

The Colan Companion

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Your County Councillor John Fitter writes...

Greetings dear readers of the Colan Companion.

I suspect even the gardeners among our readers will be saying that perhaps for the moment we could do with some more sunshine more akin to the month of July and August, still my worry about a water shortage for Cornwall, as written in a previous edition of the Companion, is proving to be a gloom and doom, or so it would seem for this year at least.

One thing that does not seem to change, and indeed this year it would seem to be worse than ever, and that is the traffic and the log jams in and around Qunitrell Downs. I am advised that the street works in and around the Bishops School and Tretherras College could only be done in the summer schools holiday time, due to the length of time needed to complete the works part of which involved pedestrian road safety measures.

Colan Parish is once again hosting the temporary Park and Ride which has been situated across the road from the Hendra Tourist Park, this is a much more suitable location than last year which was located down near the railway line, that was more of a park and walk especially as people were expected to walk up and catch the normal service bus into Newquay, this is a much better service with a regular bus service to tie in with the Park and Ride element.

Senior Officers of Cornwall Council along with the Cabinet members of the ruling group are in the process of setting the budget for 2024/2025, I sincerely hope that a real attempt will be made to deal with the underfunding of the Cornwall Council Countryside access team as highlighted by members of Cornwall's Local Access Forum, there is serious shortage of staff and in some cases delays of up to 10 to 12 years in dealing with blocked Public rights of ways, The Council have a statutory duty to ensure that these cases are dealt with in a timely manner and clearly are failing in this task, along with other statutory duties connected with this service. This is

not acceptable, our network of public rights of way along with our coastal footpaths are one of the jewels in our crown, very much cherished by residents and visitors, and as we are aware, some of our inland footpaths have a history and status going back hundreds of years so are worthy of special protection, with sufficient staff to provide it, to that end that I am delighted to note that the Chief Executive Kate Kennally of Cornwall Council is already carrying out a bottom-up approach to redesign the service to cope with the immense work load that the service is attempting to deal with.

I am pleased to learn that the Leader of Cornwall Council Cllr Linda Taylor has been meeting with other Celtic Nations to continue the links set up by the former leader of Cornwall Council Cllr Julian Germans, it is wonderful that we continue to celebrate these historical links, and I am delighted that Tory Group on the Council have realized the damage done by that ill-fated referendum, by going to Rennes in Brittany and signing the declaration of Rennes they continue to promote and strengthen the links with our European neighbours. Long may they continue.

Any problem please contact me cllr.john.fitter@cornwall.gov.uk or telephone 01637 881336.

Stay safe and enjoy the summer, whatever the weather.

John.



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Quintrell Downs Garden Show - August 2023

The Committee of the Garden Show regret to announce that due to circumstances, they will no longer be holding the Annual Show at the Village Hall.

Thank you to all who have supported us in the past.

Liz Bowen, Secretary

Police Crime Report for the Colan area

Boardmasters Festival appeared well received, I did manage to get out into the Colon Parish, using the police E-Bike as it was quicker getting around. I mostly spent my time in town, I would say the kids are generally well behaved. Average age of the Festival goer is 17 years, over 50 % female for what its worth.

Police rely on the public reporting suspicious activity, such as drug supply, we recently executed a drug warrant in your area on the back of resident intelligence.

You can use either '101' or the independent charity - Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111. They have a good website. Or feel free to stop an officer and give details which can be very effective, however sometimes it takes time, which can be frustrating for both of us.

All crime and incidents over the last month for the Parish are what you would expect for this time of year.

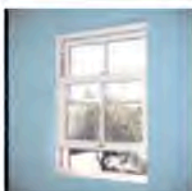
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A fun quiz to enjoy over your coffee... Sorry, no prizes! *Compiled by Albatros*

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2. In which year was “Live Aid” held?
3. From which war did Nurse Florence Nightingale return a heroine for her work?
4. In which continent is the Gobi Desert?
5. Although dual-nationality, which flag does Formula 1 driver Lando Norris race under?
6. Which country is the biggest producer of Peaches?
7. Which rock band does Dave Grohl front as lead singer?
8. Which controversial vessel was in Falmouth dry-dock recently?
9. In mid-July this year, what species of whale stranded themselves on a beach in Lewis in the Western Isles of Scotland?
10. Henry VIII had six wives, but how many legitimate children did he father?
11. Tina Turner sadly passed away recently, but what was her husband’s name with whom she sang in her early career?
12. What is the county town of East Sussex?
13. Who were the two female stars of the 1991 film “Thelma & Louise” ?
14. Which is currently the tallest building in London?
 - a. The BT Tower
 - b. The Gherkin
 - c. The Shard
15. Who does the little mermaid statue in Copenhagen harbour commemorate?

Answers on page 7



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Our big news this time is our new Potting shed. We were successful to get a grant from Denzell Downs to be able to purchase this shed from Cornwall Shed Company. Thank you both companies for the grant and the excellent service provided. Shed has already been painted and guttering put up, now we need to get the inside kitted out and we will be able to start even more produce from seeds.

It's been a very mixed season for produce due to early heatwave to a colder spell and a good amount of rain. As usual some crops do better than others, and courgettes are definitely doing great. Anything we put on the stalls by the entrances are free to whoever wants the produce. If you can afford it we appreciate a donation in our honesty box, which is supporting a charity.

Our waiting list is 40 plus, which shows a lot of people are interested in growing their own. As a committee we can highly recommend this, but we are also aware that it is a huge time commitment, so make sure you are able to commit the time if you join our allotment community.




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- 23rd Daisy Williams
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- 25th Tina White

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- 6th Rachel Jenkins
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2. 1985 (July 13th) in London and Philadelphia.
3. Florence Nightingale ((1820-1910) was chief British nurse for the Crimean War.
4. The Gobi Desert is in Asia, more precisely in Southern Mongolia and Northern China.
5. The British flag. He is of Belgian / British descent.
6. China is by far the biggest producer of peaches and nectarines.
7. The Foo Fighters
8. The "Bibby Stockholm" barge, to be moored at Portland to house 500 migrants.
9. Pilot Whales. In this sad incident about 55 perished..
10. Henry VIII had three legitimate children that survived past infancy. These were King Edward VI, Queen Mary I, and Queen Elizabeth I. There were several others, but all illegitimate.
11. Ike Turner. Between 1966 and 1973 they scored four UK hits together, including "River Deep, Mountain High" and "Nutbush City Limits"
12. Lewes
13. Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis
14. Answer (c) The Shard at 309m. The Gherkin is 180m.and the BT Tower is 177m
15. Storyteller Hans Christian Andersen

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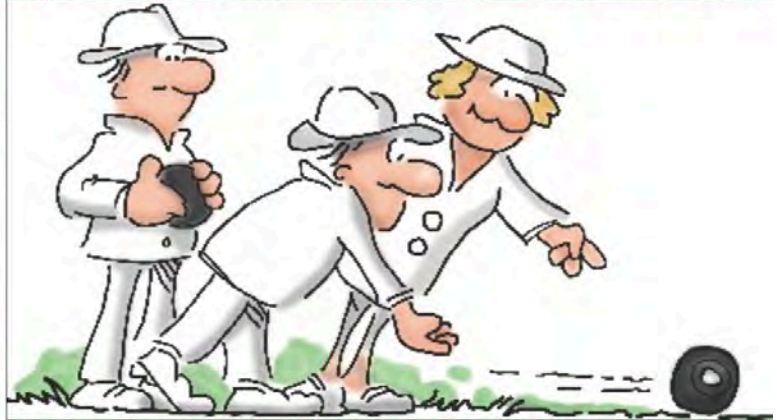
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