



MABE MATTERS

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Community News

Mabe School goes for Bronze!



School children in Mabe are being encouraged to walk to school on Wednesdays, as part of the school's efforts to achieve the SUSTRANS Bronze School Mark accreditation. Bronze is awarded to a school that has worked to bring about some organisational, cultural and behavioural changes which help the school community choose to travel in more active and sustainable ways.

As such, a 'Travel Crew' has been formed, consisting of 8 keen Key Stage 2 children. The crew meet regularly in order to discuss ideas which promote active travel and to organise fundraising events. The crew will help Mrs Pearce (see page 15) to keep the scheme running so that they can meet their target. Roles within the crew include stamping, collating data, taking photos and leading fundraising events.

The "Walk on Wednesday" scheme was launched in October and each time a child walks, bikes or scoots to school, (s)he receives a stamp at the top playground gate. Once a stamp pad is filled with all ten stamps, children will receive five housepoints.

There is a survey each Wednesday to see which class has the greatest number of pupils walking, biking or scooting to school. The winning class are awarded with the SUSTRANS bear for the week.

The survey revealed that 89 children *cont.overleaf*



The Travel Crew: Isla, Poppy, Isabel, Charlie, Wilf, Daisy-Jay, Evie, James

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cont. from p.1 walked, biked or scooted to school on October 19th, which is approximately 75% of the school population. This was an increase of 16 pupils from the first week.



The Travel Crew are raising money for a scooter pod

To encourage children, members of the Travel Crew have special "Treasure Tags" which they will attach to a scooter or bike at random times during the week. Anyone who receives one can then take it to Mrs Pearce and claim a prize!

The first fundraiser organised by the Travel Crew was a "Be Safe, Be Seen Day" on November 4th.

Children were invited to pay £1 to come to school dressed in bright clothing and staff were dazzled by an array of brightly-coloured children in Hi-vis jackets, reflective strips, and fluorescent-coloured clothing!

The Travel Crew shared a Power-

Point during assembly explaining the need to dress safely and also showed examples of fluorescent accessories and bike lights. Staff selected the brightest boy and girl from each class, with all winners choosing a Sustrans gift.

The money raised will be used to purchase a Scooter Pod, costing about £350, which will create a safe place for children to store their scooters whilst they are at school.

Class 1 and 2 also took part in a Scooter Skills Afternoon on November 4th where they learned about riding safely and took part in activities that help with balance, control and speed.

George's Christmas Raffle

If you live in Mabe village, chances are you've already had a visit from George Kingston. George has been knocking on doors in Mabe to sell raffle tickets for 46 years now.



George Kingston

The money raised is for for the Mabe Youth & Community Project. and this year's money will contribute towards new play equipment for the playground.

The raffle will be drawn at the MYCP Community Carol Service on Sunday 18th December in the Community Hall. Prizes include a Christmas Hamper, turkey,whisky, wine and other seasonal gifts.

Parish Council News

Kingston Way residents continue to express their concern regarding the large number of cars parked outside their houses.

The Parish Council has been in touch with the police and the University to find a solution, and would urge anyone to phone the police if a vehicle is parked illegally and causing an obstruction.



In the long term, a residents' parking scheme could be the solution but the council needs to know if residents would support this. It is possible that the university could offer financial support, as they have done for similar schemes in Penryn.



Mabe Parish Council is happy to pursue this option, but only if this is what residents want. Please come to the next meeting (*see Diary*) or email the Parish Clerk, mabeparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk.

This and other issues were raised at October's meeting, which saw representatives from Falmouth and Exeter Universities come to outline the proposal for an increase in student numbers on the Penryn Campus from 5000 to 7500. Members questioned the

need for this, and expressed their concerns at the impact on local housing, transport and leisure facilities.



A number of councillors then attended the pre-application briefing at Cornwall Council and once again asked why this growth in student numbers is necessary. Particularly worrying are the sites which have been proposed for student accommodation, including local leisure amenities such as Granite Planet and Ocean Bowl and privately owned arable land.

