



Community News

Big step forward on Kernick crossing

Parents and others in Mabe have expressed delight at the news that our long-promised safe crossing at the Kernick (Asda) roundabout is likely to be scheduled for this autumn. Cormac, who will carry out the work on behalf of Cornwall Council, have confirmed that funding is in place and the design just needs a few "tweaks" followed by a full road safety audit.



Penryn College pupils waiting to cross at the Kernick roundabout

"This will make a massive difference to all the Penryn College pupils who live in Mabe, and who have to take their life in their hands at the roundabout each day," commented Tessa, who both teaches and has children at Penryn College. "As a parent I will feel far happier about allowing my children to walk to school and it will mean that our family can leave the car at home."

Amanda was equally delighted. "That's brilliant news! It takes a weight off my mind, knowing that when it's time for my children to start at Penryn College they will be able to cross the road in relative safety."

A third parent said: "Many school children cross this road at peak times when there are large volumes of traffic. The crossing will be a valuable contribution to their safety."

The work cannot start until the autumn at the earliest, both because the road will need to be closed at times – probably overnight – which requires 3 months' notice and because Cormac avoids substantial work on major roads during the peak summer holiday season. However, this marks a major step forward if all goes to plan.

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Welcome to new residents in Kingston Way

The first residents have moved into Kingston Way, the development of 90 plus houses just off Treliever Road. *Mabe Matters* understands that about five houses are now occupied. The development is due for completion early next year.

Your ideas for Mabe

Thank you to everyone who took the time and trouble to complete and return the Mabe Youth and Community Project (MYCP) questionnaire. We had replies from 31 households containing 81 people, just under half of whom are retired.

The community (MYCP) hall was the facility most used by those who responded, with the over 65s the most regular users. Most people thought of it as a "village hall" but some thought it was run like a club house. Suggestions for improvements included more social events, evening classes and a youth club or other activities for young people. Other ideas were opening the hall toilets for users of the play area and field, and some "housekeeping" issues.



Suggested improvements included more social events and activities for young people

Most respondents said they would like to see the hall accommodating other services: suggestions ranged from a mother and toddler group, to social events and health services.

Two thirds of respondents commented on the use of money provided for public spaces by the Kingston Way developer. Most wanted a general park with better play equipment, nice seating and there was mention of creating a village centre or focal point.

These results will be used by MYCP to help develop its facilities and will be passed to the Parish Council for its use.
Barbara Hewett-Silk

Permission refused for Tregonhay wind turbine

A proposal to erect a 77m wind turbine on farmland overlooking College reservoir has been refused planning permission. Members of Cornwall Council's planning committee voted to refuse permission for the development, which is in Budock parish, on the ground of adverse visual impact on the surrounding area, including the listed buildings at Antron in Mabe.

Community footpath update: Representatives from Mabe have met with Cornwall Council and developer Taylor Wimpey to try to resolve issues relating to a proposed footpath linking the "back" of the new Kingston Way development with neighbouring community facilities. *Mabe Matters* understands that some progress was made and that the developers will be producing a new design proposal.

At **Mabe School**, we are trying to raise £10,000 to put solar panels on our roof. As a Solar School, we aim to teach the children about being sustainable while helping the local environment and saving money. Please help us to reach our target through supporting the events below.



Join us on our Sunshine walk!

Walking On Sunshine is a sponsored walk of between 1.5 miles and 10 miles from Helford Passage to Falmouth on **Saturday 29 March**.

We invite everyone to join us, whether connected to our school or not. If you are an ex-pupil, why not have a reunion day with your friends while raising money for your old school?



The short walk is 1.5 miles from Falmouth Docks to the Prince of Wales pier. The 10 mile walk is from Helford Passage into

Falmouth via Durgan, Rosemullion Head, Maenporth, Gyllyngvase Beach and Pendennis Point. Or you can start half way at Maenporth Beach. We hope to include a treasure hunt along the course (tbc). The big finish will be at the Prince of Wales pier at 4pm.

If you don't want to be sponsored, there will also be a full day guided walk of the whole 10 miles with Paul Simmons of walkitcornwall starting at 9am. This will include the history, natural history and stories of smuggling and shipwrecks, cost £10, with all proceeds going towards the solar panels.

And if you are unable to join the walk, we'd love you to sponsor some of the children (or adults) who will be walking!

