

# Mabe Matters

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## Community News

### Strictly star to open Flicka's new barn

TV celebrity and retired politician, Ann Widdecombe, is to visit Mabe in March to open the new donkey barn at The Flicka Foundation.

Judy Giles from Flicka explains that Miss Widdecombe "was asked to open the barn as she is particularly fond of donkeys. She is very involved and supports [the charity] Safe Haven for Donkeys in the Holy Land."

Miss Widdecombe served as an MP for 23 years, and was shadow home secretary and Minister for Health. Having retired from politics in 2010, she has remained in the public eye as a columnist in *The Express*, through her TV appearances – including *Strictly Come Dancing* during the autumn of 2010 - and, most recently, in pantomime.



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*Cont'd from p.1* The new barn, which Ann will open, is to house rescued donkeys. Flicka was originally set up to care for rescued horses, but since 2008, it has also taken in donkeys and now has more than 30.

The official opening will take place on Saturday 31 March at Flicka's site (Penty Noweth Farm, Trenoweth Lane). Full details and tickets for the event will be available soon: see the Flicka website ([www.flickafoundation.org.uk](http://www.flickafoundation.org.uk)) or look out for posters in the village.

### **Superfast Broadband arrives**

Superfast broadband has started to arrive in some parts of Mabe. Businesses and households can upgrade their current broadband service to superfast broadband from a range of internet service providers. (Check with your

provider, or try the Superfast Cornwall website: [www.superfastcornwall.org](http://www.superfastcornwall.org), although this does not list all providers.)

Residents and businesses can check if their line is ready to access superfast broadband by using the line checker on the Superfast Cornwall website, or sign up to receive regular updates.

*Chris Ridgers, Cornwall councillor*

### **Olympic torch latest!**

The route of the Olympic torch is not yet confirmed, but, from the information now available, it is looking less likely to be passing through Mabe parish.

Still, I can confidently predict that when the names of the torch-bearers are officially announced in March, one of them will live in Mabe. Let's hope I'm right this time! *Editor*

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### **Space show has audience in stitches**

Universarama!, a crazy puppet show revealing the secrets of the universe using only puppets, a projector and a few vegetables, entertained a packed house aged from 7 to 70+ at the WI Hall. The evening was hosted by Cornwall Astronomy Society as part of Stargazing Live.

The show - performed by Squashbox Theatre, aka Craig Johnson of Kneehigh Theatre - was hilarious, informative and, at times, touching. Years 5 and 6 at Mabe School are studying space this term, so lots of the children attended for an entertaining lesson on planets, galaxies and aliens. Here are the reviews of some audience members:



*Galileo, one of the puppets in the show*

*It was so funny; I really enjoyed it. My best bit was when he was telling the story of John Couch Adams [the Cornishman who first discovered the planet Neptune]. I also liked the bit with Sir Isaac Newton, when he had an apple above his head, because my teacher had shown us the same story on the internet, in Lego. (Lily, age 7)*

My favourite bit was when he was singing a song on the ukulele *Continued opposite*

## Old Mabe: an exhibition coinciding with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, June 2012



*Do you recognise the people in this picture? The photo, kindly lent by Paul Dunstan, shows part of a carnival passing through the centre of Mabe during the Second World War. Paul was told by his father that the driver of the float was a German prisoner-of-war - a well-liked man who returned to Germany after the war.*

Do you have photographs, memories or stories of Old Mabe? As part of various events over the weekend of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the WI Hall will host an exhibition celebrating Mabe and its residents in years gone by. Do you have a knowledge of local history and events that would be of interest to others? Do you have any old photographs, maps, films or other memorabilia that could form part of the exhibition? Or would you like to get involved in some other way? If so, please contact Richard on 259861 or email [mabematters@aol.com](mailto:mabematters@aol.com) for more information.

*Cont'd from p.2* about Tycho Brahe. Professor Heisenberg was very lifelike and made me laugh. (Bill, age 11)

*I loved all of it but my best bit was the professor playing the ukulele. I loved both songs so much I was crying my eyes out I was laughing so much!!! Also there was a projector and when the professor went down into his secret laboratory you would see the shadow of him behind the projector, looking as if he was really going down in a lift! It was really amazing. (Florence, age 9)*

Truly magical and I know everything about space now - well, almost! (Ruth, age 49)

## Tremough Innovation Centre set to open

Few in the parish can have missed seeing the shiny new building (or its HUGE sign) located by the Treliever roundabout. Tremough Innovation Centre (or TIC) will be welcoming its first occupants in early February. It has space for up to 70 small businesses (both new and existing) with a focus on the arts, media, creative and environmental and sustainability sectors. It is also expected to create about 140 new jobs.

