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# News



# Summer 2013

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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 Summer 2013 Edition*

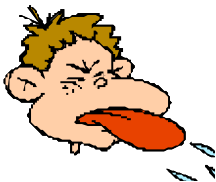
With all the excitement of the election over, I can announce that the Parish Elections were uncontested, so you have nearly all of us back for another 3 years!

In this issue you will find the Chairman's Annual Report and information on how to apply for the one vacancy on the Parish Council.

As usual there are features which I hope you will find interesting, including Dave's 'Bird Watch', Jenny's History Snippet and a seasonal recipe. PLEASE SEND ANYTHING you would like to see included to me at the address on page 2.

### **Planning Applications**

The following applications were received for consideration: Change of use of property to a cattery for 12-16 cats at Cheney cottage, No Man's Land: Temporary erection (5 years) of a single storey and a storey and a half, leisure building/cafe/retail/office, at Millendreath Beach: Two applications for the refurbishment of existing chalets at Millendreath Holiday Village: Alterations and extension to dwelling and associated works at Cockles Peep Out, St Martin By Looe.



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## Donations

A donation of £250 was agreed to help kick start the Millendreath In Bloom project: A further donation of £50 was awarded to Cornwall Air Ambulance who rely solely on donations to survive.

## B3253 pedestrian footpath

Following a kind offer by a land owner in No Man's Land, Cornwall Council are currently looking at the possibility of construction a footpath from the Holland Road Estate to a safe crossing point on the B3253; County Councillor Armand Toms and the Parish Council have supported the scheme and are look forward to working with Cornwall Council to make this happen!

## Holland Road Estate

The entrance to the estate is looking very untidy and unkept, the Parish Council have managed to persuade Cornwall Housing to repair the wall but the continued parking of cars on the grass verge has resulted in the them becoming nothing more that bare earth. We are once again meeting with Cornwall Council's senior management team to see if a solution can be found that could tidy up the area, perhaps the residents could follow Millendreath and enter the Cornwall In Bloom Competition!



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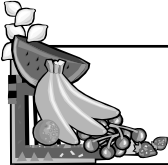
An alternative route is currently being finalised with the land owners and it is hoped to be ready for the summer tourist season. Please remember the old path is DANGEROUS so please do not use it.

## Parish Council Meetings

Requests to speak at meetings must now be made in writing to The Clerk at least 48 hours in advance, failure to do so could result in your request to speak being refused. Next meeting June 13th, 7.30pm.

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- Written applications to fill this vacancy should be submitted to the Clerk to the Parish Council at the address below by 10th June 2013.
- If more applications are received than vacancies to be filled, the Parish Council will decide which of the applications is to fill the vacancy.

*Charles Hyde, Parish Clerk and RFO, 8 Trelawny Road, Menheniot, Liskeard PL14 3TS. Interviews will take place on 13th June.*

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# Chairman's Annual Report

This has been another busy year for the Parish Council. The regular monthly meetings have been well attended by both Councillors and the general public. It is good to see members of the public with an interest in the running of the Parish bringing topics to the Council during the Public Question Time at the beginning of each meeting.

The three notice boards within the parish at No Man's Land, Windsworth and Millendreath are now hopefully in good repair. These all help to keep residents informed of activities within the Parish and the work of the Parish Council.

There continues to be a problem with parking and the general appearance of parts of the Holland Road housing estate. We continue to work with Cornwall Council to try to resolve some of the issues.

We still await a formal planning application for affordable housing in No Man's Land. Such an application may give us some leverage to address traffic problems at the Holland Farm junction. It may also give us opportunity to provide a much needed play area, the funds for which we already have ring-fenced.

We continue to lobby for a further speed restriction on the B3253 which remains a potentially lethal area for pedestrians crossing the road to use the shop or bus stops. We are also pushing for more pavement and a traffic island to help people when crossing the road. Proposed junction improvements by Cornwall Council should help matters, but fall far short of what is necessary to make this a truly safe crossing place.



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Concerns are continually being raised about the condition of the roads within the parish. Partly due to the extreme winter weather conditions, Cornwall Council are short of funds to do anything except patch the roads but we will continue to pursue the case for more major repairs.

