

## Eathorne's "Beehive" Hut - pigsty or something more mysterious?

Built into a Cornish hedge at Eathorne Manor is a little stone hut, accessed through a tiny entrance. It is big enough inside for an adult to stand up. Its roof is domed and corbelled, so that it resembles a beehive.

There are a number of these "beehive" huts in Cornwall but very little is known about them and why they were built. At one time it was thought that, like fogous, they had a practical purpose but that theory seems to have been overturned and archaeologists now think they were "ritual structures". Many of these huts have disappeared over time or are in a dilapidated state, although the one at Eathorne appears to be intact. Some of these huts were, like the one at Eathorne, built into a hedge, but others were underground. The doors/entrances were usually rather small.

Within the parish of Mabe there are supposedly around seven such structures, all on private land which makes public access difficult. Their age is unknown, but it is thought that they either date from about the 13th Century or possibly from the Iron Age period. I suspect the one at Eathorne, which in years gone by has been used as a pigsty, is more likely to be a Middle Age structure. If it was older, I think it would have had a solid granite lintel over the entrance rather than vertical stones.



The inside is beautifully built with a corbelled roof. Although, like many a Cornish hedge, there are trees growing out of the top, inside there is no sign of roots or earth - it is almost bone dry. Interestingly, Eathorne Manor, built in 1793, is not a listed building, but the section of hedge including the beehive hut, within the grounds of the Manor, is listed.

You will see above pictures of the entrance to the hut (top) and of the interior corbelled stonework (above). A green moss grows inside the hut, which seems to become fluorescent when the sun shines through the entrance onto it, giving it a mysterious glow.

*David Charles*

*Do you know about the other beehive huts in the parish of Mabe - or about some other aspect of Mabe's history? If so, why not contact the Editorial Team (mabematters@aol.com or at the MYCP address below). We'd love to hear from you!*

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## Community News

### Kernick crossing within two years?

The installation of a pedestrian crossing on the Kernick roundabout on the A39 took a major step forward recently when Mabe Parish Council approved a proposed crossing designed by Cornwall Council's Highways Department. The crossing includes pedestrian activated lights to stop the traffic (pelican crossings). Lights to control traffic flow onto the roundabout are planned for a later date.

Most of the £362,000 estimated cost can probably be sourced from Cornwall's local transport plan funds, leaving the Parish Council to find some £70,000. This could be met from contributions arising from planning conditions on proposed building developments.

It is hoped that a pedestrian crossing will encourage more local residents to walk for short journeys, including pupils walking to Mabe Primary School and Penryn College whose route to school crosses the A39.

Whilst the timetable for completion of the crossing will be primarily determined by funding, two years may be achievable.

*Cllr Chris Ridgers*

### Reunion of older residents

A reunion of more than a hundred of Mabe's older residents and former residents was held in the Community Hall in March. The event, organised by Donald Chambers, included anyone old enough to

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remember the water chute in the centre of Mabe and the former Gala Days of about forty years ago.

Those attending spent an enjoyable evening sharing food and drink, memories and photographs. Many old friendships were renewed with some of those attending having travelled from as far away as Bristol and the midlands. The reunion was so successful, it is likely to become an annual event. *Margaret Bryant*

### Chapel lunch raises £250

About 40 people enjoyed the Trenoweth Methodist Church Soup and Sweet Lunch in the Community Hall in February. The lunch, plus raffle and bring and buy stall raised over £250, which will be donated to the Cornwall Women's Refuge.

### Surprise 80th party!

One of Mabe's unsung heroines was given a surprise 80th birthday party. Vera Davey, who has spent her years in the village helping others, was left speechless when she arrived to see the Community Hall full of people, to help her enjoy her special day.

The highlight came when pupils from Mabe School arrived with a basket of flowers, and sang "Happy Birthday". Mrs. Davey is well-known at the school, having helped with reading for many years.

As well as food provided by those attending, a special birthday cake was on display. Mrs Davey was delighted and completely overwhelmed by the occasion, which will live in everybody's memory for a long time.

Photo: Kate Jackson

*Margaret Bryant*

### Friends of Tremough

A new community-led group, the Friends of Tremough, has been set up. The Friends hope to foster good relations between the campus and the community, with members making greater use of the facilities at Tremough. This might include special garden tours, information about public events, use of the campus library and a possible climate change group.

