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ANY OF YOUR ANCESTORS HERE?



This photo of Poundstock School Group 11 in 1922 came from the belongings of the late Kathleen Rogers.

The teacher is Mr. Albert Rowell, who was in charge of the school from 1896 to 1928. We cannot identify any of the children, however, we have a copy of the school records, kindly supplied by Don Sutton and can guess that the photo probably includes the following (approximate age in brackets): Corise Marks (5), Winnifred Squire (6), Nora Daniel (6), Winnifred Furze (7), Edna Batten (7), Ida Catchpool (8), Margaret Burnard (8), Dorothy & Margaret Beckley (twins 8), Leslie Gunn (9), Muriel Catchpool (9), Alice Burden (12), Doris Gunn (13), Alfred Miles (6), Horace Ferrett (7), Frederick Burden (7), Leonard Burden (9), William Burden (10), John Stacey (11), Edward Daniel (12), Ronald Chalmers (14), Herbert Catchpool (14), Ernest Daniel (14).

There is a little more information in the records about the children listed, which we will pass on to anyone with a genuine, personal interest, and we'd be very pleased to hear from anyone who can confirm an identity, or supply further information. Please contact the editor.

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August

5 Family Tudor Day, Gildhouse (see p. 5)
 8 Brass on the Grass—Bude Canal Heritage Day
 21 Bude Carnival
 25 Big Breakfast, Gildhouse, 9am–2pm
 26 Holsworthy Show
 26–30 Week St. Mary Craft Fair and Scarecrow Festival
 28–3rd Sept. Bude Jazz Festival
 30 Bude Lifeboat Day

September

8 Widemouth Bay Residents' Group meeting, Summerhouse 4pm
 8 Flower arranging by Erica of Bleujen Gildhouse 7.30pm
 9 Highest tide of the year, 6.20pm
 9 Jacobstow WI Mustard Seed DVD
 14 Marhamchurch WI Bayeux Tapestry Experience
 18 Shoreline Quadrathlon in Bude
 26 Back-to-church Sunday

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September 9th

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Pat Lane, who planned and coordinated the entry, and Jen Spettigue, WI President, were delighted to receive the cup from HRH the Duchess of Cornwall.



PACKET EXTRA

It is not unusual for us to receive more material than we have space for, and we have difficult choices to make about what to leave out. However, now that our website is up and running, we have the opportunity to put the 'left out' items on line for those with the means and interest to view. Sometimes an article is accompanied by a colour photo or illustration, which will not come out well in black and white, or would take up too much space. Now that can appear on the web, where colour and space present little problem. In this issue, for example, Don Sutton's piece on page 17 came together with an interesting painting, which included a clove oven. You can view this by visiting the Packet Extra page on our website, where you will also find other items, which did not make it into the magazine.

In future you will find little editorial notes dotted around, guiding you to 'Packet Extra'. Now you will know what



Our coffee morning on Tuesday 22 June at Bangors Chapel Hall for *The Poundstock Packet* raised £161. Many thanks to all who supported us.

We held our Annual Coffee Morning for the Cornwall Air Ambulance on Thursday 22nd July and we raised £310.00 on the day. We would like to thank all our helpers; without them we could not pull this off. Also for the raffle prizes donated.

A special big thank you goes to: Widemouth Manor who donated Sunday lunch for 2; The Beach House Wet Fish Shop for a voucher; Bay of Bengal at Holsworthy for a voucher; Andrew Halley of Bridgerule Plumbing - Free service on your boiler; The Bude Meat Supply Ltd for donating the chicken thighs for the buffet (which were gorgeous).

We hope that everyone enjoyed the day as much as we did. *Peter and Jann Bowers*

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New Costumes for Gildhouse

Fit for a king or queen, these golden costumes have just been added to the growing collection at the Gildhouse in Poundstock and will be used in the very popular Tudor experience days

Following another successful school year providing classes of local children(over 300 in total) with a hands on Tudor History experience, Poundstock Gildhouse is bowing to demand and is planning a Family Tudor Day. A summer holiday activity, families will be encouraged to spend a day at the Gildhouse dressing up as peasants and the rich to take part in activities that went on there 450 years ago. They will spend the morning brewing and baking in the downstairs kitchen and then go on to learn Tudor dances fresh from the court of King Henry VIII in the afternoon. They will also try their hands at making cob, one of the key materials from which the Gildhouse was built.

