

The Colan Companion

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Your County Councillor John Fitter writes...

Greetings dear reader of the Colan Companion.

Is it not wonderful that we now have truly left the grip of winter behind us as we continue to march in the direction of summer? I suspect we are all delighted to enjoy these longer daylight hours, which gives us more time to carry out those outside jobs that one has been putting off all the winter, or just the opportunity to relax outside and enjoy the evening sun. Well, that is the wish, let's hope we have the summer weather to go with it.

The Cornwall Council Cabinet is reeling from the feedback on the public consultation which indicated that over 60% of residents here in Cornwall did not want a change of Governance to that of having a Mayor for Cornwall. The residents, rightly in my view, did not consider that this style of administration was right for Cornwall. At a special meeting of the Cabinet they voted not to proceed, while still claiming that they were correct and indeed making the suggestion that the silent majority supported them! I do wonder sometimes on what planet the Cabinet members are on, and of course if they felt that the so called silent majority were indeed supporting them they had the option of putting it to a referendum. I will leave you, the dear reader, to decide why they rejected that route.

At the April Cornwall Council meeting, two motions were put down for discussions, the first one was a motion called Meaningful Devolution for Cornwall. It was proposed by Councillor Cole and seconded by Councillor Jenkins. The core message in the motion, if approved, was that Cornwall Council resolve to inform

the U.K Government that we wish to commence negotiations for a more meaningful devolution settlement, similar to those enjoyed in other Celtic parts of the U.K {such as a national Assembly of Cornwall or Cornish Parliament}. This motion had cross party support, but was opposed by the Conservative group. My position was quite clear, I am proud to be a Cornishman and strongly support an increase in a range of powers being devolved to Cornwall, but this is not the way to do it. We have already had one fiasco where the Council spent 18 months in negotiations with Central Government without first establishing with the people of Cornwall what sort of deal they would support, with the result that Central Government must be questioning whatever is going on. We must first of all ask the people what sort of devolution that would have their majority support, we must offer various models of the sort of powers we wish to take on and we must paint the picture of what is involved, warts and all, and only then (when we have a consensus of a majority view) can our Officers then go to Central Government and make the case for a true devolution based upon the wishes of the people, and not out the cart before the horse as has been the case thus far. The motion was defeated and my hope is now that all the party leaders will get together and start to prepare a program of various models of devolutions for the people of Cornwall to consider, and if the will is there form a collative view.

The second motion was to support the principles of the Climate and Ecology Bill which will be reintroduced in



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the House of Commons on May 10th. I do believe that every one who cares about the ecological and climate emergency will wish this bill every success in its efforts to require the U.K Government to produce a joined up approach to climate and nature strategy, and to ensure the UK's environmental response is in line with the latest science.

I was delighted to fund, from my community money, the purchase of some solar panels and the kit required for installing them for the use of the Colan Garden Society.

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Our new Chief Constable, Will KERR appears to be making positive noises, Anti-Social Behaviour and local policing are high on his agenda. There is definitely a shift towards dealing with matters that affect us all, which can only be a good thing.

I have been keeping an eye on Vyvyan Drive, re the parking on the junction, I've not seen to much offending, however keep me posted.

Stay safe , any questions please get in touch,



PSCO Paul Price
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COLAN CWIK CWIZ #15

A fun quiz to enjoy over your coffee... Sorry, no prizes! *Compiled by Albatros*

1. In what month is St. George’s Day celebrated in England?
2. Britain’s National Space Centre is in which City?
 - (a) London
 - (b) Leeds
 - (c) Leicester
3. What type of creature is an Orfe?
 - (a) A Japanese dog
 - (b) A fish
 - (c) A lizard
4. With a population of nearly 9 million, what is the most populous city in the U.S.A.?
 - (e) Los Angeles
 - (f) Chicago
 - (g) New York
 - (h) Detroit
5. Who played the part of Mrs. Robinson in the film “The Graduate”?
6. True or false? The Vatican Swiss Guard need not necessarily be Swiss.
7. What fruit is used in the making of Cointreau liqueur?
8. Who wrote the novel “Cider with Rosie”, about growing up in a remote Cotswold village?
9. What is Marquetry?
10. Who is the longest reigning King in British history?
11. The Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts died in 2021. What odd ‘obsession’ did he have?
 - (a) Ironing the band’s stage clothes before a performance.
 - (b) Drawing all the hotel rooms he stayed in.
 - (c) Having his drum kit facing exactly either North, South, East or West.
12. For which sport is the William Webb Ellis cup awarded?
13. Which UK band recorded the album “Parachutes” in 2000?
14. Coral is used to symbolise which wedding anniversary?
15. Which comedian made the following quote: “Marriage is a wonderful invention, but then again, so is the bicycle repair kit.”

Answers on page 7





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Hi All, are you keeping everything crossed for warmer weather? Perhaps by the time you are reading this we finally have proper spring weather. But at the time of writing it's rainy, cold and windy, and only the very hardy allotters have sown seeds in the ground.

We held our AGM end of March, and the committee was re-elected. We discussed grant applications, and would like to thank John Fitter for money towards improving our site. Anything we need to buy needs to be funded by grants, as our member fees are used to pay for insurance, allotment association membership, website, tool maintenance/repairs, fuel and site repairs. After the winter our driveway needed some repairs, and thanks to Glanville's (St Columb Major) driver, and a good turn out of allotters, the gravel ordered, was spread out in flash.

