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Your County Councillor John Fitter writes...

Greetings Dear Readers of the Colan Companion.

Your hard worked editor has advised us the contributors that this is copy for the Christmas Edition, so I will take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas for 2024 and a very happy new year 2025. It is a timely reminder that time seems to fly faster as the years progress, 25% of this 21st century will have flown away by Jan 1st sounds scary when put like that, so I will just stick to still 75 years to go, sounds longer that way.

Up date from the Green Ridge Holiday Resort proposal, land at Mount Joy, this is application number PA23/09752. As residents will be aware this application is being opposed by your Parish Council along with a group of concerned residents who have formed an action group to oppose the application. I have been advised by the planning Officer that the application will now be presented to the extra ordinary strategic planning committee on 21st of November 2024. The delay is due to delays with receiving and assessing submissions of the updated traffic modelling data for the Quintrell Downs Roundabout along with the highways consultee response. It should be noted that should the information not come back in time for the Officer to complete his report, then he will I presume have to consider a further extension of time. This delay is most disappointing given the amount of time this proposal has been in the public domain, but speaking as someone who totally opposes this application and will be supporting the Parish Council and the action group in opposing it when it finally comes to committee, I am reassured that robust consideration is being given by our Council Highway Team to all the issues in highway terms that will need to be addressed by this application.

The Network Rail Bridge over the NSR is now completed and will be part of the jigsaw that will link the A392 at the Hendra Roundabout to the A3059 at the Nansledan Roundabout. I have been advised, when I queried the extra funding request for this bridge, that the extras are not cost overruns, but were accepted as being legitimate additional cost, allowed for in the contract. I have further been advised that Items such as below contribute to the extra costs.

• Dealing with high levels of rainfall during the build stage and the construction of temporary drainage.

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- · Archaeological find leading to a change in the method of working, change to the bridge arch leading to revision to size and method of installation of the granite cladding.
- Vehicle restraint barriers increased in length to deal with current regulations, foundation changes based on the actual ground conditions which varied from the original reports.
- Technical work scope refinements such as the selection of a suitable waterproofing system.

I just hope, as I am sure residents of Quintrell Downs do, that this NSR will ease the pressure on the Q.D roundabout, time will tell.

The saga of the Airport sale as I view the current negotiation or finding a partner as Cornwall Council Cabinet members put prefer to call it, continues on its merry way and certainly events will I suspect have moved on by the time you read this copy. However one very interesting piece of information was provided by the Cabinet Member that has the responsibility for the Airport, in a briefing given to some members of Newquay Town Council on July 17th of this year, full details of the briefing have been printed in the agenda of the minutes of the N.T.C meeting of Oct 2nd. This is a public document and available to everyone, and in a questions and answer session, where reference was made to the Newquay Spaceport the following information was provided by the Cabinet member.

"I will say now that we are very, very close to announcing a new contract for launch with a new partner, a household name."

All very exciting, if it were to happen, and I await with bated breath further confirmation of the new launch date. I certainly will not be holding my breath while waiting for this new version of a very old idea to fly, the words pigs might fly comes to mind!!!

See you in the new year, take care, any problem that you feel I may be able to help with please ring

01637 881336 or email cllr.john.fitter@cornwall.gov.uk

Best regards John.







Passed down from Granny...

Sent in from resident Frances Green



A recipe for a Boiled Fruit Cake ideal to be used as a Christmas Cake.

Ingredients
4oz Plain flour
4oz Self Raising flour
4oz dark brown sugar

4oz margarine or butter

4oz cherries (glacie)

1lb mixed dried fruit (currants, raisins and sultanas)

1 tsp of mixed spice

1 tbsp of treacle or golden syrup

1 tsp of bicarbonate soda

1 cup of sherry

2 large eggs

Method

Done in a heavy based large saucepan

Put butter, sugar, fruit, spice, bicarb soda, treacle and sherry into the saucepan.

Bring to the boil slowly and stirring gently.

Then simmer for fifteen minutes so that the liquid is nicely making the fruit moist.

Leave to cool and then add the flour and eggs.

Beat well and then put into an eight or nine inch cake tin (ensure cake tin is lined with greaseproof paper.

Bake for one and a half hours at 270-300 °F or gas mark 2.

Keep in well sealed cake tin.

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COLAN CWIK CWIZ #24

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

- 1. On the Caribbean island of St Vincent, what is La Soufriere?
- 2. What is the shelf life of donated blood?
- What do the letters MGM stand for in the movie film franchise?
- 4. What is the approximate length of the Cornwall / Devon border?
- 5. What was the American Chuck Yeager famous for?
- 6. Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Burkina-Faso, Guyana, and Namibia are all on the same continent, except one. Which is the odd one out?
- 7. The Stirrup, Anvil and Hammer are located where in the human body?
- 8. As well as a small Union Jack in the top left of the flag of New Zealand, how many stars does it have?
- 9. In which UK city is the National Railway Museum situated?
- 10. What is the longest numbered road in the UK?
- 11. Which town did John Betjeman describe as 'The most interesting town in Cornwall'?
- 12. Where in the UK is Sir Winston Churchill buried?
- 13. Which unique position did Lincoln Cathedral enjoy from 1311 to 1548?
- 14. The late national treasure Dame Maggie Smith won two oscars in her career. On for 'The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie' (1969). What was the other?
- 15. Which town is famous for Liz Leyh's Concrete Cows?

