

Who lived in Mabe before us?

Have you ever wondered who lived in this area in past times? Who trod this land hundreds or even thousands of years before us? We report here on some recent archaeological finds from one area of the parish which gives us an insight into where, when and how people lived in times gone by.

The oldest recent find is an incomplete flint leaf-shaped arrowhead (pictured) from the Neolithic Age (4,500-2,500BC). This was found on the surface of a field just outside the parish boundary. It was probably knapped from a local beach pebble and the base, where it was joined to a spear, has been broken off. It was used for hunting.



The earliest means of grinding cereal to make flour for bread involved rubbing the grains between two stones. In Iron Age times, this involved rubbing a hand held stone across the grain on a larger stone or quern. A quern stone was found in a hedge of a local ancient round. It has a smooth hollow indentation caused by continuous rubbing of the top stone. Imagine the work entailed to make a loaf of bread!

The Romans came to Cornwall to trade for tin. A great quantity of Roman money has been found in Cornwall mainly near the coast where the tin trade flourished. Mabe is no exception. Four copper/silver coins have been found quite close to one another and dating from 269AD to 340AD. In a nearby area, a part of a cast copper alloy Roman brooch was discovered and has been dated as from 1AD to 200AD.

Jumping forward to medieval times, a small short silver cross coin has been found recently and dated to 1180 to 1247. This coin is in a very poor state, not helped by the fact that a small portion has been clipped away. This was a common practice which was outlawed in 1247 as it "added a little extra silver to someone's pocket".



The next and by far the most valuable coin is a Henry VIII gold half crown (pictured left). This coin is in good condition and shows a royal shield and a double rose with the initials H and I on either side. These refer to Henry and his third wife, Jane Seymour, which dates the coin to 1536-37. Two silver sixpences were also found - one, dated 1568, is from the reign of Elizabeth I and is rather worn, but you can just make out a rose above a head and a square shield. The second dates from 1605 when James I was on the throne of England.

One can only wonder how the owners of these coins must have felt to have lost them. Losing the gold half crown from Henry VIII's time was the *Continued p.13*

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Mabe Matters

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Community News

Campaign offers glimmer of hope on buses

There's a chance that Mabe will see a return of a regular bus service to Falmouth, after a determined campaign led by Mabe resident, Essie Kitto (pictured left).



As anyone who relies on the buses will know, services through the village have been slashed this spring. The 82 service, which provided a direct link to Truro, was axed in February, followed, on 1 April, by the rerouting of 68 and 68A Falmouth services to miss out Mabe completely. As a result, the service through Mabe to Falmouth has changed from being every half hour to being one bus every two hours.

While the blame has been flying between Cornwall Council and the bus company, passengers have been left stranded. As Essie has pointed out in numerous letters:

"How are we meant to get to Asda to do our shopping, how are we meant to get to Penryn and Falmouth for Doctors', Dentists' and other appointments, Penryn Station *Continued p.2*

Jamboree for the Jubilee

There's a full programme of events over the extended bank holiday weekend of Saturday 2 to Tuesday 5 June in Mabe, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. For full details see pages 8 to 10.



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"It is impossible for the elderly and infirm inhabitants to walk either to Tremough [to catch onward buses] or to Asda, as anyone who does this knows it means taking your life into your hands to cross each end of the A39 Distributor Road. Does the [bus] company really think the elderly and infirm can walk these distances and carry shopping too?"

Essie's campaign, supported by Mabe's bus users and the Parish Council, with particular help from shop owner Steve Nisbet, has involved organising a petition and writing numerous letters to

First Devon and Cornwall, George Eustice MP, Cornwall Council, Radio Cornwall, etc.

It looks as though Essie's determination may bear fruit: the 88 service currently travels between Falmouth and Tremough but spends 20 minutes idling at Tremough. Simon Newport of First is looking into the possibility of rerouting it to pass through Mabe. We can hope!

School shed vandalised

Children in Class 1 at Mabe School were upset to see their shed vandalised recently. The windows were smashed and there was damage to a window frame and the door. The shed is used for play and to store some toys, but luckily nothing was stolen. The school is very grateful to a Class 1 parent, who repaired the damage. As Headteacher Paul Hayes comments, "It was just mindless vandalism."

