

The Colan Companion

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Meet your new councillor...

Firstly, I would like to say 'hello' to all the readers of the Colan Companion. It has been an exceptionally busy few weeks since the Council Elections on May 1st, as there is a great deal of mandatory and statutory training to be undertaken over the next 6 months, to allow greater understanding of the Cornwall Council processes, and to enable Councillors to assist everyone in their Council Divisions effectively. Let me assure everyone that no one is more surprised by the outcome of the Council Elections, as I am! Following the initial shock, I am humbled by the honour and trust that has been placed upon my shoulders – it is quite daunting, I can assure you.

I would like to give everyone a little information about myself. I am a registered nurse, and been qualified for over 21 years, working full time in elderly care/End of Life care, which I am passionate about, and it is a very real privilege to advocate on behalf of, my patients and their families.

On Tuesday 20th May, I attended the Full Council AGM at New County Hall, Truro. During the AGM, the new Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Leader, and Deputy Leader of the Council was elected. Councillor Frost, the new Leader of the Council (Lib Dem) will now select his Cabinet in order to take Cornwall Council forward for the next four years.

I have had contact with many of you by email with a range of concerns unique to Cornwall as a whole, and to the Division of St Columb Minor and Colan. I have the pleasure of speaking with individual's whose passion for the community is truly motivating.

Moving forward, I will keep you informed through regular updates, ensuring that you are aware of the work at County Hall, and how your issues are being addressed. Together, we can build a stronger, more connected Cornwall.

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Election results for St Columb Minor & Colan

Cornwall Council Elections - Thursday, 1st May, 2025

St Columb Minor & Colan - results

Election Candidate	Party	Votes	%	Outcome
 Christine Morrison Parsonage	Reform UK	507	36%	Elected
 John Fitter	Independent	414	29%	Not elected
 Mark Anthony Formosa	Conservative	238	17%	Not elected
 Nicola Dawn Tettmar	Labour	120	8%	Not elected
 Pauline Avery	Liberal Democrat	118	8%	Not elected
 Nigel James May	Independent	15	1%	Not elected

Voting Summary

Details	Number
Seats	1
Total votes	1412
Electorate	4686
Number of ballot papers issued	1415
Number of ballot papers rejected	3
Turnout	30%



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Police Crime Report for the Colan area

Over the last month the crime recorded is where you would expect it to be, however some crimes to note are the rogue traders and we have had some anti-social behaviour (ASB) in relation to a single person.

A Rogue Trader is a tradesperson that exploits their customers in a range of manners to scam them out of their money, for example:

- Unsolicited visit to the property
- Starting work immediately or soon after the initial visit to the property
- Householder doesn't have telephone number / address / business details for who they are dealing with
- Leap in price after the work starts
- Inappropriately inflating the cost of a piece of work
- Recommending and/or performing unnecessary work
- Damaging property so they can then "fix" the problem
- Undertaking work that they are not qualified to do, for example, working with gas appliances when not Gas Safe Registered
- Committing fraud or burglary
- Bullying or threatening a customer into agreeing to work
- Exhibiting threatening and aggressive behaviour to try to extort money from a customer
- Failure to provide paperwork

The traders tend to target the retired and elderly community, consider not opening the door to the traders and call the police if they persist or you start to feel pressurised on your own doorstep. If traders leave, try and remember any names on vehicles or number plates.

Police, Trading Standards and Action Fraud are interested in this type of criminal. Currently there appears to be an increase in activity.

In regard to ASB in particular a single person, we would start an ASB process Stage 1 warning up to what was once called an 'ASBO' which now is called a CBO, (Criminal Behaviour Order). Between the Stage 1 and CBO there are multiple levels, where you would include other agencies such as youth offending teams and the Council who have designated ASB case workers.

Enjoy the summer,

PSCO Paul Price
 Police Community Support Officer
 Newquay Police Station



COLAN CWIK CWIZ #28

A fun quiz to enjoy over your Tequila Sunrise.
Sorry no prizes.