The local children who have already experienced this unique day have said it was one of the best days out they have ever had. The beautiful costumes on display here are the newest we have and will join our ever growing collection .We have found that dressing up really adds to the experience and much fun is had in becoming a Tudor for the day. You don't have to be a family to come: adults may come without children but children must be accompanied by adults. Everyone from 8 to 80 is welcome. Thursday 5 August is the date to put in your diary but booking is essential as there are only a limited number of places available. At a cost of £8 for adults and £5 for children including a light lunch it is good value . Phone 01288 361356 to secure your place and find out more details. Schools are already enjoying this experience but it is something the whole family can enjoy together.



Our Sky in August 2010

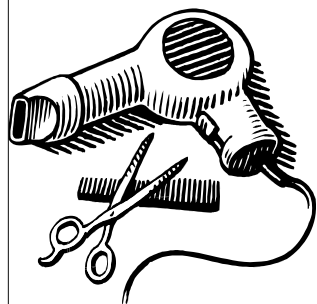
Venus, Saturn and Mars are now disappearing in the western sky after dark, but Jupiter will be rising in the East at about 11pm in the middle of the month, and is very close to the Moon on the 26th and 27th. Uranus is also very close to Jupiter now, which makes it easier to find with a pair of binoculars; it appears as a faint bluish star, and its exact position can be found from the free sky charts available from the internet (Stellarium is a brilliant free planetarium which shows the night sky at any time in the past and future.) Meanwhile, the sky overhead is full of stars in the Milky Way, with the 'Summer Triangle' of Vega, Deneb and Altair conspicuous, together with the stars of Cygnus the Swan, flying South. Do try to find a dark location well away from all lights, including the Moon, and use a pair of binoculars to sweep along the Milky Way; it really is a breathtaking sight. My congratulations to two of my 'regular'? readers who spotted Noctilucent Clouds last month; they are quite rare, and require one to be up late in the evening, but they are delightful to see, and will probably not be visible this month, since the Sun is now well below the northern horizon after dark.

One of the other things to look out for in August is the Perseid Meteor shower, which peaks during the nights of between the 9th and 14th of August every year; early morning is the best time to see the most – up to 60 an hour, unless you are lucky enough to witness a meteor storm. Meteors are the trails left by tiny grains of material left by the comet Swift-Tuttle which visits Earth every 130 years. These particles, entering the Earth's atmosphere at enormous speeds, burn up owing to the friction with the tenuous air at heights of about 50 miles. Any material that survives this fiery encounter falls to the Earth as a meteorite, many of which are found in Antarctica. Most of the dust in the cloud today is around a thousand years old. However, there is also a relatively young filament of dust in the stream that was pulled off the comet in 1862. The rate of meteors originating from this filament is much higher than for the older part of the stream.

Perseids are so called because they seem to originate from a point or radiant in the sky near the constellation of Perseus; other meteor showers such as the Orionids in late October, the Leonids in mid-November and the Geminids in mid-December; I will try to remember to remind you to look for them in the appropriate monthly magazine.

Bill Turnill

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WIDEMOUTH BAY RESIDENTS' GROUP

A successful barbecue was held in the Summerhouse garden in June with over 50 residents attending. We raised £200 for the Air Ambulance, and had fun in the process. Several people kindly made donations as they couldn't come. Many commented on the delicious sausages and burgers which were supplied by Bude Meat Supplies. Many thanks to everyone who put in a lot of hard work to make the event such a success.

Our next meeting will be at the Summerhouse at 4pm on September 8th - please come to support us.

Nicky Vereker

THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST ANN, WIDEMOUTH BAY AND THE CHURCH SUMMERHOUSE

In 1929 there were two ladies living in St Ann's, Madeira Drive: Miss Kirby and Miss Topsham. They built an Oratory in their garden. This is where Mrs Serle's house is now. The Priest at that time was Revd James William Hootan and the Rural Dean was Revd Claude Kingdon who was the vicar of Whitstone. The Bishop was the Rt Revd Walter Howard Frere who was the Bishop of Truro (1923 to 1935).

The church was built by Mr Bright who lived in Madeira Drive. We find that some of the houses there have the names of saints: St Padern, St Ann, St Francis and St Hilary.

In 1940 the War had begun and it was thought that it would be of more use to have the Church in Leverlake Road. The "Bude & Stratton" report of February 10th 1940 states: "The new church at Widemouth Bay has now been erected on a site sold by Mrs Milner for a nominal sum and given for the church by an anonymous donor." Mr Bright dismantled the church and re-erected it on the present site.

