decent spring and summer. In this issue, we commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day in May. Part three of the Climate Emergency special looks at Biodiversity and what we can do to help, there is a article about light pollution and the usual nature, history and recipe articles. The next edition is due in June, deadline for contributions May 10th. Happy Easter to all our readers.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council received applications for: The demolition of existing rear extensions and the construction of a new rear extension, loft conversion and balcony at Polliscourt House Millendreath.

A retrospective application for the temporary siting of a portable building for use as a Cafe/Bar (A3 Use Class) for a period of 3 years at Black Rock Cafe Millendreath Holiday Village, Millendreath.

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Holland Road Estate, No Man's Land.

Cormac Solutions have informed the Parish Council that a pedestrian safety scheme is to go ahead on the grass verges at the entrance to the estate. The scheme will involve the construction of a footpath to the B3253 and the installation of a grass bund to prevent vehicles parking on the verges. The Parish Council in this magazine have long been warning residents that parking on the grass verges is not allowed so this should not come as a surprise. Parking in the turning circle at the far end of the estate has prevented the bins being emptied and could obstruct emergency vehicles, please refrain from parking there, we are informed this is a police matter and they have been informed.

Bus Shelter on the B3253.

The Parish Council are currently looking at a scheme to install a bus shelter on the site of the old well at No Man's Land. Quotes are being obtained and grant funding explored.

Millendreath Double Yellow Lines.

The scheme to review the parking restrictions in Millendreath has been approved by the Community Network Panel and is currently with the Cormac Engineering Design Team to programme and resource. Cormac aim to complete the works within 12 months.



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Parish Council Meetings

Monthly meetings take place at the Memorial Hall, No Man's Land normally at 7.30pm on the first Thursdays of each month (not August), however please check notice boards or our website for dates. Requests to speak during Public Participation needs 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 on page 2.

Next meetings are: March 5th, April 2nd, May 14th, June 11th, July 2nd, Sept 3rd, Oct 1st, Nov 5th, Dec 3rd

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Might always sit,
In the warmth of a setting sun!

No need for expensive heating,
And woollens and thermal tights.
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And houses fit,

For days that last most of the night.

Nobody really likes winter,
So let's all just wish it away.

No need to act!
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Climate Emergency - Biodiversity

97% of scientists agree that climate change is a serious issue – and that we’re to blame. But when we’re faced with a deadline of 2030 to cut net carbon emissions to zero, it can be difficult to know what we, as individuals, should do. With so many conflicting opinions out there, it sometimes seems easier to ignore what’s happening. That’s why I’m writing these articles, a four-part series, on what we can do to help: small changes we can make to our own lifestyles to reduce our environmental impact, and lead the way for others to do the same.

This article’s a bit of a niche one – or at least, it might sound it at first. Biodiversity’s not something we tend to think much about: it’s a word we might hear thrown about on nature documentaries occasionally (who doesn’t love David Attenborough), but do we really understand what it means on a small, community scale?



Help slow bio diversity loss
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Biodiversity is defined by Google as “the variety of plant and animal life in the world or in a particular habitat, a high level of which is usually considered to be important and desirable”. What that means, essentially, is that in a healthy environment, there should be lots of different plants and animals, which interact to create a strong, diverse ecosystem. (This is particularly important in places like Cornwall, where so much industry – for example, tourism, agriculture, and fishing - is reliant on the health of local ecosystems.) And whilst that’s great, what does it have to do with us? Biodiversity is something that often seems fairly inaccessible; beyond raising awareness, what can we really do?

Well, as it turns out, raising awareness is a big part of it. A report on “biodiversity targets and Cornwall” from a few years ago stated one of its 2020 targets as “people are more aware of the steps they can take to conserve and sustainability use biodiversity”. Public awareness is really key to holding politicians accountable, and starting small-scale local initiatives. So in the name of public awareness, here’s a brief run-down of the current situation in Cornwall (biodiversity-wise):

Climate Emergency - Biodiversity

- Because of cuts to nationally-funded schemes, not enough progress is being made in terms of protecting and restoring areas of environmental importance; however ...
- Local initiatives like upstream thinking, the ReBoot program, and the Cornwall Good Seafood Guide, have helped to raise awareness around the impact of humans on the local wildlife and environment, encouraging people and businesses to make positive and sustainable choices.
- Changes in agriculture have led to declines in biodiversity and increased siltation of watercourses; however ...
- The new Agriculture Bill introduced by the government promises to use public money to incentivise farmers to provide environmental benefits, like clean air and water, thriving plants and wildlife, and enhanced landscapes.

