



# BOSCASTLE BLOWHOLE

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*Along with much of the country, Boscastle was battered by fierce gales and stormy seas on many occasions this winter. The photos above are from the storms in February.*

main photo: Audley Jarvis, smaller photos: Philippa Arthan

## No Need to 'Blow Our Own Trumpet'

It is always heartening to have your efforts recognised and once again, many of our Faithful Subscribers have sent words of praise and encouragement.

Comments such as 'I look forward to receiving each edition and am never disappointed';

'I admire the dedication of your team and all the contributors'; 'great magazine'

'Enjoy keeping in touch with Boscastle'; 'enjoy reading from cover to cover';

'The publication goes from strength to strength'.

As Treasurer of the Blowhole I am grateful that we have the continuing support of our loyal band of subscribers, but I also look forward to receiving the colourful selection of greetings cards

from people who write to us as old friends. So a big 'Thank You' to you all for your support and for the donations that some of you slip in with the subscription fee.

PS I hope none of you were affected by the flooding that was reported around the country. Boscastle had much rain but no flooding.

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### Boscastle Blowhole Team

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The photograph was taken in Bernice's house where the event was held.*

## Annual Fundraising Coffee Morning

Wild wind and relentless rain did not deter the stalwart supporters attending the Annual Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Children's Hospice South West and CLIC (Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood).

This has been held for over 30 years in memory of Boscastle teenager, Adrian Ferrett.

Once again Bernice Lewis kindly opened her bungalow in Paradise Road to allow 4 rooms to be rearranged to accommodate various stalls, including delicious homemade cooking, gifts for all ages, a variety of books, bric-a-brac and 'Guess the name of the Teddy Bear'.

A hall table displayed the many quality, donated prizes for the raffle.

Vivien and Marion wish to thank Bernice, the helpers, those who so generously gave items and donations and last, but not least, to the spenders!

It was a happy morning in Paradise which raised a total of £262.

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## British Legion

Thanks to the huge support from the local community, and ever increasing numbers of new members, the Royal British Legion, Boscastle Branch, has been saved!

The committee will be working together with local people on charity fund raising and commemorative events over the coming months... so watch this space.

Next meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> June  
Methodist Chapel,  
Boscastle.

*Amy Beech, Secretary*

## Open Garden Weekend

The gardens at Half Acre and Wildwood will be open again this year on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 1.30-5.30pm. Proceeds are in aid of the National Gardens Scheme, which supports a variety of charities. There will be a painting exhibition at Half Acre and teas will be provided by the Church. Combined admission is £3.50, children free.

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## Charity Quiz for Boscastle Play School

Boscastle Play School is always on the lookout for new fund raising opportunities and a chance conversation in the Napoleon Inn with Julie Muffet led to a very exciting Charity Quiz night in February. The Napoleon Inn dealt with everything: they compiled a list of questions (thanks Sharon!), they compered the event (thanks Julie!) - reading the questions as well as marking the sheets, providing half-time snacks as well as nibbles to be going on with.

They also provided some prizes for the raffle and even the raffle tickets! All we had to do was turn up on the night, pay £10 per team (all money goes to the Charity) of 4 and enjoy ourselves!

It was a great night with around 15 teams entering, the winners just grabbing top spot by 1 point from one of the Boscastle Play School teams.

The event raised £240 from the quiz and Raffle with all the money going to the Boscastle Play School.

The staff and parents of Boscastle Play School want to thank the Napoleon Inn and the staff for their support in the quiz and for making the event such a success, we also want to thank all those who turned up at a warm welcoming pub, with roaring log fires, great food and great beer and enjoyed themselves – who said fund raising had to be difficult!

For more information on Boscastle Play School see [www.boscastleplayschool.co.uk](http://www.boscastleplayschool.co.uk)  
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## Boscastle Fishing Company

As keen eyed observers will have noticed the National Trust-owned Rocket Store next door to Things in the Harbour has been undergoing renovations ready for its transformation into Boscastle Fishing Company. Local builders David Washer, his son Aaron and Dave Fisher have all been busy putting the finishing touches to the storefront, which is due to open its doors to the public in time for the Easter break.

Store manager Richard Grieve has confirmed to the Blowhole that the shop will be selling fresh, locally-landed whole lobster and crab available to buy either live or cooked as well as dressed crab, crab sandwiches and 'Maine-style' lobster baguettes. For those unsure of how to cook lobster or indeed dress crab, the store

will be offering printed instructions in return for a small donation to the RNLI or Padstow Lobster Hatchery.

Boscastle Fishing company also sell lobster and crab in a wholesale capacity as well as supplying local hotels and restaurants. To this end the shop has been fitted with a purpose-built unit at the back of the store that is dedicated to keeping live crustaceans.

Local fisherman Scott Washer will be supplying all lobster and crab available in the store, harvested via Boscastle's largest boat 'Beeny'. Prices will vary with the seasons, but will be displayed on a board outside the shop.



March 30<sup>th</sup>: Concert at Tetcott Village Hall, 7pm

April 19<sup>th</sup>: Concert with Roscarrock Revival Choir. St Mabyn Parish Church, 7.30pm

June 13<sup>th</sup>: Choir Safari Supper - Details tbc

15<sup>th</sup>: Bristol Madrigals at Tintagel Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

22<sup>nd</sup>: Concert at Bude Central Methodist Chapel - Details tbc

July 5<sup>th</sup>: Concert with Liskerrett Male Voice Choir at Tintagel Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

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## Pantomime – Thank you for a wonderful effort.

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the Boscastle Amateur Dramatics Society's wonderful performances of the "Snow White and the 7 Vertically Challenged people!" in January. All the performances were sold out and the magnificent sum of £1609.00 was raised and thanks must also go to all the actors, back stage helpers, front of house helpers and everyone who gave so much time & effort in raising these funds.



Included in this total are the proceeds of the raffles of two kegs of beer donated by Sharp's Brewery and our thanks go to them for their generosity.

We look forward to the next production with eager anticipation.

*Pam Clarke, Treasurer*  
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## News from the Chamber

After just having our AGM in Feb we thought it would be good to let people in the village what the Chamber of Commerce had been doing.

During the last year the membership is almost up to fifty which as only businesses with a PL35 postcode can join is quite an achievement.

The year seems to be mainly concerned with Public Toilets and carparking.

Cornwall Council without discussion or consultation decided to put a charge on the toilets and they also proposed to close them through the winter which both we and the Parish Council were against so we jointly set out to try and make the Council think again.

After a number of meetings and deliberations with the relevant Councillors and their officers they agreed to keep them open all year although the charging system remains to help fund them through the winter period.

They've also agreed to included the Cobweb carpark in a trial reduced resident season ticket parking scheme which has brought the cost down to £250 a year but they must be purchased before the

end of March 2014.

Details can be found on Cornwall Council website see link below

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=36356>

On a final note another successful Food festival again last year, attracting 3000 visitors and raising £8500 for local groups and charities, congratulations to all involved taking monies raised or the local community to £50,000 since it started all those years ago.

Festival year will start with **Walking Week** which will run from **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April**. This will be followed in later in the year by the **Food, Art and Craft Festival**, which this year will take place on **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October**.

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# A Garden in the Country

In 1996 we bought our house in Cornwall and a year later we moved in. No-one in our family, on either side, had ever moved away from Bristol before and reactions ranged from excitement (we'll be able to stay with our Pat in Cornwall) to consternation (I wish you weren't going so far away). And the anxiety only increased when my mother came to stay for the first time and realised we had no street lights, no traffic, no shops, no next-door neighbours, and no road running past the door.

'Oh, whatever will you do in the winter?' she wailed.

'Same as we do in the summer,' I said.

'I'll never understand you', she replied, 'coming to live miles away from us and plonking yourself down in the middle of a field.'

'It won't always be a field', I said, 'I'm going to make a garden.'

Let me say straight off that the only garden I'd had before was a tiny plot in a cosy protected terrace in a city which is renowned for its warmth. My garden in

Bristol was on thick, limey clay and the roses had to be seen to be believed; they were magnificent. My experience of Cornwall had been gloriously sunny holidays much further west and south and twenty years of staying on the Isles of Scilly. The weather is a bit different in North Cornwall though, and I was in for a shock. But I was absolutely enthralled with the idea of living in Cornwall and gardening on acid soil. I'd seen the camellias in flower when I cycled through St Austell and Truro (I cycled from Bristol to Land's End to celebrate my fiftieth birthday, but that's another story) and I couldn't wait to establish both camellias and rhododendrons in my own garden.

Well the first thing that I discovered is that I have not been blessed with any real depth of topsoil around the house. There's just a thin layer of earth on top of what I was told was called shillet (or stones, boulders, quartz, slate ...). In some places, the border fork did not penetrate deeper than about an inch before hitting what felt like solid rock and I quickly

realised that cultivation of the soil would be a priority. And I asked my brother to bring down a pickaxe when he came to stay.

The next thing I found out is that at nearly eight hundred feet the wind can be pretty impressive and some of my expensive plants were blown straight out of the ground. Others survived but lost all their leaves to the salt winds and I began to wonder if I would be able to make a garden here at all.

The turning point for me was meeting Val Gill, a near neighbour, who explained that nothing would grow properly in our exposed position until I set up some protection from the winds in the shape of some good hedges. And to get the hedges established you have to put up windbreaks in the form of posts and netting. She also encouraged me to join Juliotter Garden Club where I met other gardening enthusiasts and made lots of new friends. I've been a member ever since and it really is the finest way of exchanging information about what will grow in this wild, windy and wonderful part of the world.

I put up windbreaks and planted dozens and dozens of *Griselinia* (sometimes called New Zealand privet). It's a fast growing plant which quickly makes a dense hedge and has the virtue of keeping its glossy apple-green foliage throughout the year. Best of all, it will tolerate salt-laden winds so is ideal for coastal gardens. Although it really wants to be a small tree, once it has reached the desired height, you can easily keep its sappy growth in check with a good haircut once a year. I've been pleased with my *Griselinia* hedges on the whole, especially as the plants tend to self-seed so that I can propagate replacements easily. Just as well, because – somewhat mysteriously – sometimes a plant simply keels over and gives up the ghost.