If you feel strongly about this issue, write to your County Councillor, Peter Williams (prg-williams@cornwall.gov.uk), and make a comment on the application, PA16/03323, on the Council website: www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/online-planning-register/



More positively, councillors have confirmed their support of MYCP plans to apply for Section 106 funds and hope that the people of Mabe will soon see improvements to the play area in Cunningham Park, as well as the long-awaited footpath!



Cllr Tessa Kingsley

Olympic champion Sally Gunnell opens new sports centre

Olympic gold medal winner Sally Gunnell OBE has cut the ribbon on the £4 million new sports facility at the Penryn Campus.

Sally, who works with the University of Exeter to support staff wellbeing, said: "I'm delighted to open this new facility, which will mean a real boost for fitness and wellbeing for staff, students and the local community. I'm passionate about inspiring people to get active, and having high-quality sports facilities on the doorstep is a fantastic incentive to exercise."

The new centre includes a four-court sports hall, available to hire for a variety of sports and events, while the Flexsi fitness suite offers a brand new programme of classes in the large, versatile studio and a spacious, 90-station gym.

The new building also includes a children's day nursery – Little Wonders Nursery, Penryn – for children aged 0 to 5. The nursery offers excellent childcare by high quality and experienced staff and includes plenty of safe and secure outdoor space to encourage play and learning on a picturesque campus.



www.fxplus.ac.uk/sports-centre



www.fxplus.ac.uk/littlewonders



The new Sports Centre is open to staff, students and the local community. L-R: Prof Anne Carlisle (Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive, Falmouth University), Mark Snowden (Mayor of Penryn), Sally Gunnell OBE DL, Prof Mark Goodwin (Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Exeter).

Photo courtesy of Harry Lawlor

Mabe Village Market

We are thinking of holding a village market in MYCP hall once a month.



If you have products or produce to sell and would like to know more please get in touch: mabeycp@gmail.com.

New war grave project

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission has initiated a project to promote interest in the war graves in our churchyards.

We have a war grave at St Laudus and anyone interested in researching it is encouraged to go to <http://cwgc.org/> and/or is most welcome to contact us on 01326 617628.



Opposite page: Children from Mabe School with the food collected at their harvest assembly. They also raised £119 for a charity which they will choose

Fundraising help needed for playpark & car park

Mabe Youth and Community Project are desperately attempting to think of new ways to raise money, primarily to mend the car park and to improve the play area.



Here is a list of ideas that have been suggested to the Entertainment's Committee. If any of these reach fruition we will need both help with the running of the event and the support of the community.

* Mabe Village Market - to be held once a month and to sell local produce and goods.

* Mabe's Got Talent - a talent show for children and adults alike.

* 50/50 Auction - to sell unwanted goods

* Beetle Drives



* An Awards Night - the Mabels! There must be lots of local people who deserve a special award!

* Craft Sessions - e.g. wreath

making, book making, silver craft etc



* Ridiculous Olympics- fun but rather crazy sports

* Film Nights

* Sports Events - e.g. Football Tournament, Target Golf, Table Tennis etc

* Antiques Valuation



* Themed Food Nights

* Family Fun Nights

* Ferret Racing/Horse Racing

* Pamper Evening

* Tea Dances

* A Choir

* Easter Egg Hunt

* Karaoke Night



These were just some of the suggestions that have been put forward.

If you can think of any more or even more importantly if you could help run any of the above events please contact mabematerseditor@gmail.com or mabeypc@gmail.com.

Liz Dunstan



Halvasso Halloween & Harvest Hoedown!

Halvasso held its first Harvest fayre at the beginning of October in the Halvasso boat field. There were contributions of produce, home-made beer, plates of food and impromptu barbecues, tents and banqueting tables.