TIC is owned by Cornwall Council and is being run by Plymouth University and Tamar Science Park. It is expected to operate closely with University of Exeter and University College Falmouth - its neighbours on the Tremough Campus. Businesses in TIC can take advantage of business mentoring and advice clinics



*The entrance to the Tremough Innovation Centre, seen from the Tremough Campus side.*

and peer-to-peer support, and will be encouraged to collaborate and network with the other small businesses through a range of shared spaces and facilities.

If you are interested in locating your small business within this dynamic environment, or if you would just like to hire the conference or meeting spaces, visit [www.tremoughinnovationcentre.co.uk](http://www.tremoughinnovationcentre.co.uk).

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## Bowls team triumph at Torquay!

Members of Mabe Short Mat Bowls Club enjoyed a short holiday in Torquay before Christmas. As well as enjoying a turkey and tinsel break, there was an opportunity to take part in bowls competitions. Four of the group were delighted to win some trophies: Peter and Beryl Moyle, Keith and Margaret Bryant came first in their group in the fours competition, winning six of their seven matches, and were only just



beaten to the overall winners spot. Peter and Keith also came runners-up in the pairs competition, each winning a bottle of wine. Great fun was had by those who went, and all enjoyed the few days away.  
*Margaret Bryant*

*Pictured L to R: Peter and Beryl Moyle, Margaret and Keith Bryant with their trophies.*

## Mabe saves 750kg from landfill

The New Year has seen Mabe Post Office and Stores (Steve Nisbet) take over the task of emptying the household battery collection tube from the previous volunteer. Since the tube was installed in 2008 with the support of Mabe Parish Council, about 750kg of waste batteries have been diverted from landfill through the Community Battery Recycling Scheme (Cobra). This is a tremendous achievement.

Thanks to Steve, the scheme will continue, with batteries collected at the Post Office being taken to the new Recycling Centre (just off the A390 towards Longdowns). Steve will continue to welcome small amounts of used batteries in-store while significant quantities (and car batteries, of course) should be taken direct to the HWRC for recycling. More information on this recycling scheme can be found at [www.cobrascheme.co.uk](http://www.cobrascheme.co.uk) while other recycling queries should be directed to



*Members of Mabe Garden Club: Sylvia, Wendy, Sonja, Rose and Jeanette with their beautiful floral displays for the Christmas competition.*

Recycle for Cornwall on 0800 612 0456. Sita Cornwall also has a helpdesk on 08456 300 300. *Philip Pearce*

## Fund-raising successes

The quiz night which was held at the New Inn on 29 December was a huge success, raising £292 for the Phoenix Stroke Unit at Treliske. The organisers, David and Vanessa Ward, thank everyone who supported the evening.

January's "Junior" Tinpit Night, which was headlined by local teen band Relentless, was attended by about 100 people and raised an excellent £275 for Mabe School.



Maybe you remember the picture of Argal reservoir taken in late November and printed in issue 8 of *Mabe Matters* (left above)? The water level was really low, with old stone hedges exposed. As soon as the picture was published, the heavens opened and Argal is now full to overflowing (above right). Who says community newsletters have no influence?

*Photos: Colin Bolitho*

## Developers set their sights on Mabe

In the last issue of *Mabe Matters* we reported on a proposal to build 98 dwellings on land behind Treliiever Road (see advert opposite). A further major proposal is afoot: on fields forming part of Nanturrian Farm, close to the Kernick roundabout.

The Nanturrian proposal is yet to be finalised. At the moment, there are four different options, ranging from 49 houses and 6 flats, to 38 houses, 4 flats and a small hotel (!). All options include a mix of "affordable" and "market value" dwellings.

Together the two proposals could provide up to 153 dwellings in the parish – an increase of about 20%, with an approximate "mix" of 50% affordable and 50% market value. Expansion of this sort would be likely to have a significant impact on the parish and, in particular, the village:

- some local people who meet the eligibility criteria for renting or buying one of the "affordable" dwellings would have the opportunity to move into good quality, local housing;
- demand for places at the school could be expected to rise; and
- traffic volumes would increase.