New cook for Luncheon Club

Mabe Age Concern Luncheon Club has with great regret had to say farewell to Peter Moyle, who has been cooking meals every Tuesday for about ten years. Peter, who has lived in Mabe all his life, is planning to spend some time travelling in this county and on the continent with his wife Beryl in their camper. Peter was presented with a folding chair to use on his travels, and we hope he will enjoy sitting in it during his holidays. The club has been very fortunate in recruiting Janet Warren to take his place. Janet moved to Cornwall from Derbyshire last year to be near her son and his family, and lives in Penryn. She has previously cooked in a Nursing Home for some time, so is used to catering for large numbers. We are looking forward to working with her and hope she will be with us for many years.

Margaret Bryant

Mabe Twinning Association celebrates 20th Anniversary

The year 2012 marks the 20th Anniversary of the Mabe Twinning Association with Primelin in Brittany, and during April, the Twinners of Mabe made the journey across the Channel, via Roscoff to Primelin. Twenty nine members, ranging in ages from 8 to 91 years, spent a hectic long weekend with their French hosts. Visits whilst in Brittany included Le Port Musee at Douarnenez and a trip south to L'Orient to view the Cite de la Voile, the Eric Tabarly sailing museum. Evenings were spent socialising and cementing close friendships built up over the last 20 years, and in making new friends.



For a special anniversary gift, the contingent from Mabe presented a directional signpost (pictured above), constructed by In Steel of St Day, with the distance from Mabe to Primelin engraved in kilometres and miles. A camellia bush was planted at the Place de Mabe in Primelin, to honour the occasion and a special anniversary cake was provided by our French friends, complete with sparkling candles. A special presentation of a medal was made by the Mayor of Primelin to Mabe's Dot Waddingham (pictured left), as the oldest member present at the event.

If you are interested in joining the Mabe Twinning Association, please contact Vanessa Ward (Chair) on 375677 or Lilian Miller (Secretary) on 374890. Lilian Miller

Bowls mats just miss fire

Mabe Short Bowls Club has recently bought two mats and other associated equipment which were the property of the Falmouth Beach Hotel. Luckily, they were transferred from the hotel to Mabe on the Wednesday before the dreadful fire which destroyed the complex. The club will now try to sell the original mats, which are now surplus to requirements, to other local clubs. These mats were originally bought by the Mabe Youth and Community Project, when the

club began, so any money from the sale will be given back to MYCP. MB

"Please don't let your dog foul our field!"

This is the message from Mabe School, which has recently had to deal with dog mess on the playing field. The field is used regularly in good weather by the school for both playtime and sports. Dog mess is smelly, dirty and carries diseases (including one which causes blindness). Please do not allow your dog on the field at any time.



Mabe's Sam King is looking happy after finishing a four day sponsored bike ride from London to Paris and raising £1,400. Afterwards Sam said, "I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me and helped me raise an impressive amount. The first two days were the longest and toughest, the final two days were flat and the weather was great. We arrived in Paris on Saturday around 3pm, cycled around the Arc de Triumphant and the final finish was at the Eiffel Tower. I recommend it to anyone who fancies a challenge!"

Choirs singing for Hospice Care

Mabe Ladies Choir joined forces with City of Truro Male Choir recently at Falmouth Methodist Church to raise over £1,400 for Cornwall Hospice Care.

The two choirs pulled out all the stops to entertain and enthral the capacity audience, as did the two guest soloists, Frankie Addey, who sang three well-known pieces from The American Song Book, and Manda Ward who gave an amusing rendition of the nursery rhyme "Old Mother Hubbard" – a pastiche on Handel. The talented accompanists-for the two choirs were Martin Davies and Rico Gerber.

Christine Morris, Chair of the Falmouth Support Group for Cornwall Hospice Care, spoke eloquently when she briefly outlined the expenditure required for the running of the hospices in Cornwall, which have become a valuable source of palliative care for those suffering with various forms of terminal illness.

The concert culminated in both choirs and audience heartily singing the Cornish Anthem "Trelawny" – an uplifting end to a hugely successful concert.

Elaine Miller

"Cruel to be kind" at Tremough

If you enjoy walking in the grounds at Tremough, you may have wondered what the gardeners have been doing, hacking back trees in the historic Lime



Members of Mabe Garden Club, with Dave Garwood (far right) in the Lime Avenue.