The overall appearance of Millendreath has improved with the demolition of the old clubhouse, shops, pub etc. Hopefully the new year will see the start of some construction of new properties which have been approved for the site. The owner's association are to be commended for their initiative in making the area more attractive with their Millendreath in Bloom project. They have the full backing of the Parish Council with this initiative.

Many thanks to our Cornwall Councillor, Armand Toms, for all his hard work in this parish and East Looe, especially over the last few very difficult weeks with the problems on St Martins Hill and Sandplace Road.

My thanks to our Clerk, Charles Hyde for all the hard work he puts in to enable the smooth running of the Council and all he does to edit and produce the quarterly parish magazine on our behalf. The magazine is now self-financing thanks to the sale of advertising space and is very informative to all parishioners. During the past year we have seen the resignation of a very long serving councillor in Mr Ronald Matthews. I would like to record my thanks to him for all his hard work on the Council, serving many years as Chairman and for his invaluable knowledge of years gone by. We welcomed Dave Keeble as a councillor to replace him. Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their regular attendance and their endeavours throughout the year. R Henly

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## St Martin's Village Hall Trust, Chairman's Annual Report

Once again it has been a busy and successful year for the village hall. Jumble Sales have been well attended and profitable, both flower shows were well attended with plenty of entries, despite the bad weather. Attendance at both the Easter and Christmas Bingos were a little down but to be expected in the harsh financial climate.

The Hall has been well used by outside organisations plus many private bookings. All of the allotments are occupied and there is a waiting list if any become vacant. Sadly this year we have lost two Committee Members to retirement, therefore the Committee is a little thin on the ground, if you know of anyone willing to give the hall a few hours a month we would love to see them join us. We were very pleased to welcome back our Secretary Sue Augner after a break for personal reasons, she keeps us organised. We hope to start a 'Gardeners Get Together' once a month, if you would like to come along please contact a member of the Hall Committee. The porch and entrance will have the floor painted very soon. We would love to see more residents of the Parish at the hall, it was noted with some sadness that the Jubilee Celebrations were poorly attended. This is your Parish Hall and we would love to see it well used. Personally I would like to thank all of the very hard working Committee for their time and effort over the last year, without them the hall would have to close.

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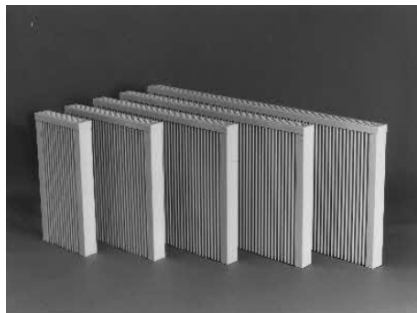
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# Italian summer strawberry 'tiramisu'

By Aldo Zilli. [www.bbc.co.uk/food](http://www.bbc.co.uk/food)

A fresh strawberry and orange version of the classic Italian dessert.

## Ingredients

- 165g/5½oz caster sugar
- 1 orange, zest and juice
- 3 tbsp orange-flavoured liqueur (such as Grand Marnier)
- 30 sponge fingers (preferably Pavesini biscuits, available from most Italian delis)
- 6 free-range eggs, separated
- 325ml/11½fl oz double cream
- 500g/1lb 2oz mascarpone cheese
- 2 tea spoons vanilla extract
- 250g/9oz strawberries, sliced
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## Preparation method

1. In a pan, gently heat 120g/4oz of the sugar with the orange zest. Add the liqueur and orange juice and continue to cook until the sugar has dissolved. Use tongs to quickly dip half the sponge fingers in the syrup (take care not to burn yourself), then lay them on the bottom of a square serving dish.
2. Place a heatproof bowl over a pan of simmering water. Add the egg yolks and the remaining caster sugar to the bowl and whisk to combine. When the sugar has melted, remove the bowl from the heat and whisk the egg yolks until pale, doubled in volume and creamy. Pour into a cool bowl and set aside.
3. In a separate bowl, whisk the egg whites until stiff. In a large bowl, beat the cream until thick. Fold the mascarpone into the cream, then fold in the egg yolks until combined. Fold in the egg whites and vanilla extract.
4. Spread a layer of the mixture over the soaked sponge fingers then add a layer of strawberries. Continue layering the sponge fingers, creamy mixture and strawberries, finishing with a layer of strawberries. Cover with cling film and place in the fridge to chill for two hours.
5. Discard the cling film and dust the top of the summer pudding with icing sugar. Serve immediately.



