



A community newsletter funded by Mabe Youth and Community Project and Mabe Parish Council to provide news, share views and publicise events. Printed by Reprographics at Penryn Campus.

# Nursery class to open in November

*Mabe School are excited to announce the opening of a brand new nursery class for 3 and 4 year olds from November this year.*

After a successful bid for funds from the DfE, the nursery class will be run from a brand new eco-classroom to be located on the edge of the school field. The expansion of the village in recent years has seen the demand for early years provision grow as young families move to the area who, at present need to travel to access preschool care and education.



This development is of huge benefit to families with young children who can now access quality, teacher led care for 3 and 4 years olds within their own community. Children will benefit from shared facilities with the School and a seamless transition into the Reception Year at Mabe.

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Paul Hayes

Paul Hayes, Head at Mabe School said "This is a huge step forward in supporting the families of Mabe. There has long been a desperate demand for early years education in the village and this funding has given us the opportunity to finally respond to the needs within our community. Research identifies that children who access early years education within a school

setting go on to achieve higher throughout their time in education. We believe that offering access to quality, teacher-led education to 3 and 4 year olds will pay dividends to our children throughout their education at Mabe School and beyond" *Cont. overleaf*

The creation of the new nursery class will coincided with the Government's doubling of the free childcare allowance to 30 hours for working families, a welcome step in supporting parents and carers with the growing burden of childcare costs. This will run alongside the existing universal 15 hours free childcare for all families of 3 and 4 year olds.

To find out how many hours your family is eligible for, visit



[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

To keep up to date with progress of the nursery class, visit



[www.mabe-school.co.uk/nursery-class](http://www.mabe-school.co.uk/nursery-class) where you can register your interest in a place.

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## Parish Council news

It is good to see the Parish Council back up to full strength, following the co-option of Chris Cole, Terry Tindle and Michelle Wilkinson at June's meeting and we look forward to working with our new members. You will find interviews with them on p.12.

It appears that the long-running tale of the proposed footpath from Kingston Way to the Community Hall may finally be drawing to a close. The Parish Council has approved the revised plans, despite the substantial increase in cost from the original estimated figure of £12,000 to £41,500. The funds will come from the S106 Open Spaces contribution from the developer, Taylor Wimpey, but this still leaves over £100,000 left for improvements to the play area and other local amenities.

The high volume of traffic through the village continues to be a concern, and following regular meetings with Cormac, the



Parish Council has now formally agreed to lobby for a reduction in speed limits through the village and up Antron Hill to Longdowns. The Feasibility Study from 2012 also recommended reducing the size of the junction at Longdowns, to discourage through-traffic and we are working hard to achieve this. Cllr Peter Williams is supporting our efforts, so do write to him or to MP George Eustice if you feel strongly about this issue.



July's meeting was dominated by planning issues and was particularly well supported by members of the public. The meeting started early with a presentation by CAD Architects outlining the plans for the proposed Penvose Student Village (PA16/11983). Questions were asked about the increase in traffic, the need for that many student beds and the loss of agricultural land. Concern was also expressed about the shelving of plans for 1049 student flats on the existing Penryn Campus, which *cont. opposite*

*cont. from opposite* have already been approved, and what this space might now be used for.

We then moved on to the second application which had brought the general public to the meeting, which is for 60 houses on the fields behind Church Road, stretching from Coronation Cottages to Antron Lane (see diagram) (PA17/05495).

Once again we heard many concerns about the increase in traffic through the village, particularly on Antron Hill where the proposed junction is considered to be dangerous, and worries about the changing nature of Mabe. It was felt that Mabe should remain distinct from Penryn and that that this development would encroach upon the green 'buffer zone' which is needed around the village.

Finally many people pointed out that there has been no demonstrated need within the village for more housing; either affordable or open market. In fact there were noted issues with filling homes on the recently completed Kingston Way development, surely making the provision of more housing in the parish unviable. The Parish Council voted unanimously not to support the application.

