



# BOSCASTLE BLOWHOLE

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*Pictured above is the Boscastle 1<sup>st</sup> Team AFC J J Jones Duchy League Division 3 2014-2015*

*Back Row: Harley Westlake, Nick Lawson, George Hughes, Jamie Burnett, Rob Heal (Captain), Danny Capstick, Matt Pethick and Robin Haddy (Manager); Front Row: Sam Capstick, Dan Piper, Jonny Brewer, Sam Haddy and Jake Dickinson. See inside on page 38 for football news.*

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## HELP NEEDED PLEASE

Over the last few years, Howard Baker has delivered copies of the Blowhole to residents in the Harbour area. As some of you will know, Howard has moved from Marine Terrace and is no longer living in the village. He remains a supporter of the Blowhole and assists with postal copies. Thanks, Howard, for all you have - and do - do.

It would be of great help if a volunteer would come forward to take on the delivery of Blowholes for Howard's patch. He has produced excellent laminated maps showing which properties receive free copies. All it entails is a few hours strolling around the Harbour, Bridge and Cobweb hill delivering copies of the Blowhole, four times a year.

If you could help, please get in touch using any of the contact details listed in the panel below.

As always, we would be delighted if anyone would like to join us - as writers, photographers, news-gatherers or in any other way. Perhaps you have an idea for a one-off, occasional or regular feature? Do contact us and help to keep the Blowhole

as a thriving and interesting magazine.

Heather Colne has stepped down from her role as advertising co-ordinator. At present, others on the team are dealing with adverts. This is another area where additional help would be great.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Happy Spring

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### Boscastle Blowhole Team

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## Church Quiz Night

Forrabury Church is holding one of its popular quiz nights on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April. The venue is the Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start

We are looking for teams of six, but solo 'quizzers' are welcome to come on their own and join a team.

Entry is £5 a head.

'Nibbles' will be provided and bottles of wine will be available to purchase. Quizzers are welcome to bring as much extra personal food and soft drinks as they wish to feed their brains during the evening

There prizes for the winning team members and for those of the team earning the 'wooden spoon'.

There will also be a prize for the best dressed team table, so quizzers have the opportunity to be creative.

The number of teams is limited so please book your place now to avoid disappointment.

Contact:  
Bob Clark, 01840 250156  
or Trevor Lloyd, 01840 250348.



## Ceramic Poppies

As reported in the last edition of the Blowhole, the Parish Council has purchased 23 of the ceramic poppies that were part of an installation at the Tower of London, 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red', created by artists Paul Cummins and Tom Piper to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War.

Boscastle's 23 poppies will be used at future Remembrance Days and Parish Council Chairman, Dave Ferrett is seeking ideas for their display. He would like to hear from anyone who has suggestions. Please contact him on 250414.

## Walking Week

From the very best of Britain's coastline to wonderful walks amid woods and streams, Boscastle is again hosting

the eighth 'Walking Week' from Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. It could easily be mistaken that this event is for those visiting the area but in fact the event is just as attractive to those living in the village itself.

An intimate event run by local people and businesses, the Walking Week has grown in popularity over the years welcoming new and returning walkers who take pleasure in this beautiful part of North Cornwall. Easy, moderate and strenuous; all abilities are catered for. In addition, a range of locally arranged events and opportunities are planned such as picture framing and boat trips. Local restaurants also support the Walking Week by offering special meal deals throughout.

A full programme can be found online at [www.visitboscastle.co.uk](http://www.visitboscastle.co.uk) or copies are in the National Trust Visitor Centre. Everybody is welcome to join in as a walker or support one of our experienced and informed local guides as an additional helper on the day.

For more information,

please contact the NT Visitor Centre on 01840250010 or speak to the Boscastle Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

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## Pantomime: thank you for a wonderful effort

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the Boscastle Amateur Dramatics Society's wonderful performances of "Aladdin" in January. A magnificent sum of £1612.00 was raised and thanks must also go to all the actors, back stage helpers, front of house helpers and everyone who gave so much time & effort in raising these funds.

Included in this total are the proceeds of the special raffle of two kegs of beer donated by Sharp's Brewery, a meal the Cobweb Inn & another meal at the Riverside and our thanks go to all of them for their generosity.

We look forward to the next production with eager anticipation.

*Pam Clarke, Treasurer*

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# View of the Village

## Village Hall Caretaker

We are pleased to welcome Jo Kent as our Village Hall Caretaker. Among other things Jo will organise all bookings for the hall. Her telephone number is 01840 250879

## Planning

Construction of a dwelling on land adjacent to Twillick in New Road Boscastle for Rockpool Properties Ltd. Application number: PA14/08405. After an unsupported proposal not to comment the Council agreed to support the application with five councilors in favour and two abstaining.

A further application



was held over to another meeting

Two storey extension to existing dwelling at Summer Winds in Paradise Road Boscastle for Mrs. Kathy Panama. Application number: PA14/08636. The council supported the application unanimously.

The council were advised that two further applications, at Lewarne and St Mearchard both in New Road regarding work to trees, did not require comment as they would be decided under delegated authority.

Single storey extension, alterations and replacement detached garage to dwelling at Twillick New Road Boscastle for Mr. Ian Long. Application number: PA14/09272. The council supported the application unanimously.

To demolish existing store and erect new agricultural building for storage, sheep welfare and implementation on land SW of Tredorn Farm Boscastle Cornwall for Mr. Hedley Venning. Application number:

PA14/ 10546. The council unanimously supported the application

To replace existing commercial building with artists' gallery and studio (Art Lab) on land west of Trerosewell Farm House in Gibbs Lane for Mr. Christopher Morton. Application number: PA14/10810. The council objected to the proposal by a majority on the grounds that it would compete with existing local venues and concern over the volume of vehicles.

Work to a Horse Chestnut tree covered by a tree preservation in order to remove dead and broken branches caused by wind together with a heavy, exposed bough at Trebutts Butts Lane Boscastle for Mr. Peter Steadman. Application number:

PA14/10818. The council supported the application unanimously.

## Pay and display carpark

*Our Parish Clerk has received the following reply to his recent query:*

Dear Mr. Prescott  
Alleged change of use to a pay and display car park: Land At Bottreaux Garage Doctors Hill Boscastle Cornwall PL35 0BG

The site has been inspected, the matter researched and it is considered that this does not represent a breach of planning control.

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Yours sincerely  
Serena Wearne, Planning and Enterprise Service



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## Helping Handrail



With financial help from the Parish Council, Forrabury PCC has erected a handrail alongside the footpath leading up to the church. Although not on church land it was felt that it would be of assistance to worshippers and walkers alike.

## Nat West Bank in Camelford Closes



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*Photo taken inside the Bank on February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015. Anne Cook and Fiona Stokes, are pictured behind the Nat West Bank counter at Camelford on the final day.*

Fiona Stokes and Anne Cook have been the only staff in the Camelford Branch since August 2014. They have worked at the Nat West Bank there for over 50 years between them.

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## THIS COULD BE YOU



Boscastle Short Mat Bowls club had a very successful day when they travelled to Treviscoe to take part in the Ken Luke Memorial shield competition.

Eighteen teams from across the county took part, with Boscastle winning all four of their games. This is only the second time the club have entered and as you can see from the photograph above, Roy Christie, John Wakelin, Marion Davies and Dave Ferrett were very pleased with their win.

Just a few weeks earlier John Wakelin, Bob Banks and Roy Christie finished third in a County wide competition held at Dobwalls. Other members Mike Burnard (skip), Bob Banks & Roy Christie - our Triples team - won through to the County Finals to be held in March. Two of our players, Mike and Bob represented North Cornwall in the inter-area competition, winning most of their games.

Boscastle's season so far has been good. We entered four players in the county

singles, all the best players in Cornwall compete. Dave Ferrett had an excellent game, just missing being in the final. Two other players, John Tillinghast and John Wakelin also had a terrific match against two county players (one an England player) losing by only two points.

Boscastle is possibly the smallest club in Cornwall and needs to attract more members to help us continue in competitions. Anyone joining will find a very friendly club with an encouraging environment. All ages can play, currently our oldest is 80 plus and our youngest has just turned 11.

Club sessions are held in the Community Centre on Fore Street on Monday evenings 7pm - 10pm and Friday afternoons 2pm - 5pm.

Why not try a taster evening or afternoon, contact John or Shirley Wakelin 01840 250314 or Dave Ferrett 01840 254414.

We look forward to seeing you

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## Open Garden Weekend June 2015

The gardens at Half Acre will be open again this year on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 1.30-5.30pm.

Proceeds are in aid of the National Gardens Scheme, which supports a variety of charities.

There will be a painting exhibition at Half Acre and teas will be provided by the Church. Combined admission to the gardens and the exhibition is £3.50, children free.

## Used Stamps

I just wanted to say thanks again for your continued support in dropping off your used stamps at the surgery or putting them through my letterbox at 8 Pentargon Road.

The Royal National Institute for the Blind receive in the region of 100 new applications for help every week, so your support is much appreciated.

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## Boscastle Oil-Ordering Group

Just a reminder to place your orders any time from 1st to 31st March for a delivery during the first week of April.

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## Camelford Country Dance

Dancing every Thursday evening, 7.30-9.30pm at St John's Ambulance Hall, Clease Road, Camelford.

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## Minster Community Fellowship – 2015

We would just like to keep you up to date on what is happening now after such a successful 2014.

Further to our article in the winter edition of Blowhole we can now confirm that our net income for 2014 was an amazing £6079 and we would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped and made this possible. Out of this net income MCF have paid the 2015 insurance for Minster Church and paid equipment costs incurred by the Minster Muckers during the work, which has now been completed, to link the outlet from the road drains above Minster to the enclosed drains within the site. The balance is being held in reserve for future Minster running costs and maintenance and engagement projects within the community.

So now to 2015. We are currently liaising with the Church about a major restoration project at Minster Church – namely the renovation of the windows and the rusting window ferramenta (the ironwork on the exterior

of the windows which helps to hold the glass in place). This is still in the early stages of planning but MCF will certainly be making a contribution towards the cost of this project. Minster Muckers will soon be at work in the churchyard again clearing the pathways to allow access to the central grave area.

We are currently in the process of planning further fund-raising events but we do have one date for your diaries, on the evening of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding a Pink Pig Racing event with a Hog Roast at Boscastle Farm Shop. Details of this event and others will be posted on our website and also on our Facebook page. If you would like to assist in any way this year we would love to hear from you and we can be contacted via our website, facebook page or by phone, Liz Benson on 01840 250466.



