

# The Colan Companion

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## Colan Parish Council

Dear Reader of the Colan Companion.

Well, that is summer done and dusted and the members of your Parish Council sincerely hope that you were able, as time allowed, to enjoy what was by and large a rather sunnier one than we perhaps are used to.

Your Parish Council continues to meet on the last Wednesday in each month with the exception of December, start time is 7.30p.m, it is an opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter of concern, or pass comment on any of the items listed on the agenda. There is a 20-minute slot set aside at the start of the meeting for this.

The Parish Council is delighted to be able to confirm that the running track at the playing field has now been completed, this has been commissioned by the Parish Council after suggestions made by members of the community. The sum of money involved was obtained from 'open space' money that had been paid to the Parish from the recently completed Coast Line development, and as such no Parish precept money was used. Funding for the new gym equipment which will complement the running track development, has been paid for from the Denzell Downs wind farm grant funding.

Diane, the Parish clerk, has now received a reply from our Member of Parliament in response to the Parish Council request for information as to the process and reason for the termination of the lease of the Aero Museum, which as residents are aware was located at the western end of the airport near the RAF base. The email reply from the MP will be discussed at the October meeting of the Council.

Concerns have been expressed over certain vehicles driving too fast on Trewarne Lane, it has been resurfaced by the Parish Council which seemly has encouraged a small minority of drivers to drive at a speed which is not safe and motorists need to be aware of the children's play area nearby, which of course means that children and their parents are regularly using this road as pedestrians and care needs to be taken. The Parish Council will investigate suitable signage to remind the motorist that care needs to be taken.

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### Police Crime Report for the Colan area

I would recommend using the OP SNAP link as below, however, you will need a dash cam or a recording device.

I have received a few dangerous driving complaints lately, if you do manage to capture any offences, such as overtaking over double white lines, then you can submit your footage on the Devon and Cornwall Police website, type in OP SNAP.

Part of our role in Neighbourhood policing is to gather intelligence and build pictures of ASB or criminal activity such as drug supply. I know I have asked before, but the observant neighbour is crucial to gathering the intel.

You can report any suspicious activity whether it be drug supply or dangerous driving either on the 101 Tel number or through crime stoppers 0800 555111, take a look at their website its pretty useful.

No crimes I could see over the last month which would affect the well-being of a community such as Colon Parish,

As we head into the festive season, and the evenings draw in, check your car lights,(avoid the one-eyed monsters), home security lights are worth a check also.

Best wishes

PSCO Paul Price  
Police Community Support  
Officer  
Newquay Police Station



### Donations

We would like to thank you all for the donations of £15.08 collected from the Spar shop and £20 from Sue Ansell. Please do think of us when collecting your change from your Battenberg cake, as it's these donations and the advertising that pay for the printing of this newsletter.

**Submission deadline for the January / February edition of the Colan Companion will be 05<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

### 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.

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 CWIK CWIZ #30**

A fun quiz to enjoy over your Pinot Grigio.

Sorry no prizes.

*Compiled by Albatros*

1. In the game Monopoly, the four stations are Kings Cross, Marlene and which others?
2. In which decade did Concorde enter regular passenger flights?
3. What is the Great Pyramid of Giza primarily made of?
  - a. Limestone
  - b. Granite
  - c. Sandstone
4. What is the tendon called that connects the calf to the heel of a human?
5. In the books by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who is the character called "Mycroft"?
6. Who is currently the oldest living ex-UK Prime Minister?
7. In what year did it become compulsory to wear a crash helmet whilst riding a motorcycle?
  - a. 1969
  - b. 1973
  - c. 1981
8. The ship "Titanic" sank in 1912. In what year was the wreck finally located?
  - a. 1935 (23 years later)
  - b. 1955 (43 years later)
  - c. 1981 (69 years later)
9. What is "Esperanto"?
  - a. A breed of Polo pony
  - b. A universal language
  - c. Mexican crime syndicate
10. The "Home Counties" are the six surrounding London. Berkshire, Buckinghamshire,

Hertfordshire are three. What are the remaining three?

11. What was the name of the old Paddle Steamer, recently scrapped in the centre of Truro?
12. A packet of chewing gum in an Ohio (USA) supermarket achieved what notable first?
13. On what island was HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh born?
14. What was the claim to fame of the Russian Yuri Gagarin?
  - a. First USSR Chess grandmaster
  - b. The first person to go into space
  - c. He was the only Soviet President to be assassinated
15. In 1858, the new Transatlantic Telegraph cable was inaugurated when Queen Victoria exchanged messages with the then US President. Who was he?
  - a. Abraham Lincoln
  - b. James Buchanan
  - c. Ulysses S. Grant