The Kneelers were worked by the congregation and the embroidered picture was rescued from the first altar frontal and mounted on velvet given by Miss Pither who lived in Stratton and came to the midweek services. The two kneelers, blue with white lilies, were worked by Mrs Alford and were re-mounted on her 100th birthday. The Rood came from Oberamagau. The Sanctuary light was given by Rev James Hooton; the credence table in memory of Helena Adcock who was the sacristan for many years; the hymn books were given by Rev Harold Tucker in memory of his wife Mary. Hazel Bullen has recently made the altar frontals which were blessed last year by Bishop Tim Thornton. The church is well attended and has seen baptisms and the blessing of the marriage of Widemouth's former doctor's son, Martin Ashton Ward, who donated and erected the car park gate and has the other gate in hand.

The church has pleasant grounds and Mr Rowland, who lived in Combe Lane, used a strip of land for growing vegetables and in return he kept the lawns cut. When he gave up Mr Goddard took on the maintenance.

Miss Thompson and her mother, Church members who lived opposite, wanted somewhere for the congregation to make a cup of tea. There had been visions of rebuilding the church and some money had been set aside for this purpose before Mrs Thompson died and her daughter moved away.

In 2006 Revd Gavin Douglas came as curate for Revd Canon Rob Dickenson in the Week St Mary Benefice. He was asked to oversee the project to build a summerhouse in the grounds. He applied for planning permission and Rupert Powell oversaw the clearing of the site, preparation for the foundations and forming the car park.

The Summerhouse was duly ordered and on a Wednesday morning after the church service, a huge lorry arrived driven by a very young girl. All the people who had been present at the service helped with the unloading of the wood. Subsequently Rupert built the kitchen and he keeps the grass down.

Who can use the Summerhouse?

The Summerhouse has been used for Lent Lunches, various teas, Art and Crafts, talks on many subjects, displays and for Bible Study and Spirituality which has continued since this was started by Revd Gavin. Fund raising events have enabled donations to be sent to Shelter Box, The Children's and Adults' Hospices in Cornwall, Christian Aid and the St Petroc's Society which works with the homeless in Cornwall.

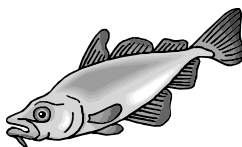
Local people who want to use it are not charged as that would involve too much paperwork. Instead, they sometimes leave a pound or two towards upkeep and the electricity. Ecclesiastical Insurance provides public liability cover for users of the grounds and church but this is confined to activities which are directly associated to the church and other organisations must have their own public liability insurance for any activities they may hold and permission must first be sought from the churchwarden, Judy Macdonald. The Garden is always there for residents and visitors to sit in and enjoy. However, it doesn't look after itself and Hazel and Jenny (361130) who try to keep the weeds down, would greatly appreciate a hand from anyone who can spare an hour every now and again. Many hands make light work!

Hilda Walter.

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CHANGE

Henry Francis Lyte who lived in the early 19th.century wrote that beautiful prayer which we often sing-
Abide with me.

Within this prayerful hymn are the words; Change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changes not; Abide with me.

Change is one of those experiences of life that many of us find difficult to cope with. But why? Life is one of continual change.

We have changing seasons that bring changing scenes. Changing fashions that bring changes in the wardrobe! Changing neighbours who give us the opportunity to meet new people. In Methodist circles we have changes to Circuit structure. The Week-St-Mary and Camelford and Tintagel Circuits have now united and are now known as Camelford and Week-St-Mary Circuit. Already I hear voices coming back to me saying; "We don't like change". OK then. What in life's experience does not change? The Bible has the answer to that. The Old Testament speaks of our God who says; "I the Lord do not change". (Malachi 3 v 6) James the Apostle in the New Testament (James 1 v 17) echo's the same truth and tells us of "The Father who does not change." Yes, I know, life is full of change and much of it disturbs and even upsets us at times. How good it is to know that within this disturbance and upset we can know the stability and experience the One who does not change.

Brian Parkman. Lay pastor of Camelford and Week-St-Mary Circuit

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Please try to get a group together to take part. Half of what you raise goes to your church! *Revd James*

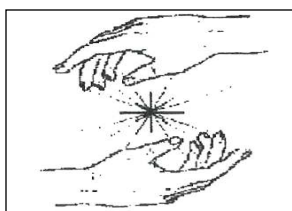
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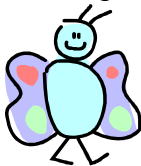
KIDS CORNER¹¹

... and there are loads of brilliant things to do. But just in case it rains all day, here are a few puzzles to keep your brain in gear. Have a great holiday!

Can you fill in the missing words?

There are great beaches at Widemouth _ _ _
Your mum or dad's brother is your _ _ _ _ _
Cornish miners were looking for _ _ _
Ash, oak and willow are types of _ _ _ _
The Pyramids and the Sphinx are in _ _ _ _ _
The Amazon is the world's greatest _ _ _ _ _
Strawberries and apples are types of _ _ _ _ _
When something's funny, it makes you _ _ _ _ _
Twelve months or 52 weeks make one _ _ _ _

Now write down the first letter of each word to spell something that's easy to spot in the summer.



