

Issue 232 - March / April 2023

Your County Councillor John Fitter writes...

Greetings dear reader of the Colan Companion.

Another year and another Cornwall Council Budget. By the time you read this newsletter the meeting of full Council will have taken place where the Budget for the year April 2023 to March 2024 will have been discussed and voted upon.

The headline figure is that there will be an increase in the council Tax of 4.99% which will include a 2% levy to be spent on adult social care for the year 2023/24. This increase will on average mean an extra £1.65 a week for a band D property.

The police precept as set by the Police and Crime Commissioner will be £261.65 per band D property and along with the Council Tax figure of £1,802.79 will mean total thus far of £2,064.35. The only thing left to add in is the Parish precept which for Colan residents will be £13.37p per band D household. Total amount due will be £2077.72. per Band D household in the Parish of Colan.

The figure for our adjoining parish of Newquay will be different because their parish precept is set at £237.07 per band D which brings their total Council Tax bill for a Band D property to £2301.42.

Some other figures from the budget papers, the Forecast External Borrowing for 2023/24 will be £1,353.841. The Council have a number of investments among them is £191.3 in local authorities. Given the problems that some local Authorities have at the present time is it reassuring to understand that they cannot go into

liquidation and default on their liabilities and will always have to repay their borrowing including the interest, especially as I see that we have loan out with Thurrock Council £20m which is due to be repaid 13/11/23 let hope that they have got their finances sorted out by then.

Some news from the Trevithick Manor Farm Development, as I mentioned in the last edition of the Companion, Archaeologists are on site and are due to finish by the end of March. They have found some very interesting artefacts, several roundhouses, stock pens and a burial site made up of pots with ashes and bones in them from the bronze age. All of this exciting news is being recorded and a full report will be published later in the year. My thanks go to Anna Sheppard who has the watching brief on this development and ensuring that we have a detailed record of the site prior to the housing element of the site starting.

News on the build out progress of the Newquay strategic Route, Cormac have been appointed the main contractor for the section from the North side of the bridge over the railway line down to the embankment where the Western Arm branches off in the direction of Tretherras College, Rail Track will be dealing with the construction of the bridge over the railway line. It is hoped that if there are no delays the route will be opened in late 2024.

At a special meeting of Cornwall Council where changes to various Boundaries between town and parish were discussed. I was successful in asking that the









Council reject the Claim for the Boundary of Newquay Parish to be extended to include parts of Colan Parish including Lane and the Goldings along with Trevithick Manor Farm. I could see no merit in agreeing to this move against the overwhelming wishes of the residents who would be affected by this change and who clearly wished to remain in Colan Parish.

Any Problem please ring me on 01637 881336 or email cllr.john.fitter@cornwall.org.uk.

Have a great spring, Best regards John.

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Police Crime Report for the Colan area

We had a spate of vehicle thefts where mainly surfers cars were targeted, however dog walkers were not immune. Those responsible have been dealt with and are no longer in out town. It's not common for criminals to target vehicles, but its worth just being a little cautious if leaving your keys near your vehicle when entering the water.

Community Speed Watch volunteers have been out with the speed gun, hopefully we will have a regular group to look after the Colan and surrounding areas.

I have been out on the E-Bike now its stopped raining, I am regularly patrolling around the Colan Parish, if you do see me please say hello.

No other significant issues that I can think off which would affect day to day living.

PSCO Paul Price

Police Community Support Officer

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COLAN CWIK CWIZ #14

Compiled by Albatros

A fun quiz to enjoy over your coffee... Sorry, no prizes!

- 1. Name the only three countries of the world whose name begins with the letter "J"
- 2. What type of animals feature in the book "Watership Down" by Richard Adams?
- 3. What claim to fame did Tensing Norgay achieve in the 1950's?
- 4. During Queen Elizabeth II's reign there were 14 Presidents of the U.S.A. Which was the only one she never got to meet?
 - a. Richard Nixon
 - b. Lyndon Baines Johnson
 - c. Jimmy Carter
- 5. In what sporting event did Rachael Blackmore become unique in 2021?
- 6. What exactly happens when "Swan Upping" occurs on the River Thames?
- 7. Actress Caroline Catz played the wife of which well-known TV character?
- 8. Which two English counties border Scotland?
- 9. In the famous Monty Python TV sketch, what was the species of the dead parrot?
- 10. In November 2022 Anna Haugh replaced which female presenter on the TV programme "MasterChef The Professionals"?
- 11. Newton Heath Football Club has enjoyed some success since changing its name in 1902 to what?
 - a. Liverpool
 - b. Manchester United
 - c. Arsenal
 - d. West Ham United
- 12. Which author wrote the book "Robinson Crusoe"?
- 13. What is the forename of President Ramaphosa of South Africa?
 - a. Victor

- b. Cyril
- c. Bertrand
- 14. Which character in "The Wizard of Oz" film wished for a heart?
- 15. Which one of these indigenous tribes is the odd one out? Three are North American, and one is South American.
 - a. Arapaho
 - b. Carrapa
 - c. Hopi
 - d. Pawnee

Answers on page 7







And now here's the allotment news...

Spring is in the air, the birds are busy nest building and the days are longer. All we need now is some sunshine to warm the soil up, and we will be busy sowing and planting on the allotment. It is the most exciting time of the year both for allotters, people with gardens or anywhere in nature.