Should either or both developments go ahead it is likely that the developer(s) would have to contribute some money

## Public consultation event on proposed development on the site between Treliiever Road and the by-pass at Tremough Lane **Wednesday 7 March, 12:30pm to 7.30pm, Mabe WI Memorial Hall**

*Representatives of the developer will be on hand to answer questions. The draft plans will be on display in the hall. Comments sheets and feedback will form part of the developer's Statement of Community Involvement, which will be submitted with the planning application.*

towards addressing the effects of expansion, including funding an extension to the school and/or contributing to a pedestrian crossing over the main road at the Kernick roundabout.

Aside from these two developments, there is also existing planning permission for 16 flats, including 6 "affordable" units on the old Booths site.

One way or another, planning decisions taken in the next 12 months could have a significant impact on Mabe. Whatever your views on the various possible developments, if you want your voice to be heard you may wish to attend the forthcoming Treliiever Road consultation (see advert above) and look out for any similar event in relation to Nanturrian Farm.

## Rame Cross Housing

You may recall that some months ago there was a proposal from Coastline Housing to develop a new community, with 1,000 homes, at Rame Cross.

Whilst it appeared that the proposal

had gone away, Coastline Housing has recently presented a proposal to Stithians Parish Council for a Rame Cross 1,000 home community. Whilst based on Rame Cross, the proposal would likely also include nearby areas of Constantine, Wendron, Stithians and Mabe Electoral Divisions. I attended the presentation and in conjunction with other local Cornwall councillors, I will do all I can to ensure that, should the proposals progress, they are subject to widespread public consultation to ensure that views regarding the need for such a community and its likely impact on transport, schools and numerous other issues are taken into account.

*Chris Ridgers, Cornwall councillor*

## **Have your say on Cornwall's (and Mabe's) future**

Cornwall Council has been planning how the county should develop over the next 20 years. A set of documents entitled Planning Future Cornwall is now out for public consultation. Most of the

development is centred around towns; Mabe is covered under Falmouth and Penryn. Areas identified within Mabe parish are an optional urban expansion zone in the Treliever Farm area, and a modest expansion of the Mabe part of Kernick Industrial Estate.

According to Chris Ridgers, our county councillor, Cornwall Council has decided that there should be 299 new homes divided between the seven parishes surrounding Penryn and Falmouth over the next 20 years. It is not clear how this squares with developers' plans to put more than 150 new homes in Mabe in the next couple of years!

You can view the documents and comment at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/ldf), (be warned, the maps are poor quality online and hard to read), by calling 01872 224283 to ask for printed copies or by viewing the documents in Falmouth's Library and One Stop Shop.

The public consultation runs until 2 March 2012.

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## **Picture Quiz: Where are these in Mabe?**

*Each photo is a close up of a public place in the parish of Mabe. Can you work out what and where they are? Answers on p.15.*

*Photos: Charlotte Jones*

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# Mabe Diary



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

## February 2012

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

**Sun 12 – Charity Quiz**, The New Inn, 8pm. *See p.11 for details.*

**Tues 14, Wed 15, Thurs 16 – Half term adventure days**, 7 – 12 years, BF Adventure, Halvasso, 9.30am-3.30pm. *See www.bfadventure.org.*

**Tues 14 – Valentine’s Supper**, three course dinner from £19.95, New Inn.

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

**Wed 15 – Seminar on Climate Change and Public Engagement in Archaeology**, Tremough Campus, 4.30pm.

**Thurs 16 – Seminar on Unravelling the secrets of the world’s highest migrant: the bar-headed goose**, Tremough Campus, 1pm.

**Thurs 16 – Poetry reading: Speaking In/Spires by Zoe Skoulding**, Tremough Campus, 6.30pm-8pm.

**Sat 18 – A Symposium of poetry and poetics**, Tremough Campus, 9am-9pm, £10/£7.50.

**Sat 18 – Mabe Short Mat Bowls Club, Competition Day**, Community Hall, 9.30am. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.