Answers on page 10



November

2 nd	Amie Walkey
2^{nd}	Richard Grimes
5 th	Joy Britcliffe
5 th	Jacob (JJ) Clogg
6^{th}	Ruth James
8^{th}	Pauline Gimblett
9th	Philip Downing

11th Ian Cavley 12th Olivia Louise Hoar

13th Bev Pearce

14th Nichola Hawke 14th Victoria Scales

15thBryn Orange 16th Daniel Rundle

16th Macey Jones

18thRichard Alldred

21st Jane Paull

22ndNancy Aldnam 22ndRose Davies

24th Holly Scott

25th**Dave Grimes**

25thJack Derbyshire

28thVictoria Allen

29th Tanya Cavley 30th Ted Ferris

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And now here's the allotment news...

Unbelievably, the festive season is approaching fast. The shortest day is upon us, and it always amazes me, how quickly the days lengthens after the winter solstice. Before we know it spring bulbs will be appearing yet again.

Whatever the preference is for the big Christmas meal, it can be made so much more special by using homegrown vegetables.

Stored root veg keeps well in the winter, and the easiest way to store them is left in situ in the ground. Leeks, kale and sprouts are other winter stables we can collect freshly from our plots. The people with greenhouses and polytunnels can extend the growing season of more delicate veg even longer. The best part is, that the journey from plot to plate is so short, and that is evident in the taste.

There may not be so much activity on the allotment site during the winter months, but it doesn't mean we have forgotten about our plots. Weather, especially rain, will greatly affect the activity, but some people will pop up for a cuppa in their sheds no matter what. Many jobs are perfect for the winter, such as tidying the sheds, repair any damaged structures, keep growing spaces tidy etc. Of course planning next years crops is an essential task in the winter months.

We haven't had as many work parties and social events this year, but many allotters are keeping the site nice and tidy. A huge bonfire is planned for Bonfire night, and a Christmas social event is planned too.

All that is left to say is: A very Merry Christmas to everyone and a happy and healthy New Year.







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Police Crime Report for the Colan area

We have had a small trend in Theft from Motor Vehicles of late, however we have a suspect who has been identified. Still its always good to remind everyone to keep their car safe.

Prevent theft from a vehicle

Having your car broken into and losing your things to thieves can be very distressing. Here are a few simple steps you can take to keep your vehicle, and what's in it, safe.

1. Always lock it

Fuelling up or popping back into your house to get something are perfect examples of how easy it is to turn your back for a moment and forget your vehicle is unsecured. So get into the habit of locking your vehicle even if you're only going to be away from it for a moment.

If your vehicle has wing mirrors that fold in automatically when locked, make sure you lock it properly. Criminal gangs are looking for vehicles like these where the wing mirrors are still out because it is clear to them that the vehicle has been left unlocked.

2. Close windows and the sun roof to prevent 'fishing'

Leaving windows and the sunroof open invites fishing for items through the gap by hand or with, say, a bent coat hanger, which could also be used to unlock a door for them to get in. Thieves can be ingenious. Don't give them the opportunity.

3. Secure your number plates with tamper-resistant screws

The easiest way to change the identity of a stolen vehicle or avoid speeding tickets and parking tickets is to fit stolen number plates. Using security screws to attach your vehicle's number plates makes it harder for thieves to get your number.

4. Fit locking, anti-tamper wheel nuts to secure alloy wheels

Stolen wheels are valuable, either as parts or for their scrap value. Using locking wheel nuts reduces the risk of your vehicle's wheels being stolen.

5. Secure anything that's on the outside of your vehicle

Anything left on roof-racks, tailgate racks, holiday top boxes or in tool chests are easily stolen when the vehicle is parked. The use of cable locks, padlocks and self-locking tools chests, which are secured to the vehicle, makes them more secure, but still, don't leave things in them if you can avoid it.

For further information and advice, visit soldsecure.com



6. Take it with you or hide it

Your mobile phone, coins for the car park, sunglasses, packs of medication or other items that can earn quick cash are irresistible to the opportunist thief. Remember, the cost of replacing a window is often much more than that of what's stolen. And it should go without saying that wallets, handbags, purses and credit cards should never be left in an unattended vehicle.