Compiled by Albatros

1. In golf, how many strokes under par is an 'Albatross'?
2. What is the sad claim to fame of Mrs. Bridget Driscoll?
3. The first human heart transplant was performed in 1967 by Dr. Christian Barnard. In which city did this take place?
4. Which two English counties border Scotland?
5. Which of these gained the first UK No.1 spot for Elvis Presley?
 - a. All Shook Up
 - b. Blue Suede Shoes
 - c. Heartbreak Hotel
 - d. Hound Dog
6. Whose official residence is at No.12 Downing Street?
7. In which year did the London Marathon first take place?
8. Since last season Lewis Hamilton has gone from Mercedes to which F1 team?
9. Who were the two actresses in the 1991 film 'Thelma and Louise'??
10. What is the state capital of Mississippi, USA?
 - a. Jefferson City
 - b. Juneau
 - c. Jackson
11. Sadly, world-class drummer Clem Burke passed away in April. For which band did he primarily play?
12. Which US novelist wrote 'For Whom the Bell Tolls' about the Spanish Civil war?
13. 'The Splash' is a 1966 painting by which artist?

14. Approximately how long does it take an individual blood cell to make a circuit of a typical human body?
 - a. 60 seconds
 - b. 60 minutes
 - c. 60 hours
15. The Statue of Liberty in New York holds her torch in which hand?

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A special thanks to Colan Bowls Club for their £15 donation.

Submission deadline for the September / October edition of the Colan Companion will be 08th August 2025.

The comments and views are not necessarily those of the editor. PLEASE NOTE to comply with GDPR legislation, we have to ask your permission to hold your details on our records. If you do not wish your birthday and/or wedding anniversary to be printed in the Companion please let the editor know.

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Colan Parish Council AGM

The monthly meeting of Colan Parish Council met on 28th May 2025 which including the AGM.

This meeting requires councillors to be re-elected; Derek Luscombe and Marc Dummett were duly elected to the offices of Chair and Vice Chair.

The chairman went on to thank past councillors for their support and also commended the clerk Mrs. Di Willett for her outstanding work and assistance.

New councillors elected councillors are John Griffin and Kevin Springall with Anna Burfoot, John Fitter and Maurice O’Gara being co-opted. This brings the number of councillors to 10 – which means there is still one vacancy.

Councillors were assigned to various committees.

Several members of the public attended, and thanks was expressed to the council for the re-surfacing of Trewarne Lane.

The clerk has received some information from our newly elected Cornwall Councillor, Mrs. Christine Parsonage, it seems she has a very busy work schedule and does not expect to attend our monthly parish meetings on a regular basis in the near future.

Monthly parish council meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, there is a public speaking time when parishioners can bring any views and concerns they may have to the meeting.

See below the names of your councillors to date in alphabetical order:

- Anna Burfoot
- Marc Dummett (Vice Chair)
- John Fitter
- John Griffin
- Fiona House
- Steve Lean
- Derek Luscombe (Chair)
- Kerry Martin
- Maurice O’Gara
- Kevin Springall



