

# Mabe Matters

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## Community News

### Mabe couple welcome Princess Royal to boatyard

Mabe couple Dave Cockwell and Jo Clarkson had the honour of a visit from the Princess Royal to unveil their new series of motor launches.

The Princess Royal, accompanied by her husband Sir Tim Laurence, was on a visit to Falmouth and Mylor but found the time to drop into Cockwells Modern and Classic Boatbuilders at Mylor Creek Boatyard to unveil the new boat and to chat to the workforce.



The Princess Royal with Dave Cockwell and Jo Clarkson

Dave, the owner and Managing Director of Cockwells stated: "The Duchy 27 is the first of our new range of semi-production motor launches. We were all delighted with the royal visit. It was unfortunate the weather was not on our side but it was immensely satisfying to find Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and Sir Tim Laurence so interested in our business and impressed with our craftsmanship. I am really pleased that they took the time in their busy schedule to come and unveil our new Duchy 27."

The new boat will be shown at the Southampton Boat Show in September.

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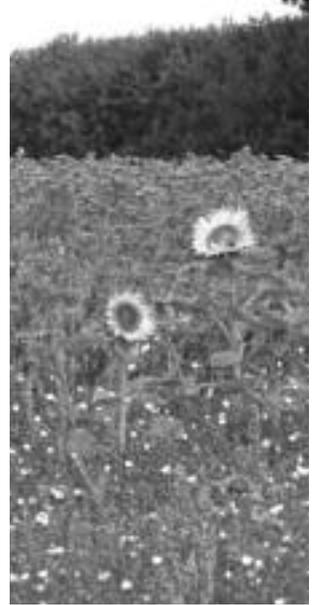
## Purple acres for the bees

The birds, bees and butterflies have been flying from miles around to visit the purple field on Treliiever Road, planted up with flowers especially for them. The field has attracted a lot of human interest too with passers-by asking neighbouring residents what the flowers are.

Paul Dunstan of Carnsew Farm, who farms several hundred acres locally said that he felt he could spare five acres for the birds and insects. The field is planted as follows:

- 8 metres around the edge of the field are oil seed rape, buckwheat, phacelia and maize - seed for the birds;
- 1 acre sunflowers and linseed - birds and insects;
- 3 1/2 acres phacelia, borage and sweet clover (red and yellow) for bees.

The phacelia has purple flowers which have been buzzing with bumble bees and honey bees. And we know that wildlife is travelling from far and wide because the Dunstans had a visit from a bee-keeper who lives in Mylor. Liz Dunstan reports: "He said that he had been driving around looking to see where his bees were getting the phacelia pollen and nectar from. Imagine the bees flying all that way!"



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## Sikh surprise!

A Sikh lady called Daya Stafford visited our school. It was a surprise because we only found out when she arrived. She taught us about Sikhism and we dressed up in Indian Sikh clothes. The girls wore colourful dresses and the boys wore turbans and medium jackets. I wore an enormous brown hat – flat on top and round. We also learnt how to bow in front of the Guru Granth Sahib – the Sikh Holy Book.



We also learnt how to make chapattis. First we had to roll small dough balls, then we got a rolling pin and flattened them, putting a little flour on them, then we cooked them – it took hardly any time – about 2 minutes to fry. Then we buttered them and then we put on potato curry. Daya made the curry at home but my

group sorted it out into separate equal amounts. Then we ate the chapattis. They were extremely tasty.  
*Alex and James, Mabe School.*

## Surfing Club

*A Surfing Club has been added to the Sailing Club at Mabe School this term. Mr Mark Robins, the Class 4 teacher runs the Surfing Club in conjunction with Gwithian Surf Instructors at Gwithian or Godrevy Beaches. About 20 children attend and are reported to have great fun. The club will continue into next term. The Sailing Club is run via the Helford River Sailing Trust on Tuesday evenings.*



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## Mabe Fayre

Organisers had to grit their teeth in the face of high winds and hard rain while setting up for this year's Mabe Fayre. Torrential showers during the morning threatened to wash stalls and attractions away. However, by the afternoon the worst of the weather had passed and there was even the occasional glimpse of sunshine through the clouds as lots of people from the village came along.

One of the focal points of this year's Fayre was the return of the 'domestic tent' (in the community hall), which attracted more than 120 entries from people ranging in age from 4 to 80+ years.

The Fayre raised in excess of £1,100 to help maintain the community hall and playground and a further £500 for the various groups and societies that use the hall on a regular basis.

