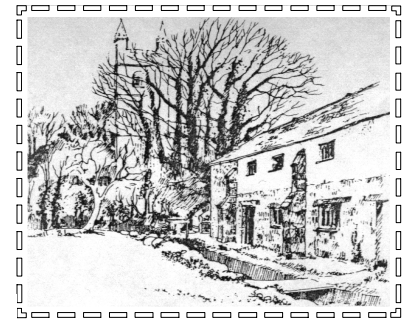




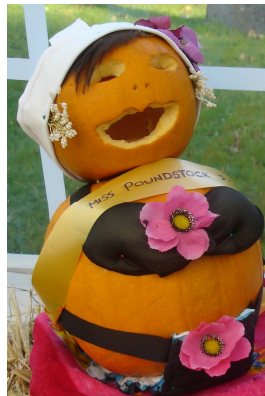
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Autumn in Poundstock

Clockwise from top left: young Tudors tuck in at the lunch to celebrate the presentation of the Europa Nostra Grand Prix award; the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Col, Edward Bolitho, unveils the commemorative plaque with the help of Tim Dingle; on his sixth birthday, Jack Knight lays a cross at the War Memorial during the Remembrance Day service; reminders of this year's much enjoyed and very successful Craft Fair and Pumpkin Festival.



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December

- 1 Soup and Sweet at Bangors Chapel for children's charities 12-2pm
 1 Circuit Singers, The Angel's View, Bude Methodist Church 7.30pm
 1 Craft and Gift Sale Crackington Institute 10.30-3.30 see p. 3
 2 Circuit Singers, The Angel's View, St. Olafs Church Poughill 7.30pm
 3 Poundstock Carol Singers around the parish. Come and join in — see p. 3.
 7 Bude Community Cinema, *Hunky Dory* (15), Parkhouse, 7.30
 9 Nine Lessons and Carols 11am Bangors Chapel
 13 Widemouth Residents' Christmas Supper, Trelawney 7pm see p. 21
 14 Bude Festive Farmers' and Craft Market, Lower Wharf, 3-9pm
 14 Bude Jive Club Christmas Dance, Parkhouse Centre, 7.30
 23 Carol Service, St Winwaloe's, 3pm
 25 Christmas Day service, St Winwaloe's, 9.30
 25 Sponsored Christmas Swim, Crooklets beach 11.0am

January

- 23 Gildhouse Friends' Evening
 25 Bude Music Soc. Concert, Canworthy Water 3pm. See p. 7

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We will be collecting in aid of Children's Hospice South West.

Dates for your new 2013 diary

The Poundstock social calendar for 2013 is filling up fast. Here are the events so far confirmed; others are still in the planning stage:

- 23 Jan. Gildhouse Friends' Evening
- 10 April Gildhouse talk: Mary Street, 'Walking the Saints' Way'
- 4 May Poundstock Revel
- 5 May Blessing of the holy well
- 8 May Gildhouse talk: Bill Turnill 'Around the universe in 45 minutes'
- 12 June Gildhouse talk: Norman Trebilcock, 'FLEET'
- 10 July Gildhouse talk: Trevor Wilshire, 'Wisley Garden'
- 17 July Kath and her Blue Grass Boys
- 14 Aug. Gildhouse talk: Christine Woolf, 'The Victorian Lady's Dressing Table'
- 21 Aug. The Big Breakfast
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The interview with . . . Jèanne Blake

You've lived here a long time, but you're not from Cornwall.

No, we come from Hampshire. Richard was working on the Rothschilds' estate at Exbury, he was head cowman there, and we decided we would like to farm on our own. It was either Australia or Cornwall, and we decided on Cornwall, but it was still like going to the other end of the world in those days! We came down in 1964 with three children and a fortnight's wages in our pocket, no other money, but we had bought a small farm at Trencreek, 22 acres, a smallholding I suppose you'd call it. And we started there and we had no money – we went up to Poughill and we picked up potatoes off the field, got paid £11 for that!



We found it very strange when we first came but gradually we settled in and made friends. We did bed and breakfast there, bed, breakfast and evening meal, the whole lot, and Rick used to go relief milking for other people as well as looking after our cows, so we didn't sit on our laurels at all. We worked our socks off – we used to do everything, really, to turn a shilling!

