



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.

## Festival of Remembrance

November 11th 2018 will be the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, the end of the First World War. There will be commemorations and events throughout the country and we would like the support of the parish to

remember the event in a very special way centring around the 6 men named on Mabe village's war memorial.

We intend to host an Evening of Remembrance in The Community Hall on November 10th at 7pm. This would consist of songs, readings and refreshments and we would love as many as possible to attend.

On the morning of Sunday 11th there will be the traditional remembrance service in Mabe Church at 10.45am, but the service will be even more special than usual. After the church service, we are asking the people of Mabe to gather in the New Inn carpark ready to process to the village hall where wreaths can be laid at the war memorial.

The WI will then host an exhibition with teas and refreshments and we will have the grand opening of our new memorial garden and dedication of our beautiful new memorial stone created by Tim Marsh. PTO

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Henry, Martha, Jess and Kate, from Mabe, visited the Statue of St Piran which was made in Mabe, whilst on holiday in Brittany this summer

Cont. from front page We really hope you can join us for some or all of these celebrations and for what we hope will be a very special and memorable weekend.

In order for the event to take place, we would be very grateful for help with the following:



1. We need someone to lead a project to build steps up to the garden beside the WI Hall (opposite the post office) and fell some of the smaller trees. We have asked local builders for quotes, but no-one is available, so if you know someone able to quote and complete the job in time, please contact [mabeparish@gmail.co.uk](mailto:mabeparish@gmail.co.uk)

2. We would like 6 young men from the parish aged 15-25 to dress as soldiers for the evening of the 10th. Please contact Jackie [j.frost384@btinternet.com](mailto:j.frost384@btinternet.com) 01209861697

3. As part of the event, we would like to produce a booklet celebrating the 6 names on the memorial. We know that none of these young men have children, so there are no direct descendants, however if you know of any surviving relatives or have any information about these 6 young men or any surviving relatives, please contact Ruth at [scraseolver@aol.com](mailto:scraseolver@aol.com) (see page 10 for more details).

### 300 Club winners



The 300 club winners for the third quarter of 2017 are:

- 1st: £50 - Barry Layton
- 2nd: £30 - Rachele Wilkes
- 3rd: £10 - Liz Charles

Tickets cost £10 per year. Money goes to the upkeep of the Community Hall, playpark, field and skatepark. There are 4 draws per year, each producing prizes of £50, £30 and £10.

To join the 300 Club, send your name, address and email address to Geoff Wheeler along with a cheque or cash. His address is: Monteag, Treliever Road, TR10 9EX. Please make cheques payable to Mabe Youth & Community Project.

Or contact Geoff for more information: [geoffwhee@gmail.com](mailto:geoffwhee@gmail.com).

### Help needed

We desperately need some new volunteers to help distribute Mabe Matters. Could you help out, 6 times a year? Don't worry if you're away sometimes, people can cover you, and it's a lovely way to get out and about, see the village and chat to people... if you like!

For more information please contact Liz Dunstan, 01326 373232 [lizzy555@gmail.com](mailto:lizzy555@gmail.com)

## Panto time!

Calling any Mabe residents who act, sing, dance, paint, sew or love being with frogs....

The 5th Mabe Pantomime will be The Frog Prince Of Mabe and will be performed on March 14th, 15th and 16th.



We are looking for actors, singers, dancers and behind the scenes people . Don't worry if you have never done it before, we are all there to have fun and put on a show.

The initial meetings and read-throughs will be on October 7th and 14th, from 5.30-7pm at the Community Hall.

We are a friendly bunch and we aim to have fun, make new friends and discover our own hidden talents.

In order to maintain the community feel of our pantomimes, we would like any new members to live in Mabe Parish.

If you would like to ask any questions or have a look at the script beforehand, please contact Jackie on 01209 861697 or email [j.frost384@btinternet.com](mailto:j.frost384@btinternet.com)

## From the Vicarage

The First World War was meant to be "the war to end wars". It has been called "The Great War".

But there is nothing great about any war – and if we have learnt anything over the course of human history, it is that violence only spreads violence. War cannot end war. So in remembering the end of the First World War we certainly don't want to glorify it.

What we need to do is to remember three things:

(1) that war is horrendous. It kills, maims, destroys.

