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Community News

Cut to affordable homes at printer's former site

People seeking affordable homes in Mabe will miss out after revised planning permission reduced the number of houses to be built on a plot in the village.

A scheme for 16 flats including six "affordable homes" on the old

Booths Print site on Antron Hill was approved several years ago. But the developers, Porthia, now argue that the original scheme would lose them money. Their new scheme, for 10 houses including only two reduced price "intermediate" houses, was approved last month by Cornwall Council. This was despite Council policy which states that 40% of units should be affordable. Mabe Parish Council opposed the development on the grounds that a larger proportion of affordable homes should have been included.



Entrance (left) to the site of the new houses on Antron Hill, opposite Sid Knowles' old yard

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The bag with your mag!

A clothes collection bag has been delivered with your *Mabe Matters* this month. Mabe School is collecting clothes for a reuse and recycling project to raise money for solar roof panels. The school would be delighted if you could use the bag to send in clothes which you no longer need. Details on page 6.





Coffee kiosk to trial at Argal

Ever wished that you could have a hot drink or a bite to eat while at Argal? Your wish may soon be fulfilled as South West Lakes Trust (SWLT), which manages the reservoir, is planning to try out a coffee kiosk there.

Feedback from users of the lake is that "it would be nice to be able to get a cup of coffee whilst here at Argal". The reservoir is probably the most popular open space within our parish, with facilities including fishing, footpaths around the lake, and areas set aside for dogs' play, children's play and barbecues.

The temporary kiosk will be run by local couple, Mark and Hayley (pictured above), who live within Mabe parish and

have children at Mabe School and Penryn College. They already run Caffe Nova at Stithians Lake. According to SWLT Countryside Manager Richard Smith, "Mark and Hayley hope to bring their experience and enthusiasm to Argal, offering a similar menu and service of espresso, breakfast, light lunches, snacks and home-made cakes to visitors." They hope to open the new kiosk by Easter or soon after.

Mabe to join the web

A new website for Mabe is being launched on 17 March. The website is funded by the Parish Council and the project to develop it is being led by Cllrs Richard Scrase and Tessa Kingsley. The site includes general information about the village and specific pages about the school, church, Mabe Parish Council and Mabe Youth and Community Project. Current and previous issues of *Mabe Matters* will be available, together with an Events Diary. There will also be links to businesses and other organisations in the parish.

The website will be available from 17 March at www.mabeparish.co.uk.

Letter to the Editor

Tregonhaye Wind Turbine

Thanks to *Mabe Matters* (issue 21), we learned that an application to erect a wind turbine overlooking College Reservoir has been refused by Cornwall Council's planning committee on the ground of adverse visual impact on . . . the listed buildings at Antron. As owners of one of the listed houses we cannot work out exactly what is meant by this.



Had we been consulted our response would have been that we should not find the sight of a windmill at all out of keeping with the area, indeed it would have been very reassuring every day to see this evidence that someone had grasped the fact of climate change and was doing something about it, and that our planning committee was alert to our long term interests.

Maire and Russell Jones, Antron Lane

Football team looking to expand

Still only in its second season, Mabe Football Club is doing so well that it is planning to expand with new teams for both men and women.

The club is currently top of the Trelawney League Division Five, and beat Stithians 7-1 in its most recent match. It intends to start a women's team and also a men's second team. If you are interested, have some footballing ability and you are aged over 15 years, please contact Jack Roberts on 01326 565409.

The team plays on the Community Field on Cunningham Park where spectators are welcome!



The team would like to thank its current sponsors: Tim in the New Inn, Steve in the village shop, Tim Marsh (stone mason, Antron Hill) and Hine Downing (solicitors, Falmouth). If you would like to join them as a sponsor of your local team, please contact Jack on the number above.



Mr Robins on the London Eye with pupils

"Fantastic" teacher to leave

Many Mabe School pupils and parents were sent reeling into half-term with the news that Class 4 teacher, Mark Robins, is to leave.

Mr Robins, who teaches the year 5 and 6 pupils, has decided to leave teaching altogether and join the Royal Air Force.

An empathetic and enthusiastic teacher, he will be greatly missed. His many contributions to school life over three years have included surfing lessons and instigating the Class 4 trip to London.

Mabe Matters' junior correspondents, Dillon and James, report that many pupils (and some parents) were in tears at the news. Mr Robins will finish at Easter with temporary cover for the summer term. The school expects to appoint a permanent replacement to start in September.

