
Mabe Matters

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Community News

First Mabefest to be the last?

Mabe's first Mabefest may also have been its last.

The organisers, Geoff and Louise Camden Wiles, have confirmed to *Mabe Matters* that they will be looking for another venue next year. They stated: "After very careful consideration regretfully Car Boots Cornwall and Roseworthy Farms have decided that Mabefest 2012 will not be held at Mabe and will move to another venue."

The all-day event, which was held on August Bank Holiday Monday on the "Showground" at the top of Antron Hill, split opinion in the village. It was either an "outstanding success" or an event "for private profit, with noise and traffic to the detriment of the residents of Mabe".

Mabefest included tribute bands and competitions such as Battle of the Bands, Miss Mabefest and Abba Fancy Dress, with big prize money. A total of 3,700 people attended, according to the organisers, although others estimated attendance to have been much lower.

Geoff Camden Wiles told *Mabe Matters* that the event had made a financial loss, but said that he was otherwise pleased with how things went.

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Mabe school pupil Finn Hellier, 9, (shown here practising at home) was delighted to come second with his band, *Relentless*, in the *Battle of the Bands at Mabefest*. *Photo: Mike Hellier*

Opinion split over Mabefest

Village opinion appears divided over Mabefest. Many locals attended and enjoyed themselves. Sarah Bulley from Gweal Darras said: *"A group of us from the village went along together and we all had a brilliant time. We enjoyed the acts, though it was a shame the rides weren't open in the evening and there could have been more for children to do, but we had a great day and are looking forward to next year!"*

But others were less happy with the noise, traffic and smell of fast food on a Bank Holiday. Four Antron Hill residents contacted *Mabe Matters* to complain. One said: *"An agricultural field has changed into Mabe Showground. It started as a Shindig once a year to benefit the community. Now we have car boots and the Mabefest for private profit, with noise and traffic to the detriment of the residents of Mabe."*

Following Geoff Camden Wiles's announcement, it looks like next August's Bank Holiday may be quiet in Mabe after all.

Lisa Foreman will be running the Eden Project Half Marathon (13.1 miles) on Sunday 9 October to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Trust. Lisa's son Dillon, a pupil at Mabe School, suffers from CF.

The CF Trust aims to raise £6m so that gene therapy trials can begin in 2012. It is hoped these trials will make significant strides towards finding a cure for the condition, which causes digestive problems, lung damage and requires constant treatments.

Sponsors will have free entry to the Eden Project on the day. You can sponsor Lisa at www.virginmoney-giving.com/lisaforeman or there are sponsor forms in Mabe Shop.



Photo: Falmouth Road Runners

There's a lot in the news about youth unemployment, but local lad, **Rory Boshier**, is aiming to ensure that he has a trade that will last him for life.

Rory, who is 16 and lives in Antron Lane, is one of two keen and enthusiastic young apprentices who signed up to Cockwells' four-year boatbuilding apprenticeship programme in September 2011.

Rory explained: "I signed up for the apprenticeship scheme at Cockwells because it seemed to offer just what I was looking for which did not seem to be available elsewhere. There is not a lot of choice at full time college for practical trades. I do go to Camborne College one day a week to do a furniture making course level 2. Combining this with four days of hands-on work experience at Cockwells means I will have a trade in which I can always get a job."



Photo: Jo Clarkson

Traffic in Mabe

Issue 6 of *Mabe Matters* included a piece about traffic, which resulted in many letters expressing concern about traffic volumes and speed.

The points raised by various residents include: the need for lower speed limits on the Longdowns to Mabe road (currently a derestricted zone); excessive traffic passing through the village on Sundays due to the car boot sale; lowering the speed limit through the village to 20mph; and the "general uselessness" of the pinch point just up from the Kernick roundabout.

Interested residents are expected to meet again shortly with the aim of drawing up a comprehensive list of issues to discuss with representatives of Cornwall Council's Highways

Department, ahead of canvassing the views of all Mabe residents to establish what they want done and in what order.

Cllr Richard Scrase, Mabe Parish Council

Keith parties at the palace

Former Parish Council Chairman, **Keith Bryant**, and his wife Margaret, recently enjoyed a trip to London to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Keith was nominated because of his many years of service to the local community, and said that he felt very honoured to be recognised.

The garden party was held on a beautiful warm sunny day, when the gardens were at their best, and Keith and Margaret have several mementoes of the day, as well as many happy memories.

