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Parish Council Update

Welcome to the Autumn Edition

Well that's summer over, as I write I think Autumn has well and truly arrived, the lights on and I'm tempted by the heat! Inside this edition you will find a tasty Autumn recipe, great articles from Jenny Wallis and Dave Kebble and reports from the local community.

Planning Applications

Application were received from: Tregoad Caravan & Camping Park, for an extension of existing park including the change of use of land and provision of 80 holiday lodges and associated works. Bramble, Kellow, conversation of garage into two storey home. Looe Bay Holiday Park, proposed development within existing holiday park for siting of 6 static caravans. Bucklawren House, rear extension for conservatory and store room.

Parish Council Elections

The election was uncontested, all but one of the Parish Councillors retained their positions. We welcome Andrea Lankston was co-opted to the Council. We would also like to thank Michael Elford who served on the Council for many years, who has chosen to step down this time.

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22nd Oct	Halloween @ Morwellham	2018	
4th Nov	Bridgwater 'Guy Fawkes' Carnival	5th Jan	Peter Pan, Plymouth Theatre Royal
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Parish Council Update

Annual Audit of Accounts

The Parish Council Audit has been completed and passed with no issues, the Annual Return is displayed on the noticeboard in Holland Road and the accounts can be inspected by appointment with the Parish Clerk.

The block of garages in Holland Road

A decision has finally been made by Cornwall Housing to demolish the unsafe garages, tenants should have been notified and work is expected to start shortly. It is hoped that this will result in additional parking for the whole estate, details to follow.

The A38

The Parish Council has written to both Sheryll Murray MP and The Rt Hon Chris Grayling expressing their concern at the ever increasing number of accidents and consequential road closures following these events, we feel it's time for central Government to look again at this road.

Parish Council Meetings

You are always welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings in the Memorial Hall, No Man's Land. They usually are held on the first Thursday of each month but please check our website or the notice-boards. Requests to speak during Public Participation need to be submitted to the Clerk by post, telephone or email at least 48 hours in advance.



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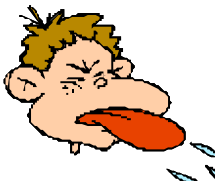
Hello, my name is Andrea and you may have seen me walking my rescue greyhound around the lanes of the parish.

I grew up in Looe and like so many young people I moved away from Cornwall to follow my career path, returning in 2007, then moving to No Man's Land in 2010. From the first day I arrived here I have been made to feel welcome, included and at home. I have over 25 years experience working in business administration within both the public and private sector; most recently for the NHS.

I am passionate about the welfare of the vulnerable members of our society, including animals and protecting our environment whilst balancing the need for affordable and social housing as well as sustainable business development.

I am an avid sock knitter in my spare time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the other members of the Parish Council for taking a chance and voting me into position, I look forward to working with you all in the coming months.

Andrea



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No Man's Land Flower Show 2017



After scares from the weather, show day dawned fair with the promise of sun, the hall was a blaze of colour. We were pleased to see an increase in the number of exhibits, so much so extra tables were called in and things had to be moved around to fit everything into the hall. All of the judges agreed that standards were extremely high, the eventual

best in show winner was Chris Halls with his outstanding set of 6 pea pods. After judging, the show was open to the public, attendance was a little disappointing but those who came enjoyed stalls and cream teas, and the ice creams proved very popular.

Trophies were presented by our new hall president, Mrs. Nancy Matthews.

We were disappointed to note that once again few people from the village exhibited or attended the show, these village events are vital to a community and deserve community support.

We would like to thank everyone who made the show possible, too many to name individually for fear of missing someone! But thank you one and all.

Trophy winners – Chris Halls, Andrew Chudleigh, Teresa Weeks, Tracy Chudleigh, Philip Thomas, Albert Julian, Bridget Hawker, Jayne Gazur, Chris Bryant, Noreen Grenville, Barbara Reynolds, Roberta Powley, Careen Harris, Brendon Hickman, Erin Reynolds, Freya Bidwell –Halls, Lily Reynolds, Iris Marriott, Karen Pengelly, John Marriott, Bethany Southall, Anne Rice. Doreen Belcher, Trisha Todd.

By Tracy Chudleigh Chairman.

No Man's Land Village Hall

Forthcoming events:

Harvest Festival Sunday 8th October at 3pm followed by tea.

Remembrance Service 12th November at 6.30 followed by supper.

Christmas Bingo Friday 15th December. Doors open 7.00pm for 8.00pm start.

We also have a running stall in the Hall with all proceeds going to the Children's Hospice S.W.

This will hopefully culminate in a grand Jumble Sale later on in the year.

If anyone has any items they would like to donate for this and anything would be considered (except husbands, children or live-stock!) it would be most appreciated.

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Ingredients

8 bone-in chicken thighs, skinned, or a jointed chicken, Skinned.

