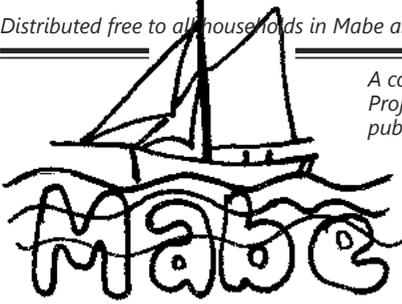


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Community News

Latest Booths site planning application sent back

Mabe Parish Council has sent back the latest planning application on the former Booths site on Antron Hill because it no longer includes affordable housing.

Porthia Properties previously had permission for a development of 16 flats on the site, with six flats being "affordable". The new proposal is for 10 "market value" houses. The developers claim that they have modified the plans because of the economic climate. As the new development is small, Porthia is not legally obliged to include affordable homes and they say that they cannot afford to do so voluntarily.

The Parish Council met on 27 May to give its opinion on the application, although the decision is *Cont'd p 2*

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MYCP Secretary, Amanda Wills, looking relieved after completing the sponsored swim from Pendennis Castle to St Mawes Castle in 42 minutes on 29 May. The swim was in aid of the RNLI. Other local residents who took part included Damian Hall and Rebecca Benbow. The medals were presented by Olympic swimmer, Sharron Davies.

Mabe Village Fayre

Saturday
18 June

See pages 6-9
for details

In early April, about 25 members of Mabe Garden Club and their friends enjoyed a visit to Ron Scamp's daffodil fields near Maenporth. The variety of daffodils, the colours and perfume entranced everyone who visited, all of whom went home with a lovely bunch of Ron's daffs. *Val Bidgood*



Ron Scamp, at front with cap, with Mabe Garden Club members

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ultimately made by Cornwall Council. Mabe Parish Plan supports a limited amount of affordable homes being built in the parish, while Cornwall Council is under government pressure to meet targets on extra housing within the county.

Unleash those hidden talents!

Mabe Village Fayre is being held on Saturday 18 June and, by popular demand, the domestic "tent" is making a come-back (albeit in the hall). With 30 different categories for children and adults, there should be something for everyone.

The Fayre includes stalls, children's competitions, a skateboard jam,

performances and other entertainments. There will be a barbeque and licensed bar all day and into the evening, when fiddle band, Jonah's Lift will provide the live music for the "Ceilidh in the car park".

The Fayre helps raise funds for community facilities and for MYCP's member organisations. Volunteers are needed to help on the day.

For full details, see pages 6-9.

New Chair and Deputy for Parish Council

The Parish Council has elected a new Chair and Deputy Chair for the next two years. Roger Phillips takes over from Andrew Thomas as the Chair and Francis Miller becomes the Deputy Chair.

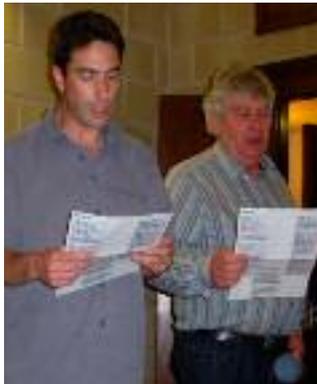


Joseph has a go at the Stomp Rocket competition (the diagonal streak is the rocket!) at MYCP's very enjoyable Family Fun Evening in May. The evening included a wide range of competitions, and a "bring a plate" supper. Competition winners were Matt Henry (Bowls and Stomp Rocket, distance), Hope Hopwood (Stomp Rocket, target) and Lola Cockwell (Balls in the Holes). The team winners were the "Pixies" (the Pixton family).

Twinning visit goes with a swing and a song

Late in the evening of Friday 29 April, Mabe was invaded by the French! Of course it was our twinning friends from the small village of Primelin in Brittany. Their party consisted of 36 people including 12 children. Most were accommodated by families in Mabe, with two couples housed close by in Penryn.

The French party enjoyed a busy few days with us. On Saturday 30 April, they went shopping in Truro where they had lunch and the ladies enjoyed using "le plastic" (credit cards) much to the horror of their husbands!



