

The Colan Companion

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Your County Councillor John Fitter writes...

Greetings dear readers of the Colan Companion.

Well here we are off for another fun packed year as we press on to 2025, 25% of the this Century almost gone in a flash. Subject to some earth shattering event, not taking place, we have a General Election to look forward to, and depending on when the Prime minister asked the King to dissolve Parliament we will have the U.S.A Presidential Elections threatening to over shadow the U.K day on the world stage, American Election Day is as we all know is already in the diary, Thursday the fifth of November, so as long as the Prime minister stays away from that day and Month our own movers and shakers should have their day on the world stage, on a local level we have the elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner due to be held on the first Thursday in May. Cornwall Council elections along with Parish and Towns come in May 2025.

The current programmed opening date for the Newquay strategic Route {NSR} is late August or early September 2024. The work continues on the Railway Bridge which includes at the current time the wing and spandrel being faced with Cornwall sourced stone. The final stage of the work that will be required prior to the opening will the installation of drainage , surfacing of the road and installation of streetlights. No major development work will start south of the railway line until 2025 and almost certainly after a number of false starts the work on the new Household Waste Recycling Centre will be one of the first developments to be built out, this will allow the Trevenson site to be closed and then redeveloped for the future use. It is also planned for 2024 to have the Newquay Park and Ride operating from the same location as last year.

Cornwall Council have agreed to introduce for a 18 month trial period, an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order {ETRO} at the Lane junction where it joins the

A392. If it proves successful and has the required level of public support it can be made permanent. What this order will cover is a left turn only for all vehicles entering or leaving both junctions, that is the one from Lane and the other one from Trevilley. The method of construction will be using a bolt down solution, this is quicker to install and can allow for rapid adaptation to accommodate any changes that might be required for the future, another feature of the traffic island will be that it can be overrun if needed by emergency vehicles and road sweepers. After the trial has started there will be a full 6 month consultation period with the public, at the end of the consultation all responses received will be summarised and a consultation report produced, allowing Cornwall Council to consider if the experiment should be made permanent, amended or abandoned. I am aware that there has been a lot of frustration with traffic having to queue to get on to the A392 and I am sure that the traffic flow will improve and the queue will become shorter when we have this new system in place.

As I write this newsletter I am unable to say whether the 50 million pounds rail project the Newquay to Falmouth Rail link will definitely go ahead, at the current time the green go signal for the project is with the Cornwall Council Cabinet, I am slightly worried by the fact that Cornwall Council, or us the ratepayer, will be accountable for any cost overruns. And while on B.R matters they have been promising on regular basis to get the crossing fixed at Q.D someone at Rail H.Q must have been thinking Dreckly when promising action in days.

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Police Crime Report for the Colan area

We have had a couple of reports of ‘Rogue Trading’ in the Newquay area, its concerning as on both occasions the traders were verbally forceful and threatening. Police and trading standards are always interested in this kind of doorstep crime, and I would recommend- if a rogue trader or doorstep criminal is in your property now, call the police on 999 straight away. If you think a rogue trader or doorstep criminal is in your area, call police on ‘101’. If you can and without bringing any threat to yourself, try and write down model of vehicle and number plates, mobile numbers, names on the vehicles, retain any documents, leaflets and id cards.

When looking for a tradesperson there is some good advice out there such as;

DONT’S

- Don’t agree to work offered by unsolicited doorstep callers.
- Don’t rely on posts or recommendations on social media sites without doing your own research.
- Don’t be swayed by glossy flyers or impressive websites as they may not show the trader’s own work.
- Don’t pay cash or agree to be taken to the bank or immediately transfer money before any work is started.
- Don’t be rushed into making a decision.

DO’S

- Get three written quotes from reputable businesses.
- Research the companies you’re looking to use e.g. ask for references and look online.
- Ask friends and family to recommend local traders or search via ‘Buy With Confidence’.

Decide who to use in your own time and make sure you have confidence in their skills and abilities.

Ask to see professional qualifications, public liability insurance and if applicable waste carriers licence.

Make sure you have full contact details for a tradesperson not just a mobile phone number.

Check if you’re entitled to your 14-day cooling-off period.

Ask if the company has an Alternative Dispute Resolution policy – is there any independent body to complain to if things go wrong?

If you are concerned rogue traders are operating in your area, always report it to ‘Citizens Advice’.

If someone knocks on your door and you’re not sure, don’t open the door.

No other significant crime trends in the colon Parish, work continues in regard to drug supply and its impact in the community.

The Parish is growing fast, especially in the Quintrell Downs area, however all appears civil.

Here’s to a clement spring, please.

