

The Colan Companion

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In my view...

Since the June edition of the Colan Companion, I have been working on behalf of residents who email or call me with their concerns. I have attended meetings for the Miscellaneous Licensing Committee at Bodmin on a few occasions as a substitute member and spoken out during these sessions. It is a huge learning curve, and I am thoroughly enjoying being part of this committee.

It is a huge honour to help residents tackle local issues which cause concern. I have received emails regarding the road safety issues at the Quintdowns Business Park, and discussions are ongoing.

I have also received emails regarding the road closures which come into effect in and around Newquay, for one week over the period of the Boardmasters festival. A great deal of work has gone into the planning for the safety of locals and visitors alike from the stakeholders involved and I have written to provide reassurance to residents who have expressed concerns.

Regarding Boardmasters, this year's line-up has caused me to reflect on the balance between free speech and public concern following objections to the inclusion of punk-rap duo Bob Vylan. Hundreds of people have emailed, some from the local community and many more from around the UK, ahead of the festival voicing concerns over the group's outspoken lyrics and political messaging. I understand that strong opinions and powerful lyrics can divide people, but we also must remember that freedom of expression – the right to speak, protest, create and perform – is something which should protect.

However, I wrote to the organisers of Boardmasters to let them know the depth of feelings expressed and asking them to consider carefully the performers appearing at the festival this year. In reply, Boardmasters confirmed that they have taken the decision to proceed with Bob Vylan performing; indeed, they echoed the point that freedom of expression is part of our values, and a measure of what makes festivals like Boardmasters what they are. Obviously, we do not have to agree with every artist to respect their right to speak freely. Free speech is not about comfort – it is about tolerance, challenge, and diversity of voices. Boardmasters wished to reassure residents that they have "... robust procedures in place to manage the safety and wellbeing of our audience, artists, crew, and the wider community. Our event is delivered in close consultation with Cornwall Council, the police, other blue light services, and local stakeholders, with comprehensive risk assessments and operational plans in place."



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At the same time, it was right for residents to raise concerns and be listened to, and I look forward to a review of this year’s Boardmasters, later in the year.

Notwithstanding the issues around this year’s performers, Boardmasters has become a major part of the summer calendar in Cornwall. It brings tourism, boosts local businesses, and gives young people a sense of cultural pride – but that does not mean we should ignore community concerns when there is a depth of feelings expressed.

For anyone attending this year’s festival, I hope that you all have an enjoyable time and that the weather cooperates to enhance the experience for everyone.

Best Wishes,
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Hope everyone is making the most of the summer months, I have been out on the E-bike, if you see me please feel free to stop me and have a chat.

PSCO Paul Price
Police Community Support Officer
Newquay Police Station



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COLAN CWIK CWIZ #29

A fun quiz to enjoy over your Midori Sour.

Sorry no prizes.

Compiled by Albatros

1. What is the maximum age for jury service in England?
2. What relation was King Edward VIII to King Charles III?
 - a. Grandfather
 - b. Great-grandfather
 - c. Great Uncle
3. In the Isle of Man TT races, for what does TT stand?
4. Which distinguished English actor won an Oscar for his portrayal of a butler in the 1981 film 'Arthur'?
5. In the War of the Roses between Lancaster and York, which sides emblem was the white rose?
6. What type of animal is Beatrix Potter's character Mr. Jeremy Fisher?
 - a. Frog
 - b. Kingfisher
 - c. Toad
7. What is the claim to fame of Englishman Nicholas Brakespeare?
8. Miami is the state capital of Florida, True or False?
9. The tagline 'Here's to the fools who dream' belongs to which 2016 film?
10. The ingredients Vodka, Galliano and orange juice make up which famous cocktail?
11. Which is the longest line on the London Underground?
12. What kind of creature is a Caiman?
13. In the signs of the Zodiac, what follows Pisces?

14. What is a Synoptic Chart more commonly known as?

15. In Welsh Laverbread, what is the laver??

Answers on page 11

Deliveries

We need some to deliver 14 copies of the Companion to the Rialton/Trewassack area, they will no longer get a copy so if anyone knows of any resident in this area that may take on this round that would be great.

Donations

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Submission deadline for the November / December edition of the Colan Companion will be 10th October 2025.

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Colan Parish Council

Dear Readers of the Colan Companion.

Since the Cornwall Council elections your Parish Council has continued to meet on the last Wednesday of each month and at the first Parish COUNCIL meeting in May, Derek Luscombe was elected as the Chairman along with Marc Dummett as Vice Chairman.