Fruit and vegetable animals on display at the Halvasso Harvest Hoedown

We were lucky to have fantastic weather for competitions, seed swaps and fun and games which lasted into the evening.

It was a great occasion and will now become a firm fixture on the Halvasso calendar, along with Candia's Halloween party and carol singing!



Halvasso's late Halloween party happened as usual the week after Halloween. Candia entertained the children of the village dressed as a witch with a green face, but the children claimed that "no one looked all that scary".

The house was decorated with cobwebs, skeletons and bats and the food included frog rolls ,pop-corn brains, bones and blood,



Halloween party food included frog rolls and screaming pizzas

screaming pizzas and marshmallow pumpkins. The children played games mummifying each other with toilet roll and generally behaved spookily!

Jackie Frost

Community Choir

If you enjoy singing and want to get in the mood for Christmas- why not try Mabe's scratch community choir?

No auditions and no previous experience necessary. We are just looking for a group of people to come together on Tuesdays, 10.30-12pm in the Community Hall, and sing a few festive songs!

If you are interested, give Keith a ring on 373102 or email keithb.cornwall@gmail.com.
Fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la-la!



Please send details of events happening within Mabe civic parish in Feb/March to mabematterseditor@gmail.com by 15 January 2017. Venue details:

- Mabe Community Hall, Cunningham Park (375938 or mabeycp@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. (Waiting list)

Tues Age Concern Luncheon Club, Community Hall, 12.30-2pm.
Contact Joyce Price, 373187.

Slimming World, Community Hall, 5.30-7pm & 7.30-9pm.
Contact Pam Mundy, 01209 204743 or 07503 945600.

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

Wed Fitness classes, Community Hall: HIIT, 6-6.30pm; Zumba, 6.30-7.30pm; FlexnFirm, 7.45-8.45pm. Contact Gill, 07817 174114

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

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, 10am-12pm, Chyan Cultural Centre. Contact Kate, 07949 451004, 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 Fitness classes, Community Hall: FitSteps, 6-7pm; Piloxing, 7-8pm. Contact Gill, 07817 174114

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

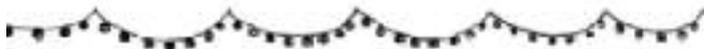
Sat Fitness classes, Community Hall: HIIT, 8am-8.30am; STRETCH, 8.30am-9am. Contact Gill, 07817 174114.

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.



Mabe Diary



December 2016

Sat 3 - Willow basket making for beginners, 10am-4pm, Chyan Community Field. *See What's On.*



Sat 3 - Grace Clayton: Me But Bigger, 7.30pm, Performance Centre. <http://www.amata.org.uk/>.

Sun 4 - Holy Communion, 8.30am, & **Parish Eucharist**, 9.30am, Mabe Church. Contact Rev Steve Smith, 617628 or Rodney Holmes, 375052.

Sun 4 - Family Volunteer Day - tree planting, 10.30am-3pm, Chyan Community Field. *See What's On.*

Tues 6 - Mabe WI. 7.30pm, WI Hall. *See page 14.*



Wed 7 - Mabe School Infants Christmas Play, School Hall. Contact Jill, 372662.

Thurs 8 - Parish Council meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda available on the Parish Notice Board and website (www.mabeparish.co.uk). Open to the public. Contact Fiona Collins, 07964 735219.

Fri 9 - Mabe School Christmas Fete, 8.30-11am, School Hall. Contact Jill, 372662.



Sat 10 - Mabe Reserves vs. St Erme, 2.30pm, School Field.

Sat 10 - Mabe vs. Storm, 2.30pm, Penryn College 3G.

Sat 10 - Mabe Christmas Lights - The Switch On, 5.30pm, The New Inn. *See What's On.*

Sat 10 - Flicka Carol Concert, 7pm, Penty Noweth Farm. *See What's On.*

Sun 11 - Parish Eucharist, 9.30am, Mabe Church. Contact as on Sun 4.

