

The Colan Companion

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Your County Councillor John Fitter writes...

Greetings dear readers of your own Colan Companion.

Well bit of a funny old summer thus far, sort of hit and miss weather wise perhaps it will become more settled when we get to September, mind you nothing is ever certain and I suspect you are like me, you take it all in your stride, nothing we can do about it.

A hot topic at Cornwall Council is the latest ask by the ruling group on their vision for a devolution deal that they would like Central Government to deliver to Cornwall. The deputy Prime minister has asked all regions and Authorities wishing to seek greater powers by using the devolution route, to submit their requests to central Government for consideration. The Government plans for the English Devolution Bill were introduced in the Kings speech on July 17th.

The Council have published their white paper on what they would like which will be considered by the Cabinet on September 18th. I personally find it a matter of regret that full Council will not be asked to endorse or reject the final version which they the cabinet will vote on, surely it would have more democratic status if it was subjected to the voice of the entire elected members, however the current administration don't take kindly to what could be a different view to what they deem is the way forward for Cornwall and the next administration which will be formed in May 2025.

One thing at the current time that is missing and indeed was in the first draft, but after objections from a Cabinet Member was removed, was the ability for Cornwall to have the opportunity to introduce a Tourist Levy/tax, if this was to be considered and brought in a levy of £1 to £3 per night would raise between 20 to 63 Million pounds a year which could be spent on a range of things that would improve the Visitor experience as well as helping to improve the image that we project to the rest of the U.K, just think of the extra spend we could put into our road budget, our coastal and inland footpath network much loved by locals as well as our visitors are crying out for urgently required improvements, but there is no money left in the kitty to do these extra urgent jobs. Another ask

could be to have the power, if again it was needed at any time in the future, and that is to levy a 300% Council Tax on second homes.

As soon as the Cabinet have voted on the final document which will take place on September 18th I will certainly update you, mind you as we all remember the old saying, asking does not mean that you get.

Another subject that is shrouded in secrecy is the Privatisation of Cornwall Airport, what we know is that the Cabinet is engaged in secret talks/negotiations to do a deal with a company called Adynation Asset, the critical part of the deal that has come out so far is that for the next 10 years this new very senior partner will pay off each year the subsidy that is currently required to run the airport. The subsidy paid by the ratepayer for last year was over 4 million, and forecast to be for this year ending on March 31st 2025 to be even greater than the amount for this year, nearer £5 million is being forecasted.

Back benchers have never been given sight of any of the figures of how the airport management are managing to achieve this sort of deficit. The management rightly proudly boast that passenger numbers are now above pre covid level and yet the operation in business terms is broke, questions do need answering, these have been asked but answers there are none. And how does this Farther Christmas who is coming to the rescue the Airport going to manage to make a profit on their investment if they are burdened with this growing subsidy. What will they be building on this 650 acre estate, remembering of course that the airport estate has a local development order which means that much of what they will wish to do can be done without having to submit tiresome planning applications which would be open to inspection, and dare one say objection, perish the thought that the community might have a view or even be allowed to express it. More news on this unfolding drama in the next edition of the Companion.

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By the way one suggestion made by myself and others, why not reintroduce the Airport departure fee, a sort of, user pay fee, then problem solved, £10 ahead will fix the subsidy, no need to sell the airport we can then develop the land at our own speed keep the profit and most important try and understand and address the root cause of this massive subsidy that the airport requires each year to stay afloat.

The green ridge application is I understand slowly getting to the stage when it will be ready for committee, there will be what is called a Tec briefing on September 3rd a representative of the Parish Council will be invited along with myself to attend.

The Committee hearing will take place on October 16th at County Hall Truro, members of the public are more than welcome to attend.

By the time you read this copy extra work has been done to the Lane no right turn junction which will make it quite clear to all drivers that it is left turn only.

The rail bridge for the section of the NSR that starts at the Hendra Roundabout is almost completed, I understand it is over budget by two million pounds plus, but I advised that it is rather grand as befits its status!!!!.being part of the Duchy Nansledan Development.

Enjoy the what is left of our summer, stay safe and any problem please ring me on 01637 881336 or email cllr.john.fitter@cornwall.gov.uk.

John



September

- 6th Maurice O’Gara
- 11th Emily Gimblett
- 12th Mel Willett
- 13th Chris Wilson
- 14th Joshua Datlen
- 15th Jill Green
- 17th Jack Trebilcock
- 17th Craig Allen
- 19th Summer Charlton
- 20th Nancy Ferris
- 23rd Kath Martyn
- 23rd Daisy Williams
- 25th Robert Henwood
- 25th Tina White

October

- 2nd Jackie Hodgetts
- 6th Rachel Jenkins
- 7th Di Willett
- 7th Sarah Walkey
- 7th Freddie Bates
- 8th Mabel Allen
- 10th Mike Darling
- 14th Val Penfold
- 15th Mark Scales
- 17th Luci Derbyshire
- 21st Pat Clark
- 21st Josh Kilker
- 22nd Corbin Looker
- 28th Paul Richards
- 28th Chloe Green
- 29th Celia Hooper
- 30th Trish Manning

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COLAN CWIK CWIZ #23

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

1. Does the Earth revolve in a clockwise or an anticlockwise direction?
2. Ted Danson was in which U.S. television series as the owner of a bar?
3. In what year were Traffic Wardens first seen on our streets?
4. Which 18th century painter's dog 'Trump' often appeared in his works?
 - a. Thomas Gainsborough
 - b. John Constable
 - c. William Hogarth
5. What was the name of reggae star Bob Marley's backing band?
6. Which country sold Louisiana to the U.S. in 1803 for \$15 million?
7. What does this Morse Code signify: dot dot dot dash dash dash dot dot dot?
8. What is the highest female singing voice?
9. Which one of these countries does the Equator NOT pass through?
 - a. Ecuador
 - b. Brazil
 - c. Kenya
 - d. Malaysia
10. In the Monopoly game, after "GO" which are the first two properties?
11. Who was Annie Mae Bullock 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 1?
 - a. Firestone
 - b. Pirelli
 - c. Dunlop
 - d. Avon
14. In which country is Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak at 19,340 feet (5,895 meters)?
15. What status does the U.S. city of Albany enjoy?