Kind regards,

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COLAN CWIK CHRISTMAS CWIZ #19

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

1. What was the unusual first name of President Nixon's Vice-President Agnew?
2. What is the biggest city in Europe that is not a capital?
3. How many passengers were on the 'Mayflower' when it sailed in 1620?
 - a. 72
 - b. 92
 - c. 102
 - d. 112
4. Which is the only England football manager to officiate at one game?
5. In December 2023, who won the "I'm a Celebrity... Get me out of here"?
6. Where was Boris Johnson born?
 - a. Singapore
 - b. New York
 - c. New Delhi
 - d. Edinburgh
7. Which of the Seven Wonders of the World still survives?
8. Which U.S. State has Trenton as its capital and is known as the 'Garden State'?
9. Which British car company produced the "Midget"?
10. What nationality was Agatha Christie's detective Hercule Poirot?
11. In what conflict was the "New Model Army" involved in?
12. Who, according to Greek mythology, is the God of Wine?
13. In which English city was the TV series "Morse" set?
14. Which two South American countries border the Iguazu Falls?
15. Which Lighthouse is closest to Lands End out of these three?
 - a. Eddystone
 - b. Bishops Rock
 - c. Wolf Rock

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And now here's the allotment news...

I think everyone has had enough of the wet weather and is longing for some spring sunshine. Nature is amazing as it always shows signs of spring despite the weather. Nothing is more cheerful than the yellow daffodils and white snowdrops. The dandelions' early flowers provide a lot of food for the hungry bees, and they can start building nests. The birds have already looked at nesting sites and some may even have laid their first clutch of eggs. Spring is definitely in the air.

Us hardy allotters enjoy this time of year. We know that when weeds germinate, so will our veggie and flower seeds. This year we have our potting shed to start seedlings off, and it seems warm and snug inside. Time to plant those early potatoes too, the earlier the better. A firm favourite for flavour is Casablanca, a very buttery tasting new potato that can actually store well too.

We had 12 vacant plots in February, and we welcome a lot of new and keen members. It's always exciting to see how new people will develop their plots, but we will miss the members who have left. Some were the original people from the start in 2016.

Nansledan is opening their own allotment site this year with 20 plots, we wish them well, and hope they will enjoy it as much as we do.

Happy springtime everyone.



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- 17th Kelly Grimes
- 17th George Green
- 20th Ryan Scales
- 20th Vicki Crossley
- 21st Gerald Gilbert
- 22nd Josephine Burt
- 29th Ron Stammers
- 29th Jackson Jewell

April

- 2nd Kelly Trebilcock
- 2nd Kathryn Bibb
- 3rd Ulla Winter
- 3rd Dave Clarke
- 3rd Carol Clogg
- 12th Bill Grocott
- 12th Caroline Jewell
- 15th Charlotte Rundle
- 15th Charlotte Chapman
- 15th Jackie Glanville
- 22nd John Glossop
- 23rd David Woodley
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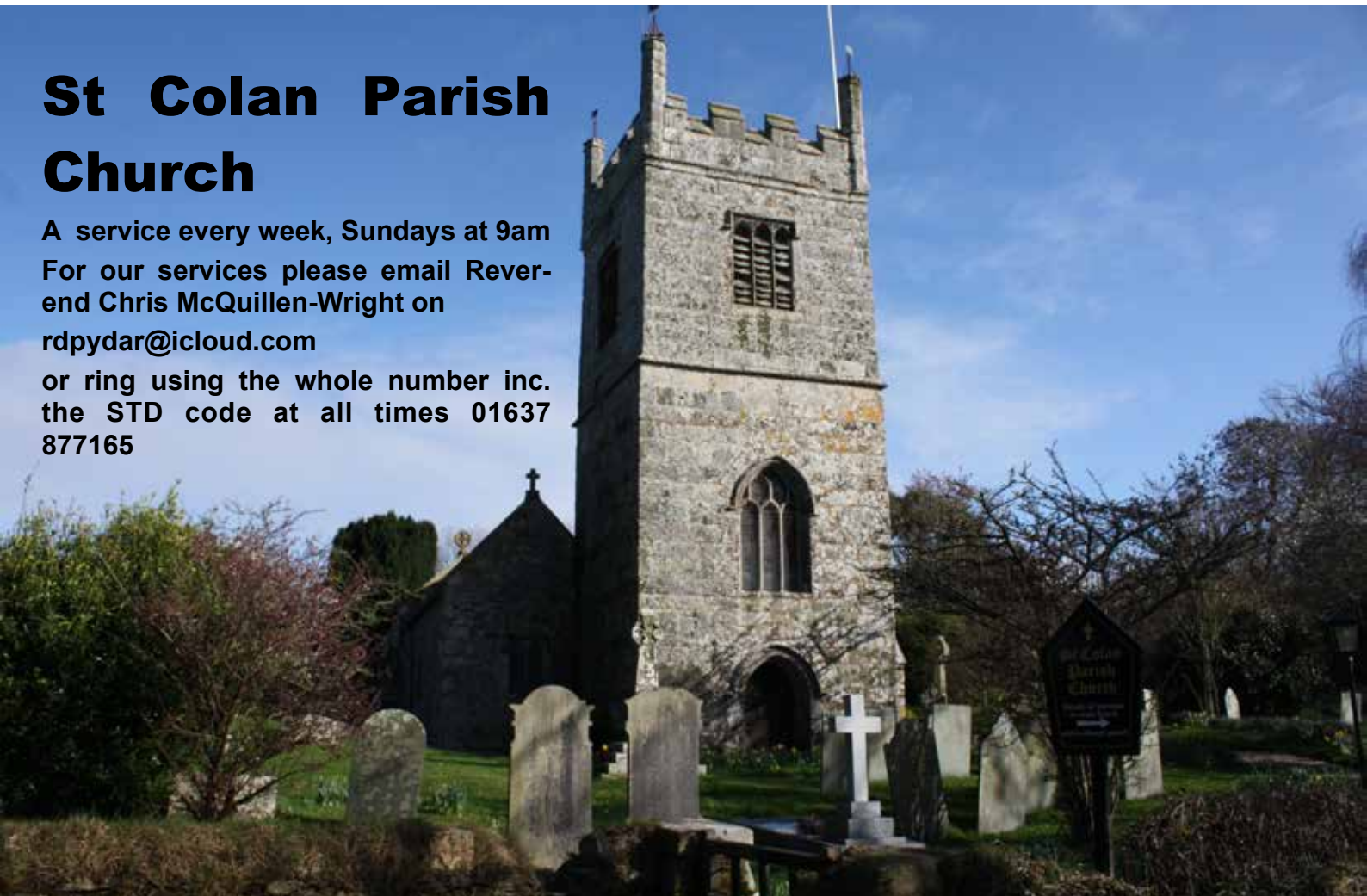
Photos kindly supplied by their son, John Dart.

