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Teenager grabbed in Mabe

Police have issued a description of a man who inappropriately grabbed a teenage girl just after 8pm on Wednesday, February 13 in the Treliever Road area of the village.

"She was unhurt although very upset, making her way home without further incident," said a police spokesman.

The male is a white male, 40+ years old, slim build, dressed in black tracksuit trousers, black zip-up top with small white logo on left chest. He wore a a snood and a black, woolly hat and had dark brown work boots, with white/light coloured soles. He had a silver bicycle with a black seat with a hole in the middle and a white stripe on.

If you recognise the description, please get in contact with the police by calling 101 and quoting CR/014177/19.

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Jackie Frost's original panto script, *The Frog Prince of Mabe*, was brought to life in the Community Hall on March 14-16. As usual, it proved to be a highly entertaining night out, whilst raising over £2000 for the MYCP.

Ramble for Ruth

Beneath beautiful sunshine and gorgeous blue skies, children, staff and parents met at Maenporth Beach in readiness to walk the 4.3 miles to the Helford Passage.

Our aim was to raise funds for The Mermaid Centre who have been an amazing support to our wonderful teacher Mrs Ruth Fisher.

Setting off at a great pace, a gaggle of keen children forged ahead leaving the adults the task of breaking into a run to keep up! Hurdling puddles, squelching in mud, scooting after dogs and navigating styles were all part of the fun!

The scenery was simply stunning and the lack of rain made the ramble even more of a pleasure.

We were met by more intrepid walkers at Durgan, where we headed uphill to Trebah. Our final destination was The Ferry Boat Inn, who kindly allowed us to sell cakes in order to raise yet further funds.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in the walk, baked cakes and showed their support in any way at all. Special mentions must be given to Caroline Dunstan who not only baked a profuse amount of scrummy cakes, but also set up and manned the stall; Kate Williams who was chief cake seller and Nikki Triggs who acted as a 'car taxi' between destinations.

I could not be prouder to be part of such a fantastic school community and crucially, Mrs Fisher, we love you!
Mrs Pearce



Headteacher Mr Hayes with some of Mabe's school children, who were among over 200 children who took part in the St Piran Day parade in Falmouth this year

Housing application refused

There were cheers and applause after a Cornwall Council planning committee unanimously refused to grant permission to a controversial housing development.

Plans for 27 homes to be built on land off Antron Way went before the council's west sub-area planning committee on Monday February 11th, with standing room only due to a large number of local residents packing the meeting room.

Cllr Kaczmarek thanked all those who attended the meeting and also thanked the planning officers for their work on the application.

He proposed that the application should be refused due to the scale of development in open countryside and due to the "unacceptable harm" it would cause to the countryside.

The proposal was supported unanimously by the committee and welcomed with cheers and applause from the public gallery and people calling out: "We did it!"

St Piran film made

To mark St Piran 2019, the Grand Bard of Cornwall, Elizabeth Carne, has announced the launch of "Viaj an Delow", a short film about the journey of a specially

commissioned granite statue of St Piran from Mabe Quarry in Penryn to the Vallée des Saints in Brittany.

It was filmed by Cornish bard Stephen Gainey, Mab Hirnans, senior partner of Truro accountancy firm Robinson Reed Layton and a fervent Cornish speaker who died recently, and in whose honour the film is being launched.

It is now available to view online on the Gorsedh Kernow website:



gorsedhkernow.org.uk/videos.html

Quiz Night fun

The MYCP's Quiz Night with a Cornish theme at the Community Hall on Saturday 2nd March was a lot of fun for all who attended.



'Come Back in a Minute': the winning team

Eleven teams took part, including the winners, 'Come Back in a Minute' and the losers, 'High 5'.

Roughly £180 was raised to towards the upkeep of the new playpark and the community hall.

Mabe Church Roof

Contrary to what many people think, each parish church is funded by the people who live in the local parish. Some people donate regularly and some give to special appeals occasionally and we are grateful to all who give in any way.

The people who "go to church" form most of the regular givers but now these are getting rather few and now that the church needs a new roof, we need to ask for donations from the people who, although they might not be churchgoers, still hold their parish church dear. So, please consider two things if you would:

1) giving to the Mabe Church Roof Appeal - any amount, large or small will be very gratefully received. And..