Fayre coordinator, Barbara Hewett-Silk told Mabe Matters, "I would like to thank everyone for making the Farye such a good event. It was lovely to see so many children with their parents having a good time and I hope that MYCP will continue to hold events that involve the whole village as well as raising funds"



*The Mabe Garden Club committee had a great day at the very blustery Mabe Village Fayre in June, battling to keep Gazebo, Plants and Bunting under control.*

*(Left to right, Val Bidgood, Secretary; Margaret Barnicoat, Treasurer; Pauline Birkett, Treasurer and Dot Wickham, Chairman).*

## Mabe Councillors visit Tremo'

Mabe parish councillors were recently given a site tour and a visual presentation on planned developments of Tremough Campus. The Campus falls within our Civic Parish and is shared by University of Exeter (UoE) and University College Falmouth (UCF).

The site tour took in the new Performance Centre (pictured), which provides a recording studio, rehearsal and various performance spaces. UCF's Jeremy Whitaker told the parish councillors that from September the Centre is looking to run a full programme of events, many of which will be open to the general public.

The visual presentation included artist impressions of four major buildings projects currently under



Photo: UCF

construction. These include the Tremough Innovation Centre building, overlooking the Treliever roundabout, along with the Academy for Innovation & Research (AIR) and the Environment and Sustainability Institute. UoE's Steve Trotter told councillors that the last of the buildings is

scheduled for completion by September 2012, by which time total student numbers on the site are expected to reach about 4,000.

During questions, councillors raised concerns about total student numbers, and also about the number of students living in the local community. The visit was however welcomed as a chance for the councillors to see the Campus, understand the developments going on there, and to raise issues of concern to people living in Mabe.

*Cllr Richard Scrase*

### **300 Club: old members and new**

If you haven't renewed your 300 Club membership yet, please give Martin Brown your subscription as soon as possible.

And if you are not a member of the 300 Club, why not join now? It costs £10 a year (or a small weekly payment) which goes towards supporting the Community Hall, playground, skate park and field, and you could win one of the prizes in the quarterly draw. Please contact MYCP Treasurer, Martin Brown (01326 375766) for details.



*Mabe School's Sports Day on Monday 4 July was a highly competitive occasion, involving a round robin of events and running races which culminated in a win for the Green Team. The day also included a water balloon challenge (which left many people wet) as well as races for Mums, Dads and toddlers.*

## **Local fund-raisers**

Hilary and Roger Phillips raised over £500 when they held a fund raising event for Cancer Research at their home in Carnsew Close on Friday 15 July. Their money was raised through the sale of bacon rolls, cream teas and refreshments, as well as a raffle and the sale of generously donated items.

Hilary and Roger would like to thank everyone who helped at this event and for all those who came along and supported it.

At a separate event, Paul and Liz Dunstan raised £3,216 from their

annual mid-summer event at Carnsew Farm, featuring two local bands. It was a good evening despite the rain, with at least 350 people attending. The money raised was split evenly between Clic Sargent and the Hospice.

Two other recent events raised funds for the school. The Summer Fete on Saturday 2 July was blessed with fantastic weather and was well supported by the community and raised £1,692, while an entertaining wine tasting evening, run by Andrew Rowe from Constantine Stores, raised £204.

Unfortunately the Teddy Bears' picnic at Mabe Parish Church on 17 July had to be held inside because of the delightful inclement British Summer weather, which probably also deterred some folk from attending. But as the Good Book says, "when two or three are gathered together in my name" they will have a good time.

A number of teddies adorned the pews, along with a variety of other cuddly toys purporting to be teddy bears. The theme of the service was 'comfort' and what people turn to in times of need for security and reassurance. After the service people tucked into their picnics and there were quizzes for children and adults. It was a lovely service and everyone enjoyed themselves.