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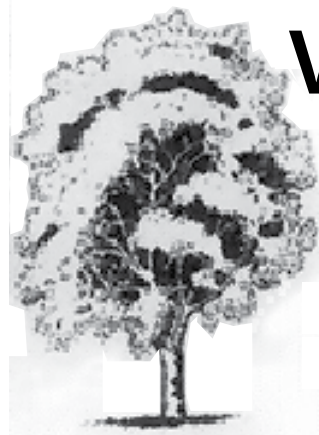
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## Cornwall Christmas Boxes

I expect most of us have donated over the years to the Christmas Shoe box project be it to cheer up our Forces overseas or treat an underprivileged youngster.

Now some of you will know that I am a self confessed 'Queen of Twitter'. where I promote the beautiful area we live, events in Boscastle and my holiday accommodation or sometimes I just have a bit of fun banter with other tweeters.

To cut a longer story short I came across the Christmas Dinner Box Project. It intrigued me so I made further enquiries into its authenticity and procedures. Satisfied with what I found I decided to make my home at Valency a Collection point for three days.

I emailed, Tweeted and Facebooked the specific list of what was to go into the boxes.

I know some of us would have loved to put fresh foods in but that would have been fraught with fairness and Health

& Safety issues so we all stuck to the rules.

I was very touched by the response from Boscastle, after all many of us know what difficult times are like after 2004. We totalled ten boxes by the time collection day arrived when they were immediately whisked off to Cornwall Social Services for delivery to families in Cornwall needing support during expensive Christmastide. Everything was done by dedicated volunteers. Some folk did their own, others shared boxes including a joint contribution from our own Boscastle School.

There was delighted feedback from some of the receiving families on receiving the little extras for dinner and in many cases boxes of crackers and a Christmas card.

So on their behalf may I offer a heartfelt THANK YOU to all those who took the time and trouble to participate.

*Denise Tillinghast*

## Overwhelmed by response to Christmas Box appeal

A church in Truro has collected more than 200 Christmas boxes, each one providing Christmas dinner for a family in need.

Truro Vineyard Church have been putting together 'Christmas boxes' for the past 11 years, providing enough food for Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, treats like mince pies and biscuits, and of course Christmas pudding. The boxes are distributed by Cornwall Council's social services team to families in need. In 2014, the church decided to open the scheme to wider participation – and were overwhelmed by the response.

Pastor Rob Graham said 'It has been amazing to see how people have responded. We were hoping to reach 100 boxes, but our team of four collected

202 Christmas boxes....We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated a box, given up floor space and given time to make this happen. We're delighted to be able to bless so many families, thank to your generosity."

Fifteen local businesses and churches spread across Cornwall from Redruth to Boscastle volunteered to act as collection points for the boxes, opening their doors for box donations... As the Christmas Box team visited each collection point to gather in the donations, they were moved by the stories of children giving their pocket money, waiting staff giving their tips saved up over the summer to buy food to put in a Christmas box and community groups gathering together to provide food for local families.

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For a stunning look cut twiggly tree branches and plant in the ground behind the sweet peas then train the sweet peas through the branches. Use a garden reel to mark the rows with string. Then use a hoe to make trenches for planting. Sow the seeds thickly (about an inch apart). Water well, and keep the soil moist throughout the growing season. Fertilize every two weeks

with organic fertilizer or manure tea. Cut flowers every few days to encourage continuous blooming.

### Hints and Tips

To create natural markers, write the names of plants (using a permanent marker) on the flat faces of stones of various sizes and place them at or near the base of your plants.

Next time you boil or steam vegetables, don't pour the water down the drain, use it to water potted plants, and you'll be amazed at how the plants respond to the "vegetable soup."

Willows have a natural rooting hormone. Cut up trimmings (about pencil thickness) into 1 inch lengths, smash with a hammer or mallet (in a bag, of course) then dump them into a pot of boiling water. Let cool. Use water for rooting cuttings.

*Penny*

## Carole's Flower Count



*pictured above is Carole's Christmas Day posy*

National Trust gardeners in the South West do an annual flower count on Valentine's Day. Carole Vincent decided to count flowers in her garden at Half Acre both on Christmas Day and on Valentine's Day.

At Christmas, she counted 39 separate species: acanthus, arbutus, argyranthemum x 3, begonia, bergenia, camellia donation, campion, cyclamen, daphne, dianthus, erigeron, erica, escallonia, euphorbia x 3, fatsia, fuschia, gaura, hebe x 2, hellebore, hedge parsley, honeysuckle, hydrangea, iris stylosa, nemesia, osteospermum, pelargonium, pieris, polyanthus, rosa blush

noisette, sarcococca, sedum, senecio, skimmia x 3, stock, stylophorum, viola, vinca x 3, viburnum.

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, she counted 30 species: argyranthemum (yellow and salmon, bergenia, camellia x 3, crocus, cyclamen (hardy and wild), daffodil (King Alfred), daphne odora, erica, euphorbia x 3, fatsia, hebe, hellebore x 3, honesty, hyacinth, hydrangea, iris stylosa, pelargonium, polyanthus, primrose, pulmanaria, rosemary, scilla, sarcococca x 2, skimmia, senecio, snowdrops (carpet in wood), stock, tete a tete, viola, vinca (blue, pink and white).

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**County Councillor,  
Glenton Brown writes:**

I expect in recent weeks some of you have been reading about advancing the chase for Cornish Devolution, and I just quote to you an extract from the Council Leader, Mr John Pollard, when he said "seeking more powers for Cornwall is not new, we have been striving for more autonomy for years, we have gained greater powers, skills, and confidence over many years, and I believe that now is the moment to lay our case before the people of Cornwall, and then to government."

Our revised priorities are public transport, connectivity, housing, health and social care, energy, and public sector efficiency. I would then just make a further brief comment on what has been in the news, over recent weeks with the Cornwall

Council's very healthy looking reserves, which is way up on what it was a few years ago, and appears to have caught the eye of the Prime Minister, and his suggestions that we should be using this money in the course of our community expenditure during the year.

However it does need explaining that this healthy looking balance is so very much committed, and another percentage has to be held in reserve legally, and to be there in case of any local emergency call.

Therefore of the already committed monies from the reserves: £17million being held for schools, Tamar Bridge, the Port of Penryn, & the Port of Truro; £64million to meet long term commitments of repayment costs for assets such as school buildings, and the PFI projects which have to continue for several years yet; £37million is held to deliver specific projects funded by Government; £9million for the one off costs of cutting the Budget by £196million over the four year period, and a further £5million is held for insurance purposes.

Now to more localised

interest, you may well have read, or heard of efforts being made over the last 3-4 years by our MP & Local Councillors to get the NHS Dental Surgery reopened in Camelford, that opportunity has been afforded us in the recent Survey held, and a decision will be made by the response to that survey, as to whether we will get it reinstated. I must point out that I didn't realise until recent times, the reasons we lost it was because of insufficient support for it!

I therefore sincerely hope that as many of you as possible have been able to sign and support the survey, so that we do get a good result which I trust we will soon be hearing.

Finally if there are any local issues you want to discuss with me then please do not hesitate to contact me:

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*Yours*

*Glenton Brown CC*



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## Update from local MP Dan Rogerson



I have been calling on the NHS to bring a much needed dental surgery back to Camelford. When the former dentists closed back in 2012, despite our efforts unfortunately a solution couldn't be agreed, and people have had to travel elsewhere, causing problems for a lot of residents.

Since then many people in the area have been fighting to bring a surgery back to the town. In December the NHS launched a survey asking residents in Camelford and the surrounding communities where they go to see a dentist. NHS England say that the responses from the survey will be used to plan dental services in the area, and to make sure that the NHS is meeting the needs of local people. When the results are published, I hope that the survey information – along with a petition I have been running - will allow us to convince the NHS that we need to bring back a dentist to Camelford.

All residents and businesses need access to a decent broadband service and whilst 95% of Cornwall will have it by the end of this year under the current 'Superfast

Cornwall' scheme, I know that the remaining 5% of premises, including many in our area, still have very poor speeds.

In my role as Government Minister for Rural Affairs I recently announced a multi-million pound investment scheme for Cornwall which will extend superfast fibre broadband to 99% of premises. If you can't access superfast fibre broadband and want to be considered for this new upgrade scheme please contact me, as I will be pushing for premises across North Cornwall to benefit from this new funding.

In February NHS Kernow announced that they have chosen a consortium of GPs to operate out-of-hours and weekend doctors services across Cornwall. The service will begin this summer, taking over from the current private provider, Serco. Many of us will be reassured that the new service will be led by GPs rather than by another private company. I will be working to make sure that residents in our area get access to a good out-of-hours doctor's services under this new contract.

A report recently published by the cross-party Parliamentary committee has come forward with several recommendations to help dairy farmers cope with sharp falls in milk prices and factors beyond their control. The report recommended

that the remit of the government's Groceries Code Adjudicator should be extended to cover dairy suppliers. The Groceries Adjudicator was an idea first raised by Cornish Liberal Democrats - it has now been set up by the Government to better protect farmers from abuse or mis-treatment by the big supermarkets. Clearly, the system isn't currently working in the best interest of all dairy farmers, which is why I am now looking at how the Groceries Adjudicator can be reformed to further improve the relationship between dairy farmer and supply chain, including supermarkets.

As the price of oil has been dropping thankfully we have seen prices at the petrol pumps falling. I am continuing my campaign to extend the rural fuel duty discount scheme to north and east Cornwall. The scheme sees the tax paid on petrol and diesel reduced by 5 pence-per-litre in some rural areas like

the Isles of Scilly and parts of the Scottish highlands. I want to see this discount applied in North Cornwall too where using a car is a necessity not a luxury, where there are poor or no public transport alternatives, and where we have further to drive than island communities.

As the price of oil falls, the cost of filling heating oil tanks in back gardens must fall too. I want to make sure that heating oil companies pass on the falling price of oil and I am also looking at what more the Government can do to help people connect many more properties in North Cornwall to the mains gas supply.

If there is anything that I can help with please don't hesitate to contact me.

Dan Rogerson

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# KENDRA'S JOURNAL



Remember me; I'm Kendra the German Shepherd, otherwise known by my Kennel Club name of 'Nicholee Everlasting Love', don't you think that suits me?

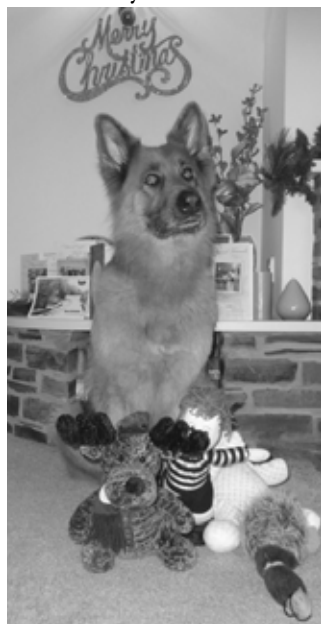
I decided that my New Year's Resolution for 2015 would be to keep a journal, although it actually begins on Christmas day 2014 - and we will just have to see how long I manage to keep it going (you know what New Year's Resolutions are like!!).