Tues 13 - Holy Communion, 1.45pm, Community Hall. Contact as on Sun 4.

Thurs 15 - Candle lit Christingle, 6.30pm, Mabe Church, with pupils, staff & parents from Mabe School. Contact as on Sun 4.

Thurs 15 - Volunteering with yoga, 9am-1pm, Chyan Community Field. *See What's On.*

Fri 16 - Mabe School breaks up.

Sat 17 - Mabe Reserves vs. St Ives Mariners, 2.30pm, School Field.

Sat 17 - Mabe vs. Mawnan, 2.30pm, Penryn College 3G.



Sun 18 - Parish Eucharist, 9.30am, Mabe Church. Contact as on Sun 4.

Sun 18 - MYCP Community Carol Service, 6pm, Community Hall. Contact Keith, mycpchair@gmail.com.

Mon 19 - Garden Club, 7pm, Community Hall. *See What's On.*



Wed 21 - Tree Dressing Day, 2pm -6pm, Chyan Community Field. *See What's On.*

Thurs 22 - Carol Service, 6.30pm, St Michaels, with mince pies and mulled wine. Contact as on Sun 4.

Sat 24 - Midnight Mass, Holy Communion, 11pm, Mabe Church. Contact as on Sun 4.

Sun 25 - Holy Communion, 9.30am, Mabe Church. Contact as on Sun 4.

Thurs 29 - Cornwall Astronomy Society,

8pm, WI Hall. Contact Simon Dunkley, 564046.



Don't forget to like Mabe Burnthouse Village on Facebook

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

Mabe Diary



January 2017

Tues 3 - Mabe WI. 7.30pm, WI Hall. Contact Liz Young, 372978.



Sat 1 - Mabe Reserves vs. Probus, 2.30pm, School Field.

Sun 8 - Epiphany Carol Service, 11.30am, Joint Service with St Michael's followed by Pot Luck Lunch. Contact Rev Steve Smith, 617628 or Rodney Holmes, 375052.



Tues 10 - Holy Communion, 1.45pm, Community Hall. Contact as on Sun 8.

Thurs 12 - Parish Council meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Agenda available on the Parish Notice Board and website (www.mabeparish.co.uk). Open to the public. Contact Fiona Collins, 07964 735219.

Sun 15 - Parish Euchrist, 10.30am, Mabe Parish Church. Contact as on Sun 8.

Mon 16 - Garden Club AGM, 7pm, Community Hall. Contact Sue Mitchell, 376418.

Sat 21 - 50-50 Auction, 5pm, Community Hall. See *What's On*.



Sun 22 - Parish Euchrist, 10.30am, Mabe Parish Church. Contact as on Sun 8.

Thurs 26 - Volunteering with yoga, 9am-1pm, Chyan Community Field. See *What's On*.

Thurs 26 - Cornwall Astronomy So-

ciety, 8pm, WI Hall. Contact Simon Dunkley, 564046.

Sat 28 - Little Women, Big Balls, 7.30pm, Performance Centre. <http://www.amata.org.uk/>.



Sun 29 - Parish Euchrist, 10.30am, joint service with St Michael's. Contact as on Sun 8.



50/50
AUCTION



to raise funds for MYCP

Bring along unwanted Christmas presents or any item taking up space in your home in time for spring cleaning. We will auction it for you and share the money 50-50. Bring items for sale along to the Community Hall from 5pm, viewing at 7pm, Auction at 7.30pm

Contact Karen, 01209 861697
or mabeycp@gmail.com

What's On



Chyan Community Field has got a full programme of events planned for the next few months.

As well as the Inner Art Club and Nature's Playgroup, which run weekly now (*see p.7*), they have instigated a series of volunteer days:



Volunteer at Chyan in exchange for a free yoga class on Thursday 15th December and 26th January.

Start the morning with yoga, 9-10am in the heated barn, and break for tea before volunteering on the land from 10.30 – 1pm. If you don't want to do yoga, just arrive at 10am for tea. All ages welcome and no experience needed.



