



A community newsletter funded by Mabe Youth and Community Project and Mabe Parish Council to provide news, share views and publicise events. Printed by Booths Print, Penryn.

St Piran's Monumental Journey

On May 5th the sun shone down on Mabe as it prepared to send a statue of St Piran on its way to the Valley of The Saints in Brittany. The statue was commissioned from France to be its 100th statue and to celebrate the Celtic roots of Brittany, Cornwall and Ireland.

The statue was hand-carved by David Paton and Stephane Rouget using granite from our own Mabe quarry. The ancient craft of hand chiselling is rarely seen on such a large scale.

The carving was completed in Tim Marsh's quarry on Antron Hill and it was here that he began his monumental journey.

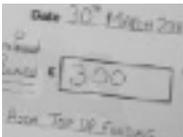


The statue of St Piran, which was made in Mabe, is 4m tall, with an aluminium millstone around its shoulders

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A group comprising the Parish Council, MYCP, the church and the twinning association joined forces with some very generous donations from ASDA and Rows to decorate the yard and lay on a Cornish/Breton brunch of croissants, scones and homemade cakes.

The New New Inn

By the time we go to press, the New Inn should already be back up and running. But times they are a-changing and our new hosts Jayne and David have great plans for the place.

Jayne has lived in Falmouth for 13 years and *Cont. p.5*

Parish Council news

Antron Way development plans resubmitted

The Parish Council will be holding a special planning meeting at the beginning of June to discuss a number of large planning applications which we have received.

These include revised plans for the land off Antron Way, for 27 dwellings, and an application to build student accommodation alongside retail and 'flexible working space' and a health centre at Century House, Parkengue on the Kernick Industrial Estate.

Both applications are likely to have a significant impact on the parish, and residents are encouraged to come and express their views at the meeting, as well as registering comments on the Cornwall Council planning portal.

Annual Parish Meeting

This was held immediately prior to the monthly council meeting in May, and was well attended since local groups which had received a parish grant last year had been invited to come and update councillors on how the money had been spent. We all enjoyed hearing how council funds had been used to benefit local projects.

Remembrance Day 2018

The Parish Council is keen to commemorate Remembrance

Sunday in a fitting manner this year to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.



So far suggestions have included closing Antron Hill for a short time, to allow for a parade and act of remembrance outside the WI Hall, as well as the annual service at St Laudus and events at the Community Hall.

If you have any ideas or would like to contribute to planning an event please contact the Parish Clerk mabeparish@gmail.co.uk

Community Hall gets a state-of-the-art boiler

MYCP have installed a new state of the art boiler system, funded by a £7,000 grant from the Falmouth Packet's parent company, Newsquest, in the Community Hall that will increase the efficiency of the building by up to a half.

Keith Bryant, chairman of the MYCP, said: "For a community who is struggling with money, we are very grateful for the grant. The old boiler needed human intervention to get it to work. We're super efficient now, with one of the most efficient boilers going. In summer, we won't even be using gas, just solar. It will cut our heating bills by a third if not half."



Cont. from p.1 The Suitcase Singers encouraged everyone to sing some Cornish songs and Breton pipers added to the jolly atmosphere while the statue of St Piran lay patiently on a trailer for people to admire.

Finally the Reverend Steve Smith climbed up onto the trailer to bless the statue and its journey with a sprig of rosemary, the symbol of pilgrimage. With that, the fine steam engine Clinker which had travelled all the way from the Roseland opened up her valves and started to pull. And so began the monumental journey of St Piran, from Mabe, through Penryn to Falmouth dock where he crossed the channel aboard La Nebuleuse and contin-

ued on to the Valley of the Saints accompanied by motorbike, bicycles and horses and cart.



It was a beautiful send off for a tiny piece of Mabe travelling to a new home and our thanks go to all that contributed to the event.

Jackie Frost



*Above: Pipers play as St Piran rests on Clinker the steam engine's trailer
Top: There was a fine spread of Cornish and Breton food provided*

Questions and Rhymes

There were two Saturday evenings recently where great entertainment could be found in the MYCP hall.

