

The Colan Companion

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Your County Councillor John Fitter writes...

Greeting dear readers of the Colan Companion.

Well, here we are again another four years almost over in the four yearly life spans of Cornwall Council, which brings to those who live in this wonderful Duchy, and who are eligible, the opportunity to vote in the next 87 Councillors, some of whom will form the next administration and guide this, our Cornwall, for the next four years until May 2029.

This is now not the time to look back on the daily cycle of events at Cornwall Council that I would have brought to your attention in my Colan Companion column over the last 16 years, as such I would like to offer you my personal view of the challenges that we face as we strive to protect our culture, heritage and landscape while at the same meeting our responsibilities to address the need for us to build houses, especially houses that are affordable and available for local people to live in.

The new authority will have to face the challenges that will be made by Central Government for Cornwall to join some new enlarged power sharing authority controlled by an elected mayor, this challenge, at the early start of this year, was faced down by the majority of Cornwall Councillors with the united support of all of the Cornwall six members of Parliament. But regrettably it has not gone away, Cornwall one and all will have to fight this challenge again.

The new authority must tackle as much as is possible under the new planning regulations the ongoing encroachment of our valuable agricultural farm land for luxury second homes lodges we have no need for more

Colan Companion Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to all who came to the annual Coffee Morning on Saturday 8th March.

Lovely to see and catch up with our lovely villagers.

We were so grateful to all who ran stalls and those who carried out the kitchen duties.

The total raised amounted to £171.00 and included donations as listed below:

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such developments, the very character of this or Cornwall is and will be destroyed unless the planning officers start to get real, smell the coffee and understand that this is not what local people, not only here but all over Cornwall want, listen to the people and their Councillors, start the fight back against this form of unwanted development.

I believe the new administration must learn the art of using the simple word YES, as opposed to more often No, when Councillors are asking for help or something to be done. When asking for a one off provision of one skip to help a community who had to deal with the aftermath of a Tornado I was told NO cannot do because it was not declared a major incident under central government policy, so again as an Authority we really must start in believing in ourselves and serving the people and their needs and learning the art of saying yes, The authority will soon get used to it and find a pleasure in finding ways and means to say the magic word YES.

Cornwall like the rest of the U.K is on a journey, our journey through the majority of this century, 25% gone already, will be down will be down to our younger generation and their children so above all other things, the New Authority must ensure that we have no hungry Child in Cornwall, we must continue our support for all children that may have suffered sexual abuse or violence. A nation that cares for its children is a proud nation and I believe we are and will be that nation.

There are numerous other things and Challenges that we as the Cornish Nation must face, whether it is a seaweed farm off Port Issas or maintaining a space

port at Cornwall Airport, but those subjects are off limits, so it just remains for me to say, thanks for reading the column, take care and enjoy the coming summer.

Best wishes John

A note from the editors of the Colan Companion - which is a not-for-profit Independent Parish Newsletter - totally funded from advertising and donations.

Where have the four years gone?

In issue 221 of the Colan Companion I put together an article to encourage residents of Colan Parish to vote in the upcoming Council Elections. Because of your support John Fitter was elected as the independent councillor for the parishes of Colan and St. Mawgan.

Over the past 4 years John has been a tremendous support to Colan Parish Council, regularly attending their monthly meetings, picking up local concerns and working tirelessly to help resolve the issues of the day.

John's knowledge of the parish and the workings of Cornwall County Council are often displayed in his regular articles in your Colan Companion.

And so, on John's behalf I urge you all once again to go and vote for **JOHN FITTER - YOUR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE** on May 1st at Quintrell Downs Village Hall and be assured that he will continue to work for our residents and respond to any concerns they may have.

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Police Crime Report for the Colan area

On Tuesday 8th I visited the volunteer group u3a at Lane Theatre, u3a is part of a UK wide movement for retired and semi-retired people. It consists of locally run interests and volunteer groups. Really well attended, this session they had a speaker in talking about photography.

I had never been in the theatre before, quite an impressive building. There is a website which explains what they are about further.

I made myself available, however no one appeared to have any complaints or information to give to me.

We have had a spate of burglaries, mainly in the St Columb Minor area at this time, a lot of work is ongoing to bring the offender to justice, I know I always ask, but please be vigilant and don't be afraid to ring 999 if you see something suspicious or out of the ordinary, we all know our streets and what goes on, which is not a bad thing in my opinion.

PSCO Paul Price
Police Community Support Officer
Newquay Police Station

Cop: "I'm arresting you for downloading the entire Wikipedia."

Man: "Wait! I can explain everything!"

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COLAN CWIK CWIZ #27

A fun quiz to enjoy over your Mai Tai. Sorry no prizes.

