

The Colan Companion

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Colan Parish Council

Well Parishioners, that is another year done and dusted. Your Parish Councillors would like to thank you very much for the support you have given them over the past year and take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year.

Your Parish Council continue to work with members of the community on projects that offer community benefit and enjoyment, to that end they are looking forward to the completion of the Community Fitness Scheme, and working with the Quintrell Downs Cricket Club to ensure that the final layout suits everyone.

The Parish Council is exploring options to have a dedicated pedestrian footpath built at Trewarne Lane to ensure that pedestrians, mums and dads and children have a safe route to the playing field. This is most important as sharing a single carriage way road with pedestrians is something that the Parish Council needs to address.

The Denzell Downs Community Benefit Fund is seeking ideas for the 2026 grant funding process, if you have a suggestion you would like to submit for consideration and need help in finding the contact details, contact Di, the Parish Clerk, who will supply you with the details.

And as we enter this twenty sixth year of the third decade of this century, please don't forget the Parish Council are here to help and always willing and eager to hear from you about any problem or suggestion that you feel your Council can help with.

Stay safe, Cllr John Fitter.

Love your village? Like it to look good? Join us for our monthly Litter pick. We meet at the village hall on the first Sunday each month at 11am. Just bring yourselves, a sack or large bag to put the litter into. Picking equipment is provided. Doesn't take too long usually finished in an hour so (even less if we have lots of volunteers).

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Police Crime Report for the Colan area

Happy New year!

I recently attended a local Community Speed Watch conference where we were given some updated information regarding locations and setting up the schemes.

Attached is a poster explaining the ways in which you can contact the police regarding Community Speed Watch.

Today colleagues and I visited Nansledan School to talk to the assembly about what we get up to, day to day. The Children were fantastic and engaging, I am sure we will be back, next time with a police dog hopefully.

We have a new PCSO starting in January which is welcome news.

Kind regards,

PSCO Paul Price
Police Community Support Officer
Newquay Police Station

Are you passionate about keeping your community safe?

If you can spare a few hours each month then

Devon and Cornwall Police Community Speed Watch Team

would love to hear from you.



To find out more about Community Speed Watch and how it contributes to making roads a safer place for all to use please use the following links:

<https://youtu.be/FZvgmr3xZnY>

Community Speed Watch (CSW) - Devon and Cornwall Road Safety Team (Devon & Cornwall Police) (devon-cornwall.police.uk)

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COLAN CWIK CWIZ #31

A fun quiz to enjoy over your Whisky and soda.

Sorry no prizes.

Compiled by Albatros

1. The capital of Turkey is Istanbul. True or False?
2. The 80's duo "Wham!" Were George Michael and who else?
3. Who was the British Prime Minister in the years 2007 to 2010?
4. What do the initials B.S.A. stand for in the British motorcycle and cycle brand?
5. In which country will the next Summer Olympics be held in 2018?
6. In English slang, how much is a "Pony"?
7. Which city is closest to Stonehenge?
8. How many spires has Truro Cathedral, being one of only three in the UK?
9. In which African country is the free-standing Mount Kilimanjaro?
10. The Guinness brand used a depiction of what bird with a pint atop its beak?
11. In a building structure, what is a Lintel?
12. Who is the current Secretary General of the United Nations?
13. What type of creature is an Ocelot?
14. What is Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia a fear of?
15. Launched in 1977, what is the name of the most distant spacecraft from Earth? It is still travelling!

Answers on page 11



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Submission deadline for the March / April edition of the Colan Companion will be 08th February 2026.

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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St Mawgan in Pydar and Colan



➔ Fund Overview

The Denzel Downs Wind Farm is committed to providing a Community Benefit Fund for good causes local to the Wind Farm. The Fund has an annual value of around **£17,500**.

- Grants from £250 to £8,750
- Closing date: 25 March 2026
- Final decisions: by End May 2026

Projects must be within the Parish boundaries of **St Mawgan in Pydar and Colan in the Cornwall Council division of St Mawgan and Colan.**

➔ Project purpose

The Fund is open to any community project which is for the benefit of residents of the local area. This Fund can provide both capital and revenue grants.

