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Community News



Special Parish Council meeting to be held

A small number of parishioners attended the September Parish Council meeting to air their concerns that the Parish Council does not reach out sufficiently to the local community.

The issue was discussed at some length, and although councillors did point out that members of the public are encouraged to come to Parish Council meetings and the annual Parish Meeting, it was nevertheless agreed that an additional meeting would be held at 8pm on October 5 at the Community Hall in order to listen to the views of local residents.

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It will also be a chance for local organisations to discuss funding issues to enable us to plan ahead more effectively.

Please do take this opportunity to come along and meet the Parish Council, as well as the committee members of other organisations, including MYCP and the Church.
Cllr. Tessa Kingsley



The Flicka Foundation donkey sanctuary has welcomed its newest resident - Ollie, a foal born to Lottie, who was pregnant when she was rescued last autumn. It is likely that Lottie was previously used as a breeding animal, so will have had many babies taken from her.

This time will be different though – safe at Flicka, mum and baby will be given all the specialised care and attention they need and will never face the trauma of being forcibly separated.

Cormac replies to Parish Councils traffic concerns

The Parish Council continues to meet Cormac regularly to discuss ongoing maintenance issues and to try and find a solution to the volume and speed of traffic through the village.

Divisional member Cllr Peter Williams has also written to Cormac in support of our plans, which have an estimated cost of £100k, and which were summarised in the last issue of Mabe Matters.

Part of Cormac's reply is printed below:



I am conscious of the long standing aspiration to reduce through traffic in the village and introduce lower speed limits in the village alongside additional traffic calming measures. To this end, a feasibility study was undertaken in 2014, funded via Section 106 contributions from a nearby development. This document provides a number of feasible options for improvements in the village in some detail with approximate costings. Having discussed the options covered in the document at the regular highways parish council meetings with the representatives who attend, it appears that the preferred option is to install a 20mph limit in the village. This would need to be undertaken alongside associated traffic calming to ensure the limit fulfils the

"self-enforcing" mean speed limit of 24mph set-down by the police. Suitable traffic calming would need to be installed at regular intervals throughout the extent of the limit therefore this is a costly proposition and is where the bulk of costs for such a scheme would lie. Alongside the introduction of a 20mph limit and traffic calming, the intention would be to also implement a short section of 40mph "buffer" to the north of the village to ensure vehicles are slowing from the derestricted section coming from Longdowns as they approach the village.



All of the above is feasible and could be progressed subject to funding, however, this is where the current prospect of such an improvement scheme is problematic, given the limited amount of improvement funding that is available in the current austere climate.

Essentially, any sort of works to improve the highway requires a significant capital investment. There is very limited funding available for road improvements in the current climate and Cornwall Council need to prioritise this limited funding to the areas with the worst speeding issues alongside existing accident history.

Mabe only has one recorded serious incident in the last 3 year review period and therefore does not feature on the accident remedial list, which currently runs to

well over 200 sites. I appreciate that individual residents concerns are focussed on the roads in their immediate neighbourhood, but we have to consider the facts across the whole of the network and I'm afraid the evidence suggests that Mabe is very low priority and therefore unlikely to attract funding for an improvement scheme in the foreseeable future.

The Parish Council is also keen to introduce a Community Speed Watch scheme in the village. These are running successfully in other local areas such as Perranwell and Mylor, and involve entire communities in the quest to drive down the speeds of vehi-

cles in limits of 30mph and below.

Speed Watch involves local residents, and aims to engage and educate drivers rather than issue fines and court summonses. Using a staged warning system, first-time offenders will receive education and warnings, persistent offenders can expect further police action and even a court appearance.



If you would be interested in joining the group, please contact PCSO Andy Huddleston at 07595 011024 or 30143@dc.police.uk.

Cllr Tessa Kingsley



Lily Harrison recently took part in Wildworks Theatre's production of Wolf's Child at Trelowarren. The outdoor performance took place at several locations in the woods and grounds of the estate, while the audience followed the action on foot. The cast comprised professional performers together with approximately 100 volunteers, telling the tale of 'Mother' who protects her girls from the dangers of the wild, in particular the wolves who live in the woods beyond the safety of their home.

Cornwall Council rejects 60 house planning application

Plans to build up to 60 new homes on land off Antron Hill in Mabe have been rejected by a Cornwall Council planning officer under delegated powers.