How did you come to start the garden centre at Treskinnick Cross?

We sold Trencreek and bought Rainbow, a little bungalow at Treskinnick Cross, and we had four acres of land with it. By this time our son Stephen was getting older and thinking about what he was going to do, and he wanted to go into horticulture. We went to Bude one day and when we came back he'd sold all the lettuces in the garden, by the gate! So that started us off, and we put up a big greenhouse and opened a shop and started selling produce there. Then we bought bumper boats and a big play castle and had a cafeteria, so we had the garden centre and the leisure side. In the wintertime it used to get quite quiet and one day one of our customers asked me if I was interested in doing a night job. We'd just had a rate bill and it was tremendous so I said I'd do it for a couple of weeks – and then I did it for fourteen years! I used to come home in the morning, go to bed for a couple or three hours, and then hear coaches coming in, shoot out of bed and be down there cooking again! And we also ran the Beach Shop for two years, with Linda, our daughter, helping, so that was me in the shop and Richard and sons Stephen and Mervyn in the nursery. We had Rainbow for eighteen years.

You must really have got to know people with both the nursery and the shop.

Yes, from all walks of life. And we've employed quite a few and still see lots of them, it's lovely. We used to have a lot of laughs with them. We used to look after them and they used to look after us – it works both ways.

Somehow you also found time to write a book – the story of your grandmother, whose first husband died in the loss of the Titanic.

I started twenty-two years ago! It was a story that I'd always been told by my father. He's the little boy on the front of the book. It's called *Passage of Tears* and that has three meanings: the voyage of the *Titanic*, the passage of my grandmother's life, and then the passage going down to the kitchen in her house, where my father never knew what he was going to find behind the door. His father was a baker on the *Titanic*, and he went down with the ship and was the last to be buried at sea, number 200. My Nan kept all the things from the *Titanic* – it's all in the book, all authentic. She got married four times, three times after my grandfather went down on the *Titanic*, and she had twelve children in all. Her second husband died at 27, like my grandfather, and her third husband was a drunkard and a bully. And then her fourth marriage, that was a lovely marriage and I remember him as a lovely grandad. I've called the book *Passage of Tears* but there's a lot of laughter in there as well as tears. A lot of it is from my own imagination, but there's so much of it that's true.

How did it feel to finally have the finished book in your hands?

It's amazing. It took a long time, but it got done and there it is now. And I've already started another book, and this one is set in Cornwall. We've always loved Cornwall: it's been beautiful for us over the years. The family have all grown up here, our three children and our five grandchildren, and now our five great-grandchildren, so it's been lovely.

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Wild About Poundstock—All of a Flutter

As the days shorten and all the tourists disappear it is easy to think that the countryside is no longer active. Far from it, there are new visitors filling our fields and hedgerows. I'm sure that you have noticed them, but perhaps not appreciated that so many of them are 'foreigners'.



Most obvious are the starlings, great swarms of them across fields and settled on wires. Perhaps you have seen on television, if not for real, the amazing patterns of thousands of starlings going in to roost. Nearest to here is Davidstow plantations and another at Bursdon Moor near Hartland. These will be birds that are avoiding the harsh winters of eastern Europe. Here they feed on insect grubs, dug out of the ground with their beaks, especially leatherjackets, the larvae form of the crane fly. Starlings are not so popular with farmers though, when they find the grain store or cattle feeding troughs!

But there are other flocks of birds to be seen and most of them are finches. Sometimes a single species flocks, often a flock is mixed. Most numerous are the chaffinches which you will probably be familiar with on your bird table. However, the vast majority of those in the flocks will have come from east and northern Europe. Sometimes there may be linnets or goldfinches with them. Linnets are about the same size but appear generally brown. Seen close up, they have speckled stripes down their chest and over the head, and quite chestnut wings. These are birds of the coastal scrub in summer but flock together in the winter.

Always lovely to see is a 'charm' of goldfinches. Again, these are becoming more familiar to the general public as they have learnt about bird tables as well. They are keen on taking seed from thistle heads and so make full use of nyger seed at the bird table. Again, they shouldn't be misidentified with their real golden yellow wing bar and black and white head with a red face.