## 25<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Father Christmas has brought me three new toys - a footballer, wearing the Cornish strip ('Oggy, Oggy Oggy!'); a Christmas reindeer and a new Teddy bear. Don't worry Old Ted you are still my best friend! I have had Old Ted since I was a pup and he is still in one piece. I *don't* chew or rip up my toys, but I make sure they are awake and

paying attention by giving them a good shaking. Jan says I have so many toys now, that I need a toy box! I also had a Christmas hat, but a good shake of my head soon got rid of that!!

All the family had a delicious Christmas Turkey Dinner - yes, me too -well, I *am* family!



## 26<sup>th</sup> December 2014

The weather isn't very Christmassy today - no frost or snow - but I took

Jan and Bob for their walk on the Coastal Path - in the rain - and we met some of my doggie friends out with their people. I am so lucky with such lovely walks and smells - rabbits, foxes and cows - town dogs aren't so lucky! I don't chase the rabbits (well, not very often) but I like to know where they have been and where they are scurrying off to. They usually disappear if they know I am out and about. I have tried putting my nose down their burrows and blowing, but it doesn't make them come out to play.

In the afternoon one of Jan's friends called in, she took my photo with my new toys. What do you think of my photo - don't you think I'm 'ansome'?

## 29<sup>th</sup> December 2014

My friend Molly, a white Labradoodle, came to visit. She lives in London and she gets so excited when she comes on holiday to Boscastle. I have known her since we were pups together and we get on very well. I am very good at sharing my toys with Molly (just as well, since she thinks Boscastle is her second home) and we play

lots of chasing games when we are out on our walks. I don't think she likes being white because she is always on the lookout for a muddy puddle and usually ends up being 'two toned'.

There are not many muddy puddles in London, like there are on the Coastal Path! I tell her about the rabbits and their burrows - there *are* foxes in London so she knows about them, but I don't think they live near Molly. I told her 'once you have smelt Fox you never forget the smell'; she hasn't discovered what I mean yet - phееееeww!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2015

A friend came to visit Molly and me today. We had been for our walk but were quite clean and smart as Bob had hosed us down and dried us off. We had to stand very still as she took a photo of us together. I think she is going to give me a copy of it so that when Molly goes home I can remember the good times we had, when she was here.

## 6<sup>th</sup> January

Jan and her friends went on a shopping trip to Truro on the Age Concern bus. She left Bob and me to keep the house company,

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Above: Molly and Kendra; Previous page: Kendra out and about and with her presents

whilst she was away. She says the people on the bus are very friendly and keep her in stitches – that is strange, because I can't see where she has come unstitched!

### 15<sup>th</sup> January

I was left to look after the house when Jan and Bob went to the Pantomime, Aladdin. They said they enjoyed it very much and that the children were very good – ssshh-don't tell anyone, but they knew their words better than the adults.

### 29<sup>th</sup> January

Bob and I went up

Rough Tor for our walk today and it was cold enough for snow!!! And it did!! So as the song says – 'Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow' - but keep it on Rough Tor, not on the roads!! There was no snow in Boscastle when we returned home. I don't need to worry about being cold when it snows, because my coat is very thick, so no scarves and hats for me in the cold weather.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> February

More snow today and this time Boscastle had some too. I expect the children enjoyed it as we

don't often get snow here. I think someone said that is because of being on the coast, but I will have to figure that one out. Although my nose tells me who has been out and about, when I go for walks, it is always interesting to see the footsteps left in the snow – and the patterns they make – other dogs, children, birds and *cats*!! Cats can be very annoying. They walk passed the window in a very superior manner or sit in front of the window and start cleaning themselves – I know, they know I can see them.

### 6<sup>th</sup> February

Something strange is going on. Firstly, Jan has bought a new Teddy and I am not allowed to play with it, although she did get me that toy box, to keep all my toys in. The second unusual thing is that we are going on a journey today to Newport Pagnell, where I was born, to visit some pups. I am not quite sure why we are doing that, perhaps we are just calling in on my relations – although it is a long way to go to do that.

### 16<sup>th</sup> February

My friend Molly-doodle is here again - for the half term holidays. No, she doesn't go to school, although when she was a puppy she did have a teacher – Bob!

It doesn't look like new Teddy is for Molly either, because even she isn't allowed to play with it.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> February

New Teddy is still 'out of bounds', perhaps Jan wants one for herself!

Today we are taking Molly home and then we are visiting my relations again. There has been a lot of talk about a new brother or sister for me. I just hope it can behave itself, whatever it is. I wonder if it is one of those pups we met.?

I will let you know next time, how and I get on with my new brother or sister. Have you any little brothers or sisters and do you have to keep them in order? I expect I will have to teach the new member of the Pack some manners, when it arrives.

Say 'Hello' when you see me out and about.

To be continued .....

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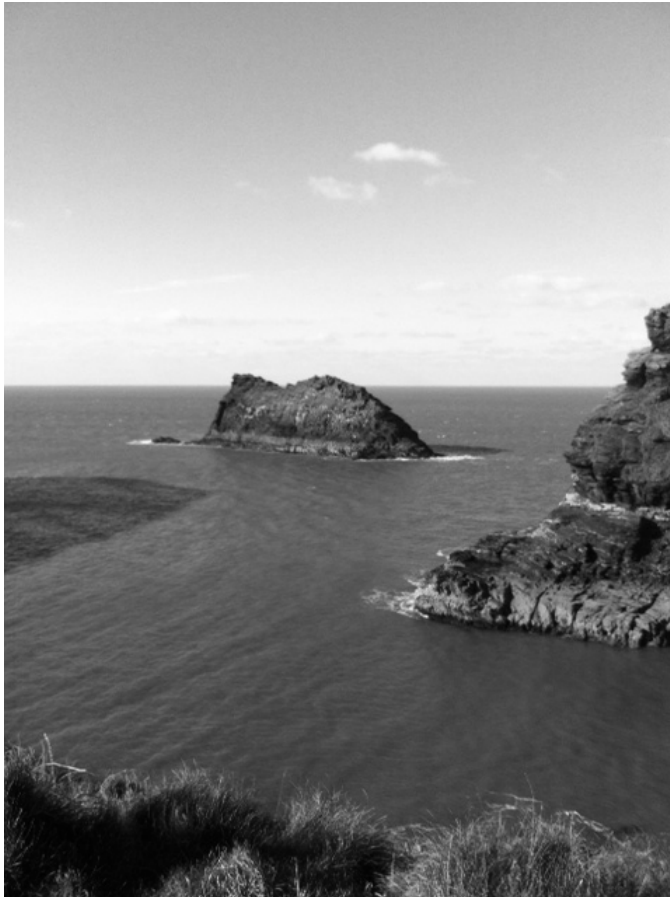
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# Harbourmaster's News



A visitor on the quay recently asked me if it would be possible to buy the Meachard. I explained that all land in England and Wales and indeed all the UK and Her Majesty's territories overseas belong to the Queen and that if he were serious he ought to think about approaching one of the land stewards at the Duchy of Cornwall offices as they administer the Duchy Estate for Cornwall. I mentioned that I thought the prospects of obtaining planning permission to develop were not good and indeed getting a fresh water and electricity supply would be pretty tricky.

It seemed a bit of a daft question but set me thinking and of course building castles

on Cornish rocks is not entirely unknown. In the public record office at Kew is a land charter dated May 1233 where it seems Gervase of Tintagel stated "Know ye all men present and future that I Gevase of Tyntagel have given quit-claimed from me and my heirs in perpetuity to the Lord Richard the whole of my island of Tintagel.". The Lord Richard was younger brother of Henry the Third and he built the castle – so I believe.

The records also indicate that in exchange for the single manor of Bossiney (containing Tintagel) Gervase was offered a total of three other parts of Cornwall much less harsh and more fertile. So Richard was clearly a keen buyer.

As to other news from the harbour there is little to report. No boats in the water and no fishing yet although and plenty of work to be done in order to get things ready for Easter. I have been buying new pots which now cost more than £40.00 each so that will have to be reflected in

the price of crab.

In the meantime and back to the Meachard - I think the gulls and cormorants can roost in peace on our Island at the harbour mouth - at least for now.

*Chris Key  
Harbour Master  
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## Ponies at Willapark

Willapark headland (Forrabury) is part of Tintagel Cliffs Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), which in turn is part of Tintagel-Marsland-Clovelly Coast Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

The legislation regarding SSSIs is primarily defined by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as incorporated by the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000). This states that public bodies (including Natural England) have a duty to take reasonable steps, consistent with the proper exercise of their functions, to further the conservation and enhancement of the flora, fauna or geological or physiological features by reason of which the site is of special scientific interest.

At Willapark head, many decades without management is thought to have led to a gradual change in the vegetation with rank grasses, brambles and scrub (gorse & blackthorn)

growing to the detriment of wildflowers and associated insects of more open ground. The SSSI here is notified for these latter features. Consequently, when we were discussing a management agreement under the government's Environmental Stewardship scheme with the tenant farmer for Forrabury and the surrounding land we encouraged him to include the re-introduction of grazing on the headland as part of that management agreement. We did not consider mechanical or manual cutting to be a practical option here given the rocky and uneven nature of the ground.

Although the pony grazing has only been taking place for a relatively short period at Willapark head, I must say that I am encouraged by the change in the vegetation already apparent. I would anticipate that in time the vegetation will become much more open and that

the wild flora and insects for which this part of the SSSI is notified should flourish.

Grazing of coastal land for conservation purposes is practised at many locations around the Cornish coast and indeed elsewhere in the United Kingdom. Natural England accepts that on occasions, and regrettably, some livestock may be lost over cliffs. Although animal welfare remains the primary responsibility of the farmer or stock-manager, this is a subject taken seriously by Natural England and we are mindful of this when negotiating management agreements with land managers. I understand that the National Trust (as landowner) have earlier in the year erected a section of fence to exclude ponies from the most sheer section of cliff. I was not aware that any ponies had been lost from the site and am saddened to hear of this being the case, but it is also worth bearing in mind that the longer the same livestock graze an area of coastal land the more used to the terrain they become and the less likely any further losses. I

would hope, therefore, that there would be no further losses of livestock from the headland and that the local community would support our work with the National Trust and tenant farmer to improve the environmental condition of the land through conservation grazing.

*Mark Beard  
Natural England*

## Coffee Morning

It was a beautiful sunny day on March 7<sup>th</sup> when £109.60 was raised today at the Coffee Morning at the Chapel for the charity CRY. They set up projects in countries all over the world and enable the communities to eventually run these for themselves. It started with Revd Ray Avent (now doing the work from Wadebridge) taking a van load of goods to the orphanages in Romania 25 years ago.

CRY helps to start clinics, schools, hospitals, training for work etc. For more information see the indoor Chapel notice board.