For the marinade

4 spring onions, roughly chopped

4 garlic cloves, roughly chopped

20g/ $\frac{3}{4}$ oz piece root ginger, roughly chopped

2 scotch bonnet chillies (or according to taste), seeds removed, finely chopped

1 lime, zest and juice

2 tbsp medium curry powder blend, preferably Caribbean

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground allspice

salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the curry

1 tbsp vegetable or coconut oil

1 onion, thickly sliced

300ml/10fl oz chicken stock or water

2 tomatoes, peeled and diced

2 large sprigs thyme

2 bay leaves

400g/14oz pumpkin, cut into large chunks

$\frac{1}{2}$ lime, juice only

1 tsp rum (optional)

To serve

steamed rice

sliced spring onions

chopped fresh parsley or coriander

Method

*Put the chicken thighs in a bowl and season with salt and pepper.

*Put all the marinade ingredients into a small food processor and blend to a paste – add a little water if needed.

*Pour the marinade over the chicken and mix thoroughly to make sure the chicken is completely covered. Cover and leave for as long as you can – at least a couple of hours, but overnight is better. If you are leaving it out for long-



Caribbean chicken and pumpkin curry

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er than an hour, put the chicken in the fridge.

For the curry, heat the vegetable or coconut oil in a large casserole. Add the onion and cook on a medium heat for several minutes until starting to turn golden brown. Add the chicken and the marinade to the casserole – the idea is not to brown the chicken, but do give the marinade ingredients a couple of minutes to cook before adding the stock or water.

Add the tomatoes, thyme and bay leaves and season with salt and pepper. Bring to the boil, then turn the heat down, cover, and leave to simmer for around 40 minutes.

Add the pumpkin and cook for a further 10 minutes, covered. Pour in the lime juice and the rum, if using. Remove the lid and cook for another 5-10 minutes to reduce the sauce slightly and finish off cooking the pumpkin.

Serve with steamed rice and topped with sliced spring onions and fresh parsley or coriander.

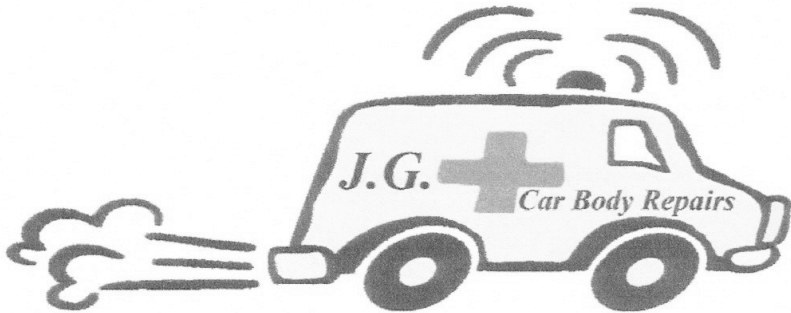
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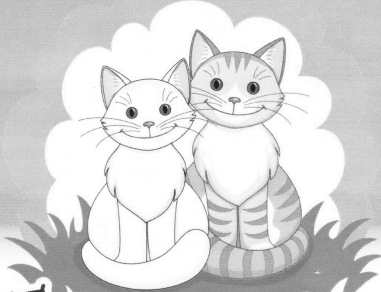
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Cornwall Council CEO appointed as Brexit commission member

Cornwall Council CEO Kate Kennally was last week appointed as an expert member on an advisory commission on how to safeguard public services as the UK leaves the European Union. Launched last week by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy, the Brexit Advisory Commission on Public Services plans to examine how risks can be mitigated and opportunities seized to make public services “more flexible, effective and sustainable” following Brexit. Claire Kober (Lab), Haringey LBC leader and chair of London Councils was also appointed to represent local government. The commission has said it will seek to shape government negotiation choices in order to protect and boost the sustainability of public services. It will focus its activity on three main research themes: the fiscal and funding landscape, enhancing policy to boost outcomes and capacity to deliver and transform. The commission will share “practical insight” on the risks and opportunities for public services, host a series of public debates and publish a final recommendation document as negotiations come to a close. Ms Kennally said: “It is an honour to be appointed to this role, the referendum outcome highlighted frustration with how public bodies are responding to local priorities.



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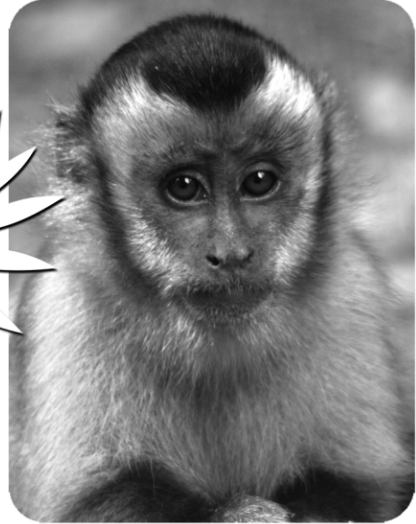
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Ola!!