Japanese Knotweed plants were discovered growing in a remote area of the playing fields, the Parish Council have taken the necessary steps in engaging an experienced contractor to carry out an assessment along with the treatment which will result in the eradication of this problem this will cover a three-year period to comply with government legislation and industry best practices. Progress continues to so support The Quintrell Downs Cricket Club to bring the wicket up to the required standard, this is exciting news and Quintrell Downs will after a gap of numerous years have the happy sound of ball on willow bat. Along with this project your parish council is also exploring the possibility of having a purpose-built running track constructed around the perimeters of this cricket field. Parish Council funding for either of these two projects will not of course come from the Parish Precept but will be using other funding avenues available to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council continues to review all planning applications that are submitted to the Parish Council for their opportunity to offer view, and were very disappointed to find that an application for what is called a smart hub to be located on the pavement adjoining the Treffry Tavern was approved despite the Parish Council expressing concerns, one of which was based upon on highway safety issues and possible distraction for motorists. There was no feedback from the planning service and seemly the application was approved with no comments from the Council Highways Officer.

It is hoped that after a gap of almost four years the Newquay Consultative Committee will be brought back and that Colan will once again be invited to send a member, Parish Councillor John Griffin will be the member and has already met with Airport Management to discuss concerns that the Parish Council have over certain Airport emergency action plans that need updating.

I suspect that a number of residents will not be aware that a large part of the airport land is within Colan Parish including the Treloy area where the former Aviation Museum was based until they were evicted by the previous Cornwall Council Conservative lead administration, The Parish Council have asked your M.P to attempt to get an explanation for this eviction especially as the hanger that was being used has remained empty ever since.

Concern has been expressed by Parish Council members who attended a team's meeting with Cornwall Council over the total lack of engagement by the Boardmasters and their highways management team over the plans to deal with the extra traffic. It is being suggested that for next year the Boardmasters Highways team will be obligated to meet up with the surrounding parishes and to listen to concerns, suggestions that may ease problems for residents, and most important act on them.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Wednesday August 27 there is a period set aside for public speaking so it is your opportunity to bring matters of concern to the attention of the Councillors, please do come the current start time is 7.30p.m.

Cllr John Fitter



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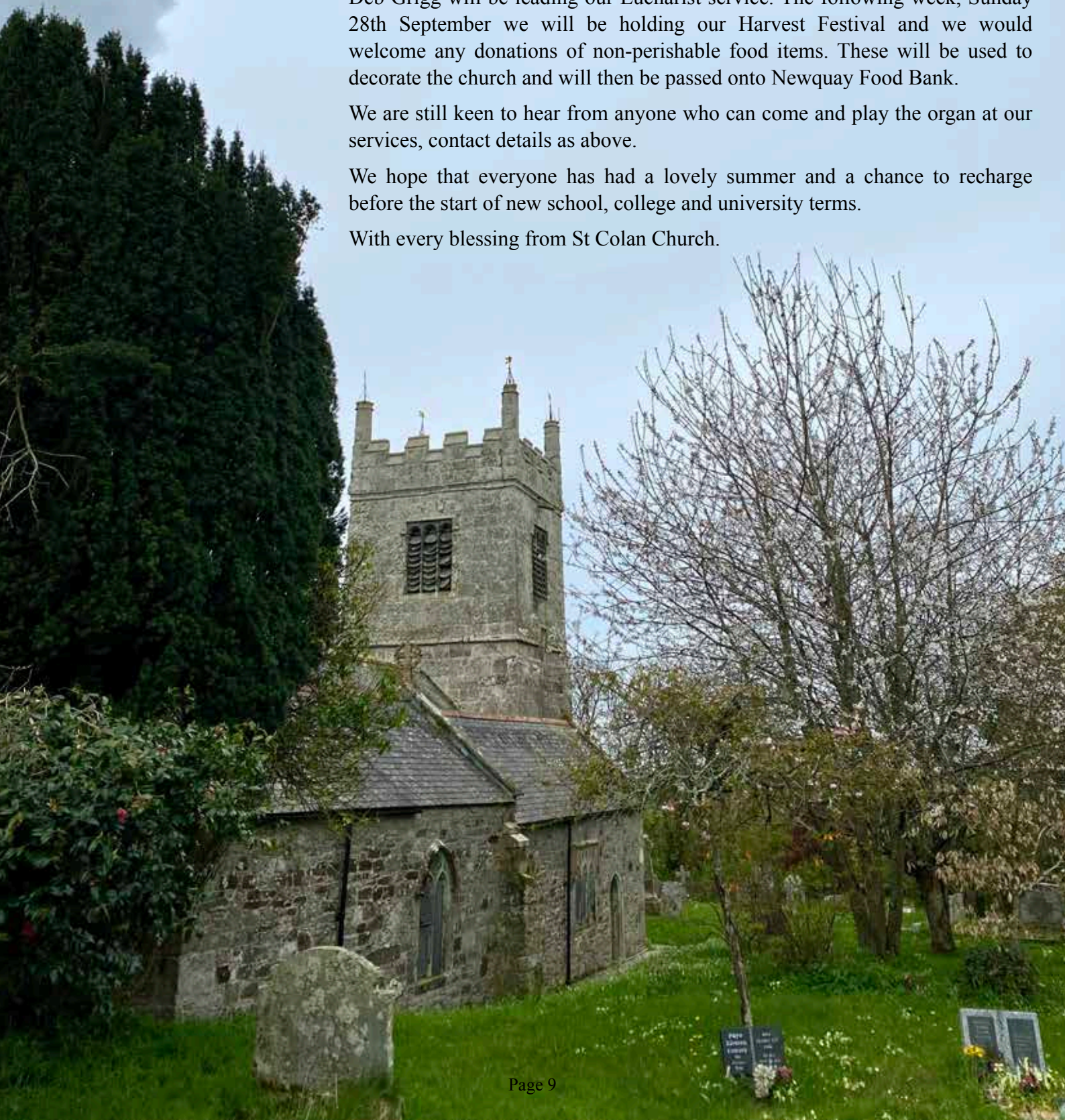
If you would like to discuss plans for a wedding or other special events, please come and have a chat with us on a Sunday morning. You can also email: secretary1@towanblystra.org