We would urge you to have your say on this and any other applications by entering the applica-

tion number (shown above) on Cornwall Council's planning web pages: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/online-planning-register/](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/online-planning-register/)



Finally, Cornwall Council is consulting on the Cornwall Site Allocations Development Plan Document (Allocations DPD) for a period of eight weeks. The consultation started at 9am on Monday 12 June and closes at 5pm 7 August 2017. Have your say at



[www.cornwall.gov.uk/allocationsplan](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/allocationsplan)

*Cllr. Tessa Kingsley*



*The proposed development site of about 2.6 hectares lies to the south of Antron Hill and is former agricultural land which is currently overgrown. Vehicular access would be from Antron Hill.*

## Calling all Panto lovers!

We are already beginning to think about next Spring's performance of what has become Mabe's traditional annual pantomime. Our last show had over 30 actors ranging in age from 8-80 and wonderful backstage crew, selling tickets, serving refreshments, changing scenes, making sets and props, and sewing costumes.

This year's production has a working title of *Maberella*, although the script is not yet finished.

We are always looking for new members to join the group. We have lots of fun and there is a job for everyone.



If you fancy getting involved on stage or back stage, we usually meet on Sunday teatimes in the Community Hall and we will start rehearsals in October with a break for Christmas.

If you would like to know more about becoming part of the group as an actor, singer, musician or technician (no experience required) please get in touch with Jackie on 01209861697 or email [j.frost384@btinternet.com](mailto:j.frost384@btinternet.com)

Why not join in the fun, meet some new friends and discover your own hidden talents!

JF

## School Summer Fete

The rain held off on Saturday 8 July for Mabe School's annual summer fete.



*All the children enjoyed the bouncy castle!*

There was plenty to keep all ages amused, with the 'tattoo' parlour and bouncy castle proving ever popular, as well as Timmy Twist, the balloon modeller, who was kept busy right to the very end!



*Timmy Twist found that balloon machine guns were popular!*

The final total raised was £873. Thank you to everyone who offered to help on the day or who showed their support by coming along.



## 300 Club winners

The 300 club winners for the first quarter of 2017 are:



1st: £50 - Mrs E Kitto

2nd: £30 - Peggy Lornie

3rd: £10 - Samantha Mathews

Tickets cost £10 per year. Money goes to the upkeep of the Community Hall, Playpark, Field & Skatepark. There are 4 draws per year, each producing prizes of £50, £20 and £10.

To join the 300 Club, send your name, address and email address to Geoff Wheeler along with a cheque or cash. His address is: Monteaq, Treliever Road, TR10 9EX. Please make cheques payable to Mabe Youth & Community Project.

Or contact Geoff for more information: [geoffwhee@gmail.com](mailto:geoffwhee@gmail.com).

## Bags2School



Thank you to everyone who donated to the last Bags2School collection, you helped raise £132 for the school. Can we raise the same (or more!) again?

You should receive a Bags2School collection bag with the next issue of Mabe Matters at the end of September. Collection will be on October 16 so all bags must be returned to Mabe School before 9am on October 15.

If you would like help getting your bag to the school please ring Amanda Wills on 372786.

A reminder of what they collect:

Men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together), handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, jewellery, lingerie, belts, soft toys.

More info:



[www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com)



*Left: ex-Mabe School pupils (L-R) Ella Benbow, Molly Rowe, Zoe Pixton and Tommy Bromley at the Penryn College Prom*

*Below: Lola Cockwell & Zoe Pixton*



## “Love Your Lakes” photo competition 2017

For the fifth year running, South West Lakes Trust and South West Water are holding a “Love Your Lakes” photo competition.

They are looking for photos which show off the splendour of their lakes, which include Argal and College, and the activities available.

The categories are: Family Fun; On the Water; Feats of Engineering.

A fantastic prize of £250 will be awarded to the overall winning photograph, with £100 for each individual category winner. Runner-up prizes will also be awarded and a special prize will be awarded to the photo which receives the most public votes.

The winning photographs will appear in Cornwall Life, Devon Life and Somerset Life.

Closing date is 30 September 2017.

Upload your photos here:



[www.swlakestrust.org.uk/photo-competition/](http://www.swlakestrust.org.uk/photo-competition/)



## Mabe Matters “Garden Wildlife” competition

This grainy photo shows a roe deer spotted in Bob Godzicz’s garden in June this year right in the centre of Mabe village.



We wondered what other wildlife is around in Mabe? If you have seen a lizard, a kite, an adder or a red squirrel or something even more unusual, send us a photo and we will publish the best ones!

## New crossing to Penryn

A new pedestrian crossing has been installed by Kingston Way which will allow for the safe crossing of pedestrians from Mabe to the schools in Penryn and the university campus.