Visitor Alain joins in the singing with Francis Miller

They returned from Truro by boat. The evening was spent at the Community Hall with a buffet and musical entertainment. At the end of the evening the whole group sang traditional Breton and Cornish songs.

Sunday morning saw a visit to Morwellham Quay near Tavistock. Their first activity was a trip into the George and Charlotte copper mine, which gave a fascinating insight into living and working at Morwellham Quay in Victorian times. The visitors learnt about the appalling conditions faced by the



3 year old visitor Elouise tries on a Victorian costume

miners who risked their lives extracting minerals. Following lunch at the Ship Inn, the group dressed up in Victorian costumes, which caused much laughter!

The evening was again spent in the Community Hall with a choice of home-cooked meals and excellent entertainment provided by a group of Celtic singers and dancers. Following the meal, almost everyone joined in the dancing - it was a wonderful evening.

On Monday morning the visitors were given an educational tour at the Maritime Museum, followed by lunch in Falmouth and a visit to Asda! They then arrived back in the village for tea, coffee and cakes before their departure for the night ferry to France. The group was presented with a basket full of traditional Cornish goodies, which they will all share at a social evening.



Dancing to Celtic band, An Ladro

As you can see, we have a great time - you don't even have to be able to speak French! Next year it's our turn to visit Primelin to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the twinning of our villages. If you are interested in joining the Mabe Twinning Association, contact Vanessa Ward on 375677 or Geoff Wheeler on 372405. Vanessa Ward

What's going up at Tremough?

Anyone passing the Treliever roundabout will have noticed that the north-eastern tip of Mabe parish is undergoing some major building work! **Jilly Easterby**, Public Engagement Manager at Tremough, and our Cornwall Councillor, **Chris Ridgers**, explain what's being built.

Major construction projects are now underway at the Tremough Campus, which is shared by University College Falmouth (UCF) and the University of Exeter (UoE), to support the planned growth in student numbers from 4,000 to 5,000 by 2016 and to stimulate the local economy. UCF's £9M Academy for Innovation & Research (AIR) is a research and development lab that will share expertise in sustainable design and the digital economy with innovative Cornish companies from Spring 2012.

UoE's £30M Environment and Sustainability Institute (ESI) will lead cutting-edge research into the impacts of environmental change from Autumn 2012. By engaging with businesses, it will translate its research themes of clean technologies, natural environment, and social science and sustainability into innovative business practice, products and services.



A £10M shared space, The Exchange (computer generated image pictured) will offer pioneering learning facilities for 21st century students from Autumn 2012.

These projects are funded by the European Regional Development Fund Convergence Programme (£32.64M); the South West Regional Development Agency (£9.15M); and the Higher Education Funding Council for England (£5.06M).

Jilly Easterby, Public Engagement Manager, UoE, UCF and TCS

The construction work on Cornwall Council's Tremough Innovation Centre on land adjacent to the Tremough Campus is progressing with completion due at the end of this year. There will be three innovation centres in Cornwall with each providing high quality office accommodation and a tailored package of support for knowledge based and high growth potential businesses. The one at Pool opened in July last year and another is planned adjacent to the Royal Cornwall Hospital at Treliske, subject to confirmation of funding.

The Tremough Innovation Centre has only been possible due to European Union Convergence funding which provides money to those regions of the EU which are relatively poor.

Of application to all local businesses is superfast broadband, which is now in process of delivery across Cornwall. This broadband capability will place Cornwall alongside nations such as Singapore and Korea and well ahead of the rest of the UK and countries such as Germany and the USA.

The intention behind these developments is to enable Cornwall to achieve economic prosperity by providing a wide range of business and job opportunities alongside the established activities such as farming, marine industries and tourism.

Cllr Chris Ridgers

Interview with Mabe School's New Head

Paul Hayes became Headteacher of Mabe School at the end of April. Five members of Class 2 decided to interview him. (They are pictured with Mr Hayes: Jack L, Jack S, Naomi, Bella and Mireia.) Here's what they found out...



Bella: Are you good at sailing?