College reservoir to be re-opened

Plans are in place to re-open public access to College Reservoir, according to its owner, South West Lakes Trust.



The Trust is hoping to re-instate the path along the western (Mabe) edge of the reservoir, with the eventual aim of linking Penryn to Argal Reservoir and the network of footpaths beyond. According to SW Lakes Trust, the plans would create a habitat corridor and enhance the biodiversity of the site.

Although it is possible walk round the reservoir at the moment (and many local residents do), it is officially closed to the public and the footpaths are in a very poor state of repair.

Once access is re-opened, the Trust hopes to involve local people, schoolchildren and students in managing the reservoir as a nature reserve, and intends to carry out environmental research, training and work experience at the reservoir.

SW Lakes Trust is currently seeking funding for the project from the SITA Trust and Asda Foundation. Mabe Parish Council supports the plan.



Photos: Charlotte Jones

Boundaries to change back?

If boundary changes proposed by the government are implemented, Mabe parish will move back into the historic constituency of Falmouth/Camborne (including Penryn) in 2013. We are currently on the eastern edge of the Camborne/Redruth constituency, while our nearest towns, Penryn and Falmouth, are in the Falmouth/Truro constituency.

The plan is part of changes designed to reduce the number of MPs and to make sure that each constituency

has a similar number of voters. The proposals also include the controversial plan to combine Cornish and Devonian districts together for the first time in the proposed Bude and Bideford constituency.

The public consultation on the proposals continues until 5 December 2011. If you want to comment, visit www.independent.gov.uk/boundarychanges. There will also be a public hearing in Truro on 10 and 11 November at the Alverton Manor Hotel. Visit the website or phone 020 7276 1102 for more details.

Penryn College pupils raise £110 for Yemeni man

A cream tea afternoon in Mabe organised by six Penryn College pupils, raised £110 for Sabri, a man in Yemen whose house was tragically burned down during protests.

Penryn College is part of the Connecting Classroom project linking Cornwall with Yemen, and there have been visits by teachers from both countries over the past two years. **Melissa Mitchell** from Mabe was struck by the story of Sabri, and decided to raise money for him, with help from other Penryn College pupils, including **Ryan Williams**, also from Mabe.

Aumbry Appeal

You are probably wondering what an "Aumbry" is?

An Aumbry is an old English word for a safe or cupboard and is used to hold the consecrated or reserved elements. The elements are the bread and wine a Priest has blessed in readiness for use at Holy Communion, usually in the homes of the sick, elderly and housebound.

The presence of these "reserved" elements is signified by a lamp. The Aumbry may also hold holy oils used for anointing the sick.

We wish to install an Aumbry in the Lady Chapel at your Parish Church (St Laudus), and Fr John Savage wonders if there is anyone who would like to make a donation towards the cost of installing an Aumbry and a lamp, which could for example be commemorated to the memory of a loved one.

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this Aumbry, which would enhance not only the fabric of the Church but also improve the service we provide to the Parish, then please contact Fr John Savage on (01326) 259739. *Martin Brown, Reader*



Members of Mabe Garden Club enjoyed their recent visit to Trebah Garden when Head Gardener, Darren Dickey (pictured kneeling) led the group on an excellent guided tour of the Garden.

Photo: Val Bidgood

Our Village Church

There are many in the village who would think that St Laudus Church has nothing or little to do with them. However, we have within our parish a building of historic interest, which has been in use for at least 500 years. This is a village "asset" to be proud of. The Victorians certainly valued it because after it was badly damaged by lightning in 1868, they restored it to the church we see today.

There is a regular congregation for Sunday worship, but others only expect the church to be there for baptisms, weddings and funerals. Also, the loved ones of many buried in the churchyard visit their graves. Like every building and churchyard, money is needed if they are to be maintained in their present state of repair. To this end a small Charitable Trust was formed called Friends of St Laudus. Its aim is to receive donations which can be used solely for the upkeep and benefit of the church and churchyard. When donations are made directly to the church, a proportion is taken by the Diocese. This is not the case with the Friends. The Friends recently paid around £3,000 for the installation of a kitchen, which is used for refreshments at the end of services, and



Illustration: St Laudus Church, by Alice Foster

also when concerts or other events are held.

The church now needs new wire meshes to protect the valuable stained glass windows which will cost around £2,000 and in due course work will have to be done on the roof. There is ongoing maintenance of the churchyard too. The Friends is there to help in this type of expense.