Meet at the Chyan Community Field car park from 8.45am. Bring sturdy footwear and a coat – and stretchy clothes if doing yoga.

Don't fancy the yoga? Then come along on Sunday 4th December to our **volunteer tree planting with bring and share lunch**, 10.30am to 4pm. Come and learn from experienced woodsman Tom Kemp, as you clear, dig and plant young English hazel trees for coppicing in the future. All tools and gloves provided – and plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits.

Meet at the Chyan Community

Field car park from 10.15am. Bring sturdy footwear and a coat – and something to share for lunch.



More info: <https://chyan.org/volunteering/>

You can join Chyan on Winter Solstice this year to celebrate their trees and enjoy a non-commercial Christmas moment! The afternoon includes a **natural Christmas decoration workshop** suitable for all ages and a ceremony to decorate and bless a tree. Finish by the fire with a cup of mulled apple juice and cake.

Chyan are also running a one day course in **willow basketry for beginners** on Saturday 3rd December from 10am to 4pm.



Work with experienced craftsperson Nina Fenner using willow grown at Chyan Farm to make your own willow basket to take home.

Meet at Chyan Community Field car park from 9.45am. Bring warm clothes and your own lunch. Cost: £30 per person – £20 concessions.

More info: <https://chyan.org/willow-basket-making-for-beginners/>



If you would like to book a place or ask a question about any of these events, please contact Lou on chyanmail@gmail.com or 07792059854.





CHRISTMAS
CAROL CONCERT



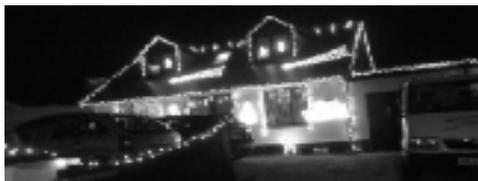
7pm, Saturday 10 December
in the donkey barn at Flicka
with Bedlam Bess

Tickets: Adults £5, Children £3
to include a mince pie and glass of mulled wine/
soft drink. Hot pasties for sale in the interval.

Warm clothing recommended. Tickets available from:
tel 01326 373601 info@flicka.org.uk
www.flickafoundation.org.uk

Penny North Farm, Trenwith Lane,
Pole Southouse, Peterborough PE12 9BB

serenaded by Mabe School Choir and Mabe Brownies with some festive carols and keep a beady eye out for a familiar jolly man in a certain red suit!



At 6:30pm a special guest will have the honour of lighting Mabe up for this Christmas.

If you'd like to adopt a reindeer for Christmas 2017 then talk to one of our friendly Elves at the Switch On for more details or call us on 07399 612155.

Mabe Christmas Lights - The Switch On - Sat 10th December from 5:30pm at The New Inn.

It's nearly time for the moment we've all been waiting for! Throughout 2016, we have had lots of fantastic fund raising events to light up Mabe even more each Christmas and this year is set to be the brightest yet with lots more lovely Mabe folk adopting our festive reindeer. You may also notice a few more yule tide flavoured light features about the village this December thanks to the amazing support at each of our events.

At the Switch On you will be welcomed with mulled wine and mince pies from 5:30pm. Get into the seasonal spirit whilst being

Mabe Garden Club will be meeting next on Monday 19th December. Regretfully, the scheduled speaker Alan Cox, has had to cancel due to surgery, but a meeting will take place as usual at 7pm at the Community Hall.

A light supper provided by members is sure to be enjoyed, to round out what has been a busy year.

Then on Monday 16th January at 7pm, the Club's Annual General Meeting will be held, at which next year's Programme of Events will be unveiled.



For further details, contact Sue Mitchell on 376418.

Mabe Garden Club

Intrigued members gathered on 17th October for a session tantalisingly titled: "Fun with Flowers", which was run by one of the club members, Carol Bailey.