Avenue. Members of Mabe Garden Club, on a recent tour of Tremough, learnt from Head Gardener, Dave Garwood, that the trunks of some of the trees are beginning to rot with age. Heavy top growth has been cut back to stop the trees toppling over and to preserve them for as long as possible. Lime saplings are also being encouraged to grow and will eventually replace their 300-year-old parents.

Dear Editor...

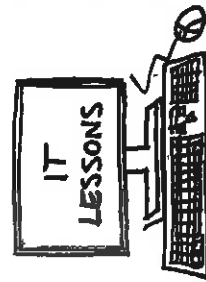
Mark Kessell's article in the last issue of Mabe Matters entitled "Mabe Home Guard captures Bren-Gun Carrier!" was well appreciated by Treverva Villagers. He mentions the brave Treverva men guarding the area and protecting their pasties. I must say the story made us laugh especially when one of our Cornish Lads here read the story to us with a proper Cornish Accent!

These same Treverva Home Guard Men mentioned in Mark's story, after a hard day's work (so I am told by people older than myself), would go and guard the Argal Reservoir and Dam throughout the night in all weathers.

More of these stories of days gone by would be most welcome from Mark, we are sure he has many!

Hazel Perham of Treverva

Can I, on behalf of the Mabe School community, thank the Mabe Youth and Community Project for funding our new gymnastic foam mats? The clever jigsaw design means over 90% of our floor area in the hall is covered, which is a great



Back to school for IT skills

This term, Mabe School has invited local residents back into the classroom to brush up on their IT skills. For some residents this has provided a safe supportive environment to learn about emailing, Word, PowerPoint and Excel programs as well as catching up with the school community.

Many of the residents taking part have had a connection with the school in the past as parents or grandparents, and staff have been delighted to invite them back and make them feel part of their local school again. Headteacher Paul Hayes said, "The residents IT group members are a real asset to the school and are always welcome to visit. Many of the group members have volunteered to give up their time to return to school and help with children's reading and other activities."

We welcome letters for publication. See p.16 for our address, or email mabematters@aol.com.

help in ensuring we are able to continue to deliver high quality gymnastic and other PE activities. They have already assisted Swallows Gymnastics Club who have been coming into school over the spring term to deliver gymnastic lessons



to our two infant classes (pictured above). The mats are a great curriculum resource, that give our pupils the confidence to perform in areas like PE, dance and drama. Having the new mats has also enabled us to develop our community links with a new Aikido martial arts club running on Thursday evenings.

Paul Hayes, Headteacher, Mabe Community Primary School

Mabe Diary


June 2012

- Sat 2 to Tues 5 – Jubilee Programme.** See p.8-10.
- Sat 2 to Sun 10 – Open Studios Cornwall.** Charlotte Jones' studio will be open as part of this event. Trenoweth Chapel, Antron Hill, 11am to 5pm each day.
- Sun 10 – Flicka Fun Run.** See p.11.
- Sun 10 – Mabe Footpath Walk,** led by Paul Simmons, 11am start. See p.11.
- Tues 12 – Cornwall Astronomy Society,** WI Hall, 8pm. Contact Mick Harvey, 372897.
- Tues 12 – Women's Institute,** Annual club dinner at the New Inn, 7pm. Contact Mary Hubber, 373390.
- Wed 13 – Village Communion,** WI Hall, 10.30am, followed by tea, coffee and chat. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.
- Thurs 14 – Parish Council Meeting,** WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda on Parish Notice Board. Open to the public. Contact Elinor O'Connor, 319799.
- Sat 16 – Bioblitz.** See p.12.
- Mon 18 – Mabe Garden Club,** Annual Flower Show. See p.12.
- Thurs 21 – Sports Day,** Mabe School, 1.15pm. Family and friends welcome. Contact Jill Thompson, 372662.
- Fri 22 – Midsummer Celebration,** Carnsew Farm, 7.30pm. See p.12.
- Sun 24 – Footpath Walk.** See p.11.

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

- Wed 27 – Blood donor session,** Community Hall, 1.15pm-3.30pm and 4.45pm-7.30pm. To book call 0300 123 2323 or visit www.blood.co.uk.
- Thurs 28 – Cornwall Astronomy Society.** Details as for 12 June.
- Thurs 28 – MYCP Annual General Meeting.** See p.12.