Lots of people have commented on the positive vibe there is on our site. The majority is a friendly bunch, and usually there is time for a natter, discuss growing methods or just a "how are you?" The openness of the site with the sea in the distance is just so calming. You soon forget the traffic sounds, though the train's hoot always brings a smile. Having an allotment is not just about growing lots of stuff, but also the escape from work or home, and a chance to recharge both mentally and physically. Sitting down with a cup of tea brewed in the shed, and watching the wildlife or planning the next task to do, is just as important as the physical work.

As a committee we value the allotters are considerate to our neighbours, so everyone can enjoy the clean air and the peace, that is so good for our mental health. Sometimes the odd power tool or motorised garden tool is necessary, but we discourage radios playing loudly. We also know that burning diseased garden materials might be warranted, but hope it causes minimal upset.

Our waiting list is now 22, and is still open. So if you are interested in having an allotment, why not come along to one of our open days and go on our website to register your interest. Parcancolan.co.uk



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- 7th Sarah Crowe
- 11th Anne Dearing
- 12th Christopher Woodward
- 12th Phil Soltys
- 16th Lynn Ashton
- 17th Norma Coombe
- 18th Ben Crossley
- 20th Bob Perrington
- 22nd Sue Trebilcock
- 22nd Arri Minchin
- 23rd Eve Brand
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- 29th Christin Leissne

June

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COLAN CWIK CWIZ ANSWERS

1. St. George's Day is on 23rd. April. This is thought to be the anniversary of his martyrdom.
2. (c) The National Space Centre is in Leicester.
3. (b) A freshwater fish of the Carp family.
4. (c) New York.
5. Anne Bancroft
6. It is false. Men must be unmarried Roman Catholics with Swiss citizenship, be between 19 and 30 years and at least 5'8" tall.
7. Oranges, or more precisely the bitter orange peel from the Caribbean, and the sweet orange peel from Spain with neutral alcohol, water and sugar.
8. Laurie Lee. The book was first published in 1959.
9. Marquetry is the art and craft of applying pieces of veneer to a structure (i.e. a table) to form decorative patterns and designs. Sometimes this work can be very intricate.
10. King George III, who reigned for 56 years and 96 days (1760 – 1820).
11. (b) He did a drawing of every hotel room and kept them as a collection.
12. Rugby Union.
13. Coldplay.
14. A Coral Wedding Anniversary is 35 years.
15. Billy Connolly.

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The East Road/Bridle Way will be covered by Shaun Kilker and thanks to Daniel Glossop for his past support.

Also Kath & Trish Manning have decided to give up their Willow Close round and after another appeal on FB Janette Gladman has volunteered to take this delivery on.

The Colan Companion Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who came to support our Annual Coffee morning on March 11th. Good to see our locals getting together for a chat and reminisce.

Thanks to all who helped either by providing stalls or helping in the kitchen and clearing up afterwards.

The total raised was as follows:

Raffle & Door	92.00
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Kath & Trish Manning	5.00
Kathy Powell	10.00
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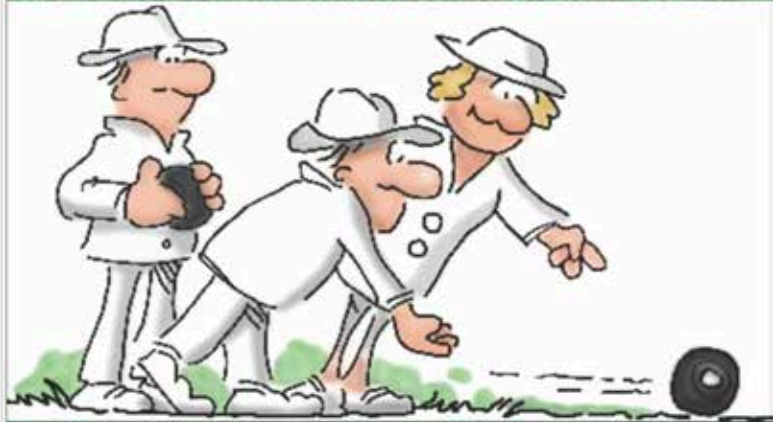
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Our pigs are doing a fantastic job of clearing the ground which also helps them to achieve the best nutritional needs. We don't leave them in one place too long as they can be very destructive when not sunbathing.

Salt, our gilt (never had piglets) will hopefully be as good as her sister Pepper (sow) at being a mum this year, watch this space.

Sue



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Who are we?

The Friends of Skol Nansledan (FOSN) is a group of parents, carers and teachers at Nansledan School, who have come together to raise vital funds for items that are not routinely funded by the school budget. The last academic year was the first full year of fundraising since the school opened and the school community raised an amazing £11,344! Since September 2022, a further £4,243 has been raised.

What we do?

The Friends host a variety of events including discos, raffles, uniform shops, ice cream sales as well as the hugely successful summer fete. The Friends also co-ordinate Christmas cards, EasyFundraising, Your School Lottery as well as applying for various grants from local community groups and businesses. The Friends also maintains a pot of money which is to be used solely to support families who need help purchasing school uniform.

What we want to achieve?

In September 2021, The Friends set themselves the target of purchasing outdoor play equipment and becoming a charity. Both of these have been achieved. We have just elected a new committee who will have their first meeting very soon. We are looking to continue to benefit the school and raise awareness to get parents/volunteers involved in raising money for the school to benefit the children of Nansledan School.

If your interested in getting involved you can find us on Facebook or contact friendsofnansledan@gmail.com.

We'll be keeping you updated with all of our upcoming events in the next edition.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com. did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy.

Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg.

Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums.

The drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

Now to prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew To The People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading methods as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising Drum Dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every Drum-maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known.

He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's Drums to locate things around the countryside.

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