If you want to support your parish's historic building and churchyard but you are not a churchgoer and feel uncomfortable giving to the church, then please help the Friends of St Laudus. One-off donations or regular giving may be sent to the Friends Treasurer: David Charles, Eathorne Manor, Constantine, TR11 5PJ. Cheques should be made payable to "Friends of St Laudus".

David Charles

Mabe Diary

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

October 2011

Sat 1 – Quiz Evening, Community Hall, 7.30pm. £2.00 entry per person or £4 including a pasty. Tickets from Jackie Williams on 372862.

Sun 2 – no services at Mabe Parish Church (service at St Michael's Ponsanooth at 11am).

Sun 2 – Flicka Foundation Charity Fun Dog Show and Open Day, Penty Noweth Farm, Trenoweth Lane. 11am to 5pm. *See p.13 for details.*

Tues 4 – Women's Institute, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Demonstration by Mrs Jacky Law: "Decorated biscuits for Christmas". All are welcome. Contact Mary Hubber, 373390.

Sat 8 – Quarrython 2011, Goody-grane Activity Centre. Charity competition to support BF Adventure. *See p.12 for details.*

Sat 8 – Table Top Sale, Community Hall, 2pm to 4pm. £5 per table. *See p.12 for details.*

Sun 9 – Holy Communion (8.30am) and Parish Eucharist (9.30am), Mabe Parish Church. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Tues 11 – Cornwall Astronomy Society, WI Hall, 7.45pm. Talk: "The sky this month". Contact Bob Beeman, 341164.

Wed 12 – Village Communion, WI Hall, 10.30am, followed by tea, coffee and a chat. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Wed 12 – Lianne Hall & Rae Spoon (music), Tremough Performance Centre, 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). *See p.14 for details.*

Thurs 13 – The Devil's Violin Company, "Orpheus and Other Greek Myths", Tremough Performance Centre, 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). *See p.14 for details.*

Thurs 13 – Parish Council Meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda on Parish Notice Board. Open to the public. Contact Elinor O'Connor, 319799.

Fri 14 – Bookhouse Boys, Tremough Performance Centre, 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). *See p.14 for details.*

Sat 15 – Apple Day, Chyan Community Field. *See p.12 for details.*

Sun 16 – Parish Eucharist, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Mon 17 – Garden Club, Community Hall, 7pm. "Winter Containers": talk and demonstration by Vicki Marshall. New members welcome. Contact Val Bidgood, 373984.

Fri 21 – Yvon Bonenfant-Beacons, Tremough Performance Centre, 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). *See p.14 for details.*

Sat 22 – Mabe Garden Club Coffee Morning. *See p.13 for details.*

Sun 23 – Parish Eucharist. *See Sun 16 for details.*

Mon 24 to Mon 31 (inclusive) – half-term plus Inset Day, Mabe School.





HALLOWEEN DISCO AT THE NEW INN

KARAOKE, FANCY DRESS AND PRIZES

SAT 29 OCTOBER, FROM 8.30PM

Tues 25 – Digital Economy: Research in Practice, talk given by Professor Jeremy Diggle, Chapel Lecture Theatre, Tremough Campus, 5.30pm. Admission free, but ticket required. Open to all. Further information from www.falmouth.ac.uk or email Magda.Tyzlik-Carver@falmouth.ac.uk.

Thurs 27 – Cornwall Astronomy Society, WI Hall, 7.45pm. Contact Bob Beeman, 341164.

Thurs 27 – “Yeth an Werin” gathering for conversation in Cornish, New Inn, from 7.30pm. Turn up or see www.magakernow.org.uk for details.

Fri 28 – Frontman by Action Hero, Tremough Performance Centre, 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). See p.14 for details.

Sat 29 – Halloween Disco. See advert above.

Sun 30 – Parish Eucharist. See Sun 16 for details.

Sun 30 – Charity Quiz in aid of the Handstand Appeal, New Inn, 8.30pm. See p.13 for details.

British Summer Time ends on Sunday 30 October at 1am, when clocks go back an hour.

November 2011

Tues 1 – Women’s Institute, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Talk by Mrs. Underwood: “The Hospice Care Charity Shop.” All are welcome. Contact Mary Hubber, 373390.

Wed 2 – Mass for All Souls’ Day, 7pm, Mabe Parish Church. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

Thurs 3 – “Dance, Camera, Action”, The Media Centre Cinema, Tremough Campus, 6.30pm- 9.30pm. See p.14 for details.