The University of Exeter and Falmouth University provided £25k for the works and an additional £9k of funds were made available through Cornwall Council Section 106 monies, arising from new developments within the area.

## Man guilty of stealing from Mabe Shop

Daniel Anthony Callow from Carnon Downs pleaded guilty to stealing food worth £14.62 on March 13 and was put under curfew for 4 weeks and made to pay compensation of £14.62.

Please send details of events happening within Mabe civic parish in Oct/Nov to [mabematterseditor@gmail.com](mailto:mabematterseditor@gmail.com) by 15 Sept 2017. Venue details:

- Mabe Community Hall, Cunningham Park (375938 or [mabeyp@gmail.com](mailto:mabeyp@gmail.com))
- Mabe Community Primary School, Cunningham Park (secretary, 372662)
- Mabe Parish Church (St Laudus), Church Road, towards Higher Spargo (administrator, Rodney Holmes, 375052)
- Mabe WI Hall, Antron Hill (bookings, 372477)

## Weekly Events

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

**Cardio Box/Fitcamp Class**, WI Hall, 6.15-7.15pm.

Contact Ali or Carmela, 07988 140745.

**Mabe Keep Fit Club**, WI Hall, 7.30pm.

**Tues Age Concern Luncheon Club**, Community Hall, 12.30-2pm. Contact Community Hall (11.30-12.30pm), 377475.

**Slimming World**, Community Hall, 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm.

Contact Pam Mundy, 01209 204743 or 07503 945600.

**Nature Playgroup**, Chyan Community Field, 10am-12pm term time. Contact Alice, 07576 748450.

**Wed Short Mat Bowls League (winter only)**, Community Hall, 2-4pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102

**Daisy's Yoga**, Chyan Cultural Centre, 6-7pm. Contact Daisy, 07837 879876

**Open Water Swimming**, Kernow Adventure Park, 6-8pm. Contact, 07817 662 962 or [info@kernowadventurepark.com](mailto:info@kernowadventurepark.com).

**Thurs Kernow Huffa Puffas**, a support, exercise and social group for people with COPD and their carers, 10am-12pm, Community Hall. Contact Trish, 375238 or Frances, 712047.

**Inner Art Club**, Chyan Cultural Centre, 10.30am-1.30pm. Contact Kate, 07949 451004, [katemegeary@gmail.com](mailto:katemegeary@gmail.com).

**Carpet Bowls Club**, Community Hall, 2-4pm. Contact Arthur Searle, 377088.

**Brownies**, Community Hall, 6.15-8pm. Contact Jackie Williams, 372863.

**Mabe Football Club**, Penryn Campus MUGA, usually 7-8pm. Men, 16+, new players welcome. Contact Jack Roberts, 565409.

**Aikido**, Japanese martial art, beginners welcome, 7-9pm, Mabe School. Contact Jamie Matthews, 375336.

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

**Sat Open Water Swimming**, Kernow Adventure Park, 9-11am. Contact, 07817 662 962 or [info@kernowadventurepark.com](mailto:info@kernowadventurepark.com).

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

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

**Aerial Yoga Jam**, Chyan Cultural Centre, 11am-12pm.

Contact Naomi, [naomijwebb@gmail.com](mailto:naomijwebb@gmail.com).



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

# Mabe Diary



## August 2017

**Tues 1 - WI Meeting**, 7.30pm, WI Hall. *See What's On.*

**Sun 6 - Cream Tea**, 2pm, Community Hall. *See p.14.*

**Wed 9 - Red Arrows View Point & BBQ**, 5pm, The New Inn. *See What's On.*

**Thurs 10 – Parish Council meeting**, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda available on the Parish Notice Board and website ([www.mabeparish.co.uk](http://www.mabeparish.co.uk)). Open to the public. Contact Lisa Clements, 07964 735219, [mabeparish@gmail.com](mailto:mabeparish@gmail.com)