So it's not actually all bad after all!

Now that we're all aware of the environmental situation, there are a few changes we can make individually, to help local wildlife thrive. We can plant some bee-friendly flowers in our gardens; we can stop using damaging chemical pesticides, and switch to natural pesticides instead; we can try to buy more organic food where possible (food which is produced without chemical pesticides – it's better for the environment, but it's also quite expensive, so don't worry if you can't afford it); and if we're able to, we can get involved in local environmental schemes, like Cornwall Council's "Forest for Cornwall" project, which encourages groups, *charities, companies and individuals to help plant trees to combat climate change. Though this might sound like a lot, don't worry! Even making one of these changes will help to make a difference and preserve Cornwall's amazing natural beauty and wildlife. To summarise with a great quote by David May, from Upstream Thinking: "it's important we think global, and act local, keep on enthusing people and keep making small changes."* (For anyone who wants to get involved in the tree-planting scheme, you can find out more by emailing forestforcornwall@cornwall.gov.uk.)

Article by Ellen Jarrett, aged 16.

Hot cross bread & lemon pudding

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Use up your leftover fruit buns in this sumptuous spin on traditional bread and butter pudding - a great spring bake

Preparation time: 20 mins, Cooking time: 40 mins (plus standing)

Serves: 4.

Nutrition: per serving:

kcal 676 fat 38g saturates 20g carbs 74g sugars 49g fibre 1g protein
10g salt 0.4g

Ingredients

knob of butter
Butter, for the dish
4 stale hot cross buns
200g lemon curd
2 large eggs
200ml double cream
200ml milk
½ tsp vanilla extract
4 tbsp caster sugar
little lemon zest
cream or vanilla ice cream,
(to serve optional)



Method

1. Butter a 1-litre baking dish that will quite snugly fit the buns. Cut each bun into 3 slices, and sandwich back together with a generous spreading of curd. Arrange buns in the dish.
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.
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.

Recipe from Good Food magazine, April 2012



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Victory in Europe

At a little after 11am on Sunday 3rd September 1939, the then Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, broadcast to a nervous nation that for the second time in living memory, Great Britain and her Empire was at war with Germany.

During the next 5 years, 8 months and 5 days fighting took place on land, the sea and in the air across 3 continents which saw between 70-85 million people, military and civilians, perish, about 3% of the world population in 1940. This horrific scale of fatalities makes World War Two the deadliest conflict ever known.

For nearly half of those 5 years Britain and her Empire stood alone against the tyranny of Nazism which saw some of the most barbaric atrocities committed against humanity. The tide did turn following the entry of the United States following the Japanese bombing of the US Fleet at Pearl Harbour.

Over the next 2 years, 5 months, 26 days Allied victories followed which culminated in the Allied invasion of Europe on Tuesday 6th June 1944. Fierce fighting took place after the invasion, but a bridgehead was established which allowed the combined British, American and Commonwealth armies to start advancing east towards Germany. At the same time the Soviet Army was fighting and advancing from the Eastern Front, westwards. It was now a race to see who would capture Berlin first.

Before the German Instrument of Surrender, which was the legal document which effected the extinction of Nazi Germany and ended World War II in Europe, was signed there were a number of Partial Instruments of Surrender signed.

The surrender of the German forces in Italy and Western Austria was signed at Caserta on 29 April 1945 and came into effect on 2 May.

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Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, with overall military command for Oberkommando der Wehrmacht-South, initially denounced the capitulation; but once Hitler's death had been confirmed, acceded to it.

On 4 May 1945, German forces in Northwest Germany, Netherlands, Denmark and Schleswig-Holstein acting under instruction from the Dönitz Government and facing the British and Canadian 21st Army Group, signed an act of surrender at Lüneburg Heath to come into effect on 5 May and on the same day, all German forces in Bavaria and Southwest Germany signed an act of surrender to the Americans at Haar, outside Munich; coming into effect on 6 May

German surrender to 21st Army Group.