Sun 6 – Holy Communion and Parish Eucharist. See Sun 9 October for details.

Tues 8 – Cornwall Astronomy Society. See Tues 11 October for details.

Wed 9 – Village Communion. See Wed 12 October for details.

Thurs 10 – Parish Council Meeting. See Thurs 13 October for details.

Thurs 10 – “O-region: One Darke Night” (celebrating the work of Nick Darke), Studio A, The Performance Centre, Tremough Campus, 7.30pm - 9pm. See p.14 for details.

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

Sun 13 – Remembrance Sunday Service, 9.30am, Mabe Parish Church. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.



Tues 15 – “Small Petit Klein: Falling Man” (contemporary dance), Studio B, Tremough Performance Centre, 7.30pm-9.30pm. *See p.14 for details.*

Thurs 17 – “Listen To This: Music We'd Like to Hear in Falmouth”, Apartment House Ensemble, Studio L, Tremough Performance Centre, 7.30pm- 10pm. *See p.14 for details.*

Sat 19 – Coffee Morning in aid of the Phoenix Stroke Appeal. *See p.13 for details.*

Sat 19 – Tinpit Club, Community Hall, 7.30pm to 11pm. *See p.11 for details.*

Sun 20 – Parish Eucharist. *See Sun 16 October for details.*

Mon 21 – Garden Club, Community Hall, 7pm. “A guided tour through the seasons at Trebah”: talk by Trebah’s Head Gardener, Darren Dickey. New members welcome. Contact Val Bidgood, 373984.

Thurs 24 – Cornwall Astronomy Society. *See Thurs 27 October for details.*

Thurs 24 – “Yeth an Werin” gathering. *See Thurs 27 October for details.*

Thurs 24 – Sadio Cissokho: Music from Senegal, Studio L, Tremough Performance Centre, 7.30pm-9.30pm. *See p.14 for details.*



Fri 25 – Blood donation session, Community Hall, 1.15pm to 3.30pm and 4.45pm to 7.30pm. To book a slot, call 0300 123 2323 or visit www.blood.co.uk.

Sat 26 – Mabe Age Concern Table Top Sale. *See p.13 for details.*

Sat 26 – Mabe Christmas Cracker, Community Hall, an evening of songs, variety and old-style entertainment. See posters for details.

Sun 27 – Advent Sunday - no morning service at Mabe Parish Church.

Candlelit Advent Carol Service and Christingle at 6pm, followed by refreshments. (If the road to the church is flooded, snow-bound or otherwise impassable, the service will take place in the Community Hall.)

December dates

The **Village Christmas lights** will be switched on at 6.30pm on Thursday 8 December, complete with carols and refreshments.

The **Community Carol Service** will take place in the Community Hall at 6pm on Sunday 11 December.

Christmas menus are now available at the New Inn: book now for Christmas meals between 1 December and 23 December; also Christmas Day lunch.

Tinpit returns

With the temperature having dipped in Ibiza, organisers of the Tinpit Club have returned to these shores and are busy dusting down the PA for the first Tinpit night since May. The Community Hall doors will be thrown open on Saturday 19 November at 7.30pm: line-up to be confirmed soon. Rampant inflation is being ignored with the effect that ticket prices remain unchanged at £6 advance, £7 on the door. On the food and drink front, it's the usual drill: hot home cooking from the Soup Kitchen, bring your own beer and wine. Contact Richard, 259861.

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.
- Wed** **Sure Start Scheme**, Community Hall, 9.45am-11am.
Contact Penryn Children's Centre, 377865.
Short Mat Bowls Club, Community Hall, 2pm-4pm.
Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.
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.
- 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

Table Top Sale

Why not take the opportunity to clear out good quality items that you no longer want, or to sell crafts, cakes, etc? Or come and buy! MYCP is holding a Table Top Sale on Saturday 8 October. Refreshments provided. To book a table (£5), contact Jackie Williams on 372862.

Saturday 8 October, Community Hall, from 2pm to 4pm. Free admission.

Apple Day with Wild Play

Chyan Community Field will be holding its traditional Apple Day with a wild play theme. Free apple juice, fantastic appley treats around

the bonfire, learn to make your own apple juice and see local sustainable produce, plus a trackers' challenge and nature-based craft workshops to keep children entertained.

Saturday 15 October, 11am to 3pm, Chyan Community Field, Halvasso. Adults £3, children and members free.