The first was a quiz on April 28th. It was another brain teaser from Mabe's strictest quiz mistress Sharon Barnicoat. There was tough competition, made more nail biting by the introduction of jokers in a team's favourite round giving doubled scores. Quizzers were tested on their knowledge of everything from 80's pop to shipping areas of UK waters. It was a very enjoyable evening which raised around £190 for the MYCP.

A few weeks later, the MYCP hosted an evening of poetry and short



stories. The idea was to raise funds for the Sunrise Charity appeal which supports the Sunrise Centre Clinical Oncology Unit at Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust. Keith Bryant was inspired to hold the fundraising event when his friend, Grosvenor became ill. Sadly Grosvenor passed away a few days earlier, so the evening became a tribute to his memory.

The evening was a warm and friendly event aided by drinks and snacks provided by Keith and Margaret Bryant. Members of the audience were invited to share

their favourite poems, songs and stories. There was a mixture of old favourites, lesser known items and original works. It is a delight to know how much creative talent there is in the Parish of Mabe, as you will know if you read the poem in a recent edition of Mabe Matters about the day it snowed. Maybe other readers would like to send in their work for publication?

The evening was rounded off with a Cornish sing song and raffle and raised £170 for the Sunrise appeal.

Jackie Frost

Try out Carpet Bowls!

Have you ever thought about trying carpet bowls? Well now is the time to give it a try! Mabe Carpet Bowls Club extend a warm welcome to anyone who feels they would like to try it out.

We meet in the Community centre on Thursday afternoons at 1.45pm to start at 2pm. You don't need any equipment or bowls etc, just a flat pair of shoes and £2 will get you a game or two, a cup of tea with biscuits and a good fun afternoon with lots of laughs and chat. We are a very friendly group of people and you will be made most welcome. We don't expect experts and you will get all the help you need! Come along and give it a try!

Hilary Harrod on behalf of Mabe Carpet bowls club.



Mabe Burnthouse Village (MYCP)

Cont. from p.1 currently runs the Prince Of Wales Pub in Falmouth with Dave who is Falmouth born and bred. They are both very excited to be taking over the New Inn which they believe has enormous potential and is a lovely village pub. They are looking forward to becoming part of the community and supporting and joining in events through the year.

Jayne and Dave are planning a major refurbishment in the Autumn. The improvements that are being considered include moving the entrance and putting in new toilets, including a disabled toilet, removing the internal window and putting in steps and re shaping the bar area and replacing

the furniture whilst still keeping the traditional feel.

If you haven't been to meet the new land lords yet, do pop in and support our local. Jayne and Dave are looking forward to meeting villagers new and old. JF

Mabe Councillor votes for Stadium for Cornwall

Mabe's Councillor, Peter Williams, has voted to spend £3m of public money on the Stadium for Cornwall.

Sixty-nine Cornwall councillors voted in favour of the project with forty-one voting against, seven abstaining and five absent, meaning that the Stadium will now go ahead.



Members of the cast and crew of Mabe's 2018 pantomime, Maberella, receiving a cheque for £300 presented by Lisa Fitzpatrick, ASDA Community Life Champion (far left). Lisa helped with the raffle at the panto, and ASDA donated some of the prizes, as well as the additional £300 in match-funding. In total, including this donation, the panto made £2,050 for the Mabe Youth and Community Project.

From the Vicarage

During the last several months, the vicarage garden has been a picture of unrelenting greyness. So many of the plants in the garden have been ravaged by the harsh weather, that I wondered whether any of them would survive.

After the coldest spring on record, along with most of us I have been really longing for a bit of warm weather, so writing this in mid-May it has been a relief to have spent most of the last few days under blue Cornish skies and factor 30 sunshine. And, after only a brief period of warm weather, the transformation in the garden from grey to lush green has been swift and total.

It's as if spring has been hiding just beneath the surface, waiting for the sunshine and what seemed dead is now bursting

into new life.

It strikes me we are very like plants in that respect: life can be grey and cold and can feel like winter will never give way to spring, but a little warmth can make all the difference and there is always hope and always the potential within each of us for new – and often unexpected – life.