It's quick and easy to apply. Visit GrantScape's website for details and to get started.

▲ *New windows at St. Mawgan Community Hall, part of funded refurbishment project*

➔ Who can apply?

Eligible organisations include:

- Charities / voluntary, community groups
- The Town and Parish Council
- Schools and educational establishments
- Social enterprises and Community Interest Companies operating on a non-profit-distributing basis.

➔ Who Decides the Grant Allocations?

Applications are reviewed by a local judging panel who make recommendations on which applications received are supported.

➔ Contact and Further Questions?

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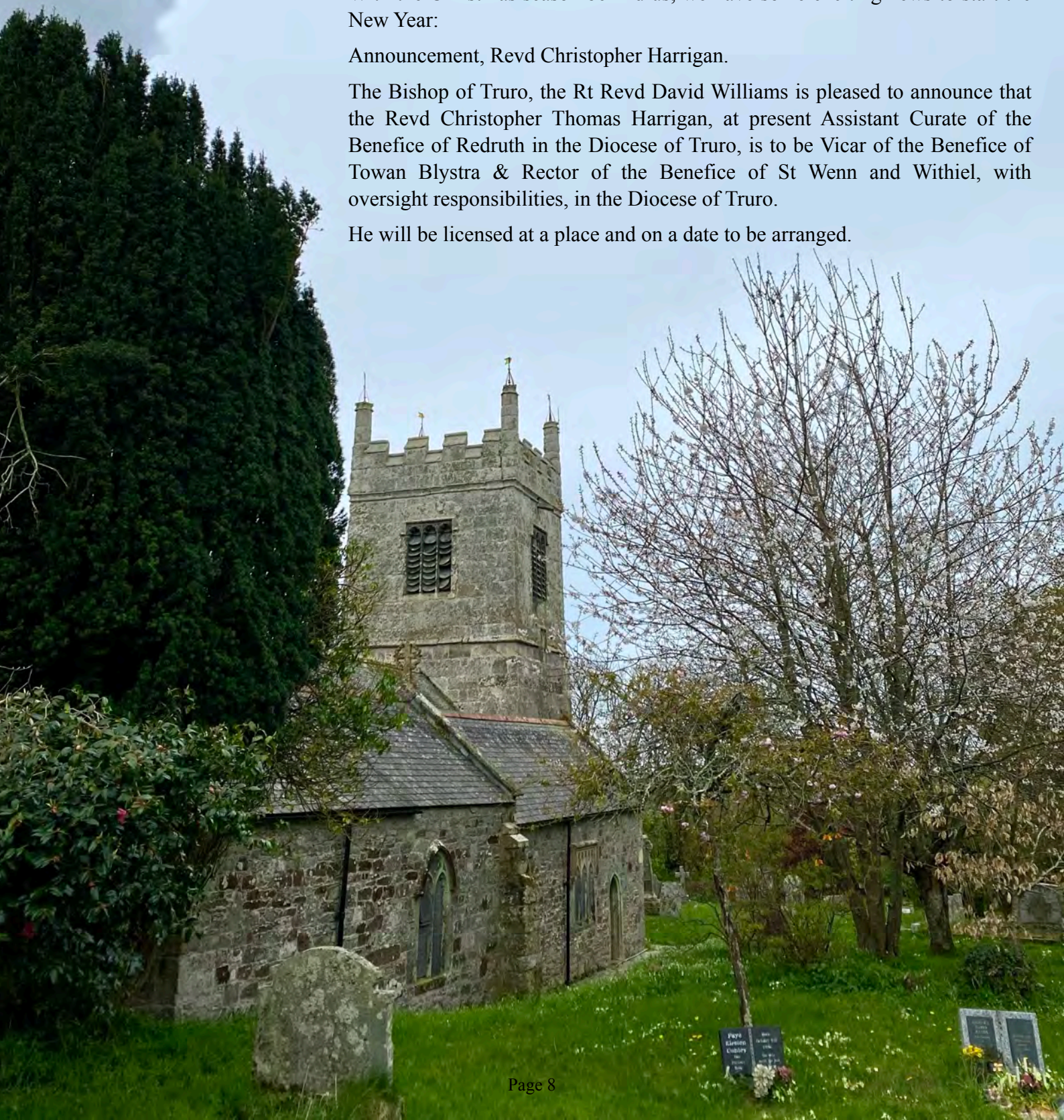
Services are held at 9.30am every Sunday with Revd. Deb Grigg officiating at our communion services on the 11th and 18th of January and the 15th and 22nd of February. Claire will lead the Morning Worship on the other Sundays in January and February.