The event is part of the Falmouth Spring Festival, will be highlighted in the festival programme and is on the website (www.falmouth.co.uk/see-and-do/falmouth-spring-festival/walking-on-sunshine-walk). Sponsorship forms are available from Mabe School. For more information, contact Paul Simmons at info@walkit-cornwall.co.uk (07714 084644) or Mabe School on 01326 372662.

Two reasons to have a sort out

As part of Waste Week, Mabe School will be holding a good quality **second hand clothes sale** for children's, men's and women's clothing at 2pm on **Friday 7 March**. Please drop any unwanted clothes in good condition to the school during the first week of March, in bags labelled men's, women's, boys' or girls'.

Separately, we will be collecting other textiles and clothes in less good condition, for our **textile recycling project**, to raise funds for our solar panels. The UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools, Bag2School, will be collecting bags of textiles from us on **19 March** and will pay us by weight.

We will give you a donation bag with next month's *Mabe Matters* along with collection details. For now, it would be great if you could sort out your unwanted textiles – including adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys (but not bedding or curtains; see www.bag2school.com for full details).



"Mabe School, friends of mabe fundraising"



@friendsofmabe

Mabe Diary

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

February 2014

Sun 2 – Holy Communion, Mabe Parish Church, 8.30am, taken by Rev Harry Jackson. Contact Francis Miller, 374890 or Rodney Holmes, 375052.

Tues 4 – Women’s Institute, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Contact Mary Hubber, 373390.

Tues 4 – Chyan Community Field AGM, The Circus Shop, Penryn, 6.30pm. All welcome; contact Stephanie if you are planning to attend, 07815 801234.

Sat 8 – Knitting workshop, Community Hall, 12.30pm-3.30pm. See *What’s On*.

Sun 9 – Parish Eucharist, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am, to be taken by Fr Michael Oades. Contact details as for Sun 2 Feb.

Sun 9 – Meditation with Lucinda, Chyan Community Field, 8.30am-9.30am. Contact 07908 902562.

Tues 11 – Cornwall Astronomy Society, WI Hall, 8pm. Contact Robert Beeman, 341164.

Thurs 13 – Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda on Parish Notice Board. Open to the public. Contact Fiona Collins, 07964 735219.

Fri 14 – Valentine’s Night at the New Inn. See posters for details.



Sat 15 – Valentine’s Meal, Community Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. See *What’s On*.

Sat 15 – Last Man Standing (dance), The Performance Centre, Penryn Campus, 7.30pm. Details from the box office, 255885; www.theperformancecentre.org.

Sun 16 – Parish Eucharist, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am, to be taken by Fr Michael Oades. Contact details as for Sun 2 Feb.

Mon 17-Fri 21 – school half term.

Mon 17 – Mabe Garden Club, Community Hall, 7pm. Contact Val Bidgood, 373984. See *What’s On*.

Wed 19 – Pony Day, The Flicka Foundation, 10am-4pm. See *What’s On*.

Thur 20 – Training Day, The Flicka Foundation, 10am-4pm. See *What’s On*.

Sun 23 – Parish Eucharist, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am, to be taken by Fr Michael Oades. Contact details as for Sun 2 Feb.

Sun 23 – Adult meditation, 11am-1pm, **Shared lunch**, 1pm-2pm, **Children’s/family meditation** (suitable for age 6+), 2pm-3pm, Chyan Community Field. Contact Stephanie, 07815 801234.

Thurs 27 – Cornwall Astronomy Society, WI Hall, 8pm. Contact Robert Beeman, 341164.

Fri 28 – Amadou Diagne Band, The Performance Centre, 7.30pm. Details as for Sat 15. See *What’s On*.

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Looking forward: March 2014

Thurs 6 – Blood donors

Fri 7 – Second hand clothes sale, Mabe School, 2pm (*see p.3*)

Sat 15 – We Knit – You Can Too (second trial workshop) (*see p.6*)

Wed 19 – Old clothes/textile collection, Mabe School (*see p.3*)

Sat 29 – Walking on Sunshine (*see p.3*)

Send details of events to tessakingsley10@btinternet.com, by the date on p.8.

Venue details:

- **Mabe Community Hall**, Cunningham Park (bookings, 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; church warden, Francis Miller, 374890)
- **Mabe WI Hall**, Antron Hill (bookings, 372477)
- **Penryn Campus** (formerly Tremough), Treliever Road (reception, 370400).

