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Community News

Ever thought of being a Councillor?

Parish Council Elections 4th May 2017

On 4th May 2017 there will be an opportunity for everyone to choose who will represent them on Mabe Parish Council for the next four years.



Your village needs you!

This is really important as central government is devolving more and more responsibilities and powers to local councils.

However, over more than ten years there hasn't been an election in Mabe, because not enough people have put their names forward.

This means that for many years the councillors that are supposed to represent the community's views have been self appointed, not elected.

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If you care about the future of Mabe, why don't you put your name forward for the upcoming elections? It would be really good to see some young people in particular helping to decide what developments should happen in Mabe.

There are some rules about who can stand for elections, you must be over 18 years old, registered to vote, live or work in or near the parish and not be a bankrupt.

There are parish council meetings once a month and training is available.

For more information go to:

 <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections/current-and-forthcoming-electionsreferendums/cornwall-council-and-parish-and-town-council-elections-4-may-2017>.



Parish Council calls for help in blocking University expansion

The planning application to raise the cap on student numbers at the Penryn Campus and associated applications have been the key issue for the Parish Council in recent weeks.

At January's meeting, the issue dominated the debate with representatives from Save our Falmouth and other local residents attending to make their feelings known.

Mabe Parish Council once more reiterated that they are united in opposing the expansion plans and pledged to work together with other local groups to present a united front to Cornwall Council and the University.

It is felt that this area is not suitable for additional students and that the proposed increase to 7,500 students would place too much pressure on our highways, parking facilities, local doctors' surgeries and housing.

If you feel strongly about this issue, it is not too late to make a comment.



Although the plans were discussed at the Strategic Planning Committee at County Hall in early January (when Mabe PC's Peter Tisdale and Tessa Kingsley attended and spoke against the application), it was subsequently

deferred until March.

Cornwall Councillors felt that they did not have enough evidence that the University was sticking to its promise of a 'hub and rim' approach (with the hub based at Penryn while other areas of Cornwall benefit from additional sites) and wanted further documentation from the University that this would happen.

In addition, Falmouth resident John Ellis presented figures which challenged the University's own statistics for student numbers, and it was felt that these needed to be explored further.

You will find the plans on the Cornwall Council website:



<http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Enter the application number PA16/03323 and have your say.

You could also write to your MP or County Councillor, Peter Williams, as well as members of the Strategic Planning Committee and/or the local press.

We have one last chance to block this expansion and need as many people as possible to object.

Cllr Tessa Kingsley

See page 4 for more news on the Parish Council's efforts to prevent more student housing.



George's final raffle!

George Kingston, a stalwart fundraiser, has been collecting money for the Mabe Youth & Community Project, which includes the children's playing field, for over 50 years.

George organised this year's Christmas Raffle, which made an amazing total of £1520 - which will go towards the cost of the new play equipment in the park, which is currently being quoted for.

George says, "I have thoroughly enjoyed calling from house to house meeting with everyone in the community and raising thousands of pounds over the years, but have decided to call it a day. I wish to thank everyone for their wonderful support over the years and for all the fun and laughter we have shared together."

I'm sure that we'd all like to thank George too. Without men and

women like him, Mabe would have no Community Hall and no green space to play in.

Anyone interested in volunteering to take over all or part of George's raffle collecting route, please contact Rachelle, 375938 or mabeycp@gmail.com.



George Kingston has been fundraising in Mabe for over 50 years

This year's main raffle prize of a Christmas Hamper was won by Shirley Watkinson, whilst the turkey went to Richard Wood.



Mabe School Infants pose before taking to the stage in their Christmas play

Parish Council objects to more student housing

In January, Mabe Parish Council held an additional planning meeting at Mabe School, to allow Councillors and members of the public to question a county planning officer about the plans for new student housing behind B and Q.

This is nothing to do with the university expansion, but will provide an additional 1049 beds which should have been delivered before now.

Outline planning permission was granted in 2009, but we do have the opportunity to comment on the buildings themselves.

The Council asked for a limit on the height of some buildings and adjustments to the materials which will be used.