Rev Steve



BF Adventure awarded Big Lottery money

BF Adventure in Halvasso have recieved a cheque for £41, 927 after supporters voted for them in The People's Projects, which gives people the chance to decide how National Lottery funding can make a difference in their local community.



300 Club Mabe's Own Lottery Hundreds of pounds to be won!



Use this form to join now. Tickets cost £10 per year. Money goes to the upkeep of the Community Hall, Playpark, Field & Skatepark.

There are 4 draws per year, each producing prizes of £50, £20 and £10. Cheques payable to Mabe Youth and Community Project or cash to: Geoff Wheeler, Monteag, Treliever Road, TR10 9EX. Tel: 01326372405

Name:

Address:

Email:

Please send details of events happening within Mabe civic parish in Aug/Sept to mabematterseditor@gmail.com by 15 July 2018. Venue details:

- Mabe Community Hall, Cunningham Park (375938 or mabeyp@gmail.com)
- Mabe Community Primary School, Cunningham Park (secretary, 372662)
- Mabe Parish Church (St Laudus), Church Road, towards Higher Spargo (administrator, Pauline Cheshire, 340425)
- Mabe WI Hall, Antron Hill (bookings, 372477)



Weekly Events

Mon Short Mat Bowls Club, Community Hall, 2-4pm.
Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.

Cardio Box/Fitcamp Class, WI Hall, 6.15-7.15pm.
Contact Ali or Carmela, 07988 140745.

Mabe Keep Fit Club, WI Hall, 7.30pm.

Open Water Swimming, Kernow Adventure Park, 6-8pm. Contact, 07817 662 962

Tues Age Concern Luncheon Club, Community Hall, 12.30-2pm. Contact Community Hall (11.30-12.30pm), 377475.

Slimming World, Community Hall, 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm. Contact Pam Mundy, 01209 204743 or 07503 945600.

Nature Playgroup, Chyan Community Field, 10am-12pm term time. Contact Alice, 07576 748450.

Wed Short Mat Bowls League (winter only), Community Hall, 2-4pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102

Daisy's Yoga, Chyan Cultural Centre, 6-7pm. Contact Daisy, 07837 879876

Thurs Kernow Huffa Puffas, a support, exercise and social group for people with COPD and their carers, 10am-12pm, Community Hall. Contact Trish, 375238 or Frances, 712047.

Carpet Bowls Club, Community Hall, 2-4pm.
Contact Arthur Searle, 377088.

Brownies, Community Hall, 6.15-8pm. Contact Jackie Williams, 372863.

Aikido, Japanese martial art, beginners welcome, 7-9pm, Mabe School. Contact Jamie Matthews, 375336.

Fri Short Mat Bowls Club, Community Hall, 2-4pm. Contact Keith, 373102.

Sun Trenoweth Methodist Church, Community Hall, 10.45am-12pm. Contact Margaret Bryant, 373102.

Mabe Parish Church (St Laudus), with St Michael's Church, Ponsanooth – please see the Diary for the times of services.

Aerial Yoga Jam, Chyan Cultural Centre, 11am-12pm. Contact Naomi, naomijwebb@gmail.com.



Mabe Diary



June 2018

Sat 2 - FXU Garden Party & Summer Ball, Penryn Campus, 3pm-1am with fireworks at 10pm.

Fri 8 - Kondition Pluriel: Enjeux, The Performance Centre, 8pm.
www.amata.org.uk/enjeux

Thurs 14 – Parish Council meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda available on the Parish Notice Board and website (www.mabeparish.co.uk). Open to the public. Contact Lisa Clements, 07964 735219, mabeparish@gmail.com

Mon 18 - Mabe Garden Club, Community Hall, 7pm. *See What's On.*

Thurs 28 - Cornwall Astronomy Society, 8pm, WI Hall. Contact Simon Dunkley, 564046.