The previous owners of our house, Pat and Jack Richardson, had started an *Escallonia* hedge along the south west boundary, so I completed the planting with a couple of dozen more plants. *Escallonia* is another evergreen recommended for coastal hedging and I must say to see the whole hedge in brilliant scarlet flower

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## A Garden in the Country

in the summer was an absolute delight. But sadly some awful fungal disease has attacked Escallonia in recent years, especially here in Cornwall, and I have had to cut my lovely hedge right down to the ground. I've been told it will regenerate but will never really recover and it's just a case of a slow but inevitable decline. The thought of dragging out the roots and replacing with Griselinia is somewhat daunting to say the least, and I wonder if I have the energy to do it. The problem though, is that we must have some protection from the wind in that quarter. Perhaps I'll just let nature takes its course, cut the sad remains of Escallonia right down to the ground and try to establish another hedge with more reliable material.

It was pretty early on that my new friends at the garden club told me about Illand Nursery at Congdon Shop run by Ken and David Roberts. One of the brothers gave me a tray of laurel cuttings – I think he charged me a quid for a dozen twigs. They'll grow like weeds, he said. I stuck them all along the

eastern field edge and sure enough, they do grow like weeds. Twice now they've had a really severe cutting back (which makes them bush out, just the job if you want a proper windbreak) and they still put on eighteen inches to two foot of growth each year. It makes me think that trees are a bit like children really; when they start towering over you it's so hard to remember they were once tiny babies.

All in all, it took a few years to get all my hedges growing happily and well-established and in the meantime I'd been thinking about what to plant and where. Actually, I'd already started buying and planting, but like so many others who buy on impulse, it took me quite a few years to realise I needed an over-all plan.

But at last having already started, I was ready to begin.



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# Boscastle Festival 2014

## Where does the money go?

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Over the years as it has improved in popularity we have covered our costs and donated around £51000.00 to Charities and Clubs in Boscastle, with some donations going County wide such as to First Responders, Air Ambulance, Radio Cornwall Charity Appeals.

In 2013 alone £8500.00 was distributed.

In particular we support the numerous groups who contribute to the event in a variety of ways.

We are always open to requests and presentations for village projects and events such as the Age Concern Minibus and the Over 70s Christmas Meal.

We are currently considering how we can benefit the Community

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Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> October Gala Opening Night details to be confirmed

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Let's make our ninth event a really special year

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Hall Archive Room and the Scout Group.

Thanks to Chris Searle for continuing to be Treasurer.

## Website PR and Social Media

Mike Stickney and Michael Parsons (Chairperson) organise much of the PR working closely with BBC Radio Cornwall.

We are constantly promoting and updating information on the following Media;

[boscastlefestival.co.uk](http://boscastlefestival.co.uk)

We're very pleased to announce that Steve Coom & Carin Lindberg will be taking over the Festival website. The current site was set up for the 2011 Festival by Malcolm Baker and has become bigger and more complex. As Steve and

Carin run their own web-design business (among others!), they're more than capable of taking on this task. Welcome to the team and thank you for your contribution

Twitter @bosfestival

Facebook Page: Boscastle Festival

Both of these are manned by Sean Gee so why not give them a follow.

## The Green Scene

At last year's Festival Malcolm Baker launched the Green Scene – a series of fun, interactive learning events along the bank of the River Valency. These included demonstrations of herbal remedies, green woodworking, willow-working and forage cooking – including seaweed! Also included were an archery range, apple pressing, a mobile blacksmith and the Gig Club Rowathon!

This year, we're aiming to integrate the event into the Festival marquee and make it a bigger and richer experience than before. It's early days yet, but we've already been approached by a number of artisans and organisations who'd like to do demonstrations or displays. The final mix of events should be announced in the late spring

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Denise Tillinghast runs this along with her better half John and John & Shirley Wakelin. This year we hope to have students helping from Cornwall's Nathan Outlaw Academy.

### Marquee Food and Craft Stalls

Thanks to Sue Viner in the Food Marquee and Ian and Amanda Dawson in the Craft Marquee, the quality of the products gets stronger, more interesting and more local each year. What a perfect time to get that special gift especially with Christmas looming.

### Around the village

Each year there are a variety of events around the village. From Boscastle Crafters, Open Gardens, Refreshments, Church displays to Art and photography Exhibitions.



*The Military Wives' Choir*

More details to follow nearer the festival.

A dedicated minibus to help you get around though the walk for those who are able is very enjoyable.

There is also a Park & Ride System, usually from both sides, of the village which drops visitors off in the main car park.

### Sunday Evening Choral Concert

We are very excited to present the now famous Military Wives Choir from Plymouth and The Boscastle Buoys. More information to come but

tickets will be in great demand! Paul Beynon (Assistant Curate) is organising this on behalf of Church Funds.

### Supporting Your Festival

#### How can you help?

We always welcome new members for planning the Festival and help leading up to the Festival with distributing leaflets etc.

We really need help over the few days with setting up, running the reception desk & general duties and clearing up between events.

Contact us on the

website contact link or call The Visitor Centre 01840 250010 if you would like to put your name down. It's hard work but we do have a bit of fun along the way and a huge sense of achievement when it's all over.

Come and join the other, too many to mention here, Festival heroes :-)

### Sponsors

The Wellington Hotel has agreed to be the main Festival Sponsor for the third year. Many Thanks to them for sharing their PR Marketing person with us.

### Gala Night

We hold an Opening event on the Thursday night for interested villagers. In the past this has been a meal and a dance band/disco/barn dance run by the School, Pre School, Football Club and Gig Club some of whom wish to take a rest this year.

We are looking for Boscastle organisations to be involved running this year's event. Profits are to be made after any extras due to the marquee company etc. Contact us through the website if you would like to discuss this opportunity.

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## Cobweb Magical Mystery Tour

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February saw the annual Cobweb Gentlemen's Day Out take place, aka the Magical Mystery Pub Crawl. As ever, this year's event was well attended with around 60 thirsty participants of all ages gathering at the Cobweb early in the morning to line their stomachs with a 'Full English' prior to boarding the beer bus.

In keeping with previous years the final destination remained a closely guarded secret to all but Cobweb landlord Adrian Bright and John 'Butch' Adams. Speculation mounted as the bus wended its way south towards Wadebridge, and then on towards Truro. Were we on our way to Falmouth, or perhaps even the storm-lashed harbour of Porthleven we collectively wondered? Eventually our intrigue was answered as the bus ground to a halt outside the Blue Anchor on Helston high street.

After several hours spent sampling the best the local hostelrys had to offer, the group reconvened back at the Blue Anchor for a barroom singalong led by Richard Pethick and Steve Jose. From here it was back on the bus for a slow meander via numerous layby 'comfort stops' to Padstow, where yet more glasses were raised.

The day came to a fitting close back in the Cobweb, where entertainment was laid on by excellent local bluegrass/cowpunk band 'Dusk At Dawns'. All in all a very enjoyable day, somewhat inevitably followed by the mother of all hangovers the day after.

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The 2013 Big Swim raised over £13,000 for charities; the beneficiaries were; Mount Edgecumbe Hospice, The Little Harbour and The National Lobster Hatchery, the Port Isaac RNLI lifeboat, the National Trust, Tintagel Life Saving Club, Port Isaac Rowing Club, Port Isaac Coastguard.

### Reflections:

*A memory, a summer evening, an outgoing tide.....and to remember someone you love*

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, Cornwall Hospice Care will be holding a moving remembrance event on Swanpool Beach in Falmouth. Anyone who would like to take part is invited to write the name of their loved one and a short message if they wish on a tag which will be attached to a gerbera flower and put on a specially handcrafted

raft. Just before 7pm, with some words of poetry and gentle music, the raft will be floated out to sea with the outgoing tide, and pulled by a local gig club.

If you are not able to join us, but would like to add a flower and message to the raft, please let me know and I will ensure your flower is included. To receive a tag for the event, please call Clare on 01726 66868, alternatively you can download a form from our website [www.cornwallhospice.co.uk](http://www.cornwallhospice.co.uk).

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**County Councillor,  
Glenton Brown writes:**



I would like to begin by relating some details from current activities from County Hall, beginning with a quotation from Andrew Kerr our new Chief Executive when he was stressing his ambition to achieve certain goals and stated "Localism is key to building trust with our communities across Cornwall. We must empower our communities, giving them more freedom and flexibility to achieve their aspirations".

We do hear references like this from time to time but it seems to be very slow in coming to fruition, and I think we must just continue to keep stressing this aim by Councillors

right across Cornwall by members of the Cornwall Council and to be able to encourage local town and parish councils to take up the challenge.

We have heard recently in the press of the Bellwin scheme which must quicken the memories of Boscastle residents after the 2004 floods as we were able to draw on that, that fund for financial help.

In the light of the current situation of floods from the Somerset levels to various areas of Devon and Cornwall we may again need help from the Bellwin scheme but our Council has to spend a considerable sum before even qualifying and then hopefully will be reimbursed. It is also encouraging to hear the Government being prepared to grant an additional hundred million to the flood works in the regions but it is too early to access how far this will go.

We can only be thankful that despite the rains we have come off much better than other places.

No doubt when you read this article in the Blowhole we will have had our budget at County Hall and Council Tax looks like going up by around 2% and the next stage of cuts seem to be fully planned.

I am also hoping by the time you read this article we may have some news on the outcome of the survey in our area regards future dentistry services, hopefully by 11<sup>th</sup> March at the Network meeting at the Camelford Hall at 7pm, we may have the findings and some more details on dentistry for our area.

If I can be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to telephone me on 01840 770302 or email [gbrown@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:gbrown@cornwall.gov.uk)

a great success and a new meeting point for locals as well as visitors.

We had our 1<sup>st</sup> Fair on the 8<sup>th</sup> February (stallholders in photo below) and, although it was damp, wet & windy we were well supported and kicked fund raising off with a £51 profit plus £10 in the wool pot for Open Heart (my stall) making blankets for bereaved parents of premature babies.

The fairs will run from February until December & we can be found on Facebook as a group Boscastle craft fairs & crafters.

There are still some spaces available, prices are £6 (1/2 table), £10 with own table, £12 if full table provided.

