

The Colan Companion

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Your County Councillor John Fitter writes...

Greetings dear readers of the Colan Companion.

I hope that your festive season is all that you would wish for and I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and peaceful new year.

This is now the last full year of the current administration at County Hall, with the Cornwall Council elections due to be held in May 2025. With, of course, a General Election to come before, the latest date for that would be January 2025, however informed opinion suggesting it will be held in the Autumn. So that most of this year will, I suppose, be election talk with the Tories and Labour exchanging blows in the race to Number 10. Mind you, as I write this in early December, it would seem to be Labour out in front, and as an independent I hold no brief for either of them, my only wish is that whoever gets the keys to Number 10, they will start to sort out the appalling mess that this nation has drifted into over the last five years. As ever it will be in the hands of the great British public, some might say those who got us in this mess should stay and clean it up while others might say enough is enough and time to change the guard.

Over the last year I have continued to serve on three planning committees, they are planning Committee East, Central Planning and the Strategic Planning Committee. I continue to serve on the Inshore Fishery and Conservation Authority where I am Vice Chairman. I am a member of the Transport Appeals panel, I also serve as member on the Cornwall Country Access Panel Forum and the Standing Advisory Council Religious Education. In addition to these duties I continue to deal with and address where possible the problems, concerns of residents who live in my division.

I am attempting to understand what the effect will be on Quintrell Downs if the Cornwall Cabinet decide to go ahead with the Mid Cornwall Metro, which is supposed to give us a rail link from Newquay to Falmouth. Regretfully, at the time of writing I am still trying to establish what benefits will come, and have a feeling it is another vanity project where the chance to have so called

'free money' from Central Government must be seized regardless of the down side. Memories of the fiasco of the Saints Trail and the cost of that failed project come to mind, and that was so called free money. It could be an overall benefit but robust scrutiny must be carried out on this project, especially on the ongoing cost implications should the build out of the project overrun the time line given by Central Government, or the service does not get the numbers projected. Both of which will mean costs falling back on the ratepayer, that is you or I.

As many will be aware, the Boardmasters Management Group are asking to increase their permitted numbers by an increase of 5000 ticket holders for this August 2024, and a further 5000 for the 2025 event. Last year 2023 there were massive traffic problems along with other off site issues, and my view is that it would be helpful to get these issues addressed and sorted before consideration is given for the number increase that is being applied for. It is expected that the application to increase the numbers will go before the licensing panel in January or February when the decision will be made.

At the current time the building schedule for the N.S.R is proceeding more or less according to plans, with completion expected late this year or early next year.

After it is opened, consultation will begin on closing access to vehicles crossing the Trent Creek and Chapel rail crossings. If the closing is approved it will certainly put a stop to the naughty people who still insist on using the Chapel road as a cut through, despite the fact there is a restriction on this practise, access being restricted to residents and people on business connected with the community at Chapel.

Please contact me if you feel you have any concern or problem that I can help with, email cllr.john.fitter@cornwall.gov or phone 01637881336. Stay safe and start to enjoy the evenings drawing out.

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Police Crime Report for the Colan area

No crime patterns or incidents which would affect day to day living, a couple of drink drivers stopped on the main roads around Quintrell.

Op MONTANA is the national response to distraction burglaries. The Home Office definition of a distraction burglary is:

“Any crime where a falsehood, trick or distraction is used on an occupant of a dwelling to gain, or try to gain, access to the premises to commit burglary. It includes cases where the offender first enters the premises and subsequently uses distraction burglary methods in order to remain on the premises and/or gain access to other parts of the premises in order to commit burglary.”

Doorstep crime is the name given to crimes carried out by bogus callers and rogue traders who call uninvited at your home under the guise of legitimate business or trade. The phrase ‘doorstep crime’ includes distraction burglary, bogus callers, rogue traders and unscrupulous salespeople.

- Bogus callers - These people may trick you into giving them money or your personal details.
- Rogue traders - These people offer to do work for you, but then overcharge you for poor or incomplete work.
- Aggressive sellers - In some cases aggressive selling is a criminal offence.
- Distraction burglars - One person keeps you occupied at the front door while another person goes around the back and enters your property without you knowing.
- Courier and telephone fraud (see OP RADIUM) – although this offence may start with a phone call the ‘courier’ element will result in someone attending the premises to

relieve the victim of their cash or escort them to a cashpoint to obtain the cash.

Most people who knock on your door or ring your doorbell are genuine, but some are not. A friendly face and a warm smile are not always what they seems. Always be on your guard. To combat doorstep crime the police work in partnership with Trading Standards.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY NO – IF YOU ARE NOT CONTENT - DO NOT SIGN OR AGREE TO ANY WORK. Ask the caller to return when you have a friend or family member present. Consumer Advice have information to support those that inadvertently agree or sign up to what is retrospectively considered unwanted work – as long as it is within the statutory ‘cooling off’ period.