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# Hand Your Scam Mail in to your library

Cornwall Council Trading Standards service is poised to launch its annual Scamnesty Campaign once again. Last year's Scamnesty results showed that in one month alone, over £160 million of prize draw winnings were bogusly awarded to the residents of Cornwall!

As of the 1 May 2013 for one month, Trading Standards are urging Cornish residents to take any scam mail they receive to their local library and hand it in to the staff. The mail will then be sent to Cornwall Trading Standards for assessment and referral to the appropriate authorities, such as Action Fraud if necessary. Anyone handing over their scam mail will be issued with a free "No Cold Callers" front door sticker. Alternatively, you can forward any scam emails to [scams@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:scams@cornwall.gov.uk).

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"We would encourage family and friends to look at those dear to them who may be dealing with excessive amounts of mail or phone calls. Often those caught up in receiving and responding

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to scams are encouraged to be secretive about what they are doing and in many cases are also in denial that they are being scammed."

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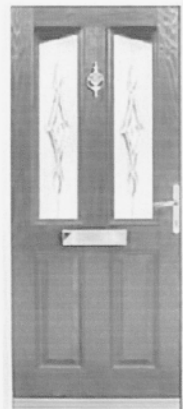
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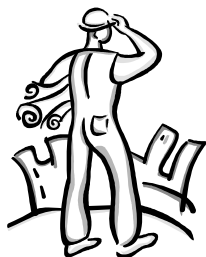
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Their journey to our shores is a hazardous one from South Africa – many birds perish on the way from starvation, exhaustion and in natural events before arriving at the same nest site, if you are lucky, at your house or outbuilding. It takes the birds about five weeks to travel the 5,000 miles from their winter home – the first you may see of them is when they congregate in noisy flocks on power or telephone lines. They quickly start repairing their previous year's nest using mud from puddles or other damp areas. Not all the owners of their chosen nest site properties welcome the twittering, and sometimes a little messy visitors, but if you are lucky enough to be a host to these handsome birds it is a small price to pay. As we all know the summer is over all too quickly and the birds will be gone.

The young hatchlings of the year have just a few weeks to feed up and get ready for the return journey back south to Africa – the trip is also fraught with danger and can take as long as four months. They will travel over Europe and on to Africa, the Sahara desert flown over without a stop, then some respite and feeding in Nigeria. Sadly, tens of thousands of roosting birds are trapped, killed and eaten in a ritual that takes place every year in this country by its inhabitants. Further south they go, feeding while in flight, darting to take insects that have been flushed out of the grass by the feet of grazing elephants and giraffe. On down the west coast until finally, journeys end, South Africa – home for a few weeks and then the cycle begins all over again.

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# The life of Mrs Violet Jenkins 1911 - 2013

Vi was born Violet Hannaford on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 1911. Her family lived at number 730 Harrow Road, Paddington, London. There were three children, Violet, followed by Tom and Eileen from her mother's second marriage. When the first world war broke out in 1914 Vi remembered the Zeppelins over London and doing bomb drill - when the warnings came children could knock on the nearest door and were given shelter.

When Vi was seven her family moved from London to Deal in Kent. The family home was opposite the barracks



And Vi could remember seeing the German guns on the French coast.

Vi won a scholarship to attend Grammar School but sadly had to go out and earn a living. Her first job was as a daily maid to a local shopkeeper, then she became a nanny to Mr and Mrs Brent's two little boys. Mr Brent collapsed and died while attending church.

With the outbreak of the second world war Vi volunteered as a first aider with the St John's ambulance, she passed the course 1<sup>st</sup> class!!. After passing another exam she decided to move away to Chatham and applied to join the WRAF Medical Corp, she was accepted and sent to Swindon Hospital where she took her medical exams and was promoted to Leading Aircraft Woman.

The next posting was by the sea in Skegness to the station sick quarters adjoining the hospital. It was a very busy station and it was from here she would watch the German planes flying in over the sea.

