

# Mabe Matters

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## Community News

### School makes super start on solar

Mabe School has raised over £1,400 towards its total of £10,000 for a solar roof – in a month.

The biggest contribution, of £1,000, has been given by REG Windpower, owners of Roskrow wind turbines. Other business donors include Cockwells Boatyard, the Energy Policy Group at the University of Exeter, Waves Hairdresser in Falmouth and Walk It Cornwall. Pupils raised £80.50 from a Green Day, when they wore green clothes, and donations from parents and supporters have made up the rest.



*Santa's choice of transport caused a buzz when he visited Mabe School. Find out why on page 6.*

The solar roof will allow the school to reduce its carbon emissions and to save money on energy for many years. *For ways to help, see p.3.*

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### Community footpath blocked?

As construction continues on the new houses off Treliever Road, there are fears that the footpath linking the development with the school and community hall may not be built.

When granting planning permission for the 90+ houses, Cornwall Council imposed a condition requiring construction of the path. Now the developer, Taylor Wimpey, says that the condition should never have been imposed and has applied to have it removed, to the fury of some members of Mabe Youth and Community Project (MYCP). The path would be likely to reduce additional traffic to the school, hall, playground and field.

Despite Taylor Wimpey's stated position, *Mabe Matters* understands that discussions are continuing, so the path may be built after all.

## Surprise support for turbine

The Parish Council has given its support to plans for a 45m wind turbine at Higher Kergilliack on the far side of College Reservoir. An application is pending for a second 77m turbine overlooking the reservoir at Tregonhaye.

Although both turbines are in Budock Parish, the main visual impact will be on Mabe and Penryn. Those most affected were not initially informed or involved in the consultation exercise, but following a campaign by residents, Mabe Parish Council has been asked for its views.

Final decisions on the two applications will be made by Cornwall Council.

**Update on solar farms:** Plans for two large solar farms, which had been approved to go ahead at Halvasso (at Boundis Farm and Kessel Downs Quarry) appear to have been dropped.



## Mabe's new vicar is announced

The new vicar of St Laudus Church has been announced as the Reverend Steve Smith (*pictured*), at present Vicar of All Hallows, Leeds.

Steve has previously worked in North Cornwall, which, he says was "a lovely experience and one

that planted a love of Cornwall and the Cornish in my heart for ever."

According to The Archdeacon of Cornwall, "all those who met Steve [at his interview] were impressed by his pastoral ability and ministerial experience. We look forward to welcoming him."

Steve will be moving into the vicarage in Mabe in mid-February and his licensing will take place on 11 March 2014.

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## Geoff is always there for us

Mabe resident Geoff Wheeler was a runner up in the *West Briton* Good Neighbour award at a ceremony in November.

Geoff and his wife Jenny have lived next door to Alf and Dot Waddingham for around 20 years and have become close friends. Alf, a D Day veteran, nominated Geoff for his help with DIY, including repairs and modifications around the home. Alf's wife, Dot, said that Geoff and Jenny also help with lifts to the supermarket and to hospital appointments. She told us, "He is always there for us, mending and making things."



Geoff (*pictured above with Dot*) is a reluctant hero. "I feel like a bit of a fraud," he said. "There are plenty of people in the village who do so much more." *JF*



### Ways to help:

£5 pays for a tile on Mabe's Solar Schools website page, but the school will be

grateful for any donation, large or small. It is easy to give at [www.solarschools.org.uk/mabe/](http://www.solarschools.org.uk/mabe/) or you can drop money off at the school.

**Do you shop online?** If so, you can give while you shop (without any extra cost). Visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), click on "Support a good cause" and search for Mabe School.

**Do you run a local business?** This is a great way to support your local school, receive some free publicity within the school community and help to offset your carbon footprint. If you donate £100 or more you can have a direct link to your company website on the school's fundraising page. Thank you!



*Governor and teaching assistant, Norma Sanders, cuts the ribbon at the official opening of the new veranda outside Class 1 of Mabe School, watched by Mrs Thomas, the Class 1 teacher, and pupils.*

## New Year Quiz

The answers to these questions all contain the words Happy, New or Year. Enjoy! Answers, page 8.

