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Parish Council Update

Millendreath Valley bungalows

The residents of the Valley bungalows asked the Parish Council to help them establish how they are classified by Cornwall Council; the Clerk contacted the Assistant Head of Planning who confirmed that the occupancy of the holiday chalets/ bungalows is restricted to holiday use only, but a number of the units are used for residential purposes in breach of that condition. This appears to have been tolerated by the former Caradon District Council.

If the units are occupied for residential purposes for a complete period of 4 years they can become immune to enforcement action.

No Mans Land Parking

The Village Hall Committee has asked the Parish Council to offer their support in trying to improve the parking in the Holland Road estate. Problems with unauthorised vehicles parking in the private hall car park are putting hall bookings in jeopardy as the hall is advertised as having parking. Residents are reminded that there is a small fee for using the car park. Should the situation continue, the Hall Committee may be forced to investigate a lockable barrier being installed which could result in dreadful in access problems for all.

Police Report, 2nd Sept 2009

Since the last Parish Council meeting there has been 55 crimes reported within the whole area covered by Looe Police Station. Only 1 of these was committed within the Parish, this was an assault arising from a fight where the two parties who were known to one another.

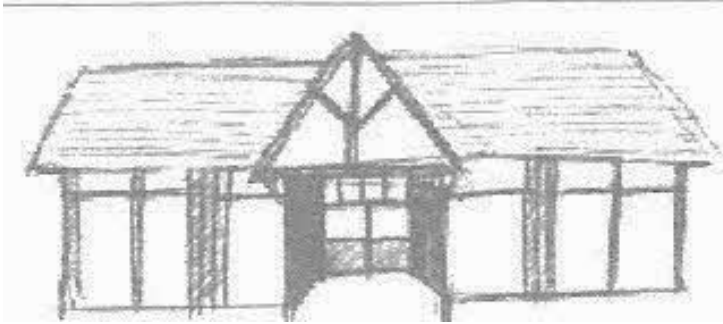
Youth Shelter project

Further talks have taken place with Cornwall Council about the Youth Shelter project, which is currently being reconsidered; further consultations have taken place and the Parish Council have agreed to discuss the project again before a final decision is made.

Meeting Dates

You are always welcome to attend the Parish Council Meetings. The next meetings are Nov 5th and Dec 3rd. Public participation is welcome before the meeting starts. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

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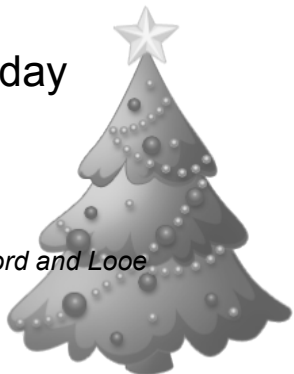
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No Mans Land Memorial Hall

Car Park

Thank you all for your co-operation during the recent work in the car park, lines have now been painted which it is hoped will help to create more parking spaces for functions in the hall.

Hall Events

November:

Remembrance Service, 6.30pm. Light Supper to follow. November 8th.

December

Christmas Fayre with Father Christmas, 2.30pm. December 5th.

Christmas Whist Drive, 7.30pm. December 16th.

Christmas Bingo, doors open 7pm for an 8pm start. December 18th.

Carol Service, 7pm. Followed by Mince Pies and cream. December 19th.



The Memorial Hall Committee

Would like to thank everyone who supported the functions and events in the hall during 2009.

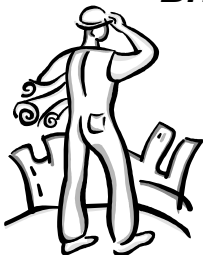
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History Snippet

The Parish Clerk today carries the weight of responsibility for recording our parish business. Any error could have far-reaching consequences. Any spelling mistake could change the course of history. Fortunately most of us now can read and write and any spelling mistake, (now called a 'typo'), can be pointed out and corrected. It was not always that simple.

It was 24th August 1384 at Bucklawren when a hapless scribe had to record the business dealing with a dispute about land taxes. He would have been listening to Medieval English with a smattering of local dialect peppered with half-remembered Cornish place-names – then write it all down in Latin! In the event he wrote Richard Skurell's testimony which included a description of Pethick Park which was a field with a hedge where milch cows, calves and lambs were 'de pastured'. Pethick Park was recorded as 'Botpedek Park'.

On 26th August 1384 the witnesses for the defence were interrogated at the Parish church. The scribe on duty records that William Kylyow calls Pethick Park 'Bocepytpark'.

So what can we learn about our Pethick Park?

