

# St Martin-by-Looe



# News



Looe Island from Millendreath, Photo by Charles Hyde

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# Parish Council Update



## Welcome to the Spring 2019 edition

As I sit here frustrated by my lack of energy following a full knee replacement operation, I look forward to better weather allowing me to regain my fitness, to be able to enjoy a wonderful summer again this year. In this issue are some really interesting articles supplied to me by my faithful band of contributors, also there are details of how to get tickets for this years music event in Looe, Looe Live 2019, looks to be amazing and well worth our support. As per usual if you have anything you would like to include in the next issue please let me have it by mid May.

## Planning Applications

Applications received for consideration by the Parish Council included: A certificate of lawfulness for permanent living residence at the following properties: 103 Hillside Villas, 71, Hillside Villas, 114 Hillside Villas, 61 Hillside Villas, Millendreath Holiday Village. Also the erection of a replacement dwelling destroyed by fire, at The Spinney, Millendreath.

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3 <sup>rd</sup> MAY	BLUEBELLS @ ENYS GARDENS
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18 <sup>th</sup> MAY	DEVON COUNTY SHOW
1 <sup>st</sup> JUN	BUCKFAST GARDEN FAYRE
11 <sup>th</sup> JUN	ST IVES & TRAIN
14 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> JUN	WEYMOUTH *
20 <sup>th</sup> JUN	HIGHGROVE GARDENS
1 <sup>st</sup> JUL	PAIGNTON STEAM TRAIN & PADDLE STEAMER
17 <sup>th</sup> JUL	STEAM TRAIN TO MINEHEAD *
4 <sup>th</sup> AUG	FESTIVAL OF BRITISH EVENTING

9 <sup>th</sup> AUG	CORNISH SEAL SANCTUARY
14 <sup>th</sup> AUG	BRITISH FIREWORK CHAMPIONSHIPS
29 <sup>th</sup> AUG	SEATON TRAMWAY & SIDMOUTH
10 <sup>th</sup> SEP	TAMAR CRUISE TO CALSTOCK
30 <sup>th</sup> SEP – 4 <sup>th</sup> OCT	AUTUMN TOUR TO OXFORDSHIRE
16 <sup>th</sup> OCT	CLARKS SHOPPING VILLAGE & WELLS *
26 <sup>th</sup> OCT	HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR MYSTERY TOUR
2 <sup>nd</sup> NOV	BRIDGWATER CARNIVAL
16 <sup>th</sup> NOV	LONGLEAT FESTIVAL OF LIGHT
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> NOV	TURKEY & TINSEL AT SANDOWN, ISLE OF WIGHT
7 <sup>th</sup> DEC	BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET
16 <sup>th</sup> DEC	TOUR OF CORNISH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
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## Parish Council Update



### Donations

A £50 donation was agreed for Cruse Bereavement Care (Cornwall) and £100 for Cornwall Hospice Care, it was considered both of these organisations play an important role in supporting the residents of the Parish in times of need.

### Grass Verges Holland Road, No Mans Land

Once the Christmas tree was removed it was clearly noticeable how much dog poo was left on the grass verges, the Parish Council would like to remind dog owners there is a hefty fine for not picking up after your dog and that there will be regular checks on these areas. Children play on the grass verges and not clearing up after your dog places their health at risk, please pick up and use the bin provided.

A planter has been purchased to cover the hole for the Christmas tree to ensure it is available for future use.

### Parish Precept

Mindful of increased Council Tax bills again this year the parish precept was kept to a level to simply maintain the services we are responsible for, therefore a precept of £11,747, a rise of 2% has been applied for from Cornwall Council.



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## Parish Council Update



### The Post office

The Parish Council has received a letter from the Post Office saying they are committed to maintaining a service for the parish and are currently looking for suitable premises for a temporary service. We are in regular contact with them and will keep you informed of developments.

### Parish Drains

A meeting was held with members of Cormac who maintain the parish drains, the Parish Council expressed our concern at the increased flooding in the parish, and the fact that without residents clearing their own drains the problems would have been worse. Cormac have committed to clearing the drains three times a year and have agreed to inform the Parish Council of the dates this will happen so we can alert the team face to face of specific problems.

### Parish Council Meetings

Monthly meetings take place at the Memorial Hall at No Man's Land, normally at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of the month, however please check noticeboards or our website for dates. Requests to speak during Public Participation need 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 are on page 2.