Questions:

- Has the person entered your home?
- Is the suspect still in the area?
- Description of the person?
- Vehicle VRM and description (any trade name logo/ telephone number)

If you have any suspicions and the traders are at your or your neighbours home please ring 999 or if you hear of any potential rogue trader activity please ring '101'

Happy New year everyone,

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COLAN CWIK CHRISTMAS CWIZ #19

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

1. A counterpart to the Arora Borealis (Northern Lights) what is the scientific name for the Southern Lights?
2. Who is Stefani Germanotta better known as?
3. How many species of Woodpecker are resident in the U.K.?
 - a. Two
 - b. Three
 - c. Five
4. There are four U.S. States whose names begin with the letter 'A', Alaska, Arizona and Alabama are three. What is the fourth?
5. Which English King's body was located under a carpark in Leicester in September 2012 and later reinterred in the Cathedral there?
6. Which animal's milk is used to produce Parmesan cheese?
7. What were the six councils in Cornwall prior to 2009 when they became unitary?
8. What type of creature is a Caiman?
 - a. A species of Alligator
 - b. A very large sea bird
 - c. A small nocturnal bear
9. How many children does Queen Camilla have?
10. Born in 1972 in Florida USA, Kelly Slater has been 11 times World Champion in what sport?
11. In which year did Pudsey Bear make his debut on BBC Children In Need?
12. In which modern day port on the South Coast did the Black Death arrive in England from a sailing ship in 1348?
13. Giorgia Meloni is which country's first female Prime Minister?
14. The late Bobby Charlton played football for England and for which Premier side?
15. What is the French equivalent of a motorway?

Answers on page 11



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Welcome to 2024. A new year and already the days are getting longer. Signs of new life are everywhere, especially early flowering bulbs.

On the allotment we see plenty of signs of early springtime though we still have to be aware of winter weather. Personally, I can't wait to pick the first asparagus. Here in Cornwall they start early and have a long cropping season.

First early potatoes can be planted as early as February, as long as there is a bit of protection on cold nights. And they will be ready to eat in May.

It's also the right time to start off some seeds on a window sill or in a greenhouse. Our potting shed will be useful to start seeds early, so fingers crossed the weather will be kind to us and temperatures not too low.

We have some new committee members to help share the load of running an allotment site successfully. Alas we are saying goodbye to our Chair and will be welcoming a newly elected chair at our AGM in February. Thank you Angela for all the hard work and commitment you have graced us with. You have been an inspiring and energetic chair, and we wouldn't have achieved so much without your leadership.

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| 6th | Julie Tamblyn | 29th | Adina Looker |