Also among the flocks may be greenfinches. This is the only finch you might think is a goldfinch because of the green colouration of their chests and they do have a yellow wing-bar. Greenfinches are one of the larger finches, about the size of a sparrow, and they can be very greedy at the peanut feeder!

Driving along the road down to Wanson Mouth I often see a pair of bullfinches pop into the hedge. They are easily identified by the white bar over the rump of both sexes. The male is a truly beautiful bird: a rose chest, a slate grey back, and a smart black hood. This species doesn't flock in our area but stays together as a pair throughout the year. Some do migrate south from Scandinavia and Scotland but not in big numbers.

There are one or two other members of the finch family you might come across; the brambling like a smart chaffinch, and the siskin, a bright speckled greenish little bird that is seen at the bird table by a lucky few in this area. Have a good Christmas and enjoy the winter visitors to Poundstock.

Tim Dingle

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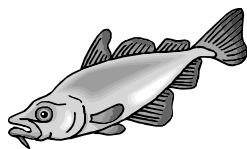
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- 2 Holy Communion, 9.30
- 9 Joint carol service at Bangors, 11.00
- 16 UBS at Jacobstow, 10.30
- 23 Traditional carol service, 3.00 (see below)
- 25 Christmas Day Holy Communion, 9.30
- 30 UBS at St Winwaloe's, 10.30

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January

- 6 Holy Communion, 9.30
- 13 Joint service, 11.00
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- 27 Morning prayer, 9.30

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9 Lessons and Carols
- 13 January St Winwaloe's



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December

- 2 R. Cox
- 9 G. Rowe **9 Lessons & Carols US**
- 16 M. Reeves
- 23 P. Greetham
- 30 *At Bude*

January

- 6 M. Sinden
- 13 at PC
- 20 N. Street *Covenant*
- 27 S. Risdon

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December

- 2 9.30 Parkman
- 9 9.30 Parsons
- 16 11.0 Sillifant
- 23 3pm Children's party
- 30 at Canworthy Water

In early January, Methodist Churches reflect on our purpose and calling. We do this, especially, by attending what is called a 'Covenant Service'. Whilst the wider world makes its New Year's Resolutions, we re-commit ourselves to God and to each other.

The Covenant Service goes right back to the origins of the Methodist Church. John Wesley, our founder, challenged the church of his day to be deeply committed to God, and an effective force within the community. His church worshipped with passion and enthusiasm, and it worked equally vigorously for the benefit of those who found themselves on the margins of society. He believed in what he called 'Scriptural Holiness'. Getting yourself right with God and doing the right thing in our community!

So, today, the Methodist Church aspires to be that kind of church, which is passionate about its belief in an loving and caring God, whilst putting that spirituality into practice by what we do.

The words of the Covenant follow. The prayer is addressed to God and to our fellows. Perhaps you might like to reflect on it and the implications for those who decide to live out this way of life.

The Methodist Covenant Prayer

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Your will be done when I am valued and when I am disregarded;
When I find fulfillment and when it is lacking; When I have all things, and when I have nothing.
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1.	Who wrote <i>A Christmas Carol</i> ? Charles Dickens Jane Austen George Eliot	Answer	8.	In the song what kind of tree could the partridge be found in? Pear Apple Plum	Answer
2.	What was the surname of the title character, Ebenezer? Jones Scrooge Smith		9.	.. And how many <i>Lords-a-Leaping</i> are there? 12 11 10	
3.	And which ghost first appeared to him? The ghost of Christmas .. Past Present Yet to Come		10.	What was Jesus' mother's name? Ruth Mary Elizabeth	
4.	Who is the Patron Saint of Christmas? Saint John Saint Andrew Saint Nicholas		11.	What heavenly feature led The Three Wise Men to where Jesus lay? Star Sun Moon	
5.	In western society, The Feast of Stephen is more commonly known as: Christmas Eve Christmas Day Boxing Day		12.	What is the name of Father Christmas' red-nosed reindeer? Blitzen Prancer Rudolph	
6.	In Victorian times, what was traditionally eaten at Christmas instead of Turkey? Lamb Goose Beef		13.	According to legend, how many reindeer does Father Christmas have? 9 8 7	
7.	In the traditional Christmas song, how many days of Christmas are there? 12 11 10		14.	Who had a hit with the well-known song ' <i>White Christmas</i> '? Bob Hope Bing Crosby Danny Kaye	

