

The Colan Companion

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Colan Parish Council

Greetings dear readers of the Colan Companion. Here we are, over half way to the end of 2026, where does the time go? It seems like only yesterday when, back in January and February, we were asking whenever will this rain stop, and now we are in August and in the middle of another heat wave along with a hose pipe ban, quite a contrast!

It must be the weather causing some folk to do silly things, the P.C have noted the vandalism that has occurred to the rubbish bin that was positioned by the bus stop opposite Treffry Tavern. All that is left is the lid. Such a silly thing for someone to do and one does wonder if the heat has affected their brain, a needless waste of Parishioners precept money. Di our clerk, will be taking steps to source a suitable replacement.

Cornwall Highways have responded to the concerns as expressed by the P.C and have confirmed that in this financial year they will refresh the road markings on the roundabout at Quintrell Downs. This will give clearer transparency for drivers along with greater protection for pedestrians as they attempt to navigate their way across each section of the roundabout.

Regretfully the hot weather and possibly other elements have conspired to defeat the attempt of Cormac to reseed the verge along West Road, given that Coastline have already paid for this work, the P.C will be requesting that our highways officer to arrange for Cormac to revisit and reseed as required.

At the June meeting, Steph Good, project manager for the neighbourhood watch gave a presentation of the scheme to Parish Councillors, details of which are now on the Parish Web site. The Parish has a new Beat Police Manager, this is PC Vicky Guy who can be contacted through Newquay Police Station.

Parish Councillors have been advised that a consultation is taking place on the possibility of Aldi, which is currently located on cliff road in Newquay, being relocated to a site off the A392.

At long last a meeting has been arranged for the Cornwall Airport Forum this will take place in early September and Cllr John Griffin will be attending to represent Colan P.C.

Colan Cricket Club held their first match on the new cricket ground at the playing fields, and what a wonderful evening it turned out to be, with Colan battering and winning this first match having achieved well over 100 runs for only 5 wickets down after their 20 overs. Then successfully bowling the visitors out for less than 100 runs. A brilliant result and well done to all the members of the team along with others who made the dream of having a Colan Cricket back again after a lapse of 20 years. Long may they prosper.

Plans are progressing to future proof the other sports field with the football club now confirming that they now have the funding in place to proceed, which is excellent news. The Parish Council Chairman Cllr Derek Luscombe has written in this edition about the history of this field and has cleared up the misunderstanding about the future use of the field. Councillors thanked Derek for outlining the history of the field, and unanimously endorsed the future use of this field as set out.

The Parish Councillors join me in wishing everyone in the community an enjoyable and peaceful summer as we all march down to the start of Autumn.

Best regards,

John Fitter

Colan Parish Councillor



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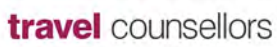


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CLARIFICATION NECESSARY TO THE WORDING OF THE PETITION BELOW

SAVE THE QUINTRELL DOWNS "DOG WALKING FIELD".

We the undersigned, call on Derek Luscombe to protect the public land, located at the end of Trewarne LANE, next to the Recreation Ground, from being turned into a football pitch and ensure it is completely accessible for Community use, as it has been for over 4 decades.

The land is used by 100's of dog walkers, young and old, able bodies and disabled, for safe and sociable walks. The land is crucial for local access and community relationships and a balance has to be made for all members of the Community and not just Sport. It is also a natural wildlife habitat for many, many species and as such needs to be protected.

This petition is addressed personally to me, Derek Luscombe. I have no powers to make decisions regarding the leased land adjacent to the recreation field. All decisions are made at Parish Council meetings by our eleven elected parish councillors.

The implication the recreation field is to be used only by a football club is incorrect.

The parish council has agreed unanimously to carry out works to provide a wildlife area, a dog walking area and an area for football, with the added facility to hold community functions as required.

The area is and is intended to be available to all users for all legal activities.

In conclusion, this petition is based on an incorrect statement, directed at an individual.

