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The magazine is printed quarterly and has a circulation of 300 copies which are hand delivered to every home in the Parish.

Contributions

We always welcome contributions from people living in the Parish. If you would like to air your views on a particular subject or have a photograph or piece of artwork for the front cover please get in touch with The Clerk.

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Parish Council Update

Welcome to the Spring 2015 edition.

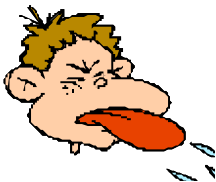
What a difference a year makes, this time last year the front cover photo was of the chalets at Millendreath underwater. The milder winter has been welcome for most as you can still get out and about and enjoy the beautiful area in which we live. In this issue Dave Keeble has a great piece called 'spring observation' which makes interesting reading; the cover photo is inspired by this piece. Easter is just around the corner and included is a tasty Easter recipe. As usual ANYTHING you want to include in the Summer issue please send it to me before the 19th May.

Planning Applications

Applications were received for the following: Rear dormer conversion, formation of accommodation in annex, at Pethick Park, No Man's Land. Use of land for stationing 10 camping pods and retention of additional pod, at Tregoad Caravan and Camping Park. The construction of 45 holiday homes at May Lane Millendreath. Conversion of small barn to form domestic annex at The Barn, Windsor, St Martin-by-Looe.

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Holland Road Post Box

We have been advised that the private post box in Holland Road will no longer be emptied by the Royal Mail. The Parish Council did appeal the decision but was unsuccessful as the Post Office demanded £940 per year plus VAT. Unfortunately the Parish Council do not have the funds needed to continue to provide the box therefore it will be removed.

New Street Lights

Two new street lights part funded by the Parish Council should by now have been installed on the B3253 and on the one way road leading to Holland Road, this resulted in a road closure which we hope did not cause too much inconvenience. Hopefully walking to the shop, bus stop or postbox should be safer.

Parish Council Meetings.

You are always welcome to attend the Parish council meetings which are held in the Memorial Hall, Holland Road, No Man's Land. They usually are held on the first Thursday of each month but check the noticeboards as they do sometimes change. Requests to speak during Public Participation need to be submitted to the Clerk by post or email at least 48 hours in advance, failure to do so could result in your request being refused. The Clerks contact details can be found on page 2



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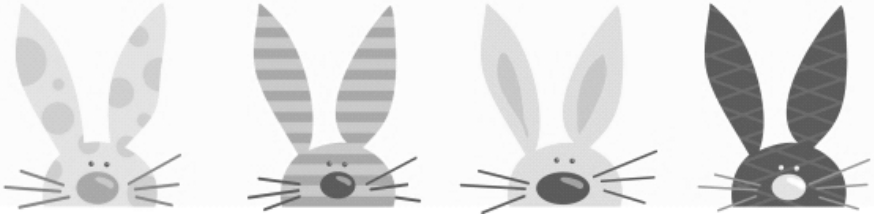
No Man's Land Hall Events

Easter Bingo

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GB Ocean Ski Series Race 1 - Looe 2-3 May

The GB Ocean Ski 2015 Season has started!

Thanks to some hard work and enthusiasm by a few there are some great new developments for the 2015 GB Ocean Ski season.

- Launch of the GB Ocean OneLife ID tags at a great introductory price of just £5, voluntary for events this year but compulsory next year. At checkout enter your GB Ocean Ski discount code: GBOCEANSKI. See: **OneLife ID**
- Brand new website would very much appreciate any comments, suggestions, items for inclusion etc before it goes live. See: **Sneak preview**
- New user friendly event entry system. The Series Race No1 at Looe is available to take entries now! See: **Eventbrite entry system**

Race No1 - Looe

Registration from 1000hrs and a compulsory briefing 1200hrs at Millendreath start at 1445hrs. Parking is free for competitors at Millendreath and space on a trailer on a first come first served basis. Planning for a 9-10 mile down wind race so expect start either at Port Wrinkle if easterlies or Talland Bay if westerlies. Two starts Slow and Fast, this will not affect your finish time it is just to help the Safety Boat cover. There will also be a short course option for ILS Spec Ski's and Under 21/First Timers with **ONLY £10 entry fee for under 21 and first time competitors.**

Prizing giving and social planned for one hour after last finisher (about 5pm) at the Bay View Campsite, walking distance from Millendreath.