**Thurs 17 – Kenny Werner**, Performance Centre, 7.30pm. *See What's On p.10.*

**Sat 19 - Family Wildlife Day**, 10am-3pm, Argal Lake. *See What's On.*

**Mon 21 - No Garden Club**

**Thurs 24 - Cornwall Astronomy Society**, 8pm, WI Hall. Contact Simon Dunkley, 564046.

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## September 2017

**Sun 3 - Cream Tea**, 2pm, Community Hall. *See p.14.*

**Tues 5 - WI Harvest Supper**, 7.30pm, WI Hall. *See What's On.*

**Tues 5 - Mabe School starts**

**Thurs 14 – Parish Council meeting**, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda available on the Parish Notice Board and website ([www.mabeparish.co.uk](http://www.mabeparish.co.uk)). Open to

the public. Contact Lisa Clements, 07964 735219, [mabeparish@gmail.com](mailto:mabeparish@gmail.com)

**Mon 18 - Garden Club**, 7pm, Community Hall. Peter Auger: "Stately Home Gardening". Contact Sue, 376418.

**Sat 23 - W.I. Table Top Sale**, 10am, WI Hall. *See What's On.*

**Thurs 28 - Cornwall Astronomy Society**, 8pm, WI Hall. Contact Simon Dunkley, 564046.



### Parish of Mabe & Ponsanooth

St Laudus Church, Mabe

**1st Sunday of month**  
8.30am, Holy Communion  
9.30am, Parish Eucharist

**All other Sundays**  
9.30am, Parish Eucharist

**2nd Tuesday of month**  
1.45pm, Holy Communion  
MYCP after Luncheon Club

All other services will be advertised around the village, on the Post Office notice board or on the Church web site:

[www.mabechurch.org](http://www.mabechurch.org)

**For more information**  
Fr Steve Smith, 617628,  
*Priest in Charge*

Rev Amanda Evans, 318059,  
*Curate*  
Francis Miller, 374890,  
*Church Warden*

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# What's On

Mabe W.I. continue to have a busy summer, and recently enjoyed a lovely trip to Dartmouth, where the sun shone, the water was blue and the ice creams delicious!

We are now looking forward to a **cream tea** during August, and our **Harvest Supper** on 5th September, where we have a really good evening with the sale of harvest goods. Why don't you come along?

We will be holding a table-top sale on Saturday 23 September from 10am, and all local charities and private individuals are invited to rent a table (£10 for a large table, £5 for a small one). Tea, coffee and biscuits will also be available. Why don't you see what's lurking in the attic and put it up for sale - someone will be sure to find your "junk" is a treasure!

Please contact our President Liz on 372978 if you would like to book a table, or just want to find out more about our regular meetings.

Do something different with the kids this summer and learn something new at **Argal's Family Wildlife Day** on 19 August. Drop in between 10am and 3pm and take part in a range of wildlife themed activities. Immerse yourself in nature, go on a bug hunt,

take part in pond dipping and get creative by taking part in some nature crafts.

This event will be raising funds for the Argal play area project. For more information please contact Beth Heasman on 07872 194812 or email [bheasman@swlakestrust.org.uk](mailto:bheasman@swlakestrust.org.uk)

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**The Red Arrows View Point and BBQ** will take place on Wednesday 9 August at The New Inn, from 5pm.

The Mabe Christmas Lights team were delighted to hear that The New Inn had been listed as one of the top five spots to see the Red Arrows, however, due to new airshow regulations the red arrows will now be displaying over the town beaches and not Carrick roads. The committee have looked into this and believe that we will still have a good, if distant, view so will still be hosting our popular annual Barbecue.

As this event has become such a popular family day, there'll be plenty to do between chomping on a burger and the arrival of the Red Arrows at 6:15pm. We will have face painting, a tombola and a lucky dip to keep all the big and little kids out of trouble.

So, for Red Arrows 2017, avoid the queuing traffic and endless crowds in Falmouth and join us for a relaxed garden party with a fantastic view.



# What's On

**Kenny Werner** has been described as “one of jazz’s unsung heroes”, yet the breadth and depth of his award winning achievements and influence, both in playing and education is truly impressive. His prolific output of compositions, recordings and publications continue to impact

audiences around the world.

He will be performing on Thursday 17 August, 7.30pm at the Performance Centre.

Tickets: £16 Early Bird (whilst available)/£18 Standard.

More info:



[www.amata.org.uk/kenny-werner](http://www.amata.org.uk/kenny-werner)



## Tremough wins Green Flag award for it's gardens

The University of Exeter has won a Green Flag Award for its picturesque and eco-friendly campus.

The Penryn Campus made its first ever application for a Green Flag and was successful, with judges praising its “wonderful, unique” environment.

