

Mabe Matters

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Community News

The strange case of the "secret" solar farm consultation

A company which plans to cover 24 acres of the parish with solar panels has held a public consultation meeting in virtual secrecy, after the invitations went astray.

London-based Lightsource Renewable Energy held the meeting at Mabe Community Hall on 6 September. The 24 acre Halvasso site – which is believed to be owned by a businessman from outside the parish – lies to the east and south of Boundis Farm.

Peter Tisdale, who lives about 1km from the site, received notification of the event, but when he discussed it with residents in Halvasso living close to the site, he was surprised to find that they were unaware of the consultation meeting. Further *Cont. p.2*

Fayre raises funds for new kitchen

Face-painting was one of the attractions at the Mabe fayre, held in September. The fayre raised £887.90 which will be put towards the renovation of the kitchen in the Community Hall. *Photo: Amanda Wills*



Cont'd from p.1 extensive investigation on behalf of *Mabe Matters* has so far unearthed only one other person who received notification (and who lives over 1km from the site). We have not found a single person living in Halvasso who received an invitation.

According to Lightsource: "Although there is no legal requirement for [us] to conduct a Public Consultation prior to submitting a planning application, we believe it is very important to inform and engage the local community and neighbourhood on our plans



Part of a solar farm

Photo: Lightsource Renewable Energy Ltd

for developing a solar farm and we do carry out quite a detailed process." Lightsource is adamant that it sent invitations to "over 50 residents by post within a 1-3km radius from the proposed site".

It is unclear, however, who these 50 or more residents were. The "3km radius" quoted would include both Mabe Burnthouse and Longdowns villages, which total over 600 households between them. Lightsource has confirmed that "once the planning

application is lodged, [people] can view the full list of addresses that were contacted".

Similarly, posters which Lightsource claims to have sent to the Community Hall to publicise the consultation event appear not to have arrived. Peter Tisdale took it upon himself to publicise the event via a poster in the village shop. Eight people (including Peter and his family) attended the consultation, but many others might have attended had the event been properly publicised.

Lightsource has confirmed that it will be submitting a planning application shortly, and that it does not intend to carry out further public consultation.

Consultation packs are available, however, from: The Planning Team, Lightsource Renewable Energy, Level 4, 20 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7AN, or from www.lightsource-re.co.uk.

One local resident echoed the feeling of many when she said: "We are not necessarily opposed to these solar panels, but the lack of open consultation seems very underhand."

Of course, it is possible that the post in the Halvasso and Mabe area has just been really dodgy lately!



Eric's green fingers win the prize

Mabe resident and keen gardener, Eric Atkins, has won first prize in Coastline Housing's annual garden competition in the category of "best garden by a gardener with disabilities". By coincidence, the second prize was also won by a Mabe resident, Beverly Peek.

Eric has lived in Gweal Darras, Mabe, for the last 16 years after a colourful life ("but that's another story"). At one time, Eric tended the gardens of his two neighbours in Gweal Darras as well as his own. He says he enjoys gardening "because it keeps me occupied and keeps me fit". His small

Above: Eric, pictured with his trophy and his companion, Dodds. Below right: part of their back garden.

garden, even in autumn, is a lovely combination of the formal, including a tidy lawn and proper old fashioned rose beds, and the exuberantly informal – wide beds packed full of foliage and flowers, both front and back. The back garden also includes a neat and productive vegetable patch. Dotted around the garden are carefully decorated tables, chairs, pots, even crates, all lovingly painted by Eric's companion, Doreen (Dodds). Eric says that he likes growing roses best, but talking to him and looking at his garden and photos of past glories, he clearly loves anything that grows.



Eric was presented with a cup at an award ceremony which he attended with Dodds on 5 September. The event was held at The Old Shire Inn, Ramsgate, near Camborne – which amused Eric as he originally comes from Ramsgate - in Kent!