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Social will be on a 'Bring Your Own' basis, we will supply a BBQ and facilities you bring your own food/drink. For the disorganised amongst you we can supply top quality local steaks/burgers/ciders/beers etc by prior arrangement from the best shop is Looe! Contact Ally at the Purely Cornish Deli 01503 262680 ally@purelycornish.co.uk

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History Snippet

Whilst exploring the Internet the other day I came across this description of the Parish in 1870, it makes interesting reading, remember the church was in the parish then.

In 1870-72, John Marius Wilson's Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales described St Martin like this:

MARTIN (ST.), a parish in Liskeard district, Cornwall; on Looe bay and the river Looe, 4½ miles SSW of Menheniot r. station, and 6½ S by E of Liskeard. It contains the town of East Looe; and its Post town is Looe, under Liskeard. Acres, 3,199; of which 130 are water. Real property, exclusive of East Looe, £2,802; inc. of East Looe, £4,622. Pop., exc. of East Looe, 343. Houses, 71. Pop., inc. of East Looe, 1,497. Houses, 276. The manor was known, at Domesday, as Lant Martin; and it took its name from St. Martin du Tours. About 250 acres are under wood. The coast is noticed in the articles on East Looe and West Looe. The living is a rectory in the diocese of Exeter. Value, £481.* Patron, alternately the Dowager Countess of Sandwich and the Duke of Cleveland. The church stands on high ground above East Looe, and is ancient but good. The town of East Looe, jointly with that of West Looe, forms a separate benefice. There is a Wesleyan chapel, a national school, and charities £4.



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Name and Surname	Abode	Nature of Qualification
James Arthur	Penwith	House and land as occupier
Thomas Cook	Barbican	Lease of house and land for years
Simon Cook	Hay	Lease of house and land for years
William Clogg	East Looe	House and land as occupier
Richard Cook (Rev)	Barbican	House and land as occupier
Robert Ellis	42 Queen St Devonport	Lease of mill and land for years
William Farwell (Rev)	Rectory	Freehold glebe and tithes
Thomas Hill	Higher Trevery	Lease of house and land for years
John Muchmore	Logeo	House and land as occupier
William Pearce	Windsor	House and land as occupier
John Pearce	Glebe	Land as occupier
James Pearce	Keverall	House and land as occupier
George Rosever	Tregoad	House and land as occupier
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Contributed by Sue Dent.

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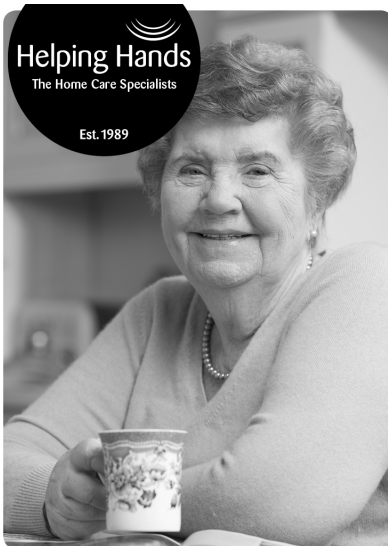
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Millendreath in Bloom

Millendreath in Bloom was proud to achieve another Silver Gilt Certificate 2014 by South West in Bloom this year for floral displays planted and maintained throughout 2014.

Particular note was made by the SW in Bloom judges of the wooden street furniture produced by a local craftsman who was commended for his imaginative use of recycled timber. In addition, a certificate by Caradon Tourist Board was presented to the local Comprehensive School pupils led by their teacher Roger Holland at a special evening at the Millpool Centre, their Cornish flag design laid out in their garden at Millendreath was a real winner! Our Certificates are displayed in Black Rock Cafe.