The refusal notice states: "Although the proposal offers social and economic benefits through housing delivery including af-

fordable units in this village location, these do not outweigh or justify a departure from the spatial strategy pursued by the Development Plan. The proposal is therefore not considered to constitute sustainable development."

Read more at http://www.fal-mouthpacket.co.uk/news/15544895.Plans_for_new_housing_development_in_Mabe_rejected_by_Cornwall_Council/

20th Anniversary of Community Hall well supported

Members of the Mabe Youth & Community Project staged an open afternoon to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Community Hall and invited friends old and new to remember past events and celebrate many achievements.

There were photos and videos of the opening of the hall and Mabe Shindigs, as well as many newspaper cuttings of village events, and a video of Sid Knowles Transport. Many former committee members returned, including the chairman of 20-years-ago, Keith Cardell, who was welcomed by the present chairman, Keith Bryant, and long standing supporter George Kingston.

There was plenty for all to eat, with bacon baps and beefburgers, followed by cream teas and strawberries, donated by Steve Nisbitt from Mabe Shop, and

cake and book stalls.

The raffle table was laden with many prizes donated by supporters, and a print of a painting by local artist Howard Barnes was auctioned for the cause.

"Thanks are due to all those who helped in any way, and to all those who supported the event on such an inclement day," said Keith Bryant. "Although it was not a fundraising event, £557.88 was raised for hall funds."



Founder members when the hall was built, George Kingston, Keith Cardell, Margaret Booth and Keith Bryant, next to a gallery of images of the hall being built

Second PAD to be bought

We are now able to confirm we have raised enough to buy the second PAD unit for the village! This evening I have requested FLEET order the second unit for the Shop and Post Office.

We also have a bit of money left over, which will be put towards maintenance costs. A collection box remains in the village shop, for donations to support the annual maintenance costs.

I would like to thank everyone, who helped the village, achieve such an excellent result, in 18 months of fundraising. We have had many offers of support and donations during our fundraising efforts, Steve Nisbitt at Mabe Stores supported many events, Tesco, Sainsbury's and Asda each supported a Cream Tea event this summer. Then there are all those

who made cakes and splits etc. Erected tables and cleared up the hall late in the evening after events, organised raffles and many supporting events.



Many thanks to them "One & All" as without all the help of those volunteers, it would never have been completed.

Keith Bryant



Enjoying a cream tea: Sharon Martin from Sainsbury's; J Knowles, Anne Durant, Rachelle Wilkes along with son Harry and daughter Jessica

Mabe Panto casting call

It is time to start pantomime rehearsals again!

This year's panto is Maberella and we are keen to recruit new people who want to have fun and be part of a great village activity.

We will meet for the first read-through on Sunday 8 October in the Community Hall from 5.30-7.30pm. Please come along if you fancy having a go at acting, dancing, singing or behind the

scenes work. No experience is necessary and we welcome all abilities and ages.



Meanwhile if you would like more information or a sneak preview of the script, please contact our producer, Ruth at scrase-olver@aol.com or Jackie at 01209 861697, j.frost384@btinternet.com

Harvest Festival food donated to locals in need

Methodists in Mabe celebrated their Harvest Festival on the first weekend in September, with a service on the Sunday morning in the Community Hall.

It was led by Mrs Lesley Parsons, and our friends from Edgcumbe joined us for the celebrations. Lessons were read by Anne Lanc and Beryl Moyle, and the organist was Sylvia Dyer.

On the Monday evening we enjoyed a Harvest Supper of a ham salad, followed by home made sweets. A short service started the evening, led by Rev Celia Phillips and Gordon Dyer, and the celebrations ended with an auction of produce overseen by Keith Bryant. Some produce was given to the sick and elderly of the congregation, and non perishables were donated to the local foodbank.

Trenoweth Methodist Church meet every Sunday Morning in the Community Hall at 10.45 am, and a warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to join us.

Margaret Bryant



Great news from Mabe Christmas Lights

First of all, a massive thank you to everyone who came and supported our summer BBQ for the Red Arrows. It was touch and go

with the weather and the change of flight path but it all came together and we raised over £200 towards Mabe Lights for this Christmas.



Due to the building works that are now going on at the rear of the pub carpark, the MCL team have decided that for our 2018 summer event, we will host a BBQ in line with the Wimbledon Final and make it an affair for all the family with games and entertainment.

As we look to the fall we are hosting our Autumn Race Night at The New Inn on Saturday 14 October from 8pm. This event is always guaranteed to get the adrenaline pumping and a great opportunity to meet the friendly faces of Mabe. Come along for a small bet of £1 per horse or just come and cheer on your favourite.