The past winter has given some people time to build beds, decorate sheds etc. you may have noticed new artwork on a shed along the footpath. Being creative is certainly a good skill to have as an allotter. Making

beds or cold frames out of recycled materials, ways of collecting water or using containers to grow in. One plot has old organ pipes which blue tits love to nest in. Bathtubs are used as raised beds or for water storage. I think allotters have always been good at recycling.

Most allotters compost kitchen peelings and anything else they can get their hands on. Brown cardboard ripped into smaller pieces are very useful in the compost heap. Coffee grounds, teabags and particularly banana peel are brilliant for composting. If you grow roses or tomatoes, pop a banana peel under the soil near the plant and you will have lots of flowers.

In the last issue I mentioned briefly the use of mulch. Again, using or recycling various materials to mulch our plants is only limited by our imagination or availability of materials. After winter storms dead Kelp is washed up on the beaches and is brilliant both as a composting material and as a mulch. Spent Hops used in beer making are also useful both as a mulch and added to the compost bin. The fermented hobs do give off

an odour that might not be to everyone's taste! Spent mushroom compost is also brilliant, and might even produce a few extra mushrooms if the conditions are right.

So this spring I challenge everyone to be creative in outdoor spaces. Artwork and unusual features gives us something to smile about, and that is something we all need when the world around us is crazy.



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1st Sunday of the month **Meeting at 11am** @ the Village Hall

We would like to thank Karen Harris and Sue Trebilcock, their support over all the years of delivering the Colan Companion is greatly appreciated.

Also a thanks to Cara Gurren from West Penhill for agreeing to take on Karens round after our shout out on Facebook.

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- 1. Jamaica, Japan and Jordan
- 2. Rabbits
- 3. He was Sherpa to Sir Edmund Hilary, and together they conquered Mount Everest for the first time in 1953
- 4. b. Lyndon Baines Johnson (1963 1969)
- 5. She is the only female jockey to date to have won the Grand National horse race. She rode "Minella Times" to victory in 2021
- 6. With full ceremony, the Queen's Swan Marker and assistants set out on the river to count and check the health of cygnets. This takes place on the 3rd week of July and takes five days as they travel upstream. This dates from the 12th Century
- 7. Caroline Catz played Louisa Ellingham, the wife of Doc Martin (played by Martin Clunes)
- 8. Cumbria and Northumberland
- 9. A Norwegian Blue (Very rare!)
- 10. Monica Galetti
- 11. c. Manchester United
- 12. Daniel Defoe, written in 1719
- 13. b. Cyril
- 14. The Tin Man
- 15. Arapaho are from Wyoming USA, Hopi are from Arizona USA, Pawnee are from Oklahoma USA, which leaves Carrapa who are from the west region of Colombia



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Fund Overview

The Denzell Downs Wind Farm has around £17,500 available per year for community projects which will be split equally between the Parishes of St Mawgan in Pydar and Colan, in Cornwall.

The Fund allows groups to apply for grants between £250 and £8,750.

There is one round to apply to each year.

The application deadline for 2023 is Wednesday 22 March (decisions end May 2023).

Project Purpose

The Fund is open to community projects which are for the benefit of residents in the Parishes of St Mawgan in Pydar and Colan.

For full details of what can be funded (there are limited exceptions), please see the Funding Criteria, available on GrantScape's website: www.grantscape.org.uk

Eligible Organisations

Eligible Organisations, who can apply for funding include:

- Charities and voluntary / community groups
- The Parish Councils
- Schools and educational establishments
- Social enterprises (including credit unions, cooperatives, social firms, community-owned enterprises, community interest companies and development trusts) provided they operate on a not-for-profit basis

Applicants need to have a written constitution, a set of rules, or a governing document and a bank or building society account held in the name of the organisation in place before applying for a grant.

Organisations that have already received a grant from the Fund can apply for further grants each

Making an Application

Applications to the Fund need to be made using the online form available via GrantScape's website. Alternative arrangements can be made for people with special communication needs.

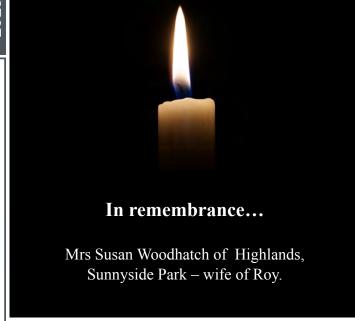
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Spring is definitely on the way, with the fields full of our signature daffodils and the days now discernibly lighter.

As visitors start to wend their way to the County, locally we have so many kind hearts who lead the way with giving Quintrell Downs a regular spring clean, removing litter before it hits our rivers and ultimately the sea.

The newly-installed play equipment in the Park, so needed, now welcomes the next generation and just in time for our families who have settled into the new housing development.

With plans for more trains coming to fruition, the introduction of 'Beryl Bikes' and an increasing number of EV's evident on our roads, it does feel like we are making real inroads in addressing our carbon footprint. We seem to be approaching another relatively dry year and the gardeners amongst us are making hay by installing water butts now.

Thoughts also naturally turn to the Earthquake disaster which is still impacting on the daily lives of the people in that region and it reminds us of those who need our support both at home and abroad. The work of the DEC is never-ending.

I'm writing this just after 'Random Act of Kindness Day' and thinking about the marvellous groups of volunteers we already have in our own area. As we turn our thoughts to the Coronation in May, 'The Big Help Out' is writ large with new ways of volunteering encouraging even more people in our communities to come forward and join the throng.

Suzanne Featherstone





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