February

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|------|-----------------|------|-----------------------|
| 7th | Kath Waters | 1st | Corin Dummett |
| 7th | Tamsin Williams | 1st | Storm Der West-huyzen |
| 12th | Rosemary Bray | 1st | Nate Scales |
| 13th | Lauren Greaves | 4th | Matilda Green |
| 13th | Danielle White | 6th | Elizabeth Golden |
| 19th | Diana Smith | 10th | Greg Clarke |
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| 20th | James Chapman | 13th | Tommy Johnson |
| 22th | Stuart Beale | 18th | Charles Paull |
| 22th | Sarah Hilton | 20th | Sue Sutton |
| 24th | Kim Sullivan | 24th | Jed Jenkins |
| 24th | Emma Scales | 24th | Jayne Ferris |
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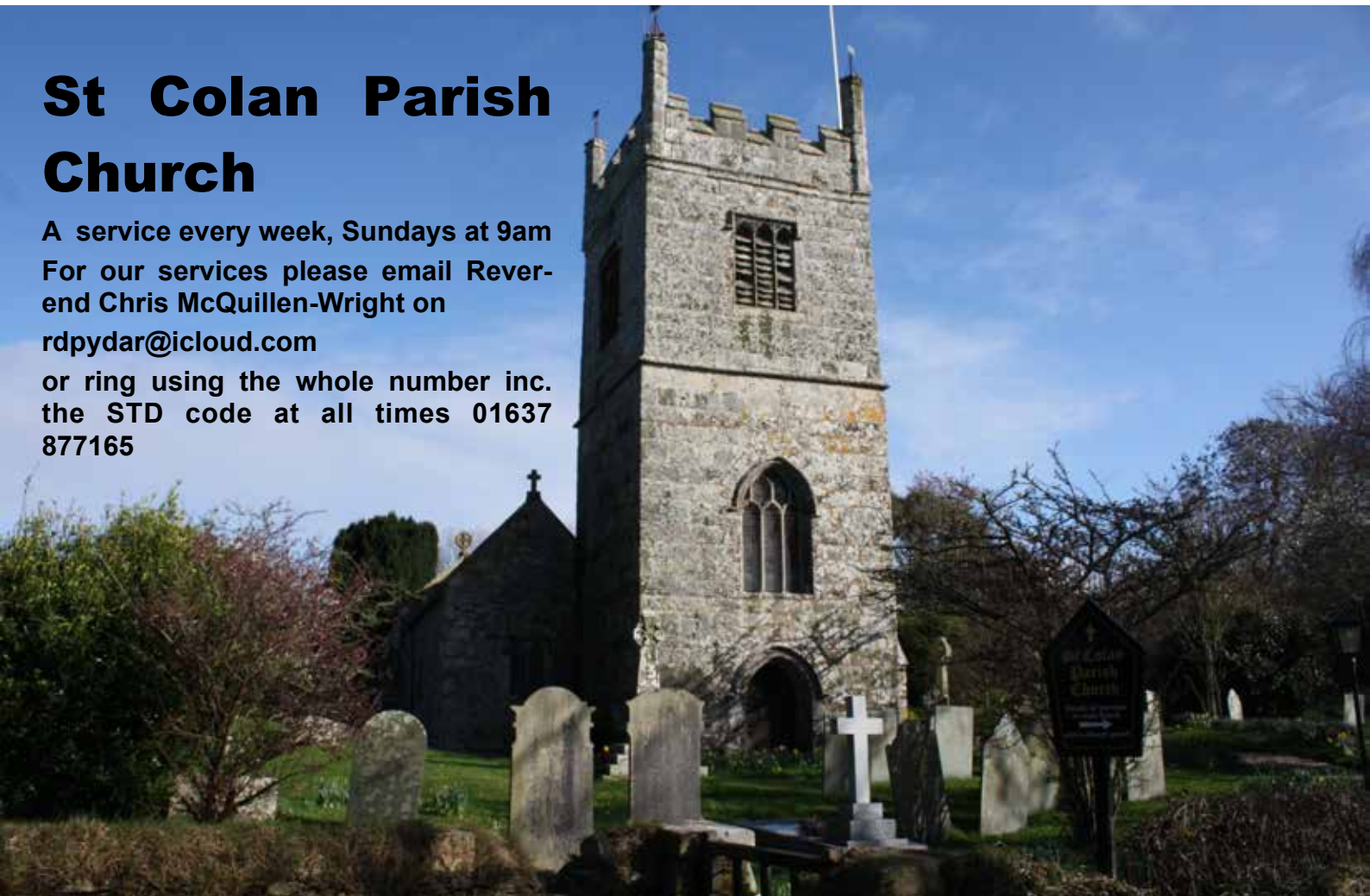
The first suggestion was the garage opposite Quintrell Gardens which is now Quintrell Close.

So here it is Globe Garage, the pictures are kindly sent over by Carole Luscombe who's family ran the garage until it was demolished in 2003.

If you have a suggestion of what you'd like to see or if you have any old pictures you'd like to share get in touch.

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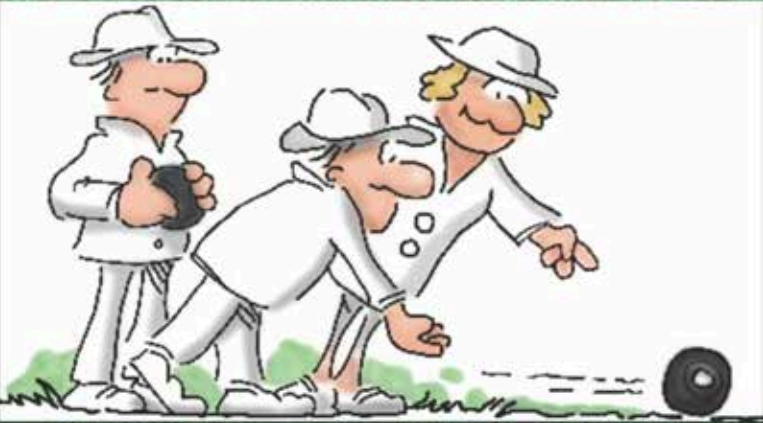
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COLAN CWIK CHRISTMAS CWIZ

1. Aurora Australis.
2. Lady Gaga. Her full name is Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta.
3. There are three species: Great-spotted (red on the back of its neck), Lesser-spotted (red on the top of its head) and the Green Woodpecker.
4. Arkansas.
5. King Richard III, the last English King to be killed in battle. He is thought to be responsible for the death of the Princes in the Tower..
6. Cow's milk.
7. Caradon, Carrick, Kerrier, North Cornwall, Penwith and Restormel.
8. Answer a. A species of Alligator, found in Mexico, Central and South America. They lead a fairly nocturnal existence.
9. Queen Camilla has two children, Tom Parker Bowles and Laura Lopes (nee Parker Bowles).
10. Kelly Slater is a professional surfer, widely considered to be the best ever. His eleven World Championship titles include winning five times consecutively (1994 -1998)
11. Pudsey Bear arrived on our screens in 1985.
12. Weymouth, then called Melcombe Regis.
13. She is the Prime Minister of Italy.
14. Manchester United, for whom he made 758 appearances. He also played 106 times for England, and he never received a red card in his whole career!
15. Autoroute

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