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And now here's the allotment news...

Summer is slowly coming to a close and the allotters are busy harvesting.

Most of our plots are being worked hard, and it is great to see our newer members really getting stuck in. The old saying "you reap what you sow" is literally true in a garden or allotment. The more effort you put in, the bigger the reward. And if you don't put much effort in, it becomes an uphill struggle just keeping up with unwanted weeds. Many allotters also know that regular attendance ensures you can harvest your crops at the optimum time. Nothing worse than veg that has bolted or beans that have become overripe and tough. Never mind the courgettes that have become marrows!

Last but not least, the harvest has to be processed when you take it home. Peas need podding, some go into the freezer and some eaten straight away. Pickling, freezing and canning is very satisfying if you have the time. And time is the most important aspect of commitment in having a successful allotment.

Our pond project is going well. Thanks to dedicated and clever people it is really looking nice. When the old pond was removed a number of frogs were relocated, but hopefully they will relocate to the new pond to spawn in the spring. New pond plants are settling in, but will take a while to establish. The area around the pond has been landscaped, and a low fence build around the area. All we need now is a bench, and it will be the perfect place to sit and relax with a cuppa. So thanks pond project team for an amazing job well done.

There is still plenty of time to put some winter vegetables such as brassicas and leeks in the ground. September is also the perfect month to set potatoes for Christmas! Forward planning is one of the great skills of an allotter, and is one of the relaxing things we do. Personally I leave all stresses and worries behind when I enter the allotment and fully concentrate on the plot. Having an allotment is so good for both mental and physical health.

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Police Crime Report for the Colan area

As the nights draw in, we sometimes, (not always) see a rise in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB).

ASB is taken seriously by local police, and I have seen its effect on areas and individuals. It is essential to report ASB if issues are affecting the quality of life to you or residents.

We have a fair number of methods to deal with ASB, from words of advice to criminal prosecution.

If there are multiple reports in the same area and involve the same issue, we would likely create a Problem-Solving Plan also known as problem-oriented policing. It's an approach to tackling crime and disorder that involves:

- Identification of a specific problem
- Thorough analysis to understand the problem
- Development of a tailored response
- Assessment of the effects of the response

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Analysis- how the problem is progressing, where and when. The harm it generates. This will come in as intelligence and reports, such as police logs.

Response- this could be increased patrols, hard targeting, partner agencies, such as the ASB case workers in the council, Fire brigade and housing authorities, but to name a few.

Assessment- we review whether the actions have worked, problem has been removed, reduced, or unintentionally aggravated.

In other words, we like to know what's going on. In my experience engagement and a visible presence can be effective in dealing with ASB.

I have had a look at the crime and incidents over the last month regarding Colan, no crime trends, or consistent issues that I can see.

PSCO Paul Price
Police Community Support Officer
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Down on Willow Farm...

What lovely weather, the pigs have been wallowing in the muddy water cooling themselves down, hence the colour change.

Our grandson Otis went to nursery and explained to the lovely ladies at his nursery that Dexter has made babies with Salt, because Salt gave Dexter a piggyback and has made piglets, Dexter is having a rest, and the girls are showing signs of little porkers, hopefully in October, and we have planted the Kale on the ready.

Sue & Mark



I would like to thank the unknown person who found my purse somewhere around the Spar shop area and handed it into the staff on Monday 15th July.

I asked on the Tuesday not expecting to get it back with the small amount of cash, but there it was! Much appreciated and thank you.

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COLAN CWIK CWIZ ANSWERS

1. Anticlockwise
2. Ted Danson appeared as bar owner Sam Malone in "Cheers"
3. On September 1960, forty traffic wardens were deployed onto the streets of the London Borough of Westminster.
4. Answer c. William Hogarth
5. The Wailers
6. France. It was an area of 828,000 square miles and in today's money is approximately \$400,672,256
7. Three dot's for the letter 'S', three dashes for the letter 'O', three dots for 'S' again, so its S.O.S. (Save Our Souls)
8. The highest female singing voice is Soprano.
9. Answer d. Malaysia. There are 13 countries in total: a, b, and c in the question along with Colombia, Sao Tome & Principe, Gabon, Republic of Congo, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Somalia, The Maldives, Indonesia and Kiribati. At least half of these rank as poorest in the World.
10. Old Kent Road and Whitechapel Road, both brown in colour and the cheapest properties in the game.
11. Tina Turner
12. Answer c. It took five minutes and twenty seconds. A record that still stands today.
13. b. Pirelli have been the sole supplier to Formula 1 since 2011
14. Tanzania
15. Albany is the State capital of New York

Went to the doctors yesterday. He wanted to talk about my weight.

Well it was about 20 minutes, but the chairs were comfy.



When I was a lad...

Taken from the Newquay Nostalgia Facebook group. Trewarne Tea Gardens which I believe is the cottage on North Road on the corner with the rail track and the lane up to the rec. That would be the building in the background which is now The Garage, I wonder what it was then?

Have any old photos / postcards of the Colan Parish you'd like to share in the Colan Companion then please get in touch on craiglallen79@gmail.com.

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