*Martin Brown*

# Mabe Diary

## August

**Sat 6 & Sun 7 – BF Adventure Open Weekend.** *See p.9.*

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

**Tues 9 – Cornwall Astronomy Society,** WI Hall, 7.45pm. Talk: "The sky this month". Contact Bob Beeman, 341164.

**Wed 10 – Village Communion,** WI Hall, 10.30am, followed by tea, coffee and a chat. Contact Martin Brown, 375766.

**Sat 13 & Sun 14 – BF Adventure Open Weekend.** *See p.9.*

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

*Mon 15 – No meeting of Mabe Garden Club.*

**Sat 20 – 5th Anniversary Celebration** at the New Inn, live music, BBQ. 7pm onwards. *See p.8.*

**Sat 20 & Sun 21 – BF Adventure Open Weekend.** *See p.9.*

**Sun 21 – Parish Eucharist.** *See Sun 14 August.*

*Thurs 25 – No meeting of Cornwall Astronomy Society or "Yeth an Werin".*

**Sat 27 & Sun 28 – BF Adventure Open Weekend.** *See p.9.*

**Sun 28 – Parish Eucharist.** *See Sun 14 August.*

**Sun 28 – Charity Quiz** in aid of Marie Curie, New Inn, 8pm. *See p.10.*

**Mon 29 (Bank Holiday) – Mabefest.** *See p.8.*

## September

**Sat 3 and Sun 4 – last of the BF Adventure Open Weekends.** *See p.9.*

**Sat 3 – "Back to School" evening,** New Inn, from 8.30pm. Karaoke, fancy dress, disco, games etc. Contact Martine or Tim, 373428.

**Sun 4 – Holy Communion and Parish Eucharist.** *See Sun 7 August.*

**Mon 5 – Haunted Men seminar,** University College Falmouth, Tremough Campus. *See p.10.*

**Tues 6 to Sat 10 – MA Shows 2011,** University College Falmouth, Tremough Campus. *See p.10.*

**Sun 11 – Parish Eucharist.** *See Sun 14 August.*

**Tues 13 – Cornwall Astronomy Society.** *See Tues 9 August.*

**Wed 14 – Village Communion.** *See Wed 10 August.*

**Sat 17 – Sat 24, Best of British Food Week** at the New Inn. *See p.10.*

**Sun 18 – Harvest Festival/Patronal Service and Brownies Parade,** Mabe Parish Church, 10.30am. *See p.8.*

**Mon 19 – Mabe Garden Club,** Community Hall, 7pm. Talk by Debbie Evans (Secretary of the Cornwall Garden Society). Contact Val Bidgood, 373984.

**Thurs 22 – Cornwall Astronomy Society,** WI Hall, 7.45pm. Talk by Dr Simon Naylor. Contact Bob Beeman, 341164.

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

**Thurs 22 – “Yeth an Werin” gathering** for conversation in Cornish, New Inn, from 7.30pm. Turn up or see [www.magakernow.org.uk](http://www.magakernow.org.uk).

**Sun 25 – Parish Eucharist.** See *Sun 14 August*.

**Mon 26 – Blood Donor Session,** Community Hall, 1.15pm – 3.30pm & 4.45pm – 7.30pm. Contact National Blood Service, 0300 123 23 23 or visit [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) to book a session.

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## Weekly Events

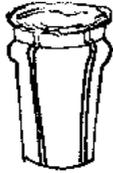
Events held weekly in Mabe Community Hall, Cunningham Park and Mabe WI Hall, Antron Hill.

- Mon**     **Short Mat Bowls Club,** Community Hall, 2pm-4pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.  
          **Mabe Keep Fit Club,** WI Hall, 7pm. Contact Janet Johns, 373090.  
          *(Not last two Mondays in August.)*
- 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**     **Sure Start Scheme,** Community Hall, 9.45am-11am. Contact Penryn Children’s Centre, 377865.  
          **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**    **Carpet Bowls Club,** Community Hall, 2pm-4pm. Contact Arthur Searle, 377088.  
          **Brownies,** Community Hall, 6.15pm-8pm. Contact Jackie Williams, 372863. *(No meetings in August.)*
- 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, Ponsanooth – please see the Diary for the times of services.

# What's On in Mabe

## **5th Anniversary Celebration at the New Inn**

Tim and Martine Simpkins and family are celebrating five years running the New Inn with a party on Saturday 20 August.



There will be live bands and a BBQ, drinks promotions, special offers and more. If the weather's fine, it'll all take place in the garden. If it's not, the party will carry on inside instead. Events start from 7pm.

So why not join Tim and Martine to celebrate Mabe's favourite pub!

## **Mabefest 2011**

Mabefest promises to be an entertaining open air music festival, with bands, competitions, fairground rides, food and licensed bar.

Headlining in the evening are three popular tribute bands – Legend: The Bob Marley Experience, Abba's Angels and Kings of Queen. Other attractions include a Battle of the Bands, a Miss Mabefest competition, and Abba Fancy Dress competition.

*Bank Holiday Monday, 29 August, 10am – Midnight, Shindig Field, Antron Hill. Details from [www.mabefest.co.uk](http://www.mabefest.co.uk) or phone 07966 511115.*

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## **Harvest Festival and birthday celebrations at Parish Church**



At Mabe Parish Church on Sunday 18 September, we will be combining a number of our 'special' services.