No restaurant extension on the left, slightly different on the right; I think. But most notably no roundabout!



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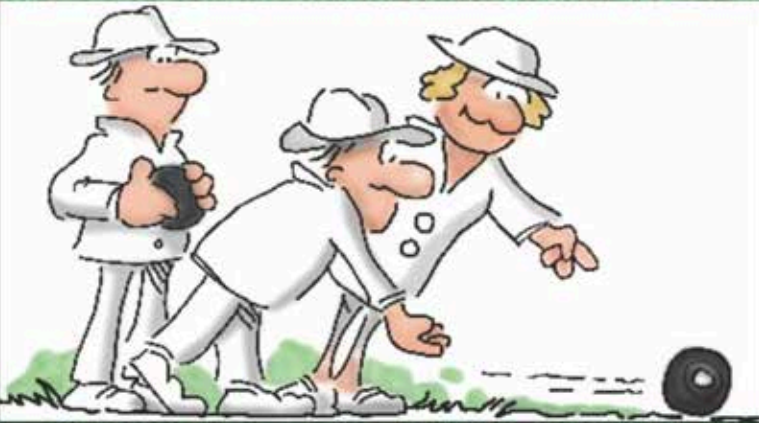
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Down on Willow Farm...

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Recently a thoughtful person offered us bread a kitchen or catering waste for our pigs, which we sadly declined as pigs actually have very sensitive guts and it is illegal. We thought you would like some interesting facts about pigs:

Pigs can't sweat, hence why they wallow in mud and water to keep themselves cool, it also helps to prevent sunburning.

Pigs are very sociable, they love having their bellies rubbed, and a chat.

Pigs say more than oink they are smarter than dogs, even as smart as a three year old toddler.

Pigs have excellent memories with very powerful noses, and are very clean animals.

Pigs can't fly, nor see very well but have great sense of smell.

They are fantastic curious animals, and we love them.

Joke: What do pigs do on the evening of February 14th?

They have a valenswines dinner.

Sue & Mark



COLAN CWIK CHRISTMAS CWIZ

1. Spiro Agnew
2. Hamburg in Germany
3. There were 102 passengers and 30 crew members.
4. Sam Allardyce. In 2016, he led England to a one – nil win over Slovakia.
5. “Made in Chelsea” star Sam Thompson
6. Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson was born upper East Side, New York
7. The Pyramids of Giza. The other six have all been destroyed or lost.
8. New Jersey
9. The M.G. car company (Morris Garages)
10. He was Belgian
11. The English Civil War
12. Bacchus
13. Oxford
14. Brazil (in the South) and Argentina (in the North-east) border one of the World’s greatest, but probably least-known waterfalls.
15. c. Wolf Rock at 9.3 miles, then a. Eddystone at 13miles SW of Plymouth and finally b. Bishops Rock at 35.5 miles



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