Thanks to everyone who gave their energy maintaining our displays for yet another year without this support Millendreath in Bloom would not exist. It is hoped anyone who has an hour or two from time to time will join in and support this local community effort, we meet regularly and anyone interested is welcome to join us for a coffee - a note of future meetings will be posted on the notice board. Thanks to our Sponsors too and the support from our Local Parish Council and Espalier.



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MiB Committee kicked off 2015 with a first meeting in Black Rock Cafe, on the Agenda plans for this year were discussed as well as fund raising which will see another Car Boot Sale taking place on Easter Monday 06 April between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Without local involvement and encouragement none of this is possible.

Millendreath Residents fed up with selfish dog owners.

At the last Parish Council meeting it was reported that dog mess is a problem in Millendreath.

Remember, you are required to clean up after your dog has fouled (and properly dispose of it) when your dog fouls in any area which the public are entitled to have access to. Cornwall Council introduced a Dog Fouling Order that covers all of Cornwall to ensure all areas of Cornwall have the same levels of enforcement for dog fouling.

Failing to clean up after your dog has fouled will result in a fixed penalty being issued - which is for £80 (reduced to £50 if paid within 10 days) or prosecution where if found guilty you would face a maximum fine of £1000.

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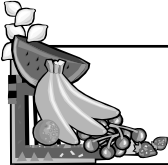
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All Day Breakfast success

An All Day Breakfast event was held at St Martins Church Hall, Looe on Saturday 31st January and 175 breakfasts were served. It raised £2200 and the proceeds will be split between St Martins Church, Looe Rotary Shelterbox and Childrens Hospice South West. Many thanks to the helpers from Cornish Farm Holidays, Rotary Club of Looe Valley, Inner Wheel Club of Liskeard and Looe and to all those who attended making it a very successful event.

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Spring observations

Despite an outside temperature of 1°C there are signs in the garden that Spring is on the way. Daffodils have been in flower since early December, Primroses blooming as well as the expected Snow Drops. Although this piece is to be included in the Spring edition of the Parish magazine, at the time of writing it is just 10 days in to February so a little imagination is required to get in to the mood.

On the 24th January I once again took part in the RSPB Great Garden Bird watch which is an annual survey to assess the number of wild birds that frequent our gardens, parks and other open spaces. Anyone can take part - it only takes one hour, once a year and is very rewarding.

My own count started at 08.00 hrs and it was very slow to get going with no birds on the feeders at all. No need to worry though as gradually all my regulars started to arrive. It is necessary to keep alert otherwise you may miss a fleeting visit from a not so regular visitor such as my Great Spotted Woodpecker.

A bird more common to my garden is a Buzzard that roosts in the small wooded area to the south west of the house. It is not just because it is good cover, he is very adept at catching the frogs that are now gathering in the pond to spawn. Not included unfortunately on my tick list is a bird that I hear regularly but rarely see – the bird is the Tawny Owl – such an

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iconic sound. Many 'spooky' films include it's call – the classic 'kee-wick' 'hoo-hooo' – it is in fact two birds, male and female calling each other, the female with the 'kee-wick' and the return 'hoo-hooo' from the male. Some years ago a Tawny Owl broke cover during daylight and alighted in an Elm tree in the garden. I was alerted to the bird by the sounds of other birds alarm calls, some flying at and mobbing the owl. After a very noisy couple of minutes the owl melted away in to cover and peace returned.

The Tawny Owl (featured on the cover of this publication) is holding its own regarding numbers in the wild but not so our other once fairly common Barn Owl. This very handsome bird is very much on the decline, if any reader out there has seen a Barn Owl locally I would like to hear the details.

It should be just a matter of weeks until we can all get out and about to enjoy the sights and sounds of our beautiful countryside – we should all appreciate nature because it can be very fragile.