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The first version of the final Instrument of Surrender was signed at Reims at 02:41 Central European Time (CET) on 7 May 1945. The signing took place in a red brick schoolhouse, the Collège Moderne et Technique de Reims, that served as the SHAEF headquarters. It was to take effect at 23:01 CET (one minute after midnight, British Double Summertime) on 8 May, the 48-hour grace period having been back-dated to the start of final negotiations. The surrender of the German armed forces was signed by Field Marshall Jodl, on behalf of the OKW. Walter Bedell Smith signed on behalf of the Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force and General Ivan Susloparov on behalf of the Soviet High Command. French Major-General François Sevez signed as the official witness.

Some six hours after the Reims signing, a message was received from the Soviet High Command stating that the Act of Surrender was unacceptable, both because the text differed from that agreed by the European Advisory Commission, and because General Susloparov had not been empowered to sign.

The final definitive text was signed in Karlshorst, Berlin, on the night of 8/9 May 1945 by representatives of the three armed services of the OKW and the Allied Expeditionary Force together with the Supreme High Command of the Soviet Red Army, with further French and US representatives signing as witnesses. The signing took place 9 May 1945 at 00:16 local time.

The Reims signing ceremony had been attended by a considerable number of reporters, all of whom were bound by a 36-hour embargo against reporting the capitulation. As it became clear that there would need to be a definitive second signing before the Act of Surrender could become operative, Eisenhower agreed that the news blackout should remain; so that all Allied powers could celebrate Victory in Europe together on 9 May 1945.



However, Edward Kennedy of the Associated Press news agency in Paris broke the embargo on 7 May, consequently the German surrender was headline news in the western media on 8 May. Realising that it had become politically impossible to keep to the original timetable, it was eventually agreed that the Western Allies would celebrate Victory in Europe Day on 8 May, but that western leaders would not make their formal proclamations of Victory until that evening (when the Berlin signing ceremony should be imminent). The Soviet government made no public acknowledgement of the Reims signing, which they did not recognise; and so, maintaining the original dates, celebrated Victory Day on 9 May 1945.

At 3.01pm on Tuesday 8th May 1945, British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, broadcast to the nation announcing the total and unconditional surrender of the German military forces in Europe to the Western Allies, thus bringing to an end World War II. The mood of the country was sheer jubilation with celebrations and parties taking place throughout Britain almost from the moment the broadcast ended.

As we commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, let us not forget all those who made the ultimate sacrifice to bring about that victory and those few remaining veterans, nor should we forget that a further 98 days of bitter fighting lay ahead of the allied forces in the Far East.

Article by Adrian Price

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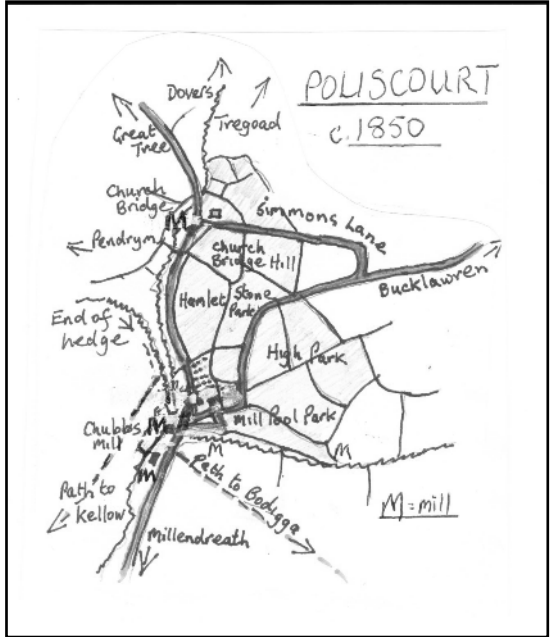
History Snippet - A Peep at Poliscourt

By Jenny Wallis

I see Poliscourt is up-grading its Victorian house. I do hope they keep an eye out for earlier dwellings. Poliscourt is the place I would most like to recommend to Time Team! It's intriguing!

The word POL-LYS-COURT has Cornish origins dating as far back as Roman Times. The LYS could indicate an administrative centre (i.e. Liskeard) and the POL could refer to a pool or a head or and end. But locals call it Palace Court. So, was it once a royal court – a Cornish 'PALYS?' (We know Edward the Confessor owned the manor.) Or was 'palis' a Tudor fence?