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- Tues 3 – Talk on History of Culdrose Naval Air Station** by Mary Oxborough, Women's Institute, 7.30pm. Contact Mary Hubber, 373390.
- Sat 7 – School Fete,**  Mabe School, Cunningsham Park, 11am to 2pm. Stalls, performances by the children (singing, dancing, recorders, hoola hoop, etc), light refreshments, etc. Contact Jill Thompson, 372662.
- Tues 10 – Cornwall Astronomy Society.** Details as for 12 June.
- Wed 11 – Village Communion.** Details as for 13 June.
- Thurs 12 – Parish Council Meeting.** Details as for 14 June.
- Mon 16 – Mabe Garden Club,** Community Hall, 7pm. Illustrated talk by Peter Lavis on the restoration of Heligan. All welcome, non members, £2. Contact Val Bidgood, 373984.
- Thurs 26 – Cornwall Astronomy Society.** Details as for 12 June.
- Sun 29 – Footpath Walk.** See p.11.

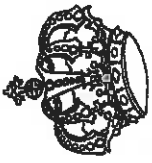
Why not try Shinty?

Cornwall Shinty Club is reviving an ancient game which was widely played in Cornwall until the 1920s. The club meets up twice a week (Mondays and Thursdays, 5.15pm) on the Playing Field behind the Community Hall. Visit www.cornwallshintyclub.tk for more information, or phone Matt Mossop on 340013 (eve) or 07807 458312.



Weekly Events

- Events held weekly in Mabe Community Hall and Playing Field, and Mabe School (all on Cunningham Park) and in Mabe WI Hall (Antron Hill)**
- Mon Short Mat Bowls Club,** Community Hall, 2pm-4pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.
- Shinty,** Playing Field, 5.15pm to dark. Informal hit about. See above.
- Mabe Keep Fit Club,** WI Hall, 7pm. Contact Janet Johns, 373090.
- Age Concern Luncheon Club,** Community Hall, 12.30pm-2pm. Contact Joyce Price, 373187.
- Yoga,** Community Hall, 5.30pm-7pm, for beginners and more experienced students. £44 (concessions, £36) for 8 classes. Contact Jerusha Moon, 375191 or visit www.athayoga.co.uk.
- Wed Fitness for all,** Community Hall, 6pm-7pm. Contact Oriel Bennett, 01726 883523.
- Zumba Class,** Community Hall, 7.30pm. Contact Gill, 07817 174114.
- Thurs Carpet Bowls Club,** Community Hall, 2pm-4pm. Contact Arthur Searle, 377088.
- Shinty,** Playing Field, 5.15pm to dark. Training session. See above.
- Brownies,** Community Hall, 6.15pm-8pm. Contact Jackie Williams, 372863.
- Aikido Class,** Mabe School, 7pm-9pm. Contact Jamie, 07720 288172 or email kokorokaidojo@gmail.com.
- Fri Short Mat Bowls Club,** Community Hall, 2pm-4pm & 7pm-9pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.
- Sun Trenoweth Methodist Church,** Community Hall, 10.45am-12noon. Contact Margaret Bryant, 373102.
- Mabe Parish Church (St Laudus),** Sunday 3 June, Civic Service (see p.10); Sunday 1 July, Holy Communion, 8.30am and Parish Eucharist 9.30am; all other Sundays, Parish Eucharist, 9.30am. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.



Mabe Parish Jubilee Celebrations

Saturday 2 June to Monday 4 June 2012

Join us in celebrating
the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Events include:



Jubilee Footpath Walk
Exhibition of Old Mabe

Over 60s Cream Teas and Sing Along
Jubilee Service and Window Decorations

Children's Tea Party

Skateboard Competition

Adult Games - football, tug-of-war etc



Children's Games

Jubilee Quiz

Fancy Dress Fun Run

Community Lunch

Barbecue/Entertainment

See opposite for detailed programme.