St Laudus Church held its Harvest Festival on 23 September and instead of the more traditional fruit and veg, asked parishioners to bring food for the Penryn and Falmouth Foodbank. The service was well attended despite the "foul weather". There was also a collection for the Foodbank from Mabe Brownies, while Mabe School collected the traditional harvest produce and distributed it to members of the community nominated by parents.

Photo: Martin Brown



Flicka Foundation's Dog Fun Day and Cream Tea Open Day in September raised an excellent £1,175 towards the upkeep of the rescued horses and donkeys. Events included the dog entry classes (*right*), teas and cakes, a tombola and raffle.



Calls for parking co-operation during school re-roof

Mabe School Head, Paul Hayes, and the Chair of MYCP, Richard Scrase, are asking for understanding and co-operation from people in Mabe during the replacement of the school roof this autumn. The building work may cause some traffic congestion, particularly for those living close to the school in Cunningham Park and Summerheath.

The school car park is closed to parents, as it is housing two temporary classrooms and the builders' welfare unit - leaving spaces for staff only. The school is therefore asking parents to make alternative arrangements for their children, such as walking from home, parking elsewhere in the village where possible, or using the Community Hall car park.

Head Paul Hayes said: "I realise that the work will cause some disruption to residents over the autumn but we desperately need a new roof and I am

working to minimise the impact of the building work on the community. I am immensely grateful for the support which the school receives from the people of Mabe and I'm sure that I can count on your understanding and patience."

The Community Hall car park will also be reduced by eight spaces, as it will house the roofers' skips. MYCP has made the Community Hall (which it runs) available to the school for the early morning "Wake and Shake" club, and (where the hall is not already booked) for other activities during the day.

Richard Scrase, the Chair of MYCP, said: "The school is an important part of our community and we are delighted to be able to assist them. If you are attending events at the hall or field, particularly at the time school finishes (3.15pm), I would ask you please to consider walking or sharing a lift if you possibly can."

The re-roofing work is scheduled to finish on Friday 7 December.

College Reservoir path officially re-opens

College Reservoir has been officially re-opened to the public as College Lake Nature Reserve, twelve years after its paths were closed.

The opening ceremony (*pictured*) was performed by Keith Bungay, Chair of Trustees for South West Lakes Trust and Gillian Grant, Penryn Town Mayor. Disappointingly, given that most of the footpath is in Mabe Parish, none of our Parish Councillors were present.

SW Lakes Trust has restored the path on the western (Mabe) side of the lake and added information boards. Local bodies, including Mabe Parish Council contributed towards the costs, with much of the work carried out by volunteers.

The reservoir is described as being “host to much wildlife including a good bird population, otters and a variety of bat species.” The footpath is accessible at the Penryn end from College Dam or at the Argal end, from the Mabe-Lamanva Cross road.

SW Lakes Trust is running a competition for the best photograph of the nature reserve. Visit their website for more details.



Parish Council notices

The Parish Council has a **vacancy**, to be filled by co-opting a new member. If you would like to apply, please send a letter of application to Elinor O'Connor (details and closing date at end).

Each year the Parish Council invites applications from local clubs and community organisations for **grants**.

If you are involved with running a club or organisation in Mabe parish and want to be considered, please apply to Elinor O'Connor (details and closing date at end). Ordinarily applications

should be accompanied by a set of the organisation's most recent set of accounts.

The Parish Council is seeking a **new part-time Parish Clerk**, to support the work of the Parish Council. Information pack from Elinor O'Connor (details below) or email pete_the_trainman@yahoo.co.uk

Contact: Elinor O'Connor, Clerk to Mabe Parish Council, 9 Treventon Close, Falmouth, TR11 4JT.

Closing date for applications: Friday 12 October at 6pm.

Meet your Parish Councillors

This issue we interview two more of our Parish Councillors.

George Kingston

"I have been on the Parish Council for 44 years. I was Vice Chairman for 7 years and Chairman for 2 years. It's not everyone's cup of tea but I enjoy it.

The things that I am most proud of? The PC was the instigator of a children's playing field for the village, in the field by Spargo Court. That was really great. We did all the equipment in there and I used to look after the equipment and everything there, like. That was an important thing as there was no play area.