15	In what town was Jesus born?	
16	In what type of building was he born?	
17	What are presents traditionally placed round before Christmas?	
18	Where does Father Christmas live?	
19	What other name is Father Christmas also known as?	
20	What are traditionally sung at Christmas?	
21	What was the name of the pop group who had a No. 2 hit in 1984 with <i>Last Christmas</i> ?	
22	Which famous Band Aid song beat them to the No. 1 slot?	
23	In the Christian Calendar, what is the period between 1 st – 25 th December commonly known as?	
24	And what is the 12 th day following Christmas commonly known as?	

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The Gaming Column

Thinking about Christmas and how much your kids or grandkids play computer games these days but don't know what's what! I'm hoping this column will give you an idea of games that are out now, and those to come, so that you can impress the younger generation with your knowledge and grasp of it all.

Game Run Through

Game – **Call of Duty, Black Ops 2**

Age Rating – 18 Consoles – PS3, XBOX 360, PC and WiiU

Role Playing, Online Multiplayer, Shooter

Commonly known as the 'Widow Maker', this instalment of the series is brilliant. It shows no signs of slowing up, and has fantastic reviews. This game is far more focused on the Online game rather than the game itself. It's one of the few games that will still be being played regularly when the next one comes out next year.



Game – **Halo 4**

Age Rating – 16 Consoles – XBOX 360

Futuristic, Role Playing, Online Multiplayer

Right up there with Call of Duty and Grand Theft Auto this is one of the biggest franchises of all time. It is the first in a trilogy which hopes to expand the way in which you play multiplayer online. Has a huge following, and the reviews have been very pleasing.



Game – **Lego, Lord of the Rings**

Age Rating – 12 Consoles – PC, PS3, PS Vita, XBOX 360, Wii, Nintendo DS and 3DS

Strategy, Single or Two Player,

If you have played any of the Lego Video Game Series then I'm sure you won't be disappointed. I am a massive fan of Lego games, my favourites include Indiana Jones and Star Wars. These games have many types of challenges, as you go through the story. As it is not out until next week that is all I can say for now, but I am very excited.



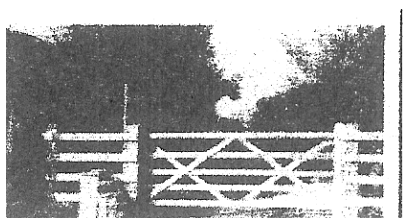
Anna Spettigue

Wild about Plants

Wild plant charity Plantlife (www.plantlife.org.uk), are hoping to reach out to many wild plant enthusiasts and nature lovers by inviting them to become wild plant 'pioneers' and subscribe to a free quarterly e-learning bulletin to learn more about our native wild plants via the 'Wild About Plants' project website - www.wildaboutplants.org.uk. The Wild About Plants project aims to help people reconnect with the outdoors and their local greenspaces. Working with schools, families and communities from all walks of life and with fantastic free downloadable resources, the team hope to engage people with the nature on their doorstep. In recent years subscribers have been asked to record the plant life in their local area and recount what they used to see/pick and forage for. Wild About Plants is funded by Natural England through Access to Nature, as part of the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme. It is a partnership project involving partner organisations throughout the country.

A HUMBLE APOLOGY FROM THE EDITOR..... SORRY to anyone who attempted to answer the Guy Fawkes quiz in the last issue. There was a mistake in the answers given on p.18. The answer to Question 4 should have been **C** (they wanted to kill James 1 because he was Protestant). NOT **A** as given. We were very pleased that Fiona Owen spotted this and told us.