Dates are:

22nd & 23rd March

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## Boscastle Craft Fairs

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# BOSCASTLE COASTGUARD REPORT

Hello readers, Boscastle CG has had 14 callouts since July 2013. Some things have changed at Boscastle over the last two to three years: we are now no longer a Cliff Rescue Team, we have to have assistance from Bude or Port Isaac CRTs for cliff rescues in our guard.

Boscastle Coastguard are now trained in enhanced search techniques, water rescue, assisting ambulance paramedics, ie stretcher lift & carry and setting up landing sites for rescue helicopters.

5/7/13 18:46 Paged by Falmouth: on scene 19:28. Lift & Carry High Cliff, Strangles faller 79yr old male airlifted to a landing site at top of the cliff. The casualty was checked over by paramedics and aloud to go home. 20:25 Returned to Station.

*In attendance: L Siford, D Roots, D Williams, T Partrick, Bude CRT & Rescue 193.*

7/7/13 18:55 Paged by Falmouth: assist Bude CRT, four persons cut off by the tide at Bude. 21:56 Returned to Station.

*In attendance: L Siford, D Williams, T Partrick, T Hyam.*

8/7/13 14:54 Paged by Falmouth: assist Ambulance crew at Rocky Valley. Proceeded 15:08 on scene 15:14 a team was sent down Rocky Valley to find the casualty and medics the casualty had slight sunstroke but decided he would walk up the valley and not be stretchered. 16:06 Returned to Station.

*In attendance: L Siford, D Roots, D Williams, T Partrick, T Hyam, Port Isaac CRT, Matt Pavett S/M.*

9/7/13 12:22 Paged by Falmouth assist Life Guards Trebarwith on scene 12:45 Casualty was already being airlifted when we arrived, 13:01 Returned to Station.

*In attendance: L Siford, D Roots, D Williams, T Partrick, B Winsper.*

20/7/13 11:36 Paged by Falmouth assist Medics at Boscastle LookOut NCI, on scene 12:00 transport the casualty back to the cobweb carpark, 12:39 Returned to Station.

*In attendance: L Siford, D Roots, D Williams.*

20/7/13 14:28 Paged by Falmouth Lift & Carry Trebarwith assisted by Port Isaac CRT on scene 14:56. Returned to Station 15:53.

*In attendance: L Siford, D Roots, D Williams, T Hyam, B Winsper.*

20/7/13 17:30 Paged by Falmouth assist in a rescue with Port Isaac CRT Rescue 169 of a male in the sea at Tintagel YH on scene 17:52 the casualty was airlifted by 169 to Trelisk 19:09 Returned to Station.

*In attendance: L Siford, D Roots, D Williams, T Hyam, B Winsper.*

6/8/13 14:10 Paged by Falmouth 4 persons cut off by the tide at Merlin's Cave Castle Beach

Tintagel. On scene 14:33 all 4 casualties were airlifted by 169 three were dropped of on top of the cliff and one taken to Treliske with a broken ankle, 17:13 Returned to Station.

*In attendance: L Siford, D Roots, D Williams, T Partrick, B Winsper.*

10/8/13 19:40 Paged by Falmouth Kayaker in trouble outside Boscastle Harbour in a heavy swell not going into great detail on this one I had the call via my wife I was mooring up in Boscastle Harbour after an evening out in my boat, so unmooring I went back out to sea by this time the sea was roughing up found the Casualty treading water got a line to him and got him in my boat (SeaDog) and towed his capsized Kayak back to Boscastle Harbour also on scene Boscastle CRT, Port Isaac ILB.

*In attendance: D Williams, T Partrick, B Winsper, L Siford aboard SeaDog.*

29/8/13 07:04 Paged by Falmouth Report of a capsized Kayak at Trethevy, Bossinney. On

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scene 07:37 nothing found, cliff top search done from Bossinney to Trevalga the Kayak was spotted at Long Island and paddling north last seen by NCI at Pentargon Bay.

*In attendance: D Williams, L Siford, B Winsper, T Partrick, T Hyam, M Smith.*

22/9/13 18:36 Paged by Falmouth Lift & Carry, assist Ambulance crew Boscastle Harbour assisted by Port Isaac CRT on scene 19:03. Returned to Station 19:53. In attendance: L Siford, D Roots, M Smith, B Winsper, T Partrick, T Hyam.

2/10/13 19:47 Paged by Falmouth on scene 19:47 missing person Boscastle harbour area 20:38 stood down casualty found by Police.

*In attendance: L Siford, D Roots, M Smith, B Winsper, T Partrick, T Hyam, D Williams, F Hegarty.*

20/1/14 15:35 Team Paged by Falmouth, report of a Terrier like small dog over the cliffs at Bossinney cove/Lye rock area a search team was deployed out on the cliffs to do a cliff top search of the area nothing was found but there was a report of a person walking on the cliff path with a small dog about 30mins before the CoastGuard arrived on scene.

*In attendance: L Siford, D Roots, M Smith, B Winsper, T Partrick, T Hyam, D Williams.*

2/2/14 13:48 Paged by Falmouth report of a missing person at Trevalga 14:15 stood down person found. 14:15 Returned to Station.

*In attendance: L Siford, D Williams M Smith, B Winsper, T Hyam.*

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# Church and Chapel



Dear friends

Can it possibly be that Spring has sprung? There is a strange golden disk in the sky and the sky is blue – at last we can cast off our woollies and get outside!!!!

I am quite sure that many of you will be like me, be getting a bit fed up with not really being able to go outside into the garden, to walk outside without layers of warm clothes and plenty of wet weather gear on, and then when you do come back inside having to change your socks and dry your shoes.

But we have been extremely fortunate in comparison with so many other communities in the UK over the Winter months. Those people who have had to leave their homes behind and are only just coming back to them now after three months. Coming back to destruction, despair, the loss of their possessions, and as one lady said on the news the other night she no longer wanted to live in the home that had meant so much to her over the last 30 years, all had been destroyed, all had been lost.

What a terrible place to find ourselves in, and I know that many of you will be able to sympathise as you

would have had the same experience 10 years ago when Boscastle flooded. 10 years have since passed and the local community has been rebuilt, lives have been restarted, new people have moved into the area, and life continues. I think that we need to marvel at people's resistance to disaster. We just get on with living and make the best of life – or at least try to.

If we live with a positive mental attitude then life is so much easier to live. If we look at our glasses as half full and not half empty then life is so much brighter and better. If we live our lives looking out for others instead of just

looking out for ourselves then life is so much richer.

How many of us can actually do that though? I know that at times I struggle, but when I then try to look at the positives rather than the negatives then the outlook never looks quite so bad after all.

Is that what Spring reminds us of? A new beginning, a fresh outlook, a positive view of life?

Let us hope and pray that the sun will continue to shine and dry up the land for the farmers, and that the rail network will be fixed as soon as possible so that tourists can come back to our lovely County and see what a fantastic place

we live in. Let us also take time ourselves to appreciate what we have, and to count Gods blessings, each and every one.

*Robert*

## Some really rather special news.

Maria Nicholls has been awarded by the Diocese the Cross of St Piran to say thank you to her for all the years of service that she has put into the local church, especially thanking her for her playing of the organ. Maria is a real inspiration to so many people in the village.

*Below is a picture of Maria being awarded her St Piran Cross by the Bishop of Truro.*



## Camelford Spiritualist Church

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Everyone is welcome irrespective of denomination.

We do not make a charge for the Sunday evenings, but donations are most welcome as we have to pay for the Hall - thank you.

Mediums for March/ April (Maybe subject to change)

Mar 23 Karen Sneldon

Mar 30 Celia Estelle

Apr 6 Myra & Susan Bowman

Apr 13 Brenda Button

Apr 20 Janet Furse

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# BOSCASTLE'S MAGICAL MYSTERY STORE

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A. Uncle Paul's Emporium.

Formerly known as Rocky Road and popular with both locals and holidaymakers, the shop has been rejuvenated, revitalised and renamed by Paul Tamplin and his lovely wife, Rosemarie. Paul is known affectionately as Uncle Paul by all and is a familiar and popular figure.

Paul's previous line of work focussed on his love of good food, owning a thriving catering business and restaurant in the southeast. In 1991, Paul & Rose relocated to Cornwall where he became a head chef, continuing with this role when he moved to Boscastle in July 2004. Much as he enjoyed his work, the long and late nights were very



demanding and he wanted to spend more time at home so decided to have a complete career change and worked in property maintenance.

Then the ideal business opportunity arrived in the form of Rocky Road, a rather inappropriate title for a final change of direction leading to retirement; hence the change of name to Uncle Paul's Emporium, with its epithet, "Boscastle Rocks!"

Maintaining the original concept of Rocky Road with its crystals, jewellery,

fossils and sculpture, Rose and Paul have put their own stamp and personality on the shop. Extending the jewellery range with beautiful pieces, they have also added inexpensive costume jewellery. Mirrors twinkle and gleam, casting magical reflections. The magnets are a major attraction and the addition of "Made in Boscastle" goods is also an innovation.

Rose has an excellent eye for interior design as is demonstrated by her window dressing and driftwood creations.

Introducing fabrics at intervals has softened and enhanced the displays. Reorganising the interior has made much better use of the space and greatly improved the accessibility.

There is something for everyone here, whether you are looking for the ideal present, unusual souvenir or just browsing, I guarantee you will receive a very warm welcome.

*\*A megalodon was the biggest prehistoric shark that ever lived. The biggest tooth ever found is reputedly 7.25 inches.*

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# Harbourmaster's News



*Harbourmaster feeling seasick*

Adrian Bright's partner Tracey at the Cobweb Inn this winter became the first woman ever to become a member of the Boscastle Fisherman's Association. After more than one hundred years the movement for the emancipation of women has at last reached one of the furthest male dominated organisational outposts in the country. Mooring rights are very hard to come by in Boscastle and Tracey's father George Menhenick specifically bequeathed his to his daughter in his will. Personally I think this is a good thing and I hope we can look forward to seeing Adrian, Tracey and family on the water this summer in a pub boat.