Compiled by Albatros

1. The Panama Canal connects which two bodies of water?
2. In caves there are Stalactites and Stalagmites, formed by Calcium Salts. Which 'grows' up and which down?
3. How many of King Henry VIII's six wives bore him children?
4. Hot air balloons are usually filled with what type of gas?
5. The island of Santorini belongs to which sovereign state?
6. In which European city is the Basilica of the Segrada Familia?
7. What species of tree was illegally cut down on Hadrians Wall in 2022?
8. In which year did Tchaikovsky's ballet 'Swan Lake' premier and where?
9. Who is the captain of England's Six Nations rugby team?
10. Who is Dhani Harrison?
11. Who did Sirhan Sirhan assassinate in June 1968?
12. What does a Horologist do for a living?
13. The doors of the Eden Project were officially opened in March of what year?
14. In the game 'Scrabble', how many tiles have the letter 'K' on and what face value is it?
15. Which famous character resides at 32 Windsor Gardens, London?

Answers on page 11

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Springtime at Parc-an Colan Allotments: A Season of Renewal and Growth

As the days grow longer and the air warms, Parc-an Colan allotments in Quintrell Downs come alive with vibrant colours and fresh scents. This time of year, is perfect for both seasoned gardeners and newcomers to immerse themselves in the joys of gardening.

One of the most delightful aspects of spring at Parc-an Colan is the abundance of blooming flowers. Daffodils, with their cheerful yellow petals, are among the first to bloom, signalling the arrival of spring. These hardy flowers are a favourite among gardeners for their ability to brighten up any space.

Spring is a bustling season at the allotments, filled with numerous tasks to keep everyone engaged. Preparing the soil is essential before planting, involving weed removal, compost addition, and aeration to ensure a healthy foundation for the growing season. Early crops like peas, lettuce, and radishes thrive in the cooler temperatures of early spring and can be harvested quickly. For plants requiring a longer growing season, such as tomatoes and peppers, starting seeds indoors or in greenhouses gives them a strong start before transplanting outside. Additionally, spring is an ideal time for pruning fruit trees and bushes to encourage new growth, and tidying up the allotment to make gardening more efficient and enjoyable.

We are hopeful for another successful year of growing, with an abundance of homegrown vegetables.

Parc-an Colan allotments are not just about gardening; they are about community. Working parties and social events provide opportunities for plot holders to connect, share tips, and enjoy the fruits of their labour together. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a beginner, there's always something to learn and someone to lend a helping hand.

Break-In at Parc-an Colan Allotments

In an unfortunate turn of events, the Parc-an Colan allotments in Quintrell Downs were recently broken into, resulting in the theft of approximately £1200 worth of electrical and gardening tools. The incident has left our community both saddened and concerned.

The break-in happened a few weeks ago, and the stolen items include essential tools that many plot holders rely on for their gardening activities. The loss is not only financial but also impacts the day-to-day operations and the spirit of our allotment community.

Police Notified and Security Measures Enhanced

Upon discovering the theft, the incident was promptly reported to the local police. An investigation is currently underway, and we are hopeful that the perpetrators will be brought to justice. In the meantime, we have taken immediate steps to enhance security at the allotments. Additional locks, security cameras, and lighting have been installed to deter any future incidents.

A Call for Vigilance

We are reaching out to all members of the Parc-an Colan allotment community and the wider village to remain vigilant. If you notice any suspicious activity or individuals around the allotments, please report it to the authorities immediately. Your cooperation is crucial in ensuring the safety and security of our shared space.

Community Spirit Remains Strong

Despite this setback, the spirit of our community remains strong. We are determined to continue with our spring activities and preparations for the growing season. The recent Seed Swap Day was a testament to our resilience and the strong bonds we share as a community.

We thank everyone for their support and understanding during this challenging time. Together, we can overcome this and continue to make Parc-an Colan allotments a thriving and secure place for all.