Finally, MPC objected to the proposed 'student village' at Treluswell, for numerous reasons including the anticipated increase in traffic, the lack of direct access to the current campus and concerns about the effect that the proposed shops, takeaways and hotels may have on local businesses in Penryn and Falmouth.

Furthermore, councillors were also angered at the prospect of building on quality agricultural land and noted that Mabe School is already oversubscribed and the subject of a number of appeals.

Read more about the student village plans here:



www.cornwalllive.com/plans-for-a-student-village-scheme-for-treluswell-at-penryn-submitted-to-cornwall-council-planning/story-30061001-detail/story.html

Tessa Kingsley

Abuse over parking

St Aubyn Park is becoming hazardous for motorists and small children due to staff and students using it as a car park, claims one resident. Many people driving to university each day are using it to avoid paying for parking on site.

Emma Willis says she has even been threatened by someone after she took him to task over his choice to park on a grass verge near her home.

"I have reached the end of my tether. I have spoken to the Tremough Campus several times. I consider myself to be quite accepting of people, I'm originally from Oxford and used to students, but it's got to the point where it's actually dangerous. They are parking their cars on corners so you have to pull your car right out into oncoming traffic and can't see."

Read the whole story on the Falmouth Packet: [www.falmouth-](http://www.falmouth-packet.co.uk/news/)



[packet.co.uk/news/14951081.Mabe_resident_verbally_abused_by_campus_goers_over_parking_problems/](http://www.falmouth-packet.co.uk/news/14951081.Mabe_resident_verbally_abused_by_campus_goers_over_parking_problems/)

Mabe raise over £2000 for Dementia UK (Cornwall)

During this year there have been a variety of fund raising events culminating in a Coffee and Crafts morning on Saturday 19th November.

Anne Salomé, who was well supported by an amazing team of assistants without whom it could not go ahead, masterminded the event. The weather was kind to us and the event was well attended by the village, friends and family. The atmosphere in the



Community Hall was vibrant and reverberated with animated chatter. There were a variety of stalls, including crafts, cakes, a cake raffle, bric-a-brac and books. There was also a major raffle, the prizes for which were all kindly donated.

During the year there have been three other fund raising events for Dementia UK. On a beautiful day in the Summer, June Good-man hosted a wonderful BBQ. Anne organised an extremely

successful 3D card workshop and lunch. Finally, despite the weather conspiring against us, a cream tea took place at Glederry. Between the events and several kind donations £2,030 has been raised for Dementia UK (Cornwall).

Christmas at Luncheon Club

Over fifty members of Mabe Luncheon Club enjoyed their traditional Christmas Dinner in the Community Hall, the week before Christmas Day.

A delicious two course meal of roast turkey and all the trimmings, followed by christmas pudding was cooked by chef Janet Warren, ably assisted by Peter Moyle, and served by volunteers from the community. This was followed by mince pies, chocolates with tea and coffee.

Each member received a present, and gifts were given to those who helped in any way during the day and throughout the year. The meal and presents were free to all, thanks to the raffle each week. £62.11 was raised in lieu of Christmas cards towards the defibrillator fund for the village.

Any resident of the parish interested in joining the club can contact Margaret Bryant (01326 373102). The club meets every Tuesday at 12.30pm in the Community Hall, and the price is £4.50 per person. *M. Bryant*

Slimming success and 9 stone lighter

I would like you to meet my lovely two 'Woman of the Year', chosen by our great slimming world group in Mabe Community Hall.

Meet the lovely Anita and Ruth, both so inspiring, and both with their own journeys to getting to the weight loss they are hoping for.



Ruth Gordon and Anita Jervis: Mabe Slimming World's Women of the Year 2016

Ruth has lost an amazing 3.5 stone and is now at her target and has been for nearly a year. She is also a valued social team member; she inspires new and existing members when they are struggling.

"I love the support you get in the group and I love to cook lots of

varied things too. Never going hungry and coming to the group when I was losing my weight was the only way I could do this."