Of course this winter has been one of the stormiest in living memory, unlike Porthleven all our boats were hauled out before the worst of the winter surges. I did manage one trip around Christmas but the sea was really

rolling even then, I ended up feeling pretty seasick and things went on to get much worse. Scott Washer left it very late to get a crane on the harbourside. Eventually his boat Beeny was hoisted ashore and we managed to get quite a good photograph. So fortunately not too much damage save for the loss of a few dinghies, some bait supplies and odd sundries including the tarmac on the road.

I have also been told that Mary Sharp lost a door or two at her cottage. We have all endured worse. I am not sure how the seal colony around Fire Beacon Point will have fared. Stephanie and I did go up to Strangles one Sunday to help with a beach cleaning exercise only to find nearly all the beach well cleaned by the scouring of the great seas that week and most of the usual detritus all gone, presumably headed for Bristol.

*Chris Key*



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## Parish Council News

The Parish Council requested that we print the following letter, for information only.

### **FORRABURY & MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP**

25<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Dear Householder,

#### **Re Forrabury & Minster Parish Council Parish Plan**

The Parish Council has been working for several years on the development of a Parish plan.

Initial attempts to survey parishioners met with a poor response. To improve the numbers of completed questionnaire forms it was decided to distribute them with the Blowhole and to collect them in person one week later. This strategy has been highly successful and we have achieved a return in excess of 50 %.

The Blowhole has in the past, for the most part, been delivered to households where there was a permanent resident who appeared on the electoral register.

It has however, been pointed out, that due to the distribution methods we adopted, we have failed to include the views of those council tax payers who are not permanently resident in the Parish.

As a result we are now writing to offer you and all other non-permanently resident householders the opportunity to complete a Parish Plan Questionnaire.

Time is of the essence in completing our survey and we would be grateful if you would contact the Parish Clerk at the following address:

Adrian Prescott  
1 Sea View  
Crackington Haven  
Cornwall  
EX23 0LE

Your request for a copy of the Questionnaire should reach us not later than Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March and the completed form must be returned not later than Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

If you have already received and completed a survey form please disregard this letter.

Yours Faithfully  
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### **Boscastle's Community Flood Plan**

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Please note the change in contact details for the Clerk to the Council:

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The contract for the build was awarded to Michael Vanstone Builders of Bude who hope to have the work completed within 28 weeks - maybe closer to 20 weeks given favourable weather conditions.

The new Hall is being built alongside the old one which means the facility will still be available for most of the time. Once the new Hall is completed there will be a period of about a month when the old one will be demolished and removed and a new car park constructed. During



*Poised, ready to build are David (Kit) Jordan, Chris Neep & Martin Fry  
photo by Peter Richards*

this period there will not be a Hall in use but once it opens, it should do so with a celebratory bang!

## Photographic Exhibition for 2015 calendar

Now in its seventh year, the users of Otterham and St Juliot Hall, Marshgate, will once again stage a photographic exhibition and competition to help raise the funds needed to fit out the new Hall now under construction.

Entry into the competition is Free, as will be the exhibition, with funds being raised from the

sale of a calendar produced from the exhibition entries, a raffle and cream teas. The photographer taking the photograph judged to be the best will be presented with two copies of the 2015 calendar, with one being awarded to the taker of the second placed photograph.

The exhibition will be staged on Sunday afternoon, 14th September and up to four entries each are welcomed from anyone, anywhere, subject to some very simple rules. Photographs must be taken within a ten mile radius of the hall and within the Cornwall/Devon border. No photos from the Devon side please! Entries can be either digital or prints and should be in 7" x 5" landscape format. Portrait

format photographs are not acceptable for the calendar purposes. Full details are on the hall's website at: [www.otterhamandstjuliothall.org](http://www.otterhamandstjuliothall.org)

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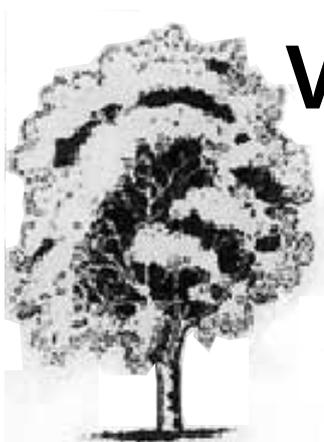
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# Progress with Minster Church



*Minster Church Charity Concert. Photo taken in the Boscastle Farm Shop in January 2014. Included in the photograph are the organisers, the entertainers Boscastle Buoy, Fisherman's Friends, Coastal Belles and Mike Silver*

Here's an update on what's been happening with Minster Church since the previous couple of articles.

## The Problem

For anyone new to this: Minster is a Grade 1 Listed building but it has recently become a struggle to maintain it. After two well-attended public meetings a small group got together to put words into action (this 'Minster Group' has no formal name yet!). The Group's idea was for a series of fund-raising events, with the proceeds ring-fenced for Minster.

## Musical Extravaganza

The first event was the concert at Boscastle Farm Shop on Friday, 24th January with the Boscastle Buoy, Coastal Belles, Mike Silver and surprise guests The Fisherman's Friends. This was the Group's baptism-by-fire – would it go well? be enjoyable? actually raise funds? They need not have worried: tickets were sold out two weeks beforehand; everything went without a

hitch; everyone had a great time; and just over £900 was raised! This couldn't have been achieved without all the performers generously performing for free (with copious amounts of beer for lubrication!). And special thanks must go to everyone at the Farm Shop who worked so hard to help make the evening so successful – it was great to see them dancing behind the bar later on (more lubrication?!).

## More To Come

One swallow doesn't make a summer and one successful event isn't going to solve Minster's problems. So a rich variety of events for residents and visitors of all ages are planned for 2014. Here is the tentative schedule of what to look out for (the Group is hoping for more sell-outs so it's worth keeping up-to-date and booking early!):

Quiz Night at the Napoleon Inn – end March/early April

Hog Roast and Bands at the Farm Shop – early June

Safari Supper at houses around the village – July-ish time

10 Year Flood Anniversary Concert at Minster Church – Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> August

Minster Churchyard Cut & Family Picnic with the Minster Muckers – end May and early September.

All the original line-up from the Farm Shop concert will be at the 10-Year Flood Anniversary Concert. And the Group has just heard that all the profits from the raffle, food & drink at Julie Potter's March Craft Fair at the Village Hall will go to Minster.

## Getting Involved

The Group's not a clique so anyone wishing to volunteer their time to assist in organising and running events is welcome to join. The Group would also like to hear from anyone who just wants to help out 'in the background' or any other way.

## Stay Up-To-Date

There'll be lots of advance publicity for all

events. You can also see what's going on through the Group's Facebook page (Minster Church, Boscastle, Cornwall). Within days of the page being set up messages of love and support for this special place flooded in from all parts of the globe, including USA, Japan, New Zealand and Australia. One single post for Minster reached 2,600 people! There is also a Twitter account (@minsterch). The Group hopes to create a website (once it has a name!) to show what's going on, advertise events, give ticket details, etc. You can e-mail the Group now at minster-group@btconnect.com.

## Work With The PCC

Discussions are ongoing with the PCC about the Group's constitution and future relationship. The Group hopes to come to a constructive and co-operative agreement since everyone agrees about the importance of preserving such an iconic building for future generations!

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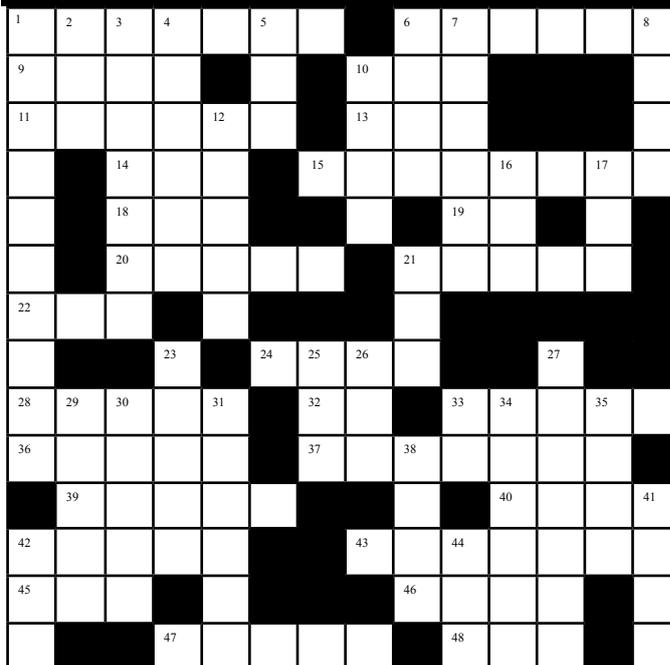
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## Moira Hart's Fiendish Crossword



### Across

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- 6 rota
- 9 fish
- 10 demure
- 11 lizard
- 13 donkey
- 14 haul
- 15 arrow maker
- 18 letter of greek alphabet
- 19 hospital department
- 20 untruthful
- 21 edible root of fern
- 22 woman's name
- 24 squirrel's nest
- 28 gold or silver lace
- 32 alright
- 33 vigilant
- 36 french river
- 37 group of islands in atlantic
- 39 select
- 40 move through water
- 42 avoid
- 43 unfriendly
- 46 seabird
- 47 sea water
- 48 sheep

### Down

- 1 large animal
- 2 witch
- 3 musical instrument
- 4 attractiveness
- 5 long narrow inlet
- 6 flower
- 7 shellfish
- 8 the back
- 10 placid
- 12 new zealand tree
- 16 vineyard
- 17 before
- 21 girl's name
- 23 ship
- 25 steal
- 26 make last
- 27 bird
- 29 medieval sheriff
- 30 annoyed
- 31 subdivision
- 33 morning
- 34 radiance
- 35 small wading bird
- 38 plant's anchor
- 41 patient
- 42 vessel
- 44 a group

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# The Reading Room

*As I prepare to leave, to make my way to The Reading Room, it is no surprise to see the rain battering against the windows and to hear the wind howling down the chimney once again. The December storms heralded the start of weather, the like of which we all had difficulty recalling. Fortunately our little fishing village was much better equipped to deal with this deluge - unlike the flash floods of 2004. However, we were the lucky ones this time round. Parts of our beloved county and parts of the rest of the Southwest suffered devastating blows.*

*Across southwest England and South Wales the 222.6 mm of rainfall up to the 28<sup>th</sup> means January 2014 is already the 5<sup>th</sup> wettest on record and the wettest January since 1995 (224.4 mm). The*

*wettest January on record here was 1948 when 244.3 mm of rain was recorded.*

*Amber wind warnings have been a regular occurrence, with gales up to 80mph and wind-speeds way in excess of this experienced in exposed places. They brought large waves to many coastal areas. The changing wind directions seeing different areas impacted with the strongest waves. Once again we saw the great resilience of people and the core strength of communities pulling together against all odds.*

*As I trudged on, I found myself hoping that someone would put pen to paper to ensure all the personal stories from this winter were recorded for future Beekworms to read!*

*Once again I turned the iron key in the ancient oak door and stepped inside*

*the Reading Room. I paused to wonder how many stories of storms and severe weather this room could tell. The voices of approaching beekworms stirred me back to the present day and we all gathered round the blazing fire to share the 'other places and eras' we had entered since we'd last met.*

## CERTAIN GIRLS BY JENNIFER WEINER

Jennifer Weiner was born in 1970 on an army base in Louisiana. She grew up in Connecticut and graduated with a degree in English Literature from Princeton University in 1991. She worked as a newspaper reporter in central Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Philadelphia until the publication of her first novel, 'Good in Bed', in 2001, and has been a full-time fiction writer ever since.