Eddie Howard, Chair



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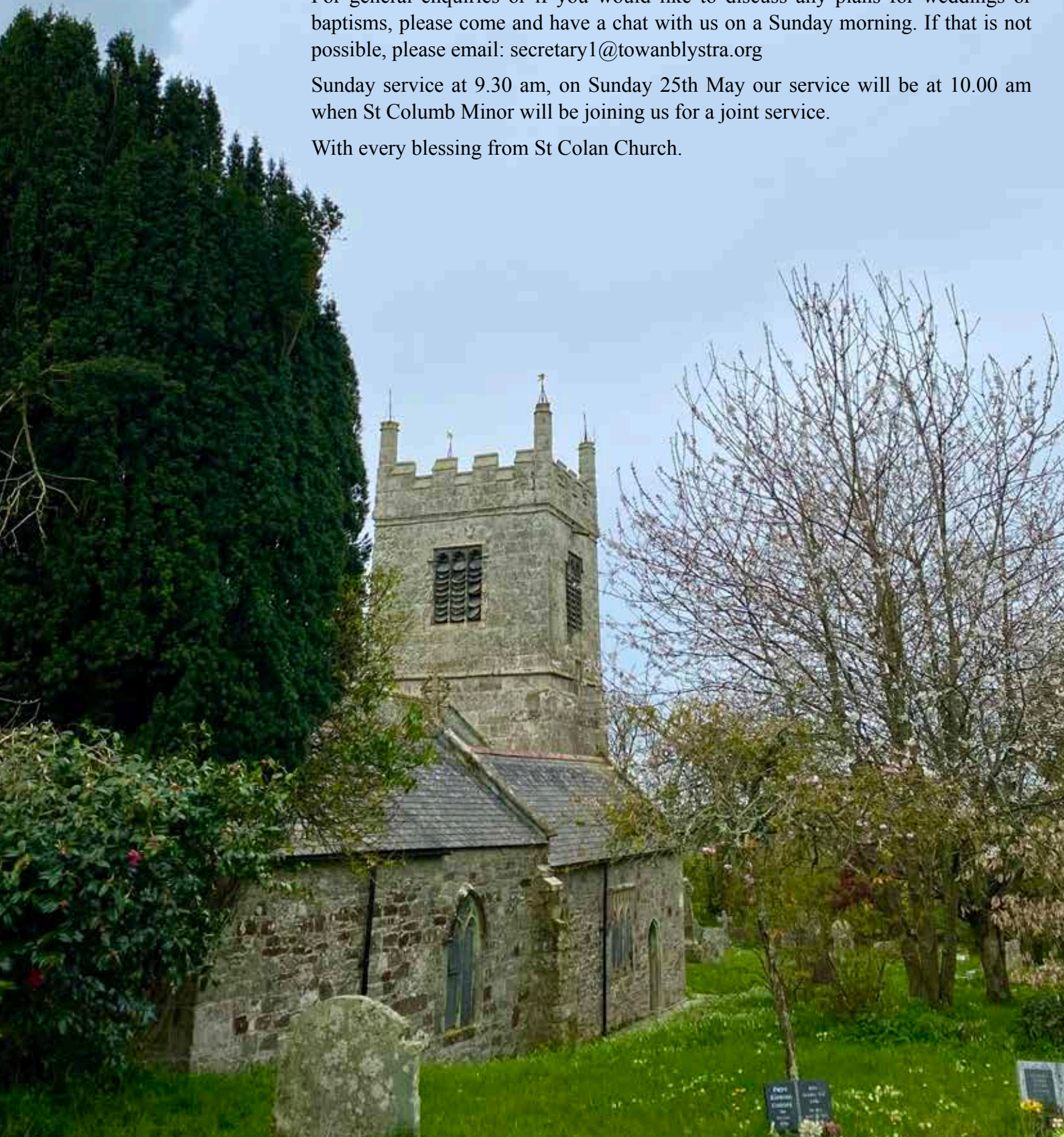
We are still without a Priest but regular weekly services continue at Colan and a warm welcome awaits locals and visitors from further afield. The churchyard is blooming and, weather permitting, we often hold our Sunday morning service outside. The first outside worship happened in early April and we're sure that the summer months will bring many more opportunities to celebrate surrounded by nature.

Last year we were very grateful to receive a donation from The Quintrell Downs Garden Show and it has been decided to use this money to upgrade the external lighting to the paths and lighting in the toilet. Quite apart from visitors to the church, many passing walkers and cyclists are "relieved" to use the toilet facility so it was felt that using the funds in this way would also benefit the community. Thank you to the committee for enabling us to carry out this work.

For general enquiries or if you would like to discuss any plans for weddings or baptisms, please come and have a chat with us on a Sunday morning. If that is not possible, please email: secretary1@towanblystra.org

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June

- 2nd Christopher Selby
- 2nd Matthew Lawrence
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- 7th Christopher Willett
- 7th Margaret Waters
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COLAN CWIK CWIZ ANSWERS

1. The Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean.
2. Stalagmites go up and Stalactites come down and eventually join.
3. Three; Catherine of Aragon (a daughter), Anne Boleyn (a daughter) and Jane Seymour (a son).
4. The gas used is usually Helium.
5. Greece.
6. Barcelona, Spain (still not completed yet).
7. It was a Sycamore tree.
8. The premier took place in The Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow in February 1877.
9. The current captain of Englands rugby team is Mark Itoje.
10. Dhani Harrison is a musician, the son of Beatle George Harrison and his wife Olivia.
11. Sirhan Bishara Sirhan shot Senator Robert F. Kennedy at a hotel in Los Angeles, California. The Senator succumbed to his injuries the next day.
12. A Horologist is a skilled clockmaker and repairer.
13. This Cornish attraction opened in 2001.
14. There is only one 'K' tile and it is worth 5 points.
15. It is home to Paddington Bear with the Brown family who look after him (or try too).

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Mark and Sue



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