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# Church and Chapel

## *A Challenge for Lent A Hope for Easter*

As I write this we are at the start of Lent, traditionally a time when people 'give stuff up' as part of their Christian discipline. For a long time now however I have wondered what a difference it would make to our local faith and wider communities if instead of giving something up we actually 'took something on'.

We are fortunate to live in one of the most beautiful parts of the world; just a quick glance out of your window will convince you of that. What we often fail to see however is the hardship, loneliness, isolation and poverty that so often blight the lives of those living in our communities.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines a community as one where 'a group of people who live in the same place or have a particular characteristic in common'. Interestingly enough the word Parish can not only refer to Church boundaries but also 'to dwell besides'. And yet I wonder if the connection between our Church communities and our wider 'secular' community could not be stronger than it currently appears to be.

Recent research undertaken by the Church of England has discovered that in rural communities the local parish Church is often regarded as belonging to the people of the community, irrespective of whether they attend or not. Similarly, as a Christian I believe that God cares for everyone whether or not they come to Church and that should impact on how and who we regard as part of our parish.

In May 2013 BBC's Spotlight highlighted the plight of some of Cornwall's more rural and isolated communities where many residence rarely see another living soul from one day to the next. Especially vulnerable are the elderly and those who live alone. I cannot help but wonder that this situation is happening in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century let alone in 'close ~ knit' communities like ours. As a Christian I believe that Jesus came to bring life in all its fullness which includes physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being to everyone.

Perhaps therefore our two communities could begin to explore what 'particular characteristics' we share in common; surely there is mileage in forging relationships and building

bridges between the two that enables and prioritizes help and care for those within our communities who are lonely, isolated and hard pressed?

I am well aware however that it's easier to highlight problems than actually sort them out! It seems to me therefore that if we truly value our community and the lives of all those who live in it we have little choice but to act to alleviate the kinds of social ills often experienced by the most vulnerable in it.

So what can we do for our communities?

I'm not advocating a huge social project that could perhaps defeat us before we even start! I'm suggesting some very simple and basic actions

that could make all the difference to those living around us.

- What about contacting your local parish Church and joining a pastoral and support team?
- What about visiting the neighbour who lives alone and is isolated; simply listening is often enough to drastically improve the quality of someone else day and may even brighten yours!
- What about accompanying a neighbour to a Dr's or hospital appointment, or perhaps arranging or even offering travelling arrangements?
- Mealtimes can often be difficult when living

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alone or in isolation; perhaps we can think of someone who would enjoy company over lunch? Mealtimes are also much more than simply enjoying good food, they are also great opportunities to socialise, so why not share a meal with them or perhaps bring them along to the local community luncheon club - details can be obtained by contacting the Church.

- What about the organisation or social club you are involved with; is there a possibility that it can commit to forging closer links with the isolated? Perhaps there is even a possibility that we can explore developing closer working relationships with some of the other social and aid agencies active in our neighbourhoods?

So, is there someone you know right now whose life could be radically

improved by something you can do? It seems to me that part of being a good neighbour, a good Christian and a responsible caring member of the community involves caring for others the way God cares for all us, and that doesn't have to be just a Lenten activity...remember community for is for life not just Lent.

PB

### *A Methodist Ministers View*

Just as I have started to think about the season of Lent I have been reading reviews of the recently released film of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Selma.

Readily associated with the Season of Lent is the idea of giving something up such as chocolate or sweets. This idea has developed from the fact that at Lent we remember the period of time which was spent by Jesus in a desert location fasting and preparing for his earthly ministry which concluded with his death by crucifixion, and his

resurrection. Hence for many people Lent is a time of preparing to celebrate the events of Holy Week and Easter, and of thinking through the relevance of their lives to those events.

Jesus' Mission in life was to offer to all people a different experience of living - 'life in all its fullness' (see John 10 verse 10) for all people including those who were 'poor, captives or oppressed' (see Luke 4 verses 18-19). As a Christian Minister Dr. Martin Luther King was incensed by the treatment of his fellow Afro-Americans at the time who did not have the right to vote in Presidential elections and were treated as second-class citizens. His 'I have a dream' speech calling for racial equality is well known and often referred to. Martin Luther King and his followers engaged in campaigning and silent protest marches to make their point, although they were opposed with violence on the part of the state authorities. Martin Luther King was assassinated at the age of 39 in 1968, some three years after he took up the campaign. However his life and work has had a profound influence in America and many other countries, including the United Kingdom.

An Oxford born actor of Nigerian parents, David Oyelowo takes the star role in the film. Talking about the influence of the work of Dr. Martin Luther King and how he might feel about it now, 50 years after the campaign David

Oyelowo commented "he would be disheartened at how for granted the vote is taken.... this was a right that was fought for and bought in blood".

David Oyelowo's telling comment has a parallel in how we react to the events of that first Easter and what Jesus secured for all of us through his life's mission, crucifixion and resurrection. It would be fruitful to think about that through the Season of Lent. His life was meant to be life-enhancing for all of us.

Every blessing in your thinking and reflecting in Lent.

*Bryan Ede*

You are invited to share in our Circuit Ladies Lent Service entitled 'Watchers by the way' on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30a.m. at Tintagel Methodist Church. This is at Tintagel as the Advent Service was here in Delabole due to the renovations not having been

The Barnstaple Male Voice Choir will be in Concert at Delabole Methodist church on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30p.m. Here again everyone is invited to share in an evening of music-making.

*As the Blowhole goes to print, we were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs Barbara Honey.*

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## News from the Lookout



By the time you read this your daffodils should be in full bloom, fresh spring breezes should be starting to warm your frozen limbs and we would usually be reporting the lowest temperatures and highest winds that we have recorded over the winter.

But not this time.

As you are all aware, Coastwatch is a national charity and all of its watchkeepers are volunteers giving their time for free. However, every Lookout station is responsible for raising its own funds to maintain the building and the equipment watchkeepers need for their vital role looking out for potters, pleasure craft, commercial shipping, kayakers, surfers, swimmers, walkers and liaising with the emergency services. This takes money and in the past most fundraising has come from street collections and collection tins scattered around shops, cafes & pubs. This carries on, but now we want to add some new activities which people can enjoy and involve the local community

### Open Days

The watchkeepers at the Lookout will always try to make visitors welcome – provided that they are not involved in an incident. But to make a visit up to the Lookout a bit more interesting we are having a few ‘Open Days’ when an extra watchkeeper will be on hand to meet visitors, talk about what we do, how we do it and show them around the Lookout (incidents permitting). This spring there will be open days between 11am & 3pm on Wednesdays: 8<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> May. Please do come up to the Lookout on one of our open days – we will try to make it worth the walk!

### Photographic Competition

The Lookout is an iconic building and the Willapark headland has some fantastic coastal views – and our watchkeepers who, at this time of year, arrive at dawn and leave at dusk are ideally placed to capture them on camera. So, at the end of February all their photos will be put before a panel of judges; the best will be framed and put on display in the bar area of the Wellington Hotel in the last two weeks in March. We will then be holding a ‘Coastwatch Night’ at the Wellington Hotel on the evening of Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, to auction off the winning photos. Please put the date in your diary and come along to enjoy the excitement of bidding in an auction and possibly take away one of these spectacular framed photos! (

We have other ideas for enjoyable ‘Coastwatch Events’ for the summer and autumn – look out for them in the next few months.

Once again we are ending the year down on numbers and as we would hope to manage more evening shifts at weekends during next Summer we are looking to recruit more volunteers. Remember, you don’t have to walk up

to the Lookout to help our cause, we are always happy to welcome volunteers as fund raisers to help keep our station running.

So if you, or any one you know would be interested in spending a few hours each month looking out for others, then call our Manager, John Davis on 07791761502.

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(For more on the photo competition, see page 23).



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Sunday May 3: In concert with visiting choirs, at Bude Central Methodist Church, as part of The International Festival of Male Voice Choirs. 6.30 pm for 7pm.

Saturday May 23: 1st Fundraising event. "Showtime Cabaret" evening in Otterham & St Juliot village hall. Themed around 'Musicals'. 6.30 pm for 7pm start.

Saturday June 14: Bristol University Madrigal Ensemble and Tintagel Male Voice Choir in concert. St Johns Church, Delabole starting at 7.30 pm.

Thursday June 25: Summer Concert at Tintagel Social Hall, Fosters Lane, Tintagel, starting at 8 p.m. Raffle and produce auction.

 <b>Rainfall totals measured in Boscastle</b> SX 09697 90138 				
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Maximum rainfall in mm	22.2	24.6	25.6	17.6
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# KAY GWATKIN

1947 - 2015

*Part of the eulogy given  
by Kay's sister Jill Scarff:*

Kay arrived as a surprise, for me, a second daughter for John and Hilda Morris, living at that time in Perivale, Middlesex, and where she lived for the first 10 years of her life. During the war John had served in the RAF, recovering crashed aircraft, and this had taken him all over the continent, often under extreme conditions; while Hilda held the fort back home near a war torn London, - but both of them emerged with their sense of humour intact.

Kay was part of the busy family life we had in those post war years, never a vast amount of money but a great deal of visiting with Aunts and Uncles, - and any excuse used to have a musical get together! So her love of music began as a small child. Kay's love of the sea was formed early on in life as well. Her first steps were taken on Brighton Pier and she was so fascinated looking down at the water between the boards that she forgot to hold our hands and toddled off on her own.

Kay quickly became the capable assistant to many of our dad's schemes, from a complicated pulley system, enabling her to hold an engine for him, to plumbers' mate or electricians' gofer. This stood her in good stead for the years to come!

The family came to

Valley View in Boscastle in 1952. After a quick few weeks at Boscastle School, Kay went on to Sir James Smith's and there made many great friendships that lasted throughout her life.

On leaving school she did a secretarial course at Camborne College, riding her trusty Lambretta to and from her digs at the weekends. After a stint working in London, Kay returned to Cornwall and found work in Camelford Employment Office. She met Edward Colwell and after their wedding in 1970, they settled in Boscastle at Hilldene Cottage. Then came three sons, Darren, Ross and Adam - chasing toddlers and pushing prams was truly a testament to the Victrix Ludorum she had been at school!

When Kay & Edward parted, she and the boys moved to Langfords Meadow, where Kay worked as warden for the local council. She remained in Boscastle until 1992, moving to become on site warden to the newly opened Anvil Court in Camelford, where she worked until retiring in 2013.

*Kay met Keith Gwatkin via mutual friends in December 2011. In his words:*

"After that day our lives certainly changed. I was soon to find that Kay was an articulate, educated, self assured lady. As I was



to discover, she will always be associated with the words "she truly cared for and about others". Kay did not just hear other people; she really did listen to what they said. She did not look for praise, only recognition of herself as an individual. Then there was the laughter, always the zany humour and a smile to melt your heart.