They also called it a “perfect habitat” for wild flowers, insects, birds and bees, and said Tremough House and the Italian

garden were a “plant collector’s paradise”.

The campuses are among a record-breaking 1,797 UK parks and green spaces that will today receive a Green Flag Award or Green Flag Community Award.

Keep Britain Tidy, which runs the Green Flag Awards, says they are a sign to the public that a place has the “highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities”.



*Mabe School's sports day included an obstacle race this year, the children had to batle their way through and under a parachute before placing a bean bag on their heads and running to the finish.*

## Halvasso Big lunch

Halvasso decided to celebrate the Eden Project's Big Lunch and the Big Get Together celebrating the memory of Jo Cox with an outdoor lunch in the heart of Halvasso on one of the hottest weekends this year.

Neighbours brought food and wine - often their own produce and sat at long picnic tables shaded from the scorching sun

by the Halvasso 'tent' which is erected for each community gathering. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to spend time together.

If you live in Halvasso and want to get involved in similar neighbourhood events, find our group on Facebook.



[www.facebook.com/groups/241311976371414/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/241311976371414/)



## New Officers leading MYCP

Following a special meeting, a new team of officers have been chosen to lead the Mabe Youth & Community Project (MYCP).

Whilst Keith Bryant continues as Chair and Liz Dunstan as Secretary, Kevin Wilkes was elected as Vice-Chair and James Goodman as Treasurer.



## Where's Simon?! Winner of Flicka brooch competition

The winner of the Flicka competition to design a commemorative brooch to remember the millions of horses, donkeys and mules which have died in wars was Simon. However, Judy from Flicka has emailed to ask our help to find Simon, as her emails have bounced back. Please email: [mabematterseditor@gmail.com](mailto:mabematterseditor@gmail.com)

## Meet our new Councillors

The Parish Council gained 3 new members in June. We asked them to give our readers a few facts about themselves.

The parish council usually meets

in the WI Hall on the 2nd Thursday of each month and members of the public are welcome to attend. The agenda and minutes are advertised on the Mabe Parish website and the notice board in the middle of the village. *JF*

**Name:** Terry Tindle

**Birthplace:** Yorkshire

**Work:** Customs and Excise (now retired)

**Other interests:** Gardening, travelling, diving

**Priorities as Parish Councillor:**

To represent the residents of Mabe Parish in a time of great change both locally and nationally

**One aim for this year:**

Making a start on resolving the issues of increased traffic through the village centre and adjoining roads

**Best thing about Mabe:**

It is still a rural village and I believe it is important that it remains this way

**Name:** Michelle Wilkinson

**Birthplace:** Rural Cheshire

**Work:** My husband and I run an Airline Interiors business.

**Other interests:** Since leaving art school I have continued to paint and make art when the day job allows. The work that has evolved over the last 5 years questions the medical model of disability.

**Priorities as Parish Councillor:**

Help build a strong community where all can flourish.

**One aim for this year:** Find a solution to the increased traffic through the village.

**Best thing about Mabe:** I love walking my dog Cyril around the Argal Reservoir.



*Pupils from the school's sailing club took part in an Interschool Regatta in July.*

*They did better than Mabe has ever done before, coming 5th out of 11.*

*Photo: Thomas steers his boat expertly around the marker buoy*



**Name:** Christopher Cole

**Birthplace:** Southampton- I moved to Cornwall when I was 14. I have lived in Mabe for the last 3 years.

**Work:** I spent a few years working in construction. I now work in sales for Magnet.

**Other interests:** I enjoy walking, cycling and kayaking. I also have a vegetable plot and some chickens.

**Priorities as Parish Councillor:** Working for the community and trying to keep our parish the way many of us have come to love.

**One aim for this year:** I would like to try and work with the university and resolve the issues surrounding our village.

**Best thing about Mabe:** We live in a gorgeous place close to town but a short walk to the country side, which I like to spend my time unwinding.



Don't forget to like Mabe Burnthouse Village on Facebook

## Race Night Fun!



Saturday 1 July was Ladies Night at the the races in The New Inn.

Race-goers were encouraged to wear their finest hats and fascinators for the occasion, with a bottle of bubbly for the winners.

Over the course of 10 races, all of which were filmed at prestigious racetracks and all of which involved a close and exciting finish, money was won and lost, which, combined with the raffle, resulted in £163 being raised for this year's Christmas Lights.