It was Cornish and there was a dwelling there. Botpederek suggests a dwelling at 'four openings' – a cross-roads. Bocepyt suggests a dwelling with a pit. The site of the old farm buildings stands at the intersection of the old Cornish way from Bindown to Bucklawren, and a way that went from Treveria via Tregoad to Millendreath. Why it may have had a pit is a mystery.

Pethick is recorded as a surname but no substantial later house was ever recorded here. It turns up again in 1841 where the tithe map shows three buildings with a yard and gardens snuggled in an oval enclosure – typically Cornish! And its spelt right! In 1851 it's spelt 'Pethiock' in the census and was home to three farm labourers' families.

To anyone interested in the parish history, Pethick could contain evidence of our Cornish roots. A site worth exploring and recording!

Jenny Wallis



The Wake-up to Wildlife Christmas Ramble

Enthusiasm for Cornwall Council's guided rambles project shows no signs of losing its appeal as we head towards Christmas and the New Year. This year's end of season event will be a sparkling pre-Christmas opportunity for would-be walkers to celebrate the festive season by joining a leisurely-guided ramble through the ever-popular Seaton Valley Woodland on Wednesday December 16th 2009. Although these rambles are principally designed as an introduction to walking for pleasure and fitness, many seasoned walkers have made these walks an altogether social event with each ramble offering an opportunity of learning a little more about the natural history of the area.

The walk starts from beneath the information board near the main entrance of Seaton Valley Country Park at 10.00 for 10.30am, where we'll meet well known walk leaders 'botany bloke' Martin Summers and 'bird man' Dave Winter. Between them they'll guide us through the sparse but still beautiful wintertime woodland landscape along the banks of the River Seaton, past pond and meadows that make up the Seaton Valley Country Park.

The last time we visited the park on our guided rambles programme was nearly two years ago, so if you enjoy a good walk and would like to discover more of the reserve's winter time wildlife wonders, then this is the walk for you. The ramble will be approximately two-plus miles to the Copley Arms at Hessenford for lunch and the same distance back again, concluding at the Seaton Valley Car Park in the afternoon at approximately 3.30pm.

As with previous events the Wake-up to Wildlife Christmas Ramble is free of charge, but it would be helpful if places were booked in advance if possible and of course walkers will need to bring or buy their own lunches.

For further details of this and other walks, or to book a place, contact Pat Gormley on 01579 348749.

Meeting Place: The Seaton Valley Country Park Car Park (*Map ref: SX 303 543 – Sat Nav: PL11 3JD*)

Lunch: Special Christmas walkers lunches and refreshments available at modest prices from the Copley Arms, Hessenford, or for further information about possible advance orders contact the Copley Arms on 01503 240209.

Clothing Recommendation: Dress for the weather, suitable waterproof footwear for walking across 'orrible sodden woodland and rough tracks.

Dogs allowed: Well-behaved dogs, on a lead as and when required, welcome.

Taste South East Cornwall

This event is centered around the picturesque fishing ports of Looe and Polperro, whose reputation for local food and fine dining has been well established since the first Taste event was held in 2005. Taste South East Cornwall 2009 includes foodie events throughout the year, culminating on New Years Eve - one of the great UK New Year Venues with restaurants offering great food and wine - including Day Boat Fish from the quay in Looe!

Autumn Festival.

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New loos for Looe

A new set of public toilets has opened in Looe's Millpool car park on Wednesday 14 October.

Cornwall Council has provided the new more spacious loos as a replacement for the smaller facility that was located within part of the ground floor of Looe Library. The space formerly occupied by the old toilets has been adapted to provide additional meeting rooms for Looe One Stop Shop.

The new toilet block has been designed to fit in with the buildings in the surrounding conservation area and includes better access, baby changing facilities for both fathers and mothers and modern disabled facilities.

The loos also boast environmentally friendly features such as high level windows to maximise the natural light in the building, electric lighting fitted with daylight sensors so that the lights only switch on when needed and high insulation levels to keep the building warmer in winter.

Edwina Hannaford, Cornwall councillor for Looe West and Lansallos, said: "Clean and modern toilets are essential for visitors and residents alike, and the way we present our toilets and street scene are very important in a town dependent on tourism. So often the loos and car park are the first things that visitors see, and a first impression is often a lasting impression.

"We need to pay just as much attention to meeting basic human needs as we do to our visitor attractions, and the new toilets are great news for Looe. There is still more work to do on improving our facilities, but this is a big step in the right direction."

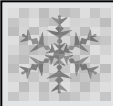


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Snowflakes at Christmas



Christmas in Canada is wonderful especially if you love lots of snow! As a family we travelled to Toronto to celebrate Christmas with my brother and his partner, on cue the first snowflakes started to fall on Christmas Eve; my sister was only a child then and being a big kid myself walking and playing in so much snow was fantastic.