Anita is a local lady from Ponsanooth and was not even sure when she walked through the door that she could go through with joining, but with a bit of encouragement and support from the lovely members she began feeling part of this special group who supports you through the

good and the bad times, ups and downs, which lead us to come off plan or lose our way eating wise.

Anita is now an amazing 5.5 stone lighter, and while she knows she still wants to lose more she is happy in herself.

Having taken a trip of a lifetime recently to see family and friends in America on her own, she decided to go get some new clothes and happily found she had

dropped a considerable amount of dress sizes too.

Two very special ladies enjoying eating healthily but still enjoying a normal life and not starving at all. Come and meet them together with a lot of other friendly members at our group on Tuesday 5.30 and 7.30 at Mabe Community Hall.

Pam Mundy

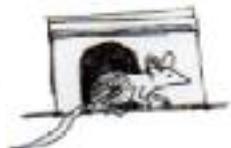
Please send details of events happening within Mabe civic parish in April/May to mabematterseditor@gmail.com by 15 March 2017. Venue details:

- 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.



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

Mabe Diary



February 2017

Sat 4 - Mabe FC vs. Illogan RBL
3rds, 2.30pm, Penryn College 3G.

Sat 4 - Hedgelaying Course, 10-4pm, Chyan Community Field. Contact Lou, chyanmail@gmail.com.

Sat 4 - Cara Dillon, 7.30pm, The Performance Centre, cost: £20/£17.
<http://www.amata.org.uk/cara-dillon>



Sat 18 - Mabe Reserves vs. Ludgvan Reserves, 2.30pm, School Field.

Thurs 9 – 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.

Sat 11 - Valentine's Supper, 7pm, Community Hall. See *What's On*.

Sun 12 - Meditation, 8.30-9.30am, Chyan Community Field Apple Barn. Contact Lucinda, 01326 372419.

Sat 18 - Natural Wool Dying, 10-4pm, Chyan Community Field. Contact Lou, chyanmail@gmail.com.

Sat 18 - College and Argal Lake Winter Bird Walk, 9.30am, Argal Lake car park. See *What's On*.

Mon 20 - Garden Club, 7pm, Community Hall. See *What's On*.

Wed 22 - Volunteering with yoga, 9am-1pm, Chyan Community Field. Contact Lou, 07792059854.

Thurs 23 - Cornwall Astronomy Society, 8pm, WI Hall. Contact Simon Dunkley, 564046.



Sat 25 - Family and Friends Volunteer Day, 10.30am-4pm, Chyan Community Field. Contact Lou, 07792059854.

Sat 25 - Ninebarrow, 7.30pm, The Performance Centre, cost: £10.
www.amata.org.uk/ninebarrow

Wed 29 - Volunteering with yoga, 9am-1pm, Chyan Community Field. Contact Lou, 07792059854.

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

For more information
Fr Steve Smith, 617628,
Priest in Charge
Rev Amanda Evans, 318059,
Curate
Francis Miller, 374890,
Church Warden

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Mabe Diary



March 2017

Sat 4 - Imbolc Celebration, 2-5pm, Chyan Community Field. *See What's On.*



Sat 4 - Cornish Evening in aid of PAD Appeal, 7.30pm, Community Hall, £7.50 incl. entertainment and refreshments. Contact Keith, mabepad2016@gmail.com.

Sat 4 - Skillywidden: A St Piran Nos Lowen, 7.30pm, The Performance Centre. *See What's On.*

Thurs 9 – 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.

Thurs 9-Sat 11 – Panto: The Pied Piper of Primelin, Community Hall, 7pm. *See What's On.*

Sat 11 - Willow Garden Structures, 10-4pm, Chyan Community Field. Contact Lou, chyanmail@gmail.com.

Sat 4 - Holly & Ted: Pond Wife, 7.30pm, The Performance Centre, cost: £12/10. <https://amata.ticket-solve.com/#/shows/873568515>

Sun 12 - Meditation, 8.30-9.30am, Chyan Community Field Apple Barn. Contact Lucinda, 01326 372419.

Sat 18 - Handmade Books Workshop, 10-4pm, Halvasso. *See What's On.*



Sat 18 - Mabe Reserves vs. Four Lanes, 2.30pm, School Field.