2) becoming a regular giver, e.g.

by direct debit. Regular donations mean that we can insure and heat and light the church for services including Christenings, wedding and funerals as well as concerts and other events. It means we can maintain and repair the building for future generations to use and enjoy, as people have done down the ages for over 500 years so far. And the present building is only the latest to occupy the site!

You can make a donation either in the collecting box at church or the one in the New Inn, or drop a cheque through the vicarage letterbox, and to become a regular giver please either phone me (617628) or speak to me anytime.

And thanks to those who give currently. Without your generosity Mabe church would be facing a bleak future.

Rev Steve Smith

Volunteers needed!

Mabe Youth and Community Project is a charity run by volunteers with the sole objective of providing facilities for the people of Mabe.

The upkeep of the hall, play-park, playing field, skate-park and car-park is a significant undertaking and this year we are holding a "Volunteer Day" to give people the opportunity to come along to the hall and help with some maintenance and improvement

tasks.

This will be a great chance to contribute to the activities of the charity and to meet up with like minded people. We have a range of jobs to suit all abilities/skills and will be open all day from 9am to 4pm on Saturday 13th April. Volunteers are invited to pop along at any time during the day and refreshments will be provided.

Contact: Rachele, 375938 or MabeYCP@gmail.com



Mabe Parish Council – Community Grant Scheme 2019/20

As in the past Mabe Parish Council has an amount of funds in its budget which it can release to aid community based projects. We are now looking for applications to be considered against our 2019/20 finances.

If your group, club or activity need a little extra funding for equipment, or would like some help with running costs we might be able to help.

If we could get all completed applications in by the end of May 2019, together with a copy of your current Groups Accounts*, it would be really helpful.

*Please talk to the clerk if you are unsure about these.

Contact: Lisa Clements, Clerk to the parish, 07964735219;

mabeparish@gmail.com

More info:

[http://www.mabeparish.co.](http://www.mabeparish.co.uk/Mabe-Parish-Council/UserFiles/Files/community/grant%20request%20information.pdf)



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Vacancies at Luncheon Club

Meals for any retirees in the parish are available every Tuesday at 12.30pm, and anyone interested in coming along can ring Margaret Bryant on 373102.

300 Club winners



The results for the 300 club draw are:

- 1st Prize £50: R & V McAndrew
- 2nd Prize £30: Jo Clarkson
- 3rd Prize £10: Nigel & Sharon Best

It's also renewal time, so please send £10 to Geoff at the address below.

300 Club Mabe's Own Lottery Hundreds of pounds to be won!

Use this form to join now. 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.

Cheques payable to Mabe Youth and Community Project or cash to: Geoff Wheeler, Monteag, Treliever Road, TR10 9EX. Tel: 01326372405

Name:

Address:

Email:

Just a thought...

As I write this we are nearing the end of the run of this year's pantomime performances. It's been a great success – sometimes getting more laughs when we go wrong than when we get it right!



The good thing about being part of the pantomime is not just the fun of performing, but also in being part of something that involves people just doing something good together – in this case raising money for and awareness of the Youth and Community Project - and making new friends at the same time.

Of course, getting together like this often means making yourself vulnerable ("What if I forget my lines? What if I make a fool of myself?"). The answer is, being vulnerable is part of what makes any community strong. Revealing our own weaknesses not only permits others to encourage and support us (there's a lot of caring in the Panto group); it also gives others the opportunity to confront their own fears and vulnerabilities – and in recognising and supporting each other in these things, we become a body that is stronger than the sum of its parts.

In the panto, some have major roles and some have minor ones.

The thing is, ALL the roles are equally important; EVERYONE is a star because without the person playing even the smallest role, the whole thing would be depleted.

In fact I sometimes think the whole of life is like a pantomime – sometimes success comes from getting it wrong! Plus: you might feel unimportant ("OH NO YOU'RE NOT!) You might not think your place in the universe is as valid as anyone else's ("OH YES IT IS!") . Because you, too, have a part to play, however large or small, in making this world a more friendly, caring, joyful place. ("OH YES YOU DO!")

With much love to everyone.

Rev Steve Smith

Congratulations Julia!



Julia Pearce, the Class 2 teacher at Mabe School, completed the Duchy 20 mile race in Redruth amidst Storm Freya in March, raising £115 for The Mermaid Centre in the process.