**Sun 19 – Parish Eucharist.** *See Sun 12 for details.*

**Mon 20 – Garden Club**, Community Hall, 7pm. *See p.11 for details.*

**Tues 21 – Live Music from The Wiyos**, Tremough Campus, 7.30pm-9.30pm, £10/£7.50.

**Thurs 23 – Trenoweth Methodist Church Soup and Sweet Lunch**, Community Hall, 11.30am-1pm. *See p.11 for details.*

**Thurs 23 – Lecture on Cuckoo adaptations: trickery and tuning**, Tremough Campus, 1pm.

**Thurs 23 – Cornwall Astronomy Society**, WI Hall, 8pm, “Diary of a solar system”. Contact Bob Beeman, 341164.

**Thurs 23 – “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) for details.

**Fri 24 – Rogue Theatre: The Dancer and the Devil**, Performance Centre, 7.30pm-9.30pm, £10/£7.50.

**Sat 25 – First Aid courses**, Mabe Community Hall. Adult course (am); teenage course (pm). *See p.13.*

**Sun 26 – First Sunday of Lent, Parish Eucharist.** *See Sun 12 for details.*

**Tues 28 – First Aid course**, Mabe Community Hall. *See p.13 for details.*

**Events at Tremough Campus:** *see p.11 for websites and ticket information.*

*Why not celebrate St Piran's Day with a night of dancing with wonderful Cornish roots band Dalla? **St Piran Nos Lowen**, Saturday 3 March at the Performance Centre, Tremough from 7.30pm. Tickets £5 from 255885 (Performance Centre box office) or 243843.*



## March 2012

### **Sat 3 – Mabe Bowlers Spring Party,**

Community Hall, 7-10 pm, £3 entry. Fun evening with food, entertainment and karaoki with Arthur Searle. Please book with Ruth Smith, 374947.

### **Sat 3 – St Piran Nos Lowen: Cornish dancing with Dalla,**

Performance Centre, Tremough, 7.30pm. *See above.*

**Sun 4 – Holy Communion** (8.30am) **and Parish Eucharist** (9.30am), Mabe Parish Church. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

**Tues 6 – Women's Institute,** WI Hall 7.30pm, Annual General Meeting. New members welcome. Contact Mary Hubber, 373390.

**Wed 7 – Consultation on proposed housing development,** WI Hall, 12.30pm-7.30pm. *See p.6 for details.*

**Wed 7 – Survival Tactics,** by Liz Aggiss (maverick and anarchic dance and film artist), Tremough Campus, 7.30pm-9.30pm, £10/£7.50.

**Thurs 8 – Parish Council Meeting,** WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda on Parish Notice Board. Open to the public. Contact Elinor O'Connor, 319799.

**Fri 9 - Soumik Datta** (sarod) & **Bernhard Schimpelsberger** (drums), Tremough Campus, 7.30pm, £10/£7.50.

**Sun 11 – Parish Eucharist,** Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739

**Tues 13 – Cornwall Astronomy Society.** *See 14 February for details.*

**Wed 14 – Village Communion,** WI Hall, 10.30am, followed by tea, coffee and chat. Contact, Fr John Savage, 259739.

**Thurs 15 – Chasing Breath,** music for accordion and electronics, Tremough Campus, 7.30pm £10/£7.50.

**Fri 16 – 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 17 – St Patrick's Day at The New Inn.** Irish themed specials and live music with Cahooty, 9pm.

**Sun 18 – Service for Mothering Sunday,** Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am. Contact Fr John Savage, 259739.

**Mon 19 – Garden Club,** Community Hall, 7pm. *See opposite for details.*

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**Thurs 22 – Cornwall Astronomy Society**, WI Hall, 8 pm. Contact Bob Beeman, 341164.

**Thurs 22 – “Yeth an Werin”**. *See 23 February for details.*

**Sun 25 – Parish Eucharist**. *See Sun 11 for details.*

**Sat 31 - Opening of new donkey barn**, Flicka Foundation, see p.1 for details.

**Early notice: Sat 21 April – Quiz Evening**, Community Hall, 7.30pm. £2 entry per person or £4 including a pasty. Tickets from Jackie Williams on 372862.



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## Weekly Events

Events held weekly in Mabe Community Hall and Mabe School (both on Cunningham Park) and in 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.