There's one thing that the Parish Council has been going on about for donkey's years. When Asda was first coming down there, we were on about a crossing down there, but these business people couldn't care less, and they was going to put a crossing down there, but nothing ever happened. We're still on about it, like, and let's hope we get something sorted. It's not a safe place to cross and the volume of traffic – it's getting worse.

Other interests? Where shall I start? There's St Laudus Church, Mabe, for the last 40 years. I've been the Verger for the last 25 years. I used to do an awful lot of the maintenance for the church and the WI Hall, with the help of my fellow councillor, Roger Phillips. I'm one of the founder members for the Mabe Youth and Community Project and insti-

gator of the Community Hall. It's been a brilliant success. I'm the groundsman for the playing field ever since it started. I'll keep going for as long as I can. I was also involved in the Mabe Shindig for 33 years.

I collect for the 300 club – I've been going round the village every Friday night for the last 42 years. Every Friday night without missing one. That's another thing I enjoy.



There's one thing I do as well, I organise the Christmas raffle. I go from Treliever roundabout to Mabe Church and from Asda roundabout to Longdowns - every house. What I like is visiting people, have a laugh and a joke, meet all sorts of people.

Best thing about Mabe? It's a lovely spirit, that's what I like best about it! And there's one thing that I feel very proud of, and absolutely delighted about, and that's ... we managed to get the football going again!"

Peter Tisdale

"As far as I can remember, I was elected for the first time in 1996 so I have been a Parish Councillor in Mabe for about 15 years.

My two daughters went to Mabe School and when I became a Governor there it was suggested that I should also run as a Parish Councillor. Somewhere about the time that we moved here in 1988 the Parish Boundary was moved and Longdowns was put into Stithians, so although we attended Mabe Church, we now actually live in Stithians Parish. The bottom of my garden is the boundary.

I hope that the experience I have gained over the years contributes to making Mabe a safe and pleasant place to live in. We can't always make decisions that please everyone and sometimes I get frustrated at the lack of progress with important issues. I have had to learn that everyone in Cornwall has similar issues where they live and that there is a finite amount of funding available to enable us to solve the issues which are important to our Parishioners. However it doesn't make me give up, it just makes me more determined to succeed and I have had more than one difference of opinion with Cornwall Council over the years at County Hall.

I would like to finally see the traffic problems in the village solved. This has been an issue since I joined the PC and we have tried for years to get some kind of solution to it, but successive County Councils and their officers have had different ideas and solutions which have



been piecemeal and have just moved one problem area to another. However any solution must take into account how it would effect others as well as ourselves. For instance if you closed the road to Longdowns what would be the effect on the village shop? Whatever solution we agree on we must protect the Village Store as it is a very valuable asset.

The best thing about Mabe? Apart from the village centre and the close knit community? For me it is the school. I have been a Governor there for 16 years, Chairman for about 12. I never cease to be amazed at the children from our village. They are so polite and well behaved and from the contact I have with them they tell me they all enjoy their time at Mabe School. This is in no small part due to the wonderful teachers and staff that work there. They all give 110% and I have seen the school improve greatly over the years to 'out-standing'. They have a wonderful environment to learn and grow in and are a credit to our community."

Mabe Diary



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

October 2012

Sun 7 – Holy Communion, 8.30am and **Parish Eucharist** 9.30am, Mabe Parish Church. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Sun 7 – Ramble. *See What's On.*

Tues 9 – Cornwall Astronomy Society, WI Hall, 8pm. Contact Robert Beeman, 341164.

Wed 10 – Village Communion, WI Hall, 10.30am, followed by tea, coffee and chat. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Thurs 11 – 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.

Sat 13 – Quiz Evening. *See What's On.*

Sun 14 – Parish Eucharist, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Mon 15 – Mabe Garden Club. *See What's On.*

Thurs 18 – Beetle Drive. *See What's On.*

Thurs 18 – Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda on Parish Notice Board. Open to the public. Contact Elinor O'Connor, 319799.

