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A Message from The Chairman



I hope that you have all coped well in these different and very strange times since the intrusion of this terrible virus and the onset of the global pandemic.

The Parish Council have continued to work through this time and have held monthly meetings using Zoom technology. Many thanks to our Clerk for organising this. The Council have considered various planning applications and dealt with many other local issues.

We have secured grant funding to provide a bus shelter on the southern side of the B3253 at No Mans Land and construction should be starting soon, hopefully before the onset of bad winter weather.

A new fingerpost has been ordered to replace the damaged one at Windsworth. It has been made and we are now waiting for it to be erected.

We have had access to a Covid-19 Hardship Fund and have been able to provide a new cooker for a family in the parish.

Two new dog litter bins have been approved. One will be sited near the entrance to The Monkey Sanctuary and one at the rear entrance to Looe Country Park.

It was very pleasant to find the lanes less busy with traffic during lockdown and refreshing to see so many people getting their daily exercise walking on them and the amount of litter seemed to decrease. Unfortunately, since the lifting of some of the restrictions and the resumption of the tourism industry, traffic has increased and the standard of driving decreased along with an increase in the amount of litter, presumably dropped from car windows. If you see anybody driving too fast or dangerously please report to the clerk with a registration number and he will pass the information to the police

I would like to thank all those who worked providing essential services during lockdown putting themselves and families at risk. Now that the children are back at school and many of you are back to work, I hope that you all stay safe by obeying government guidelines as much as possible.

Robert Henly, Chairman St Martin by Looe Parish Council



Parish Council Update



Welcome to the Autumn Edition

It seems such a long time ago since I published the last edition of this magazine, I held out such high hopes for a fantastic 2020, who would have thought then that our lives would be so different. The good things to come out of the pandemic is the way the community has pulled together, how neighbours some who hardly knew each other have become good friends. Technology has kept most people in touch with family and friends, which has been amazing, but I long for the human touch again soon. If you have been lucky enough to have a garden I'm sure like me it's been a lifesaver, my garden has never looked so good and with the summer weather it's been a lovely place to spend my time. As lockdown was eased we were all nervous about the influx of visitors and the possible spread of the virus to the local community, thankfully those concerns were mostly unfounded and apart from everywhere being so busy we got through Summer 2020 unscathed, sadly the Parish roads initially lovely and quiet became VERY busy with some drivers going too fast, lets hope things improve soon. Anyway, enjoy this edition, there will be another published in November, deadline Oct 23. **The Editor.**



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The change of use of part of the site to mixed agricultural, forestry, tourist accommodation camping and facilities at a field at Bokenver.

The conversion of house into two flats and two-storey front extension at Kilmartin, Millendreath. Outline application for the construction of split level dwelling also at Kilmartin, Millendreath.

Demolition of existing rear extensions and construction of a new rear extension at Polliscourt House, Millendreath.

Prior approval fro a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house at The Oaks Holiday Park, St Martins.

Certificate of lawfulness of existing use or development to confirm non-compliance with condition 1 of decision 03/01237/FUL dated 6th Nov 2003, at Looe Country Park, St Martins.

Construction of a wooden pod in the rear garden for use by family and friends and for hire at Spindriff, Millendreath.

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£50 donation was made to The Monkey Sanctuary.

There have been many requests for financial help during the pandemic, sadly our budget is spent and we cannot offer further help this financial year.

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The Holland Road footpath scheme is still on the cards and work will resume shortly. A consultation is currently taking place for No Waiting (Double Yellow Lines) at Holland Road. The double yellow lines at Millendreath are to be repainted and in places removed and May Lane is scheduled for resurfacing. Regarding the flooding on Bucklawren Road, Cormac are currently looking at ways of resolving the recent flooding issues. The Village hall remains closed, this is under constant revue and will be opened as soon as it is safe to do so. The bus shelter on the B3253 is under construction, a grant for the work has been secured from Cornwall Council and the balance is from profits from this publication.



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Next scheduled Zoom meetings are on :Oct 1st, Nov 5th, Dec 3rd 2020.

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Vanishing Cornwall

This is the first part of an article, written by Peter Cawthorne, in which he reminisces about past times in and around the area and helps make us aware of aspects of a 'vanishing Cornwall'.

Over 50 years ago there used to be a pantomime held in the Riverside Hall in Looe. It was performed by well-known locals such as Jeanne Dingle, Ann Toms, Margaret Fiddick, Nancy Pope and many others. It was put on by the Looe Friendly Wives Club and was eagerly looked forward to every New Year. It was great fun with local events and characters who all gained a mention. When the Riverside Hall was sold in the late 1990s to come to an end: sadly, another venue was not available.