Another date for your diary is the Saturday 2 December for our 2017 Christmas Lights Switch On. The MCL team elves have been working hard all year to make this event the best yet.

There will be over 60 reindeer throughout the village this year thanks to all your wonderful support.

There will be mince pies and mulled wine, carol singing and a few festive surprises leading up to the switch on at 6:30pm.

Please send details of events happening within Mabe civic parish in Dec/Jan to mabematterseditor@gmail.com by 15 Nov 2017. Venue details:

- Mabe Community Hall, Cunningham Park (375938 or mabeycp@gmail.com)
- Mabe Community Primary School, Cunningham Park (secretary, 372662)
- Mabe Parish Church (St Laudus), Church Road, towards Higher Spargo (administrator, Rodney Holmes, 375052)
- Mabe WI Hall, Antron Hill (bookings, 372477)

Weekly Events

Mon **Short Mat Bowls Club**, Community Hall, 2-4pm.

Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.

Cardio Box/Fitcamp Class, WI Hall, 6.15-7.15pm.

Contact Ali or Carmela, 07988 140745.

Mabe Keep Fit Club, WI Hall, 7.30pm.

Tues **Age Concern Luncheon Club**, Community Hall,

12.30-2pm. Contact Community Hall (11.30-12.30pm), 377475.

Slimming World, Community Hall, 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm.

Contact Pam Mundy, 01209 204743 or 07503 945600.

Nature Playgroup, Chyan Community Field, 10am-12pm term time. Contact Alice, 07576 748450.

Wed **Short Mat Bowls League (winter only)**, Community Hall, 2-4pm. Contact

Keith Bryant, 373102

Open Water Swimming, Kernow Adventure Park, 6-8pm. Contact, 07817 662 962 or info@kernowadventurepark.com.

Thurs **Kernow Huffa Puffas**, a support, exercise and social group for people with COPD and their carers, 10am-12pm, Community Hall. Contact Trish, 375238 or Frances, 712047.

Inner Art Club, Chyan Cultural Centre, 10.30am-1.30pm. Contact Kate, 07949 451004, katemegeary@gmail.com.

Carpet Bowls Club, Community Hall, 2-4pm. Contact Arthur Searle, 377088.

Brownies, Community Hall, 6.15-8pm. Contact Jackie Williams, 372863.

Mabe Football Club, Penryn Campus MUGA, usually 7-8pm. Men, 16+, new players welcome. Contact Jack Roberts, 565409.

Aikido, Japanese martial art, beginners welcome, 7-9pm, Mabe School. Contact Jamie Matthews, 375336.

Fri **Short Mat Bowls Club**, Community Hall, 2-4pm. Contact Keith, 373102.

Sat **Open Water Swimming**, Kernow Adventure Park, 9-11am. Contact, 07817 662 962 or info@kernowadventurepark.com.

Sun **Trenoweth Methodist Church**, Community Hall, 10.45am-12pm. Contact Margaret Bryant, 373102.

Mabe Parish Church (St Laudus), with St Michael's Church, Ponsanooth – please see the Diary for the times of services.

Aerial Yoga Jam, Chyan Cultural Centre, 11am-12pm. Contact Naomi, naomijwebb@gmail.com.



(All six-digit phone numbers are 01326 unless specified)

Mabe Diary



October 2017

Tues 3 - WI Meeting, 7.30pm, WI Hall.



Thurs 5 - Parish Council Meeting, 8pm, Community Hall. *See page 1.*

Fri 6 - Community Conversation with Exeter University, 6-7.30pm, Community Hall.

Sat 7 - Church Gardening, 10am, Mabe Church. *See What's On.*

Thurs 5 - A Machine they're Secretly Building, 8pm, Performance Centre. *See What's On.*

Fri 6 - Budapest Cafe Orchestra, 8pm, Performance Centre. *See What's On.*



Sat 7 - Digital Tattoo, 7.30pm, Performance Centre. *See What's On.*

Sun 8 - Chyan Apple Fayre, 12-6pm, Chyan Community Field. *See What's On.*

Sun 8 - Panto Read-through, 5.30-7.30pm, Community Hall. *See p.5.*

Thurs 12 - Parish Council meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda available on the Parish Notice Board and www.mabeparish.co.uk. Open to the public. Contact Lisa Clements, 07964 735219, mabeparish@gmail.com

Sat 14 - Race Night, 8pm, The New Inn. *See p.6.*

Mon 16 - Garden Club, 7pm, Community Hall. "Fuschias - A Walk on the Wild Side". £2.