Sat 18 - Mabe FC vs. Penwith Exiles

3rds, 2.30pm, Penryn College 3G.

Sat 18 - Mr & Mrs Clark (F.E.A.R.), 7.30pm, The Performance Centre. *See What's On.*

Mon 20 - Garden Club, 7pm, Community Hall. *See What's On.*

Thurs 23 - Cornwall Astronomy Society, 8pm, WI Hall. Contact Simon Dunkley, 564046.



Sat 25 - Herbal Medicine: Women and the Menopause, 10-4pm, Chyan Community Field. Contact Lou, chyanmail@gmail.com.

Sat 25 - Handmade Books Workshop, 10-4pm, Halvasso. *See What's On.*

Sat 18 - Mapdance 2017, 7.30pm, The Performance Centre, cost £12/10. <https://amata.ticketsolve.com/#/shows/873568517>

Wed 29 - Volunteering with yoga, 9am-1pm, Chyan Community Field. Contact Lou, 07792059854.

Fri 31 - Sheelanagig, 8.30pm, The Performance Centre, cost: £13. www.amata.org.uk/sheelanagig



Mabe WI are going out in February for their birthday meal, and are holding their AGM in March. Normal service will resume in April, with meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the WI Hall. Contact: Mrs Liz Young, 372978

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What's On



Mabe Garden Club's first talk in 2017 will be at the Community Hall on Monday 20th February at 7pm, when John Lanyon (Garden Manager of several local National Trust Gardens) will be talking about "New Zealand Treasures". Then on Monday 20th March, at 7pm the guest speaker will be Pat Ward whose talk is called "One Garden, Four Seasons".

Guests/visitors welcome at £2 to include light refreshments. For further information about our friendly club, contact Sue Mitchell on 376418.

Chyan will be celebrating the first stirrings of spring with crafts, ritual, song and fire at their Imbolc

Celebration on Saturday 4th February. Imbolc, in the Celtic seasonal calendar, marked the beginning of the lambing season and signaled the beginning of Spring and the stirrings of new life. Families welcome. Contact, Lou at chyanmail@gmail.com.

Join South West Lakes Trust on Saturday 18th February on a winter bird walk at Argal and College Lakes. You will be able to learn about the bird life which uses the lake habitat over winter and hopefully catch a glimpse of some with the help of a local expert from the Cornwall Bird Watching and Preservation Society. More info:



www.swlakestrust.org.uk/events/10072



MDCP Presents... March 9-11, 2017

Will Mabe rid itself of its child rat problem with the help of the mysterious French visitor?

Tickets from Mabe Post Office
Adult £5
Child £3 (U18)

Doors open @ 7pm
Mabe Community Hall

The Pied Piper of Primelin

MADE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PROJECT

VALENTINES' SUPPER

Saturday 11th February
Community Hall
7.00 pm

15.50
per person
12 courses plus wine

Bookings by Saturday 4th February, please
Contact JACKIE on 01326 372863

Nina Fenner is running two **Handmade Books Workshops** in March. On March 18th you can make a hardback casebound book and on the 25th she will be showing how to make a variety of book structures, including concertinas, single sections and stab bindings and variations of each type.

Workshops are £30, 10-4pm. Contact Nina Fenner: 340242,



books@ninafenner.co.uk,
www.ninafenner.co.uk

The Performance Centre at Tremough has plenty of events coming up, including the brilliant **Skillywidden: A St Piran Nos Lowen (Cornish Dance Night)** on Saturday 4th March at 7.30pm.

Skillywidden frequently pack

dance floors with their take on the Nos Lowen style of Cornish music and dance. Their exhilarating performances, in a line up which includes bouzouki, fiddle, clarinets, viola, darabuka and vocals, convey the sheer joy they take in Cornwall's indigenous culture.



Tickets: £6 + booking fee and includes a pasty (while stocks last)



<https://amata.ticketsolve.com/#/shows/873544756>

Then on Saturday 18th March, Gareth Clark will be performing **Mr and Mrs Clark: (F.E.A.R.)** at 7.30pm.