The group has organised a library tour in early April and a garden walk in late May.

To join Friends of Tremough, contact Mary Miller at 25 Polmennor Rd, Falmouth, TR11 5UX or email: smarymiller@hotmail.co.uk. Annual subscription: £5 (indiv. or family).



### Mabe Fayre

This year's Mabe Fayre will take place on Saturday 18 June. The day will include an afternoon fete on the playing field behind the school, followed by a BBQ, fiddle band (Jonah's Lift) and dancing, all in the Community Hall car park. Admission to the fete and fiddle band will be free.

The day provides a great opportunity to bring together a large number of people from Mabe and to raise money for future community events. If you want to get involved by running a stall, helping out on the bar, selling ice creams or BBQing burgers, call Barbara (372124) or Richard (259861). Alternatively, come along to the first Mabe Fayre planning meeting on Thursday 7 April at 8pm in the Community Hall.



### £70k funding boost for BF Adventure

Local charity, BF Adventure, has received a £70,000 grant to improve its facilities for disabled children and young people. The award will be spent on a special climbing wall to enable disabled and non disabled children to climb or abseil together, a new zip wire with special harnesses, a fully accessible sensory nature trail, and specialist activity equipment. Facilities should be finished by the end of April.

### Levy pays for new kitchen

A final grant of £5,000 from the Aggregate Levy Sustainability Fund has been used to make improvements to both halls in Mabe. The WI Hall has a new sink and kitchen units, plus minor repairs. The Community Hall has new chairs, as the old ones were becoming unsafe.

### Fancy a Party?

- Whether it's reunions, anniversaries or birthdays, the Community Hall at Mabe is an ideal place to celebrate.
- Available most weekends, accommodates up to 120 people (80 seated comfortably).
- Only £24 for a 2-hour children's party or £36 for a 3-hour Saturday night bash.
- Price includes use of the chairs, tables, music system and fully equipped kitchen.
- We can suggest entertainers plus decorating and lighting ideas to create a great atmosphere.
- **What a great excuse to have a party!**
- **Call 375938 to check availability or make a booking.**

## New homes and waste: the Council wants your views

Cornwall Council is seeking your views on two separate issues: planning new homes and future rubbish and recycling services.

The consultation on housing development asks which areas need to grow and by how much, to inform the drafting of Planning Future Cornwall. The consultation period runs until 28 April 2011. Comments are requested by e-mail or in writing to Cornwall Council. An on-line questionnaire is also available on the Council's website.



In relation to rubbish and recycling services, a survey detailing two options has been included in this year's Guide to Public Services (also on [www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)). The options relate to how often household food waste, other rubbish, recycling and garden waste should be collected. The survey closes on 14 May 2011 and Cornwall Council's Cabinet will consider the results when tendering for the new waste contract.

If you have questions on either consultation, contact Cornwall Council or local Cornwall councillor, Chris Ridgers on 01872 865407.

## Recycling centre opens

A controversial household waste recycling centre has finally opened at Carveth Farm in Mabe. While many Mabe residents welcome the chance to recycle household waste locally, there is also concern that the location of the centre will increase the traffic through the village.

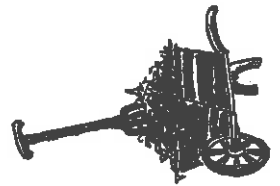
The site, on the A394 between Treliwer and Longdowns, accepts a wide range of household waste materials for recycling, as well as reusable items. It does not accept trade waste but will take non-recyclable household waste.

Opening hours are 9am to 6pm (from 1 April), 7 days a week. Winter opening hours are 9am to 4pm. For more information, visit: [www.sitacornwall.co.uk/](http://www.sitacornwall.co.uk/)

## Time to get digging!

The new allotment site is now up and running at Tinpit on the outskirts of the village (along Church Road). For more information, or to take on an plot, call Ian Murrells on 01326 259981 or 07882 904980 or email [ianmurrells@googlemail.com](mailto:ianmurrells@googlemail.com).

If you don't want to take on a whole plot, Chyan welcomes volunteers at its community allotments, where you can learn how to grow fruit and veg. Contact Amelia on 07583 217087.