Sat 20 – Chyan Apple Day. *See What's On.*

Sun 21 – Parish Eucharist. *Details as for Sun 14.*

Thurs 25 – Cornwall Astronomy Society. *Detail as for Tues 9.*

Thurs 25 – Yeth an Werin, conversation in Cornish, New Inn, 8pm onwards. Contact Vanessa Beeman, 341164.

Sat 27 – Garden Club Coffee Morning. *See What's On.*

Sat 27 – Introduction to Dowsing. *See What's On.*

Sat 27 – Children's Halloween Party. *See What's On.*



Sun 28 – Parish Eucharist. *Details as for Sun 14.*

November 2012

Friday 2 – Holy Communion for All Souls, Mabe Parish Church, 7.00pm. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Sat 3 – Wild Food Foraging and Nature Awareness Session. *See What's On.*

Sun 4 – Holy Communion and Parish Eucharist. *Details as for Sun 7 October.*

Tues 6 – Women's Institute, WI Hall 7.30pm. Talk on Victorian jewellery by Mrs Underwood. All are welcome. Contact Mary Hubber, 373390.

Sat 10 – Coffee Morning. *See What's On.*

Sun 11 – Parish Eucharist, Remembrance Sunday, Mabe Parish Church, 10.45am. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739. *No service at 9.30am.*

Tues 13 – Cornwall Astronomy Society. *Details as for Tues 9 October.*

Wed 14 – Village Communion. *Details as for Wed 10 October.*

Sun 18 – Parish Eucharist. *Details as for Sun 14 October.*

Mon 19 – Mabe Garden Club. *See What's On.*

Thurs 22 – Cornwall Astronomy Soci-

ety. *Detail as for Tues 9 October.*

Thurs 22 – Yeth an Werin. *Detail as for Thurs 25 October.*

Sat 24 – Coffee Morning for Dementia UK (Cornwall). *See What's On.*

Sun 25 – Parish Eucharist. *Details as for Sun 14 October.*



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. Contact Matt Mossop, 340013 or 07807 458312.

Mabe Football Club, Playing Field, 6pm. Men, 16+, new players welcome. Contact Jack Roberts, 565409.

Mabe Keep Fit Club, WI Hall, 7pm. Contact Janet Johns, 373090.

Tues 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 (conc, £36) for 8 classes. Contact Jerusha Moon, 375191.

Wed Fitness for all, Community Hall, 6pm-7pm. Contact Oriel Bennett, 01726 883523.

Mabe Football Club, Playing Field, 6pm. Men, 16+, new players welcome. Contact Jack Roberts, 565409.

Cornish language classes, WI Hall with spoken practice at the New Inn, 7pm – 9pm. Course began 19 September; 30 sessions at a cost of £50 or two payments of £25. Contact Vanessa Beeman, 341164.

Zumba Class, Community Hall, 7.30pm. Contact Gill, 07817 174 114.

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.

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), with St Michael's Church, Ponsanooth – please see the Diary (*above and left*) for the times of services.

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

What's On in Mabe

Hazel Perham is leading a **ramble along Mabe paths** on Sunday 7 October. The walk will cover 5 or 6 miles. Meet at Treverva Village Hall at 11am and bring your own packed lunch. *For more details, contact Hazel on 340728.*

Mabe Youth and Community Project is holding a **Quiz Night** on Saturday 13 October, from 7.30pm in the Community Hall. Teams of four if possible. There will be refreshments and a raffle. Book in advance: £2 per person or £4 with a pasty. *For more information and to book, contact Jackie Williams, on 372863.*

Alan Cox will be giving a talk with slides on "**Chateaux & Gardens of Brittany**" plus "Cornish Curiosities" to Mabe Garden Club on Monday 15 October, and

John Lanyon, the Garden Manager at Trelissick Gardens, will be speaking about "**Exotic Evergreens**" on Monday 19 November. *Both are at 7pm, Community Hall, £2 for non-members.*