Kay always took part in local events and activities with enthusiasm. I soon discovered that life 'Kay style' involved Anvil Court, Memory Cafe, School reunion group, British Legion, Women's Institute, Camelford Town Band, the Gorsedd, Old Cornwall Society, Camelford Heritage Archive Trust, local concerts and fund raisers. You name it Kay was there, and now so was I - wonderful! There were many fun days...endless fun and laughter we had together. There was also the fun of the paddling pool and bouncing air beds in the garden at number 31, with Kay's grandchildren.

But whenever we got

the chance, there was always the "sea fix" - a walk at any part of the Cornish coast which we always loved, but usually around Boscastle whatever the weather. Through Kay I soon accepted Boscastle as our spiritual home.

We built a rock solid relationship, thanks to e-mail, Skype, my Landrover and Kay's little Clio. We even took on an allotment and I'm sure our laughter there could be heard in Bodmin!

Kay loved music of all types, jazz, folk, rock and classical, especially the New Year's Concert from Vienna. Nothing got in the way of that. We enjoyed visiting stately homes and gardens, even attending with enthusiasm a rugby match at Kingsholme with Kay wearing one of my spare Gloucester shirts, and she drank a pint of Guinness at the match!

We were not the A team we were the K team, K & K. We were inseparable. I retired in August 2013, and together we redecorated my bungalow. Kay was a

left-hander; no wonder her father John found her a good helper. To us DIY. became a doddle. Once my bungalow was sold we then spent months moving my belongings down to Cornwall. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of December 2013 we were engaged and were looking forward to our new life together.

Kay fell ill in February 2014 and her final year with us all was obviously dominated by her aggressive tumour. She withstood with fortitude all the implications involved with the diagnosis, travelling for treatment and the increasing disability caused by the tumour. We were united, we became even stronger and we faced it together.

We could not have been happier when we married on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014. Unknown to us at the time, this was exactly the same date as Kay and Jill's parents' wedding day 84 years before in 1930. However they did not spend their 'wedding night' in Treiske A & E as we did! We knew how to do the unconventional, and even that became an adventure.

As 'Mr & Mrs' we moved into our bungalow in Camelford. Kay had great tenacity, fortitude and humour in dealing with this final chapter of her life. It was my privilege to care for Kay as she had cared for others. Kay was cared for at home all through her illness as she wished, until her quiet, peaceful departure.

I had three truly glorious

years with Kay, and we had more of true life together in that time than most people see in ten years. I think our unstinting love for each other gave us both a constant strength that saw us through.

On behalf of the family, I would like to extend our admiration for and gratitude to all the care workers from Cornwall Care, the Marie Curie nurses, and Ali Lobb from MacMillan Support. I would also especially like to thank all the true friends, who are so numerous, for their absolute rock solid support and kindness.

I think Kay's biggest legacy will be that the lives she touched were the better for her being here."

#### *Ross, Darren and Adam:*

One of my first memories of mum was when my brother Adam arrived. When we were finally allowed to visit I was more interested in drinking her nice orange juice, than seeing my new brother. She made sure she had time to spend to talk to me and show affection as she continued to do throughout the rest of her life

Another memory is when she started driving again. We had never seen her behind the wheel of a car and this seemed to us to be an exciting adventure. She came into possession of a Renault 4, metallic brown I think, and we used to bomb along in this. One day as she went around a bend at the top of Boscastle, the sliding window flew out of the

passenger side and hit her in the face. Mum was unfazed, calmly bringing the car to a halt and checking we were ok, then she put the window back in before driving off again. This taught me a valuable lesson in how to be calm when the unexpected happens.

Mum was delighted when her first granddaughter, Chloe, was born. Finally she got to buy girlie things after having 3 boys,

Mum was a solid rock we could depend on and also had an infectious sense of humour, we were always laughing at stupid things we had seen or done. I'm sure many of you have heard her laugh when telling a story - sometimes she couldn't even spit it out because of fits of giggles - and you couldn't fail to join in with the laughter.

After our mum became ill, our bond with her became even stronger. It was our turn to look after her, as she had cared for us and many others.

We still had the chance to create more happy memories. One was her and Keith's wedding day: Mum couldn't stop smiling, especially when she saw the wedding car pull up outside! I couldn't have been prouder to take Mum down the isle.

She was also a brilliant 'Nana' to Chloe, Jolie, Caelan and Brody. She loved taking them out, whether for a walk, an adventure or a mess around in the garden. They always came back saying they had a great time.

We are all going to miss you.

#### *'Aunty' Joan Cork writes:*

I first got to know Kay when she lived in Hilldene cottage, next door to my elderly mother Mrs Carrigan. She was a wonderful neighbour, always popping in with a cheery smile and or help out with daily tasks.

We shared some very happy times as her boys Darren, Ross and Adam grew up. They enjoyed running around in the garden and we became good friends. I was running the playgroup at that time, and the boys joined in, with Kay becoming the chair of the committee after she moved to Langford's Meadow to become warden. Despite her busy life she always made time for other people and we had some very lively meetings. We both loved jazz dancing and music of all kinds. At the Bude jazz club the Boscastle contingent could always be relied on to get the dancing going.

In thanks my dear Kay, for the great times, for the music, the dancing, the stories, the memories, the friends. I will always remember with love.



## This Green and Pleasant County: The Local Plan

Recently Launceston town councillors expressed their frustration that sensible planning reasons were not enough to halt a 140-house development without a Local Plan in force. Their experience is shared throughout the UK as local authorities blame the government's National Policy Planning Framework for overturning previous planning rules.

The Policy states that "there shall be presumption in favour of sustainable development. The speed with which developers have exploited this clause has caught County Hall by surprise. Even objections upheld at local level are usually overturned on appeal because the County cannot afford to defend the action. Costs this year exceeded £174,000 in failed attempts. Appealing to developers on behalf of the National Trust and Society for Protection of Rural England has been likened to discussing vegetarianism with cannibals.

Cornwall submitted its Plan to the Secretary of State in January. Once examined the plans will be

placed before the public sometime in the spring. The Plan identifies the quantity and distribution of new housing, community facilities, shops and employment. Details are available on the Council's website.

An lot of people have either moved to or been born in the UK over the last decade. To meet demand the government wants to build 200,000 new houses a year. For its share Cornwall has agreed 47,500 new homes by 2035 an overall increase of 20-25% to its population.

In North Cornwall the pressure is on Camelford, Wadebridge, Launceston, Bude and Bodmin. A new "eco-town" of five thousand has been proposed for Carclaze, near St Austell. In addition the government is suggesting all 355 local authorities consider creating new "garden villages" within their boundaries.

Fears that communities will be overwhelmed were soothed by Edwina Hannaford, cabinet member of planning. "The Local Plan will help protect

and conserve our valued protected landscapes. Over a third of Cornwall is subject to very stringent environmental policy constraints and 80% is farm land."

However, in reality there is little guarantee of corresponding economic growth and services. Camelford is due to expand by another 800 homes, more than doubling its present population, yet there are no funds available to meet the £18 million cost of a distributor road, nor to build the primary school needed for an extra two hundred pupils, nor land on which to site industry or office space. Currently it is petitioning for a local dentist.

Cornwall has little commercial backbone. New housing will temporarily boost the building trades (Bovis Homes increased profits by 69% last year), DIY stores and new branches

of Lidl, but there are few factories or commercial premises, or well-paid career opportunities.

The natural order is for houses to follow jobs. During the industrial revolution millions left the countryside for the cities in the iron and steel industries. Turn the equation on its head and we experience the Spanish dilemma, hopeful billions wasted on highways that led nowhere, airports never opened, uninhabited cities and vanity projects like museums.

Tourism is undoubtedly important, but may have reached saturation. Earnings have slid three to four per cent in recent years, with disproportionate effect on low-margin enterprises like the Eden Project which has been forced to shed staff. Some query whether injecting more public money into projects like Tate St Ives will ultimately pay off, rather than spend more encouraging hightech industry or financial



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## The Local Plan

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services to take advantage of Cornwall's benign climate.

No doubt Boscastle's one hundred and fifty or so second home owners will justifiably argue they contribute to the local economy, unfortunately there is a growing trend for outsiders to buy cottages for pension or investment, neither occupied or rented. As winter darkness descends villages become cemeteries with lights.

While villagers may feel secure the Plan protects open spaces, the huge seafront development at Carlyon Bay reveals that companies hoard premium land with historic planning consent. When the Local Plan is published locals are advised to look at its provisions in detail. Only then can we be sure to preserve our green and pleasant county.

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### Photos You Wish You'd Taken

Ever been on Willapark headland and taken in a view that would've made a great photo, only you didn't have a camera with you at the time? Well there are some lucky people who get to spend time up on Willapark every day, which gives them the opportunity to take that photo: the Boscastle Coastwatch members. These volunteers go up to the Lookout in all weathers to keep an eye on potters, pleasure craft, commercial shipping, kayakers swimmers and

walkers, liaising with the emergency services if there's an incident. However, when they're going on or off duty at dawn, dusk and midday it can also be the perfect time to capture an atmospheric photo.

With this in mind a photo competition was organised, with the watchkeepers asked to submit their best images to a judging panel that included local painter Mike Davey and the Blowhole's Audley Jarvis. Twelve

photos gained enough votes to merit being mounted and exhibited in the main bar area of the Wellington

Hotel during the last two weeks of March. Two of the entries are shown above.

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# Childhood Memories

*Whilst sorting through some old papers, Jack Lee came across a letter which he thought would be of local interest. The author was the daughter of Colonel Hawker. (Jack does not know her name) The letter was written from Tasmania in 1972, to Tom Symons, an old school friend. Tom was Jack's father-in-law, Jack's wife being Mary Symons before her marriage.*

*In the 1891 census, William S Hawker JP, is listed as having 2 daughters, Florence, then aged 4 and Claudine, aged 2. Colonel Hawker's wife Jane was born in Launceston, Tasmania.*

I left Boscastle in 1904 after my father's death. These are things I remember during my childhood.

My Father besides being a Colonel in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, was also Lloyds Agent, and Deputy Lieutenant of the of Cornwall and Justice of the Peace.

He owned the land beyond Penally House up to Hillsborough, and also one or two farms round Benny, as well as Penally Terrace and Penally Point and

the road between Penally House and the Terrace. The coal and wool sheds, the Office, wine and spirit building, and bakery also belonged to him, inherited from his father. The bakery was his own idea, as for many years the village had to rely on supplies sent twice a week from Delabole and Camelford before he installed it.

Little ships used to come into the harbour with their cargoes of coal, corn, lime and manure, to be stored in the sheds at the bottom of Penally hill. I remember the strong smell of guano to this day. One of the small ships was named the Heather Bell and another was the Lively. I have an engraving of Boscastle Harbour in 1814 with one of the little ships slipping into the harbour.