Derek Luscombe

THE HISTORY OF THE LAND NOW KNOWN AS COLAN RECREATION FIELDS

The history of the land is of some interest; the land was independently owned by farmers and was used for sheep and cattle grazing and for growing of cereal crops.

Subsequently it was purchased with the recreation field adjacent by Restormel District Council for community house building.

Cornwall County Council inherited the fields when the six Cornish District Councils were amalgamated.

Decisions were made by Cornwall County Council that it was unsuitable for housing and the field nearest to North Way was sold to Colan Parish Council for £1000.00 repayable over 10 years.

The field to the east of this was leased to Colan Parish Council on a 50-year lease.

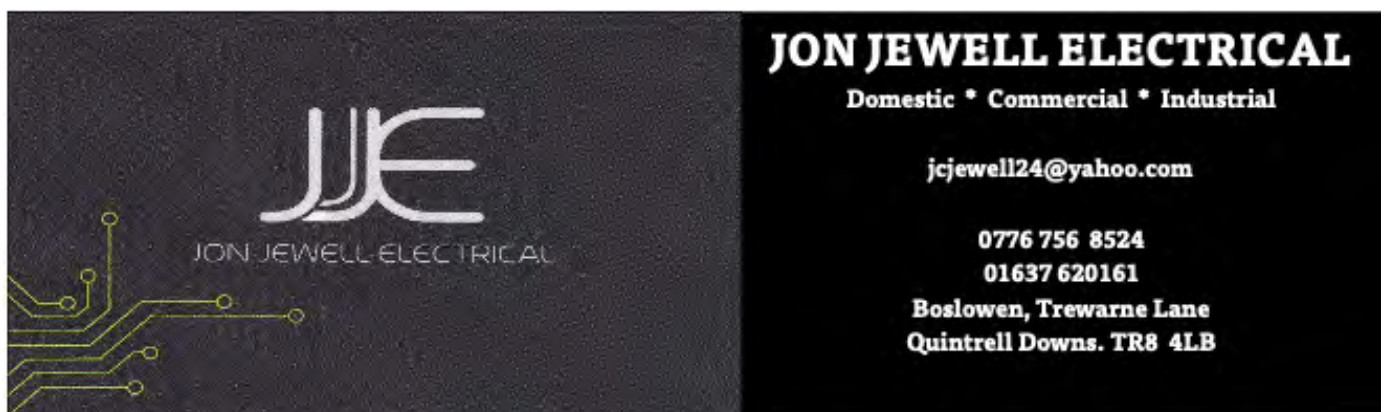
The field was then sub-leased on a 30-year lease to Newquay Ladies Football Club.

Subsequently an area was cleared, de-stoned and seeded for football. The Club did some training on the site but due to lack of funding it was never developed. The Club ended its lease after 15 years.

From then Colan Parish Council has explored other options for the field culminating on a decision to create a facility for public recreation and to include a dedicated wildlife area, a dog walking area and a football pitch area, available to all for any legitimate activities.

Work is expected to start in October 2026 to bring these aspirations to fruition.

Derek Luscombe



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1. What famous event took place on Max Yasgur's farm, NY state, in 1969?
2. What kind of nut is used to make marzipan?
 - a. Walnut
 - b. Pistachio
 - c. Almond
3. Who wrote the novel 'Cider with Rosie'?
4. Every Zebra born has exactly the same markings as its mother. True or False?
5. Which famous racehorse is buried near the winning post at the Aintree racecourse?
6. Which English King was nicknamed 'The Merry Monarch'?
7. Snæfellsn is the highest point on which island?
8. Vicarage Road is the home of which English football club?
9. Jefferson City is the State Capital of which of these?
 - a. Missouri
 - b. Mississippi
 - c. Minnesota
10. Actress Penelope Keith, who sadly died recently, played what character in the TV series 'The Good Life'?
11. What is 'Hansen's disease' more commonly known as?
12. Julia Gillard was Prime Minister of which country from 2010 to 2013?
13. Who is Robert Francis better known as?
14. Which 2003 film was inspired by the real-life fundraising efforts of the Rystone Women's Institute?
15. What was the Christian name of John Lennon's first wife?