(2) even in time of war, people are able to act in ways that are wonderfully selfless, generous, caring ways. And that is because

(3) the one thing that is stronger than war and hate and even death, is love.



*Rev. Steve Smith*



Mabe Burnthouse Village (MYCP)

## Parish Council News

### *60 home planning application*

The appeal hearing for the planning application for up to 60 new houses behind Coronation Cottages took place on Thursday 19 Sept. and at the time of writing we are waiting for the inspector's decision. Mabe Parish was well represented by Cllr Peter Tisdale and Cllr Michelle Wilkinson, who both added valuable comments to those made by Cornwall Council's Principal Development Officer, Peter Blackshaw. Opposite them were four members of the planning consultancy which was representing the developer.

The inspector went through each policy item in great detail. There was some discussion about the number of affordable dwellings locally and the shortage of low cost housing created by HMO's in Penryn. It was explained to him how this was now becoming a problem in Kingston Way and we questioned whether another development would also end up as student accommodation, thereby not addressing local housing needs. The number of students to local residents on the Electoral Roll was also pointed out to him, and the question of S106 contributions was also discussed at great length. The whole process took up the whole of the day, as there was then a site visit after lunch. We should be informed of

the final outcome within a month of the hearing date.

### *Traffic calming is coming to Mabe*

After many years of asking for traffic improvements in the village, our scheme to reduce the number of vehicles through the village finally looks set to be incorporated into Cornwall's Local Transport Plan for the next round of funding from 2019-2023.

It is likely to involve reducing the size of the junction at the top of Antron Hill at Longdowns, together with associated traffic calming down Antron Hill and through the centre of the village.

We are still some way off work actually commencing as there will be a detailed design process followed by a full public consultation, but it is exciting news and we hope it will bring a real reduction to the number of people using Mabe as a short cut.

Please do get involved in the consultation when it happens, and feel free to come along to a Parish Council meeting at any time to let us know your views.

If you would like to sign up to receive a monthly email with the minutes and agenda of parish council meetings, or if you would like any more information on the events above please email the Parish Clerk at [mabeparish@gmail.co.uk](mailto:mabeparish@gmail.co.uk)

*Cllr Tessa Kingsley*

## Church roof appeal

Dear All, to get straight to the point - Mabe church needs re-roofing and the tower needs re-pointing and we shall have to find around £70,000. We have some funds invested with the diocese of Truro but as these get depleted, so does the income from them, which is currently keeping the church building going (heating, lighting, minor repairs and maintenance etc).

So we're in a bit of a fix. The church congregation is small in number and mainly elderly and we live in a village which I know full well is not wealthy, and especially in these times of austerity money is always tight. But I also know from talking to people in Mabe and the surrounding area, that there is a deep love for your parish church.

Over the coming weeks and months we shall be applying to grant-funding bodies although this is at a time when they too are facing hardship but I remain hopeful of some success.

We shall also be organising some small-scale local fundraising events, (watch out for them on the church noticeboard in the Post Office!) plus a "Sponsor a roof slate" appeal which I hope people locally will feel able to support please! Any donation, large or small, will be most gratefully received.

You can donate directly to the Church roof fund or by becoming a member of the Friends and giving on a regular basis. (Contact details in Mabe Matters contact section).

Aside from that, your encouragement in any way is going to be really important, as the fundraising could take up to a couple of years.

Mabe church means an awful lot to me personally, as I know it does to you. Whatever the future holds, the church will always hold you, the people of this parish, in its prayers and in its heart.

Thank you and God bless you all.  
*Rev. Steve Smith*  
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## New fitness class

MOVEZ fitness Cornwall are looking to start up a fitness class on a Wednesday morning at Mabe Hall. Would you be interested in a mixed ability Aerobics, Circuit Training, HIIT, Buggy fit session? exercising at various levels to suit you.

Classes are run by a fully qualified and registered group instructor and personal trainer with over 15 years experience.

Please contact Maxine for further information or to reserve your interest in one of the above classes.

Tel: 07966 675 596; Email: MOVEZfitness@outlook.com

## BBQ sizzles in the mizzle!

On Wednesday 15th August, despite the ever increasing mizzle, Mabe folk donned their cork hats and elf outfits and came down to the Mabe Christmas Lights' Christmas Down Under BBQ at The New Inn.

It was brilliant fun with an outside bar/photo booth, Aussie themed face painting and tattoos, games and some very festive bar tenders.