Mabe Burnthouse Village

Please send details of events happening within Mabe civic parish in June/July to mabematterseditor@gmail.com by 15 May 2019. Venue details:

- Mabe Community Hall, Cunningham Park (375938 or mabeyp@gmail.com)
- Mabe Community Primary School, Cunningham Park (secretary, 372662)
- Mabe Parish Church (St Laudus), Church Road, towards Higher Spargo (administrator, Pauline Cheshire, 340425)
- 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.

Open Water Swimming, Kernow Adventure Park, 6-8pm. Contact, 07817 662 962

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

Daisy's Yoga, Chyan Cultural Centre, 6-7pm. Contact Daisy, 07837 879876

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.

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

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

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.

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, 10am-1pm. Contact Nay, naysjoga@gmail.com.



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

Mabe Diary



April 2019

Tues 2 - WI Meeting, 7.30pm, WI Hall.

Wed 3 - Comedy Club: Brett Goldstein, 8.30pm, The Performance Centre. www.amata.org.uk/brett-goldstein

Sat 6 - Willow Bird Feeder Workshop, 1-3.30pm, Chyan Community Field. <https://chyan.org>

Fri 5 - Community Big Breakfast, 7.30am, Mabe School. *See What's On.*

Sun 7 - MCL Quiz Night, 8pm, The New Inn. *See p.15.*

Mon 8-Tues 9 - Chinese Pole & Acrobatic Dance Workshops, 10am-12.30pm & 2-4.30pm, Chyan Community Field. *See What's On.*

Wed 10 - D Click Circus - ISLA, 7pm, Chyan Community Field. *See What's On.*

Thurs 11 - Parish Council meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda available on the Parish Notice Board and website (www.mabeparish.co.uk). Open to the public. Contact Lisa Clements, 07964 735219, mabeparish@gmail.com

Sat 13 - MYCP Volunteer day, 9am-4pm, Community Hall. *See p.5.*

Sat 13 - Children's Hospice SouthWest Coffee Morning, 10am-12pm, Community Hall. Contact Rosemary, 373298.

Sat 13 - Kundalini Shakti Dance - Ostara's Temple, 6.30-9pm, Chyan Community Field. <https://chyan.org>

Mon 15 - Mabe Garden Club: Lawn Maintenance & Pruning, 7pm, Community Hall. Contact David, 376568.

Thurs 18 - Swamp Circus presents HURLEY BURLEY, 7pm, Chyan Community Field. *See What's On.*

Fri 19/Sat 20 - Swamp Easter Circus School, 10am-12.30pm & 2-4.30pm, Chyan Community Field. <https://chyan.org>

Fri 19 - MCL Easter Fun Day, 2-5pm, Community Hall. *See p.15.*

Sat 20 - Craft Fayre, 2-4pm, Community Hall. Contact: craft-fayre17@gmail.com

Sun 21 - Chyan Wellbeing Fayre, 12-6pm, Chyan Community Field. *See What's On.*

Mon 22 - Chyan Plen Launch, 2-7pm, Chyan Community Field. <https://chyan.org>

Sat 27 - Macrame Workshop, 11am-1pm, Chyan Community Field. <https://chyan.org>

Thurs 25 - Cornwall Astronomy Society, 8pm, WI Hall. Contact Simon Dunkley, 564046.

May 2019

Sat 4 - BioBlitz, 10am-4pm, Tremough Campus. *See What's On.*

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

Thurs 9 - Parish Council meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Details as for Feb.

Sat 11 - Garden Club Spring Fayre, 2-4pm, Community Hall. *See What's On.*

Fri 17 & Sat 18 - Tremough Follies present Urinetown, 2pm & 7.30pm, The Performance Centre. www.amata.org.uk/urinetown-17-may

Sat 18 - Craft Fayre, 2-4pm, Community Hall. Contact: craftfayre17@gmail.com

Sun 19 - Ben Salfield in Concert, 7.30pm, Mabe Church. *See What's On.*

Mon 20 - Mabe Garden Club: Pinsla Garden, 7pm, Community Hall. Contact David, 376568.

Thurs 23 - Cornwall Astronomy Society, 8pm, WI Hall. Contact Simon Dunkley, 564046.

Fri 24- Tues 28 - Surya Yoga Camp, Chyan Community Field. www.surya.org.uk



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What's On

Mabe School will be raising money for the Mermaid Centre on Friday 5th April from 7.30am with the return of their **Community Big Breakfast** event.



They will be serving cereal, toast, bacon or sausage sandwiches/baps, as well as a Full English. Tea, coffee, fruit juices and water will be available.