1. Force a modern mass
2. He sounds like the latest arrival in the hive!
3. Despite what Al Stewart sang in 1976, this is not part of the Chinese calendar!
4. Can you name Snow White's house-mates?
5. A merry place for a flutter in the Far East
6. Coral wedding anniversary
7. Has Ms Brown, MP for West Ham had a makeover near Penzance?
8. 365 days North makes us long
9. It was a great 12 months for Charles who invented vulcanised rubber
10. The time for an American fashion retailer that many students take abroad
11. 1972 hit containing these lines: For rich and the poor ones, The road is so long
12. Library books and wind turbines
13. Cool jeans have been cleaned by rock stars!
14. Films were made in this evergreen forest
15. Recent letter for pond life
16. Show featuring Richie and Arthur
17. What's 12 months to a fish – a young horse?
18. Irresponsibly cheerful, maybe even punch drunk
19. Good advice from Bobby McFerrin
20. A good bet for the Rover's Return
21. This Cornish town sound like the latest way to open doors JF

# Mabe Diary

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

## December 2013

**Tues 24 – Midnight Mass**, Mabe Parish Church, 11pm, taken by Fr Michael Oades. Contact Francis Miller, 374890 or Rodney Holmes, 375052.

**Wed 25 – Christmas Day Service of the Word**, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am, led by David Charles.

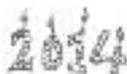


**Wed 25 – Trenoweth Chapel Christmas Day Service**, 10.30am. Contact Margaret Bryant, 373102.

**Sun 29 – Parish Eucharist**, Mabe Parish Church, 10.30am. Joint service with St Michael's Ponsanooth, to be taken by Fr Michael Oades.

**Tues 31 – New Year's Eve:** The New Inn will be open until late, with a disco at 9pm and complementary buffet later in the evening.

## January



**Sun 5 – Joint Epiphany Carol Service** with St Michael's Ponsanooth, Mabe Parish Church, 11am, taken by Fr Michael Oades.

**Tues 7 – Women's Institute**, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Contact Mary Hubber, 373390.

**Thurs 9 – Parish Council Meeting**, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda on Parish Notice Board. Open to the public. Contact

Fiona Collins, 07964 735219.

**Sun 12 – Parish Eucharist**, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am, to be taken by Fr Michael Oades.

**Tues 14 – Cornwall Astronomy Society**, WI Hall, 8pm. Contact Robert Beeman, 341164.

**Sun 19 – Parish Eucharist**, Mabe Parish Church. *Details as for Sun 12 Jan.*

**Mon 20 – Mabe Garden Club**, AGM, Community Hall, 7pm. Contact Val Bidgood, 373984.



**Wed 22 – 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](http://www.blood.co.uk).

**Sat 25 & Sun 26 – January Sale**, Flicka Foundation, Trenoweth Lane. See *What's On for details.*

**Sun 26 – Parish Eucharist**, Mabe Parish Church. *Details as for Sun 12 Jan.*

**Thurs 30 – Cornwall Astronomy Society**, WI Hall, 8pm. Contact Robert Beeman, 341164.

## Looking forward: February 2014

**Sun 2 - Holy Communion**, Mabe Parish Church, 8.30; **Candlemass Eucharist** with St Michael's, Ponsanooth, 11am, led by Fr. Michael Oades.

- **Mabe Community Hall**, Cunningham Park (bookings, 375938 or [mabeycp@gmail.com](mailto: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).

## What's On

The Flicka Foundation is holding a **January sale** on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 January with a variety of equestrian items, including saddles, bridles, shoes and clothing (polo shirts, fleeces, trousers) and other bits and pieces. Some are nearly new; some used, but in good condition... all proceeds to Flicka.

Further details from Flicka, 373601 or [www.flickafoundation.org.uk](http://www.flickafoundation.org.uk).