Hall kitchen given a 5 star rating

The Community Hall's kitchen has passed its annual inspection with flying colours. An environmental health inspector visited without prior notice during preparation for the Age Concern Luncheon Club and gave the kitchen a 5* - the highest rating possible.

Mabe Diary

March 2014

Sat 1 – A Contemporary Theatre Duet, The Performance Centre. See *What's On*.

Sun 2 – Parish Eucharist, 9.30am, taken by Fr Michael Oades. Contact Francis Miller, 374890 or Rodney Holmes, 375052.

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

Wed 5 – Imposition of Ashes and Mass, Mabe Parish Church, 7.30pm. Contact details as for Sun 2 March.

Wed 5 – Contemporary Dance, The Performance Centre. See *What's On*.

Thurs 6 – 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.

Fri 7 – Second Hand Clothes Sale, Mabe School, 2pm. See *What's On*.

Sat 8 – St Piran Nos Lowen, Cornish music and dance, The Performance Centre, 7.30pm. See *What's On*.

Sat 8 – Impermanence Dance Theatre, The Performance Centre. See *What's On*.

Sun 9 – Parish Eucharist, Mabe Parish Church. Details as for Sun 2 March.

Tues 11 – Licensing of Rev. Steve Smith as Priest in Charge, Mabe Parish Church, 7.30pm. Contact details as for Sun 2 March.

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

Wed 12 – A double bill of contempo-



Skillywidden will be leading the dancing at St Piran Nos Lowen on Sat 8 March

rary music and dance, The Performance Centre. See *What's On*.

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

Sun 16 – Parish Eucharist, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am, led by Rev. Steve Smith. Contact details as for Sun 2 March.

Mon 17 – Mabe Garden Club, Community Hall, 7pm. Contact Sue Mitchell, 376418. See *What's On*.

Wed 19 – Bags2School Clothes Collection, Mabe School. See *What's On*.

Sun 23 – Parish Eucharist, Mabe Parish Church. Details as for Sun 16 March.

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

Sat 29 – Walking on Sunshine sponsored walk. See *What's On*.

Sun 30 – Parish Eucharist, Mabe Parish Church. Details as for Sun 16 March.

What's coming up: April 2014

Mon 14 April – a sponsored tree climb in aid of The Flicka Foundation. Details: 373601 or www.flickafoundation.org.uk.

Easter Sunday 20 April – Quiz Night at the New Inn to raise funds for Mabe School's solar roof.

Please send details of events happening within Mabe civic parish in April to tessakingsley10@btinternet.com by 21 March 2014. 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)
- The Performance Centre, 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. Contact Ali or Carmela, 07988 140745.
- 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.

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

What's On

Contemporary performance enthusiasts are spoilt for choice at The Performance Centre, Penryn Campus (formerly Tremough), this month with **contemporary theatre/dance performances** by Karen Christopher and Sophie Grodin (1 March), Jane Castree Dance (5 March), Impermanence Dance Theatre (8 March) and Small Talk Theatre and choreographer Julia Sykala (12 March). Performances start at 7.30pm. For full details, visit www.theperformancecentre.org or phone the Box Office on 255885.

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Celebrate St Piran's Day in exuberant style at **St Piran Nos Lowen** on Saturday 8 March. Cornish Celtic dance band Skillywidden (formerly known as Dalla, which many readers may remember from the Tinpit Club) lead an evening of traditional Cornish music and dance at The Performance Centre. Tickets are £4 and include a pasty. Come along prepared to dance!

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Friends of Mabe School are holding a **Second Hand Clothes Sale** at 2pm on Friday 7 March. The sale is open to everyone and will help buy solar panels for the school roof. Donations of good quality adults' and kids' clothes (ideally in bags labelled women's, boys' etc) would be greatly appreciated: please drop them at the school any time from Monday 3 to Friday 7 March.

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Also as part of the Solar Schools project, Mabe School is collecting slightly older clothes which will be sold for re-use under the Bags2School project.

A special collection bag is being delivered with your *Mabe Matters* – please fill

it with unwanted clothes, shoes etc (see list below) and drop it off at the school on Tuesday 18 March or before 9am on Wednesday 19 March. Alternatively phone Amanda Wills on 372786 or email amanda@min-eng.com to arrange collection from your house. You can use additional carrier bags if you have a lot to donate.

Suitable items for donation include men's, women's and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, belts, jewellery, lingerie and soft toys.

Please **do not include:**

- dirty, ripped or wet clothes
- bedding, towels, curtains etc
- school or work uniforms.