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Chyan have a packed programme this spring and more information on all of their events can be found at <https://chyan.org>.



On Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th April Spanish Circus Company **D Click Circus** lead **Chinese Pole and Acrobatic dance workshops** from 10am -12.30 & 2-4.30pm in the Big Top at Chyan, before presenting their amazing show **ISLA** on Wednesday 10th April at 7pm. **ISLA** is based on the dreams and hallucinations of three ship-wrecked characters who find themselves alone and who will need each other to remake their story. Then on Thursday 18th April, Swamp Circus presents Hurley Burley, their brilliant new circus show, at 7pm in the Big Top.

Chyan's annual **Wellbeing Fayre**

takes place on Sunday 21st April from 12-6pm. This event includes workshops (yoga, tai chi, meditation, dance), healers (thai massage, shiatsu, sound healing, reiki) stalls, bands, music, poetry and crafts, as well as a kid's area with crafts, story-telling, games and art. Food is available from the vegan cafe on site and home-cooked food stalls. *Cont.overleaf*

St Laudus Church, Mabe



April

- | Sun 7th - 9.30am, Morning Worship
- | Sun 14th - 9.30am – Sung Eucharist
- | Fri 19th - 2pm, Good Friday Liturgy
- | Sun 21th - 9.30am, Easter Day Said Eucharist
- | Sun 28th - Book of Common Prayer Communion. Plus, Sacred Space, 7.30pm.

May

- | Sun 5th - 10am, Morning Worship with Trenoweth Methodists at Mabe Community Centre, Rev Steve Smith preaching
- | Sun 12th - 9.30am, Sung Eucharist CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BEGINS
- | Sun 19th - 9.30am, Book of Common Prayer Communion
- | Sun 26st - 9.30am, Said Eucharist & Healing Prayers. Plus Sacred Space, 7.30pm.

What's On

Mabe Garden Club will be holding their **Spring Fayre** in the Community Hall on Saturday 11th April from 2-4pm. With free entry, there will be a cake stall, raffle, guess the monkey's name, bran tub for the children and other stalls, and cream teas. All are welcome! Contact: Hilary, 07947323746.

On the 4th of May 2019 FXU will be holding their annual day of wildlife based fun at the Tremough Campus from 10am to 4pm. The aim of a **BioBlitz** is to survey all the flora and fauna in the local area in 24 hours whilst raising awareness about the UK's fantastic biodiversity. Activities will include pond dipping, mammal trapping, bird ringing, wildlife stalls, owl pellet dissecting, fete games, face painting, bouncy castle, food stands, live performances, and much more! Free entry and parking. More info at:



www.facebook.com/pg/PenrynBioBlitz

Mabe Church will once again be hosting leading international Cornwall-based lutenist **Ben Salfield** on Sunday 19th May at 7.30pm, as he begins his seven country 30 years tour on home ground with a concert of renaissance and baroque music on 10-

course lutar.



Featuring music from 1536, 1610, 1719 and 1740, the performance examines some of the most beautiful lute repertoire of all in the historical context of the

theme Ages of Intolerance. Tickets are £10 (U18s £5) from:



www.kernowconcerts.co.uk

Trenoweth Methodist Church meet in the Community Hall every **Sunday** morning at 10.45 am. A warm welcome is offered to all members of the village.

April

7th - led by Mrs. Morwenna Bennett

14th - Palm Sunday, led by Mrs. Jenny Lockwood

21st - Easter Sunday, led by Rev. Robbie Bowen

Please note: 28th we will be at St Day for a joint service.

May

Please note: 5th - Joint service at St Laudus at 10am, led by Rev. Steve Smith and Mrs. Mary Mavers

12th - led by members of the congregation

19th - led by Dr. Euan McPhee

26th - led by Mrs. Pat Congdon

Meteor Showers on their way!

Robert Beeman of the Cornwall Astronomy Society tells us what to look out for in the skies above us during April and May.

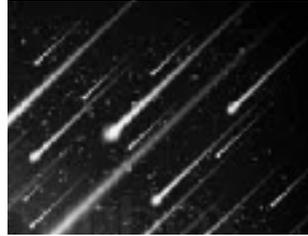
Spica, the brightest star in Virgo and Arcturus at the foot of Bootes, are now prominent in the south. Leo the Lion dominates the early evening sky with the Plough above. Moving up from Leo and Virgo through the faint stars of Coma Berenices we come to a star with an unusual name, Cor Caroli, the Heart of Charles. Through a small telescope Cor Caroli is a colourful double star.