Answers on page 15

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).

Donations

We would like to thank you all for the donations of £18.60 collected from the Spar shop. Please do think of us when collecting your change from your ginger nuts, as it's these donations and the advertising that pay for the printing of this newsletter.

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I saw a guy at Starbucks today.
No phone. No tablet. No laptop.
He just sat there. Drinking coffee.
Weirdo.

Quintrell Downs, My Home by Selina

This has been kindly submitted by her daughter Frances Green and will be continued in the subsequent issues.

The War

In 1939 the war came, and so rationing began; this was to last for many years. It changed life for everyone. The young evacuees from inner cities were sent all over the country, to rural places, for their safety. Some of the evacuees were dropped off at the Chapel Sunday School. This is where the rating officer from St. Austell Rural Council (we were not in Newquay Urban), allocated their new homes. The rating officer had a plan of all the houses in the village, and if you had a spare bedroom you had to take a child. It didn't matter if you had a brother or sister they would put a girl with another girl in one house and a boy with another boy, although they did not know each other. The Colan district had to accommodate one hundred children.

There were not many houses in the village. Mr Bettison had a large house living on his own by the cross roads. He had to take in a family, consisting of a mother and her children. I am afraid to say he had a bad lot, breaking his windows and doing a lot of damage, fortunately they did not like it here and swiftly returned to London. I suppose it was such a different pace of life for them.

We did not have room for an infant but as I was an only child my mum thought it would be nice for me to have company, as she came from a large family. We had already taken in a lady, Miss Spry - she retired from service with no home, and my great grandfather lived with us. As a child it was always busy in the house, there was always something that needed doing.

The shop was only next door to the Chapel, but it was late afternoon before my mother had a spare minute to visit and collect anyone. Mother and I went into the Sunday School, I remember two people behind a desk, they said "We do not have a girl left, just a little boy, he is the only child left and we have not managed to match him up with another family." They were anxious to get him a home so they could leave. The poor boy only just gone

five years of age, had been there all day, he had been crying and was very distressed. He had a small case and gas mask in his box, held by a tiny piece of string. He came over to my mum and myself and said Lady, will you take me? No one wants me." My mum said "If you can walk the long way to our house we will take you." He said "I just want a home." he was so happy when we just went next door to our house! A year later his younger brother Ronnie joined us. Initially he had been sent to Sussex, but he was not well looked after. We had their father, who was in the RAF bring Ronnie down when he was on leave. As there were so many children in the area, the Sunday Schools in Kestle Mill, Quintrell and Colan were all opened as day Schools. But after a time a lot of the evacuees soon returned home. I think the life here was too slow for them, but Danny and Ronnie were the opposite they did not want to leave. Danny then remained with us

They enjoyed spending time in a lovely garden that they made at the top of our plot of land. My father's garden seemed to grow everything; he spent many an hour tilling the garden. If there was anything spare or discarded the boys took it and managed to grow it in their little plot. I believe they were the last evacuees in the village to leave; they stayed until 1946 when Danny was eleven and Ronnie was nine. It was a shock for them to return years later to London, and a bombed flat really not fit to live in. They had their parents, but it was a culture shock and just a few years later their mum died. so it was very sad. I am glad we keep in touch; to this day he still comes to visit me every year.

In 1939 when the war broke out they needed personnel at RAF St. Eval, so my father started work there. Cycling daily to there was not an easy task as the road was very hilly and hard to climb. He had been wounded while serving in the First World War during a battle on the Somme, so he had a bad shoulder and when he was discharged, he did not go back so thankfully his life was saved. (Years later when the shrapnel worked to the surface in his back, he would have to go into hospital and have it removed). He was a Lance Corporal in charge of six men on the Somme. They were starving and he left to get help. At the time they were in no man's land. Unfortunately, on his return with the help they needed, he found his men had all been killed. This haunted him for many years.

He joined the Royal Engineers at St. Austell, and was a recruiting officer under Colonel Lovering from ECLP (English Clays Lovering and Pochin), the China Clay works at that time. My father was a shift boss at Dorothy Pit and he left to join the Royal Engineers in the First World War as a Lance Corporal, he was 28 years old.