Then came a posting to a secret destination just outside London. Vi was very reluctant to talk about this episode in her life except to say it was from here she nursed both soldiers and civilians and was promoted to corporal.

After being sent back to the RAF hospital at Swindon, Vi applied to serve overseas, being first sent to France then on to India. At the time there was a lot of unrest in India and it was deemed an unsafe place for

## The life of Mrs Violet Jenkins 1911 - 2013

women and some of the WRAFs were sent home. Vi immediately applied for another overseas posting and was sent to Egypt then on to a hospital in Aden where she was put in charge of the medical stores. The end of the war found Vi back in Swindon and still in charge of the medical stores. She really wanted to nurse and feeling frustrated at not being able to do so reluctantly left the services.

Vi went home to Deal.

The manager of the local golf club had a terminally ill wife. The owner of the golf club, Mr Read, asked Vi if she would help with the catering. "As I had nothing better to do" Vi agreed on a trial period. After Mr Jenkins wife died Vi stayed on.

Vi was 42 years old when she married Charles Jenkins.

Charles was never a well man and Vi nursed him until he retired. They had no children.

At the hospital Charles frequently attended they became friendly with the ward sister, Miss Gill Parsons and when Gill left the hospital due to ill health they all moved to her cottage in Devon. They all moved again to Minions where Gill bred dogs.

Eventually Charles had to be hospitalised where he sadly died. As the cottage was too big for them, Gill and Vi moved to Bucklawren Road, St Martins. When Gill died Vi moved into Holland Road, No Man's Land with her Yorkshire terrier Opal, and then a deformed, bossy, nippy, hen budgie she called Cherie Marguerite!!

Vi never wanted any fuss but she was thrilled to get her Birthday card from the Queen on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Vi died peacefully on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013, aged 102, at Atlantis Residential home where she had spent the last few months of her life. Vi is buried in Morval churchyard near Gill.

She was a lovely, caring, kind, and fiercely independent lady. She will be missed.

### **No Man's Land Hall Events**

Summer Flower Show 10th August 2.30pm

*Car park Closure, 27th & 28th September from 9am*

Harvest Festival, 28th September 6.30pm

Charity Jumble Sale, 26th October, 2.30pm

# St Martin's Road Update

## Cornwall Council confirms start of work on scheme to re open St Martin's Road

Work on the first phase of the scheme to re-open St Martin's Road in Looe started on Monday, 20 May.

The scheme involves installing concrete piles into the rock strata under the road at half-metre intervals along the 15 metre length adjoining the property affected by the landslide. At the same time alternate inclined rock-anchors will be used to provide additional stability, with the whole area then capped with a concrete edge beam.

The works will take between eight to ten weeks to complete, with the road then re-opened under traffic light control by the start of the main school summer holidays in July. Further works will then take place in the winter to allow the road to return to full two-way operation.

"We appreciate that the ongoing closure of St Martin's Road is causing problems for many local residents and businesses and are committed to re opening the road as quickly as possible" said Paul Masters, the Council's Interim Chief Executive.

Although the scale of the construction works means that there will inevitably be some impact on local residents, the Council will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum. A site liaison officer is being assigned to the scheme to deal with queries and concerns from residents and businesses in the vicinity of the works.

A further drop in session was held at the Guildhall in Looe on Wednesday, 22 May this gave local businesses the opportunity to talk about their issues and receive advice on help that may be available in the current circumstances.

Representatives from the Valuation Office Agency and Cornwall Council's Shared Services team were also present to answer queries about Business Rates. Shared Services were also there to give advice on the Council's new Crisis & Care Awards.

The session was also attended by local councillors, and representatives from the Council's economic development and localism teams. A highways officer was also there to explain and answer queries about the St Martin's Road scheme.

Information on the works which are taking place in Looe and advice and activities for local residents and businesses are available on the Council's website – [www.cornwall.gov.uk/looe/latest](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/looe/latest). **Dated 17th May**

# Love Looe

Following feedback sessions attended by local businesses and conducted by Looe Town Council, you will welcome the news that additional marketing funds have been made available to support a Looe Tourism Action Plan. A green light has been given for a LoveLooe campaign - in the first instance to be run in conjunction with the Western Morning News - and a LoveLooe Steering Group has now been formed, comprised of volunteer businesses.