Sat 21 - Mabe Garden Clun Annual Coffee Morning, 10-12pm, Community Hall. *See What's On.*

Sat 21 - Mabe FC vs Hayle Reserves,

2.30pm. School Field.

Sat 21 - Izindava, 7.30pm, Performance Centre. <https://amata.ticket-solve.com/shows/873575519>

Thurs 26 - Cornwall Astronomy Society, 8pm, WI Hall. Contact Simon Dunkley, 564046.

Fri 27 - For All the Fires Not Yet Lit, 7.30pm, Performance Centre. <https://amata.ticketsolve.com/shows/873578272>

November 2017

Sat 4 - Children's Pre-Loved Sale, 10-12pm, Community Hall. *See What's On.*



Tues 7 - WI Meeting, 7.30pm, WI Hall.

Fri 10 - Omar Sosa and Seckou Keita: Transparent Water, 8pm, Performance Centre. <https://amata.ticketsolve.com/shows/873575518>

Sat 11 - Church Gardening, 10am, Mabe Church. *See What's On.*

Thurs 9 - Parish Council meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm. See October for details.

Sat 18 - Dementia UK Coffee & Crafts Fair, 10-12pm, Community Hall. *See What's On.*

Mon 20 - Garden Club, 7pm, Community Hall. "Gardens & This 'n That". £2.

Sat 25 - The Amplitude, 7.30-10pm, The Performance Centre. <https://amata.ticketsolve.com/shows/873579458>

Thurs 23 - Cornwall Astronomy Society, 8pm WI Hall. Contact as above

What's On

Every so often, friends of the church get together to mow the grass, cut back the brambles, clear the car park of litter, and keep the little Church Lane, which leads down to the church, tidy and looking lovely.

The next **gardening days** are Saturday 7 October and 11 November, from 10am onwards.



Everyone is welcome, just bring along whatever gardening tools you want, from a trowel to a mower!



Free cake, tea, coffee and cool drinks. If you need a lift, ring Rev Steve Smith on 617628.

The **Chyan Apple Fayre** takes place on Sunday 8 October from 12-6pm at the Chyan Community Field in Halvasso. Entry is £5, children £2, under 2 yrs free.



There will be fun for all the family, with a children's *cont.overleaf*



Parish of Mabe & Ponsanooth St Laudus Church, Mabe

Oct 1 - 9am, Holy Communion, Traditional 'Book of Common Prayer' – no hymns or sermon.

Oct 8 - 10.45am, Join with Methodist Service at Mabe Community Hall

Oct 15 - 9.30am, Holy Communion

Oct 22 - 9.30am, Holy Communion, with prayers for healing

Oct 29 - 9.30am, Morning Worship. 7.30pm, 'Sacred Space', quiet, candlelit, time to relax, think, pray, listen or just be.

Nov 2 - 6pm, Evening Prayer for All Souls Day, when we commemorate our loved ones who have died.

Nov 5 - 9am, Holy Communion for All Souls Day

Nov 12 - 10.45am, Remembrance Sunday Service

Nov 19 - 9.30am, Holy Communion

Nov 26 - 9.30am, Morning Worship. 7.30pm, 'Sacred Space', quiet, candlelit, time to relax, think, pray, listen or just be.

**For more information:
Fr Steve Smith, 617628**

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cont. from p.9 areas, crafts, workshops, archery, yoga, circus skills have a go, great healthy food, pottery have a go, healing area, big top acts, cider bar, apple juicing - bring your own to press and juice (large amounts over 2 carrier bags - contact us first on 07775857677).

Mabe Garden Club will be holding their **Annual Coffee Morning** on Saturday 21 October, from 10am - 12pm in the Community Hall.

As usual, the renowned local daffodil experts, Ron and Adrian Scamp, will be in attendance to see 'bin end' bulbs at discount prices - a treat not to be missed!



There will also be a variety of stalls, including plants, cakes, bric-a-brac, textiles, and scarves, plus a raffle. Entry: 50p includes tea/coffee.

Come along, meet Ron and

Adrian, get some good advice, some wonderful daffodil/tulip/crocus, allium/hyacinth bulbs, enjoy a cup of coffee and meet the Garden Club members.

The **5th Dementia UK Coffee and Crafts Fair** will take place in the Community Hall on Saturday 18 November.