PH: I'm not a great sailor but I help crew for boats which race on a Friday evening. I'm a bit of a novice but I'm really keen to give it a go. It's very important to give new things a go and to step outside our comfort zones sometimes – that is how we find out about ourselves.

Jack S: Are you good at football?

PH: I coach football and at my last school we won the league three times. I know that Mabe has a good football team and I hear that Mr Robins [the Class 4 teacher] is a good coach. I actually prefer playing rugby.

Jack S: So do I.

Jack L: How did you feel when you first visited the school?

PH: When I was coming for the job interview I was really nervous. But all the children here put me at my ease. I was attracted to the job because of how nice and how good all the children were. At the interview, I felt relaxed and quietly confident as all the children were so nice.

Naomi: How did you feel when you met all the new people here?

PH: I'm still feeling slightly overwhelmed! But I'm really enjoying getting to know everyone. The nicest thing so far has been teaching Class 2 and Class 4. That's when you really get to know people.

Mireia: Are you married and do you have any children?

PH: I'm married to Sarah.

Jack S: My Mum's called Sarah.

PH: I'm not married to your Mum! My wife Sarah and I have three children. Lily is 14, Isaac is 10 and Martha is 8. Lily goes to Falmouth Community School and Isaac and Martha are at St Mary's in Falmouth. My wife teaches on the art foundation course in Falmouth.

Jack S: How old are you?

PH: I'm *really* old. I'm 1,486! No, I'm 48 years and one month.

Bella: What school were you in before? Were you a Headteacher there?

PH: I was teaching at St Mary's in Falmouth. I wasn't a Headteacher, but I was part of the school leadership team.

Naomi: Where do you live?

PH: In Falmouth.

Jack L: What is your favourite food?

PH: A traditional roast dinner. I don't mind which meat – lamb or beef or whatever. And I like lots of fruit.

Jack L: I like lots of spicy food.

Mireia: What did you do before you were a teacher?

PH: I was in the services. I grew up in Cornwall and went to school in Truro. Then I was in the services.

Mireia: What does that mean?

PH: I was a Royal Marine Commando. I was a soldier for a long time.

MABE VILLAGE FAYRE

Saturday 18 June starting at 1pm
Community Hall and playing field



Licensed bar

BBQ

Barrel cow

Book stall

Bouncy castle

Bric-a-brac

Cake stall

Children's choir (1.30pm)

Children's fancy dress competition (2.15pm)

Children's races

(run by BF Adventure throughout afternoon)

Crazy golf

Cream teas

Hoop-la

Ice creams

Lucky dip

Obstacle boules

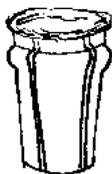
Plant stall

Raffle

Skateboard jam

Tombola

... and lots more



Followed by a Ceilidh, 6pm-9pm
Free admission to Fayre and Ceilidh

MABE VILLAGE FAYRE

Saturday 18 June 2011

Classes for Domestic Section

Section A: 3-7 yrs

1. Vegetable animal
2. Miniature garden on a dinner plate
3. Necklace made from sweets
4. Monster made from recycled items
5. Three decorated biscuits

Section B: 8-12 yrs

6. Vegetable animal
7. Miniature garden on a dinner plate
8. Hand-made card
9. Computer designed poster
10. Three decorated buns

Section C: Cookery

11. Heavy cake (approx 7-8 ins)
12. Pasty (approx 7-8 ins)
13. Victoria sponge (jam filling)
14. Three plain scones
15. Three butterfly buns

Section D: Handicraft

16. Hand-knitted item
17. Hand-made card
18. Item of hand-made jewellery
19. Hand-made novelty book mark
20. Hand-made lavender bag

Section E: Photography

21. A close up
22. Cornish landscape
23. Fun in the snow
24. Reflections
25. Our industrial heritage

Section F: Art

26. Water colour
27. Oils/acrylic
28. Pen and ink drawing

Section G: Floral art

29. A buttonhole for a wedding
30. A posy for a bridesmaid

Entry form

One entry per person per class

Class **Description**

Class	Description

Name of entrant

Age (if 12 years or under)

Please return entry form to: Margaret Bryant, 9 Cunningham Park, Mabe, by **Wednesday 15 June 2011.** Further forms available from Margaret or Mabe Shop.