Much later in his retirement years, in gratitude for his service at ECLP. Mr Dalton, the managing director would collect my father and five other ex. service men, for a meal at John Keay House. He was always pleased to go and meet with them and they would all have their photo taken, as time went by there was just my father left and then he became too ill to go. He kept in touch with the news, as he was sent the monthly magazine, which he greatly enjoyed.

At the age of fifty five he found cycling to St Eval was becoming more difficult and also the billets were bombed so it was dangerous and he did not want to day there. At that time two hotels in Newquay, the Victoria and the Atlantic, were open for wounded soldiers. They were chosen as the rooms were big, the ballrooms and dining rooms made excellent wards, so my father became a nurse at the Victoria.

The beautiful carpets were rolled up and taken to the basement, so the floors could be easily cleaned. They planned to replace the carpets after the war, but unfortunately they had all fallen apart from the damp. The wards were a very sad place for all of these injured men to be cared for. I would go to see my father and visit the wounded in their beds. We became friendly with Sister Wardell, who was in charge. When she had any spare time she would come to spend it with us as she was lonely leaving her family, I believe she came from the London area. It was hard work looking after such young poorly service men. She gave us a Lilac tree to plant in the front garden, so we could remember her, it is still there now. It flowers each year, beautiful lilac delicate blossoms.

As my father was in regular close contact with the sick, he became ill and caught pneumonia at the same time as Winston Churchill got ill. It was fortunate that penicillin had been invented and they both recovered, as at that time it was a serious condition. Dad continued to work as a nurse and after the war he stayed to stock the boiler and do the gardening at the hotel. It was really lovely in the front with all the flowers.

He still had a busy life, although we gave up the Sparks Tenement when Grampfer Sparks died. Mrs Luscombe a widow lady and her daughter then took it over. My father worked shifts but with help from us all he just about managed to get everything done. We rented a lovely meadow over Lane way from Mr Tremain, now known as West Road. My mother would wheel the seed potatoes over in a wooden wheelbarrow and Danny and I would drop the potatoes in. Then later after work my father would pull the soil over the trenches. He liked the early shift at the Victoria, coming home at two o'clock. When the crops were ready to harvest, the local children could take time off school to work on the surrounding farms as all the men were away at war. I went to different farms to pick potatoes. A plough would dig up the potatoes and everyone would pick them up. Our last crop entailed a lot of extra work; it was a very bad harvest. So instead of tiling the ground and growing potatoes we got a pig called Susan, we mated her and sold the piglets at the market. Then later on we sadly got rid of the pig and gave up the field. I just loved that meadow, I used to collect frogs and toads from the pool in the field, and then bring them home. When I was getting married I wanted to build a house there but it was not allowed, as it was green belt land. I go by there now and see three bungalows built on that site, how times have changed, I knew every tree in that meadow.



My father, Francis Yates in his war uniform

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During the war years, we also had a field on the left side of the upper lane next to Miss Wherrys. This is where my father grew runner beans but he gave up after a bullock destroyed the crop! We rented this field and the milking sheds from Miss Vivian, who lived at Trevelyell House. There was a small strip of land opposite and this is where we kept the chickens, the house was built around a tree where they would perch. The other side was Little Bejowan Farm; the rest of the plot was tilled sometimes with potato and later rhubarb. Around 1952, we gave up the milking sheds and sold the cows. However, we still kept the strip of land and paid rent of ten shillings a quarter to keep the chickens on. Later we moved the poultry to the top of our garden at "Thorn-Lea" we also moved the pigs from the meadow, to rear them at the top of the garden.

The village was a close community and by having the shop I knew a lot of people. During the war the Americans came in their Jeeps, a lot camped at Kestle Mill and they would call into the shop.