## Our trip to King Edward Mine in Camborne by Class 3, Mabe School

"Leslie made us pretend that we were working at the tin mine and we were Cornish miners. What would we do when we found some rock? Would we try and get it out with our finger nails? No!

She told us about the difference between false gold and real gold. Miners always had a sharp shiny buckle and if you scraped the gold, it would leave a long dent, because it is very soft. You would know it is false gold because if you scraped it, it wouldn't leave a mark." (Florence)

"Leslie told everyone about how they had to look out for things in the rock that looked like a vein. The vein was called a lode. The lode was actually a sheet of minerals." (Finn)

"Then we went to see the shaking table. The tin went up but the sand went down. The tin went up cause the heaviness of the tin made it vibrate upwards. Then we went to see the sweeper. The sweeper made the tin clean and polished. Then we went to the water tables. Frank told us that tin stayed on but the waste went down." (Tommy)

"Leslie showed us the lift that used to lower the men down into the mine. Next to that was a big square hole with a metal thing over it. Leslie let us stand on it! I looked through the bars and underneath was the old mine." (Maya)

"Leslie took us to an engine house. It was fifteen Noami's high. When we had done that we went to a beam. The beam would hang out of the engine house. The Cornish called it a "bob"... At 12 o'clock we had lunch and after lunch we went to the shop. I bought a chunk of rose quarts. When we went out of the shop I was sad to leave. But it was ... fantastic!" (Sophia)

"King Edward Mine was really fun because we got to see the stampers and the shaking table. ... We went into the Mill. We got to see massive machines and my best machine was the slime table and shaking table... Back with my group I was having the most FANTASTIC time of my life!" (Marcus)

Mabe Youth and Community Project is now on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/mabeburnthouse](http://www.facebook.com/mabeburnthouse) for general information about what's going on in the village.

# Mabe Diary



## April 2011

### Sat 2 - Quiz Evening,

Community Hall, 7.30

pm. £2 per person; teams of four.

Tea/coffee & biscuits provided; pasty, £4; bring your own drink. Contact Jackie Williams, 372863.

### Sun 3 - Holy Communion, 8.30am, and

#### Special Service for Mothering Sun-

day, 9.30am - flowers for Mums and cake for all! Mabe Parish Church. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

### Sun 3 - Mothering Sunday special

lunch, The New Inn, 12pm-2.30pm. Booking advisable. Contact Tim Simpkins, 373428.

### Mon 4 - Mabe Garden Club, trip to

Ron Scamp's daffodil fields, 2pm. Contact Val Bidgood, 373984.

### Tues 5 - Women's Institute, WI Hall,

7.30pm. Talk by the local PCSO. All are welcome. Contact Mary Hubber, 373390.

### Thurs 7 - Easter Fayre, Mabe School,

from 1.30pm. See p.9 for details.

### Thurs 7 - Mabe Summer Fayre plan-

ning meeting, Community Hall, 8pm. See p.3 for details.

### Sat 9 - Bring and Buy Sale, run by the

Women's Institute, WI Hall, 10am-11.30am. Also books, raffle, tea, coffee & biscuits. All are welcome. Contact Mary Hubber, 373390.

### Sun 10 - Mabe Parish Church, service

at 10.30am at St Michael's Ponsanooth followed by Annual Church meeting. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

### Mon 11 to Mon 25 (inclusive)

- School Easter Holidays

### Tues 12 to Thurs 14 - BF Adventure

holiday activities, Goodygrane Activity Centre, Halvasso. Phone 340912 or www.bfadventure.org.

### Tue 12 - Secrets of the Garden -

Readers' Day, Tremough campus, 10am-4pm. See p. 9 for details.

### Tues 12 - Cornwall Astronomy Soci-

ety, WI Hall, 7.45pm. Contact Mick Harvey, 372897.

### Wed 13 - Village Holy Communion,

WI Hall, 10.30am, eucumenical service followed by tea, coffee and a chat. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

### Sun 17 (Palm Sunday) - Parish

Eucharist, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am, starts with procession into Church with palms. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

### Mon 18 - Mabe Garden Club,

Community Hall, 7pm. Talk by Ian Facey: "Cacti for beginners: demonstration on repotting." Contact Val Bidgood, 373984.

### Tues 19 to Thurs 21 April - BF Adven-

ture holiday activities, see Tues 12.