Entries to be brought to the Community Hall by 10am on the day of the Fayre, prior to judging. Judging will take place at 11am.



Mabe Fayre Ceilidh

with

Jonah's Lift

Saturday 18 June 6pm-9pm

Community Hall, Cunningham Park, Mabe

Free admission / licensed bar

High energy fiddle'n'folk band, Jonah's Lift, are booked to close this year's Mabe Village Fayre. If the weather's good we'll be outside, if the rain falls we'll go indoors. If you want to dance or just want to tap your feet while holding a beer, a child or both, this is live music for all tastes and all ages.

Skateboard Jam

Skateboard park

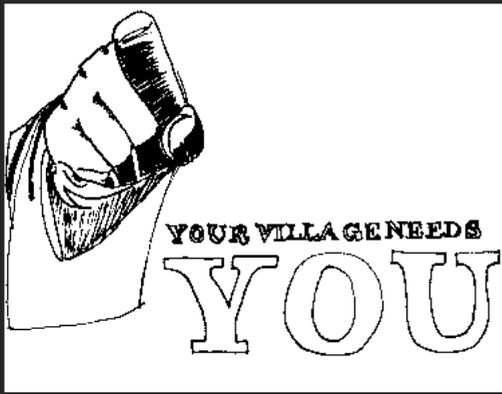
from 1pm on Saturday 18 June -

come and show some tricks!

Domestic Section Entry Form (see overleaf)

Please return entry form
by **Wednesday 15 June 2011** to:

Margaret Bryant, 9 Cunningham Park, Mabe
(or hand in to Mabe Youth and Community Project
or to the school secretary)



Volunteers needed for the Village Fayre

If you want to help out just a bit or even a lot, we'd appreciate your involvement. You could bake a cake for the cake stall, or some scones for selling as part of a cream tea or you could donate a raffle prize. Al-

ternatively, you might want to help run a stall – for instance, we still need someone to run the Barrel Cow. To volunteer, please phone Richard on 259861 or Jo on 340127.

Cakes and scones can be brought to the Community Hall anytime from 10am on the day of the Fayre or if you have a raffle prize, telephone George on 374193.



Tinpit Club

BragaTanga led another great Tinpit Club night in May, while support act, Fortuity (right) wowed the crowd with their singing. The next Tinpit Club will be in the Autumn - look out for posters.



Winners of the spring quiz

Well done to the four winners of the spring quiz: the Clayton Family, Lorraine Evans, Lilian Miller and Frances Walther. The answers are pinned up on the Community Hall noticeboard.

Diary After Death

It comes to us all in the end. One of Mabe's residents (an atheist of mature years) has been blogging his thoughts on what comes next... To read his views, visit www.diaryafterdeath.com.

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

Mabe Diary

June 2011

Until Sun 5 – Open Studios, including Mabe artists Lisa Harrison (ironwork and jewellery) at Smythick Forge, Trevone Quarry and Charlotte Jones (ceramics) at Trenoweth Chapel, Antron Hill; open 11am-5pm. See www.creativeskills.org.uk/open-studios-cornwall-2011.

Sun 5 – Holy Communion (8.30am) and **Parish Eucharist** (9.30am), Mabe Parish Church. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Sun 5 – Flicka Foundation Fun Run and Open Day, from 11am. See p 13.

Sun 5 – Big Community Lunch, Chyan Community Field, free. See p 13.

Tues 7 – Women’s Institute, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Talk by Jenny Richards: “Helping you solve your problems”. All are welcome. Contact Mary Hubber, 373390.

Wed 8 – Village Communion, WI Hall, 10.30am, followed by tea, coffee and chat. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Thurs 9 – Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda on Parish Notice Board. Open to the public. Contact Elinor O’Connor, 319799.

Fri 10 – Mabe Parish Church - Church Council meeting, 7.15pm, held at St Michael’s Church, Ponsanooth.