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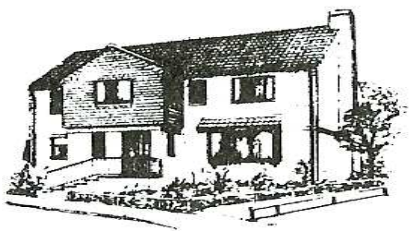
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EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF POUNDSTOCK COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25TH SEPTEMBER 2012

An Ordinary Meeting of Poundstock Parish Council was held in the parish hall on Tuesday 25th September 2012 at 7.30 p.m Cllr C Gilbert was in the chair also present were Cllrs. Miss. A.R. Rowland, W.K. Stacey, R.S. Hopper, G.N. Orchard, P.J. Marshall, B.W. Furse, W.G. Rowland and the Clerk.

196/12 – Apologies for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. G.W.J. Pluess and R. Powell.

199/12 – Public Participation:

Cllr. P.J. Marshall spoke of having been approached by the family of Mr. D. Jacquett for permission to put a bench seat in the cemetery.

200/12 – Matters arising from the Minutes of previous meetings not covered by the agenda: Invitation from the Gildhouse Management Committee to a luncheon to celebrate the EU prize for Cultural Heritage/Europa Nostra Laureate & Grand Prix Award on Wednesday 10th October at the Gildhouse. Cllrs. W.G. Rowland and R. Powell to attend.

203/12 – Proposed Community Centre for Poundstock:

Pre-planning advise – Pending.

Security of Parish Hal – Cllr. P.J. Marshall reported having completed assembly of the double doors at the front of the Parish Hall, the Chairman thanked Cllr. Marshall on behalf of members.

Recommendations – None were put forward.

204/12 – PROW:

533/9/1 Footpath from Widemouth Manor to Coastal Footpath – Update pending.

Green Land Modification Order – Update pending.

LMP2012/13 – Letter received apologising for delay with the LMP payments this year.

205/12 – Highways:

Action taken on highway matters raised at the previous meetings, meeting to be arranged to discuss best possible action to prevent overnight parking at Trelawney Car Park.

206/12 – Public Conveniences – Widemouth Bay:

Project Specification Sheet 2012 was received of works to the building. It was agreed to advise Mr. Paul Allen that the parish council would only consider taking over the management of the public conveniences if the revenue from the car park and café were to be given to the parish council. Following discussions on the running cost and it was decided to ask how much would be paid to manage the toilets.

207/12 – Finance:

Members received and accepted the monthly financial statement prepared by the Clerk namely bank reconciliation of money received and paid by the Council.

Money received by the Council:

Arthur Bryant – 855322 Notice of Internment £185.00 (100096)

Terry Sargent – 895816 Notice of Internment £185.00 (100106)

Payments of Accounts:

It was proposed by Cllr. R.S. Hopper seconded by Cllr. W.G. Rowland and resolved that the following accounts be paid: -

South West Water – Burial Ground Water Supply £7.80 (100781)

South West Water – Parish Hall Water Supply £15.73 (100782)

EDF Energy – Parish Hall Electric Supply £7761 (100783)

RBL Poppy Appeal 2012 - £25.00 (100785)

Payment of Grants:

Cornwall County Playing Fields Association – Unsupported.

Correspondence:

Completion of Annual Audit 2011/12 – Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Right to Inspect the Annual Return, Annual Return 2011/12 notices placed in Parish Hall 25/09/12.

Audit Commission – Confirmation of appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP as external auditor to audit the annual return for five years from 2012/13.

Cornwall Council – Letter received to advise delay in processing payment for second half of precept

208/12 – Planning Decisions given by Cornwall Council:

PA12/06242 Construction of a three bedroom dwelling on a vacant plot at Plot 2 Bangors for Mr. Ian Williamson – Approved by Cornwall Council.

PA12/06328 Alterations and construction of extension at 8 Atlantic Close, Widemouth Bay for Mr. Colin Ryan – Approved by Cornwall Council.

PA12/07303 Application of prior notification of agricultural development at Langford Hele, Marhamchurch for Mr. Roger Shadrack – Approved by Cornwall Council.

PA/12/07445 Construction of gable wall and roof alterations to create dressing room and office space within at Trewyn, The Crescent, Widemouth Bay for Mr. E. Williamson. Approved by Cornwall Council.