Almost overhead look for the Northern Crown, Corona Borealis with the aptly named star Alphekka, in Arabic "the bright one of the broken ring", a blue white main sequence star about 75 light years away (lya). This is an eclipsing binary system but the variation in brightness is too small to be detected by the naked eye.

The Lion's tail star Denebola in Leo is 40lya. The Persian astronomers called it "the weather changer"; when this star rises just before dawn in the autumn, the weather will cool, when it finally leaves the night sky in late spring warmer weather is on the way.

About halfway along the body of Hydra, the Water Snake is main

star of the constellation, Aplhard, an orange red giant 177lya. This is an Arabic name meaning "the solitary one", as it is an isolated bright star in a rather empty area of night sky.



April brings the Lyrid meteor shower, the radiant is

close to Vega. The prediction is for 10 to 20 per hour and they peak on the morning of the 23rd of April, but are around in reduced numbers from 16th to 25th April. Unfortunately it looks as if the Moon will washout all but the brightest.

On the 8th of May there is the peak of the Eta Aquarid meteor shower which is one of two showers resulting from the debris of Halley's comet. The radiant will be low in the South East and the Moon should not interfere.

For both of these meteor showers the best time to view will be in the hours between midnight and dawn.

Jupiter and Saturn will be for the night owls, being low in the south from about 0200hrs. Mars will be low in the west just after sunset, but be careful as the separation between Mars and the setting Sun is only a few degrees of azimuth.

The Kessell family history

The Kessell family is one of the largest families of Mabe. The 'Kistle' family originated in Germany and at least two brothers came to Cornwall a few hundred years ago with one settling in St Austell and the other in the Mabe area.

At the start of the 20th Century, William Henry Kessell (known as Billy be Damned) was living in Mabe. He was a master blaster in the quarries, earned good money and lived well in a nice house in Treverva.

He liked to use the phrase "Billy be Damned" if a charge failed or there was a need to move something special. He would come home on a Friday after work, give his wife the following week's house-keeping, then go to Fal-

mouth only returning home on Sunday in time for Sunday lunch. Often he would still be under the influence, but always had chocolate for the kids. The kids would have their chocolate then be sent to another room away from Billy be Damned, as after lunch he would need to sleep.

On Monday morning, he would be back at work again blasting granite boulders out in the quarry.

William and his wife had 13 children, many of whose descendants still live in Mabe and went on to be publicans, parish councillors, founders of MYCP and local businessmen or farmers. You may recognise the names Chinn, Bryant, O'Connor, Roberts, Hocking and Rollings who all came from the family of Billy Be Damned.



The **photo opposite** shows the Kessell Family of Treverva in about 1905. Below is a list of those in the photo, with their known descendants following in italics.

Standing, left to right:

Thomas John (1876), *Peter, Mark (in Mabe today) & David Kessell (just moved from Mabe) plus families*

Laura Jane (1876), *married Arthur Wills no family remaining*

William Henry (1874), *granddaughter, Jean Chinn in Mabe, plus family of W B Kessell & Sons farmers in Mabe area*

Minnie Annie (1887), *Keith Bryant & family in Mabe*

Middle Row, left to right:

Catherine (1883), *no children but was in the Red Cross in WW1*

Father – William Henry Kessell (1853), *lived in Treverva, married 1874*

Johanna Eveline (Twin 1892), *large family in area, Elinor O'Connor former Parish Clerk, now in Falmouth, also Roberts in Mabe area*

Samuel Ross (Twin 1892), *in DCLI & Devonshire Regiment in WW1, Joyce Lock (nee Kessell) in Falmouth*

Mother – Ellen V nee Pellow (1855), *previously lived at Higher Spargo, Mabe, married 1874*

Beatrice Mary (1880), *family in Stithians, Falmouth & Helston*

Front row, left to right:

Richard Howard (1894), *DCLI in WW1, family in Penryn & Falmouth*

Ellen Armenia (Nellie 1889), *Antony Hocking family in Mabe, plus others in the area*

Ernest James (1891), *Royal Engineers in WW1, family in Penryn & Falmouth*

Daisy (1897), *many members of the Rolling Family in the Mabe area*

Lydia Anne (1886), *died young*

Cornwall Family History Society



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Visit our Research Library at 18
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secretary@cornwallfhs.com

www.cornwallfhs.com

Our team of volunteers can
assist you in tracing your family
history

New volunteers are always
welcome

Mabe fights back against period poverty

A new community-driven initiative to provide young females access to free sanitary products is available for donations at Mabe's Community Hall.