'Certain Girls' is the follow-up to

Weiner's debut Chick Lit bestseller, 'Good in Bed'. However, there were no gaping, unexplained points of history, so it could be read without having read the previous book. In 'Certain Girls', the heroine, Cannie, is happily married to Dr. Peter Krushchevsky and has a life that is comfortably predictable and 'normal'. Preparations are in hand for her daughter Joy's bat mitzvah [bat (בת) means daughter in Hebrew] and everything seems fine. Then Joy discovers the novel Cannie wrote years before and suddenly finds herself faced with what she thinks is the truth about her own conception -- the story her mother hid from her all her life. When Peter surprises his wife by saying he wants to have a baby, the family is forced to reconsider its history, its future, and what it means to be truly happy.

Weiner's characters are largely likeable and it's easy to relate to them. She has a deft

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hand with scenes and dialogue, so 'Certain Girls' is a fast read. That same deft hand makes certain parts seem clichéd or as if Weiner isn't making an effort. 'Certain Girls' takes a serious turn that is slightly unconvincing. In fact it seems to be an add-on intended to make the novel 'weightier'.

This book was not a big hit with The Bookworms. Three of them just could not engage with it, with one saying 'It really didn't appeal – a worthless publication.' Two others read it but did not rate it highly at all.

One Bookworm actually admired the author's ability to produce a piece of coherent writing but disliked the obvious use of 'product placement'. Another found it a page-turner and a very quick read. It was inoffensive and she did learn that girls can have a bat mitzvah whereas boys have bar mitzvahs.

Most of The Bookworms would

hesitate to recommend this book.

Storyline: 1.25

Quality of writing: 1.75

### DANCING AFTER HOURS BY ANDRÉ DUBUS

André Dubus, an award-winning author, was born in Lake Charles, LA, The United States on August 11, 1936. He died on February 24, 1999.

He has been hailed as one of the best American short story writers of the twentieth century. His collections include 'Separate Flights' (1975), 'Adultery & Other Choices' (1977) and 'Finding a Girl in America'. The latter features the story "Killings," which was adapted into the film 'In the Bedroom' (2001), which was critically acclaimed. His son is also a writer.

'Dancing After Hours' (1996) was a finalist in the National Book Critics Circle Award. In this collection, many of the stories deal with women characters,

such as Catherine, who discovers her husband is having an affair and Rusty, who is learning to cope with life after a horrific shark attack on a family holiday. Then there is an old woman whose husband dies in the night beside her and a young woman who persuades her sixteen-year-old lover to murder her husband. They deal with issues of love and loss, desire and fear. Dubus' male characters includes in one story, a confused adolescent boy whose fantasies bring disaster and in another, a quadriplegic whose tale of skydiving enthralled a group of people in a bar.

In his stories, Dubus is often acclaimed as showing compassion, realism and a vision which is ethical and even spiritual.

Three of The Bookworms really enjoyed this collection, feeling they were very well written, easy to

read with real 'cliff-hangers'. The stories had good descriptive passages. One pointed out the need to read short story collections in the sequence they are published as they have been deliberately ordered to be balanced.

Other Bookworms had a few reservations. One felt there was no 'Joy' in the stories and the characters were dull and thus hard to engage with. Another found the book irritating because the structure of the sentences lacked clarity and was rambling. The stories were depressing and without mirth. One Bookworm expressed concern about authors who describe their characters because they should be revealed through the stories. She felt it had been written in a mechanical way – almost produced to a formula. It was repetitive and it also felt as if the reader was being patronised by constant re-caps. Unfortunately,



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the women's voices in the stories were not seen to be at all authentic.

Storyline: 5

Quality of writing: 6

### A WEDDING IN DECEMBER BY ANITA SHREVE

Anita Shreve grew up just outside Boston in Massachusetts, the eldest of three sisters. She is married to a man she met when she was 13 and has two children and three stepchildren. She became a writer and editor for a number of magazines in New York and later, when she began her family, she turned to freelancing, publishing in many Magazines. In 1989, she published her first novel, 'Eden Close'. Since then she has written 12 other novels, among them 'The Weight of Water', 'The Pilot's Wife', 'The Last Time They Met', 'A Wedding in December', and 'Body Surfing'.

In 1998, she received The New England Book Award for fiction. In 1999, 'The Pilot's Wife' became the 25th

selection of Oprah's Book Club and an international bestseller. In April 2002, the film version of 'The Pilot's Wife', was released starring Christine Lahti, and in 2002, it was followed by 'The Weight of Water', starring Elizabeth Hurley and Sean Penn.

'A Wedding in December' is the story of former schoolmates who gather at an inn in the Berkshires to celebrate a wedding. Their reunion becomes the occasion of astonishing revelations, recrimination, and forgiveness as the friends collectively recall a long-ago night that forever marked each of their lives. It has been nearly 30 years since this group were in college together in Maine. Now they have come together again, to celebrate a wedding of one couple who were reunited almost by chance. She has cancer, and he's going to marry her and they'll do the best they can with

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whatever time is left to them.

Two of The Bookworms, at this point in time, could not relate to this novel at all, but most said it was fairly enjoyable.

Some Bookworms thought it started out with so much possibility. It was very interesting to learn of their relationships in high school and to see where each of their lives had taken them. There was even a second story taking place because one of the characters was writing a novel and it was being revealed as she wrote it. One Bookworm felt this second story actually over-balanced the plot of the main novel. Most Bookworms felt the ending was disappointing and both the real book, and the novel being written, just stopped in really bad situations. There was no satisfying ending to either.

It was also felt that, although each character is carefully drawn and the layers of personality are peeled back, the characters are not inspirational. There was not enough back ground to each character.

One Bookworm thought there were too many under-developed characters and the plot was contrived. Most

of us agreed that the author had the ability to weave a rich tapestry of events and characters in this book. We also agreed she has a way with words but many of us didn't really care for any of the characters and we disliked the way the author jumped from topic to topic with her characters.

Storyline: 5

Quality of writing: 6.2

*We hope we have been of some use to you all in your choice of reading matter.*

*May your reading transport you to fantastic and magical places my friends until we meet again in the Reading Room*

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### Answers to Crossword:

**Across** 1 rhubarb 6 roster 9 hake 10 coy 11 iguana 13 ass  
14 lug 15 fletcher 18 eta 19 er 20 lying 21 aruhe 22 eve 24 drey  
28 orris 32 ok 33 alert 36 seine 37 bermuda 39 elect 40 swim  
42 avert 43 hostile 45 red 46 tern 47 brine 48 teg  
**Down** 1 rhinoceros 2 hag 3 ukulele 4 beauty 5 ria 6 rose  
7 oyster 8 rear 10 calm 12 ngaio 16 cru 17 ere 21 amy 23 liner  
25 rob 25 eke 27 redwing 29 reeve 30 riled 31 sector 33 am  
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# A Tribute to Iris Olde

When someone reaches 90 years of age it calls for a very special celebration and when that person - Iris Olde - was born, bred and has lived all her life here in Boscastle, the celebration is even more special. So on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at the *Riverside Restaurant*, friends and relatives came from far and wide to bring Iris their good wishes.

It was on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 1924 at Rosebank Cottage, 'Top Town' that Iris was born to William and May Hockin. Spring must have come early that year for, after the birth, Iris's Mother recalled seeing the hedgerow opposite the cottage, 'covered in golden celandines' Being a 'one up, one down' property it had just one bedroom, so it wasn't long before the family moved the short distance to 3 High Street, where Iris gained a room of her own.

Iris's childhood must have been safe, secure and idyllic, in the first half of twentieth century. The villagers, living 'cheek by jowl', knew each other's names and (probably!)

business very well. The countryside, being on the children's doorstep, was a perfect playground and going to school for all age groups, was but a short walk to the school building in Fore Street, which still stands today. Iris tells of the girls learning to cook at school - on oil stoves (did I hear you muttering 'Health and Safety', dear Reader?). The cookery teacher was 'most unpleasant' to the girls, so Iris was voted 'spokes woman' by the others. Iris must have made a favourable impression on the headmaster (nick-named 'Boss') when she voiced her complaint, for the cookery teacher's manner changed towards the girls after 'Boss' had a 'word' with her. Cooking was not the only skill Iris gained. Singing and elocution was encouraged by her teachers, with competitions being held at Launceston, Indian Queen's and Wadebridge. Here, over the years, Iris walked off with 20 medals. Something to be proud of you would think, except that reluctant Iris had



*Iris's god-daughter came to visit for the birthday celebrations and was amazed to find she was staying in the cottage where Iris was born. She was able to take Iris to Rosebank Cottage to see what it looks like now.*

to practice after school, instead of joining her playmates.