Sun 12 – Parish Eucharist, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Sun 12 – Mabe Parish Church Ecumenical Service, 3pm at Gwennap Pit with the Bishop of Truro preaching. A wonderful opportunity for folk to experience worship at this historic site. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Tues 14 – Cornwall Astronomy Society, WI Hall, 7.45pm. Contact Mick Harvey, 372897.

Fri 17 – Falmouth Summer Festival (UCF Degree shows), Tremough Campus, 6pm-9pm. Free entry. See p 15.

Sat 18 – Mabe Village Fayre, Community Hall and field. Stalls, domestic tent etc, 1pm-5pm; BBQ and licensed bar, 1pm-9pm; ceilidh, 6pm-9pm. Free entry to all events. See pp 6-9.

Sat 18 – Falmouth Summer Festival, 10am-4pm. See p 15 for details.

Sun 19 – Parish Eucharist, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Mon 20 to Fri 24 – Falmouth Summer Festival. See p 15.

Mon 20 – Mabe Garden Club, Community Hall, 7pm. Annual Flower Show with judges Alec Dale & Mary Burden. Contact Val Bidgood, 373984.

Thurs 23 – Cornwall Astronomy Society, WI Hall, 7.45pm. Contact Mick Harvey, 372897.

Thurs 23 – “Yeth an Werin” gathering for a chat in Cornish, New Inn, from 7.30pm. Turn up or visit the Maga website at: www.magakernow.org.uk.

Fri 24 – Charity Event at Carnsew Farm, evening. See p 13.

Fri 24 – Wine Tasting, Mabe School. Tickets from school on 372662.

Sun 26 – Parish Eucharist, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Thurs 30 – MYCP AGM, Community Hall, 8pm. See p 12.

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

July 2011

Fri 1 and Sat 2 – DesignEd. In Cornwall 2011

(exhibition of design and technology work from Cornish schools), Tremough Campus. See p 15.



Work on show at last year's DesignEd. In Cornwall exhibition (see 1 & 2 July)

Sat 2 – Mabe School Summer Fete. See p 14.

Sun 3 – Holy Communion (8.30am) and **Parish Eucharist** (9.30am), Mabe Parish Church. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Mon 4 – Mabe School Sports Day, 1.15pm, school field, weather permitting. (Reserve day in case of poor weather is Mon 11 July.)

Tues 5 – Women's Institute, WI Hall, 7.30pm. "Easy summer eats": talk and demonstration by Jane Mills. All are welcome. Contact Mary Hubber, 373390.

Sat 9 – Wild Food Walk, Chyan Community Field, see p 13.

Sun 10 (Sea Sunday) – Parish Eucharist with a maritime theme, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Sun 10 – Grow Your Own Organic Vegetables course, Chyan Community Field, see p 13.

Mon 11 – Reserve School Sports Day.

Tues 12 – Cornwall Astronomy Society, WI Hall, 7.45pm. Contact Mick Harvey, 372897.

Wed 13 – Village Communion, WI Hall, 10.30am, followed by tea, coffee and chat. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Thurs 14 – Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda on Parish Notice Board. Open to the public. Contact Elinor O'Connor, 319799.

Sun 17 – Family Service, Mabe Parish Church, 11am followed by a **picnic** - venue TBA (rearranged from 12 June). Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Mon 18 – Mabe Garden Club, Community Hall, 7pm. "Flowers for a summer party": talk by Jenny Ragg. New members welcome - contact Val Bidgood, 373984.

Sat 23 – Herbal Medicine Walk, Chyan Community Field. See p 13.

Sun 24 – Parish Eucharist, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Mon 25 – First day of summer holidays, Mabe School.

Thurs 28 – Cornwall Astronomy Society, WI Hall, 7.45pm. Contact Mick Harvey, 372897.

Thurs 28 – "Yeth an Werin" gathering. See Thurs 23 June.

Sat 30 – Pick Your Own Day, Chyan Community Field, free event. See p 13.