The LoveLooe campaign is designed to spearhead positive PR and press coverage of Looe in general, increase visitor numbers and spread footfall across the town and surrounding areas. We all recognise the need to act NOW and the Group is meeting regularly to formulate ideas and carry out actions identified. The first campaign is based on a concept of LoveLooe days or dates with businesses running LoveLooe offers and using LoveLooe to describe just about anything - festivals, wildlife, music, shops, pubs, beaches, taxis, restaurants, cafes, attractions etc. There is considerable potential for LoveLooe promotional items and a vibrant visual presence in the town to embrace a festival atmosphere with opportunities for every business to become involved and share the benefits. It is up to each individual business to get involved in as much of this campaign as they wish.

Love Looe branded features are to be in the Western Morning News every Friday starting Friday 24th May. Editorial features which will cover 'What's On' in Looe; 'Food and Drink' (featuring all the festivals - particularly in June; 'Wildlife' (marine life/nature walks/swcoastal path, etc); 'On The Water' (sailing, fishing, boat trips, walks etc; 'Retail'; and Family Days Out/Breaks (activities, etc). Contact us on [lovelooe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lovelooe@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Looe Police Station contact number.**

If you need to contact your local Police Station you can use the number below:

**01503 266173**

If there is no one available to answer your call please leave a message and a member of the team will contact you on their return.

To report a crime, or for information and advice:

**Call 101 (Calls cost 15p)**

**Emergency 999**

**01392 452935 (Minicom) 0800 555111 (Crimestoppers)**

# Fond Farewells

## The History Snippet *by Jenny*

Our parish church, dedicated to St Martin and St Kayne, was founded way back in the 5th or 6th century. It has a Norman porch, an Early English west door, a tower with bells and a 15th century make-over. Soon after 1066 the rectors were all related to the Norman Bodrugans who had been given most of the parish under William the Conqueror. So parishioners paid tithes - a tenth of all produce - to the glory of God, the upkeep of the church - and the the lifestyle of the ruling class!

But the church was the centre of the parish world and countless generations have been laid to rest in the beautiful graveyard.

In C12th Pope Alexander III sent a Papal Bull to Prior Geoffrey of St Stephen's Priory in Launceston (the Bodrugan's beneficiary). This granted, among other perks, the right of free burial except for criminals and the excommunicated. But most people in the parish were 'copyholders' and the lord of the manor would claim a heriot - a death tax - so dying was never cheap.

Elizabeth 1 introduced parish registers to record burials. To boost the wool trade you had to be buried in a wool shroud. It was not to be mingled with 'flax, hemp, silk, hair, gold or silver!' Everyone at the funeral would be fined £5 if a 'woollen burial' was not registered. In Cornwall respectable folk kept a shroud, a white cap and a pair of white stockings - in much the same way as we might take out insurance.

Funerals usually took place on a Sunday so everyone could go. The procession walked along the path, or way, that would have been the regular route to church.

First came the choir singing in minor key in slow time, then the coffin with 'immediate family' privileged to walk 'next to the corpse'. The invited mourners followed on in strict order of merit.

The coffin bearers expected beer: laying-out required rum and the liquor bill for the occasion was often the greatest expense. There was cold beer sweetened with sugar, slightly mulled poker beer and shenagrum, which involved boiled beer, Jaimacia rum, lemon, sugar and nutmeg. Wines were made from blackberries, elder, gillyflower, cowslips and parsnips. And then there was 'mahogany', a nourishing brew of gin and treacle. People loved a good funeral!

So if you live in an old settlement you should be able to trace the old "way" to the church. There will still be a hint of a path, a gate, a fieldname or a stile that was once the route to heaven.



## New food and drink venue

For the first time in many years, Polraen Country House at Sandplace in the Looe Valley is opening to non residents for evening food and drink from 29 May for the summer season. A relaxed informal atmosphere with home-made blackboard specials, light bites and platters to share will be served Wed-Sat evenings from 6.30 pm. The Polraen bar has been refurbished and the new flexible menu takes account of appetite and budget aiming to become a popular choice for the local community as well as visitors to Looe and surrounding areas.