7. Hide electrical items and leave no clues

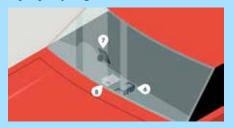
Leaving sat nav mounts, suction cup marks on windows or cables on view gives it away that you have left a Sat Nav, smartphone or other device in your car. Even if they can't see the Sat Nav or iPad they might still break in to see if it's stored in the car, out of sight.

8. Tool theft from vans

Vans are often targeted by thieves for the tools stored inside. If you have to leave tools in a van overnight, it's a good idea to mark them clearly with your name / company name and address using paint pens and seal with a clear lacquer spray. Alternatively, you can use a variety of other property marking systems. Items that are clearly marked are less desirable and more difficult to sell on.

Consider using a lockable cabinet within your van to store tools – a number of security rated products are available. Small cameras are also designed to record inside vehicles. Visit securedbydesign.com for more details.

You can also take photographs of items of value, make a note of the serial numbers and consider registering them online at a property register site.



9. Park in well-lit and busier areas

It can take less than 30 seconds to break into a vehicle. Parking in well-lit areas and busy streets increases the chances of a thief being seen, so they'll probably steer clear.

10. Take your documents with you

Having a vehicle's registration and insurance documents could let a thief pretend to be the owner. Which means they could sell it on quite easily. So, never leave any documents in the vehicle.

11. Choose your car park wisely

If possible, always try to park in well-lit and staffed car parks or those with a Park Mark safer parking award. To find one, simply check out Park Mark.

Catalytic converter theft

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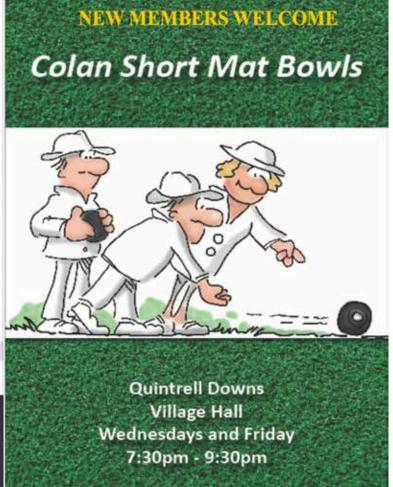




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Down on Willow Farm...



We are getting very excited on Willow Farm, one of our pigs is due to give birth any day now. We have homed her in the pig shed, to farrow (birth) in an open area. We have set up CCTV along with a heat lamp for the piglets and an area that mummy pig can't enter, this lowers the risk of her accidentally squashing her litter, but allows the litter to nurse of the sow (mummy pig). Our sows have thoroughly enjoyed the wind fall apples provided by some lovely friends and neighbours, especially Marlene & Tony, a big thank you.

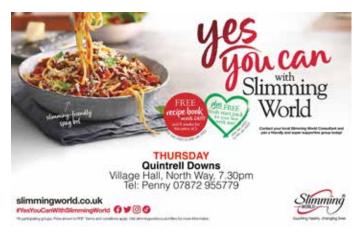
We had the honour's of a Red Kite residing and hunting on our land along with a Cuckoo, which I was shocked to hear the Cuckoo, it is the first time ever in my life that I heard and seen one, they have both moved on now. We are in ore of the nature that surrounds us and feel extremely lucky to live where we do.

Salt, Pepper, Dexter Mark & Sue wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I've just spent £10 on a belt that doesn't fit. Huge waste.

COLAN CWIK CWIZ ANSWERS

- 1. It's a volcano
- 2. 35 days
- 3. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer
- 4. Approximately 65 miles (you're allowed five either way)
- 5. He was the first person to break the sound barrier
- 6. They are all on the African continent except Guyana which is in South America
- 7. The ear
- 8. The New Zealand flag has four stars
- 9. The National Railway Museum is in York
- 10. The A1, also known as the Great North Road, is the UKs longest at 410 miles (660 kms). It runs from London to Edinburgh.
- 11. Launceston
- 12. Blazon Churchyard, near Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire (where he was born)
- 13. It became the tallest building in the world, beating the Great Pyramid of Giza. In 1548, it lost its tower in a storm and was not rebuilt to that height again
- 14. 'California Suite' (1978)
- 15. Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire





Roger March ex postmaster in Quintrell Downs and Pam House legendary pasty maker.

The Companion year for advertising ends with this issue.

I will be contacting those who advertise in the Companion towards the end of November in the hope they will continue their wonderful support over many years.

If you like to start advertising please contact us on carole.luscombe@hotmail.co.uk

COLAN PARISH COUNCIL

Colan Parish Council has been granted substantial funding from Cornwall Council's Public Open Space Money as a result of the Village Development in Quintrell Downs. This money is to be used towards improvements to the Recreation Fields. If any residents have ideas of how they would like to see this money spent, please contact the Parish Clerk with your ideas.

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Operation Christmas Child UK collection week is approaching and Spar has once again agreed to collect any boxes the community is able to donate.

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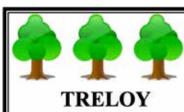
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