You helped raise a fantastic £255 towards Mabe Christmas Lights

2018 and we have now bought enough reindeer to fulfill our waiting list for 2018 and our new adoptees will be receiving an adoption certificate through their letterboxes soon.

Our BBQ event would not be possible without the generosity of local businesses and individuals. We would like to thank Jane & Dave at The New Inn, Steve Nesbit at Mabe Stores, Bookers, Ronnie George and West Country Fruit Sales, Michael Bailey and Matthew Phillips.

*Emma-Louise Phillips*



*The rain didn't dampen spirits at the Mabe Christmas Lights Aussie BBQ*

## A Batty Night at Argal Lake

On Wednesday 22 August, South West Lakes Trust and Cornwall Bat Group hosted a bat walk at Argal Lake. 32 people came along to enjoy a delicious meal at Wild Vibes Café, followed by a talk on the fascinating species from Sam Smith of Cornwall Bat Group. The group then set off on a walk around the lake, with the opportunity to look for bats in a

variety of different habitats including meadows, woodland and over open water.

Beth Cross, Senior Countryside Warden, said, "We had great views (and sounds) of a range of species including Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle, Nathusius Pipistrelle, Noctule and Daubenton's.

Thanks to Wild Vibes and Sam from Cornwall Bat Group."

Please send details of events happening within Mabe civic parish in Dec/Jan to [mabematterseditor@gmail.com](mailto:mabematterseditor@gmail.com) by 15 November 2018. Venue details:

- Mabe Community Hall, Cunningham Park (375938 or [mabeypc@gmail.com](mailto:mabeypc@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, 10am-1pm. Contact Nay, [naysjoga@gmail.com](mailto:naysjoga@gmail.com).



# Mabe Diary

## October 2018

**Tues 2 - WI Meeting**, 7.30pm, WI Hall. *See What's On.*

**Sat 6 - Autumn Fair & Play Park Grand Opening**, 11-2pm, Community Hall. *See What's On.*

**Tues 9 - Mabe Twinning Association**, 7.30pm, WI Hall.

**Thurs 11 – Parish Council meeting**, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda available on the Parish Notice Board and website ([www.mabeparish.co.uk](http://www.mabeparish.co.uk)). Open to the public. Contact Lisa Clements, 07964 735219, [mabeparish@gmail.com](mailto:mabeparish@gmail.com)

**Sun 14 - Chyan Apple Day**, 12-6pm, Chyan Far, Halvasso. *See What's On.*

**Mon 15 - Mabe Garden Club - Talk from Ric Reilly: Orchids, the little bit I know**, 7pm, Community Hall.

**Sat 20 - Mabe Garden Club Annual Coffee Morning**, 10-12pm, Community Hall. *See What's On.*

**Thurs 25 - Cornwall Astronomy Society Quiz Night**, 8pm, WI Hall. *See What's On.*

## November 2018

**Tues 6 - WI Meeting**, 7.30pm, WI Hall. *See What's On.*

**Thurs 8 – Parish Council meeting**, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Details as for August.

**Mon 15 - Mabe Garden Club - Talk from Kim Parish: Planting a garden for all seasons**, 7pm, Community Hall.

**Thurs 22 - Cornwall Astronomy Society**, 8pm, WI Hall. *See What's On.*

## St Laudus Church, Mabe



### October

**7th** - 9.30am, Morning Worship – a modern service with hymns and sermon (not communion)

**Sun 14th** - 9.30 am - Holy Communion from the traditional Book of Common Prayer. No hymns or sermon.

**Sun 21st** - 9.30am – Sung Holy Communion with hymns and sermon.

**Sun 28th** - 9.30am – Said Holy Communion with hymns, a sermon and prayers for healing. Plus 7.30pm 'Sacred Space': informal, quiet music, candles, short reading, maybe some poetry, silence, space to be... about 40 mins long.

### November

**Fri 2nd** - A Quiet service of prayer for All Souls Day (remembering our departed loved ones). 7.30pm at St Michael's Church Ponsanooth

**Sun 4th** - 10.45am - Morning Worship – this service is at the Community Hall

**Sun 11th** - 10.45am – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (see front page)

**Sun 18th** - 9.30am – Sung Holy Communion with hymns & sermon

**Sun 25th** - 9.30am – Said Holy Communion with hymns, a sermon and prayers for healing. Plus 7.30pm 'Sacred Space' (see above)

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

## What's On

Sharp-eyed observers may have noticed the improvements to the WI Hall; we are now clean and bright with fresh paintwork - a big improvement!