214/12 – Date of next meeting: It was noted that the date of the next meeting is on Tuesday 30th October 2012.

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There has been much discussion about the possibility of life on other planets, but many moons could also have the conditions suitable to support primitive forms. Apart from Europa, Enceladus, Ganymede and Callisto, all of which might well have sub-surface oceans of liquid water, Titan is also being considered. Until the space probe Cassini and the Titan lander Huygens arrived in 2004, very little was known about Titan, except that its atmosphere of methane haze had successfully frustrated the early efforts of the space probe Voyager to image the surface. However, with Cassini's side-scanning radar, and Huygens landing, all that changed, and Titan's surface has been revealed as being stranger, and yet more familiar than anyone could have guessed. The familiarity comes from Earth-like features such as rivers, lakes and rain – the strangeness being that these features come from liquid hydrocarbons, principally ethane and methane. Hydrocarbon clouds follow Titan's seasons and produce methane rain which fills huge lakes from which rivers of liquid methane flow, carving channels as they go, just as water does on Earth; Titan's methane lakes could solve our fuel supplies for years to come!

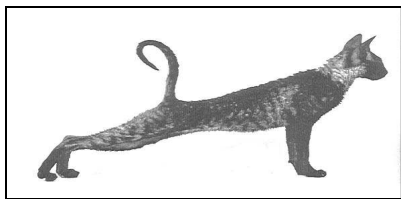
Titan is of great interest to scientists because it has a substantial, active atmosphere and complex, Earth-like processes that shape its surface. Winds carve vast regions of dark, hydrocarbon-rich dunes that girdle the moon's equator and low latitudes, and volcanism may occur as well, but with liquid water acting as the lava. The spacecraft will monitor Titan's atmosphere and surface for signs of seasonal change, and its radar and camera systems will continue to peer through the haze, expanding the high resolution maps of the surface. Scientists will eagerly await new data that could confirm the presence of a liquid ocean beneath the giant moon's surface, which might open the possibility of life in yet another corner of our Solar System.

Do have a wonderful Christmas and relish the delights of our winter skies.

Bill Turnill

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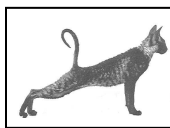
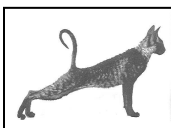
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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - WIND AND SOLAR POWER

It seems there is an endless list of applications for turbines and solar panels. The list although unimaginably long would actually be much longer if not for the capacity limitation on the SWEB lines and sub-stations locally. There seems some mis-conception which I feel I should address and that is that Cornwall Council is somehow 'pushing' for these installations. The Council is simply dealing with applications as they come in. The policies which are in place are not allowed to contradict government policies so suggestions I have received like restriction on a basis of amount produced etc would be easily challenged in the appeal process.

The Government is offering a tariff for the production of electricity. This, if you like, is an inducement to encourage companies to look into investing in the equipment. The Government have set these targets because we (as a country) under the last administration took undertakings to produce a certain percentage of power by 2020 by carbon reduced methods.

To further the problem Cornwall is 'blessed' with higher than average wind speeds and solar radiation than most of the rest of the UK so obviously if a company is investing £m's in equipment they want it in a place where it works. Indeed the Government have said that they are looking to the west coast for the majority of electricity from wind production and the south of the UK for solar. This leaves Cornwall, stripped of the mineral wealth in the previous centuries, now being stripped of the views and vistas in this and this impact is a major consideration when planning is discussed.

The applications which the council have objected to, because of their effect on the countryside, are often lost at appeal which then further fuels applications and so the process continues. It is therefore imperative that the Council encourages the best sites for production where they can then defend worst sites at appeal and this is being done. The council are also ensuring that bonds are placed on constructions to ensure that after the life of the machine the site is returned to its previous state.

If you have any issues which you feel are not being properly addressed or which you need help then please don't hesitate to give me a call.