### Thurs 21 - Mabe Parish Church,

Agape Supper, held at St Michael's Church, Ponsanooth, 7pm. Please bring light refreshments to this celebration of the Lord's Supper. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

### Thurs 21 - Parish Council Meeting,

WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda on Parish Notice Board. Open to the public. Contact Elinor O'Connor, 319799.

### Fri 22 - Trenoweth Methodist Church,

Good Friday Service, Community Hall, 10.30am. All welcome. Contact Margaret Bryant, 373102.

### Fri 22 - Good Friday Vigil, Mabe Parish

Church, 2pm. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

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

**Sat 28 May to Sun 5 June - Open Studios** provides you with a chance to visit artists' studios - and maybe buy some works of art. Mabe artists Charlotte Jones (ceramics) at Trenoweth Chapel, Antron Hill and Lisa Harrison (metal work and jewellery) at Smythick Forge, Trevone Quarry will be opening their studios. Check out the Creative Skills website ([www.creativeskills.org.uk/](http://www.creativeskills.org.uk/)) for opening times and details.



Ceramics by Charlotte Jones

### Sat 23 (Easter Saturday) - Mabe

Parish Church will be open for silent worship from 10am to 4pm, when there will be a service of Compline. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

### Sun 24 (Easter Day) - Parish Eucharist,

Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am. Including Easter Egg Hunt for the younger members of the congregation! Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

### Sun 24 (Easter Day) - Trenoweth

Methodist Church, combined service with the congregation at Treverva. Contact Margaret Bryant, 373102.

### Sun 24 - Easter Day Charity Quiz, The

New Inn, 8pm, £2 and raffle, in aid of Air Ambulance. Contact Tim, 373428.

### Wed 27 - Mabe Garden Club, Fox

Rosehill Gardens, 2pm, guided tour with Josephine Stewart.

### Thurs 28 - Dubna Boys Choir (from

Russia), see p.10 for details.

### Thurs 28 - Cornwall Astronomy

Society, see Tues 12.

### Sat 30 - Surgery with Councillor Chris

Ridgers, WI Hall, 10am-11.30am. Contact Chris Ridgers, 01872 865407 or 07791 383941.

### Sat 30 to Mon 2 May - Twinning

Association, visit of friends from Primelin, France. Events in the Community Hall. Contact Vanessa Ward, 375677.

## May 2011

**Sun 1 - Service of the Word, Mabe** Parish Church, 9.30am. Contact Martin Brown, 375766.

**Tues 3 - Women's Institute, WI Hall,** 7.30pm, "Resolutions evening". New members welcome. Contact Mary Hubber, 373390.

**Sun 8 - Holy Communion, 8.30am and** Parish Eucharist, 9.30am, Mabe Parish Church. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

**Tues 10 - Cornwall Astronomy Soci-**ety, see Tues 12 April for details.

**Wed 11 - Village Holy Communion,** see Wed 13 April for details.

**Sat 14 - Family Fun Day, Community** Hall, see posters in the village. Contact Tessa Kingsley, 377046.

**Sun 15 - Parish Eucharist, Mabe Parish** Church, 9.30am. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

**Mon 16 - Mabe Garden Club,** Community Hall, 7pm, talk by Ken Gilmour on beekeeping. Contact Val Bidgood, 373984.

**Wed 18 - Coffee Morning,** run by Trenoweth Methodist Church, Community Hall, 10am -11.30am. Also bring & buy, raffle. Contact Margaret Bryant 373102.

**Thurs 19 - Parish Council Meeting, WI** Hall, 7.30pm, see Thurs 21 April.

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- Sat 21** – Tremough Campus Culture Festival, see p.10 for details.
- Sat 21** - Tinpit Club, Community Hall, 8pm - 11.30pm. See p.9 for details.
- Sun 22** - Parish Eucharist, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am. See Sun 15 May.
- Thurs 26** - Cornwall Astronomy Society, WI Hall, 7.45pm. See Tues 12 April.
- Sun 29** - Service for Rogation Sunday, Mabe Parish Church, 10.30am at St Michael's Ponsanooth. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.
- Mon 30** - Short Mat Bowls Club Open Day, Community Hall, for anyone wishing to try a new sport for them. All welcome. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.
- Mon 30 (May) to Friday 3 June** - School Half-Term
- Tues 31** - BF Adventure holiday activities, see Tues 12 April for details.
- Dates for your diaries in June:**
- 11 June (Whit Sunday)** – Mabe Parish Church Family Service at 11am followed by a picnic at Argal Lake. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.
- Sat 18 June** - Mabe Fayre. See p.3 for details.