**Yoga**, Community Hall, 5.30pm-7pm. *See opposite for details.*

**Wed**      **Short Mat Bowls Club**, Community Hall, 2pm-4pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.

**Fitness for all**, Community Hall, 6pm-7pm. 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.

**Aikido Class**, Mabe School, 7pm-9pm. Contact Jamie, 07720 288172 or email [kokorokaidojo@gmail.com](mailto:kokorokaidojo@gmail.com).

**Fri**      **Short Mat Bowls Club**, Community Hall, 2pm-4pm & 7pm-9pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.

**Sun**      **Trenoweth Methodist Church**, Community Hall, 10.45am-12noon. Contact Margaret Bryant, 373102.

**Mabe Parish Church (St Laudus)**, with St Michael's Church, Ponsanooth – please see the Diary (pp.8 & 9) for the times of services.

# What's On in Mabe

## Basic computer course – open to all

Mabe School is hosting a free basic computer course for anyone in the Mabe community. Sessions will be flexible but will include:



- Word processing skills for writing letters and making posters
- Accessing the internet
- Creating email accounts and sending emails with attachments
- Downloading photos, storing and attaching to emails
- The opportunity to take a FREE ICT qualification in a leisurely way.

To sign up for the course, or discuss it further, please contact Mabe School on 372662 by Friday 24 February.

## Quiz in aid of RNLI

The next charity quiz at the New Inn will be held on Sunday 12 February at 8pm and will be in aid of the RNLI. Teams of approximately 4 people, £2 per person entry fee and lots of prizes.

## New yoga class

A new yoga class is starting at the Community Hall on Tuesday evenings from

5.30pm to 7pm, from 14 February. Beginners or more experienced students are welcome. The classes cost £44 for 8 (concessionary rate £36). For more details, call Jerusha Moon on 375191 or visit [www.athayoga.co.uk](http://www.athayoga.co.uk).

## Soup and Sweet Lunch

Trenoweth Methodist Chapel is holding a Soup and Sweet Lunch to raise money for the Memory Café. The lunch is on Thursday 23 February from 11.30am to 1pm in the Community Hall, with a raffle and stalls. Contact Margaret Bryant, 373102.

## Mud and brambles!



Mabe Garden Club will be learning about soil on 20 February when George Kestell gives a talk and demonstration entitled "Don't call it Mud". In early March, members will be revisiting Ron Scamp's wonderful daffodil fields: date and time to be arranged. Finally, on 19 March, Dan Thomas will be giving a talk about Potager Garden entitled "Brambles to Blackcurrants".

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club, please contact the Secretary on 373984, or turn up at our next meeting where you will be very welcome.

## Events at Tremough

*The events listed (on pp.8-9) at Tremough Campus are open to the public and are free unless ticket prices are given. Many Tremough events are now publicised on [www.tremoughcampus.com/whats-on](http://www.tremoughcampus.com/whats-on) and [www.theperformancecentre.org/](http://www.theperformancecentre.org/). Tremough Campus, Treliever Road, TR10 9EZ.*

*To book tickets in The Performance Centre, book via the website, phone 255885 (Mon-Fri, 9.30am-5pm) or call in person (Mon-Fri, 9.30-5pm, 7pm on performance days.) For information, email [boxoffice@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:boxoffice@falmouth.ac.uk).*

## Exploring our parish paths

Footpaths are the arteries of a community. For centuries they have been a vital part of community life, including here in Mabe.

Have you ever wondered why they are where they are? Countywide paths link farms to chapel, villages to places of work, which for us here in Mabe parish include the many granite quarries. Cornwall is unique in that it has very few large towns and the majority of settlements are small and compact. Therefore there is a need for footpaths for access to and from the multitude of individual farms, workplaces and homesteads. Cornwall has 2,728 miles of footpaths inland reflecting this pattern of settlement.

Today they are under constant threat: under used, often neglected and even inaccessible and irrelevant. In Mabe parish we have some wonderful paths and they are, in the majority, a pleasure to walk.

The Constantine Amblers under the leadership of Ronnie Rashleigh have for years regularly walked their local paths. Indeed such is their enthusiasm that all their paths are numbered individually with wooden, coloured stakes along their length

to denote where you are walking. The residents of Constantine are proud of their paths.

To view all of Mabe parish's local paths, go to the Cornwall Council mapping page: <http://mapping.cornwall.gov.uk/website/ccmap/>.