Weekly Events

- Mon** **Short Mat Bowls Club**, Community Hall, 2pm-4pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.
Cardio Box/Fitcamp Class, WI Hall, 6.15pm-7.15pm. See *What's On*.
Mabe Keep Fit Club, WI Hall, 7.30pm. (The waiting list for this class is full.)
- Tues** **Age Concern Luncheon Club**, Community Hall, 12.30pm-2pm. Contact Joyce Price, 373187.
Slimming World, Community Hall, 5.30pm-7pm & 7.30pm-9pm. Contact Pam Mundy, 01209 204743 or 07503 945600.
- Wed** **Fitness for All**, Community Hall, 6pm-7pm. Contact Oriel Bennett, 01726 883523.
Zumba Class, Community Hall, 7.30pm. Contact Gill, 07817 174114.
- Thurs** **Huffer Puffer Club**, a support, exercise and social group for people with COPD and their carers, 10am-12pm, Community Hall. Contact Trish, 375238 or Frances, 315998.
Carpet Bowls Club, Community Hall, 2pm-4pm. Contact Arthur Searle, 377088.
Brownies, Community Hall, 6.15pm-8pm. Contact Jackie Williams, 372863.
Mabe Football Club, Penryn Campus MUGA, usually 7pm-8pm. Men, 16+, new players welcome. Contact Jack Roberts, 565409.
Aikido, Japanese martial art, beginners welcome, 7pm-9pm, Mabe School. Contact Jamie Matthews, 375336.
Shinty, fitness at Penryn Campus, 8pm-9pm (meet outside the Stannary). Contact Matt Mossop, 340013 or 07807 458312.
- Fri** **Short Mat Bowls Club**, Community Hall, 2pm-4pm & 7pm-9pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.
- Sat** **Zumba Class**, Community Hall, 9am. Contact Gill, 07817 174114.
- 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 (opposite)* for the times of services.



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What's On

There's a new fitness class in Mabe WI Hall, run by A-C Fitness. The **Cardio Box/Fitcamp class** runs on Mondays from 6.15pm-7.15pm, and is described as "an all-time favourite suitable for all ages". First class, free; £5 per class thereafter. For more details, contact Ali and Carmela on 07988 140745.



Sengalese musician, Amadou Diagne, who has played with the likes of Youssou N'Dour, is playing at the Performance Centre, Penryn Campus, on Friday 28 February. See Diary.



We Knit – You Can Too is running an afternoon of knitting fun at the Community Hall on Saturday 8 February, starting at

12.30pm. There will be a free "knit and natter" group for all abilities, with home-baked cakes for sale, and a shop for yarn and accessories. There are also two hour-long workshops; at 1pm for beginners, followed by a sock workshop at 2.30pm. The workshops cost £5 and include a drink and a slice of cake. You could also try the free mini-tutorial about magic loop knitting at 2.15pm.

Horse and pony lovers should head up to The Flicka Foundation at half term for a day of riding and stable management skills. The **Pony Day** on Wednesday 19 February is for beginners and less experienced riders, while the **Training Day** on Thursday 20 is for more advanced riders and those working towards Pony Club or BHS tests. Both days run from 10am-4pm and cost £40. Contact 373601 or www.flickafoundation.org.uk.

BF Adventure is running **Family Adventure Days** and **Children's Adventure Days** (for 7 to 12 year olds) at half term, including rock climbing challenges, canoe contests, bush craft and beach safaris. To book, phone 340912 or visit www.bfadventure.org.

MYCP is serving up a **Valentine's Meal** on Saturday 15 February at the Community Hall: three courses (plus coffee and mints), £15 per person; bring your own wine. Couples and singles welcome. Places are limited, so don't delay in contacting Wendy (378177) or Jackie (372863) to book!



The aptly-named Alistair Rivers will be speaking to Mabe Garden Club about **Ponds and Water Features**: Monday 17 February at 7pm at the Community Hall. New members (£12 pa) and non-members (£2 per session) are welcome.

Learn how to grow veg every Thursday at the **Chyan Community Allotment**. Contact Stephanie at Chyan, 07815 801234 or visit their website: www.chyan.org.uk.