Mr Rule had the pub on the corner and every year he would have a harvest festival for the blind. He always raised a lot of money; in fact it was the leading pub in the whole of Great Britain to raise funds for the blind in those days. One year we had a puppy left from a litter, and my father took it over to be auctioned; an RAF pilot bid for it and had it for his mascot. We later heard the dog had got a broken leg during one of the missions. Opposite the pub was the home guard hut where the men assembled nightly for training.

One night Roy Marks got lost. He was found alive and well the next day down the quarry near Fairpark School, St. Columb Minor, later known as The Red School.

My father was the ARP (Air Raid Precautions) Warden checking lights in houses and sounding the siren when the German planes were near. We had an air raid shelter that my father had dug inside an outbuilding; it had steps leading down to get inside. It contained two bunk beds and was very damp, my books fell apart. When the siren went my mother and her friend Ruby would carry the three of us to the shelter. If my father was not on shift he would stand outside.

One night a German plane was being chased by the RAF from St. Eval; when it dropped all its bombs in Quintrell it was very frightening. One landed opposite our house and created a large crater. My father had the contract to fill it in, and it took three weeks with a horse and cart. The local garage roof was completely gone. Mr Rettalick's house was left intact but not a brick was left standing from his kitchen, which was on the side of his house. Mr Russ Walkey lives there now. It was situated opposite the garage, and therefore it was in a prime location to be targeted.

Our house is the only one in the row to have had an upstairs, and we had two large chequered windows, that gave a lovely view up and down the road. There was a seat inside where I could stand and look around. The force of the bomb dropped in the field opposite, caused one of the windows to move and we then had rain coming in through the dining room ceiling. A large tin bath was then always put on the table to catch the rain. We had it for years, when we finally got around to seeing about a repair, the wood around the window was rotten and we needed a new roof and windows as it was dangerous.

In 1952 we had the walls built up each side and this meant an end to the lovely chequered window as they were now inset in the house, but it was a lot warmer. The view we have now is houses, it used to be Mrs Luscombes' cows, where rabbits were common and owls used to live at the bottom of the field. It was also used at Easter when we had Tea Treat in the Chapel, weather permitting and Newquay Band were playing.



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Police Crime Report for the Colan area

No significant crimes of note over the last month, the incidents are what you would expect.

There is a rise in what would be classed as Neighbour disputes, this could be either a civil dispute over land or property, which can then spill into arguments, usually both parties feel aggrieved. We also have reports of residents who will impose their values on others in the road or street, this can cause hostilities and sometime an unrealistic expectation of local authority and police. Saying that, I have experience how a dispute can ruin your life if you don't address it appropriately and quickly, it can quickly consume you.

There are useful tips, advice and who you can reach out to if you feel there is an issue with your neighbour.

Please go to the GOV UK website.

Please respect your neighbours, talk to them, there is a mediation service you can use. see Government website.

Finally with Autumn around the corner, it's a good time to check your headlights, side lights, and rear lights.

Hope you all enjoyed the summer.

Kind regards,

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Parc-an-Colan Allotment Association



A summer to Celebrate at the Allotments

Summer at the allotment is a busy and rewarding time filled with rapid growth, daily harvesting, and regular maintenance. It is the peak season for enjoying the fruits of your labour while keeping thirsty crops hydrated and managing fast-growing summer weeds.

Summer has certainly arrived at Parc-an-Colan Allotments, bringing sunshine, colourful blooms, and plenty of activity across our plots. While the recent heatwave has presented some challenges, it has also rewarded gardeners with an abundance of vegetables, flowers, and fruit. Walking around the site, it's wonderful to see how much hard work and dedication has gone into making our allotments such a thriving community space.

As we admire the wonderful plots around Parc-an-Colan, it's worth remembering that perfection isn't the goal. I certainly hope not, because on my own plot the weeds seem determined to outgrow the vegetables this year! With the recent warm weather, it sometimes feels like I turn my back for five minutes and another jungle appears.

Gardening can be wonderfully rewarding, but I do think it's important not to beat ourselves up for falling short of some picture-perfect standard. After all, where's the fun in a hobby where you only focus on what you haven't done? Nature has never been especially tidy, and perhaps that's part of its charm.