A retired sergeant of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry was in charge of the Wine and Spirit Department below my father's office. (There may have been a few cobwebs even then.) His name was Smeeth and he always wore breeches to show off his fine calves.

Col. Hawker as JP had to drive every Friday to Camelford to hear the Petty Sessions. On one occasion when my father had finished his duties for the day, he found to his astonishment, a large parcel in the carriage. There had not been enough evidence to convict a poacher for stealing a fish. The result, - the fish was given to the magistrate.

As Lloyds Agent Col. Hawker had to superintend the practice of the Rocket Apparatus, the only means of saving shipwrecked sailors close at hand, as there was no lifeboat nearer than Bude.

While I lived in Boscastle there were five wrecks, and my father had to report on them to Lloyds. One I remember very well was at Bossiney. It was an Italian ship (the name eludes me) and five men were drowned, as the crew had to cling to a rocky inland off Bossiney beach all night. Although the coast guards tried to reach them with a rocket, the crew did not understand the directions given and

although the rest of the crew were rescued, those five fell off into the sea. Col. Hawker received a bronze medallion from the Italian firm that owned the vessel.

As he was Lloyds Agent, he was entitled to fly the white ensign. However I only remember one occasion when it was used, probably at Queen Victoria's Jubilee. At that time we children were taken up to Tresparret Down to see forty bonfires. Each parish lit a hue bonfire on the occasion, and we could see all of these from Tresparret.

I remember only four shops in the village. Couch's by the Valency Bridge, Sharrocks up the village street, Mrs Saunders (she was always dressed in black alpaca). Her little bow fronted window was decked with silks and cottons, and further up was "A Bullock China Shop", the title of which used to amuse us.

The Post Office was lower down. Incidentally my father was instrumental in getting a mail delivered in Boscastle on Sunday.



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## Childhood Memories

I never heard the story of a shaft from Penally to a cave. We had a well in the basement kitchen in which perishable meat etc, was stored when the weather was warm. However we did hear the story that there was a passage from a cave to Beeny farm in the old days of smuggling. In the main street among the old 14th century cottages were the boys and girls schools, one on each side of the street. Mr Fenn was the boys' master, and he contributed items sometimes at village concerts. A favourite song was "Pretty Polly Perkins of Paddington Green".

Some of the farmers' children used to pass our

hones on the way to school, they always carried pasties for their lunches which contained potato, turnip and bacon. In those days meat was too expensive for everyday use.

Every the red and black coach with four horses passed the gate, - the long brass horn announcing the end of the Journey from Bude to the Wellington Hotel.

Behind the hotel were six coastguards cottages. One man was always on duty in a little hut at the top of the cliff above Penally point, and they were responsible for the firing of the Rocket Appartus when needed. They used to practise across the entrance of the harbour.



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## WI Boscastle Report

As the organisation has reached its centenary, 2015 is a year of celebration for the National Federation of the Women's Institute. To mark the occasion a baton has been touring the country, visiting all the WI Federations.

Various vehicles have been used to transport the baton on its journey (a Harley Davidson, an Open topped Bus, tractors and horses) and on 21<sup>st</sup> February, in a 1914 Model T Ford - attended by two Classic Morris Minors - it visited Camelford. At the War Memorial, Camelford's Mayor, Andy Shaw, welcomed WI ladies from Boscastle, Camelford, Marshgate, St Kew, St Teath and Trevena/Tintagel. Each group carried their individual banners and posed for an historic photograph. On the way to a gargantuan home-baked 'tea' in the Methodist hall, provided by the Camelford ladies, (I should say 'feast') we viewed a display of WI memorabilia in the 'Mason Arms' window. The day was proclaimed 'inspiring' and 'thrilling' by many, with the highlight being passing the baton from hand to hand around the hall.

Having left Camelford the baton went on to visit Jacobstow, Bude and Launceston before leaving Cornwall for Devon. The final part of its journey will take in the remaining WI Federations before it reaches its destination, the Royal Albert Hall, where it will arrive in June for the Annual meeting of the National Federation of the WI.

The other events in our calendar may have appeared insignificant after this event, but were still enjoyable. We began our 2015 meetings in January with a taste of 'Easter'! Our speaker, Alice Gribble, demonstrated Chicken Pâté, Lamb Plait, Salmon Flan, Chocolate and Raspberry Cheesecake and White Chocolate Cake – all quick and easy dishes to make and deemed very tasty by those who sampled them.



The January coffee morning trip was to Hilltop Farm Shop, in Slaughterbridge. Richard and Louise Mead told us that they reopened Hilltop Farm Shop in the summer of 2011. Their *'fondness of the Cornish countryside, quality local produce and Louise's love of cooking all contributed in their decision to create a small family run business. Louise's son later joined Hilltop and, along with the staff team, they aim to provide a personal friendly service for customers.'* To judge by the contented smiles on our members faces, Hilltop Farm Shop was a success.



February was our 'Annual Meeting', when two more members joined the old committee, who were re-elected. Retiring President, Jill Clark, thanked last year's committee and Secretary Val Gill, who was absent, as she has recently moved from the area. The new President is Sue Viner.

Pam Parnell, a WI Advisor, joined us at the annual meeting. She informed us of the Centennial Events planned for this year and discussed the 2015 Resolutions. The February Coffee Morning was held at Boscastle Farm Shop.

Next month, Eileen Beall will tell us about Truro Cathedral - with slides.

Should you be interested in joining us, we meet every second Tuesday in the village hall at 2pm, come along and get to know us. You may even know some of us already.

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- Leading a **guided walk** on the **Geology** of the area
- Repairs to the road to the **Harbour** and to the **slipway** by the Youth hostel.
- Completing a **tree safety** survey including removing a large ash tree at Newmills which had white rot in it.

- Repairing **fences and paths** damaged by cattle which temporarily escaped
- Widening the **path** along **Private Road** (Green Cut) with the help of volunteers
- Appointing Basil Stow as Ranger to cover for Jenny Herbert who is on maternity leave

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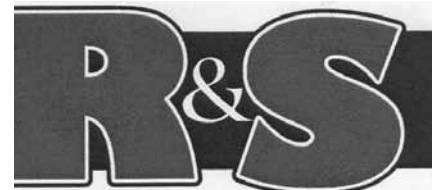
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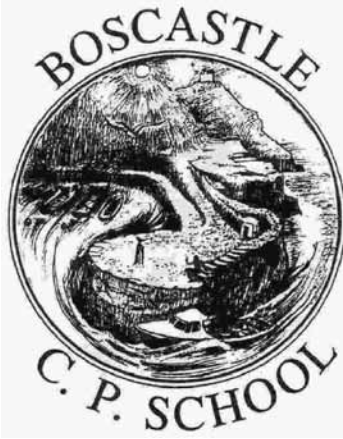
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### News From School

It's half term as I write this, and I am at school whilst a company installs our new whiteboard and projectors ready for the excited children (and equally excited teachers) to use on their return. Technology is changing at such a fast pace that in the month or so we had been pondering what to buy, most of it was already obsolete.

The children have been out and about quite a lot this term. The older children visited Falmouth School of Art to watch Aakask Odedra perform two pieces of contemporary dance and then went to Bude to see an exhibition of art entitled 'Cornwall's Art Treasures'. Both were new experiences for many of the children and they thoroughly enjoyed them. The Falmouth campus and facilities it offers were

very impressive and we are now trying to organise a 'something' with them to show the children what is available to them when they are older.

The younger children have been following the same topic as their opposite numbers at Port Isaac. Just before Christmas they went to Port Isaac to share their work (and visited a pottery at St Kew on the way back) and last week Port Isaac came to see us. The topic this term was based around 'Cold' and the Boscastle children had prepared all things Swiss for the Port Isaac children, including chocolate crepes which may not be what Switzerland is most well-known for but the children enjoyed cooking and eating them. The Port Isaac children were also most impressed with our Tuck Shop and the Fort of course.

Back in November I had a phone call from Endelienta (the charity based in St Endellion which seeks to foster the arts and spirituality in the locality) asking if we would like to sing alongside the Truro Cathedral Choir in a concert at St Endellion Church. On 13<sup>th</sup> February

we attended a workshop during the afternoon in which the children learned the songs (one of which was partially in Latin) which they would then perform with the choir in the evening. The standard of musicianship was, as you would expect, outstanding. The children were expected to learn a great deal in a short time, a challenge to which they rose admirably with a brilliant performance during the concert. This was another very different opportunity for our children and one that will be remembered by them for a long time I am sure.

Whilst on the subject of how amazing our children are, I would like to mention some of our former pupils: Archie Hedge-Evan has recently been to London to collect an award for a Surfing App he (and a group of other Budehaven students) designed. It is called ShoreCast and gives information about the surf conditions and what to expect from the conditions. It is free and really interesting.

We were also delighted to hear that Charlotte Hicks, Bryony McCord and Josie Richardson all

did very well with their A levels or International Baccalaureate and are now at University studying Geography, Medical Sciences and History respectively. Ki Lockyear after studying A/S levels is now working in the engineering sector. Finally I have a photograph from Athletics Weekly magazine pinned to my wall. It shows Jasmine Finney winning the Somerset and Wiltshire County Cross Country Championship and saying what a talented athlete she is.

We are working very hard with our current pupils to build their 'learning powers' which are the attitudes needed to be a good learner e.g. perseverance and resilience, being able to have a go and learn for your mistakes etc and it is really helpful to be able to show them how all of these skills have helped Archie, Bryony, Charlotte, Josie, Ki and Jasmine.

Our football team Boscastle and Port Isaac Pirates have entered the Little Giants League again this year. They train on a Monday evening at Port Isaac School and have played five matches against other local schools. We have

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lost all of our matches this year however Mr Rix and I have been really impressed with the team work and spirit of our young team. We also entered a netball competition and an indoor cricket competition both of which were new experiences for us and at which the children did very well. We will be playing more cricket in the summer term as we have joined the 'Chance to Shine' cricket scheme and will be working with Tintagel Cricket Club on a regular basis. We also have children in training for the cross country running events we enter at Landrake and Delabole and are making final arrangements for the Year 5 and 6 children to go sailing again at Rock next term.

Finally, I have included some examples of the writing our children have produced over the past few weeks. In this issue you will find the beginning and the end of writing with a letter

## Memory, By Lily Bright

Midnight as black as pitch, a scientist was attempting to make a medicine to cure memory-loss. He had failed millions of times and this time he wanted to succeed. He sat there at his desk, quiet and steady, hunched over the flickering flames, trying his best to concentrate this time. It was very dark and just about all you could see were his small, red, luminous eyes squinting at the medicine. He felt very lucky because he was getting close to finishing this time.

**BANG!**

Huh? Thought the scientist, trying to act calm. Everything looked fine, well that was until he looked up. There was a humongous hole in the roof. He was very confused about how the hole had got there and he started to get quite scared. But then, even more to his surprise a huge head popped out of the hole!