'Ansum as Picasso...?
Another limerick about Mabe: anon, though the real culprit is proper old Mabe, one of two, who you might find if you joined the administrator opposite at the wake park!
*An entrepreneur name of Harris
Opened a cafe in Paris.
The profits were low
So he thought he would go
To open a branch in Gweal Darras.*

Announcements

George's raffle raises £900

George Kingston, the promoter of the Christmas raffle, would like to thank all who generously donated raffle prizes and bought tickets, making a profit of £900 for the upkeep of the playing field and the community hall.



Photo by Kieran Wilkes, who lives in Mabe, of Black Jack, Penryn College's resident jackdaw, perched on the shoulder of former Mabe school pupil, Dylan Caulkin. The bird regularly visits classrooms to steal items such as pens.

Watch their speed!

PCSO Andy Huddleston is looking for volunteers to join a community speed watch group to monitor traffic speed in the village. Volunteers will work in pairs (or more), with training provided. The time commitment is up to you. If you are interested, please email Andy at 30143@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk or phone 01326 213411.

Sleeping Beauty sleeps on ...

Jackie Frost would like to thank those who volunteered to be involved in the village panto this spring. Unfortunately she ran out of time, so Sleeping Beauty sleeps on, to awaken... who knows when?



MYCP 300 Club Draw winners

The December Draw winners were:
First prize, £50 – Alan Hopton;
Second prize, £30 – Mrs A Rundle;
Third prize, £10 – Gerda Rogers.

Farmers' and producers' market

If you run a local business and would be interested in participating in a market one Saturday a month at the Community Hall please contact David Mooney, MYCP Administrator on 375938 or email mabeycp@gmail.com.

Your news

We welcome announcements and short notices (75 words max.) of births, deaths and other significant events relating to people connected with our parish, for publication. Contact details on p. 8 or text 07816 918765.

Jobs at Kernow Wake Park

Alex Sly, a watersports expert, is planning to open Kernow Wake Park soon at Kessel Downs Quarry, between Halvasso and Longdowns. He's looking for employees to start in March in full-time coaching jobs:

"NO previous experience necessary – you just need to be a team player, able to communicate with others and not be afraid of the water – good swimming is helpful but not essential! Our ideal employee will have good listening skills, a desire to learn new skills and be willing to put in a great deal of effort to get this new wake park up and running. You will gain a First Aid ticket, Powerboat qualifications, Level I Cable Operator and Level II in Wakeboard Coach.

If you are interested, please send your CV to trainee@kernowwakepark.com. Closing date: Friday 14 February."

Winning BBC 2's "Sing While You Work": James Gilbert

Early last year, the production company came to P&O Ferries and offered us the opportunity to be involved in Gareth Malone's series, "The Choir: Sing While You Work". Auditions across the business took place at Dover. 139 were auditioned in total and I was fortunate enough to be picked. There were 23 of us in the choir, comprising people in a variety of roles on the ships, shore-side port operations, head office and warehouse. The series was filmed over last summer, finishing in September and was a fantastic experience: three days at the Royal Academy of Music for the quarter finals, a day at an international church in Golders Green, London, where we sang Gospel music, and a Christmas Concert in Ely Cathedral.

Meeting and working with other people from P&O, who I wouldn't normally ever have any contact with, was a great opportunity. Dean Squires, who is the warehouse man in the choir, was particularly great to be around – glass always half full and a wonderful sense of humour and fun.

Gareth Malone was very "down to earth" – professional but friendly and approachable. We had some amazing musicians coaching us when Gareth was away visiting the other choirs, including other choir masters, pianists and the incredible teachers at the Royal Academy.



Mabe resident, James Gilbert, left, holding the winners' trophy for BBC 2's "The Choir: Sing While You Work" series.

We didn't expect to win. To be honest, we were hoping to make the finals so that we could say we had experienced the whole series. To win was such a bonus. All the choirs worked hard. At the beginning of the series I would say we were the worst choir. By the end I think we had grasped the blend, diction and dynamics as a whole choir the best. Also, becoming involved in "singing the story" and conveying the emotions of the piece we were singing was something we really strived for as a team.

Last, but not least, I must mention my amazing wife, Cags. As a normal part of our family life she manages to be so successful in her role as Assistant Head at Constantine School as well as running our family while I am away at sea. Last year I was away for considerably more time than usual for the choir series and she has been so supportive, as always!

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