Charity Quiz Night

The New Inn is running a Charity Quiz Night on Sunday 30 October, in aid of the Handstand Appeal. The Handstand Appeal raises funds to pay for prosthetic limbs throughout his childhood for Marshall Jansen,

Quarrython 2011 at Goodygrane

Why not stretch yourself, have fun and raise money for charity with BF Adventure's exciting fundraising race? The Quarrython will be a mix of physical and mental challenges in the Goodygrane woods, on the water and across the 60 acres site. Be prepared to get wet and muddy and have lots of fun whilst trying to complete the course (about 1.5 miles) in the shortest time possible.

The fastest team will win an amazing prize and there's also a competition for the best fancy dress costume! Registrations are open to teams of four. Anyone 16 plus years can take part, but if you are under 18 you will need parental consent.

The registration fee per team is £8. BF Adventure suggests that each team tries to raise at least £200, but say they will be equally grateful for £20 raised. All proceeds will help BF Adventure to support more disadvantaged people in Cornwall.

Saturday 8 October, 10am to 5pm plus evening event, BF Adventure, Goodygrane Activity Centre, Halvasso, TR10 9BX, www.bfadventure.org or 341803.



Dog Show at Donkey Sanctuary

The Flicka Foundation horse and donkey sanctuary is holding a Fun Dog Show and Open Day on Sunday 2 October. Dog show classes include best rescue dog, scruffiest dog, best child handler and dog most like its owner. The Dog Show starts at 2pm with registration at 1pm: entries are £1 per class. Also visit the horses, ponies and donkeys at the sanctuary and enjoy the cream teas, refreshments and stalls.

Sunday 2 October, 11am to 5pm, Penty Noweth Farm, Trenoweth Lane, Mabe.



Classes at the Dog Show include best child handler..

who lost both his hands and feet aged one, as a result of meningitis. (www.handstand.org.uk.) Entry is £2 per person; teams of up to six people. Raffle and prizes. All welcome.

Sunday 30 October, starting at 8pm, New Inn, Church Road, Mabe.

Coffee Morning for Phoenix Stroke Appeal



Anne Salomé will be holding a Coffee Morning at her house in the centre of the village on 19 November in aid of the Phoenix Stroke Appeal, which aims to raise £500,000 to improve stroke services for the people of Cornwall.

Saturday 19 November, 10am to 12.30pm, at Glenderry, Antron Hill (opposite the shop).

Age Concern Table Top Sale

Mabe (Age Concern) is holding a Table Top Sale on Saturday 26 November. To rent a table to sell goods of your choice, please contact Liz Charles on 01326 372450.

Liz writes: "We are hoping to have stalls selling a wide variety of goods, some with Christmas in mind, such as gifts, seasonal cards, etc. There should be something for everyone. Please make a note of the date and come and help us raise funds for our village Age Concern group. We run a luncheon club every Tuesday and everyone gets a free Christmas lunch and a prezzie."

Saturday 26 November, from 1pm to 4.30pm. Sellers from 12.30pm. Community Hall.

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Mabe Garden Club
Coffee Morning
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Community Hall, Mabe
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Tremough events

There are loads of events coming up at Tremough Performance Centre, including music, dance, story-telling and film. See the Diary for dates and visit www.falmouth.ac.uk, "Exhibitions and events" for full details.

Tickets for all events are £10 (£7.50 concession) and can be bought from Tremough (in person at The Performance Centre, phone 255885 or online) or from The Poly, Falmouth.



Spell-binding story-telling to music from The Devil's Violin Company with "Orpheus and Other Greek Myths", at Tremough on 13 October.

(cont'd from p.16) on Church Corner were built after the second world war). It is interesting to note that one family must have moved around for work, as two children were born in Liverpool and Glamorgan, while one widow had three children born in North America. It could be speculated that her husband may have died there, and she brought her family home.

There were three properties named as Antron, as well as Antron Farm, and two more cottages in Antron Lane. The cottages at Morcombes Row (past the old school towards Spargo Downs) were there in 1901, as well as properties at Trenoweth. Mrs. Knowles at Carnsew Farm was born in Jersey, but where was her husband; was he working away? A widow named as Mrs. Rapson was born in Suffolk, but as this is a local name, was her husband from the area, and where did they meet? Their children were born in Luton and Canterbury, so was Mr. Rapson sent to the London area to work on granite constructions made of local stone? There is evidence that

this did happen at various times. However, again most of the population were born in the local area, either in the parish or surrounding ones. Both of these two areas had a mixture of granite workers and farm labourers, while some of the wives also worked as laundresses, dressmakers, and dairywomen.