Whether your rows are perfectly weed-free or a little on the wild side, we'll still have plenty of fresh vegetables to harvest, flowers to enjoy, wildlife to welcome, and happy hours spent pottering in the fresh air. To me, that's what makes the allotments such a success, and that's a success in my book.

The Effects of Drought on Allotments and Gardens

Periods of drought can have a major impact on allotments and home gardens, making it difficult to maintain healthy plants and productive crops. High temperatures and a lack of rainfall cause soil to dry out quickly, leaving plants short of the water they need to grow. Vegetables such as lettuce, beans and potatoes can struggle, producing smaller harvests or failing altogether. Flowers may bloom for a shorter period, while fruit trees and bushes can produce fewer fruits. For gardeners, the extra time and effort needed to water plants and manage dry soils can be both challenging and frustrating.

There are several ways gardeners can reduce the impact of dry weather. Applying a thick layer of mulch, such as compost, bark, grass cuttings or straw, helps retain moisture and reduce evaporation. Watering deeply and less often encourages stronger root growth, making plants more resilient during dry spells. Collecting rainwater in water butts provides a sustainable water source, while adding organic matter improves the soil's ability to hold moisture. Choosing drought-tolerant plants and crop varieties can also help maintain healthy gardens and allotments during prolonged periods of dry weather.

With careful planning and water conservation, gardeners can help their plants thrive even when rainfall is scarce.

Essential Summer Tasks

- **Watering:** Soak heavy drinkers like tomatoes, courgettes, and runner beans deeply. Water early in the morning or late evening to reduce evaporation.
- **Harvesting:** Pick French beans, peas, courgettes, and soft fruit frequently to encourage plants to keep producing.

- **Weeding and Mulching:** Hoe young weeds on dry days and apply a thick layer of mulch around plants to lock in soil moisture.
- **Pest Control:** Check the underside of leaves for pests, and stay vigilant against slugs and snails during damp spells.

What to Sow and Plant in Summer

- **Successional Sowing:** Plant fast-growing salads, radishes, and spinach for fresh leaves.
- **Winter Prep:** Sow winter brassicas, kale, and spring cabbage later in the summer to prepare for the cooler months ahead.
- **Pollinators:** Keep flowers like cosmos, marigolds, and sunflowers thriving to attract bees and beneficial insects to your plots

Looking Ahead

As we move towards autumn, there is still plenty to enjoy and harvest at the allotments. The combination of warm weather, longer days, and the dedication of our plot holders means the site is looking better than ever.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to making Parc-an-Colan Allotments such a welcoming and productive place. Whether you're a seasoned grower or just starting your gardening journey, there's always something new to learn and enjoy.

Here's wishing everyone a successful harvest and continued growing success throughout the season!



Cakes and Produce at our Open Day



A Blooming Success at Our Open Day

Our recent Open Day was a tremendous success and we'd like to thank everyone who attended.

The event welcomed local residents, families, and prospective plot holders, giving visitors the opportunity to explore the allotments, meet gardeners, and see first-hand what can be achieved with a little time, patience, and enthusiasm.

There was plenty of interest in the wide variety of vegetables, fruit, herbs, and flowers being grown across the site. Many visitors commented on the friendly atmosphere and the wealth of gardening knowledge shared by our plot holders. The day was a fantastic showcase for Parc-an-Colan and highlighted the important role the allotments play in bringing people together and promoting healthy, sustainable living.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped organise the event, prepared their plots, and shared their experiences with visitors. Your efforts made the day a real celebration of our allotment community.

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of everyone involved, we raised an amazing **£550** This will go directly towards our charity the Wave Project

Newquay Garden Centre

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Newquay Garden Centre for their support and collaboration with the Parc an Colan Allotments. Their encouragement and involvement are greatly appreciated, and we are grateful for their continued support of our local growing community.