Schooling came to an end for children when they reached the age of 15. Riding her bicycle to Tintagel in all weathers, Iris started work at Rush's grocery store. This same year was the start of World War II and a whole new experience was to open up for Iris. By the time women

were being 'called-up' for War Work she decided that there was a grim chance of ending up working as a 'Land Girl'. Not something she relished, surrounded by farms as she was. Iris knew the sheer hard grind and difficulties of working on the land. If she wanted to avoid becoming a 'Land Girl', working in all weathers, the answer was to volunteer for War Work,

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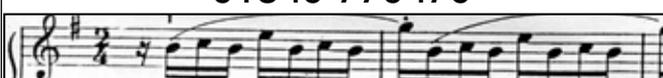


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which she did.

Leaving the close community of Boscastle, Iris started her training as a carpenter at RAF Innsworth and I can imagine how many pulses this young, attractive

not long before she was acting as 'spokes woman' once again. To carry out their carpentry duties the women had to climb ladders. Iris suggested - and the authorities agreed - that battle dress would



Cornish woman must have set racing there. Her heart however, was set on her school sweet-heart Arthur Olde. By coincidence Arthur, who at this time was serving his country abroad, had completed a carpentry apprenticeship in Tintagel after leaving school. It must have been a source of hilarity when she eventually met up with Arthur and told him he was not the only carpenter in the village!! Once trained, her posting to Stafford in the Midlands must have been culture shock for Iris, being a world away from Boscastle. However, it was

be more suitable than the skirts with which the women were issued (thus spoiling the fun of any passing men!!) No ordinary 'Aircraft Woman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class' this woman, the lowest rank in the WAAF at the time. Iris's abilities were recognised and she achieved the rank of 'Leading Aircraft Woman'.

She made many friends during these years away from Boscastle, some of which kept in touch long after the war was over. Iris was more than glad to return to Boscastle when her time at Stafford ended, however. She was called



home on compassionate release to take care of her sick Mother; when home she could be heard muttering the words 'shan't join anything anymore'. This was not strictly true since later Iris joined the WI, and was a founder member of the Boscastle branch. In 1946, after many years serving in Africa and Italy, Arthur returned to Boscastle and true to his parting words to Iris - 'If you wait for me, I'll wait for you' - in 1947 they were married in the Methodist Chapel in Fore Street. Their cottage 'The Glen', next to the Chapel, originally formed part of the Manor Estate and when the Estate went up for sale Arthur bought the cottage. Being a proficient

carpenter, he was able to extend the 'one up, one down' property to its present family size.

Their first daughter, Bridget was born in 1948 followed by Deborah several years later. Iris has two Granddaughters, Naomi and Hannah and four Great-Grandchildren, Zara, Liam and the twins, Abigail and Rebekah. Sadly Arthur did not live to see his Great-Grandchildren as he died in 1998. Although Arthur's death left a big gap in Iris life, as well as in many other people's, she has never lacked company. There is always a family member or a friend popping in to see her, a testament to the love and respect in which she is held.

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# Old Mill Refurbishment

After decades of disuse the water wheel in the Wellington Old Mill will once again be revealed to the public.

Refurbishment of the Old Mill began this January, first with urgent structural work to replace rotten floor timbers and ceilings throughout the ground floor. The Leather Shop run by Rob and Theresa Lloyd was closed six weeks for repairs but has reopened in good time for the start of the season. The shops on the first floor will be retained divided into two or three separate units reached by outside stairs. The remainder of the first and second floors will be converted into three apartments for hotel guests and a small games/conference room. Downstairs there will be accommodation for storage and laundry units.

But the most striking feature will be the restoration of the original

water wheel, which will be on show inside the entrance lobby and above from a new internal staircase.

Writing to the Parish Council last year before work began, John Scott, Wellington Hotel owner, said his intention was “to create a well maintained building that comprises a mix of retail shops and hotel facilities, while ensuring that the history and Grade II listing are preserved.”

So far work is progressing well. A number of local builders and craftsmen have co-operated with the County’s conservation team and architect to preserve the Mill’s outward appearance, while internally adapting it for modern use. Waste bins will be concealed and the outside areas adjoining the Old and Wellington Hotel integrated to provide an attractive forecourt to both buildings.

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*Above: interior workings of the Old Mill wheel  
Below: John Scott takes a look at the renovations*



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# Forrabury & Minster Parish Plan: The Residents' Questionnaire

First of all, we extend our sincere thanks to each one of the volunteers who were involved in the distribution and collection of questionnaires, most of which took place in awful weather conditions.

At the July 2013 meeting in the Community Centre with members of Cornwall Council, residents and representatives of local businesses, there was a majority vote in favour of creating a Parish Plan which would be presented to Cornwall Council on completion.

What is the alternative to having a Parish Plan? Put simply, it means that Cornwall Council could make/take decisions affecting our Parish and we would be powerless to launch any informed objections because we were unable to produce substantiating evidence of residential opinion. The first job, then, was to produce a questionnaire for all residents to complete which would provide the necessary and relevant information; four months later this was achieved and 500 copies were duly printed.

Responding to comments relating to "cost" and it being "a complete waste of time and money"; the total cost of printing was £180 or 35pence per copy (60pence if including the Prize Draw reward). Delivery was free. Collection was free. This was considered to be a very inexpensive and concerted way in which to offer every single Parish resident the opportunity to

put on record, anonymously, a few basic details about themselves and to freely express their opinions, criticisms, hopes, concerns and suggestions on a wide range of issues.

Some comments were also made that the document "was too intrusive". As already mentioned, your responses were totally anonymous, your identity was not required. The few questions about numbers in your household, gender, age-groups, etc. would prove valuable in, for example, making any forecasts or claims relating to education, health services provision, employment levels, etc.

A total of 465 were distributed by volunteers who returned a week later to collect. It is regretted that collection from certain areas proved difficult and some residents were missed. However, if the documents were not left out or there was no-one home a note was left stressing the importance of completion and urging people to return their questionnaires to a given location. Sadly, this resulted in a disappointing and marked drop in returns. Yes, it was a busy time of year, but it didn't take long to complete and this was a rare opportunity being offered - all it took was a little time

To date 237 completed copies have been returned and whilst we feel the exercise was successful - another 80 or 90 returns would have been more pleasing - 201 remain unreturned. The Steering Group Committee are grateful to all those who

completed and returned their documents; collection from the top of the village and harbour area were very good.

Following careful analysis of all the information and comments, the next task will be to begin the lengthy procedure of producing an in-depth, satisfactory and very comprehensive Parish Plan to present to Cornwall Council for the examination and consideration.

If you're interested in Parish affairs and would like to be part of this next phase, why not join the Steering Group Committee? Telephone Myrna Lester

01840 250520 and leave your details.

Steering Group Members: Brian Clarke, Jane Castling, Chris Jarvis, Arthur Bannister, Myrna Lester and Margaret Pickering.

Prize Draw Winning Numbers:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 000194

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 00060

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 00016

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We are half way through the school year already; how time seems to fly. We finished off last term with our Victorian Farmers Market. This was run by the older half of the school and stemmed from their project for the term which had been Food and Farming. The children made all of the products on sale at the market which ranged from mulled fruit juice, pasties, pies, plum jam and various cakes and biscuits. As you can imagine the children spent most of the week cooking and some time after school too – the jam proved somewhat slower than anticipated!

As part of their work, children had to price their produced appropriately to entice the buying public and make a small profit. Thanks to our enthusiastic customers the children not only sold all of their wares but also made a profit of £117 which they asked to be donated to the Save The Children Fund.

In the last edition of Blowhole, we included an article about our proposed federation with Port Isaac Primary School. Both schools received support from their local communities for this and following our final, separate meetings, the federation started on 24<sup>th</sup> February. We held the first meeting of our new, joint Governors on 3<sup>rd</sup> March during which we organised our committee meetings and will begin to get to know each other's schools. There are three main committees, Curriculum, Premises including Health and Safety, and Finance. They meet once each term and we also have a meeting



of the full governing body to discuss and agree decisions. I was delighted that all of the existing Governors wanted to continue as governors within the Federation and know that

they are looking forward to working in the best interests of the children in both schools.

Back to Boscastle and there has been a great deal of story writing

corrected version

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014

Ruby H.

ZAHRA

11<sup>th</sup> June

Today is a scorching hot day. I need to water my tree for shade, because the hut is too full for living in at all! The paint of our yellow hut is cracking because of the butter coloured sun. My 2 younger, <sup>contracted</sup> Embair has gone down with aids. Everyone in Kumbair - Kumbair is relying on the water pump in the middle of the village.

15 June

Time to start growing my tree. I am starting early because of the sun. but Even now at seven o'clock the temperature is high. Here goes I will come back later and tell you how it went.

6:00 evening

Today was ~~terrible~~ terrible! by 10:00 o'clock in the morning my tribal paint was dripping off my face. My skin was losing hope of staying with me. The only action I could do was ~~push~~ <sup>push</sup> water from our ~~water~~ <sup>water</sup> pump. When the the ~~pe~~ last ~~baroque~~ <sup>water</sup> drop fell from the pump, I limped towards and stumbled towards the pump. I don't know what happened next but my friend told me, I fell to the ground but as I fell a small drop of sweat fell from my face. Then the tree turned a shade of purple and all colours joined in.

R.T.O

Beautiful emerald tree leaves sprouted out of the branches. Then flowers grew into magnificent colours.

June  
20th July  
Our tree still gives shade and my family are so proud. All it takes is a little bit of hard work!

The End.

during the first half of this term. Mrs Mead has done a wonderful job, inspiring the children to write and I spent a memorable Friday afternoon in Class 1 (as a stand in teacher) with nothing to do as they all had their heads down writing their stories. I have enclosed Ruby's story for you to read.

Class 2 or, as they prefer to be called, Class 5 (Class 2 and 3 joined together!) have also been writing stories. I have enclosed a selection. Some of these are 'working' copies straight from their books which demonstrate how the children correct their work after the first draft. I hope you enjoy reading them and we look forward to our next report in the summer.



Zahra

17 September 2013

Today was a tiring day, it was scorching hot and the lovely little huts of Zlar were shrinking in the heat. I am writing from the shade of my tree and this is what happened.

It was very early morning and I was determined to water my tree and make it grow. I pumped and pumped then ran to water it, this happened uncountable times and my bare feet were beginning to blister and my skin was beginning to burn.