(F.E.A.R.) is a one-man show about constructed fear that asks directly if the world wants us to feel safe. (F.E.A.R.) is a brave, revealing and at times hilarious one-man tour of early childhood memories to midlife identity crisis delivered directly to the audience in a revealing and intimate manner.



Tickets cost £14/£12 concessions + booking fee.



www.amata.org.uk/fear

Mabe resident Braves the Shave for MacMillan

Seventeen year old Tiffanie Johns took on a big challenge last year, in support of Macmillan Cancer support. Instead of your typical fancy dress and trick or treating, Tiff had all of 36 inches of her hair shaved off on 31st October, 2016 in MacMillan's 'Brave the Shave' initiative.

Having seen the idea advertised on television and Facebook, Tiff said she thought it was really, 'something nice to do.' Although she didn't know anybody personally who was suffering from cancer at the time, she sought support for this worthy cause and found it in her family, neighbours, and friends on Facebook who all contributed to the cause, helping Tiffanie to raise around £300.

Tiff 'braved the shave' on Facebook live, watched by over 200

people including her friends and supporters, most of whom commented, 'How brave!'

She said she was, 'nervous, but then fine when it was done!'

Tiffanie had her head shaved at home by her mum, Tricia who said she felt, 'really proud of her because she did it all off her own back.' Although she also commented that shaving her daughter's head felt really weird because it's what she would normally do for her eight and nine year old boys. Torin and Talin, who both attend Mabe School, thought it was cool that their big sister had her head shaved like them and she took them out later that night for some trick or treating and to show off her new hairstyle to her neighbourhood supporters.

People with cancer go through hair loss and changes to their appearance that can affect everythi-



Tiffanie Johns' before and after photos. Tiff shaved her hair off to raise money for MacMillan Cancer

ng from the way they look to how they feel. By braving the shave Tiffanie stood proudly alongside men, women and children for whom cancer has turned their world upside down. She was one of 24,854 people who participated in Brave the Shave during 2016, raising over £5.5 million in total. All the money raised means MacMillan can support people who are facing a difficult time so that they can start to feel more in control. If you wish to support Tiff, please go to:



<https://bravetheshave.org.uk/shavers/tiffanie-johns/>

Please help save lives!

Every day 250 people in the UK suffer a Sudden Cardiac Arrest, of these only 12 will survive. The chance of survival depends on how quickly bystanders act. The only effective treatment for cardiac arrest is defibrillation, however it is vital that CPR is started as soon as possible after dialing 999. For every minute that passes with nobody doing anything, the chances of survival drops by 10%, then by the time a paramedic arrives, they are fighting the odds. Unfortunately, many times when paramedics arrive it is too late to save the person, they have died because bystanders have not started CPR.

It doesn't have to be this way, in areas where Public Access Defibrillators are installed the survival

rate can be raised to 50%, that's 125 people instead of 12.



Mabe has a large village community. It could be anyone needing it tomorrow. At peak times the Ambulance Service is under extreme pressure. We could help anyone with the necessary equipment. If all properties were able to fund this project with a few pounds we could fully equip the village now, with 2 units, both available 24/7.

Donations are welcome on our page, "Public Access Defibrillator for Mabe", where we can also receive gift aid, so please use:



www.justgiving.com/mypc-PADappeal/

Alternatively, there is always a collection box in the shop and hairdressers.

Can you, your club, group, or organisation help us, or help sponsor an event? Contact Keith, mabepad2016@gmail.com

Bags2School



The bags will now be given out with the April/May issue of Mabe Matters.

300 Club winners

The winners of the 300 club draw for Dec 31/Jan 1 are:

- 1st - £50: Keith Cordell
- 2nd - £30: Dave Cockwell
- 3rd - £10: Allen Gallie



Bowls Club Christmas

Mabe Bowls Clubs held their Christmas Dinner in the Community Hall a week before Christmas.

Everyone was welcomed with a glass of mulled wine, and there was a choice of wine to accompany the meal.

Members and friends sat down to a meal consisting of prawn cocktail, turkey with all the usual vegetables and trimmings, followed by an assortment of cold sweets. This was followed by cheese and biscuits with coffee and mints.