The Brownies are holding a **Beetle Drive** on Thursday 18 October, 6.15pm until 7.45pm in the Community Hall. This is to raise funds to pay for a day of outside activities at BF Adventure later in the autumn. There will be a raffle and teas and coffees. £1 per person. *For more information, contact Jackie Williams, on 372863.*

The New Inn is holding a **Children's Halloween Party** on Saturday 27 October from 6pm. See notices outside the pub nearer the time for details. Prizes for the best fancy dress. *Contact Tim, 373428.*



Chyan are holding their **annual Apple Day** festivities on Saturday 20 October from 1 to 4 pm at Chyan Community Field, Halvasso. It will be a fun, apple-filled afternoon with opportunities to press apples, drink the juice, bob for apples and peel the day away. Apples can be brought along for identification. Chyan is also plotting the apple history of the area and would be interested to share any local knowledge with anyone who has memories or photographs of orchards and equipment.



There will also be an **introduction to dowsing course** on Saturday 27 October. This will include a short introduction to the ancient skills of divining for water and minerals with dowser Pete Hartwell. No experience is required and the cost of the course is £30 with a reduction for Chyan members.

On Saturday 3 November there will be a **Wild Food Foraging and Nature Awareness Session** at the Chyan centre.

For more information on all the above events, please contact Chyan on 377447 or email info@chyan.org.uk.

The protective grills for the stained glass windows at Mabe Parish (St Laudus) Church are showing their age so the congregation will be holding a **Coffee Morning** in the WI Hall on Saturday 10 November, 10am-12pm, to raise funds towards replacement grills. We are promised a cake stall, tombola, raffle, book stall, crafts & refreshments. *Contact Diane Brown, 375766.*

St Laudus Church will also be holding a **Remembrance Sunday service** at 10.45am on Sunday 11 November. This will include a minute's silence at 11am and the names of locals who have died in wars will be read out. *Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.*

There cannot be many people who have not experienced the distressing effects of dementia in someone they know. Anne Salome will be holding a **Coffee Morning to raise funds for Dementia UK (Cornwall)** on Saturday 24 November, from 10am to 12.30pm in the Community Hall. There will be cakes, gifts, food and drink, raffle and entertainment. All welcome. *Contact Anne Salome, 374567.*

Do you ever look up at the sky at night, marvel and wish you knew more? Cornwall Astronomy Society (CAS) meets in Mabe on the second Tuesday and

**Mabe Garden Club
Coffee Morning**
**Leading daffodil grower
Ron Scamp's bin end bulbs**

**Plant stall, cake stall,
bric a brac etc.**

Saturday 27 October, 10am – 12noon,
Community Hall.

£1 entrance to include raffle ticket,
tea/coffee and biscuits. All welcome.

fourth Thursday of each month, and welcomes new members.

Meetings may include a CAS speaker or an outside speaker, the monthly "Sky at Night" talk or observation of the sky locally (weather permitting). For detail of the programme, please visit the website: www.cornwallas.org.uk. There are usually details in the *West Briton* and on Radio Cornwall's "What's On" show.

The membership fee is £30 per year (with discounts for pensioners and a reduced fee if you join part way through the year). For dates of meetings in October and November, see Diary (pp.8-9).

Squashbox Theatre returns to Mabe's WI Hall on Saturday 8 December

Stones and Bones
- a marvellous mix of history and mystery

For all ages, 5 years upwards.
Tickets on sale in November

Look out for posters and flyers.



Historic struggle that saved Mabe

by Geoff Poxon, former Chairman, Mabe Dump Campaign Group

This is the story of a campaign which altered the history of Mabe. Without the work of Geoff Poxon and the campaign group, who fought tirelessly on behalf of Mabe residents to oppose the proposed development of a landfill site, Mabe would be a completely different place today.

Many people in authority thought that it was a foregone conclusion that the landfill site would happen and they did not see the point in trying to stop it. But this story shows that sometimes it is possible to fight "Goliath" and win.