'Court' is modern. It could have come from 'Caer', fortified. The map shows the site of a hamlet and it still bears traces of significant hedges



with commanding views in all directions. The Cornish 'Korrs' means 'reed-bed' so the name could mean 'the end of the jurisdiction of the reed-bed laws?' We know that the valley floor was protected because of

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By Jenny Wallis

its vitally important thatching material. There was a very early mill at the bottom of Simmons Lane which could mean that Poliscourt was a self-contained manor.

When the Duchy took over from Launceston Priory, the Chubb family leased the site and built a 'des.res' on the southern hillside. We know it had 6 chimneys and the road was re-aligned to reach it. The Chubbs had three mills and a hop-garden. They were Mayors of Looe. Poliscourt was a happening place. The Victorian house was built in front of the C17th mansion.

My latest research has involved an iron-age hedge which arrives at Poliscourt from Shutta. It could well be an extension of the Giants Hedge from Lerryn to Looe. Cornish 'KOR' is 'boundary hedge'. Is POL-LYS-KOR the administrative centre at the end of the boundary hedge?

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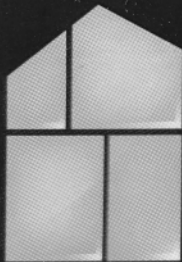
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Simply Red

While on a recent trip to the Isle of Wight, I was lucky enough to see one of England's rarest inhabitants – a Red Squirrel. I had no need to make a special effort to see this little animal as it was on the ground in a large garden on the coast. At this time of year it was probably looking for stashed items of food that it had hidden earlier when food was more plentiful. As Red Squirrels do not hibernate, it is a very valuable skill these animals have. If the food supply is good they may have two litters of three



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to four young (kittens) in Spring and Summer. The young are born without hair or teeth and are blind for the first three to four weeks of their lives. Less than a quarter survive the first year, unfortunately many are killed on the islands roads.

On the island the Red Squirrel is the only member of the species – there are no Grey Squirrels which are their biggest threat. Not only do they compete for food and habitat but can pass on a virus which is fatal to the Reds. Grey Squirrels were introduced in to Great Britain by the Victorians in the 1870's as exotic additions to their parks and gardens but soon escaped to establish wild populations. Grey Squirrels are omnivorous so not only do they eat nuts, seeds and tree buds etc., but also the eggs and young of wild birds.

A reason for the thriving population of Red Squirrels on the island is that 10% of the area is woodland and half of that is classed as ancient (which is over 400 years old). It is thought that there are around 3,500 within this area – the Forestry Commission is providing money to plant new woodland to link existing forested areas.

The Isle of Wight is the only place in England that the Red Squirrel can be found – the species is native to Great Britain but has not been seen in the wild there for many decades. One obvious reason for the population on the island is the stretch of water, the Solent, separating it from the mainland.

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David Keeble



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No Man's Land Hall

After a very busy 2019, here we are in 2020 and we have several events already lined up for you:



Jumble Sale on Saturday 7th March at 2.30pm.

Easter Bingo on Friday 3rd April, doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 8pm.

Annual General Meeting on 6th April. This is the meeting where you can come and have your say on matters relating to the Hall, join our committee or volunteer to help when needed. All welcome.

There will be a **Tea Party** here at the Hall on Friday 8th May to commemorate the **75th Anniversary of V.E. Day**. 3pm - 6pm. Bring a plate and come and join in!!

Summer Flower and Produce Show on Saturday 8th August. Harvest Festival date to be confirmed.

Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th November

Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5th December. If you would like a stall please contact Roberta Powley 01503 240650.

Christmas Bingo Friday 18th December, doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 8pm.

The Hall has lots of donated books and the committee thought it would be a good idea to make use of them, so, ***we are starting a lending library*** here at the Hall starting on **Friday 13th March every fortnight 10am-12pm**. This will be free to all. Teas and coffees available for a small donation. Recently we have had articles left outside the Hall doors in black plastic bags, presumably for the Jumble Sales, some of it has been unfit to sell, either it has got wet in the rain or the goods are broken or not good enough to sell on. The Hall then has to pay for removal. Please contact Roberta Powley or any committee member if you wish to donate goods and please ensure all donated goods are fit for resale. Thankyou.

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