Sun 31 – Parish Eucharist, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

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Mabe Youth & Community Project AGM

This year's AGM will be on Thursday 30 June at 8pm in the Community Hall.

Come along and hear about what has happened during the last 12 months and, more importantly, some of the things that are planned for the next 12 months. The AGM will include voting in a team of officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary), and electing members of the Project's main committee (for which there will be 12 vacancies). If you've enjoyed a night out at the Hall or think that you could if only the right sort of thing was put on, come along and see if you want to get involved. We'll be serving teas, coffees, cakes and biscuits, all without charge.

The AGM is open to everyone over the age of 18 years who lives in the civic parish of Mabe.

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.
- Tues** **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.
Misty Mountain Line Dancers, beginners, 6pm-7.30pm; intermediate, 7.45pm-9.45pm. Contact Ann Williams, 01209 860607.
- Wed** **Fitness for all**, Community Hall, 6.15pm-7.15pm. Contact Oriel Bennett, 01726 883523.
Zumba Exercise Class, Community Hall, 7.30pm. Contact Gill, 07817 174 114.
- Thurs** **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.
- Fri** **Short Mat Bowls Club**, Community Hall, 2pm-4pm & 7-9pm. 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, Pon-sanooth – please see the Diary for the times of services.

What's On in Mabe

Flicka Foundation Fun Run and Open Day

If you like horses and donkeys, this one's for you! Flicka Foundation Horse and Donkey Sanctuary will be holding a Fun Run (5k) and Open Day on Sunday 5 June. The event starts at 11am and, as well as a chance to look around and see the rescued horses and donkeys, there will be cream teas, a tombola etc.



Flicka is located at Penty Noweth Farm, Trenoweth Lane, Mabe. For further details and to enter the run, contact Judy on 373601 or email info@flicka.org.uk.

Bands in the Barn for charity

Bands Small Wonder and Jonah's Lift will provide the entertainment at this year's charity fund-raiser at Carnsew Farm, Treliever Road, Mabe. Last year's event raised almost £3,000, an amazing total, and the organisers, Liz and Paul Dunstan, hope to do even better this year.

As well as the bands, there will be a bar and a pig roast. Tickets for the event on Friday 24 June are £10 and can be ordered from the farm on 373232.

Big Lunch and Pick Your Own at Chyan

Chyan Community Field is holding a series of events in June and July. On Sunday 5 June, there is a Big Community Lunch. Bring your favourite dish, your family secret recipe cake or home grown salad. Children's activities follow to wear off those saffron buns! Everyone welcome, no charge.

During July, there is a course on Growing Your Own Organic Vegetables (10 July) and two walks led by experts: a Wild Food Walk (9 July) and a Herbal Medicine Walk (23 July) - see the website for details and cost. Finally, in a free event on Saturday 30 July, Chyan is holding a Pick Your Own Day where you can pick your own fresh, organic low food miles fruit and vegetables and find out about Chyan's projects.

Chyan Community Field is located at Halvasso, TR10 9BT. For more info, visit www.chyan.org.uk, tel: 07583 217087, email: amelia@chyan.org.uk.

Mabe School Fete

Saturday 2 July 2011

11am – 3pm



Performances by the children –
singing and dancing, choir, recorders –
not forgetting Class 2's fabulous hoola hoop display!

Food and light refreshments
Tombola, hoop-la, hook-a-duck,
cakes and more....



Mabe Community Primary School, Cunningham Park, Mabe
Tel: 01326 372662

Wartime Mabe *(continued from p 16)*

With their long exciting convoys, and if you were lucky, gum! Highlights of the week were films in the Women's Institute hall – stars like George Formby were very popular. And picking blackberries for blackberry and apple pie – food of the gods!

The quarry in Trevone was a favourite haunt, riding in the lorry, watching the big Ruston-Bucyrus air compressor at work, and the impressive skills of the stone masons. I too remember the soldier at Tinpit, and was equally scared by stories that it moved at times! Saturday was a favourite day, because we had home-made pasties for lunch: I watched them being made for years, and now make my own in that way (and appreciate the work they take – but are worth it).