Club business having been completed, Carol began putting together display after splendid display with an effortless ease whilst passing on hints and tips to fellow members who engaged throughout in light hearted banter, questions and tales of their own shortcomings where flower arranging was concerned.



Carol shows off one of her displays

The basis of a display is a container of any description - and Carol used a variety including a tall urn painted gold for her piece de resistance. The only limitation for containers is the need for an oasis to fit inside. Oases should be allowed to sink naturally in water until ready for use, usually within a couple of hours. When creating an upright arrangement aim for a triangular end result and don't be afraid to experiment with colours, shapes,



heights and textures.



Using just a few shop bought flowers, Carol supplemented her displays with plants such as twisted hazel, pittosporums, eucalyptus, hydrangeas, roses, bergenias, grasses and fatsias which had been gathered from both her own garden and those of friends.

Two displays using cabbages caused much mirth and wonder at her imagination as she transformed them into people using materials such as sisal and dried sweet corn husks.

At the end of her thoroughly engaging session, displays were auctioned off by her husband, Bob, with proceeds going towards club funds and she also sold oases and containers as starter kits so members could try their hand at producing displays of their own. Such was the enthusiasm, the kits were sold out within minutes.



Two of Carol's more unusual displays!

Finally, Jean Cook thanked Carol for a fun and educational evening and this very convivial event was rounded off with a warm round of applause.



A few days later, members once again rallied round to host our Annual Coffee Morning.



Janet & Lana - raffle ninjas!

As ever, Ron and Adrian Scamp were present holding their 'End of Bin bulb Sale' giving visitors the chance to ask advice from these RHS Gold Medal Winners and to select from the splendid selection of bulbs brought along.

Several members hosted well-stocked craft stalls with items made by their own hands and imagination. The event was extremely well attended and lively with many attendees coming from across West Cornwall. A tiring but satisfying end to a very busy week for all. *Sue Mitchell*

MacMillan coffee morning

Mabe Short Mat Bowls Club held a coffee morning in the Community Hall on Friday 30th September to raise money for MacMillan

Cancer Support.



There was a raffle together with a cake stall, book stall and bottle stall.

There was a good attendance and those organising the event were very pleased with the figure of £530.05 which was raised.

Many thanks for your support and a big thank you to all the volunteers who made it possible.

Shirley Denyer

Bags2School



Mabe School would like to thank everyone who donated to their Bags2School appeal, you helped to raise £132.

The next appeal will be in March so please hold on to your unwanted clothes!

Shinty players needed

Mabe Shinty are a successful shinty club in the Mabe area. Not sure what shinty is? Why not come along and see! Its a field sport game similar to hockey and hurling but with some subtle differences.



Its a mixed sport so guys and girls are all welcome. Mabe Shinty train and play every Sunday in Falmouth. If you want to check it out or even better give it a go please feel free to check out our Mabe Shinty Club Facebook page or @MabeShinty on twitter.

Two speakers entertain at Mabe W.I.



Our autumn meetings at Mabe W.I. have been as lively as ever, and we have enjoyed two very interesting speakers.

Yvonne Toms told us all about her transformation from a simple Yorkshire lass in the 1960's into a housemaid at Buckingham Palace, describing some of her many duties and the requirements of various members of the royal household. Yvonne was a very humorous speaker who kept us in stitches!

The in November, Rosemary Aitken, author of many novels, came along and told us about her early life, and also rural life in Cornwall in the early 20th century. This gave us a good insight into the history of our county before and during World War I.

Our president, Liz Young, has arranged for a Christmas get-together at the Greenbank Hotel in Falmouth one morning in early December, and later that same month we will take a coach trip to see the beautiful lights around the county.

We also have a demonstration of floral displays at our usual monthly meeting which begins at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th December. If you would like to know more about our group, or come along for a "taster evening",

please contact Liz on 01326 372978.