'The Red Box Project', a campaign launched to stop the stigma against 'period poverty', will provide young-females with free sanitary care. Period poverty is when a young female is unable to access and afford feminine hygiene products.



The Red Box can be found at the top of the steps in the Community Hall lobby

'The Red Box' collection bin can be found in Mabe's Community Hall, where it is waiting for donations of sanitary towels and tampons. Once filled,

the box is then donated to local Secondary schools within the area so that young women can have constant access to the supply.

The scheme was founded in 2017 after it emerged that girls had been skipping school and consequently missing out on their edu-

cation because they could not afford sanitary products.

Research by Plan International, a UK based charity, found 1 in 10 girls in the UK are unable to afford sufficient sanitary care.

The research also revealed that 42% of girls have resorted to using makeshift products, such as socks and clothing, because tampons and towels are too expensive.

Recognising this need has resulted in a nationwide campaign, from communities stretching from Scotland to Cornwall all donating to eradicate the stigma.

Most schools will have a limited supply of sanitary products but generally, they are only to be given out in emergencies. However, this new project will allow pupils to ask for 'The Red Box' through a member of staff and take what they need.

Having a constant supply will also help to avoid any stress, anxiety or embarrassment pupils face when having to ask for emergency help.

For more information on how to donate or get involved visit the website:



<http://redboxproject.org/>
or pop down to the Hall to do your bit and help protect the pants!

Danielle Sheed

Mabe Christmas Lights off to a good start!

We had a record breaking Race Night at The New Inn in February, raising an amazing total of £258. Add this to the kind donation from Pendennis Ship Yard and the green token scheme cheque from Asda and we have already raised a superb £958 and it is only March.



Emma and Linsey receiving a cheque for £500 from ASDA

Of course we will not be resting on our laurels with a large waiting list for new garden lights and lots of exciting plans to make our displays bigger and better each year. With each new light comes bespoke cabling and outdoor sockets so every penny will be put to good use. We will rival An-garrack yet!!

Onto forthcoming plans. You may have already spotted our Quiz posters for Sunday 7th April at The New Inn from 8pm, so start oiling those brilliant minds and putting your teams together. Teams of six: £2 per adult and £1 per child (under 16). Prizes for

1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Last year, our Easter Fun Day was a huge success at the Community Hall and so we are going to do the same this year on Good Friday between 3pm and 5pm. This event is our biggest and busiest with all the games, stalls, outdoor sports and entertainment and so this year we are asking for volunteers who would be happy to come along between 2:30pm and 5:30pm to help the MCL team. If you can give up a few hours to manage a stall or game, please email karen.maf@talktalk.net

If you are not available on this occasion but would like to join our brand new mailing list for future event notices, please contact mabechristmaslights@outlook.com

Village Easter Egg Hunt. This year we are going to launch a Village-wide Easter Egg Hunt to run throughout the Easter holidays. It will work in the same way as our Reindeer hunt with a map and eggs to identify throughout the route. Entrance forms can be emailed or collected from The New Inn week from Thursday 11th April. Completed entries should be returned to The New Inn by Thursday 18th April ready for the prize draw for a family Easter Hamper on Good Friday 19th April at our Fun Day.

Thank you all for your continued support.
The MCL team

Bowls Club heads to Devon

A group of fourteen members, family and friends from Mabe Short Mat Bowling Club recently spent a long weekend in Torquay, taking part in a friendly tournament against clubs in the west country.

and Sunday morning against teams from Yeovil, Chard, Weston-super-Mare and Newton Abbott. In total three teams played eight matches, winning six, drawing one and only losing two.

The local West Cornwall Winter



Members of Mabe Short Mat Bowling Club enjoying dinner in their Torquay hotel

They stayed at the Carlton Hotel, part of the Torquay Hotel and Leisure Group, and all enjoyed the experience, although the weather was not the best. The complex has various other leisure facilities on site for all to enjoy.

Nine bowlers took part in the competition, and played matches on Friday afternoon, Saturday

League is almost over for this year, with Mabe's two teams have performed well, both being in the top half of their respective leagues.

The Carpet Bowls section came third in division two, and Sue Mitchell and David Taylor came runners up in a pairs competition at Redruth recently. *M.Bryant*

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