Still I was determined as before. The sand was getting up my silky tie die skirt and my make up was starting to rub off. I pushed and pumped and pushed and pumped thirty times until my arms felt like they were nearly going fall off. Only a trickle of water came out. Guttered I staggered to the tree as fast as I could across the sandy plains hoping and hoping that it would be enough. I climbed up the slope tipped my pot that had been slipping out of my hands..... Nothing came out. The water had evaporated! Then I lost my balance and my eyes started to close. BUMPI! I collapsed.

A droplet of sweat fell from my face. Then my brilliant tree started to grow, the branches turned purple then it grew leaves of peacock green. It gave me shade. I knew I had shade I slept contently for hours and whilst I slept colour sprung up in the form of flowers in the yellow sandy land. Now I am writing my diary in the shade of my tree.

Lily Hedge-Evans

31 31-114 RPUFL-  
Once upon a time there was a Princess called RPUZLE. She lived with her father the King and Queen. One day a terrible thing happened a evil Queen captured RPUZLE and locked RPUZLE in a tower tower in a castle. The King and Queen was so desstee they sent a boy called FURIDER. So FURIDER jumped on the King's horse maximus and rode to the tower. When FURIDER got to the tower he told RPUZLE RPUZLE let down for hair and FURIDER climbed up her hair and he and the evil Queen where taking wine which one mighty mighty clang! The evil Queen was dead and FURIDER and RPUZLE got on maximus and rode back to the castle. The King and Queen was so delighted that they rewarded FURIDER with the biggest box of gold coins and he got so many RPUZLE. The end.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014 Lily Paker

Zahra

One day, I came out of my hut, into the dusty, desert landscape. The sun was baking down on me, my tribal paint melting off my coffee skin. South Africa was spread out before me. A small village behind, and in front, an empty world with one dying tree half a mile away. It used to provide shade, but now it is like a twig in the sand. The water pump lay in the dust with a dirty pottery jar. "Zahra" engraved in it. That day, I decided to attempt to have the tree, to provide shade to the village once more!

I walked over to the pump, and filled my jar, then set out on my first journey! I could see the tree in the distance three withering leaves left on its browning branches. Finally, I got there. Two leaves flew, simultaneously, to the ground. I poured the water onto the roots of the tree, and waited. Nothing.

~~3/11/14~~ For the rest of the day, week and month, I flew back and forth. My vibrant green, pink and yellow clothes flapping about as I ran. The tree was dying and not responding to the water.

I finally dragged myself back to the pump after another long day. I tried to pump more water ~~back~~ into my jar, but only a drop squeezed out of the end! I kept trying to push and pull, but no more came ~~out~~.

I wouldn't give up though. So I forced myself to ~~trudge to the tree~~ - half-conscious - to the tree.

I knew that it would do no good, but still, I would try.

Finally, I got to the tree. No more leaves. No more life. The water dripped on the ground. I wiped my brow, and a drop of sweat fell onto the soil. Then I slumped on the tree, and lost consciousness.

When ~~the~~ I was asleep, I felt shade. A cool, calm feeling. I looked and, oh! The branches were growing in ~~fluorescent~~ purples, and the leaves sprouting out in different shades of green. Also, many other plants had burst ~~off~~ out of the ground in colours of pink, purple, green, blue and yellow! The hill on which the tree was on, is now extravagant with all colours and plants. I had brought the colour and ~~the~~ shade back to the village! My name... is Zahra.



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# News from the Lookout



I did try not to mention the weather but, to be honest, it's been one of our main talking points since December as individual Watchkeepers regaled each other with tales of screaming winds and raging seas.

Very unusually there have been two occasions when it was felt that we should close in the interests of safety. On 1<sup>st</sup> February it was felt prudent not to send anyone up to struggle across The Stitches, and on 12<sup>th</sup> February with winds already at Force 9-10 and a Force 12 imminent, the afternoon watch stood down at midday.

Our Wind Generator had already given up the ghost in January and no sooner had the new parts been installed than it decided to part company with the Station roof on 12<sup>th</sup> February. It is a tribute to the level of expertise we find among our members that it was soon back

in business. We were luckier than our colleagues at Lyme Bay - their Lookout was totally destroyed in a storm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>!

On a calmer note there was an excellent Christmas dinner held for the first time at Boscastle Farm Shop which everyone enjoyed and we are looking forward to our annual quiz evening with our colleagues from Stepper Point at Padstow.

Our thanks go to Jane Castling, one of our longest serving Auxillary Members, who is hanging up her hat after more than 10 years working with our fund-raising teams.

We now have six new members in training, and for the first time we will be operating our own VHF training scheme to ensure that all our members meet the standards required by HM Coastguard.

Remember you don't have to walk up to the Lookout to help our cause, we are always happy to welcome volunteers to be fund raisers to help to keep our station running. So if you, or any one you know would be interested in spending a few hours each month looking out for others, then call our Manager, John Davis on 07791761502. We'd like to wish a successful summer season to everyone in Boscastle. MW

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## Marshgate WI

Cries of “Look behind you” rang out in Otterham & St.Juliot Hall on 9th Jan. not , as you might guess , for a pantomime, but to encourage the speaker, Mrs Wendy Trevenor, who was giving a fascinating cookery demonstration, “Delectable Dairy”, with several good ideas of how to keep the calcium high whilst not having so much fat. She also showed how a good diet and interesting food need not mean slaving over a hot stove for hours. The desserts, while equally simple, were not so free of the double cream, but the members didn't seem to mind as the samples disappeared faster than they had been made. This highly active WI welcomed several new members and a guest to the first

meeting of 2014. There was some lively discussion on forward planning and projects. An outline of the coming year's programme was given, a walking group proposed and other ideas requested. The next meeting on Feb.13 will be the Annual Meeting; again looking forward to another action packed year.

## Boscastle WI

2014 started well for Boscastle WI, since the speaker for January's meeting was a representative of 'Wadebridge Wines'. Tamsin Jones came not only to speak about her favourite subject – Wine – but also to allow us to taste some! As there were no handy spittoons, we were forced to swallow each sample of the four wines she had brought with her. Tamsin explained that it is not always expensive wines which are the most palatable and proved this with her selection. She

agreed that, with so much choice in supermarkets it is difficult to decide which to buy and usually, we stick to those we know. However, supermarket wines are not always the good value they appear to be. Specialised wine shop representatives are free to travel and investigate little known vineyards and can offer wines that challenge our spirit of adventure - but not our palate or purse. I was a firm convert by the end of her talk!!

A new committee was voted in at February's meeting. There are now 7 members on the committee, most of them being retained from last year and, by popular vote, having Jill Clark as President. Whilst the committee was being selected one of our newer members to Boscastle WI, Dee Willis, who recently moved from Australia to join her daughter in Boscastle, spoke about her life out there. It appears that retired people moving

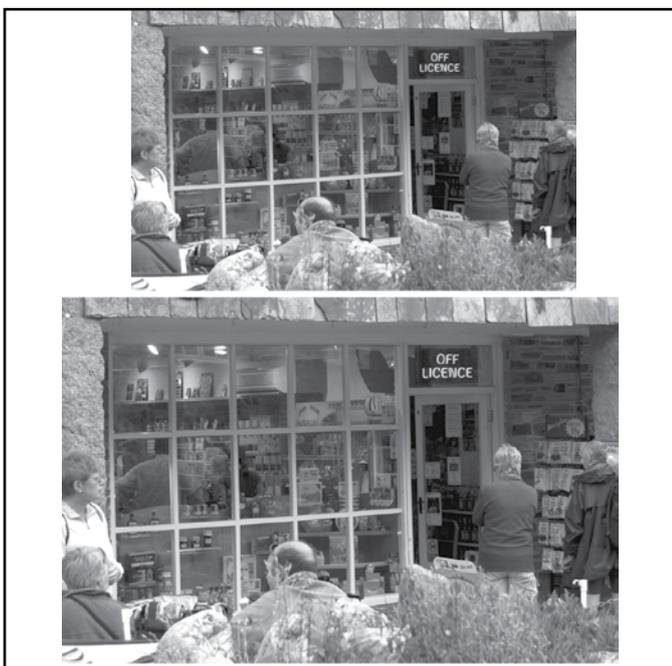
to Australia have to agree to the many regulations and restrictions, such as not expecting free medical help. The down side to moving to Australia appears to be that friends and relations don't visit you for just the weekend!

The coffee rendezvous are as popular as ever. This year we have visited the Boscastle Farm Shop and the Slaughterbridge Farm Shop, both of which have home-made goodies which are difficult to resist and a challenge to the dieters.

A Craft Day is planned for the members at end of February, when, under the supervision of Liz Gregory, dried leaves will provide the basis of their artistic creations.

We meet every second Tuesday in the village hall at 2pm. and have plans for many interesting trips and speakers. So why not come along and get to know us. We are not all pearls and twin-sets!!

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## Weather

As with most people our time over the past few months has been dominated by the weather. High tides, high winds and the high rainfall have combined to produce some dramatic effects. The most expensive damage for the Trust has been around the harbour in Boscastle—both piers have suffered some damage including broken or missing stone and missing pointing/mortar and the road to the harbour has lost a lot of its tarmac. Various buildings have lost a few roof slates and there has been a fair amount of water coming into buildings.

In the wider countryside there have been a few trees blown over and a large amount of extra erosion on paths and tracks. But having said all that it does seem we haven't fared too badly when compared with other areas around the region.

It does mean over the coming months we'll be concentrating on repair work and catching up on work we were unable to do due to the stormy weather.

## Boscastle Visitor Centre – makeover

By the time you are reading this the Visitor Centre in the harbour should have completed a makeover. The information and displays will be refreshed and have a different layout. We're hoping to place some of the previous information in the village archives at

the Community Centre. Why not call in and see the new displays?

## Events

### Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April - 'Regeneration of Boscastle since the 2004 Flood'

Part of Boscastle Walking Festival – led by National Trust and including local people and their stories.