*Sarah Sullivan and Tanya Allen were the joint winners of the hat competition*

## Did you know?

The Cornish translation for College Reservoir is Crenva Colgy

## Sunday Cream Tea fun

The first of four planned Sunday Afternoon Cream Teas in the Community Hall went well. Tesco donated a £10 food voucher, and homemade cakes, splits and scones were supplied by supporters Liz Charles, Janet Warren and Margaret Barnicoat.



*Raffle table: Lana and Janet (front) with Margaret Bryant (standing)*

A raffle was organised by Lana Poperwell, with Jackie Williams, Margaret Bryant and Wendy Mitchell selling cakes & teas.

At the end of the afternoon £124.22 was raised towards the second PAD unit, to go at the Post Office.

The money raised goes towards a second Defibrillator Unit for the village, to be installed at Post Office, the first one has already been installed outside of the Community Hall.



The total raised so far is a remarkable £4938.98 which is 88% of the total needed to com-

plete the project. Anyone interested in helping can donate direct on the web site:



[www.justgiving.com/mypc-PADappeal/](http://www.justgiving.com/mypc-PADappeal/)

or donate by simply putting their donation into the collecting boxes in the Hairdressers or village Shop.



*Jessica with brother Harry holding his raffle prize*

There are 2 more planned Cream Tea afternoon this summer, on Sunday 6 August and the last chance for a cream tea at £1.50 per person on Sunday 3 September.

*Keith Bryant*

## Local Team are National Badminton Champions

Truro and Penwith College have retained their National Bad-



minton Mixed Cup this May. The College have been National Champions 3 times in the past 4 seasons.

Playing at the National Badminton Centre at

Milton Keynes the team were took inspiration after meeting the current European gold

medallists Chris and Gabby Adcock, the world no2 Mixed Doubles and National Champions.

Sarah Frost from Halvasso played at no1 singles and had a monumental battle against Kate Walker ranked no 10 at U19 National Level.

## Mabe Matters editor is hockey County Vet champion

In June, Mabe Matters' editor, Amanda Wills, took time out to play hockey for Falmouth Ladies, who she has been playing for since 1999, in the County Veteran's Cup.

Falmouth were convincing 5-1 winners against Caradon in the final.



*This year's school end of year play was The Rocky Monster Show. The mad scientist, Dr Venton (played by Tom, far left) brought Elvis (Jack) and The Superbs (Rihanna, Lily and Katie) back to life for a rock concert!*

## Bowls

by Sue Mitchell

Almost 3 years ago and much to my surprise, I found myself entering the Community Hall to see what carpet bowls was all about.

Having seen it listed in Mabe Matters 'Weekly Events'

section and been encouraged to go along

by Ruth Smith, I

thought to give it a go.



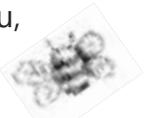
The welcome received could not have been warmer and I was given a quick overview and some practice rolls guided by Ray Stivey before the action began.

As I drew a card to see what colour wood I'd be playing and where my allotted seat would be, I was rather bewildered by the goings on and the strange phrases being uttered as play commenced. "Good wood", "more green", "treat that as the jack", "put one behind" and "wick, wick!" amongst them - accompanied by occasional mutterings of "too heavy" or "why did they go that way?". It was all another world and there seemed to be a lot of sitting too. I was all at sea and convinced that would be my one and only visit to the bowls world. How wrong I was.

On that very first visit, an invitation to join them for their Christmas Lunch at Wheal Dream had been issued and encouragement to return the following week was genuine.

Since then, I've become a convert. At carpet bowls, I greatly enjoy the warm atmosphere and the teasing that goes on, and when friends come to stay they get taken along as well. Despite all the joking, competition is fierce and everyone wants to play well. Carpet bowls has provided a springboard to the short mat version with heavier woods and not so much sitting and I now enjoy playing in League matches for both versions. I would dearly love to try playing outdoors but fear it would become so addictive that I would end up playing 7 days a week.

No sporting prowess or special kit is needed to play - just yourself and a willingness to try something new and meet interesting people who have many tales to tell. So, if your eye should idly run over Carpet Bowls Club in 'Weekly Events' and you wonder if it might be for you, then come along and, like me, give it a try.



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