Eileen Bennett

Kingfisher highlight of Lakes walk



The bird life at College and Argal Lakes is always a big attraction for visitors and the autumn in particular brings some very interesting visiting birds to the site.

On Saturday 15 October bird-watchers of all ages braved the rain, and at one point thunder and lightning, and ventured out to see what they could spot.

With the help of South West Lakes Trust Countryside Warden, Beth Heasman and Dan Chaney, local expert from the Cornwall Bird Watching and Preservation Society, they saw a variety of water and woodland birds including Goldcrests and Great Crested Grebes.



Kingfisher

The highlight of the walk was watching a Kingfisher taking about 10 minutes to swallow a particularly large fish, which everyone got a good look at through the telescope.

For more information about events at any of South West Lakes Trust's sites or for details on how you can become involved in conservation please email info@swlakestrust.org.uk or call 01566 771930.



Meet Mabe School's new Class 2 teacher: Julia Pearce

What led you to become a teacher?

I have wanted to be a teacher since my teenage years and haven't ever considered any other profession! It is so varied, you never sit still for 5 seconds and it is such a rewarding career.

Why did you want to teach at Mabe School?

As a parent of children at Mabe, I was always in awe of the school ethos, staff, friendly atmosphere and, most crucially, the great big smiles on the pupils' faces at the end of every day. From the first moment I walked into the school, I got a wonderful feeling and always hoped there would be an opportunity to apply for a job there.

Teaching Class 2 is literally my dream job, working with my favourite ages range in (what I believe) to be the perfect size school.

 *Have you worked in any other schools?*

I have taught in Stoke Gabriel, St.Breock, Gorran and Charlestown, working with children aged from 4 – 8.

Do you have any children?

I have three children: Isla is 8, Amelia is 6 and Harry is 3. 



Mabe School's new teacher, Julia Pearce

Which school did you go to?

I grew up in St.Austell and attended Bishop Bronescombe primary school and Penrice secondary school. 

Do you have any hobbies?

I love to run! I used to be a very keen gig-rower too, however, time is rather limited now. I hope to pick it up again in the future.

What's your favourite book?

I love Michael Morpurgo's *Why the Whales Came*, because it is a wonderful story set in the beautiful Isles of Scilly, I have spent time rowing and running in the islands, so know some of the places described in the story.

What's your favourite film?

I love the film "The Holiday" and can watch it time and time again! It is such a 'feel-good' story with a happy ending (and no complicated plot line!)

Design a commemorative brooch for Flicka

Following on from Remembrance Day last month, The Flicka Foundation aims to remember all the fallen animals of war.

Did you know there is actually no 'official' emblem to commemorate animals?

The purple poppy was brought about in 2006 by Animal Aid, but they became disenchanted with the way the purple poppy was depicted, stating very clearly that animals were not heroes in war who gave their lives, but victims who had their lives taken.

The Royal British Legion says, "We see no conflict in wearing the red poppy next to the purple or white poppy. Many animal rights supporters also support our work. We do ask that the items are not offered alongside each other however as this would confuse the public."

Animal Aid now produce a purple paw badge to remember all animal victims of human conflict and exploitation.

Over the past couple of years we had a button cornflower to remember the fallen donkeys,

horses and mules. The Flicka Foundation would like to have something new for 2017, although we sadly can never make it official, we thought we'd like to make a more permanent tribute to our equine friends to remember the horrors that befell them. In World War 1 alone over eight million mules, horses and donkeys died.



For next year we would like to offer the opportunity for someone to design a commemorative brooch, the best one will go to production ready to sell in 2017 - there is very little margin in this, it is NOT for profit, but something we feel strongly about. Animals have no choice and no voice. They should be remembered alongside all the fallen men and women in both wars and all worldwide conflict.

If indeed there is any profit it will go to the Brooke Hospital who came about because of the war equines.



If you are interested in designing something for the donkeys mules and horses - please email info@flicka.org.uk for details.

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