"What. On. Earth?!" Said the poor scientist very confused.

The man on the roof threw something into the laboratory. Of course the scientist went to go and see what it was, so then the man aimed a tablet and carefully threw it into the test tube the scientist was using so hopefully it would work this time! He waited for the tablet to dissolve. When it finally had dissolved he waited for the scientist to get back to work and then slip away. He felt very clever, like a superhero.

It was a week since the hole appeared in the roof and the medicine was working very well. He was succeeding at last. He still didn't know about the tablet so he felt very lucky. But never be successful again.

and a story from our five and six year old children and short stories from our nine and ten year olds. I hope you enjoy them and look forward to sharing more news in the next edition.

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Dear Lucie-Rose, I hope you are having a great time at school. Thank you for your pictures. I would like to ask you some questions. We have a big picture outside on a wall, do you know how many people live in school? How many people are there in your class? We have 21

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## The Secret Scientist By Jerrica Morgan

In a dank, dark room sat an interested scientist who held a glass bottle of a unique liquid that cures a terrible disease. He was unusually surrounded with different objects of different things. In front of him sat a pacific bronze fire-filled tube, underneath a clear test tube filled with some water looking substance.

The scientist looked very anxious to finish his scientific experiment, "Add 3 drops of snake venom, a sprinkle of sea salt..." he muttered to himself, still carefully concentrating on his tiny test tube. "Mix well and... HEY PRESTO! You've done it, Dr Plex!" then at that very same moment, the crazy scientist lumped with joy, that he had now completed his curious cure!

Without notice, a strange hole suddenly appeared in the scientists ceiling. Unfortunately, Dr Plex did not realise the hole, he was too busy celebrating, but that soon changed. An Indian man peeped through the hole holding a battered blow-pipe.

At that very last second, Dr Plex instantly turned round but the incredible Indian simultaneously shot out an instant sleeping dart into the scientist's soft shoulder. Dr Plex crashed down onto the stone cold floor. Fortunately, he did not injure himself, on the other hand, when he awoke, all his exhilarating experiments and mystical mixtures where all spilt and most things were smashed. He was finally conscious.

He slowly stood, and painfully peered to see if the incredible Indian was still there, he wasn't. A few minutes later, Dr Plex couldn't find his cure, he was sure of it, it was the only one which was yellow. The scientist thought deeply, Could that man of taken the cure?! Suddenly he looked afraid.

Dr Plex thought again, but without him having it, he couldn't help the poorly people and without the poorly people getting cured, they would die. His eyes started to water. He needed to get his revenge...

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### Startled! By Ruby Hughes

Midnight, in the scientist's gloomy attic. The scientist hunched over a flickering flame, anticipating the worst. His small, red, luminous eyes squinted at the mixture in the test tube. Many sleepless nights caused him more and more doubt. Some dirt flecked goggles sat perched on his head. Forgotten. He sat quite and still. A sudden thought came to mind. Was he being the watched? In response the damp, dark attic stared back at him with hollow dusty eyes. No, he thought. Just a normal attic.

Just as the weary scientist finished adding a blue herb, a large "BANG" filled the air, spilling the moons rays that had now appeared in the attics ceiling. The scientist's clawed hands gripped the mixture tighter. He could not afford to lose it. Not now. For if he did, he would have to pay. The scientist knew someone horrific was out there. But who?

He went back to his desk. He still had one very important ingredient! Though instead of revealing the night sky, it was a face. Blood streaks showed up on blush cheeks, stormy cruel eyes shone like lost stars. The scientist did not notice him.

The scientist could not seem to shake the feeling of being watched. His job had never been momentous ever, and that was not going to change. He held the mixture up to the bright stars and whispered, "Finally, it is done!" Although just as those words curled of his tongue, a dark shape appeared at the hole. The same one that had revealed it's self in the corner of the attic. But this time in hand sat a large blowpipe, in the other bore a vial of blue liquid. Poison. As the dart embedded itself into the scientists scarred neck. It made him drop the mixture. Months of work shattered helplessly to the ground. All his work had cost him his life.

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LO - I am learning to write questions to ask Thailand.		09.02.15
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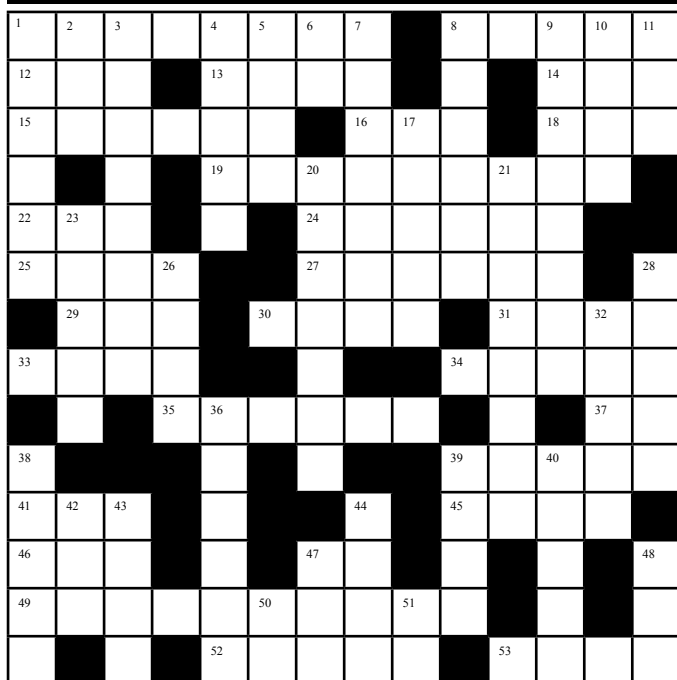
Dear Miss Butler and class,  
I hope you are having a nice time teaching in Thailand. I am posting to you because I would like to ask you some questions. Where do you live? Do you live on a mountain? Where is your school? How do you get to school? What days are the children off school? What do you like to eat?  
I have long hair. I like going swimming.

Write to the teacher and class.

ZAAA



# Moira Hart's Fiendish Crossword



## Across

- 1 exotic bird
- 8 waterway
- 12 legendary bird
- 13 aquatic bird
- 14 distinct period
- 15 North American indian
- 16 sailor
- 18 expression of surprise (gaelic)
- 19 a print
- 22 baby's bed
- 24 even
- 25 reverberate
- 27 larder
- 29 sing with closed lips
- 30 large number
- 31 man's name
- 33 gaelic
- 34 musical opera
- 35 tidy
- 37 alternatively
- 39 ornamental hairnet
- 41 snake
- 45 assistance
- 46 Indian state
- 47 alright
- 49 steadfast
- 52 fog
- 53 vegetable

## Down

- 1 European country
- 2 chop
- 3 plant
- 4 blood of Greek gods
- 5 man's name
- 6 energy
- 7 Turkish empire
- 8 vegetable
- 9 novice
- 10 inner side of foot
- 11 note of musical scale
- 17 extreme pain
- 20 type of grass
- 21 poisonous compound
- 23 type of earth
- 26 sign of good work
- 28 plank
- 32 soldiers
- 36 salad plant
- 39 cormorant
- 40 small bitter fruit
- 42 relative
- 43 chess piece
- 44 briefly read through
- 47 mineral
- 48 affirmative
- 50 printing out
- 51 American city

*answers on page 39*

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# Public Access Defibrillator for Boscastle

As reported in the last edition of the Blowhole, local athlete Jane Stephens will be running the London Marathon in April in aid of Front Line Emergency Equipment Trust (FLEET) – a Cornish charity dedicated to raising funds for the provision of lifesaving equipment to ambulances, paramedics and the general public. FLEET plans to use the funds raised by Jane's sporting endeavour to equip Boscastle with a public access Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

To this end, a well-attended and highly informative charity coffee morning was recently hosted by Boscastle Farm Shop, where attendees were able to meet Jane and see an AED in the flesh. Also in attendance was FLEET general manager, Norman Trebilcock, who took to the floor to explain how the device works. Mr Trebilcock is a former



paramedic who spent 32 years with the ambulance service before retiring in 2012 to concentrate on FLEET. He is also running the London marathon in aid of a defibrillator for Tintagel.

As Mr Trebilcock explained to the assembled crowd, the AED is a remarkable device that even untrained members of the

public can use to save lives. Without one, the chances of a patient surviving sudden cardiac arrest using cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) alone are around 5%, however using an AED in tandem with CPR raises the chances of survival to 50%.

In terms of dimensions the defibrillator itself is about the size of a small backpack. This is stored inside a clearly marked metal box. In addition to keeping inclement weather out, this storage

box also employs its own built-in heater to keep the defibrillator at an operational temperature in especially cold weather. For this reason the box needs to be connected to the mains electricity supply.

In addition to the heater, the AED's storage box also needs to be connected to the telephone network and internet so that it can automatically contact local first responders and the emergency services to alert them once the box has been opened by a member of the public. To this end each box is fitted with its own SIM card, chosen by FLEET on a case-by-case basis depending on which mobile phone provider has the strongest signal in the area.

While the AED is programmed to automatically contact up to ten local responders, paramedics and the ambulance service to request assistance, it can also help members of the public deal with the situation on their own via a series of simplified audio commands that guide you through each step. While this might sound daunting, the good news is that the



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primary duty of the user is simply to attach the pads to the patient – a process that is clearly illustrated on the device. Once attached, the defibrillator will automatically read the patients vital signs and make its own decisions on whether to administer a shock or not. In addition, the AED's sensors can also help with the administration of CPR via a series of audible beeps at the correct tempo. Modern versions will even warn you if you're pressing too hard or soft on the patient's chest!

Also housed inside the box is a cloth to wipe the patient down, a pair of scissors for removing clothing, and a razor should you need to remove any chest hair. A face mask for hygienic mouth-to-mouth resuscitation is also supplied. The total cost for each individual AED and its specialist housing comes to £3000+VAT. Not only will FLEET fit the device for free they will also maintain it free of charge.

Given our remote location, there's no doubt that Boscastle would greatly benefit from having a public access AED in the village. No doubt there will be some discussion as to the most suitable location to house it, however that's a decision for another day. In the meantime we would like to wish both Jane and Norman the very best of luck and to urge as many of our readers as possible to sponsor Jane please

To sponsor Jane please

visit her justgiving page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/jane-stephens4/>

To learn more about the work of FLEET click on: [www.fleet.org.uk](http://www.fleet.org.uk)

### **Jane Stephens**

Jane is 48 year old married mother of one who lives in Camelford. This will be the seventh marathon she has taken part in, and her third go at the prestigious London event. In previous years she has competed on behalf of FLEET and Cornwall Air Ambulance, finishing the course on both occasions. Her goal for this year is to raise enough funds to secure a public access defibrillator for Boscastle – and to hopefully beat her personal best by completing the 24-mile course in under 4hrs 23mins.