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The weather report

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

	October	November (to 27th)
Wettest day	12.5 mm (5th)	24.1 mm (24th)
Total rain	105.9 mm	160 mm
Days of rain (>1 mm)	19	18
Highest temp	17.6 °C (8th 12:18)	15.0 °C (13th 12:33)
Lowest temp	1.4 °C (27th 22:58)	-0.4 °C (15th 04:51)
Average max temp	14.7 °C	11.7 °C
Average min temp	7.3 °C	4.9 °C
Max wind gust	40 mph (5th 02:15)	43 mph (25th 00:09)
Windiest day	9.9 mph (16th)	9.0 mph (22nd)
Total sunshine hours	91.0 hrs	54.0 hrs
Sunniest day	6.9 hrs (17th)	6.4 hrs (18th)

The weather statistics for October show that it was nothing extraordinary, it was a little warmer than the 30 year average for Bude and there were no air frosts but the sun didn't shine as much. The rainfall for October, however, was 8mm less than the 30 year average – unusual for 2012!

Normal service for the year was soon resumed: the rainfall for November is already 50% greater than the average for the month, but it may not reach the 201mm we had in November 2009. This month has so far been warmer than average but less sunny – not that we would recognise the sun these days!

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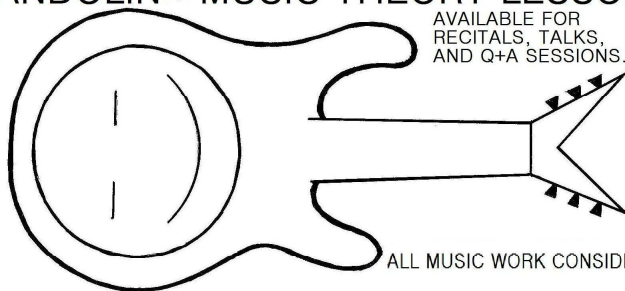
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As we have now contributed the raffle proceeds from several events to the Hospital Appeal, they kindly invited us along for a preview of the new building. *Nicky Vereker*
This is what Ann Going had to say about it:

" On Saturday October 13th, I had the privilege to represent Widemouth Residents on a tour around our fabulous new hospital in-patient area. And it really is fabulous! Stratton "Cottage Hospital" as it was originally known, is the second oldest in the country, and so they have retained the original profile, but it now has a completely new look.

There is a comfortable patients' lounge decorated in a relaxed and welcoming way, and a new kitchen and dining area also designed to feel homely. There is now a therapy area complete with kitchen to enable the occupational therapist to help people to be as independent as possible, ready to live at home again safely. The physiotherapists have all the latest exercise technology for rehabilitation. There are two main wards which are tastefully decorated to give a welcoming feel, new lockers and wardrobes for each bed station, and a bathroom for each ward. There are individual ensuite side wards, essential for infection control and privacy when it is sorely needed. There is also a comfortable quiet room without a phone!

Outside there is a small garden for patients' use. The offices are upstairs, with a new training room, badly needed, as before staff had to travel to different venues for ongoing training - a waste of time and money. The refurbished outpatient physio department, x-ray clinic and minor injury areas look super too. All departments are staffed by helpful competent staff, as you would expect in this independent area of Cornwall.

Good luck and thanks to Candy Baker and all the team of fundraisers - but we must not forget there is still half a million to go!"

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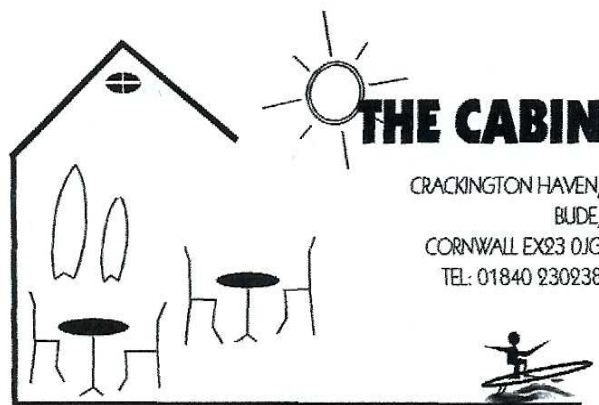
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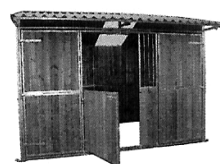
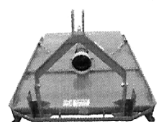
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