The meal was cooked by Peter Moyle, assisted by Grosvenor Knowles and several men from the club, while the ladies helped with the serving of the courses. A raffle was held with many excellent prizes, and proceeds of £81 went to raising money for a second defibrillator for the village. Thanks were given to all at the end of the meal, and arrangements were made for a New Year roll up and the trip to Torquay in early January.

Margaret Bryant

Community Carol Service

The annual Community Carol service was held in Mabe Community Hall a week before Christmas, with a full house enjoying the festive atmosphere. This year a community Choir led the

singing of the carols, conducted by Howard Barnes and accompanied by Trisha Barnes.

David Charles welcomed everyone with a timely reminder of the true meaning of Christmas, and readings were given by Margaret Bryant, Trisha Barnes, John Ball, Richard Wood, Julie Warren, and three of the Brownies. Rev Amanda Evans gave a short address and the final blessing, and prayers were led by Margaret Bryant.

At the end of the service, thanks were given by Keith Bryant, Chairman of the Youth and Community Project, which ran the event. He presented gifts to Howard and Trisha Barnes for their efforts in setting up the choir, and to David and Pamela Charles on the occasion of his retirement as Vice Chairman of the Project.

The service was followed by mince pies, tea and coffee, and a retiring collection was for the adult Cornish Hospice Care.

The annual grand Christmas Raffle was also drawn, with many excellent prizes, and the organiser, George Kingston thanked all those who provided prizes, and supported it by buying tickets. He announced that this would be his last year and asked for volunteers to help with the selling of tickets next year.

Margaret Bryant

'Happy New Reindeer'

The Mabe Christmas Lights committee would like to thank everyone in the village for their brilliant support throughout 2016 and for making our village lights Switch On event on the 10th of December such a great success.

We were overwhelmed to see so many of you had wrapped up warm and came along to indulge in the mulled wine and mince pies and await the moment where Mabe lit up in all directions.



The New Inn was packed with villagers enjoying the mince pies and mulled wine

We hope that you have enjoyed the reindeer that decorated the village this year and if you have space on your garden wall or hedge to make home for a reindeer for Christmas 2017, please contact us on 07399 61 21 55 or look out for our fundraising events featured throughout the year.

As we move forward into 2017 we are looking for some keen villagers to join our team of elves and help to play a part in the ever-increasing success of our

ongoing mission to make Mabe shine.



We are holding an annual general meeting on Wednesday 1st March at 7pm at The New Inn. If you would

like to be nominated to join our committee, please email karen.maf@talktalk.net.

If you'd like to avoid the meetings but join our team of happy helpers at our fun filled fundraising events throughout the year then we'd love to hear from you. Many of you have a particular set of skills that we could harness for the greater good of the neighbourhood or maybe you just want to share your thoughts on our efforts to light up Mabe so far? If so, email emmaphillips1@hotmail.co.uk
The more, the merrier!

As for your next opportunity to horse around and maybe boost your winter fuel fund, our next Race Night will be held on Saturday 18th February at The New Inn from 8pm.

These nights always prove to be a great laugh and they certainly warm the cockles with all the beer and banter in front of the open fire. We hope to see you there!

Emma Phillips

Football

Mabe FC are currently in 1st place in Division 2 of the Trelawny League with 33 points, ahead of Penwith Exiles on goal difference.



Mabe Reserves are currently in 11th place in Division 3 of the Trelawny League with 15 points.

No dogs allowed!

Please can everyone remember that the school is out of bounds to dogs. The teachers are having to clear up dog mess from the playground and school field.

Did you know that a single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, which are known to cause cramps, diarrhea, intestinal illness, and serious kidney disorders in humans? Protect our children by walking your dogs elsewhere - such as the dog walking field next to Spargo Court.

Children in Need

Mabe School's Children in Need collection raised £126.80, with a big thank you to George Wheelhouse who collected 5p pieces and raised £15.80.



Mabe Shinty Club show off their new kit, kindly provided by Graham Eva of GE Licensing Solutions

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