Please come along and enjoy your first mince pies of the year and, perhaps, be inspired to start your Christmas shop by finding some unique gifts at our craft stalls. There will also be cakes, books and bric-a-brac to tempt you. If you haven't been before, please come and join us, if you have been before - welcome back! We look forward to seeing you there.

On Saturday 4 November there will be a **Children's Pre-Loved Sale** in the Community Hall from 10am - 12pm selling all things for babies up to teens.

The cost is £8 per table, email pre-lovedsales@outlook.com to book. 20p entry for adults and kids go free. Refreshments and cakes will be available too!

The new term brings plenty of fresh talent to the Performance Centre at Tremough.

On 8pm on Thursday 5 October, Proto-type Theater will perform **"A Machine they're Secretly Building"**, which charts a course

What's On



from the Top Secrets of WWI intelligence through to 9/11, the erosion of privacy, Edward Snowden and the terror of a future that might already be upon us.

Tickets: £14/£12. Book online:  <https://amata.ticketsolve.com/shows/873578316>

The following night, Friday 6 October, at 8pm the **Budapest Cafe Orchestra** will play traditional folk and gypsy flavoured music from across the Balkans and



and Russia, Klezmer, Romanian Doinas, Hungarian Czadas and beautiful ballads such as the theme to Schindler's List and

Looking ahead...

The Mabe **Christmas Lights Switch On** will take place on Saturday 2 December at the New Inn from 5.30pm. Come along and join in the carol singing, meet Santa, and enjoy a mince pie or 5 with a glass of mulled wine!

Bags2School



You should have received a Bags2School collection bag with this issue of Mabe Matters. Collection will be on October 16 so all bags must be returned to Mabe School before 9am on October 15.

If you would like help getting your bag to the school please ring Amanda Wills on 372786.

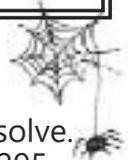
A reminder of what they collect:

Men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together), handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, jewellery, lingerie, belts, soft toys. More info:



www.bag2school.com

Waltz Lacrimoso.



Tickets: £13. Book online:  <https://amata.ticketsolve.com/shows/873578295>

If you prefer a bit of dance, then Saturday 7 October, sees Katie Dale-Everett Dance perform "Digital Tattoo".

Mixing dance and projection, Digital Tattoo considers the permanency of online data trails, inescapable in this increasingly digitalised world.

Tickets: £13/£10. Book online:



<https://amata.ticketsolve.com/shows/873575523>

Fishing a highlight of Argal Family Fun Day

We had a great day on Saturday with lots of families making their way to Argal to join in a whole range of activities.

As well as bug hunting, sports activities and crafts, people also got to learn about Upstream Thinking and how farming affects the reservoir.

The highlight was definitely the fishing where lots of children had their first ever experience of catching and seeing fish!



Thanks to everyone for coming along, to SWLT staff and volunteers for helping, to Cornwall Wildlife Trust and Wild Vibes for providing some activities and Rose Summers Photography for taking the great photos!



Fishing was the highlight at Argal's Family Fun Day

300 Club winners

The 300 club winners for the third quarter of 2017 are:



1st: £50 - Anne Brown

2nd: £30 - Mary Hubbard

3rd: £10 - Margaret Barnicoat

Tickets cost £10 per year. Money goes to the upkeep of the Community Hall, Playpark, Field & Skatepark. There are 4 draws per year, each producing prizes of

£50, £20 and £10.

To join the 300 Club, send your name, address and email address to Geoff Wheeler along with a cheque or cash. His address is: Monteag, Treliever Road, TR10 9EX. Please make cheques payable to Mabe Youth & Community Project.

Or contact Geoff for more information: geoffwhee@gmail.com.



Don't forget to like Mabe Burnthouse Village on Facebook

Megan donates toys

A young girl from Mabe donated hundreds of her toys to help raise funds for a company which supports adults with learning disabilities to live fulfilling lives.

Megan Allan, 8, helped man a stall at Penryn Fair day on Saturday 26 August with her donated items as prizes in aid of FalCare.

She said she wants to be a carer when she grows up and often lends items to FalCare, which has a centre in Falmouth, where her mum Georgia works. The company is also opening a new day centre in Penryn and Megan wanted to raise money to support it.

When it was decided to decorate her room, she cleared out a lot of her books and toys and asked if she could give more than 200 of them to the not-for-profit company. Although some of the sensory toys were suitable, most

were too young for the adults.