For a detailed list of suitable items and what to avoid, visit www.bag2school.com/u/k/what_we_collect/.

If you do not use the Bags2School bag, please return it to the school for reuse.

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If you've ever wondered what it must be like to garden on a large scale, Richard Budge, who is Head Gardener at Truro City Parks, will be the **guest speaker at Mabe Garden Club** on 17 March at 7pm in The Community Hall. *TK/RO/JC*



School governor Jo Clarkson with the Bags2School donation bags

Walking On Sunshine

The Walking On Sunshine sponsored walk on Saturday 29 March is fast approaching and has captured the imagination of much of the community. If you are not already involved, there is still time: either sponsoring a pupil or walking all or part of the 10 miles from The Ferryboat Inn (one of our sponsors) at Helford Passage to the Prince of Wales pier in Falmouth. Along the way sponsoring businesses (Life's a Beach at Maenporth, the Swanpool Café and Ocean Bowl in Falmouth) will be acting as checkpoints or as starting points for those doing the shorter walks. Other sponsors include Waves hairdressers in Falmouth and walkitcornwall. We would like to thank them all.

The EcoSoc society at Tremough will be providing a natural history quiz along the route and setting up a stall in Ocean Bowl where participants will be able to see animal bones including an actual shark's jaw and skull.



So far, we have close to 100 participants in the walk ranging from the youngest of our infants doing the 1.5 miles from Ocean Bowl to the pier, to pupils, ex-



Above and below left: in training for Walking on Sunshine sponsored walk
pupils and others who will be walking the whole distance. Any individual can also walk the whole 10 miles with others as part of a guided walk led by Paul at walkitcornwall starting at 9am (cost £10, with all money raised going to the Solar Schools fund).

Come along and do a part of the walk or support us at the finish on the Prince of Wales pier at 4pm. Why not wear yellow and add a splash of colour to the pier celebrations? Posters will be going up all around the Mabe area and if you could put one up in your house, shop or office please contact us and we will deliver it to your door.

For more information please contact Paul Simmons on 07714 084644 or at info@walkitcornwall.co.uk, or Mabe School on 01326 372662. PS

Announcements

Friends of Mabe School would like to thank community members who have generously donated to Solar Schools.
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Keith Hawsworth, a former policeman who works at Tremough in student

welfare, is running the London Marathon 2014 with his daughter to raise funds for Cornwall Hospice. He would welcome sponsorship to help with "the agony of aching legs and blisters!" You can sponsor him at: www.justgiving.com/Keith-Hawsworth

Over the Farm Gate: by the Dunstans of Carnsew Farm

As you can well imagine, the weather has dominated life on the farm recently. We are urgently needing to spray 180 acres of winter corn that was sown in November to promote good growth, but at the moment you can barely walk across the fields, let alone go along with a six tonne sprayer. We keep our fingers crossed that in the next six weeks things will dry up. However we feel fortunate to be farming in an area that has hills when you look at the news and witness the desperation of the farmers of the Somerset Levels. The newest crop on the farm that we are considering to grow is rice. We already have a paddy field lined up, it is just up from the Recycling Centre adjacent to the Helston Road, where as you zoom by you can see seagulls enjoying their daily dip in their new water feature.

Our cattle are looking extremely well as they are cosseted in dry warm sheds wallowing in an abundance of straw. Recently we have invested in a new straw chopper manufactured in Cornwall by Teagle Machinery of Blackwater. It allows us to put one large square bale in at a time (approximately one third of a tonne). The straw is then blasted into the shed causing the calves to frolic playfully and the cows to stand with their eyes closed as they enjoy the straw shower exploding over their backs. The chopper saves a great amount of work to break up the bale.



The Dunstans' new straw chopper (on the right) spraying straw at their cattle

Only a few calves have been born recently. Unfortunately one was a caesarean, but both mother and calf are progressing well. I am always amazed at the healing ability of cattle. However on occasions when the wound hasn't successfully healed the vet has suggested to smother the wound in honey from my bee hives. This demonstrates the healing power of honey.

Talking of bees they are having a wretched time. Bees don't mind cold weather but they find great difficulty in surviving in this constant damp atmosphere as their hives need to be well ventilated. I am in the process of ordering the flower seeds for the field by Tre-liever Road: as usual the firm favourites are sunflowers and phacelia. If you have any other suggestions please send them to the Editor; remember the bees and birds have to approve of them too!

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