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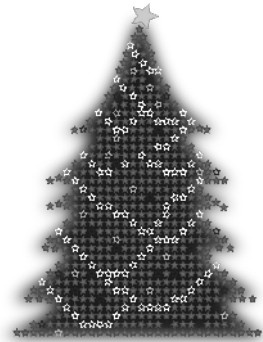
WOW what can we say, Barbara and Andrea would like to thank everyone for the fantastic support given to them for the parish light up, it was truly amazing to see so many people come out to watch the big switch on and to join us in the hall afterwards for food and drinks, special thanks to the team of helpers who came and got the tree up and did a great job securing it the high winds didn't seem a problem, many many thanks to Mr and Mrs Chalk for allowing us access to their electricity.

The team very much want to thank Mr and Mrs Henley for the kind donation of the tree, it made everything so much easier, and the use of the farm vehicles was fantastic.

We plan to do it all again this year but bigger and better hopefully, and so in a couple of months we shall start fundraising again. So if you have anything that might help us raise funds, be that ideas or things to sell please let us know, and any help is always appreciated, it was so lovely to see the community come together, as one parishioner said "to come town the road with all the torches and then hear the two flutist playing by the tree was just magical" and weren't the musician's wonderful.

Thank you Adele Conn and Stephanie Burt we are lucky to have such talent in the parish.

Let's all look forward to another great light up this year.



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## No Man's Land Village Hall

Well here we are, into another year here at the Hall. Let us hope 2019 is a good one.

Towards the end of last year we held the very successful Christmas Bingo and Christmas Fayre which are always very popular events.

The special commemorative Remembrance Service was well attended too.

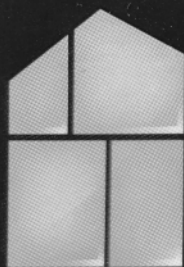
This year; There will be a **Jumble Sale on Saturday 2nd March** at 2.30 pm. If you are having a de-clutter after Christmas please contact us, we would appreciate any donations and collection can be arranged.

We are going to hold a **Spring Flower Show this year, Saturday 9th March** at 2.30pm. For the full schedule please contact Mrs Tracy Chudleigh 01503 240704 or Mrs Roberta Powley 01503 240650.

**The Easter Bingo is Friday 12th April**, doors open 7.00pm, eyes down at 8pm. There will be a raffle and some super prizes as always.

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# No Man's Land Village Hall

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There are many groups who regularly use the Hall and would welcome new members, pilates, yoga, an art group and soon a dog training class, so if you have an unruly mutt or have just acquired a puppy in need of training come along. Contact Mrs Roberta Powley for details.

We are having our Annual General Meeting on 1st April at 7pm. This is your Hall so please come along, we would love to see you.

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75g/2½oz caster sugar	1 tsp salt
7g sachet fast-action yeast	50g/1¾oz butter
1 free-range egg, beaten	150g/5oz sultanas
80g/3oz mixed peel	1 apple, cored and chopped
2 oranges, zest only	2 tsp ground cinnamon
sunflower oil, for greasing the bowl	

**For the cross:** 75g/2½oz plain flour, plus extra for dusting

**For the glaze:** 3 tbsp apricot jam

## Method:

**Bring the milk to the boil** and then remove from the heat and leave to cool until it reaches hand temperature.

**Mix the flour**, sugar, salt, yeast, butter and egg together in a bowl, then slowly add the warmed milk until it forms a soft, sticky dough.

**Add the sultanas**, mixed peel, chopped apple, orange zest and cinnamon, then tip out of the bowl onto a lightly floured surface. Knead the dough by holding the dough with one hand and stretching it with the heel of the other hand, then folding it back on itself. Repeat for five minutes, or until smooth and elastic.

**Put the dough in a lightly oiled bowl**, cover with oiled cling film and leave to rise for approximately one hour, or until doubled in size.

**Divide the dough** into 12 even pieces, and roll each piece into a smooth ball on a lightly floured surface. Arrange the buns on a baking tray lined with parchment, leaving enough space so that the buns just touch when they rise and expand. Set aside to prove for another hour.

**Heat the oven** to 220C/425F/Gas 7.

**For the cross**, mix the flour with about five tablespoons of water in small bowl, adding the water one tablespoon at a time, so that you add just enough for a thick paste. Spoon into a piping bag with a small nozzle. Pipe a line along each row of buns, then repeat in the other direction to create crosses.

**Bake for** 20-25 minutes on the middle shelf of the oven, or until golden-brown.

**Gently heat the apricot jam** to melt, then sieve to get rid of any chunks. While the jam is still warm, brush over the top of the warm buns and leave to cool. Gently rip the buns apart to serve, revealing temptingly soft edges.



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A History Snippet by Jenny Wallis

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It is 1284. The case is tried by the Assize in Bodmin. Walter, the first finder, is summoned to appear as a potential suspect. The Vicar must represent Ralph – who says it was an accident. James is bound to attend as a witness and admits the donkey had bolted and he was too drunk to find him.