At other times the Friendly Wives would put on other shows such as Music Hall, where local talent was on display: Alan Dingle would play his accordion, Nancy Pope would sing and stories of Old Cornwall would be retold by Auntie Minnie, an elderly lady



who remembered the time, back in 1923, when a when a whale was beached on Looe Island. The poor creature had died and started to decompose and smell. Minnie's father and other local fishermen decided that the only way to get rid of it was to blow it up. So, with dynamite it was blown up and it rained blubber in Looe for hours!

In the old days, it was still possible to buy fish straight off the boat. I remember mackerel at one shilling each (5p). The ferry across the Looe River cost two pence, old money, and our neighbour May Libby, whose husband Clarence was a ferryman, would sit in her bay window overlooking the river and count the customers on the ferry, she then knew how much was made that day.

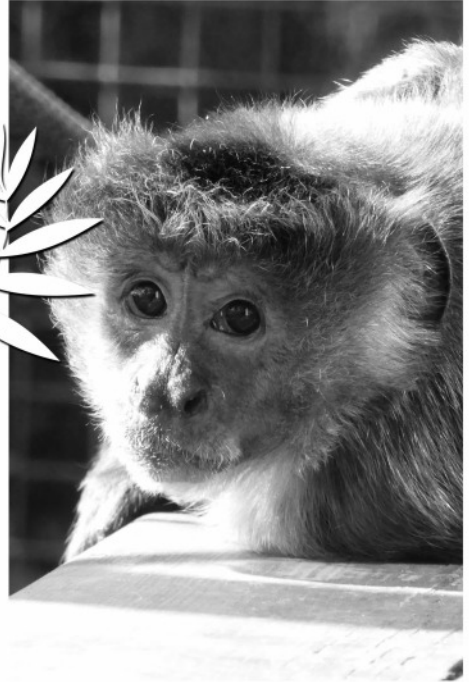
I recall another character: Jack Soady whom at one time owned his own fishing boat called 'Valhalla' and named his house on West Looe Hill by the same name. After he retired from the sea Jack could be seen by the quayside mending fishing nets. He always had plenty of fish in the freezer and Ruby, his wife, would often supply us with fish for running errands for her. Jack lived a long life, going well into his nineties and he put this down to having a nip of whisky with his late evening drink.

To be continued next issue.



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Climate Emergency - Part four

What the heck do we do now?

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.

When I was faced with the prospect of writing this article, I really felt at quite a loss for what to say. I had planned, for the last article, to write something grand about climate activism, to inspire you all to keep making change and leading the way for others. As it turned out, the pandemic sort of got in the way of that; and with big climate marches cancelled, global use of single-use plastics on the rise again, and economic recovery taking precedence over climate change as a major issue in government, it's probably fair to say many of us are feeling pretty stumped over what to do now. It's all very well for me to tell you to avoid single-use plastics, eat less meat, and buy second-hand clothes - but when hand sanitizer and disposable masks are necessary companions whenever you leave the house, and online shopping is the safest way to buy essentials, this kind of advice becomes useless.

So, one of the first things I want to say is: if you've let some of your more eco-friendly habits slip – using more single use-plastic, eating more meat and dairy, shopping online for clothes – don't feel guilty about it! No one can blame you for making sacrifices to keep yourself and your family safe.

What's important now is to try and reintegrate greener practices into our lives when it's safe and practical to do so. Maybe make or buy yourself a reusable face mask: if you do have to use disposable ones, cut the straps off them before binning them (as the straps can strangle sea-creatures if the masks end up in the sea). Bring reusable water bottles or coffee mugs with you when you go out, so you don't have to buy single-use ones (this will also be safer than going to coffee shops or cafes). If you need to buy clothes online, maybe research the brand you're buying from to see if it's sustainable. There are plenty of amazing online clothes

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There are plenty of amazing online clothes shops selling second-hand or sustainably made stuff – sites like eBay and Oxfam online sell pre-worn clothes, and brands like Lucy and Yak sell brilliant eco-friendly clothing (though it is on the pricier side).

On the national scale, though, the pandemic offers a real opportunity. The quick and drastic changes we all made to our lifestyles to accommodate safety measures like the lockdown – as unpleasant as some of them might have been – prove that we are capable of making the big adjustments needed to beat climate change. Working from home when we can; shopping less frequently; travelling abroad less – these are all changes we need to make to reduce our environmental impact, and if we can carry some of those forward, it will make a real difference.

Furthermore, if we can make economic recovery plans eco-friendly, it could make the goal of net zero emissions by 2030 look less like a distant and impossible dream, and more like a reality. All signs show that the public is in support of a green economic recovery plan. If we can show the government that climate change is a key issue for the public, and something we want to take priority in the post-COVID recovery period, then we could make real and lasting change of the kind that we didn't expect to see for years.