You can eat light popping in for a pint of prawns or a fresh crab sandwich, or make a meal of it with a selection of Blackboard Specials including hot and home made dishes. Share yarns with the locals over a pint in the bar, relax in the conservatory overlooking the garden and even eat al fresco with a country garden view. Food service will be Wed-Sat from 6.30 - 9 pm with last drinks orders at 11 pm.

Gill and Martin Bridges, owners of Polraen for the last 13 years said "We're responding to local demand for a choice of food and drink establishments in the Looe Valley and encouraging holidaymakers to enjoy a Looe Valley experience, surrounded by glorious Cornish countryside just 2 miles from Looe. Polraen and its garden is in a unique setting on the scenic Looe Valley Line with Sandplace Station close by and we're offering an affordable menu, easy access and free parking. With the introduction of the summer train timetable, it's also possible to visit of an evening using the scenic Looe Valley Line train - an opportunity not to be missed now the holiday season is upon us."

Gill Bridges added: "We hope to attract visitors staying in self catering accommodation in the Looe Valley to enjoy the hospitality for which our family run business has become known and to welcome new local customers to experience a more informal atmosphere at Polraen."

Polraen Country House, a former 18th century coaching inn, is located at the junction of the A387 to Looe and the B3254 to Duloe. The A387 road from Sandplace to Looe was closed December to March but reopened at Easter and is now the main artery serving Looe from the East via Widegates and Morval. From 18 May, the last train from Sandplace on Saturdays until 7 September leaves at 21 00 for Looe and 21 17 for Liskeard. On weekdays, it's 19 38 for Looe and 19 57 for Liskeard. For further information, call Gill Bridges at Polraen Country House on 01503 263956

# The LOOE BIOBLITZ June 23/24

A Wildlife Guide, Marine Discovery Trail and a Children's Activity Book are now available from Looe Tourist Information Centre - produced by the Looe Marine Conservation Group as part of their Looe's Inspiring Seashore Project. The leaflets cover a whole range of activities to encourage visitors and locals to discover, explore and learn more about Looe's amazing wildlife. Important safety information, guidance and advice is given on activities including rockpooling and snorkelling, birdwatching and crabbing, fishing, Looe Island boat trips and seal spotting. The leaflets and a website packed with resources, photo gallery and lots of information [www.looemarineconservation.org](http://www.looemarineconservation.org) support a year long programme of free public events designed to engage visitors and the local community with Looe's amazing wildlife.

And in June a really unique event is taking a place in Looe - a 24 hour bioblitz 23/24 June. The nerve centre for this amazing wildlife recording bonanza will be the brand new Millpool Centre.

Further information: Heather Buttivant. [Looevmca@gmail.com](mailto:Looevmca@gmail.com) 01503 264 569 / 07910016275

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# Councillor Armand Toms

Dear Residents.

Can I firstly thank everyone who voted in the recent Cornwall Council elections and I do appreciate the faith put in me and I promise to work with the Parish Council to do what we can together for the parish. I will be starting my members surgery at Looe Library from 10am to 1pm each Friday starting from the end of May, I can support residents in a number of ways. If you have problems with Housing, benefits, social care or planning I am willing to discuss and help when and where I can, please come and speak to me over any issue.

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## Public notice

Notice of Appointment of date for the exercise of electors' rights. Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2013.

Date of announcement 1st June 2013

Each year the Council's annual return is audited by an auditor appointed by The Audit Commission. Any person interested has the right to inspect the accounts and make copies of the annual return and all books, deed, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2013 these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:

Charles Hyde, Parish Clerk and RFO, 8 Trelawny Road, Menheniot, PL14 3TS, between the hours of 10am and 12 noon, Mon to Wed, commencing on 3rd June 2013 and ending 28th June 2013.

Local electors and their representatives have rights to: Question the auditor about the accounts and object to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the Council.

The Council audit is being conducted under the provisions of the Audit Commission Act 1998, the Accounts and Audit Regulations (England) 2011 and the Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice.

Your Audit is being carried out by Grant Thornton UK LLP, Hartwell House, 55- 61 Victoria Street, Bristol BS1 6FT.

This announcement made by C F Hyde. Parish Clerk & RFO.

# Useful Telephone Numbers

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## Coastguard

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Brixham 01803 884002

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