Warm regards,

Eddie Howard Chairman, Parc-an-Colan Allotment



St Colan Parish Church

Our new curate, Joel Dougan-Davies, has joined us and we welcome him and his wife and hope that they will be happy in the parish. Revd Chris Harrigan and Joel have had a busy summer working together across the parishes in the Benefices of Towan Blystra and St Wenn and Withiel. In a recent parish newsletter Revd Chris reminds us to reflect on where God is leading us and to look ahead with faith and hope.

September is a month of new beginnings for many of the young people in the parish. Perhaps you have little ones starting school for the first time or older children transferring to secondary school or college. Maybe you are even facing a “gap” at home as you send a child off to university. These are big moments for families, and we hope that everyone settles into new routines quickly and happily.

Our harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday 27th of September at 4.00pm with refreshments after the service. There will not be a 9.30 am service on that day. We would love to receive any contributions of non- perishable food items to decorate the church. These will be donated to Newquay Food Bank after the service.

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1. The famous three-day 'Woodstock Festival'
2. c. Almond
3. English author Laurie Lee in 1959
4. False
5. The famous Red Rum
6. It was King Charles II (1630-1685)
7. The Isle of Man
8. Watford
9. a. Missouri (Jackson is Mississippi and St. Paul is Minnesota)
10. Margo Leadbetter
11. It is commonly known as Leprosy, but is now curable with immediate diagnosis
12. Australia
13. Robert Francis was ordained as Pope Leo XIV in May 2025
14. 'Calendar Girls', starring Helen Mirren, Julie Walters and Celia Imrie amongst others
15. Cynthia (nee Powell) died in 2015 from cancer



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

My wife asked if I was even listening to her. I thought
"that's an odd way to start a conversation".



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Willow Farm has had some exciting times. We have been extremely lucky to have friend, and a fellow farmer in the village, who has very generously allowed us to use some of his land for our cows, they are very much enjoying it, it's never as simple as that though, you are required to sit indoors and fill out a form or two on the internet for Animal health animal plant or Defra, I really do not enjoy being indoors, or paperwork, that is boring, nothing like being outside with my cows or tractoring.

I was tractoring in my orchard on a beautiful sunny day, and at some point during a hot flush my glasses dropped of my face, not that I noticed which any menopausal lady would say during a hot flush, you don't notice a lot. For days later I called both of my adult children asking them if I left my glasses at there homes, I hunted all the usual places, with no luck. I ventured to my orchard and noticed bits of glass, then I found an arm, well that's my glasses squashed, so I have now reluctantly bought myself glasses necklace.

We were walking across our field the following morning when a black ford focus MK2 pulled up at our gates, and three young men started to jump over our locked gate, luckily our daughter shouted at them and they promptly jumped back over and drove off at speed. We phoned the police on 101 and made a report.

On more happy news we are very proud parents, our beautiful daughter Charlie got married this weekend to Connor at Trenance cottages, followed by a big party on our farm.

I know some of you don't want to hear this, but if you could join us farmers for a rain dance that would be appreciated. Maybe when you read this we will have had some.

Best wishes

Sue & Mark



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I wonder if it is in anyones garage or shed as I certainly would like to see that old girl again.

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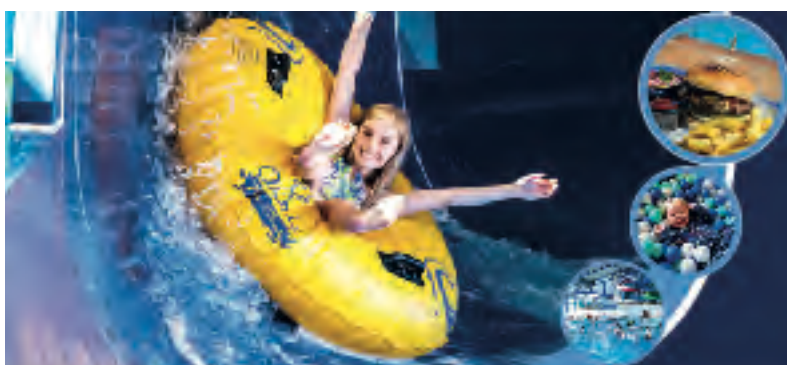
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