Answers on page 10

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5 <sup>th</sup>	Joy Britcliffe	28 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Allen
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jacob (JJ) Clogg	29 <sup>th</sup>	Tanya Cavley
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth James	30 <sup>th</sup>	Ted Ferris
8 <sup>th</sup>	Pauline Gimblett	<b>December</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Philip Downing	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Colin White
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Cavley	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Graham Ogden
12 <sup>th</sup>	Olivia Louise Hoar	4 <sup>th</sup>	Derek Luscombe
13 <sup>th</sup>	Bev Pearce	4 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Orange
14 <sup>th</sup>	Nichola Hawke	4 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Gronwalt
14 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Scales	5 <sup>th</sup>	Jay Britcliffe
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18 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Alldred	26 <sup>th</sup>	Jordan Minchin
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Interviews for the post of Oversight Minister to lead the churches of The Benefice of Towan Blystra (Colan, St Columb Minor, St Newlyn East and St Michael's) and The Benefice of St Wenn and Withiel took place at the end of October. We hope to welcome and introduce the successful candidate in the next edition of the Colan Companion.

Services are usually held at 9.30 am each week but please note the changes to our normal arrangements during November and December. Communion Services will be held on Sunday 16th November, Sunday 7th December and on Christmas Day.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9th November - Join us for refreshments from 10.00 am before we start our Service of Remembrance.

## ADVENT and CHRISTMAS

We are looking forward to celebrating Jesus's birth and Sunday 30th November marks the start of Advent. A time for Nativity Plays, Carol Services and Advent Calendars! For Christians throughout the world, this is a period of excitement as we wait and prepare for the celebrations of Christmas Day.

7th December – Communion 9.30 am.

14th DECEMBER – No morning service at Colan but there will be a Christingle at St Columb Minor at 4.00 pm.

21st December – Service 9.30 am.

CAROL SERVICE - We look forward to welcoming everyone to this popular celebration on Monday 22nd December at 7.00 pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY – Come and join us to celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus at our Family service with communion.

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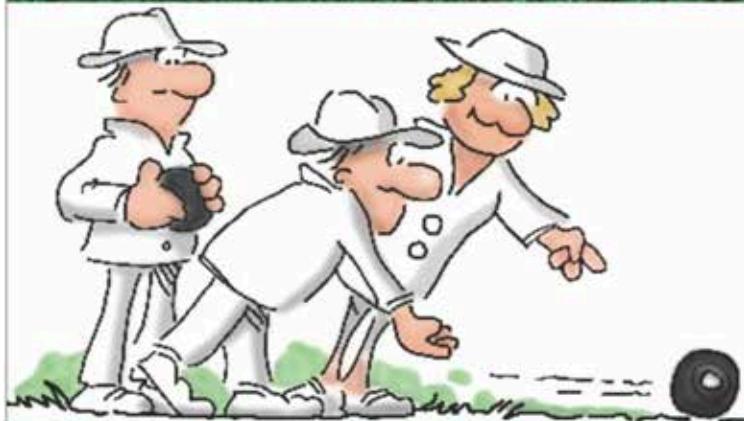
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1. Fenchurch Street and Liverpool Street
2. The 1970's (1976)
3. a. Limestone
4. The Achilles tendon
5. He is Sherlock Holmes' brother
6. John Major
7. b. 1973
8. c. 1981
9. b. A universal language, devised by L L Zamenhof in 1887
10. Essex, Kent and Surrey
11. The "Compton Castle", built in 1914, and used on the River Dart until it was moved to Truro in 1982, being put to various uses since
12. It was the first barcoded produce to be scanned
13. Corfu, Greece
14. Yuri Gagarin was the very first person to go into space
15. b. James Buchanan

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Willow Farm has been really enjoying the wonderful growing weather, the Sunflowers loved the dry sunny warm days, we were able to sell some of the flowers at the top of our lane, thank you everyone who purchased them, we also held a day of sales raising funds for the Colan Companion, we managed to raise £20, thank you everyone. We will definitely be growing them again next year, they are such a happy flower with so many benefits.

We have pigs booked for the abattoir for early December and mid-December, so if anyone would like half a pig or sausages or even some Gammon please do get in touch with us at willowpigfarm@yahoo.com or 07882420593.

Our piggies have really been enjoying the apples, acorns and our early crop of pumpkins, it is funny to see their individual personalities, some prefer apples to pumpkins and one particular tries to carry three apples or more while retreating to a ark to eat them.

Thank you to Peter who collected bags of acorns and to Marlene and Tony for the apples.

We are looking forward to introducing more pigs.

We have had some lovely complements about our pork, it was remarked by two lovely ladies how our sausages do not shrink, the fat content is very little. How very tasty the pork is.

Our big aim and hope would be a local restaurant or caff to have Willow Farm pork on their menu. It would be amazing to have an local meat with no miles in one of our local eateries. If anybody is interested please do get in touch.

We hope you enjoy.

Sue & Mark



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- Carol Service** Sunday 21st December 6pm St Columb Minor
- Carol Service** Monday 22nd December 7pm Colan
- Midnight Mass** 24th December 11:30pm St Columb Minor
- Christmas Day** Family Service with Communion 9:30 am Colan

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