But as Georgia was already running a stall at Penryn Fair Day, Megan suggested another way to help.

"I'm so proud of her," said Georgia. "Meg said, 'how about we do a raffle and treasure map then I can use the money to buy them something?'"

"She was out from 9.30am until 5.30pm. She told her teacher she wants to be a carer when she grows up.

"She is great with the guys at FalCare. She knows Makaton and chats to them. She taught a lady how to use a game on her tablet while we were preparing for the carnival."

She raised £146.50 for FalCare and the rest of her toys went to a stall at an autism awareness day at Falmouth Rugby Club the following day.

Source: West Briton



Megan Allan manned her stall at Penryn Fair Day all day long

Garden Club enjoys day out

On Wednesday 2 August, 49 members of Mabe Garden Club enjoyed a day out to the Garden House, Buckland Monachorum, near Plymouth.



Members of Mabe Garden Club enjoying a wet visit to Garden House in Devon

The continual rain did not stop us from having a good day out, and we were impressed by the variety of flowers and plants on view.

The house was originally built as a rectory, but was sold off in 1924 after a new rectory had been built nearer the village. In 1945 the property was sold with 10 acres of land (including a terraced walled garden) to Lionel and Katharine Fortescue, who had been attracted by the quality of the soil and set about creating the present gardens.

Their favourite plants were rhododendrons, and indeed we saw some splendid blue colours.

A succession of highly talented Head Gardeners have over the

years developed several different gardens based on natural landscapes from other parts of the world, including a delightful Cottage Garden, a Summer Garden and an Acer Glade which gives an impression of the colours to be seen in New England.

The Walled Garden remains and is another major feature.



Looking through to the Walled Garden

We all enjoyed the refreshment facilities with a varied menu of generously portioned food - not least the home made Rhubarb Crumble with clotted cream, reports Club Treasurer, John Ball, who led the day's outing.

The Club's next meeting is on Monday 16th October at the Community Hall at 7pm. Guests and new members are always welcome at this friendly club.

John Ball

America's Cup winners return to Mabe

by Toby Brand

My wife and I were chatting with a good friend and she asked if we could write something for the parish newsletter, so here we go...

My family and I have just moved back to Mabe after a few years of travelling and living in Europe, the Caribbean and USA. We've bought Alexandra House, which was built by a ships captain, so it feels fitting.



The J Class yacht, Lionheart, racing in Newport, USA

We've had a busy summer, I'm the captain of the J Class yacht Lionheart and along with my wife, Emily, my son, Isaac (5), and my daughter, Agnes (3), have been in Bermuda and then in

Newport, USA where we have been competing in a series of yacht racing events this year.

We normally race against 5 or 6 other J class yachts, so very similar boats. Each boat has a crew of around 35 sailors, plus some other shore crew.

Emily is the race coordinator for the Lionheart team (which basically means she has to organize accommodation flights, food and a whole range of other things for the team) and Isaac and Agnes have been heading up the official Lionheart fan club.

We were in Bermuda for the 35th America's cup, which as you can imagine was extremely exciting, and took part in 2 regattas there: the Superyacht Cup, Bermuda 2017 and the J Class Regatta, Bermuda. Each regatta involved h 4 days of racing, with up to 3 races per day.



Toby and Emily Brand holding the America's Cup Superyacht Regatta trophies. Lionheart came from behind on a thrilling final day of racing to claim both the J Class and overall honours.

Bermuda was a really exciting place to be during the America's cup, it was a 'who's who' of sailing for a couple of weeks. Of course, we were supporting team GBR, with Sir Ben Ainslie at the helm.



Toby and Emily Brand holding the J Class World Championship 2017 Trophy

Then in July we travelled to Newport RI, USA to get the boat and crew ready for the first ever J Class official world championships.

This was the season finale and everyone wanted to win! So all

the boats gathered and we all started training and getting the boats prepped, and inspected, ready for racing. There were 6 boats, all with international crews. There were boats from the USA, Germany and Netherlands.

Our boat, Lionheart, is officially Dutch team, although a lot of the crew are from Cornwall. We had a really good close flight, racing for 5 days, and in the end completing 8 races, and team Lionheart ended up winning the world championships which was really nice.

Now we are home in Mabe, and Isaac and Agnes are starting at Penryn school. We are excited for the children to start at Penryn as they have great facilities and we hope there will be plenty of great opportunities for them to carry on sailing and exploring the world.



Toby and Emily Brand with their children Isaac and Agnes onboard the Lionheart

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