Those days shaped my life and were in large part the reason for our coming to my current home, London, Ontario, since Mabe instilled in me the love of countryside rather than the big city. My late wife, eldest daughter and myself visited, perhaps 25 years ago, to find Mabe much changed, but still with that appealing charm, and on a visit to the church on Sunday, even met an old acquaintance, Margery Warren.

They were wonderful days! And I look back on them, and the kind people I knew, with great fondness, and with gratitude to Mrs. Elinor O'Connor, for her kindness in keeping me in touch.

David Cornelias

Students' work on show at Tremough

The Falmouth Summer Festival, which runs from Friday 17 to Friday 24 June at Tremough, showcases work by students graduating from University College Falmouth. The work on show will include contemporary crafts, garden design, spatial design and 3D design, textiles, digital animation and photography (including marine & natural history photography, and press & editorial photography). The full Performance schedule (for courses in choreography, music, theatre etc) should be available shortly – visit www.falmouth.ac.uk for details.

The Festival is open to the local community and admission is free. Opening times are: Friday 17 June, 6pm-9pm; Saturday 18 June, 10am-4pm; Monday 20 to Friday 24 June, 10am-6pm.

For more details, contact: events@falmouth.ac.uk.

Cornish schools show off design and technology work



Work on show at last year's DesignEd. In Cornwall exhibition

Tremough will once again be hosting the annual DesignEd. In Cornwall exhibition at the beginning of July. DesignEd. In Cornwall showcases outstanding design and technology work produced by students at schools and colleges across Cornwall. It is the only large-scale exhibition of its kind in the country.

The exhibition includes work at both GCSE and post-16 level, with prizes sponsored by the region's business community for categories including Textiles & Fashion, Product Design, Technology, Sustainability, Food Technology, Graphic Design, Ceramics, Innovation and Craftsmanship.

The exhibition is open to the public during the day on Friday 1 and Saturday 2 July. Free admission. Check the University College Falmouth website nearer the date for times (www.falmouth.ac.uk).

Have you got something to say about Mabe?

Please send us your news, events, stories of the past or ideas for the August/September issue of Mabe Matters, to mabematters@aol.co.uk or by post to the MYCP address on p 16. Deadline: **Friday 15 July.**

Wartime Mabe: Memories of an evacuee

*A couple of issues ago, Mabe Matters featured an article by Mark Kessell on the granite soldier of Dore (near Sheffield). The soldier was carved in Trevone quarry, Mabe, which was owned by Edward Spargo & Son. Edward Spargo's granddaughter, Elinor O'Connor (clerk to Mabe Parish Council) sent a copy of the issue to **David Cornelias**, who lived with the Spargos as an evacuee during the war, and now lives in Canada.*

The tale of the granite soldier inspired David to describe his experience of being a wartime evacuee growing up in Mabe – and his memories of the plastercast model of the soldier.

I arrived in Mabe at age 5 in 1940, an evacuee from London in those early days of WW2, and had the great good fortune to be “adopted” by Edward and Hilda Spargo (not that they expected me, but that’s another story!). I stayed until the end of the war, and visited every school holiday thereafter, until Edward’s death, after which I visited Hilda in her home in Somerset.



David Cornelias with Edward and Hilda Spargo in 1944

During those war years I attended Mabe school (under headmaster Mr Putt), sang in the church choir (where Leonard Simons’ wonderful tenor voice led the way), and made good friends among the native Mabe residents (Peter Kessell, Terry Pascoe, June Young, Derek Burleigh come easily to mind – I wonder how their lives have gone?).



David Cornelias with Elinor Spargo (now O'Connor) in the garden at Melrose House, Mabe, c 1947

I have so many memories – walking to Penryn, since petrol was rationed, getting pasties from Rex Rapson’s shop on Tuesdays, being terrified of the dog in the New Inn’s car park, fresh fish from the shop in Falmouth (not, alas, available here), snow once in a (rare) while. Bombs on Falmouth, and Plymouth, the glow from which could be seen in the night sky, and bomb craters in fields from careless bombers, nights in the bomb shelter – and then, the Yanks came!

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