The next **WI meeting** be on October 2nd at 7.30pm when our speakers will be from the Fal-mouth Ambassadors (a voluntary group who meet and greet the cruise ships coming into Fal-mouth and help visitors to make the most of their time with information on all things Cornish!).

Then on November 6th the topic will be 'Murano Glass Bead Making'.

They should be a lively evenings as usual, and if you would like to come along, please ring Liz on 01326 372978 - we would love to welcome you to our W.I.

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**Cornwall Astronomy Society** will be holding a **Quiz Night** on October 25th, followed by **members two minute talk night** on November 22nd; a night where a good number of members speak for two minutes on an astronomical topic of their choice. This is always a good evening covering a broad range of astronomical topics. Contact Simon Dunkley, 564046.

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You are invited to the **opening of Mabe's brand new Play Park and Autumn Fair** on October 6th, 11-



2pm. Entertainment will include: free refreshments, craft stalls, raffle, games and much much more. Children are invited to enter the best dressed pirate competition!

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It's that annual celebration of organic fruit and harvest time at Chyan: **Chyan Apple Day**.

This year's event includes a cider bar, lots of juice pressing (bring your apples to press), vegan cafe, foraging walks and demos, a bee keeping stall and of course big top cabaret, dance band, crafts, stalls (more stalls welcome) and childrens area with games, arts and storytelling.

Entry £5 / £3 children and OAPs / 3 and under free



[www.chyan.org](http://www.chyan.org) cont.over

**Mabe Garden Club** are holding their annual **Coffee Morning** on Saturday 20th October from 10am to 12 noon in the Community Hall.

**Looking ahead...**

**Christmas Lights Switch On**

A very important date for your diaries this year is Saturday 1st December.



From 5.30pm at the newly refurbished New Inn, we will be hosting our biggest ever Switch On.

The huge support and atmosphere last year was absolutely amazing and so this year MCL are scaling up to make sure that our ever increasing numbers are well looked after.

There will be the usual supply of hot mince pies and mulled wine and carolling to live music in the garden leading up to our special guest turning on the village lights at 6.30pm. The massive crowds have meant that this year, we'll be installing a sound system and our MCL team will be clearly visible for any questions or for a friendly hug. Of course, Santa and his 1st elf have scheduled to pop by on his rounds too!

Renowned local daffodil experts, Ron and Adrian Scamp, will be in attendance to sell 'bin end' bulbs at discount prices, as well as a variety of stalls, raffle, and refreshments. Come along, meet and chat to Ron and Adrian, get some good advice, some wonderful daffodil/tulip/crocus/allium/hyacinth bulbs, enjoy a cup of coffee and meet the Garden Club members!

**Are you from a local family?**

Has your family lived in Mabe or the local area (especially Halvasso, Longdowns, Trolvis, Polkannuggo) for the last century or more? If so, please read on...

November will be the centenary of the end of the First World War. We are searching for the relatives of six local men who died in the war and are commemorated in Mabe. They are: Norman Warren, Charles Winn, Arthur Kemp, Alfred Evans, Arthur Evelyn Trevail and Arnold Tresidder.

Although two of them married, they all appear to have died childless. So we are seeking people who are descended from the sisters and brothers of those who died or who shared their grandparents.

Alfred Evans' parents were called Thomas Henry Evans and Elizabeth Evans (nee Pellow), and his siblings were Norman, Elizabeth Mary, Esther Ann, Howard and

William Thomas Evans. The family were stone masons and lived variously at Trolvis, Polkanuggo and Longdowns. Alfred's mother Elizabeth was the daughter of Matthias and Jane Pellow who lived at Halvosso. They had at least 12 children so there are probably a fair number of their direct descendants in the local area today.

Arnold Tresidder's family lived at Treverva and Trolvis as well as in Mabe. His parents were Thomas and Grace Tresidder (nee Eddy) and his siblings included John, James and Herbert Tresidder, all quarry labourers or stone masons. His sister Beatrice married John James Toy (also a stone mason) and they were living in the centre of Mabe in 1911 with their children John Thomas, Charlie, Ivy and Grace Toy. Arnold's sister Mabel married Thomas John Kessell – in the 1939, they were living at Verkesse, Antron Lane, Mabe.