The best thing about this is that raising political awareness is something you can do safely from your own home – emailing the council or your local MP, starting conversations with your friends and family on social media, staying up-to-date with news about the environment. The most important thing you can do is make sure you're staying interested and inspired, making small changes where you can, and leading the way for others.

I thought I'd leave you with one of Greta Thunberg's more optimistic quotes – "If you ever feel sad or hopeless, just remember that there's always hope." Just by being interested and willing to change your own lifestyle, you're proving that we can make change on a national, even global scale – so thank you, and keep going!

Article by: Ellen Jarrett, aged 17.

The History of The Snippet

By Jenny Wallis

Twenty years ago I came back to Millendreath and began to ask what the word meant. In 2005 I bought Craig Weatherhill's 'Place Names in Cornwall'. It means 'Mill on the Shore' in Cornish.

Anglo-Saxon and Norman-French began to take hold here in 1000AD and records were written in Latin. So the mill would have been there in the Dark Ages - a Celtic mill. There is no mill recorded in the Domesday Book (1086) so it must have gone by then.

A mill on the shore would have been a tide mill powered by capturing the high tide in a big pond. The mill pool in Looe powered a 17th century tide mill. But there was no record of Celts building tide mills.

County Record Office supplied me with recent publications of old records - one the record of Launceston Priory and the other a survey of Duchy land in the time of Oliver Cromwell.. These gave details of mills in Bucklawren manor dating back to C12th.

Sadly all the information did not actually pinpoint the site of any of the mills! So it was impossible to tell if any of the mills were on the shore.

A tide mill would have been built in a sheltered estuary. I began to look out to sea at erosion, the marine map and words left in the landscape.



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By Jenny Wallis

The great sticking point in the project was the 1840 Tithe Map of the parish. This is the key to any local history. But our parish map is practically unusable. It was digitalised in 2005. To continue with my project I had to bite the bullet, download the thing, get a light box and re-trace boundaries, add the field-names, rivers, woods and ways, It is now complete and I know where all those medieval mills once stood. None of them were on the shore!

The map is at the printers and will soon be available for future parish historians to study. I now know that Celts built tide mills based on Roman technology.. I know where our tide mill was! And the most exciting thing is that those medieval records include references to lands no longer on the map - parish properties that have vanished along with the mill on the shore.

Article by: Jenny Wallis

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What strange and unprecedented times we have been living through lately. Months in lockdown have given us all time to reflect on things that, under ordinary, every day life, we would not have focused our attention on.

For many it was the garden that received more love and care than normal – others turned to DIY to complete those jobs that had been outstanding, or even those tasks you thought you couldn't manage suddenly became possible. Looking forward to Summer in those early months was a way of cheering ourselves up but as Spring came and went, and Summer seemed to pass unnoticed we are now seeing the signs of Autumn begin to show and sad to say, it doesn't appear to be ending soon.

For me it was the garden and the plants in it that received far more attention than normal – pot plants thrived being regularly watered and pruned – salad vegetables in the greenhouse have been a great success, although that is largely due to my wife's time and effort (I thought I had better give her a mention).

Turning to the garden in general, it has been a delight to observe the comings and goings of the wildlife that it attracts. The pond this year appears to have had far more frog and toad spawn than in previous years and also newts have been in abundance. Also, time spent just looking more closely at areas within the garden, I have had sightings of bank voles, wood mice and slow worms – and of course those ever present grey squirrels.

Having spent many hours in my workshop, I was very pleased to see the number of birds that were using my new bird feeding station and as a result I was able to tick off a new bird never seen in my garden before – a Nuthatch, normally a woodland bird they do occasionally visit parks and gardens.

Daily visitors to the feeders are a pair of Great Spotted Woodpeckers who I believe have a nest close by and a larger member of the Woodpecker family has also been visiting and is always a joy to see – it is the Green Woodpecker who is more often heard than seen.

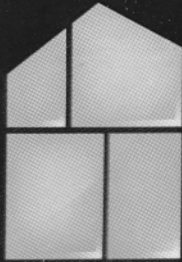
Some of the most frequent visitors to our garden are very seldom seen as they come under the cover of darkness. We have been leaving food

Dark Days

out for the hedgehogs for several months now and they don't disappoint – one, sometimes two animals, arrive, devour the food and then disappear in to the night. Where they come from and where they go is a mystery – I hope they continue to come and we stay on their nightly patrol.

Let us hope that we can all get back to some kind of regular behaviour soon – until then, to all of you out there, who have been forced to medically shield, I send my sympathy.

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