## The Coroner delivers the verdict.

1. The Manor of Trelowia is fined for not raising the hue and cry.
2. Treveria and Bucklawren are fined for allowing the miscreants to rampage over their manors unchallenged.
3. Ralph admits responsibility and agrees to 'abjure the Realm'. He is last seen carrying a wooden cross and heading for the coast. He has 40 days to get out. The Sheriff takes his belongings worth 12/6.
4. James is fined and ordered to appear before the next 4 court sessions with proof of good behaviour.
5. The donkey is proved to be the cause of death and confiscated under deodand rules. It becomes the property of the Lord of the Manor – in case it gets used by black witches.

This all could have happened under a system where each community vowed to uphold the manor laws and customs.

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(Based on Assize Rolls, Hundred of Penwith 1284).

## **Looe Live 2019**

The Looe Saves the Day festival is making a bigger and better comeback. The event is making a return for 2019 - under the new name of Looe Live! It will have more stages, more local acts and street entertainers performing throughout the town, and a new community zone.

The festival will take place from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd September. There will be three stages at this year's event:

1. the main stage on the harbour car park at Buller Quay with a capacity of up to 3,500 people
2. a smaller stage on the beach with a capacity of up to 1,000 which will host the BBC Music Introducing in Devon and Cornwall programme  
As the stage will only cover a small section of the beach area, public access to the remainder of the beach will be maintained throughout the festival
3. a stage at the quayside at West Looe.

### **What events will be on?**

There will be a full programme of events from 12 noon to 10.30pm on all three stages on each of the three main days (Friday to Sunday) as well as acts performing in the local venues and on the streets of the town. Thursday

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## Looe Live 2019

evening (19th) will be used as a warm up session and will be free of charge. There will also be a comedy stage and a range of different genres of music on offer, including classical, jazz and country and western, dancing on the sea front and performances by local choirs.

Last year local pubs, restaurants and cafes provided an incredible range of food and drink for local people with many putting on special festival menus. Many are already working on their menus for this year's festival - and we can't wait to see what they produce.

The programme is still being developed but organisers have confirmed that British country duo The Shires will be one of the festival's headline acts.

Details of the other headline acts will be announced as they are confirmed over the next few weeks.

### **How about tickets?**

Early bird weekend tickets are now available to buy on the new Looe Live! website at just £55 for three days of amazing original music from the South West together with some of the UK's best loved artists. There are only a limited number of early bird tickets available so people are being encouraged to book now to take advantage of this special offer. Details of tickets on our website [Looelive.co.uk](http://Looelive.co.uk)



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It was not possible without our willing band of helpers and those who come to support us.

Robert and Jean Henly

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## Time Flies!!

Sitting at my desk looking out of the window, the weather is cold, wet and windy and talk of snow is in the weather forecast – there is not much incentive to do any chores outside – so it is time to write my quarterly magazine piece.

I cannot believe that it has been twelve months since I recorded my sightings for the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch but there is no escaping the passing of time.

My Watch this year took place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January – at 07.45 it was just light enough to identify the different species of small bird. The hour started very quietly in bird action, even though I had prepared well by



filling my feeders with several types of food, including a dozen or more apples from my store which were scattered under the trees on which they had grown.

Even after taking advantage of every viewing point from the house, it turned out to be a disappointing Watch. My list totalled fifteen species of bird, all very familiar to most bird watchers, however I was delighted to record one visitor not so common these days – the Song Thrush – one of the easiest to identify of the Thrush family which surprisingly includes the Blackbird. The UK Song Thrush population has declined by 50% since 1970, the loss of feeding and breeding habitat such as woodland and hedgerows is thought to be a factor in this decline.

Another visitor to my garden of late is a Sparrow Hawk, attracted most certainly by the activity around the feeders – if unsuccessful in making a kill, it will then take up a position in a nearby vantage point to wait for a further opportunity. While waiting, if seen by any member of the Corvid family, such as a Crow or Magpie, it is very quickly sent on its way.

## Time Flies!!

While staying with friends in rural Devon for the New Year, it was lovely to see two Roe Deer Hines feeding in the pasture next to the house – also on a walk adjacent to the field we came across an active Badger set – not an ideal neighbour for everyone but for me as a nature lover it was great to see.

An update on the bird feeders:- the apples that were on the ground have been spotted by a marauding band of Herring Gull and have all but gone – the ones that were hung in the trees are being enjoyed by a pair of Blackbirds.

Normally at this time in the season I would have expected to have seen Redwing in the garden, a winter visitor from the forests in Northern Europe, this member of the Thrush family can often be seen in very large numbers feeding in fields and hedgerows.

Update no. 2:- 'it is snowing' so take all precautions associated with the slippery white stuff and if you can, put a few morsels out for our feathered friends.

David Keeble

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