Programme for the Mabe Parish Jubilee Celebrations

Saturday 2 June to Monday 4 June 2012

Saturday 2 June

Jubilee Footpath Walk around the Parish - led by Mrs Hazel Perham
10.30am to 12.30pm, meet at the WI Hall

Exhibition of Old Mabe
WI Hall, 2pm to 5pm, free entry

Cream Teas and "Sing along with Mark"
3.30pm, WI Hall (for everyone over 60 living in the parish)

Sunday 3 June

Jubilee Service, followed by wine and nibbles
St Laudus Church, 10.30am, all welcome

Window Decorations
St Laudus Church, all day

Exhibition of Old Mabe
WI Hall, 2pm to 5pm

Games on Playing Field
Children's Games (for primary age and younger), 2.30pm
Adult Games - football, tug-of-war etc and Skateboard Competition
(11 and over), 3.30pm

Children's Tea Party and presentation of Jubilee mugs
4pm, Community Hall (for primary age and younger,
children to be accompanied by an adult)

Jubilee Quiz
New Inn, 8pm

Monday 4 June

Fancy Dress Fun Run, 10.30am, Playing Field

Community Lunch

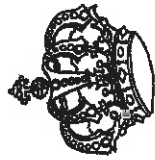
(bring your own food and some to share), New Inn Car Park
(Community Hall if the weather is bad), 12.30pm

Barbecue/Entertainment, 6pm, New Inn (Beer Garden)

Church window decorations, all day
(Also open for the remainder of the week)

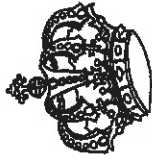
Exhibition of Old Mabe

WI Hall, 12pm to 3pm, see posters for times of showings of old films
(Also open Tuesday 5 June, 10am to 1pm)



What's On in Mabe: Jubilee events

(For the full programme, see p.9)

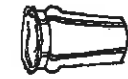


Civic Service to celebrate the Jubilee

The formal celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will take place on Sunday 3 June at a civic service at Mabe Parish Church. Everyone in the community is warmly invited to attend. The service will begin at 10.30am and will be followed by refreshments. There will be an opportunity to see the decorated windows and other displays on the theme of the Jubilee, made by various groups in the village. The windows decorations and displays will remain in place all week.

Mabe Parish Church (St Laudus), Mabe – between Higher and Lower Spargo

Jubilee at the New Inn



To celebrate the Jubilee, the New Inn will be open all day on Saturday 2, Sunday 3 and Monday 4 June. Best of British food will be served Saturday 12pm – 2pm and 6.30pm – 9pm, and a traditional lunch on Sunday, followed by a charity quiz in the evening starting at 8pm, £2 per person entry, with all proceeds going to the Little Harbour children's hospice. Lunch will be served as usual on Monday, followed at 5pm by a garden party with BBQ, outdoor entertainment and music from Cahooty.

The New Inn, Church Road, Mabe

Old Mabe exhibition

What was it like working in Mabe's quarries or attending school in the old building at Trenoweth? What was the Tob House and where was the kidleywink? And what exactly did happen to human waste before mains water and sewerage?

Throughout the Jubilee weekend the WI

Memorial Hall will host an exhibition called *Old Mabe*, organised by Mark Kessell and Richard Scrase. The exhibition does not pretend to be the definitive history of Mabe, but will provide an insight into the village's history and heritage. Central to the exhibition is a series of "personal histories", which feature individual

accounts of village life from the perspective of various long-standing Mabe residents. Come and have a look at old photographs, watch films of village events from years gone by, see if you can help identify people in old photographs and get a feel for life in the Mabe, particularly in the 19th and 20th centuries. For opening times, see the full Jubilee Programme (p.9). Admission is free. *WI Hall, Antron Hill, Mabe*

What's On in Mabe

See Euro 2012 at the New Inn

Look out for the New Inn's special promotions during the England games in the Euro 2012 Championships, including a very special "Happy Hour (and a half)". The Championships last from **8 June to 1 July** – England, possibly not quite as long...

Mabe Footpath Walks



Paul Simmons will be leading three family-friendly Sunday walks

along Mabe's footpaths during June and July. The walks will be on **Sunday 10 and 24 June and 29 July**, starting at 11am and ending around 12.30pm. They are free of charge and everyone is welcome, including families with children. To confirm the meeting place for each walk, please phone Paul on 0771 408 4644 in advance.

Flicka Fun Run and Cream Tea

Flicka Foundation is holding its annual fund-raising Fun Run and Cream Tea Day on **Sunday 10 June**, starting at 11am.

It's not too late to sign up for the Fun Run. Entry is £5 per person and you need to raise a minimum sponsorship of £15. Fancy dress welcome! Entry forms and sponsor forms are available by emailing info@flicka.org.uk or calling 01326 373601. All proceeds to the Flicka Foundation.