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5 tbsp milk. ½ tsp vanilla extract
2 tbsp desiccated coconut
100g red glacé cherries, cut into 1/4's

To decorate

85g seedless raspberries jam
50g red glacé cherries, cut into 1/4's
2 tbsp toasted desiccated coconut



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Method

Preheat the oven to 180C/Gas 4/fan oven 160C and line a large muffin tray with 9 muffin cases. Tip the butter and sugar into a large bowl and beat with an electric mixer until paler in colour, light and fluffy. Pour in the eggs and beat until the mixture is light and creamy. Use a wooden spoon to beat in the flour, milk, vanilla and coconut until you have a soft dropping consistency. Stir in the cherries.

Spoon the mixture into the muffin cases and bake for 20 minutes until risen and golden. Lift the muffins out of the tray and sit them on a wire rack to cool slightly.

To decorate, tip the jam into a small saucepan and gently warm, stirring, until melted and smooth. Generously brush the tops of the warm cakes with the jam, stick the quartered cherries on top and sprinkle with the toasted coconut. Serve on the day of making.

Looe Police Station contact number.

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Looe Marine Conservation Group

It's great to know so many people in and around Looe are interested in our local wildlife. We're recruiting lots of new members and welcoming new faces to our events. We meet every third Tuesday of the month at the RNLI Station in East Looe at 7.30pm. So come along, find out who we are, what we do and how to get involved. Full details on our website www.looemarineconservation.org

Sat 21 Mar Hannafore Beach, W Looe 12- 2pm	EVENT:WHAT'S THE TIDE WASHED UP? BEACH CLEAN focussing on plastics and 'ghost netting'
Tues 24 Mar Millpool Centre 6.30pm 7.30pm Looe Island	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Talk: Eggs & Chicks Galore: My Seabird Summers on
Fri 10 Apr Hannafore Beach, W Looe 3.30pm	EVENT: EASTER ROCKPOOL RAMBLE (to 5.30pm) Join expert volunteers to explore rock pools and identify inhabitants.
Tues 21 Apr RNLI Station, East Looe 6.30pm	LMCG MONTHLY MEETING with Guest Speaker TALK: A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A BDMLR VET - Darryl Thorpe (To 7.30pm)
Tues 28 Apr Lostwithiel Comm Centre 7.30 pm	TALK: WILD LOOE - DISCOVER THE BOOK - a joint event with Friends of the Fowey Estuary. Guest Speaker: Author Dr Derek Spooner
Sun 17 May Downderry Beach 11am - 1 pm	EVENT: MAY MARINE CLEANING MACHINE BEACH CLEAN focussing on plastics and ghost netting
Tues 19 May RNLI Station, East Looe 6.30pm	LMCG MONTHLY MEETING (to 7.30pm) Members' Talk Time: Share news, ideas opinions + event training
Sat 30 May Hannafore Beach W Looe 9.30am	EVENT: HALF TERM ROCKPOOL RAMBLE (to 11am) Join expert volunteers to explore rock pools and identify inhabitants.
Tues 16 Jun RNLI Station, East Looe 6.30pm	LMCG MONTHLY MEETING (to 7.30pm) SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD Guest:Matt Slater - Cornwall Wildlife Trust
Sun 21 Jun On the quay outside RNLI Station, East Looe. 11 am-4 pm	EVENT:FESTIVAL BY THE SEA Exciting full day event in association with Cornwall Wildlife Trust celebrating Looe's fishing heritage. Lots of events, Mackerel BBQ etc.

At our latest rockpool ramble we saw the most amazing variety of marine creatures. Apart from crabs, squat lobsters, starfish, anemones, pipefish, sea slugs and sucker fish, it was a very low tide (the best for rockpooling) so we reached areas of kelp to find 'mermaid's purses' (egg cases) and the little dogfish that emerge from them. And the following day one of our volunteers even stumbled across a 1 metre shark in the shallow waters!



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