## Weekly Events

Events held weekly in Mabe Community Hall, Cunningham Park and Mabe WI Hall, Antron Hill.

- Mon** Short Mat Bowls Club, Community Hall, 2pm-4pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.
- Mabe Keep Fit Club**, WI Hall, 7pm. Contact Janet Johns, 373090.
- Age Concern Luncheon Club**, Community Hall, 12.30pm-2pm. Contact Joyce Price, 373187.
- Zumbatomic Exercise Class** (for children aged 4-7), Community Hall, 4pm-4.45pm. Contact Gill, 07817 174 114.
- Fitness for all**, Community Hall, 6.15pm-7.15pm. Contact Oriol Bennett, 01726 883523.
- Zumba Exercise Class**, Community Hall, 7.30pm. Contact Gill, 07817 174 114.
- Sure Start Scheme**, Community Hall, 9.45am-11am. Contact Penryn Children's Centre, 377865.
- Carpet Bowls Club**, Community Hall, 2pm-4pm. Contact Arthur Searle, 377088.
- Brownies**, Community Hall, 6.15pm-8pm. Contact Jackie Williams, 372863.
- Short Mat Bowls Club**, Community Hall, 2pm-4pm & 7-9pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.
- Trenoweth Methodist Church**, Community Hall, 10.45am-12noon. Contact Margaret Bryant, 373102.
- Mabe Parish Church (St Laudus)**, with St Michael's Church, Ponsanooth – please see the Diary for the times of services.

## What's On in Mabe

### Easter events

(see p.10 for church and chapel events)



Mabe School is holding an **Easter Fayre** on Thursday 7 April from 1.30pm. Stalls (home-made cakes, bric-a-brac, books etc), raffle, tea/coffee and hot cross buns. Everyone is welcome.

The New Inn is holding an **Easter Day Charity Quiz** on Sunday 24 April at 8pm. Entry is £2; also raffle - all proceeds to Air Ambulance.

Are you a gardener? Do you have a window box, a few tubs or an allotment? To join our Garden Club, contact the Secretary on 01326 373984, or turn up at our next meeting where you will be made most welcome. (See Diary for details.)

### Mabe Garden Club

During April, we will be visiting Ron Scamp's daffodil fields and enjoying a guided tour through Fox Rosehill Gardens. If you are interested in Cacti, on Monday 18 April, Ian Facey

### Cultural events at Tremough

Cornwall Libraries is holding a **Readers' Day** entitled "**Secrets of the Garden**", where authors and archivists will be discussing books with a strong sense of place and the

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### Braga Tanga at the Tinpit Club in May

Braga Tanga play at the Tinpit Club, Mabe Community Hall, on Saturday 21 May. Based in Cornwall, though drawing experience and inspiration from all over the world, the four-piece band create an exotic mix of world folk music and Eastern European gypsy tunes. Their live performances are a true musical journey and include French waltzes, Tango, Finnish Polkas, and songs from Sicily, Turkey, Africa – all delivered with unrivalled passion and flair. For a taste of their music, visit [www.myspace.com/bragatanga](http://www.myspace.com/bragatanga).

Hot food, coffee and home made cakes available from the Soup Kitchen. Sponsored by Cornish Food Market. Bring your own wine and beer.

Doors open 7.30pm. Tickets: £7 door, £6 adv from Mabe village shop and Jam, High Street, Falmouth.

Facebook: [email\\_tinpitclub@groups.facebook.com](mailto:email_tinpitclub@groups.facebook.com) to be sent the link



**Easter message from Mabe Parish Church:**

Chocolate  
Hot Cross Buns  
Two Bank Holidays

*That's Easter nailed. Isn't it?*

*God so loved the world that he gave us his only son, Jesus Christ. By believing in Him we can live forever with God.*

*Have a Blessed and Happy Easter - from everyone at your Parish Church*

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environment - ranging from the wild Cornish Loe Bar and Yorkshire Moors to cultivated physic gardens. There will also be an exhibition of Cornish Holy Wells, a bookstall etc.