Why not treat yourself to a **Winter Special** at BF Adventure? They are for groups of up to 12 people, with a full day of activities consisting of archery, rafted canoeing, low ropes or adventure in the quarry. The offer price is £120 per group. Email [enquiries@bfadventure.org](mailto:enquiries@bfadventure.org)

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## Weekly Events

- Mon** **Short Mat Bowls Club**, Community Hall, 2pm-4pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.  
**Mabe Keep Fit Club**, WI Hall, 7pm. (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 to 7pm and 7.30pm to 9pm. Contact Pam Mundy, 01209 204743 or 0750 3945 600. *(Please note that this class will be held at 7pm on Monday 23 and 30 December.)*
- Wed** **Fitness for All**, Community Hall, 6pm-7pm. Contact Oriel Bennett, 01726 883523.  
**Cornish Language Group**, WI Hall, 7pm. Contact Vanessa Beeman, 341164.  
**Zumba Class**, Community Hall, 7.30pm. Contact Gill, 07817 174 114.
- 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; next session, 9 January)*. 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 174 114.
- 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.



*Santa left the reindeer at home and opted for a more 21st century mode of transport when he visited Mabe School on 17 December. There was huge excitement among the children (and, we suspect, the adults too) when they realised that the helicopter was heading for the school field and that Santa was inside! Normal sleigh service will resume on Christmas Eve.*

## **Announcements**

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### **BF Adventure anniversary**

Halvasso-based charity, BF Adventure, will be 25 in 2014 and intends to celebrate in style. They would like to hear from you if you visited in the early 1990s, or have photographs from then. Contact [enquiries@bfadventure.org](mailto:enquiries@bfadventure.org).

### **Farmers' and Producers' Market?**

MYCP is considering running a monthly local market in Mabe. If you run a local business and would be interested in participating one Saturday a month at the Community Hall (or outside), please contact the MYCP Administrator, David Mooney on 01326 375938 or email [mabeycp@gmail.com](mailto:mabeycp@gmail.com). Source FM is interested in broadcasting from the hall on the day if the market takes off.

### **Treverva History Facebook page**

Hazel Perham has published a Facebook page on Treverva History. Treverva is just outside our parish in Budock. Hazel has been collecting photos, documents and other materials relating to Treverva and the surrounding area since 1975, and would like to share it with others.

To find the page, search on Facebook for Treverva History Page Cornwall UK.

### **Tell Mabe your news!**

We are changing the format of *Mabe Matters* a little as it becomes monthly and would welcome short notices (75 words max.) of births, deaths and other significant events relating to people connected with our parish, for publication. Email [mabematters@aol.co.uk](mailto:mabematters@aol.co.uk), text 07816 918765 (beginning your message: For MM), or drop a note into the MYCP letter box in an envelope marked Editor, Mabe Matters.

### **A message for your Valentine**

Would you like to send a Valentine message to someone in Mabe via *Mabe Matters*? If so, just contact us (see details above) and we will publish some of those suitable for a family newsletter!

### **Did you forgot your ring?**

A lady's ring was found in the ladies toilets at the Community Hall after the Dementia Coffee Morning on 23 November. If you think it is yours, please contact the MYCP Administrator (see Farmers' Market announcement).

### **No dogs, thanks!**

Please do not allow your dog onto school grounds or the field shared with the Community Hall. Dogs, their mess and children do not mix well! Thanks.

## A resolute lot!

As you sit back and read this latest edition of *Mabe Matters*, spare a thought for our volunteer distributors, who have taken a break from wrapping presents to bring you this New Year issue. We thought it was time to get to know them better, and as we stand on the brink of old and new we thought we would ask them for their New Year's Resolutions. It turns out that they are a resolute lot....

**George Kingston** is going to open the Jamieson's and enjoy the spirit, though it was unclear whether this was just at New Year or more regularly! **Liz Dunstan** (pictured in a kayak) is also going to live for the moment and make the most of every day, living by the motto: "The past is history, the future is a mystery, but today is a gift".