They all have individual numbers and references and are officially logged. Zoom in to Mabe, click on the Leisure folder and tick Public Rights of Way and all the paths appear on the map. Great!

May I propose that we become proud of our local paths? Let's have a few individuals and families to go out regularly utilising the list of all the local paths and here's the added fun bit: see where they go to and from, look at what is along the route and rename them individually for our own register. Personalise the paths. The Constantine Am-

blers have a printed booklet of all their paths and circular walks that they sell and it makes sure that all the paths are used and given some Tender Loving Care.

*Paul Simmons,  
walkitcornwall,  
info@walkitcornwall.co.uk,  
0771 408 4644*



## Free ways to get fit (2)

Walking is a positive way to start any fitness plan. Mabe and surrounding villages offer a great network of footpaths, with stunning views and that fantastic Cornish natural fitness asset, the steep hill.

So relax your shoulders, lift your chest, gently contract the muscles in your abdomen and swing your arms. Walking is something we do from an early age, and - with attention to good posture and technique - it can become a valuable fitness tool. Aim for a natural stride length, landing with your heel and rolling your foot through to push off from the toes.

Remember to mobilise your joints before a long walk. Think of the fluid in your joints as the oil in a car;

it works better when warm. After 5 minutes walking to warm up, rotate your feet from the ankle in both directions. Follow this by kicking each foot up behind you. Then with a bent knee raise one leg until your thigh is horizontal, turn the leg out to the side and lower your foot to the floor. Repeat five times with each leg. You are now ready for a good stomp.

Stretching after a long walk can help reduce aches and pains so think about the muscles you have used and stretch them for 10-15 seconds each.

*Kate Jackson is level 3 personal trainer and Nordic walking instructor. [katejfitness@gmail.com](mailto:katejfitness@gmail.com), 07812 141477, [www.katejfitness.co.uk](http://www.katejfitness.co.uk)*

## First Aid Training

**Learn essential First Aid for home, work or leisure.**

MYCP is delighted to have secured accredited First Aid training at a charity concession rate and to raise funds for the community.

### **HSE "Emergency First Aid for The Appointed Person"**

Cost: £25 per head (normally at least £80 to £100).

Date: Saturday 25 February, 9am to 1pm  
and Tuesday 28th February, 6pm to 9pm.

### **Active Aid**

This is a course for people between the ages of 12 and 18 and focuses on First Aid in the outdoors.

This course presents realistic simulations and takes the sessions outside.

Cost: £10 which includes a certificate of attendance.

Date: Saturday 25 February, 1pm to 5pm.

Further information from Damian Hall on 01326 379965.

## Letters

### **Treliever development poses traffic danger**

*As a Mabe resident, living in Treliever Road, I am writing in response to your request for comments on the proposed development of 98 houses behind my house.*

*When we moved into Treliever Road, ten years ago, we were delighted to be moving into a rural environment. Our house looked out on open fields both front and rear. Cows and horses often grazed in the fields to the rear. At night there was total darkness, giving us a wonderful view of moon and stars.*

*This all changed a year or so ago with the erection of the flats behind us (Pen-An-Vre). In the evenings a brilliant street light intended to light up the pedestrian entrance shines directly into our kitchen and bathroom. I objected at the time but it made no difference.*

*The effect of the gradually encroaching Tremough Campus is to turn night into day. The buildings undergoing construction and the crane are lit up all night. The street lights in the new car park and surrounding footpaths are also left on all night, every night, including week-ends and holidays. It looks as though we shall never see the stars again.*

*The final blow is the thought of the new development. There are many reasons why we shall oppose it, but one of the most serious objections will be the enor-*

*mous increase in traffic entering Treliever Road. I understand that the proposed exit from the site will be at the Treliever roundabout end, just beyond the roundabout, and a blind bend which requires great care from drivers already. In my opinion, it would be sheer madness to allow over a hundred extra cars per day to enter Treliever Road at this particular point.*

*One final point! There can be no question of blocking the pedestrian route to*



The proposed development is to the left and right of Tremough Lane.  
*Photo: Colin Bolitho*

*Tremough Lane (pictured left). I have a statutory Right of Way along the lane into Tremough, recorded on the deeds of my house. This lane is used by local residents as well as students: we use it at least twice a week to get to the Tremough Campus bus stop for buses to Falmouth and Truro.*

*Lastly, does Mabe need another 98 dwellings?*

*Rev Harry F. Jackson, Rosnython, Treliever Road*

**Kim Dodge**, for CSA Architects, responded that no final decisions have been taken on the proposed development. Comments and feedback from residents, including at the Public Consultation Event on 7 March (see advert on p.6) will be taken on board during the remainder of the design and planning stage.