With the Christmas season behind us, we have some exciting news to start the New Year:

Announcement, Revd Christopher Harrigan.

The Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd David Williams is pleased to announce that the Revd Christopher Thomas Harrigan, at present Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Redruth in the Diocese of Truro, is to be Vicar of the Benefice of Towan Blystra & Rector of the Benefice of St Wenn and Withiel, with oversight responsibilities, in the Diocese of Truro.

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1. It is false. The capital is Ankara.
2. Andrew Ridgeley
3. It was Labour PM Gordon Brown
4. Birmingham Small Arms. Their logo is three rifles.
5. In Los Angeles, USA, 14th to 30th July 2028.
6. £25.
7. Salisbury.
8. It has three spires, the others being St. Marys, Edinburgh and Lichfield Cathedral.
9. Tanzania. It is the tallest free-standing mountain in the world.
10. A Toucan.
11. A Lintel is a type of beam that spans openings such as doors and windows to support brickwork above.
12. The current UN Secretary General is Antonio Guterres of Portugal.
13. An Ocelot is a medium-sized wild cat that is native to South and Central America.
14. It is a fear of long words.
15. Voyager I. It is currently 25,379,505,434km away and still going strong, but this has gone up since I started typing!



January

- 4th George Ferris
- 5th Peter Halsey
- 6th Julie Tamblyn
- 7th Kath Waters
- 7th Tamsin Williams
- 12th Rosemary Bray
- 13th Lauren Greaves
- 13th Danielle White
- 19th Diana Smith
- 20th Jill Walkey
- 20th James Chapman
- 22nd Stuart Beale
- 22nd Sarah Hilton
- 24th Kim Sullivan
- 24th Emma Scales
- 25th Amy Richardson
- 25th Ruby O’Gara
- 26th Kirra Raw
- 27th Jan Powell

- 28th Mike Trebilcock
- 28th Ruby Tucker
- 29th Adina Looker
- 30th Cory Wood

February

- 1st Corin Dummett
- 1st Storm Der West-huyzen
- 1st Nate Scales
- 4th Matilda Green
- 6th Elizabeth Golden
- 10th Greg Clarke
- 12th Ben House
- 13th Tommy Johnson
- 18th Charles Paull
- 20th Sue Sutton
- 24th Jed Jenkins
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Down on Willow Farm...

We have all been super busy on Willow Farm with pigs going to the abattoir and moving the pigs indoors.

We never appreciated how much the grandchildren learn from helping out. Young Otis said to his younger brother Ozzie, we can move these hay bales, he then realised how big they were, but reckoned if they worked together, they would be able to move them, they did, they rolled them, when they finished, Otis said to his younger brother, team works makes the dream work. It was amazing to hear and see, as they are only toddlers. They are problem solving, using their common sense and initiative. They love helping out on the land. They have their own wheelbarrows and shovels. When we had piglets back in February, Otis really got involved as you can see in the picture. He is good with the animals. Our grandchildren along with all other farming children are learning great skills to help them in the future Some will be our future farmers who will provide food for us, and look after the land, it is food the thought. We hope you enjoy.

Sue & Mark



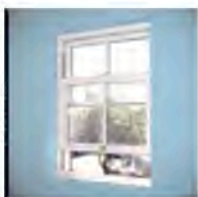
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