Charles Winn was from a family of stonemasons and lived at Longdowns, Trolvis and earlier Halvosso, although a couple of his brothers, John Harold and Albert Edward, were gardeners. (He also had a brother Raymond.) In the 1939 Register, Charles's brother Albert Winn is the Head Gardener at Tremough and lives there with his wife Ellen, son William Winn (b. 1921) and sister Millicent E Winn, later Potter

(b.1923) while Charles's sister Annie was the Tremough lodge keeper.

Norman Warren was also a gardener. His family lived in Mabe and his father was a quarryman. Norman married Beatrice Maud Mary Mallett from Penryn in 1915. Norman's siblings included Edward John, William Ernest and Joseph Henry Warren, who were stone mason apprentices, Stanley Warren, who was a gardener in 1911, Edgar, Jane, Ada and Elsie Warren.

There seems less chance of finding relatives of the last two locally. Arthur Kemp's family farmed at Polkanuggo Farm and he was born and grew up there. We know that his parents and his siblings Josiah and Mabel moved to Surrey and Sussex, although his other sisters Laura and Janie may have remained in this area.

Finally Arthur Trevail came from Truro, where his father was a monumental stone mason. Arthur married Alice Culley from Polkanuggo / Longdowns, which explains his inclusion among the Mabe war dead, but they do not appear to have had any children. Arthur had siblings Royston John and Florence Nellie Trevail.

If you think that you are related to any of the people mentioned here, please contact Ruth at The Barn, Antron Farm, Mabe or email [scraseolver@aol.com](mailto:scraseolver@aol.com).

## Vicarage Garden Party a success

On Saturday 21 July, St Laudus Church held a Garden Party in the garden of The Vicarage on Church Lane. The aim was to raise awareness and funds for repairs to the church roof.

The weather was most helpful, allowing us to have an enjoyable and fruitful day. There was an assortment of stalls including two

different tombolas, books, plants, face painting for the kids, a BBQ, refreshments and of course the ubiquitous raffle, all run by church goers and villagers.

Thank you so much to everyone who provided their hard work, effort and donations of varying types to make the event gel together. We achieved a great set of prizes for our raffle, mostly provided by local businesses and they are deserving of a very big thank you for their support which went a long way toward making it a success.

In total, £564.90 was raised - well done everyone!



*The Vicarage garden party in aid of the Church roof. Photo: Francis & Lillian Miller*

## DementiaUK Cream Tea fun

On Wednesday 15 August at Glenderry in Mabe Burnthouse a cream tea in aid of Cornwall Dementia UK was held.



*Anne Salome, right, with friends*

Friends, family and the local community enjoyed freshly baked scones or splits with homemade strawberry jam and Roskillys clotted cream, which was generously donated by Steve at Mabe village shop.

For an hour and a half the house and garden were buzzing. As well as the cream tea there were, a raffle, some handmade craft items and jam to buy. Thank you to everyone who came and helped us to raise a wonderful £443.60.

*Anne Salome*

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## Marybelle Barn Open Day

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to Flicka Foundation's Marybelle Barn Open Day, the turnout was well beyond our expectations!

We can't say the weather was kind, foggy with Cornish mizzle, but it didn't dampen anyone's spirits. We can't thank you all enough for your support, kindness and so many lovely things said, it was quite emotional.

Caroline Quentin travelled down to Cornwall to open our new Marybelle Barn with her husband Sam. Caroline was, as ever, just delightful and gave as much time as possible to everyone. Thank you to the Odd Quad Quartet for the wonderful music and to our fantastic volunteers, we just could not do these days without you – really thank you.



*Caroline Quentin, right, opened the new Marybelle Barn at Flicka*

Thank you to all of you who came to support Flicka on a damp dreary day, you really all are Flickaholics! And one more thank you.. to the donkeys of course, you are a joy and we are so privileged to share your lives.

## Garden Club trip out

Mabe Garden Club enjoyed an outing on Wednesday 22nd August to Mount Edgcumbe House, near Torpoint. A total of 42 members and guests had boarded the coach by the time we left Mabe, and after some close encounters on the narrow, but highly scenic, roads in the Rame Peninsula, we reached our destination. Having experienced dull weather with a little light rain on the way over, we were fortunate with a dry day for our visit.