**Mark Hyatt**, Head of Facilities at Tremough Campus, also responded to the comments relating to Tremough. He is investigating ways of reducing the impact of the car park lights on Mr Jackson and other residents. (His comments will be forwarded to Mr Jackson.)

## Paid chef wanted for Luncheon Club

Mabe Age Concern Luncheon Club has been running for about 20 years, and has a membership of between 60 and 70 people. We hold a lunch in the Community Hall every Tuesday at 12.30pm, and we have been very lucky over the past few years to have Peter Moyle as our chef. Unfortunately, Peter now feels it is time to retire, and he plans to finish in May. We are looking for a replacement cook/chef, who would be prepared to buy the provisions and cook the meal for us. The work is paid but, as it is only one day a week, it may appeal to a semi-retired person, or a younger person with time on their hands. If you are interested, please contact June Tiplady on 372008, or come to the Community Hall any Tuesday morning to talk to Peter and June to discuss what is involved.

### (Letters, continued)

#### **Climate change worse than "unsightly" solar panels**

*In the last Mabe Matters, Russell Jones rightly asks what Mabe is doing to counter the effects of global warming. I can't speak for the community but there are a number of us who are fitting solar panels to our homes. Not only do these reduce electricity consumption (and therefore our carbon footprint) but it also increases our energy security as we become less exposed to rising energy prices.*

*However, in my view we should be doing far more to make Mabe environmentally friendly and sustainable. One way to achieve this would be to reduce speed limits in the village. As the father of three young children, the reason why I don't allow them to cycle to school (at Mabe*

*CP and Penryn College) is the speed at which cars drive through the village. I also find it extraordinary that the only way to walk between the northern and southern ends of Mabe is by walking on the road at the junction in the middle of the village (pictured above).*



*I understand Russell's frustration at his inability to install solar panels because of inflexible planning laws. Climate change will do far more damage to our countryside than a few "unsightly" solar panels.*

Stephan Harrison, Trenoweth

### **We need your contributions...**

Please send us your letters, news, events, stories of the past or ideas relating to Mabe (civic parish) for the April/May 2012 issue, to [mabematters@aol.co.uk](mailto:mabematters@aol.co.uk) or by post to the MYCP address on p.16. Deadline: **Monday 19 March 2012.**

Answers to the picture quiz (p.7): 1. Sign on the New Inn pub, 2. Entrance to village shop, 3. Tremough House.

## **My Hobby** by *David Charles*

From a young age, I have had an interest in prewar Austin cars. I think my father's first car, which he used to tell me about when I was a child, was an Austin 7. As far as I can gather he commandeered it from his parents. Then during the war, he owned a 1934 Austin 14/6 which was mostly laid up in the garage and in which my sister and I used to play. At the end of the war it needed quite a bit of work done to it to get it roadworthy again, especially as my sister and I had poured sand into the petrol tank.

As soon as I was old enough, I bought a 1927 Austin 7 for £25. It was my pride and joy and although it rattled and lurched about the road rather, it always ran beautifully smoothly on Saturday nights after I had had a few pints at the rugby club. I sold that car in 1959 for £25 and lashed out the princely sum of £30 to buy the 1930 Austin



Heavy 12/4 which is one of the cars I now own. In 1979 I sold it but bought the very same car back again about 6 years ago.

The car that Pam and I use mostly when going on old car holidays is my 1925 Austin 7. It is the oldest Austin 7 in Cornwall and it has been to Eastern Germany, France and Ireland as well as extensive travel in Britain including Lands End to John O'Groats and back to Lands End three times.

We have a very active Austin 7 Club in Cornwall consisting of about 130 members, who between them own about 140 cars. The club was formed 11 years ago at which time I was its first chairman, and it has grown from strength to strength. We recently held our Christmas party for over 70 members at the Mabe Community Hall.

It is a great hobby. One's investment on the cars never diminishes and one meets many interesting people with a similar love for Austin Sevens.

*Do you have a hobby which might be of interest to others in Mabe?  
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