*Tuesday 12 April, 10am-4pm, at Tremough. Tickets: £10 - contact your local library or Maureen Twose, mtwose@cornwall.gov.uk, tel. 07967 340907.*

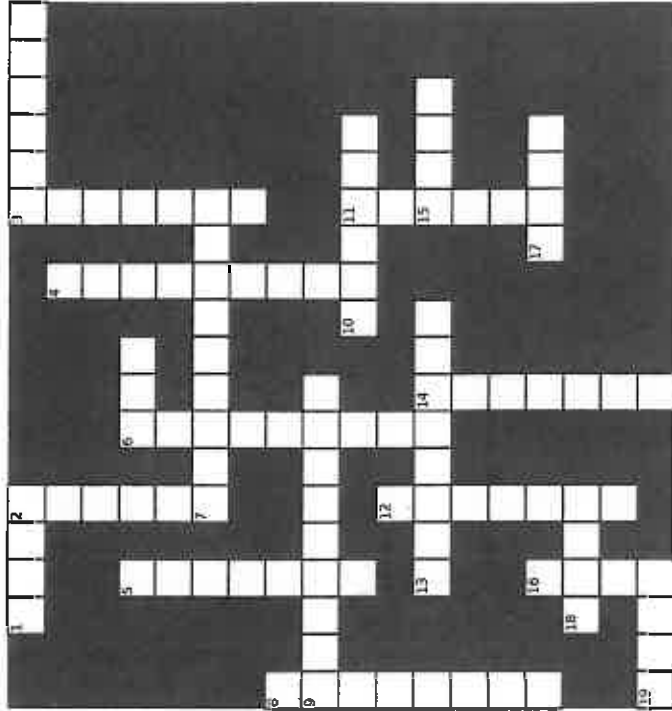
The **Dubna Boys' Choir from Russia** will be giving a lunch-time concert, including Russian sacred music, works by classical and contemporary composers (both Russian and foreign), and Russian folk songs.

*Thursday 28 April, 1pm, UCF Performance Centre, Tremough. Tickets: £7.50 (£5 cons) from Hall for Cornwall-Box Office (for UCF): call 01872 262466 or visit [www.hallforcornwall.co.uk/other-venue/153/Dubna-Boys-Choir/](http://www.hallforcornwall.co.uk/other-venue/153/Dubna-Boys-Choir/)*

University of Exeter, in association with the Daphne du Maurier Festival, is holding a **Tremough Campus Culture Festival**. Talks range on topics from

- "spiritual landscapes and
- paganism" to the "social and
- cultural meanings of fashion
- and glamour", and there will be
- poetry readings plus a wine
- reception with live music.
- *Tickets - £19, full day or £10,*
- *half day, from the Festival Box*
- *office: [www.ddmbookings.com/](http://www.ddmbookings.com/)*
- *bookings/ (search under "21*
- *May" for more info) or call*
- *01726 879500.*

**Mabe Spring Crossword**  
a puzzle with a local/Spring theme  
set by Tessa



**Across**

- 1 Springtime brings these out on the trees
- 3 Unwelcome visitor leaves a promise
- 6 A buzzing visitor, welcome in my garden
- 7 Seeds should do this soon
- 9 Veg patch
- 10 The Spring festival of the Christian world
- 13 One of the first birds to return in Spring
- 15 The first garden and a Cornish attraction
- 17 You'll get a bill if you don't prepare your potatoes
- 18 You need to mow it every week
- 19 Find a partner and beat them at chess

**Down**

- 2 Three months in the bed you may need these to protect your seedlings
- 4 Spanish or Italian spring
- 5 Thrive; flourish
- 6 Home for high fliers
- 8 St David's favourite flowers a visit in Spring
- 11 A famous local garden, worth a visit in Spring
- 12 Celtic Spring festival
- 14 Usually falls on 20th March
- 16 Possibly sounds like the best village we know.

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If you have a comment on this issue or anything you wish to contribute to the next issue, please contact the Editorial Team by email to [mabematters@aol.co.uk](mailto:mabematters@aol.co.uk) or by post to the MYCP address on p.8. Deadline for next issue: **Monday 9 May.**