

The Colan Companion

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Your County Councillor John Fitter writes...

Greetings dear readers of the Colan Companion.

We seem to be still in the grip of some rather glorious weather, and as I write this there is no forecast of rain in the coming days. At the current time South West Water have been granted drought orders which allow them to take water from lakes and rivers to help keep the reservoir levels topped up. They also have, as we are all too well aware, a hosepipe ban in force for the whole of Cornwall. The fear is that, with the coming of the main holiday season, if we don't get some meaningful levels of rain fall SWW might have to apply for the next step which would be the application of a 'Non Essential Use Order'. Let's hope that with a fair wind and some rain we can avoid this further step.

Concerns have been raised about the ongoing subject of vehicles speeding through Quintrell Downs, especially when using South and East Roads. Regretfully, as pointed out to me by the Highway manager, most speeding is done by locals with commuters being the main offenders. The next stage in this never ending fight against these unthoughtful people will be if Quintrell Downs is selected as one of the places for the roll out of the 20 mph plenty speed limit. If we are fortunate to get selected, we will then have to press for speed enforcement cameras, if drivers continue to ignore the new '20 is plenty' limit.

As residents will have noticed, the buildout of the Coastline site is continuing apace with more houses coming online and being made available to those in housing need. In total Coastline will be providing 91 affordable homes on this scheme with some being funded by Homes England which have a different criteria in the shared ownership properties, in this case 24 will be shared ownership, and in line with Government grant guidelines the local connection requirement will be removed, however it is fully expected that all the 24 shared ownership homes will be sold to local people.

The funding for the double yellow lines on West Road has been made available to the Authority by the developer for them to start that process of consultation. Hopefully we can then get the damaged verges on the right hand side as one leaves Q.D in the direction of Hendra, put back into the same state of the ones that have not been damaged.

Cornwall Council plans for providing our local area with the community hub is slowly taking shape, the new build development will be on the site of Lanherne House and will form part of the redevelopment of the Station Quarter of Newquay Railway Station, this new building will house Family and Children Services, Registrars, Adult Education, Safe and well service, Offices for Cornwall Council staff, Community Groups and Adult Day Services, all of these services will become part of the integrated service hub with a projected cost of £6.385m and a build date for May 2024 to December 2025, residents of Colan Parish who use or need any of these services will find this central location to be far more suitable than spread out all over the place as they are now.

I know many reader of the companion will be as disappointed as I am that Cornwall Council could not find enough space in the vast area that they have at Cornwall Airport to relocate the Cornwall Aviation Heritage Centre and the Cornwall Aerospace Education Trust, this very successful and popular Aviation Centre has now been broken up, and the benefits and opportunities that it gave to a wide range of people have now gone forever, so very short sighted of those who had the power to go the extra mile and find the space and work with the Aviation team to ensure its survival, but no it was not to be, and here in Cornwall we have lost something that we were entitled to be proud of. And what gone into that Hanger space that they were kicked out of, people would find it funny if it was not so sad, they have replaced the Centre with a company called Space engine Systems who have a spaceplane with the nickname Sexbomb, mind you it has



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never flown, but that has not stopped them advertising Lunar Flights from Newquay in 2025. One would have thought the Authority, after getting their fingers burn by the Richard Branson fiasco, would have learn the lesson of becoming involved in something they don't understand, clearly that lesson which cost us the ratepayer £20 million has been not enough to teach them the errors of their way.

Stay safe and enjoy the summer and put up with a little much need rain.

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No crime trends or issues in the Colon Parish of interest.

I have had some reports of people using Electric Scooters in the Quintrell downs patch. An electric scooter is a "motor vehicle" within the meaning of s.185 of the Road Traffic Act. Accordingly, anyone who uses an e-scooter in a public place commits an offence under s.87 of driving without a licence, since no licence category exists for e-scooters, and under s.143 regarding insurance. However, we have to be proportionate in dealing with them, we will not pursue them in vehicles normally, we have successfully seized few so far.

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Lets hop for a peaceful summer,

PSCO Paul Price
Police Community Support Officer

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

1. Who leads the team of restorers on the BBC programme The Repair Shop?
2. In what section of an orchestra would a marimba feature?
3. What type of creature is a Leveret?
4. Harry Kane recently took over the top UK scoring record from Wayne Rooney. Who did he take it from?
5. Which 19th century novelist is credited with designing the first Post Office pillar box?
6. Which country sold Louisiana to the U.S. in 1803 for \$15 million?
7. Who are the two celebrity Hollywood actors who own Wrexham Football Club?
8. What is the highest female singing voice?
9. Sir Robert Walpole was Britain’s longest serving Prime Minister with one continuous term of 20 years and 314 days. Who has had the shortest term?
 - a. Sir Alec Douglas Home
 - b. Andrew Bonar Law
 - c. Liz Truss
10. In the Monopoly game, after “GO” which are the first two properties?
11. Who is Justin Welby better known as?
12. Ronnie O’Sullivan holds the World record for the fastest 147 break in snooker, achieved in 1997. How fast was this?
 - a. Just over ten minutes
 - b. Just under seven minutes
 - c. Just over five minutes
13. Which company supplies tyres to Formula One?
 - a. Firestone
 - b. Pirelli
 - c. Dunlop
 - d. Avon
14. In which country is Kilimanjaro, Africa’s highest peak at 19,340 feet (5,895meters)?
15. Who was George Michaels partner in “Wham!”?