_ _ _ _ _

Answers: Missing words: butterfly; Anagrams: seagull, sunflower, sunglasses, ice cream, grasshopper, sunhat, sand castle.

Anagrams

Here are some more things to spot in the summer – but they've got themselves in a bit of a mud-dle. Can you sort them out? (The pictures may help.)



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Useful websites for family history

The sudden illness of the booked speaker for the last Gildhouse talk meant that we didn't have a chance to prepare this list for that evening, so here it is now. We hope people will find some of the following useful.

Free sites

www.freebmd.org.uk gives the index to the Registrar General's records on births, marriages and deaths in the UK from 1837, when registration began, until about 1983.

www.genuki.org.uk will provides invaluable information on places throughout the UK, organised by county, with masses of links to other useful sites.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~kayhin/ukocp.html> will take you to the Cornish Online Census Project, with free access to all the published census data for Cornwall from 1841 to 1891.

www.ffhs.org.uk is the site of the Federation of Family History Societies. It lists and provides links to all the county family history societies and other family history organisations in the UK.

www.familysearch.org is the genealogy site of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons), with a vast collection of worldwide records built up over many years; very helpful but certainly contains inaccuracies, so always check anything you find here.

www.cyndislist.com is an American-based site that lists thousands of genealogical links worldwide, including the UK.

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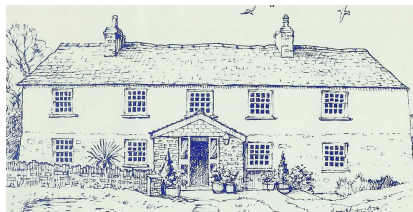
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It's the same out in the countryside. The elderflowers looked wonderful, the blackberries are setting, but will they become fruit? Well the rain in the last few days should help. The plants along the verges are really beautiful, where they've been left. I don't see why we should be denied the glory of the Queen Anne's lace, the meadow sweet, or indeed the blackberries when someone decides that the roads are impassable without a hard trim.



There can be nothing more beautiful than a bank of cloudlike creamy meadow sweet interspersed with stately rods of purple loosestrife. This year they seem especially wonderful. Both prefer but aren't confined to damp areas. Meadowsweet is an old strewing herb, used to sweeten the smell of a house when the floors were just dirt. Purple loosestrife is a widespread flower of stream, lakes and canal banks. It has an unusual reproduction mechanism though. There are three different kinds of flower, some with the stamen at the top of the flower, some in the middle, and some at the bottom. It also has three different sized pollen grains. As a result, it can be fertilised by a variety of insects, really hedging your bets! The name was originally lose-strife as it was believed that placing the flower spike on the yoke between two oxen would stop them fighting!

Tim Dingle

The weather report

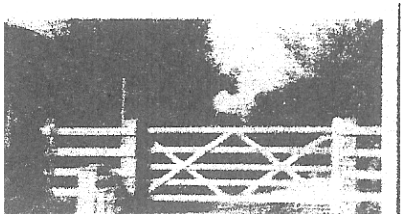
Since the last *Packet* report our weather station in the north-east corner of the parish, two miles inland, has recorded:

	June		July (to 24th)	
Wettest day	16.8 mm	(1st)	34.5 mm	(22nd)
Total rain	39.4 mm		145.5 mm	
Days of rain (>1 mm)	5		13	
Highest temp	24.3 °C	(28th 12.00)	24.7 °C	(10th 14.10)
Lowest temp	4.6 °C	(16th 05.10)	8.8 °C	(23rd 05.40)
Max wind gust	26 mph	(10th 14.20)	30 mph	(15th 18.10)
Windiest day	6.8 mph	(14th)	9.0 mph	(15th)
Total sunshine hours	276 hrs		139.3 hrs	
Sunniest day	13.5 hrs	(17th)	11.7 hrs	(17th)

Although this June was the wettest since I started keeping records (July 2007) the total rainfall was only 69% of the Met Office average for the month over the years from 1971 to 2000 and there were 19 consecutive 'dry days'. The rain in July has already exceeded the monthly average but so far in 2010 we have only had 75% of the average annual rainfall. June was also much sunnier, the total bright sunshine hours of 276 is 95 hours greater than the average.