### Practical Days – open to all

#### Tuesday 1 April Harbour spring clean

We will be tidying up the harbour ready for easter. Some work may be in the river so don't forget your wellies! Meet in overflow car park Boscastle, (GR: SX100 913)

#### Tuesday 6 May Foot path improvements

We will be improving access at Willapark in Boscastle- putting in new steps, levelling paths and improving drainage  
Meet at Forrabury Church (Grid Ref: SX096 908 PL35 0DJ)

#### Tuesday 3 June Himalayan Balsam pull, Valency Valley.

Balsam season starts again, so help us remove this invasive weed to allow our native plants and wildlife to flourish.  
Meet in overflow car park Boscastle, (GR: SX100 913)

#### Sunday 15 June Boscastle Balsam Bonanza. Valency Valley

Join us for the annual Boscastle Balsam bash. We are working with volunteers from Cornwall College Newquay to get

rid of this invasive weed. Meet in overflow car park Boscastle, (GR: SX100 913)

### Days start at 10am and finish 4pm (or earlier to suit)

All tools and tuition provided. Please bring clothes that can get muddy, stout footwear and food and drink

If events change or are cancelled due to weather, we will endeavour to let

## Seasonal Garden Tips

Plant out seed potatoes if you haven't done so already. Direct sow carrots, beetroot, spinach, lettuce and other salad leaves. Pot up dahlia tubers in large containers and keep them moist, somewhere light and frost free. Divide herbs, dig up existing plants of mint, lovage, chives and marjoram divide them and replant. Try sowing seed in succession so as to have a constant supply of vegetable and salad and not a glut.

Grow edible flowers this year. Added to your summer drinks and salads they bring colour and

everyone know. However feel free to get in touch to check beforehand!

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delicious flavour. Borage has attractive blue blooms with a mild cucumber taste, great in your pimmis! Other popular edible flowers are calendula, salad rocket flowers, and spicy radish (all lovely in salads). Dill can be sown with brassicas and allowed to flower to attract hover flies, but also make a pretty garnish with a light dill flavour. Nasturtiums are great in salads and a good companion for pumpkins and squash. Courgette flowers are delicious stuffed or dipped in light batter and then fried, of course you do then sacrifice the courgette.

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So far, so good. The deceptively simple start of the process of what we consider to be simple, basic, everyday items, - toiletries, standard food ingredients, pet foods, items of clothing, fine wines and tobacco, sorry, forget the last two entries on that list: merely wishful thinking,- soon turns into a bitter struggle against seemingly superhuman forces, governed by some unknown, distant, but malign power. I have been engaged for some time in

desperate attempts to grow my fingernails so that they more closely resemble the fingernails of my fellow human beings on this planet. The irony is that, having purchased a nail file which -the blurb assures me- will ensure that I am the proud owner of one of the finest set of finger tips in the western world, I broke my long-cultivated fingernails in my struggle to release said beauty-ensuring nail file from its container. The malign force is currently steaming ahead.

'Have you got a carrier bag, darling?', asks my husband. Of course I have: we have, to my certain knowledge, several hundred, if not thousand of them, all conveniently classified as 'carrier bag', in, of course, a carrier bag, hanging on the knob of the kitchen door for convenience and easy access. But wait: enter malign force, giggling audibly. Not a carrier bag to be seen in the anticipated spot: only after a prolonged quest, aided merely by expletives, which do come in handy, I have found, do

I discover the disobedient cache lurking, smirking, behind the protective shield of a vacuum cleaner, an ironing board and an almost supernaturally heavy chunk of wood. Where else? Under the stairs, of course. The access to the 'under the stairs space' in our bijou residence, (for 'bijou residence' read extremely small cottage, designed by a person with an unnatural hatred of allowing any form of reasonable access to a storage cupboard) is accessed by the simple task of removing a variety of fiendishly heavy outer garments, which, in turn, can only be removed by considerable physical effort

by shifting, you've guessed it, yet another vacuum cleaner which seems to have developed an alarmingly personal attachment to the outer garments and a very animated coil of rope, forming a series of knots never introduced to me in my long ago days as a Girl Guide. Patrol Second of 'The Bluetits', if you must know. I was once more powerful, you see.

I do appreciate that, to the more perceptive and critical reader, ironing boards, rope and outer garments may not strictly be seen as 'packaging', but within the context of my dwelling, let me assure you, they all take on that role with uncanny ease. *AR*

*Rainfall totals measured in Boscastle SX 09697 90138 for Nov 2013 - Feb 2014*

2013	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Total rainfall in mm	118.2	218.6	235.4	217.8
Maximum rainfall in mm	23.2	32.8	20.8	30.4
Date on which max fell	10 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
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# Pete's Peeps at the Past



## 5 APRIL 1811 THE R.C.M.

The Royal Cornwall Militia have been doing prison duty at Dartmoor. The French prisoners there have been forging banknotes, the militia refused bribes to distribute them out of the prison.

[Dartmoor prison was built in 1809 to accommodate French prisoners of war.]

## 28 JULY 1815

At Plymouth Sound the "Bellerephon" anchored, accompanied by the "Slaney" and the "Myrmidon" which had the ex-emperor on board. Several gunboats kept many curious observers away.

[Napoleon was on his way to exile on St. Helena, having been defeated at Waterloo in June.]

## 1 FEB 1828 A BARGAIN AND SALE

John Cook, a day labourer, appeared at sessions at Five Lanes, on a summons brought by the overseers at Tintagel to shew cause why he did not support his wife & children, he said he sold her at a public market at Camelford for half-a-crown to man she now lives with & borne 7 children. He will probably have to pay a reasonable sum to the parish or visit the tread-mill.

## 30 MARCH 1838 CORNWALL SPRING ASSIZES

William Harding aged 15 was charged with stealing a frail or basket of William Matta, because he was once convicted of larceny he was sentenced to transportation for life. Joseph Perryman indicted for stealing a black hen from Phillip Sym, 7 yrs transportation.

## 28 FEB 1840 A CARGO OF CONVICTS IN FALMOUTH

The ship "Mandarin" carrying 250 male convicts to Van Dieman's Land, put into Falmouth for repairs, amongst them were the Jews convicted of stealing gold dust and Frost, Williams and Jones the Newport traitors. Very few of the townsfolk were allowed aboard.

[The Jews (Money Moses and the Caspars) stole £4,600 of gold dust in 1839 from the Packet "Seagull" of the Brazilian Mining Co. The Welshmen were agitators for Parliamentary Reform when thousands of miners and ironworkers descended on Newport causing death and destruction.]

## 12 AUG 1875 A NEW STAGE COACH VENTURE IN N. CORNWALL

The directors of the North Cornwall Coach Co. have decided to run daily, and after Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, a coach from St. Columb to Launceston and back.

The Cornwall Railway from Plymouth to

Penzance, completed in 1859, together with its several branch lines served the county adequately. In N. Cornwall however it was a different matter and several coach companies operated there in the 1860s and 70s. The new service between St. Columb and Launceston proved to be a success, the daily 4-horse coach "Pioneer" always filled to capacity.

## 3 MAY 1867 A NOVEL MODE OF SMUGGLING

Part of the crew of the Maltese barque "Wignacourt", were charged at Falmouth with smuggling tobacco & remanded. On the officers of St. Mawes customs boat searching the vessel, they found 177 lbs. of tobacco & 14 lbs. of cigars secreted. Some of the tobacco was made up into life-belts & covered with canvas & cigars down the sides of the masts so an officer will have to go with the vessel to obtain their possession as she unloads.

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## Bottreaux Filling Station

Tel: 01840 250108

Monday - Friday 8am-6pm,

Saturday 9am-5pm

Sunday 9am-1pm

## Newsagents and Spar Shop

Tel: 01840 250419

Cash machine during business hours

Open daily at 6.00 am

## Post Office at Cornish Stores

Phone for opening hours

Tel: 01840 250344

## NatWest Bank

The Mobile NatWest bank calls at the harbour carpark on Fridays, from 1.45pm until 2.15pm.

## Mobile Library

Tel: 0300 1234111

Calls on alternate Thursdays

St Juliot, Tremorle Farm: 11:05 - 11:15

Wellington Hotel: 11:30 - 11:45

Barn Park, Tintagel Road: 11.50 - 12.15

Trevalga, Village Hall: 13:20 - 13:30

## Camelford Library

Town Hall, Market Place

Tel: 01840 212409

Tuesday: 09.30 - 18.30

Thursday: 09.30 - 17.00

Friday: 09.30 - 13.30

Saturday: 10.00 - 13.00

## Waste Tip, Bowithick Quarry

Sanding Road, Tintagel

Tel: 01840 770778

Open Friday to Monday: 9am - 4pm

## Emergency Services:

Coastguard, Fire, Police, Ambulance: **Dial 999**

**Police Station:** For non-urgent issues: 101

**Doctors' Surgery** and out-of-hours emergency doctor: 01840 250209

**NHS Direct** (24 hour helpline): 0845 4647

## Hospitals:

Bodmin - East Cornwall 01208 251300  
Minor Injuries Unit open 8 am - 10 pm, seven days a week

Launceston General 01566 761000  
Minor Injuries Unit open 8 am - 10 pm, seven days a week

Stratton 01288 320101  
Minor Injuries Unit open 24hrs, seven days a week

Truro -Treliske 01872 250000

Plymouth - Derriford 08451 558155

**Dental Helpline:** 0845 5000 230

**NHS Emergency Dental Appt:** 01872 354 375

**Boscastle Visitor Centre:** 01840 250010

## Local Churches:

Church of England 01840 250359

Methodist 01840 214818

Catholic 01840 770663

**Harbourmaster:** 01840 250200

## Parish Council:

Chairman: 01840 250414

Clerk: 01840 230609

email clerk to the council: [forminpc@gmail.com](mailto:forminpc@gmail.com)

**Village Hall Bookings:** 01840 211343

**Community Centre Bookings:** 01840 250442

**Cornwall Council:** 0300 1234 100

**Camelford One Stop Shop:** 01840 214200

**Environment Agency:** 0800 807 060

**South West Water emergency:** 0844 346 2020

(NB costs 3p per minute from BT landline)

**SWW leak reporting** 0800 230 0561

**Highways:** 0300 1234222

**RSPCA:** 0300 1234 999

**Western Power emergencies:** 0800 365 900

**Village website:** [www.boscastlecornwall.org.uk](http://www.boscastlecornwall.org.uk)