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Did I complain about our cold spring in the last issue? Well, at time of writing this, we have had a mini heatwave and no rain for a month! Things are still growing though, and the strawberries are loving the sun and heat.

You may observe some allotters with very long arms. This is due to carrying watering cans to their plots multiple times. Some crafty allotters use their wheelbarrows to carry even more water, but it still stretches the arms! However, it's all worth it when we sit down and eat the produce.

We held our Open Day on June 11, and it was an amazing success. There were some unusual plants, lots of veg, jewellery, bric a brac, cakes, refreshments, lottery and our very popular tombola. Thank you to everyone, who came along to meet us, see our allotments and made purchases from our stalls. We managed to raise £350 on the day, and so far have collected £50 from our produce stalls. Also a big thank you to all the allotters who helped out, donated stuff, baked cakes and supported the committee in making the day a fun and friendly affair. Roll on our next Open Day in September. Look out for the advertising nearer the time. If you missed this one, come along to the next one.




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- 29th Chris Cummins

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- 3rd Meghan-Jane Garlick
- 5th Roger Rundle
- 8th Hannah Rundle
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- 9th Matthew Armstrong
- 18th Barbara Coles
- 30th Christopher Glanville

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2. The marimba features in the percussion section.
3. A Leveret is the name given to a young hare.
4. Gary Lineker.
5. Anthony Trollope.
6. France. It was an area of 828,000 square miles, and in today's money is approximately \$400,672,256.
7. Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney.
8. The highest female singing voice is Soprano.
9. Answer c. Prime Minister Liz Truss, who survived just 49 days in office before resigning. She is top of the list of 57 British Prime Ministers Sir Alec Douglas Home managed 363 days (No. 49 on the list and was ousted in an election), and Andrew Bonar Law was in office for 211 days (No. 63 on the list, and who resigned due to poor health).
10. Old Kent Road and Whitechapel Road, both brown in colour and the cheapest properties in the game.
11. The Archbishop of Canterbury.
12. Answer c. It took five minutes and twenty seconds. A record that still stands today.
13. Answer b. Pirelli have been the sole supplier to Formula 1 since 2011.
14. Tanzania.
15. Andrew Ridgeley. They went their separate ways in 1986.

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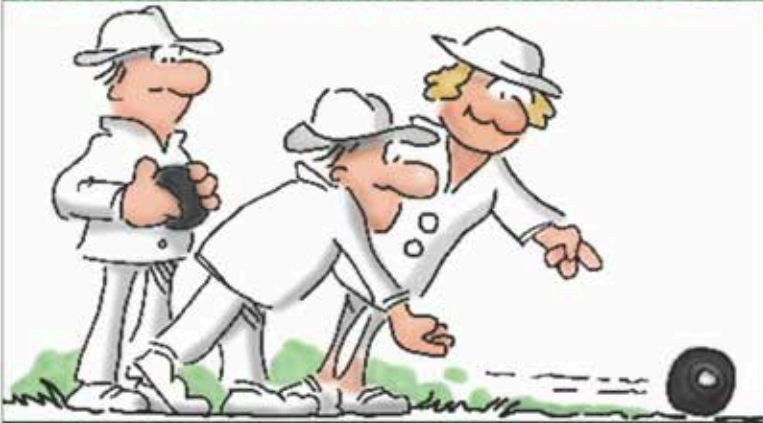
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Yesterday we had fun on the farm, we all had the pleasure of moving the two large female pigs. Salt was brilliant and behaved herself just eating away and keeping distracted whilst the other one Pepper couldn't be more the opposite, wanting to get involved, watching what was going on and trying to get a bit too frisky with Mark, climbing on him twice, she is very heavy . We succeeded and they are happier than ever as they have got their new area for the rest of the summer before being moved into their shed currently under construction. no swimming this winter.



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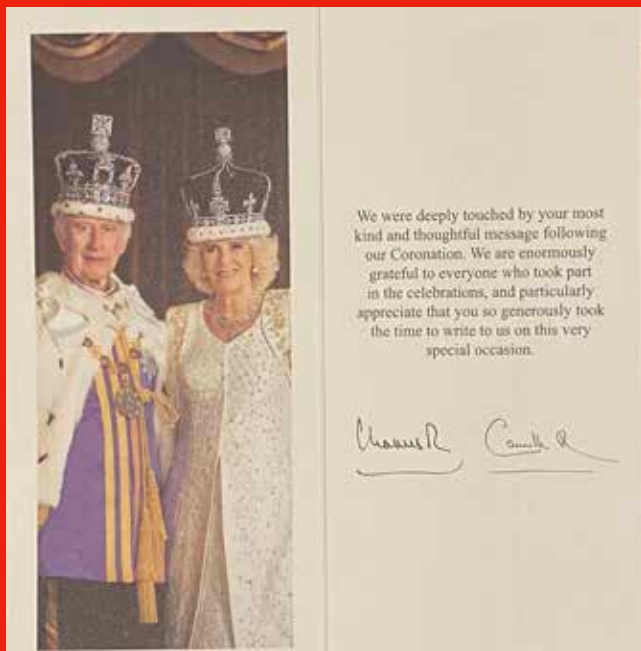
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