The gardens are open every day of the year for all to visit without charge, and the House and Earl's Garden can be viewed most days at a moderate charge, adding greatly to the interest of our visit.

Those of us who opted for viewing the House as well as the extensive gardens were given an introductory talk about the House, and learned how the splendid Tudor mansion, the seat

of the Earls of Mount Edgcumbe, had been severely damaged in the war by an incendiary bomb and reduced to a mere shell.

However, it was mostly rebuilt between 1958 and 1964, and is now in the care of Plymouth City Council and Cornwall Council.

The building looks out to sea, with rooms radiating out from the middle of the building. It is full of interest with many paintings by renowned artists, mostly of past family members, and large tapestries as well as beautiful furniture.

Of special interest was the exhibition relating to the Dutch trading ship, the *Metta Catharina*, which was shipwrecked off the coast by Mount Edgcumbe in 1786 and went down with a valuable cargo of leather from Russia, although all the crew were saved. Divers recently discovered the wreck and spent 30 years discovering her secrets.



*Wonderful display of Begonias at Mount Edgcumbe House and Country Park*

The cargo had been well preserved in the silt, and the leather was used 200 years later to make shoes and bags!

The gardens could easily occupy the whole day on their own, with the Country Park extending over 865 acres of the beautiful Rame peninsula. It has a Grade 1 listing and includes formal gardens between the house and the Tamar Estuary, being handily on the way to the Orangery Garden Cafe in the Italian Garden. It has a Grade 1 listing and includes formal gardens between the house and the Tamar Estuary, being handily on the way to the Orangery Garden Cafe in the Italian Garden. Some of us were tempted by the retail therapy in the Barrow Centre! However, most of us did not end up with heavier bags and lighter purses by the time the coach picked us up for the return home, after a grand day out.

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## **What to look for in the skies over Mabe**

*by Cornwall Astronomy Society*

Dark skies are now appearing a little earlier as the year moves on which makes astronomy easier if a little colder! Most of us are now checking over our telescopes and accessories ready for the prime observing period of the year.

There is nothing more frustrating than getting everything ready for a session and then finding that a

key piece of kit is missing or faulty, to rewrite a well known phrase, time spent on preparation is seldom wasted.

There are a couple of meteor showers in this period, the first are the Orionids with the peak on October 21st. These are caused by the Earth's orbit intersecting the debris trail from Halley's comet which has a 75/76 year period. Unfortunately the peak is only a few days before full moon. The moon will be almost due south after midnight which is also the best time to view. If you can get yourself into the shadow of a wall or tree and look up at about 60o with Orion to your left you should stand a good chance of seeing some meteors, the prediction is for 18/20 per hour.

The second meteor shower are the Leonids which takes place between the 15th and 20th of November and are the debris from comet 55P Temple Tuttle. The moon should not interfere and the prediction this year is for 15 per hour. The best time to view will be after midnight on 17th November through to dawn on the 18th. The radiant (the place in the sky where they appear to come from) will be move from the north east to be almost due south by dawn.

See the Diary and What's On for more information.

## Bowls Club remembers

Mabe Short Mat Bowls Club held a very special event recently, in memory of Grosvenor Knowles who recently passed away. In his memory, the Club has created a new competition with a Perpetual Cup. It involved all members playing a knock-out competition for the cup and after some very close matches, Barry Swadling eventually lost to Keith Bryant in the final.

After the competition the club members enjoyed a meal prepared by Peter Moyle with help from other members. After which, Grosvenor's widow, Heather Knowles, presented the new cup

to Keith Bryant.

Grosvenor, who had been a committee member of Mabe Youth & Community Project, supported many village events and played football, cricket and bowls, where he became Vice-Chair of the Short Mat Club as well as being the Secretary of the Carpet Bowls Section.

The donations at his funeral amount to £1103 so far, which is being spent in his name on the Community Hall and Carpet Bowls Club. The first item purchased was a carpet handling machine, to pick up and store the mats. Grosvenor's son Andy, along with Heather, unveiled a



brass plaque on the machine in his memory.

It is planned that the balance of the money will be spent shortly on hall lighting improvements.

L-R: Andy Knowles, Heather Knowles, Keith Bryant and Barrie Swadling.

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