Tremough Mansion was lived in by a retired Lt. Col. Noon, with one small daughter who was born in India, and six servants living in. The adjoining farm also had three servants looking after the farmer and his children, while the head gardener and his assistant lived in the cottage and lodge.

The village has grown a great deal since then, with the fastest rise of population between 1961 and 1971, mainly due to the beginnings of some of the bungalow estates and the council houses at Gweal Darras. The building is on-going and many residents are now from all parts of the country and beyond, with a parish population in 2001 of 1,276.

Letters

Our lovely village cannot support more traffic

I am writing in support of Maureen Moore's letter regarding traffic.

I myself have lived at the top of Antron Hill for over 20 years and have witnessed the ever increasing traffic using the village mainly as a short cut to Falmouth, Asda and B&Q. If that wasn't enough we now have the weekly Car Boot Sale on the newly christened "Mabe Show-ground" and plans for the development of the Mabefest to be likened to a Tribute Band Glastonbury.

This lovely village of ours just cannot take any more with its already fragile infrastructure, with speeding cars trying to squeeze through the centre of our village. Somebody is going to be killed if action is not taken soon.

Rodney Holmes, Antron Hill

20mph or one-way may be solution

The road between Mabe and Longdowns has now become a dangerous rat run. It is totally unsuitable for the volume and size of the vehicles using it. Both of the pinch points are continually abused by traffic coming up the hill. We have had occasions when we have had to stop to avoid an accident despite being the downhill travelling car.

On Sunday afternoons long queues of vehicles are nose to tail wanting to go to the car-boot sale and regard it as an inconvenience if we wish to leave or enter our property.

It would be nice if a 20 or 30mph could be introduced but I fear that it would not stop the speed and volume of traffic unless prosecutions were made. Maybe this is the time to discuss a one-way system despite the fact that it would inconvenience all of us living at the top of the hill.

Bernard and Pat Lawrence,
Antron Hill

Road has become a race track

I live on Treliever Road and since the parking restrictions were imposed, my road has become a race track. Parked cars used to provide natural slowing points. Now there are motorbikes who go past my home at over 70mph, not to mention cars and vans who speed, even the buses. I have gestured to some speeding motorists to slow down, which has been greeted with threats of violence.

I have two young children and I shouldn't be scared to walk along the road to take them to the village park, but I am.

I have spoken with the council about the speed bumps which are so low they are ineffectual, but I'm told they have to be low so as not to cause discomfort to bus passengers. This seems ludicrous!

Dan Gibson, Treliever Road

Have you got something to say about Mabe?

Please send us your news, events, stories of the past or ideas for the December 2011/January 2012 issue of Mabe Matters, to mabematters@aol.co.uk or by post to the MYCP address on p 16. Deadline: **Friday 18 November 2011.**

Who lived in Mabe in 1901?

Margaret Bryant uses the census to examine Mabe 110 years ago

Mabe was a very different place to live in 1901. Although the parish itself covered roughly the same area, the centre of the village was much smaller. There were only twenty six houses around the crossroads, with one hundred people living in them. The actual parish population in 1901 was 594, so there were farmhouses and cottages in many other parts.

The village hub was described in the census as Burnthouse, with only two properties named: Alexandra House and Carnsew Villa. Many of the residents were born in the village or from the surrounding parishes. In contrast to today, there was no-one born further away than Gwennap, Feock, St. Erme, Ruan Lanihorne



Credit: Ordnance Survey Maps

and Manaccan. Out of twenty four male heads of the household, twenty were involved in the granite industry, as well as eight sons, working as labourers or masons in many of the local quarries. They would have walked to work by the quarrymen's paths, many of which are now public footpaths. It is very unlikely any of them owned their own houses, and there was little money for luxuries. Unlike miners from other parts of Cornwall, there was no mass exodus during this time to overseas to make their fortune. There were also two farmers, one shoemaker, a wheelwright and a blacksmith to a wheelwright. Most of the surnames are local to the area, and there are still residents with the same name, possibly direct descendents - who knows someone called Spargo, Pellow, Opie, Toy, Dunstan, Symonds, Warren, Winn or Oliver?

A separate area of the parish was named as Tinpit, and is still known as this today. There were only six houses shown on the census (the three large houses
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