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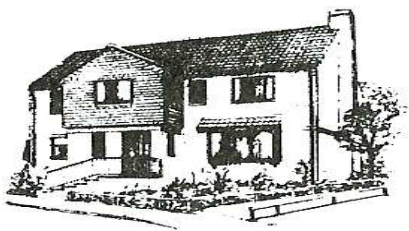
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THE INTERVIEW WITH Shane Wilkins

The family comes from this area on my mother's side, going back generations and generations. One led the horses out with the lifeboat in Bude when it was taken out by horses, he was in charge of the head horse. Another made clocks in Kilkhampton. My grandfather had a building firm in Bude for many years. And then my mother and father bought the Beach House, and we've been here forty-four years. The shop started off life as a stable – Dad changed it into a shop area two or three years after we came here, when I was about five. He built on at the back, and then we put the extension on this side purely for the fish, about twelve to fifteen years ago.



And you had the post office.

The post office we inherited from up in the village in 1990. Mother did it first, then I was the postmaster for about five years before they closed us down. It's part of the community, the post office. Marhamchurch have lost theirs and they've lost the shop. Now, if we didn't have the fish side of the business, it would be a real struggle to stay open. We're not close close to Bude but we're not far enough away. People come in for newspapers and bread, but those are items that you make very little percentage on. We can't supply all the supermarkets do, purely because the shop's not big enough. But we do try and stock as many Cornish products as we can – local Cornish butter, milk and cheeses.

But you were able to build up the fish?

Yes. To start with we had a counter in the main part of the shop, with a small chiller unit, and we sold fish that was caught purely from Bude. I was buying all the fish they brought into Bude but after about two years that wasn't enough. Now even if I bought up everything they bring in along the north coast there wouldn't be enough, so I had to go south. I went to Looe because there's a really big choice of fish in the Channel. Up here it's only mackerel, pollock, ray, but I like to have a good choice and these days I sell a ton of fish a week in the summer. I only buy from day boats so I know the fish I buy is no more than twelve hours old. These big boats out of Brixham, they're out for a week or more and sell it when they get back. That's not fresh fish to me. And it's not sustainable, fishing like that.

So my day starts off at 4.15 every morning and I go down to Looe. I get back here about ten, and then we prepare all the fish for the restaurants and send it out. In the afternoon we're preparing orders for the next morning again. Sometimes I'm here until ten o'clock at night.

And this is pretty much every day?

Pretty much. In the summer it's seven days, a fourteen-, sixteen-hour day. I do take one afternoon off a week sometimes if it's not too busy! We supply about thirty-two restaurants in the Bude area now, and they're more or less having orders seven days a week. There's a lot of good restaurants in the area, and they all thankfully want to put on fresh fish rather than frozen, because it's what people expect. You come to a coastal area, you expect there to be fresh fish on the menu from that area. The public come for fish too – we've got regular customers from as far as Camelford, Wadebridge, Holsworthy, Bideford, because there aren't many fishmongers about now.

There are three boats licensed to come into Bude, and they're mainly crab and lobster. But you can't rely on just fishing at Bude because of the inaccessibility. When the weather's bad the boats just can't get out if the surf's too big, so they've got to have another job. It's the same for everybody in this area: whatever line of business you're in, you're struggling with the seasonal nature of it. This year, because of the weather, it's started off very well. If we continue getting this weather I think it will be a good year for everybody.

We've been here as a family for forty-four years. Wendy, my wife, and I run the shop and the fish, and our four children, Martina, Abby, Lloyd and Chester, all help whenever they can. Mum and Dad run the hotel still; they're past retirement age but still working. My sister runs the take-away and the diner, and my brother and his wife run the surf hire and the ice cream down on the edge of the beach there, so it's a little community in itself. Hopefully we can still carry on and the level of business will stay as it is, because I really enjoy doing this.

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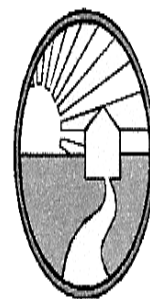
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My mother and father were both from Poundstock; they went to Poundstock School and after WWI were married in Poundstock Church. Dad was in the Royal Navy so they moved to Devonport. When he was assigned to the China Fleet in the mid 1920s it meant he was often away for years. During this time my widowed grandmother's health was poor so my mother decided to move back to the family cottage at Treskinnick Cross to take care of her.

My younger brother and I enjoyed the rural life. There were few don't do this or don't do that rules. People seemed to rely on our common sense to keep us out of trouble; not playing around the well for instance; looking into its murky depths was warning enough. Warm water was always available from an iron pot suspended over the glowing embers of the open fireplace. The fire never seemed to be allowed to go out. Our bath nights were conducted in a tin tub in front of the fireplace. At bedtime we were each given a candle and told to go up 'Timber Hill' as the stairs were called. And so to bed.