It is also a Cream Tea Day, so if you don't fancy running, why not come along and enjoy some scones and

Parish Footpath Maintenance
If you would like to submit a tender for maintaining the footpaths in Mabe parish, please contact the Parish Clerk, Eilnor O'Connor on 01326 319799 for an application pack

homemade cakes – and of course, see the donkeys.

Flicka Foundation, Penty Noweth Farm, Trenoweth Lane, Mabe

Performance at Tremough

Performance students at Tremough will be showing what they're worth in LIVEDART – described as "a vibrant, atmospheric celebration of a new generation of cross-disciplinary artists". Choreography, Music and Theatre performances will take place in and around The Performance Centre, from **Wednesday 13 to Sunday 17 June**.

Events are free but you may need to book your seat. For more details, see www.theperformancecentre.org/events or contact the Box Office on 01326 255885.



See the latest in design at the Art & Design Summer Show at Tremough. The show, which includes work by several hundred final year students, is open from **Saturday 16 to Friday 22 June**, 10am to 6pm. The work at Tremough covers 3D design, textile design, contemporary crafts, interior design, spatial design and garden design. There are also exhibitions at *Continued overleaf*

Woodlane in Falmouth covering art and design. Admission is free.

Bioblitz Tremough

Tremough Campus is holding its first ever BioBlitz on **Saturday 16 June** from 10am to 4pm.



A BioBlitz is a large-scale survey of all the flora and fauna in a specific area. The event will be led by the EcoSoc, along with University of Exeter

alumnus and *Really Wild Show* TV presenter, Nick Baker, who will be visiting the Campus to help out.

Come along to this family friendly event and help survey the huge variety of species at Tremough and get involved in fun activities including mammal trapping, bird ringing, plant walks, nature walks, a treasure hunt, face painting, a raffle and other competitions.

To sign up for early morning or late evening events including bird ringing, mammal trapping, moth trapping and bat walks, please email bioblitz.com-wall@gmail.com. Join the event on Facebook: "BioBlitz – 16 June 2012 – Tremough Campus".

Tremough Campus, Treliever Road

Charity party at Carnsew Farm

Celebrate midsummer at a charity event at Carnsew Farm on **Friday 22 June** from 7.30pm onwards. Dance to music by Small Wonder, laugh with the renowned Cornish comedian Johnny Cowling (*pictured right*), refresh yourself at the well-stocked bar and enjoy a sumptuous pig roast. All the proceeds

Mabe Garden Club Annual Flower Show

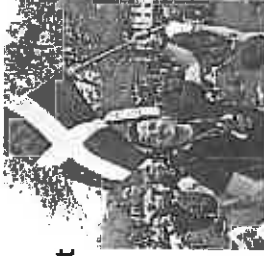
*Monday 18 June, 7pm
Community Hall,
Cunningham Park
Open to visitors,
£2 entry.
Teas and coffees.
Further information,
Val Bidgood, 373984.*



from the ticket sales (entrance and raffle) go to the chosen charities - Cornwall Hospice Care and Birch Ward, Derriford Hospital. Tickets cost £10, and can be purchased beforehand (from 01326 373232) or on the door.

This popular event has been running for three years and during that time has raised over £9,000 for local charities.

Carnsew Farm, Treliever Road, Mabe



MYCP AGM

The Mabe Youth & Community Project AGM takes place on **Thursday 28 June** in the Community Hall, Cunningham Park. The meeting will start at 8pm, with light refreshments available from 7.30pm. The Project owns and runs the community hall, children's play area and skate board park. Together with the school, it is also responsible for the playing field. If you would like to get involved, come to the AGM. As well as electing new committee members, the Project needs to appoint a new Chair and Vice Chair.



New Development of Luxury Family Homes prove very popular in Mabe... (if you are a sparrow!)

Eight sparrow nesting boxes were erected in February at a cottage in the centre of Mabe, to compensate for nest space lost due to the necessary removal of a large section of ivy from the cottage front (10 old nests were found in the ivy that was removed). Young sparrow couples, local to the area, and house hunting, were quick to take up residence in the boxes immediately after installation. Congratulations are in order, as after weeks busy nest building, all residents have chicks on the way, and some are already proud parents (we can hear the chicks cheeping).

Expansion of bird box developments in Mabe...

Mabe School has recently had 10 boxes, made locally by Birdy (yes...really!), erected in school grounds, adding to the selection of avian accommodation in the local area! This is as a part of the Sustainable Schools Programme that the school has recently begun working towards. Boxes have been provided for sparrows, great tits and blue tits, and it has been reported that one is already occupied only a week after installation.