Firstly, the service is our Harvest Festival and we will be asking people to bring along items which can be donated to the Penryn Foodbank. (Please see the posters in the entrance to Mabe Shop nearer the time.)

The service will also include a 'Parade Sunday' for the 1st Mabe (St Laudus) Brownies who meet on a Thursday evening in Mabe Community Hall, during term time. The pack has strong links with Mabe Parish Church and this is an opportunity for the Brownies and Church folk to celebrate the link.

Lastly, the service will also be the Church's Patronal Service. The Church is dedicated to St Laudus who was a 6th century French bishop from Coutances in Normandy, noted for his cure of a blind girl. A 'Patronal Service' is like a birthday for the Church and we will have a cake, but not with the exact number of candles to mark how old the Church is, as it would have to be a massive cake and be a fire risk, since the Church is over 600 years old!

The service will start at 10.30am and will be followed by refreshments.

Please come along to this service to support the Brownies, the Penryn Foodbank and to celebrate the existence of your Parish Church which is a truly wonderful and spiritual 600 year-old place of worship. *Martin - Reader, Mabe Parish Church*

## Summer adventures at Goodygrane

There's loads of fun outdoor activities for both children and adults this summer at Goodygrane Activity Centre in Halvasso, run by the charity, BF Adventure.

**Open weekends** – every Saturday and Sunday in August until Sunday 4 September.

Come and try exciting outdoor activities including Zip wire, Archery, Rock Climbing, Abseiling, Canoeing, Bush craft, Orienteering and much more.....

Also on offer: cakes, refreshments and BBQ or a campfire.

No prior booking is needed, just come in and join the fun! Activities are suitable for children aged 7+. Under 17s must be accompanied by an adult. Every weekend will have different activities on offer, so check the website or phone us before your visit.

Activities start from £10 (adult) & £8 (child). (No card payments.)

**Holiday Activity Days for children** – every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in August.

Exciting and fun outdoor programmes for children aged 7+, including rock climbing challenges, canoe contests, bush craft days and beach safaris.

Activity Days run from 9.30am to 3.30pm and cost £27 per child (advance booking required).

Email [nicolaa@bfadventure.org](mailto:nicolaa@bfadventure.org) or phone 01326 340912. BF Adventure, Goodygrane Activity Centre, Halvasso, TR10 9BX.



**Cymaz (Cornwall Youth Music Action Zone) - believes in the power of music to transform lives and communities.**

## Adult helpers needed for teenagers' music group run by charity Cymaz

A trained youth worker will provide music sessions for age 13+ in the Community Hall, but we need parents or other adults to help. Sessions will be Mondays, 4.30 – 6.30pm.

To express an interest, please contact Jo on 01326 340127.

(Teenagers who wish to take part can also express an interest now.)



## Masculinity in Victorian Ghost Stories

Do you like reading Victorian and Edwardian ghost stories and fancy a bit of academic debate to intrigue and stimulate your mind?

UCF's Department of Writing is holding a one day symposium at Tremough to discuss the issue of masculinity in the ghost stories of the Victorian and Edwardian eras. The ghost stories of this period are often cited in contemporary commentary as a female genre, which follows the growing agitation for women's rights throughout the period.

But what of representations of men and masculinity?

The symposium offers a forum for discussion, exploration and the critique of a range of issues and ideas around the masculine and the figure of the man, as well as issues of feminization, rationality, the paranormal, language, history, class, embodiment, the family and the familiar. Authors discussed will include Rhoda Broughton, M R James, Charles Dickens, Catherine Crowe, Henry James, Charlotte Ridell, Charlotte M Yonge and W S Gilbert.

The day is billed as fascinating and fun and is open to anyone interested.

*Monday 5 September, 9am to 6pm, Tremough Campus, Treliever Road, TR10 9EZ. Admission is free: register at [hauntedmen.eventbrite.com](http://hauntedmen.eventbrite.com) by Monday 15 August.*

## Charity Quiz Night

The New Inn is holding a charity quiz on Bank Holiday Sunday in aid of Marie Curie. Entry is £2 per person; teams of up to 4 people, if possible. Spot prizes at the end of each round and a raffle to help raise more money.

*Sunday 28 August, starting at 8pm, New Inn, Church Road, Mabe.*

## Best of British Food Week

The New Inn will be marking Best of British Food Week (17 - 24 September). See publicity nearer the time on meal deals etc.

## MA Shows 2011

Work by University College Falmouth students graduating from Master of Arts courses will be exhibited from Tuesday 6 until Saturday 10 September at Tremough Campus (and also at UCF's Woodlane Campus in Falmouth). The work on show will come from a range of courses in Art, Design, Media and Performance.