July 2018

Sat 7 - Coffee Morning & Village Market, Community Hall, 9.30 - 1.30pm.
www.facebook.com/cornishcrafts1/

Thurs 12 – Parish Council meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm. *See June for details.*

Mon 16 - Mabe Garden Club, Community Hall, 7pm. *See What's On.*

Wed 18 - National Youth Dance Company/Sharon Eyal: Used to be Blonde, The Performance Centre, 7.30pm, £12/£6.
www.amata.org.uk/nydc-2018

Sat 21 - Vicarage Garden Party, The Vicarage, 1-5pm. *See What's On.*

Thurs 26 - Cornwall Astronomy Society, 8pm, WI Hall. Contact Simon Dunkley, 564046.



St Laudus Church, Mabe



June

3rd - 9am, Holy Communion (traditional Book of Common Prayer)

10th - 10.45am, Joint Service with Trenoweth Methodists, Mabe Community Hall

17th - 9.30am, Sung Communion service (Father's Day)

24th - 9.30am, Said Communion service & hymns. Plus prayers for healing and wholeness *and* 7.30pm 'Sacred Space' – an oasis of peace. Informal, quiet music, short reading, poetry, silence; Around 30/40 minutes in total

July

1st - 9am, Holy Communion (traditional Book of Common Prayer)

8th - 9.30am, Morning Worship

15th - 9.30am, Sung Communion

22nd - 9.30am Said Communion with hymns and prayers for healing

29th - 9.30am, Morning Worship 7.30pm 'Sacred Space' – informal, quiet music, readings, poetry, 30/40 minutes in total

Looking ahead...



Sat 15 August - Dementia UK Cream Tea, Glenderry, 3-4.30pm. *See What's On.*

Sat 1 Sept - Mabe Village Fete, Community Hall.

Sat 1 Sept - Flicka Open Day

(All six-digit phone numbers are 01326 unless specified)

What's On

Mabe Garden Club have two talks coming up at their monthly meetings.



The first, on Monday 18th June will be from James Cock and is entitled - **'History of Flowers by Clowance'**.

James started his business, Flowers by Clowance, on September 1st 2017 after working for the family business Clowance Wood Nurseries for over 28 years, and is a third generation Cornish Cut flower grower/wholesaler.

Then in July, Pat Ward will be talking about **'Gardens of the Lake District'**. Pat trained in horticulture and rural economy and is also a self-taught photographer who enjoys taking photographs of plants, flowers and the wildlife that visits her garden.

Both start at 7pm in the Community Hall. All welcome. £2 for non-members. Contact: Carol Bailey on 01326 319323.

On Saturday 21st July, the vicar will be hosting a **'Vicarage Garden Party in aid of the Mabe Church Roof Repair Fund'** from 1-5pm at the Vicarage (For those who don't know, the vicarage is on Church Road, five doors along from the New Inn car park!).



£1.50 entry (includes tea/coffee/biscuit), under 16's free entry

Cakes and plants for sale. Tombola, children's games and face painting. Live music from 'Friends in Harmony' (3pm).

Please make a place in your diary for

the **Dementia UK Afternoon Tea** on the 15th August. It will be held at Glenderry (opposite the shop) in Antron Hill.

We have been supporting Dementia UK in Mabe for the last 6 years. In Cornwall we have a specialist Admiral Nurse at Treiske who supports inpatients with dementia.

If more money could be raised there would be an Admiral Nursing Team in the community who could support the whole family in their own home.



Attention Online Shoppers!

Do any of the Flicka Foundation's wonderful supporters shop with Amazon? Did you know you can now raise funds for the donkeys every time you shop at absolutely no cost to you?!

Amazon Smile is exactly the same Amazon you know and love, but will donate a percentage of purchases to your chosen charity:



<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1153858-0> and choose The Flicka Foundation!

Royal Wedding Tea Party

To celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle and to mark the completion of KS2 SATs, Mabe School held an afternoon tea party.

Dressed in our finery, we feasted on tea treats and shouted three cheers of good luck to the bride and groom. It was lovely to see so many parents join us on such a sunny afternoon.