Toronto is a beautiful North American city, the Christmas decorations are stunning, the ponds outside City Hall are naturally frozen and turned into ice rinks and at Christmas they are illuminated by thousands of lights.

As you would expect from a vibrant city, Christmas shopping is fabulous with many handicraft stalls in the markets throughout the city. There are many short breaks to Toronto leading up to Christmas so go on-line or call into your local travel agent.

Charles

The Herodsfoot Powder Mills Ramble

Walk Guides: Messrs. *Martin Summers and Dave Winter*

A slightly less challenging, but nonetheless energetic walk than of late approximating 5 miles total and commencing at the Herodsfoot Country Park Car at 10.00 for 10.30am, Wednesday 18th November 2009. Two walks rolled into one are planned for this particular ramble, with Martin Summers and Dave Winter leading groups through the undisturbed but carefully managed wildlife reserve within the Deer Park Forest and holiday resort. Walkers will have the opportunity to explore the remains of the East Cornwall Gunpowder Mill that was destroyed in an explosion in October 1857 killing four men, as well as learning more about the Mills that succeeded it into the 1960s. The mills' provided gunpowder and fuses for the Herodsfoot mine that pre-dated many of Cornwall's better-known nineteenth century industrial mining sites.

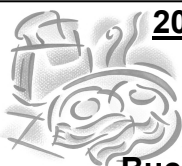
There will be a break for lunch at around 12.30pm at the Holiday cabin complex after which the groups will walk along the forest pathway to view the remains of Herodsfoot mine that overlooks the village, before returning to the car park at approximately 3.30pm.

Additional Information:

Meeting place: Herodsfoot Country Park Car Park - located just off the B3359 Middle Taphouse to Pelynt Road. Map Reference SX 195 604 Sat Nav: PL14 4QY

Clothing Required: Dress for the weather, suitable footwear for walking along woodland tracks and rough ground.

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Christmas Recipe = Chocolate Truffles

Ingredients:

- 8oz good bittersweet chocolate
- 8oz good semisweet chocolate
- 250ml double cream
- 2 tbsp orange flavoured liquor (recommended Grand Marnier)
- 1 tbsp coffee powder, prepared with 1tbsp boiling water
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- Caster sugar
- Cocoa powder
- Vermicelli



Method:

Chop the chocolates finely with a sharp knife. Place them in a heat proof mixing bowl.

Heat the cream in a small saucepan until it just boils. Turn off the heat and allow the cream to sit for 20 seconds. Pour the cream through a fine meshed sieve into the bowl with the chocolate. With a wire whisk, slowly stir the cream and chocolates together, until the chocolate is completely melted. Whisk in the orange liquor, coffee, vanilla, and a very small pinch of salt. Set aside at room temperature for 1 hour.

With 2 teaspoons or a melon baller, spoon round balls of the chocolate mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment. Roll each ball of chocolate in your hands to roughly make it round. Roll in confectioners' sugar, cocoa powder or Vermicelli. These will keep refrigerated for weeks, but serve them at room temperature.



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Remembrance



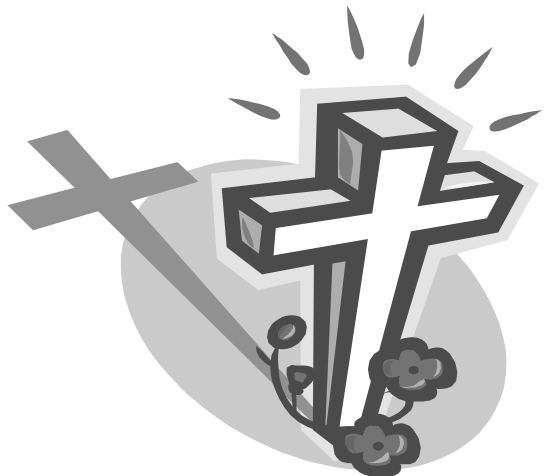
As we enter November the end of another year not only gets closer, but we head towards a period of remembrance. The old school-days poem tells us "Remember, Remember the fifth of November", and the Poppy shows we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the conflicts of the 20th and 21st centuries. But perhaps, we do not always remember 1969, as being the only year since 1945 that a serving member of the Armed Forces has not lost their life on active service.

Then for those whose religion it is, we celebrate Christmas and everything that is associated with it. This is not remembered by one thing, but by such things as buying gifts for those we care for, by giving Christmas Cards, decorating our homes and by singing carols. Part of a saying for this festive period is "Peace on Earth", which sounds so simple, but is it? For those who were serving in the trenches in Christmas 1914 "Peace on Earth" seemed so far away, especially after the promise of "it will all be over by Christmas". But unexpectedly they did enjoy a little "Peace on Earth" at Christmas, the guns fell silent, the fighting stopped and the troops of both sides met in "No-man's-land" and exchanged gifts. So in times of conflict it is still seems possible to enjoy "Peace on Earth".