Back in the "good old days" of 1999, Mabe Burnthouse came under threat. A serious proposal was put forward to fill Carnsew Quarry, lying near to the centre of the village, with 5 million tons of mixed public waste. The proposers, Aram, saw this as an appropriate way in which to end years of granite extraction from the quarry.

When formally consulted, the Parish Council called a public meeting and asked for volunteers to form a group to fight the proposal. A group of eight residents was formed. We were told to "get on with it" by the Parish Council, although at first they refused to give us any funds with which to mount the campaign. The then Chairman supported us from the start, but a few PC members seemed to view our Campaign Group with doubt and even suspicion. Eventually and after a struggle, we raised more than £10,000



of funds, from supporters and events within the Parish.

Ron Jones and I went on an awareness raising tour of all the other parishes and councils in the vicinity, as this huge dump would affect many of them with its increasingly damaging contents. We also forged links with, amongst others, the County

Council, the District Councils, the emerging university at Tremough and the then MP Candy Atherton. There was a general shared concern and support for what we had to do.

On behalf of Mabe and the other parishes, we contacted anyone who should be concerned and told them the story. We made a widely distributed video showing the reality of what Aram had in mind, which featured residents of Mabe speaking of their worries and fears (dusts, smells, leakages into local streams, noise, vermin etc), right next to our village.

We, the Campaign Group, also ensured that the villagers knew, via newsletters and regular personal contacts, what the dangers were and what we, as their nominated representatives, were doing to stop this on their behalf. We also got the issue on to local radio and TV.

We organised a series of public meetings at which local councillors and planners could meet the villagers and others opposed to the dump and understand their concerns. We also aligned ourselves with the operators of the County Council's existing waste disposal/handling facilities who, as professionals, believed that Carnsew would be a disaster. We even put up posters around Falmouth pointing out that Falmouth itself was threatened by this proposal. From this and our persistent and regular contact with all County and District councillors, the proposal was finally rejected by the County Council. Several County Councillors complimented Mabe on the way the village had mounted its fight. One told us: *"If Aram had fought their campaign with the vigour and thoughtfulness that Mabe has, they would have won and that rubbish would, without doubt, have been now headed into Carnsew Quarry."*

But we had not won completely. Aram went to national level and asked the then Secretary of State, John Prescott, to intervene and reverse the County Council's decision. He rejected that request and again, we thought we had "won". But no! -

The arguments used to oppose the dump at Carnsew Quarry:

- Threat to Falmouth and Penryn's water - as a result of leachate from the landfill contaminating ground water supplies.
- Considerable reserves of granite locked away under the landfill.
- Proximity to the village and Tremough – the dump was only 85m from the nearest households.
- Sterilization of good farm land in the immediate area. *Liz Dunstan*

Aram petitioned for a Public Enquiry. This added another six months to the timescale and the Mabe Campaign Group now had to find the funds to engage a professional advocate to speak for the village at the Enquiry.

After a Hearing which took two weeks, in November 2000, the Chairman of the Enquiry finally announced his complete rejection of the proposal and support for the case presented by Mabe village. So, finally, we really had WON. Afterwards, Mabe Parish Council itself never acknowledged the work of the Campaign Group who, at their request, had undertaken the task. But we were amply rewarded by the Mabe community, many of whom thanked us personally, realising that from the successful campaign we had secured a safer and healthier environment for the present and future residents.



Reflections on a changing parish *by Hazel Perham*

While leading a walk along Public Rights of Way in Mabe Parish one day early this autumn, I realised how much things have changed since the early seventies.

Helland House near Treverva is being renovated and the barns rising from the dead. The Old Cornish Cross (*below*) still looks out from the raised grounds over the ancient route. The back entrance to the dairy with its fine steps and tethering post are still visible along with the date stone over doorway. The old stile that once stood on the bend of the road has been rebuilt further back off the drive and the top step is a completely different granite shape.

After walking onto Menallack Farm (once called Bonallack according to a tombstone in Mabe Churchyard) we headed for Little Palestine and Trevone

Farms both redeveloped for modern living. The byway through Trevone took us out to workshops where, as in the seventies, we hear life and the tools working again.