Want to join in and make Mabe more bird friendly by providing a home for a bird family? (No planning permission required)

Though it's getting late in the year for putting up a box for nesting birds, it's not too late to put up a box! Boxes provide roost sites for birds in winter, and once up, are ready and waiting for the spring, and nest building to begin. Species specific boxes are made to order locally by Birdy (07817 190745), costing from £8. Birdy can also advise on siting the box and installation, if required. *Lisa Foreman*

Cont'd from p.16 equivalent of losing £930 today (calculated on average earnings). Who were the people who lost them? What were they doing?

Other artefacts that have been found include a medieval pot leg, a 16th century cloth seal and a Stuart spur (*pictured, right*).

Finally to bring this article up to more recent times, a Raymond Veil Geneve Gold Plated Swiss watch (from around 1970-80) was found in a local field. It is in need of repair but it may have a sentimental value for someone living in the area as it bears a rather endearing inscription. If it is yours, please contact the Editor!

All of these artefacts have been found within the last few years. If you have made any interesting discoveries in the area and would like to share them, please contact *Mabe Matters*. It is fascinating to think what other forms of evidence are waiting to be discovered beneath our feet. *S.R.*



Meet your Parish Councillors

They have little power but they represent your views and have the potential to influence decisions which may affect us all. Who are Mabe's Parish Councillors? Over the next few issues, we ask them to introduce themselves, starting at the top...

Roger Phillips (Chairman)

I was born in Dudley (West Midlands) in 1944 and lived in the area until 1973 when I moved with my wife to Cornwall. We lived in Truro until 1975 when we moved (with our 2 children) to Mabe.

On leaving school in 1961, I worked at Dudley County Borough Council as a trainee Accountant. The move to Cornwall was as a result of obtaining employment as Pension Schemes Manager with the County Council. I retired from this post in 2005 having worked for local government for 44 years.

My main interest is as a member of the local Lions Club where I have been a member for over 30 years. My other current interests are as a member of MYCP and Mabe Twinning (both for over 20 years). In addition, I am chief assistant to George Kingston on his maintenance of the Church, WI Hall and Community Hall.

I have been a Parish Councillor for over 20 years. The main priority of the

How to get involved: Parish Council meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm in the WI Hall. The agenda is displayed on the noticeboard in the centre of the village, and meetings are open to the public – including a section in which the public can raise issues. If you would like to make a greater contribution and become a Parish Councillor, there will be elections next May.

Francis Miller (Vice Chairman)

Q: Where were you born?

A: I was born in Flushing, across the river from Falmouth, Lillian and myself moved to Mabe 30+ years ago.

Q: What line of work are you in?

A: I started my business in 1972 from a premises in Flushing and moved 4 years later to Kernick Industrial Estate where I now have three units, two of which I rent out. The predominant activity of the business is the repair and rewinding of electric motors, pumps, fans and generators along with the sale of new equipment.

Q: Do you have time for other interests apart from work and the Parish Council?

A: Other interests include sailing, country walking, travel and Mabe Parish Church where I am the Church Warden.

Q: How long have you been on the Parish Council?

A: Possibly too long, 20 years or thereabouts.

Q: What do you see as your main priorities as a Parish Councillor?

A: The main priority of being a Parish Councillor is to make the best decisions for the community as a whole.

Q: What are you most proud of achieving in the past?

A: Fourteen years ago I was the Chairman of the Mabe Parish Council when we had a planning proposal to convert Camsew Quarry into a landfill site which would have overshadowed this village and would have extended nearly to



Vice Chairman, Francis Miller

Longdowns. With the help of some people I had never met and many I was acquainted with, an action group formed and set up to fight the "No dump in Mabe" campaign, objecting to this planning proposal. After several long years of campaigning the action group won the day. I was delighted with the outcome and over the years had made many new friends and acquaintances in this village and surrounding towns and villages where we campaigned and got the support we wanted.

Q: If the Parish Council could only achieve one thing in the next year, what would you most want it to be?

A: I think there are many priorities that the Parish Council has to deal with, but I would like to see established a safe crossing of the bypass at the Asda roundabout and a reduction in the volume of traffic through the village, along with a reduction in that traffic's speed. These points should be achievable without detriment to the village.