In the side of the big open fireplace was a Clome Oven. The oven was a firebrick-lined cavity in the wall with an iron door. To use it, hot embers from the fire were shovelled in and the door closed until the oven was at a heat needed for baking. The embers were then raked out and the items for baking slid in. A similar heating procedure was followed for the clothes iron. The iron was a big boxlike affair with a hollow interior. There was a trap door on the back where hot embers were shoveled in to keep it heated. When the open fireplace chimney smoked excessively someone would go on the roof and let a rope down the chimney. A gorse or furze bush was tied on and pulled up which did a good chimney sweeping job.

The front door of the cottage faced the main road and when the postman came by on his horse to deliver letters he tapped the front door with his riding stick. When someone came out he handed them the letters without getting off his horse. With our occasional pocket money we would walk to a little shop a few yards up the road from Henwood's Smithy. The shop was run by my Aunt Dorcas. A door bell on a spring would ring when the door was opened. Summoned by the bell, grumpy Aunt Dorcas would shuffle out of her living room and descend the few steps down to the shop. When she heard that all we wanted was a pennyworth of sweets called Winter Mixture, she seemed to become grumpier.

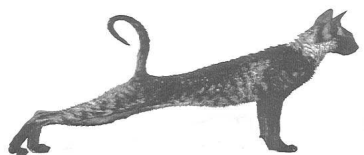
When Grandmother's health worsened it was decided that my brother would attend Poundstock School while I would go to Bude Elementary and live in Bude with my paternal grandmother. My Uncle Frank also lived in the Treskinnick Cross family cottage and each Monday he took me into Bude on his way to work. A cushion was strapped to the petrol tank of his motor cycle and I rode seated on the cushion between his arms. Uncle Frank took me back to Treskinnick Cross most weekends.

These days Poundstock, with all the modern amenities, is only minutes away from Bude but back when I rode there on Uncle Frank's motorcycle it seemed like going from the old world to the new. My Bude Grandma's house had a nice bathroom, flushing toilets and running water throughout. The house had electric lights and she had an electric iron. There was an electric door bell that the postman would ring when he pushed the post through the letter box. My Bude Grandma took in paying guests and employed a person to help cook and serve meals in the spacious dining room. Sometimes I was allowed to make myself useful, and for this guests often gave me a small tip so I could buy myself a comic each week.

The Bude School was in the older buildings next to the Parkhouse Centre and the Head Master lived in a house attached to the end of the school. To me he appeared to be rather strict. At the Poundstock School things seemed to be quite different. An elderly Poundstock man told me that the Head Master there played games of marbles with the boys. After lunch he often let the boys play a game they called 'Fox and Hounds'. Two boys set off running along lanes and pathways and shortly after, the rest of the boys would start out to try and catch them. Careful planning got them back to school just in time to go home.

Looking back I realize what a unique experience it was to have lived part of each week in two different worlds, and the one I remember most fondly is the Treskinnick Cross world, as it was then.

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DAN ROGERSON

Since I last wrote the Coalition Government has delivered its first budget and there have been difficult decisions to make. I'm very pleased that we've started on the road to raising the level you start to pay income tax to £10,000, that we've secured the "pupil premium" – an arrangement which will make more money follow disadvantaged pupils, meaning millions more each year for Cornish schools – and that we've implemented the Liberal Democrat 'triple lock' for pensioners: that is, pensions will now rise in line with earnings, prices or 2.5%, whichever is higher.

Undoubtedly though, there are aspects I was much less happy about. I didn't come into politics to put VAT up, for example, and I'm very keen that the government keeps a close eye on how it affects people. Treasury projections suggest that the wealthiest fifth of families will pay approximately three times more in extra VAT than the poorest fifth, and of course the lower rate for domestic fuel and the exemptions for food and children's clothes will remain. With the additional tax credits that the Coalition has found for less well off families, I hope that the overall package will not leave vulnerable people worse off, and I'll be pressing Ministers to ensure that that is the driving principle behind any further changes. The risk with Labour's uncontrolled borrowing and spending was always that those who most rely on state support would end up suffering when the good times ended. And there is hardly anything "progressive" about a financial policy which sees the country pay more in debt interest each year than it does on vital services.

The House of Commons has kindly reappointed me to its Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee. I sat on it in the last Parliament, and I think this time round it could be even more vital. The Coalition's "bonfire of quangos", which is generally welcome, sees the demise of the Commission for Rural Communities. Doubtless this will save some money, but there's a real job of work to do in ensuring that future government policy works well for rural areas as well as for London. As so many people know, the last government had bad form on this and I don't want the Coalition to sleep-walk into same mistakes. I will be asking questions in the House and in the Committee about how the Government plans to keep its plans "rural-proofed" (as the officials call it), and how plans to reform the NHS and introduce more 'free schools' will work for areas like ours. No one can object to 'choice' in public services but it's very important Ministers remember that in Cornwall it's much more difficult than in London for patients or pupils simply to choose another hospital or school because of the distances involved in travelling around.