Out to Goodygrane where we have a herd of cattle and milking shed but no longer a herd of goats in the small barns. On to Boundis Farm, no longer worked but all buildings residential. The fields are all split up, some with trees planted, some with workshops and caravans. Whoever used these tracks and paths in days gone by to get to work at local quarries and farms or to go to chapel or church must have been fit and strong as the stiles are built so high with small steps protruding from the hedgerows.

The whole landscape has changed around Halvasso School area and new



Members of Mabe's new football team, Mabe FC, in their away kits. The team would like to thank their sponsors: Tim in the New Inn, Steve in the village shop, Tim Marsh, Dunstons, Truro Portable Buildings and Penryn Tattoo Parlour; also Mabe

Youth and Community Project, especially George Kingston and Martin Brown. The team has got off to a flying start, with 35 members signed up. If you are interested in playing, and you are over 16 and male, you are welcome to turn up for training – Monday and Wednesday nights, 6pm on the playing field, Cunningham Park.

tracks have been laid out. Water runs from springs making areas very boggy and one tiptoes to find the solid ground. Gateways have grown in, access over some stiles being so high is quite daunting for the explorer.

High up on Kessel Downs if you venture to Carnebo and Hanter-tavis you enter a different world and step back in time. Out onto the top ridge passing names like Corpascus and Pampaluna, all renovated old farmsteads from days gone by. Not a bit of asbestos or corrugated iron to be seen! The views across the Falmouth Bay from here are breath-taking.

Dropping down past the Flicka Horse Rescue Sanctuary we enter Trenoweth territory where the old Mabe School for Infants and Juniors has been made into residential (*above*). I dropped my boys off here for six whole years travelling

from Treverva, sometimes three times a day. On occasions we got caught up with the herd of cattle being led to the milking parlours at both Higher and

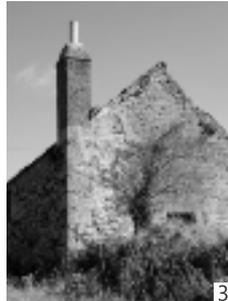


Lower Spargo and then the milk tanker would take up the whole lane bringing everything to a standstill. How things have changed in Church Lane, farms and their buildings all serving a different purpose.

Finally we pass the ancient Helland Mill site which now has a fine building down in the dip near the ancient bridge. The old dairy at the back of the property still stands but there is no sign of the mill wheel, which I believe was once cast iron.

As I finish my walk my mind gets me thinking how different days would have been when people living in the area using the routes to go to work at farms, quarries and church.

Picture Quiz by Colin Bolitho



Do you know what and where these places are within the parish? Answers, p. 16

My Hobby: Tennis – by Rebecca Triggs

I started playing tennis in June 2011, when I was five years old. I'm just seven now.

We play on a half-sized court with mini red balls and the game is shorter than for adults. When I am nine, I will move up to the orange balls and a bigger court, then green balls at 10 and then onto white balls.

The thing that I like best about tennis is playing in tournaments as I am very competitive. I love running around and getting lots of exercise.

I play at Saracens Tennis Club which is at Penryn College. I practice one to one with my coach Thomas, for one hour on Thursdays. I also belong to the "Friday Squad" at Penryn College, where I play for one and a half hours on Friday evenings, with other children of my tennis rating. I also practice with my Dad at weekends and in the evenings, if the weather is OK and I don't have any homework.



I've won a few medals. In July this year, I came runner up in Saracens Mini Red tournament and received a silver medal. Then in August, I won the Devonshire Red Matchplay in Plymouth and received a plaque. This was my best tournament so far. Last month, I played in a tournament in Newquay and was runner-up and received a medal.

I am already much better at tennis than my parents, but not as good as my Grandad yet!!

(Interview and photos by Nikki Triggs)

Picture quiz answers (p.15): 1. The beer house (opposite Mabe Parish Church), 2. Pathway between Cunningham Park and Treliever Road, 3. Outbuilding near Trenoweth Old School, 4. Granite post and capping at Antron House.

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