Services are held at 9.30am each Sunday and on Sunday 21st September Revd. Deb Grigg will be leading our Eucharist service. The following week, Sunday 28th September we will be holding our Harvest Festival and we would welcome any donations of non-perishable food items. These will be used to decorate the church and will then be passed onto Newquay Food Bank.

We are still keen to hear from anyone who can come and play the organ at our services, contact details as above.

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2. c. Great Uncle.
3. Tourist Trophy.
4. Sir John Gielgud.
5. York.
6. a. Frog.
7. He was, and currently stills, the only Englishman elected to become Pope.
8. False. It is Tallahassee.
9. La La Land.
10. A Harvey Wallbanger.
11. The Central Line is the longest at 46 miles.
12. A species of Crocodile, mostly found in Central and South America..
13. Aries.
14. A weather map.
15. Seaweed.



September

- 6th Maurice O’Gara
- 11th Emily Gimblett
- 12th Mel Willett
- 13th Chris Wilson
- 14th Joshua Datlen
- 15th Jill Green
- 17th Jack Trebilcock
- 17th Craig Allen
- 19th Summer Charlton
- 20th Nancy Ferris
- 23rd Kath Martyn
- 23rd Daisy Williams
- 25th Robert Henwood
- 25th Tina White

October

- 2nd Jackie Hodgetts
- 4th Isaac Chapman
- 6th Rachel Jenkins
- 7th Di Willett
- 7th Sarah Walkey
- 7th Freddie Bates
- 8th Mabel Allen
- 10th Mike Dearling
- 14th Val Penfold
- 15th Mark Scales
- 17th Luci Derbyshire
- 21st Pat Clark
- 21st Josh Kilker
- 22nd Corbin Looker
- 28th Paul Richards
- 28th Chloe Green
- 29th Celia Hooper
- 30th Trish Manning

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We are planning an Open Evening on Wednesday 8th October, 2025 in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m. (there will be refreshments with, hopefully, some of the cake I spoke about). We would be delighted to see you if you would like to have a try at a very easy sport in jovial company.

Do come along, you don't know what you are missing unless you give it a try, I can guarantee you will be made very welcome.

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If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Anne Dearling

Secretary, Colan Shortmat Bowls Club

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The pigs are really enjoying eating lots of windfall apples, if anybody has any, please feel free to contact us, our pigs would really appreciate them.

The pigs are really enjoying wallowing in the water and mud in the lovely weather we are having.

We have resident moorhens, they appear very happy, as they have been with us for over a year now, they would have more chicks but unfortunately the magpies are devil's.

And our Sunflower and pumpkin patch is looking magical, we have pumpkins unlike last year, the wonderful weather has certainly done them the world of good, along with the weeds unfortunately. The weather determines a lot in the farming world.

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Sue & Mark



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