**Lilian Miller** is going to stay fit and healthy – we look forward to seeing her at Zumba – and **Charlotte Jones** is going to read more books. At last, someone to start our village book club.



**Jo Clarkson** plans to do a drawing every day, **Tessa Kingsley** is going to delight her family with daily violin practice and her children,

who do the bulk of the Trenoweth deliveries, are determined to eat more chocolate.

**Jackie Frost** is going to play more and work less, while son **Charlie**, who hops on his bike to reach Halvasso's remoter areas, is finally going to launch his boat. **Jenny George** (pictured at Ascot) is going to travel more, **Ruth Olver** will be aiming to row more (that's with oars, not arguments), while **Richard Scrase** has vowed to look after Tessa's children during that daily violin practice. **Margaret Barnicoat** and **Mary Oxborough** were still deciding as we went to press...

Good luck to all of them and Happy New Year to one and all! TK

### 'Ansum as Picasso...?

In the last issue, we printed a winning limerick by Jackie Frost, who lives in Halvasso. Jackie's verse, or maybe just the challenge of finding a rhyme for Halvasso, inspired two of our readers:

*I once met a maid from Halvasso  
And 'ansum, she was, as Picasso  
Till along came her cat  
Down on which she sat  
Then that was that, oh alas oh*

Maurice Matthews (of Longdowns)

*A cunning old girl in Halvasso  
Polished her knick-knacks with Brasso  
But just as she feared  
no genie appeared;  
his sat-nav took him to Halvosso!*

Sarah Matthews (also of Longdowns)

If you can find a rhyme for Spargo or Chywoon, Treliever or Trenoweth, Tinpit or Palestine – or anywhere else in our parish, send them in! (Address details, bottom of page 8.)

# My Hobby: *Matt Mossop and Shinty*

Matt Mossop has been playing shinty for around 20 years since he discovered the game at St. Andrews University in Scotland. Generally considered a Scottish game where it is widely played, Matt thinks of shinty as a Celtic game. It has been played for over 4,000 years and is related to hurling from Ireland which was first played in the Bronze Age.



Cornwall. Many of the players also represent Cornwall and at least 3 of our players, Matt, Tamzin Dewar and Beth Wilkinson will play for England in an international tour in Scotland next July.

Despite having players at national level, Mabe Shinty Club is looking for a permanent venue. They would be delighted to borrow a field near to the centre of Mabe village and only ask that the grass can be kept short.

Matt told me that shinty is "not everyone's cup of tea", but it is a very sociable game traditionally played in the heart of villages. In Mabe, the team comprises players aged from 6 to 50 and brings together students, older members of the village and young families. Shinty is fast, intense and aggressive. Shinty players prefer it to hockey because there are fewer rules and stoppages so there is more room for flow and creativity.

Mabe shinty team was unbeaten for a year. They play in a six-a-side mixed league against four other teams in

The club is also looking for new players, with beginners welcome. The Development League plays from October to March and the Senior season is from March to October. Please send any enquiries or offers of a field to Matt ([mmossop@archaeologicalconsultancy.com](mailto:mmossop@archaeologicalconsultancy.com)), phone 01326 340013 or visit the Cornwall Shinty website, [www.cornwall-shintyclub.tk](http://www.cornwall-shintyclub.tk)

JF

Mabe Shinty Club is extremely grateful for the support of GE Licensing Solutions, Mabe Parish Council, The New Inn and Mabe Post Office.

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Answers to quiz: 1. Newton, 2. Newbie, 3. Year of the Cat, 4. Doc, Grumpy, Sneezzy, Bashful, Happy, Dopey, Sleepy, 5. Happy Valley racecourse, 6. 35 years, 7. Newlyn, 8. Yearn, 9. Goodyear, 10. Gap year, 11. Happy Xmas (War is Over), 12. Renewable, 13. Stonewashed, 14. Pinewood, 15. Newt, 16. Happy Days, 17. Yearling, 18. Slaphappy, 19. Don't worry, be happy, 20. Julie Goodyear, 21. Newquay.

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