The children played beautifully together in our top playground and it was a wonderful way to end the week. Many thanks to parents for food contributions and to staff for decorating the playground. *Julia Pierce*



Garden Club on tour

On Monday 16th April, members of Mabe Garden Club enjoyed a great day out, starting with a well spent hour at the Japanese Garden at St Mawgan followed by a visit to the National Trust's property at Trerice Manor - and the sun shone! (photos: Val Bidgood)



Grosvenor Knowles obituary

Grosvenor Knowles sadly passed away on Sunday 6th May 2018, very peacefully.

We are all so very sorry for all the family. He was very much a family man, and along with Heather they had two sons plus grandchildren. He enjoyed their visits and traveling to see them as often as possible, often cooking for them on his bar-b-q with a glass of red wine.

Grosvenor, with his two sisters Elizabeth and Susan, grew up on a farm at Lower Spargo Mabe, and along with a number of us attended Mabe School. Later in the 60's playing football for Mabe Athletic, where we started raising funds for a new ground and building.

Grosvenor spent his working life working at Sid Knowles Transport, helping to run the office of the family business, later he continued to work in his retirement with Nick Ferris.

In 1971 when the present Community Project was created, involving all organisations within the Parish of Mabe, the Football Club moved their Building Funds across to the new organisations, which gave the committee a reasonable starting balance.

In those days there were many fund raising events, the main



Grosvenor Knowles, who sadly passed away on May 6th

being the Village Carnival, where Grosvenor always arranged a number of lorries for the parade. Following this, we ran the Mabe Shindig, and again Grosvenor arranged lorries diggers etc. to assemble the event. He also had an old tractor which he renovated and displayed. An item he will always be remembered for, was running the traditional very famous "Pig Roast" and there are some wonderful stories to tell from these events.

In 1985 we needed help to move and assemble our first community hall, the old temporary classroom from the old Mabe School.

On Saturday afternoons he would transport different sections to our new site. Then we needed a road/parking area created and he supplied lorries to transport hard

core etc. from the then Penryn Granite Quarry, to our present site.

During those years he was also running a boys football team in the village, often taking them to Carn Brea Saturday evenings to play 5-a-side. His team was still running when we opened the new sports pitch, and he arranged a special youth tournament on the opening weekend. Also at the opening of the ground, he played in the one off, Village Cricket team. He was also playing for Penryn Cricket Club, where he and Heather enjoyed much of their leisure time.

In recent years, on retirement, he has been very involved with Mabe Youth & Community Project as a committee member, and Vice-Chairman of the Mabe Short Mat and Carpet Bowls Clubs, all of which will miss him so very much, as we all will within the village.

Keith Bryant

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Love your Lakes Photo Competition 2018



After the huge success of last year's 'Love your Lakes' photo competition South West Lakes Trust and South West Water have decided to hold it again this year.

The competition, now in its sixth year, is to encourage people of all ages to make the most of the fantastic photo opportunities at

their lakes across Devon, Cornwall and West Somerset. The lakes of the South West are popular among amateur and professional photographers alike and the opportunities are endless.

This year there will be four photo categories:

- Play and Explore
- Active Outdoors
- Love your Lakes
- Discovering Local Culture



South West Lakes Trust are passionate about people from all walks of life being able to benefit from the wonderful countryside around their lakes.

Photos must be taken at one of South West Lakes Trust's lakes. A fantastic prize of a £250 will be awarded to the overall winning photograph, with £100 for each individual category winner.

Runner-up prizes will also be up for grabs and a special prize will be awarded to the photo which receives the most public votes.

The 'Love your Lakes' photo competition is free to enter and the closing date is 30 September 2018.

For more information contact Rosie Vine, South West Lakes Trust Communications Manager – rvine@swlakestrust.org.uk.



www.southwestlakes.co.uk/2018/05/11/love-your-lakes-photo-competition-2018/

Mabe Twinning Association visit to Primelin 2018

We made our biannual trip to Brittany rather earlier than usual this year. Timed to coincide with the Easter holidays, we set off for France the first weekend of April.

Luckily we have friends in high places so the weather was kinder to us than we had expected. It allowed us the luxury of making several trips or relaxing in the company of our French hosts.