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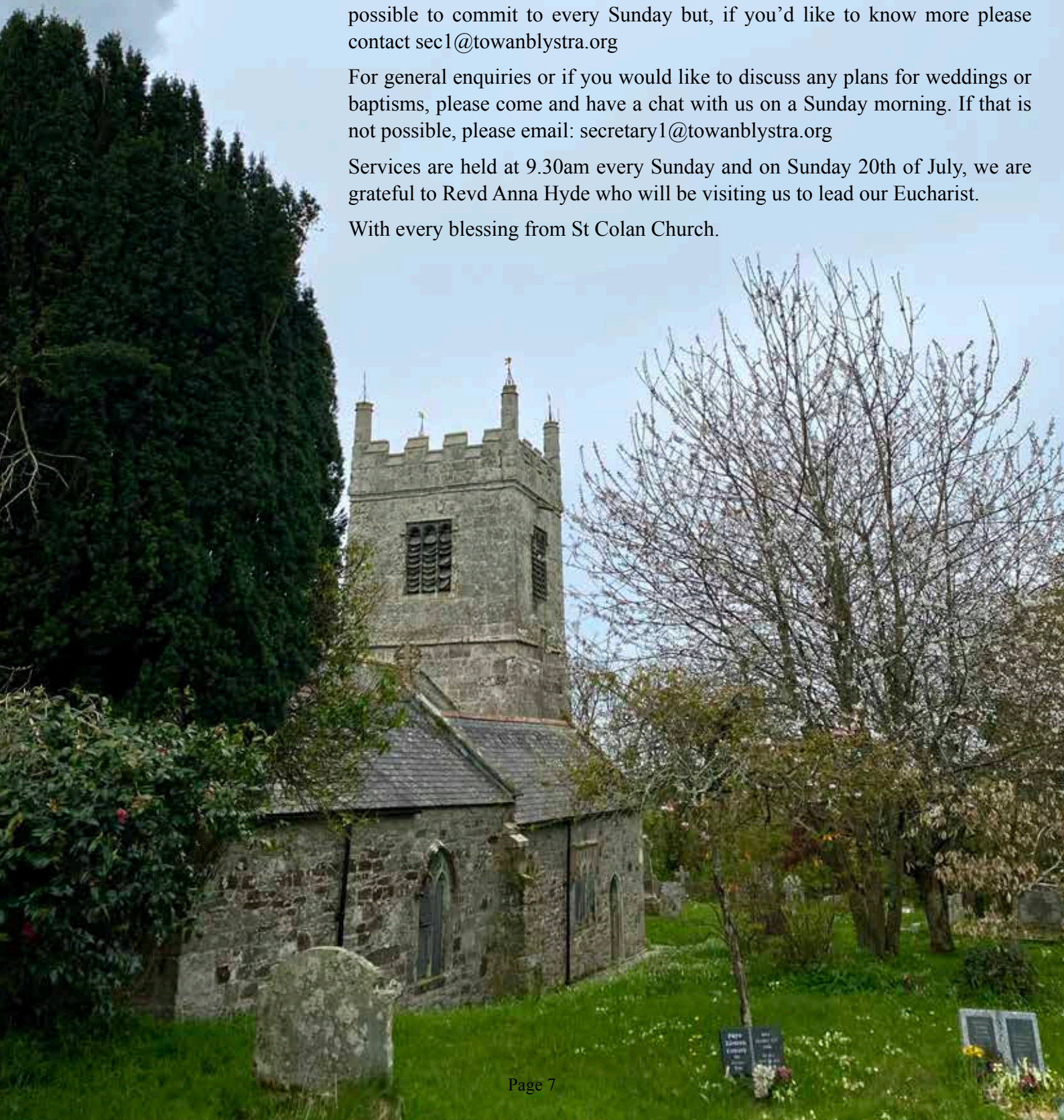
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We are currently without an organist and would be delighted to hear from anyone who is willing and able to come and play the organ at our Sunday morning services. (a small fee is payable). We appreciate that it might not be possible to commit to every Sunday but, if you'd like to know more please contact sec1@towanblystra.org

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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- 5th Kathy Powell
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- 7th Martyn Loveday
- 11th Joyce Reeder
- 16th Thomas
Derbyshire
- 17th Beryl Sudlow
- 19th Gladys Knapp
- 24th Pat Green
- 26th John Clogg
- 26th Erin Burt
- 28th Jemima Burt
- 28th Joshua Cavley
- 29th Chris Cummins

August

- 3rd Meghan-Jane
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1. Three.
2. She was the first person to be recorded as being killed by a motor vehicle. She was a pedestrian in London, and died on 17th August 1896.
3. At the Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa.
4. Cumbria and Northumberland.
5. a. All Shook Up in June 1957.
6. The Government Chief Whip.
7. 1981.
8. Lewis Hamilton now drives for Ferrari.
9. Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis.
10. c. Jackson (Jefferson is the capital of Missouri and Juneau of Alaska).
11. Clem Burke played drums for 'Blondie', fronted by Debbie Harry. He was aged 70.
12. Ernest Hemmingway (1899-1961). This book was published in 1940.
13. David Hockney.
14. a. 60 seconds.
15. She proudly holds her torch in her right hand.

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We feed our pigs pumpkins as they are very good for their gut health, and along with that they really enjoy them. We companion grow our pumpkins with sunflowers which are great pollinators benefiting the song birds and other wildlife along with their deep roots improving the soil drainage. It always amazes us how a pig can crush a pumpkin in one mouthful.

Mark and Sue



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