*Tuesday 6 to Friday 9 September, 10am - 4pm; Saturday 10 September, 11am - 4pm. Admission free. See [www.falmouth.ac.uk](http://www.falmouth.ac.uk) for more details.*

## Have you got something to say about Mabe?

Please send us your news, events, stories of the past or ideas for the October/November issue of Mabe Matters, to [mabematters@aol.co.uk](mailto:mabematters@aol.co.uk) or by post to the MYCP address on p 12. Deadline: **Friday 16 September 2011.**

## Are you concerned about traffic and parking in Mabe?

Recent issues of *Mabe Matters* have included reference to efforts to implement some of the proposed actions identified in the Parish Plan.

With this in mind, a small group of residents and other interested parties (including Mabe School head teacher, Paul Hayes, and local Cornwall councillor, Chris Ridgers) met recently at the New Inn to discuss road traffic and parking issues in the village.

Issues raised included the absence of an adequate pavement outside the New Inn, the potential benefits of a 20mph speed limit in the village and of reducing the speed limit at the top of Antron Hill (currently 60mph) when approaching from Longdowns, the impact of the car boot sale, and parking for users of the village shop.

***The road traffic group would like to hear from as many local residents and business owners as possible. If you have something to say on this issue and would like to attend future meetings, telephone Richard Scrase on 01326 259861 or email mabematters@aol.com.***

The group's next meeting will be in the autumn.

### Letter to the Editor

*Since moving to Mabe just over 10 years ago, I have watched Church Road practically turn into a motorway. Huge juggernauts, as tall as my cottage and as wide as the road, shake the house and block out the daylight as they (sometimes) wait to let other traffic through. Surely these vehicles do not belong on a small country lane? Could there be a width restriction somewhere along the road?*

*Church Road is a 30mph zone, but this is usually completely ignored and traffic speeds through without any consideration that there are no pavements along most of the road. I have to step out of my gateway directly onto the road and there is not usually time to get across the road without dodging the speeding traffic. I have also lost a cat, which was killed in front of my house.*

*There have been at least 4 collisions over*

*the past 9 months on the junction (Tinpit Corner) which joins the road leading to Mabe Church. I park my car at the entrance to the field at that junction and several times, while waiting on the bend to turn into that road, have almost been hit by traffic cutting over the other side of the road on that bend. Also, as I do not have a parking space at my house, I have to park outside to load/unload shopping etc and the intolerance of those who have to wait for a few seconds to allow any oncoming traffic to pass is unbelievable!*

*I feel that Church Road should be a 20mph zone and if that is not possible, there should be a flashing speed restriction sign.*

*I like living in Mabe, but if things do not improve or change, I feel that I will need to move. Thank you for reading.*

Maureen Moore

# Normandy Veterans 2011

Many years ago, following a conversation in the New Inn, local resident John Harris arranged for himself and a couple of other veterans to visit Normandy where they had been involved in active service following the "D" Day landings on 6 June 1944. They took part in the remembrance ceremonies and, as word of their successful visit spread, more veterans and their families wanted to take part in the annual pilgrimage. The group - now known as the "Mabe Flotilla" - has gone from using cars, then mini-buses and latterly a 33-seater coach!



Unfortunately, following the visit in 2007, John Harris passed away. The group now travels under the leadership of Ivor Pascoe and under the banner of the Landing Craft Association (Cornish Division).

This year, the group left Mabe on 5 June and travelled, via Portsmouth and Cherbourg, to the Hotel de La Marine in Arromanche, where they are based for the duration of their visit each year. On 6 June, following a visit to the Canadian Museum at Courseulles-Sur-Mer (Juno Beach), wreathes were laid at the Royal Marine Memorial at Ouistreham. Later in the day, veterans took part in the service and parade at Arromanche (Gold Beach). On the following day, the group visited Pegasus Bridge, Ranville Cemetery, Merville Battery and the Grand Bunker in Ouistreham (Sword Beach). 8 June saw the group visiting the western beaches of Omaha and Utah, the Omaha Museum, St Mere Eglise and the American Cemetery at Colleville-Sur-Mer. On the last day, visits were made to the gun battery at Longues-Sur-Mer and to the museum and cemetery at Bayeux, before stopping at a supermarché for some last minute shopping. The group returned on 10 June, taking the Caen to Portsmouth route.

Unfortunately, one of the regular pilgrims, former tank driver Leon Williams, was unable to go this year due to a broken hip. The group wishes him a speedy recovery. Arrangements are already being made for the visit next year.

*Dave Ward*

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