Already reminiscing about our Summer holiday this year which consisted of a month long road trip through France, Spain and Portugal culminating in a family wedding in the Algarve. The trip itself was spectacular as we drove through very diverse scenic



landscapes, especially in Spain and Central Portugal, and was very different to what I had anticipated - vast areas were just parched land. With temperatures above 40 degrees, there was very little greenery except large numbers of olive trees making up the major part of the vegetation. Wildlife in these arid areas was sparse – what could be seen were large birds of prey, Eagles and Vultures would both be present in these locations but no identification of species could be made. One sign of wildlife that was unmissable were nests of the White Stork – these large constructions of sticks, branches, grasses and other materials can be over two metres in diameter. The nests are built frequently on manmade structures – most spectacularly on the chimneys of houses where, in most cases, the occupants welcome the birds as they are seen as a sign of good luck and fertility, hence the age old theory of the Stork bringing babies in to the world. After breeding these birds would in the past have migrated back to Africa – latest information now says that a large number are over-wintering in Southern Portugal – now classing them as a resident of Europe.

I was able to include two new species of bird to my tick list while away – the first is a migrant to the UK but I have never seen it here – it is the Glossy Ibis. The Ibis is a wading bird, a little larger than the Cattle Egret, with which it very often feeds, a tall bird with long legs, neck and a sickle shaped bill. Breeding adults have reddish brown bodies and shiny bottle green wings and with a distinctive silhouette the birds are mostly seen feeding in shallow water and other marshy areas.

Ola!!

The other bird added to my list is a member of the Magpie family – smaller than our own Magpie, the Azure Winged Magpie is less boldly marked with azure blue wings and tail, (from which the bird gets its name), grey shoulders, belly and rump, black cap and bill. It is a very visible bird within its range but very often heard before being seen, a very harsh loud call giving its position away.

The return part of our trip had us staying in the Poitou-Charentes region in South West France – during a journey back to our accommodation after dark we had a very close encounter with a large Wild Boar – the beast just missing the car by inches. We were fortunate as stories told locally talk of the vehicle very often coming off second best - not surprising as these animals can weigh in excess of fifteen stone.

No matter where our travels take us, if we keep observant there is always something we can learn and new experiences to be had.

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Ten years ago the County Archaeologist noted the areas of rectangular fields on the old parish map. They inhabited the ridge from the Barbican to Treveria and stood out from the curving Celtic / Anglo-Saxon hedge-lines. They suggested Roman influence. Romans imposed their estates on the



landscape with mathematical precision. We know the Romans came here. But where? And Why?

After ten years of looking I haven't much more to report! Romans were here for 400 years, so early initiatives could have been forgotten. (We don't have much working knowledge of life in the Parish when Elizabeth I died!) So 'Roman' is a long time.

Things that would have endured would have been Holy sites, routes, safe harbours, landing places, sources of raw materials – things to tax.

When the Romans came, our landscape had already been moulded by Iron Age farmers in their settlements with steams as boundaries. An expeditionary force would have to find an unoccupied space! They would be totally self sufficient and when they went they took their essential belongings with them. Shadowy shapes in banks and ditches, knowledge and words maybe their only legacy. 2000 years ago the tide was out! Calculating erosion rates leaves a fairly accurate notion that the sea was beyond Looe Island – which was a headland. Our valleys and trackways went on to a lost land while we were some way from the shore. There was iron ore in Bodigga Cliff, peat at Millendreath, alder groves for charcoal and smelting furnaces. (Romans taxed iron).

The gaps in the cliffs made good landing places and the river valleys

History Snippet To Nomanschester via Bucklorium!

led inland to more resources. The Parish had fresh water, reeds for thatch, high points for beacons, woodland and rivers for fish. A signal station could have sent a message to the North Coast within an hour. It is quite easy to imagine a route across the ridge down to East Looe river ford. It would have met the North / South way from the coast at the church. Was this once a wayside shrine?

There is one Latin name left in the field names – Melvinia, black grapes, Was this a Roman vineyard? If so it means there was a thriving, affluent community here. And why do we write Treveria and Trelowia when we mean Treverry and Treloy?

I think we have a wealth of clues to our Dark Age past – but we need to find them. After all, someone left the know-how, organisational skills, man-management and commercial enterprise to build a state-of-the-art tide mill on the beach at Millendreath long before written records at the dawn of History.

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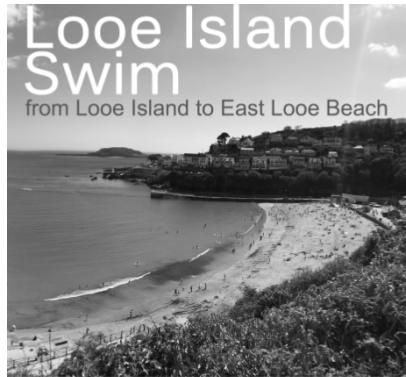


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