### **Defibrillator Basics**

A defibrillator is an independent, battery-operated device that can be used to administer an electrical charge to someone suffering from sudden cardiac arrest, cancelling out dysrhythmia and enabling a regular heart rhythm to be re-established. They come in a variety of designs, many of which require specialist training to operate. However, all FLEET public access defibrillators are of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) type, which is to say they are programmed to read a patient's vital signs once the pads have been attached and to automatically calculate the correct course of action. This means they can be used with little to no training by members of the general public.

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**DEC 1845**

### CHRISTMAS BENEVOLENCE

Sir Wm. Trelawney, Lord Lieutenant of the county has given many gifts to the poor of Calstock. Lady Basset had two bullocks slaughtered and sacks of flour given to the poor in Illogan. Philip Vyvyan Robinson gave

a large quantity of coals at Helston. W. Arundell of Trebunsye House near Launceston give blankets. George Webber of Hexworthy House, Launceston gave beef, bread & wood to the poor of Lawhitton.

**11 MAY 1849**

### BOSCASTLE

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**8 SEPT 1854**

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## SORRY SIR CHEF'S OFF

It was a few years ago that asking to get fed in a pub after sundown was viewed with incomprehension - "You won't get a meal anywhere this time of night!" What is it about chefs, they need beauty sleep?

It didn't need *Fawlty Towers* to expose the worst in British hospitality. John Cleese revealed that the real hotel and its owner were far more dreadful. Things have scarcely improved: comments by irate guests on TripAdvisor are only curbed by threats of litigation. Of course we Brits revel in tales of horrible hosts, mucky mattresses and vile food, the waiter who implores his diners, "Is anything all right?"

The pound is riding high against the euro, impelling many more of us to travel abroad. In Malta we stopped off at a reassuringly rough wayside taverna, entered the dark interior and accosted barman. 'Prithee, varlet', or words to that effect, 'We have heard marvellous tales of local vintage,

can we avail ourselves of some of your fine brew?'. Muttering, he scabbled under counter. After wiping bottle cursorily across his vest, a garment with a history you would probably prefer not to explore, we exchanged a mere six euros. 'Can you recommend it?' 'Well, it's not bad,' he conceded unwillingly. What an ambassador! Honestly, the Maltese! After centuries of the Templars, followed by Napoleon, you would think they would be grateful for our benign rule! After all, the island was awarded the George Cross for its brave defiance of the Germans. But not a bit of it! In 1964 they told us to shove it.

One is always enchanted by the way foreigners suffer the insufferable. In Greece we witnessed a confrontation between a British yachtsman and a tourist boat captain whom the latter accused of fouling his lines. The response took us by surprise, no less than by delight. You are a poltroon, sir (I quote exactly), quoth

the reproduction admiral representing our great country, you are a *malacca*. Very rude. No-one calls me a *malacca*, growled the Greek and punched Brit so hard he fell flat as a wardrobe. No matter that Brit's wife later apologised handsomely with gift of grapes. Always avoid insulting foreigners in their own language: you can never be quite sure of the impact.

The point I make is, (you may be wondering at this point if there is one) we never met with less than basic courtesy in Europe. When I make love I speak French, a Greek warned us, when business I speak German, but if I want to make trouble I speak Greek! You decide which order you feel will serve you best, if you decide to

attempt to learn some or any of these languages.

Remember in Europe they have recent memories - Spain's General Franco only collapsed through his deckchair in 1974, the same year as the hated Junta (look it up) were overthrown in Greece. The people so adored their hero

Papendreo, they even condoned, some say admired, his decision to divorce his devoted wife for a blonde air hostess several decades younger. Perhaps life under fascism teaches you the value of friendship, but to stand up to tyrants, you certainly require a working knowledge of effective insults in a range of tongues previously perhaps not required in your everyday communications.

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**Nap Ladies had a Brrrrrrriliant night!!**



*The Nap ladies darts team had a fantastic night at the Camelford & district ladies darts charity night. All looked pretty chilled in their snowmen outfits!! Pictured below are back row...Mel Brown, Sam Borrie, Beccy Dallow, Jess Frohlick, Mandy Washer< Nicky Bird front row.. Julie Potter, Laurissa Giddings, Louise Brakes & Landlady Sharon Muffett Unfortunately Captain Emma Goreham was unwell and also team member Shelly Brown was unable to make it.*



As ever on Christmas Eve the Napoleon Inn held a fun, family evening with music, roasted chestnuts, toasted marshmallows, mulled wine & cider, tasty food from The Filling Station, and a bouncy castle for the kids to enjoy.

This year Father Christmas was persuaded to pop along to bring the children some presents

before his busiest night of the year! There were many customers and staff dressed in their best festive hat or jumper and everyone had a fantastic time.

**Wow what a New Year's Eve party!!**

This year the Napoleon Inn not only provided fabulous food and drink at the pub on New Year's Eve but also hosted a party in the village



hall. It was a fantastic night with familiar and new faces. Music was provided by the very talented Josh Curnow, playing covers and also many of his own tracks, he kept the revellers entertained all evening.

Many dressed in some fabulous fancy-dress costumes...great effort everyone!

At midnight 100s of balloons fell from the ceiling and bubbly was

handed round to ring 2015 in style!

There was tasty food from The Filling Station too.

We would also like to congratulate Dan Roots & Amy Beech (pictured above) who got engaged that evening and were presented with a bottle of champagne by Sharon, Ron & Julie. What a fantastic start to 2015.

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## Promotion Beckons for Boscastle AFC

*It's been a fine season for Boscastle AFC with the team currently second in Duchy League Division Three. The Blowhole's Audley Jarvis caught up with manager Robin Haddy to find out what makes the team tick and discuss the chances of promotion.*

"We're not a kikitup in the air team. I want the boys to play football, keep it on the ground and enjoy themselves," explains Robin by way of an introduction. It's a footballing philosophy that is paying dividends with Boscastle currently second in Duchy League Division Three, having played 15 games to date, and with a further four games to go until the end of the season.

As Robin explains promotion to Division Two is the team's primary goal and a realistic ambition too: "The league leaders, Veryan FC, are too far in front but finishing second is well within our capabilities, so that's what we're working towards," he says. "With it comes automatic promotion to



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*Boscastle vs Tintagel Duchy Division 3 league Match. Played at Boscastle on Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 . Jake Dickinson of Boscastle, was in top form and hit a powerful hatricket against Tintagel in the 8 -0 victory.*

Division Two, so that's a big incentive. We're also in the semifinal of the Duchy League Cup, which is an added bonus."

"We train once a week at the allweather pitch in Camelford. We do a bit of fitness training to warm up with, but the main focus is ball retention – I want the players to be comfortable on the ball. We do this through a mixture of 3on3 mini matches that require quick passing, and also through through some simple 'keepball' exercises."

As Robin explains the team is comprised from a core squad of 14 players, although the starting 11 isn't set in stone and can be adjusted depending on the opposition. The team formation remains fairly constant though.

"I like us to play 4-2-2," explain Robin. "We've experimented with three at the back, but 4-2-2 just works better for us. In goal we have Jamie Burnett, who's developed into a safe pair of hands for us. In front of Jamie, we have

Danny Capstick and team captain Robbie Heal, who are both solid centre-backs. At fullback we have Nick Lawson and Johnny Brewer, both of whom give us plenty of pace."

"Midfield is anchored by Matthew Pethick and Jordan Sleep, neither of which are afraid to get stuck in when required. Out wide we rotate between Sam Capstick, Harley Westlake and my son Sam Haddy, all of whom have plenty of pace and give us different attacking options. In front



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of them we have Danny Piper, who plays as a striker and Jake Dickinson, who plays the No10 role and is probably our most naturally talented player. On the bench we can call on George Hughes and Shane Metters, who are both reliable defenders.”

So, what does Robin consider to be the team’s single greatest asset? “Pace!” he replies without hesitation. “We’re also a very young team, which means there is plenty of room for the team to grow and improve over the next few years. Basically, we play as a team and we try to play football the way it should be played.”

Notable wins for the team have included the recent 80 thumping of Tintagel – the first time the two teams have met in a local derby match for many years. As with most home matches held at Forrabury attendance on that particular day was very good, with fans from both villages offering goodnatured support. There’s always room for more fans to come and watch though.

“Everyone is welcome to come up to the field and support us,” says Robin, “and then to join us in the Cobweb for a drink afterwards!”

Sounds like the perfect way to spend a Saturday afternoon to us!

**Meet The Manager:**  
**Name: Robin Haddy**  
**Age: 48**



**Supports:**  
**Liverpool FC**

Robin has lived in the village since he was four years old. He first represented Boscastle AFC as a 14year-old, going on to play for the first team for many years thereafter. Robin claims that the highlight of his involvement with Boscastle AFC to date was winning the Duchy League Junior Cup in 1999 – a competition open to every team in the county. This is his second year in charge of the 1st team, having cut his managerial teeth with the 2nd team in previous seasons. He is ably assisted by Gary Sleep, while Johnny Bosley takes care of the pitch as head groundsman.

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*Boscastle vs Tintagel, on Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 2015, Dejection on the Tintagel players faces just before the half time whistle, as Boscastle's number 2 scores their sixth goal*

### Duchy League Division Three

Top of the table as of mid-March. Note that there are 12 clubs in the League – unfortunately space restrictions prevent us from reproducing the entire league results here though.


	Club	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Pnts
1	Veryan	19	18	1	0	81	55
2	Boscastle	17	14	1	2	53	43
3	Queens Rangers	20	11	3	6	12	36
4	Tregony	22	10	1	11	-19	31
5	Tintagel	18	8	2	8	6	26

**Answers to Crossword:**  
**Across** 1 flamingo 8 canal 12 roc 13 coat 14 era 15 apache 16 tar 18 och 19 oleograph 22 cot 24 smooth 25 echo 27 party 29 hum 31 otto 33 erse 34 opera 35 heaten 37 or 39 snood 41 asp 45 help 46 goa 47 ok 49 unwavering 52 enemy 53 peas  
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Cash machine during business hours

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## Post Office at Cornish Stores

Phone for opening hours

Tel: 01840 250344

## NatWest Bank

The Mobile NatWest bank calls at the harbour carpark on Fridays, from 1.45pm until 2.15pm.

## Mobile Library

0800 032 2345 or 01872 272702

Now visits every fourth Friday:

Due at Boscastle, Paradise Road 10.20 -10.40

Tintagel- The Old Post Office 10.55 -11.15

27<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> April

22<sup>nd</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> June

## Camelford Library and Council One Stop Shop

Town Hall, Market Place

Tel: 01840 212409

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Thursday: 09.30 - 13.30

Saturday: 10.00 - 13.00

## Waste Tip, Bowthick Quarry

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