The President of the Primelin Twinning Association, Annie Saouzenet, had arranged for us to visit the Haliotika Museum of fishing in Guilvennic on Friday.

After seeing the exhibition centre, a fish auction and the return of the fishing fleet into the harbour, we were treated to a tasting of langoustines and white wine.



The entertainment for the evening was provided by a tradi-

tional Breton barrel organ grinder. He led the singing in both French and English and delighted everyone by allowing the children to help him play.

On Saturday, we were given an extremely interesting guided tour of the Paul Gauguin museum in Pont Aven before taking ourselves off to lunch.

Others of us visited Audierne, where, after exploring the market, they saw the spectacular Aquashow featuring an aquarium and an exciting display of birds of prey.

In the evening, we were invited to a formal reception by the mayor, who kindly welcomed us to Primelin and expressed pleasure in maintaining cross-Channel bonds. Jean-Marie Voegele sang and played the guitar for us. Of course, the Cornish contingent wasn't to be left out of the singing and Dave Ward gathered us all together for a rousing



Members of Mabe and Primelin's Twinning Associations

chorus of "Lamorna" and other Cornish songs.

We had a bit of a lie-in on Sunday (well, some of us did) and met up for an indoor picnic lunch at Primelin. Unusually for April, it could have been outdoors because the weather was glorious.

In the afternoon, we visited the water mill at Pors Poulhen and the statue of the Bigouden fish wife in the tiny fishing harbour.



Statue of Bigouden fish wife at Pors Poulhen

While we were resting our weary limbs on the quay, a van pulled up and soon set up shop selling live lobsters and crabs. Tempted though we were at just 4€ a kilo, we had to leave them behind.

Unfortunately, despite a smooth crossing, our journey home was not without incident. The poor coach driver had contracted flu and was clearly suffering, finding concentrating on the road very difficult. The bus company sent a relief driver who met us at the Cornish services and we arrived safely back in Mabe at around midnight.

Next year it will be our turn to

play host to our Breton friends and to show off Mabe at her finest. If anyone is interested in joining in and introducing their family to a Breton family, please contact Denise by email on denisedavey@tiscali.co.uk.

Denise Davey

From the Christmas lights team

Many thanks to the MYCP Hall for hosting our annual Easter fun day. It was a perfect location for this event and thank you to everyone who took part and came along to enjoy the games. We raised £248. Also a special thank you to the catering team for the lovely cream teas and hot drinks.



We are very excited to welcome the new management at the new look New Inn and delighted to start planning our forthcoming summer events as soon as possible.

As you know, the pub provides another great hub for community participation and Jane and Dave are keen to continue hosting the Mabe Christmas lights events to help the village shine brighter each year.

Look out for posters about our race nights, quiz nights and the big summer barbecue of 2018.

We look forward to seeing your smiling and tanned faces again soon.

Emma Phillips

Humphrey arrives at Flicka!

Flicka are honoured to welcome this young Poitou donkey, especially as he is the brother of Big Bertie, who already lives at Flicka.

They are both Baudet de Poitou's - probably the most famous, oldest and most rare breed of donkey in the world. First recordings of their existence were in 54CB when the Romans discovered them in Poitiers, France.

The Poitevine Mule (a cross between the Poitou donkey and the Mulassier horse) was in great demand from the middle ages onward. Large numbers of mules

were used by the French army in the Congo and North Africa, and the Poitou Donkey was exported to many countries including the USA. But by the 1950s there was little demand for the mules as they had been replaced by mechanized lorries, tractors and jeeps. Thousands of them were culled including the Poitou. This was catastrophic, and when a study was undertaken in 1977 it was found that only around 40 Poitoux had survived and the breed was on the very verge of extinction.



A concerted rescue plan was established in France and numbers

have risen slowly, but today there are still only a few hundred Poitou Donkeys in France and a few other countries including England. All still have their original French papers; if a donkey does not, it is not a Poitou!

9-month old Humphrey is a young Poitou donkey who's stud asked Flicka to be his guardians in order to highlight this magnificent breed



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