I got an opportunity to question Nick Clegg in the Commons on the matter of boundary changes to parliamentary constituencies. I am not particularly exercised about the number of MPs that there should be in the country – it seems to me that we could easily manage with fifty fewer MPs, as the Deputy Prime Minister suggests. However, I do think that natural communities and territorial boundaries ought to be respected. It seems that what you might call the hard border between Cornwall and England (!) is the River Tamar, and just as the Welsh and Scots will doubtless have their boundaries respected, I asked Nick Clegg to ensure that ours were too. I cannot say I got a firm commitment out of him, but I am seeking to meet up with him and discuss it further. I'll report back!

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Councillor's Report

There has been a recent trend, after finishing exams, for youngsters to go to Newquay. Generally the appearance of these students is upbeat and certainly they enjoy their first real freedom from parental control.

There are issues, however, where these people are using this freedom to indulge in drinking large quantities of alcohol. It should be made clear that special training at retail outlets along with spot checks of supermarkets and off licences and test purchasing means that very little is sold from local retail outlets. Predominantly adults are buying and supplying alcohol to minors. There are many instances where parents drop off their child with crates of beer and bottles of vodka, presumably assuming that we will look after them if they get into trouble. Most of the children are 16 or 17 but some are as young as 15. This year the police have already collected children unconscious from alcohol; they have called the parents to demand that the child is collected immediately and we have informed their local police so the message does "follow them home".

So many children requires a huge response from Council services, for where there are children you may be assured there is also the less desirable elements of society; the petty thieves and worse. The risk of danger from fire is also increased, the cocktail of inexperience; alcohol and crafty cigarettes, nightlights and Chinese lanterns.

The reason I have highlighted this is, while the services in Cornwall have been commended for their handling and response last year, the cost is being borne predominantly by the Council and therefore the Council Tax payer in the county. The emphasis this year quite rightly will be to make those responsible, for supplying age restricted products, pay for their actions. The government mantra is "every child matters", which is a demand correctly embraced by the council, but this is at a significant cost to the tax payer because of the actions of a few rather selfish individuals.

I write this long before the print date of the magazine so I don't know what events have unfolded from Newquay. I hope it has been a chilled well earned rest for students, keen to surf and enjoy the weather this year.

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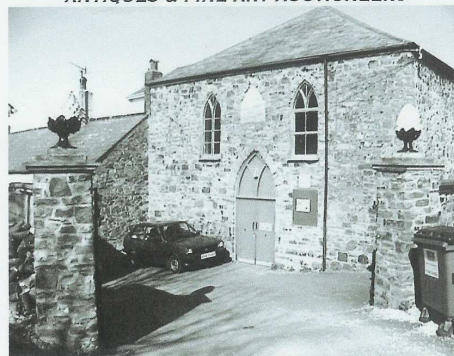
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25TH MAY 2010 (unconfirmed extracts)

The Annual General Meeting of the parish council was held in the parish hall on Tuesday 25th May 2010 at 7.30 p.m Cllr C Gilbert in the chair. Present: Cllrs. R. Powell, Miss A.R. Rowland and the Clerk. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. P.J. Marshall, R.S. Hopper, W.G. Rowland and G.W.J. Pluess. Cllr B.W. Furse, G.N. Orchard and W.K. Stacey were absent.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Cllr R. Powell proposed Cllr. Gilbert for Chairman, Cllr. Miss A.R. Rowland seconded. Cllr R. Powell proposed Cllr. P.J. Marshall for Vice-Chairman Cllr Miss A.R. Rowland seconded.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES – It was agreed the following Councillors continue in their respective roles as representatives on the following; Cllr. R. Powell PROW, Cllr. W.G. Rowland Police Liaison & Beach User Forum, Cllr. B.W. Furse Transportation, Cllr. G.N. Orchard, Minerals and Planning and Cllr. Miss A.R. Rowland Planning and Regeneration.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST a) Items on the agenda – None. b) Gifts over £25.00 – None declared.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – An error in the minutes of 26th May 2009 was noted in that they fail to record the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman, it was proposed by Cllr. Miss A.R. Rowland to amend the minutes and ratify that Cllr. C. Gilbert was elected Chairman and Cllr. P.J. Marshall was elected as Vice Chairman, Cllr. R. Powell seconded all agreed. It was proposed by Cllr. R. Powell seconded by Cllr. Miss A.R. Rowland and resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – The chairman suspended the meeting for a 10-minute period giving members of the public an opportunity to address the council, following which the chairman reconvened the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING – None.