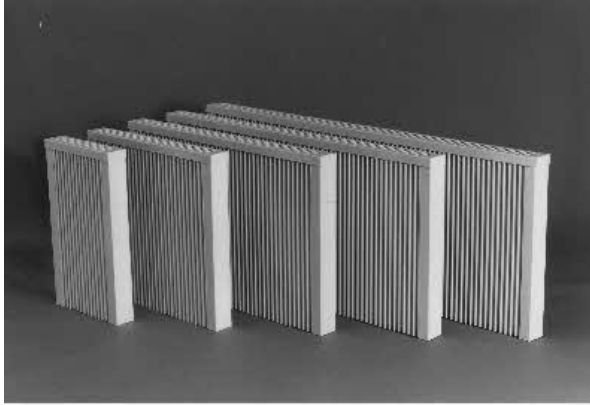
If you wish to take part in the Act of Remembrance or celebrate Christmas in our community, then you are welcome to attend the Memorial Hall, on Sunday 8th November for Remembrance Day Service and Saturday 19th December for the Carol Service.

Sadly, Remembrance Day this year throughout the Country will have a bigger significance, as this year saw the loss of Harry Patch the last person to have served in the trenches of the First World War.

Kim Smith.



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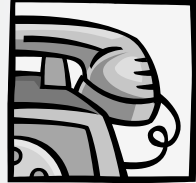
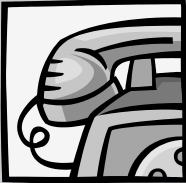
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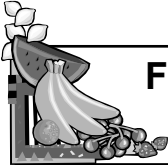
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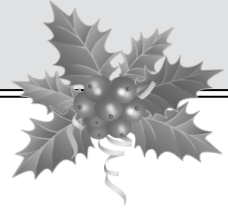
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Kim's Christmas Quiz



QUESTIONS

1. Jacob Marley is a character in which novel?
2. Bing Crosby and Danny Kay starred in which 1954 festive film?
3. Gaudete, was a hit for which British folk group in the 1970's?
4. According to the nursery rhyme what animal did not stir in the house?
5. The song "Let it Snow, Let it Snow" featured in which action block-buster movies of 1988 and 1990?
6. Who was the first person to get drunk in the bible?
7. What festival do Scots celebrate on St Sylvester's Day?
8. Raymond Briggs wrote which festive story?
9. Which pop singer played in goal for Real Madrid?
10. Which snake was declared innocent in 1980?

Answers on page 16

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Events Diary

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**Every
Tuesday**

**Stretch & Tone
for the over 50's
10am - 11am**

Yoga

**Every
Wednesday**

**Mother and
toddler group
9.30am,
Emma 01503 240497**

**Whist Club,
7.30pm
Yoga**

**Every
Thursday**

**Art
1.30pm -
3.30pm**

Other Events

- Nov 5th Parish Council Meeting, No Mans Land Hall, 7.30pm
 Nov 5th Bonfire & Firework night, Plymouth Hoe, from 6pm.
 Nov 7-21nd Taste South East Cornwall. Various venues, see inside
 Nov 8th Remembrance Sunday, No Mans Land Hall, 6.30pm
 Nov 12th Plymouth Christmas Lights Switch On
 Nov 18th The Herodsfoot Powder Mills Ramble, see inside
 Dec 3rd Parish Council Meeting, No Mans Land Hall, 7.30pm
 Dec 4th Looe - Santa's Arrival and Lights Illumination, from 5.45pm West Looe Quay.
 Dec 5th Christmas Fayre, No Mans Land Hall, 2.30pm
 Dec 5th Christmas Fair, 10.30am - 2pm The Riverside Church, West Looe Quay
 Dec 5th Liskeard Lights up with 1001 lights. 2-7pm
 Dec 12-13th Mount Edgcumbe Christmas Fayre, from 10am
 Dec 16th Christmas Whist Drive, No Mans Land Hall. 7.30pm
 Dec 16th The Wake-up to Wildlife Christmas Ramble, see inside
 Dec 18th Christmas Bingo, No Mans Land Hall, 7pm for 8pm
 Dec 19th Carol Service, No Mans Land Hall, 7pm.

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Quiz Answers

1. A Christmas Carol 2. White Christmas
3. Steeleye Span 4. Mouse
5. Die Hard 1 & 2 6. Noah
7. Hogmanay 8. The Snowman
9. Julio Inglesias 10. Hissing Sid

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