REPORTS – (i) Cornwall Councillor Mr. P. Tucker reported that he has been elected to the Scrutiny Committee, Housing Committee, Fire and Rescue Improvement Board and Waste Panel. Locally he is working to keep shops open in the rural area. (ii) North Cornwall Community Halls Network – Cllrs. P.J. Marshall and Miss. A.R. Rowland were unable to attend. (iii) Gildhouse Meeting – Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 5th May 2010 were received.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – It was agreed to invite Cornwall Councillor Mr. P. Tucker and Cornwall Rural Housing Association to attend.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS – Cornwall Council Democratic Services Support Officer wrote to remind members to give consideration to whether their Register of Interest forms are fully up to date, members reported no change. In future the Register will be reviewed 6 monthly.

PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT (i) Architects Update – The planning scheme drawing and supporting information is nearing completion whereby a final meeting is to be arranged for a final review prior to submission. (ii) It was agreed the Chairman and Cllrs. P.J. Marshall and R. Powell meet with the Architect to view the documents prior to submission.

HIGHWAYS – (i) Marine Drive at Black Rock – Pending arrangement of a site meeting by Cornwall Council.

CHURCHYARD – (i) Churchyard Vehicular Access Gate – Quotation to supply and fit a new European Oak gate was received for consideration, members agreed to consider the matter further at the next meeting.

CEMETERY – Members granted a request made for a burial within the new cemetery.

PROW – (i) PROW 9 – Surface damage to the footpath from road west of High View to footpath 24 has been reported. (ii) PROW 28 – A broken gate post at the entrance to the bridleway from Combe Lane to Lower Widemouth Farm to be reported.

CALC – Notice of CALC General Meeting to be held on June 8th at County Hall in Truro at 7:00 p.m.

ACCOUNTS – (i) Financial Report - Given by the Clerk. (ii) Payments received to date: None. (iii) Payment of accounts received to date: Cllr Miss A.R. Rowland proposed EDF Energy be paid the amount of £35.75, Cllr. R. Powell seconded. (vi) Payment of Grants: Following discussion Cllr. Miss A.R. Rowland proposed The Poundstock Packet be paid £300.00 Cllr. R. Powell seconded. (v) Correspondence: None.

PLANNING DECISIONS – 2010/00302 Re-roofing of bungalow incorporating upper floor with replacement porch and rear extension at Sea Haze, Madeira Drive, Widemouth Bay for Mr. & Mrs. Pettit: decision given by Cornwall Council – Approved.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – 2010/00524 – Extensions to existing dwelling to form new living area and increased utility space and conversion of existing garage to provide extra bedroom and shower room at 30 Atlantic Close for Mr. & Mrs. Shorland: No objection. 2010/00681 – Amended application to replace window with bi-folding, alter ridge height and provide additional door to side of garage to previously approved application No. 2009/01351 for Extensions to existing bungalow to form a two storey dormer style dwelling at Exonia, Marine Drive, Widemouth Bay for Mr. & Mrs. K. Seabourn – No objection.

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE & PLANNING ISSUES – (i) Planning Enforcement - Appraisal of Building works matter pending. (ii) Cornwall Council Consultee Access update – Information of the new Online Planning Register was received. (iii) Cornwall Council – Local Council Protocol with Planning and Regeneration Service regarding consultations on applications – A copy of the approved protocol for local councils was received. (iv) Cornwall Council – Gypsies & Travellers – Accommodation Requirements and Site Provision – Letter was read regarding the statutory responsibility to deliver sufficient, suitable and appropriately located sites to meet the accommodation requirements of the travelling communities. (v) Cornwall Rural Housing Association Limited – An opportunity to develop affordable housing for rent in the parish has been identified by CRHA to meet local needs. Members agreed to invite CRHA to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

NEXT MEETING – 29th June 2010. **MEETING CLOSED** – 21:01.

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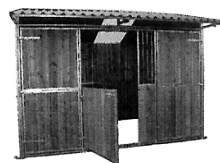
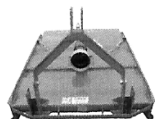
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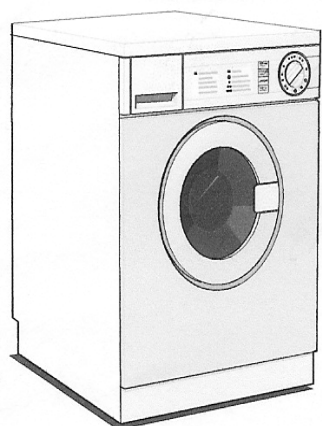
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