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Community News

Peter Williams re-elected as Cornwall Councillor for Mabe

The local elections on May 4th resulted in a clear win for Conservative County Councillor Peter Williams, who received 816 votes, beating the Liberal Democrat candidate, Simon Taylor (473 votes) into second place, with local candidate Peter Tisdale third (303 votes). Turnout was 41%.



Peter Williams

The results of the election mean that Cornwall Council is now controlled by the Conservatives, with 35% of the vote, after being run by a Lib Dem/Independent coalition since 2003.

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Mabe Parish Grants

Is your group, club or activity looking for a little extra funding for equipment? Maybe you could do with some help with running costs? Would like to bring in specialist outside speakers/trainers? Or have a specific project in mind? The Parish Council might be able to help.

To be eligible for funding your group must either be based within, or be catering to, the residents of Mabe Parish, and ideally we're looking for sustainable long term projects. Any activity or project considered....

Details on how to apply are on the parish website, or contact Lisa the clerk for a set of application forms.



www.mabeparish.co.uk/Mabe-Parish-Council/parish_grants-4850.aspx

Tel: 07964 735219; Email: Mabeparish@gmail.com



Parish Councillors needed

Mabe residents who missed their chance to stand for election to the Parish Council recently will have a second opportunity as councillors seek three more members.



Recent elections were uncontested, meaning that all candidates who stood were automatically selected, but three seats still remain vacant. Now the council is asking people to put themselves forward to be chosen by co-option, a process by which sitting councillors choose new members from a selection of nominees who put themselves forward for the post.

The Parish Council may co-opt as a member any person who is legally qualified to hold such office, and who is willing to serve, provided he or she either is registered to vote in the parish, has lived for at least the last year in the parish, works in the parish, or lives within 4.8 km of the parish.

Anyone interested should write to the Parish clerk, Lisa Clements at mabeparish@gmail.com or come along to a meeting to have a chat with the current Councillors and see what's involved.

New Parish Clerk

Councillors bid farewell to Fiona Collins at April's meeting. Fiona has worked as the Parish Council Clerk for the past 4 years, and has done an outstanding job. She was presented with a gift voucher and we all voiced our appreciation for her hard work, patience and good humour. She is succeeded by Lisa Clements, who also works for Mawnan Parish Council, so we are lucky to have found an experienced replacement. Andrew Thomas, Chair of Mabe PC, welcomed her to her new role and we look forward to working with her.

Cllr Tessa Kingsley

PAD Appeal update

Thanks to Steve & staff, at the shop, who have collected over £200 in the collection box in the last year, and also £100 after raffling an Easter Egg.

We are now up to 73% of our target. Total now raised £4707.60 of a target of £6400. We just need another £1700 to install a unit at the shop and Post Office.

School expansion

Mabe School is now in the advanced stages of planning for two new classrooms.

School governor Laura Drysdale is continuing to investigate the possibility of setting up a nursery/pre-school.



New allotments for Chyan Community Field

Volunteers unveiled the newly renovated allotments at Chyan Community Field near Mabe on Saturday 6 May.

The new raised beds are part of an event to celebrate the Chyan Forest Garden Project which, over the last 12 months, has brought more than 500 people to Chyan for courses and events to enjoy the great outdoors, meet new

people and learn about natural skills such as herbal medicine and willow weaving.

The project is also part of Chyan's progress towards the completion of the Chyan Plen-an-Gwary, a new education and theatre space for the community.

New paths and landscaping have increased site accessibility and volunteers have worked hard to plant banks, lay hedges and create new areas of biodiversity around the Plen.



Volunteers on the newly renovated allotments at Chyan Community Field

<https://chyan.org/>



Volunteer IT help needed

Mabe Church needs the help of someone with IT skills to run our church website.



This should not be an onerous task, but we need someone who can continue to develop and improve the website we currently have and to keep it up to date.

If you are interested in knowing more, please contact either Rev. Steve Smith (617628) or David Charles (340754).

Mai raises money with her hair

Well done to Mai Pickard from Class 3 of Mabe School! Mai raised a fantastic £350 by cutting off 14 inches of her hair.

Mai requested that the money be split between Mabe School and the Little Princess Trust, who provide real hair wigs free of charge to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland that have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.

Mabe Twinning Association host Primelin partners

The weekend of April 8 saw an action-packed two days for the guests from our twinned village of Primelin in Western Brittany.

Ranging in age from 6 to 76, our Kernow-loving friends arrived in a huge bus late on Saturday night.

On Sunday, we began a local day with a visit to St. Laudus Church. This was obviously a good move, as the weather stayed exceptionally fine for the entire visit. After a tour of the church, an impromptu recital of organ-playing and demonstration of bell-ringing fascinated everyone.

This was followed by a visit to Flicka Donkey Sanctuary.

Thoughtfully, Judy and Laurie had asked a kind French-speaking guide to show everyone

around, which was very much appreciated. Who could fail to be won over by the work being done to care for so many ill-treated, but now loved, animals?

After this, with a change of tone, we visited one of the newer enterprises in our area, the Kernow Wake Park. A former quarry has been flooded to provide space for the new sport of wakeboarding where the participants speed over the water towed by a cable system gaining momentum to jump over obstacles. We watched the participants jumping and spinning in acrobatic feats.

After a brilliant lunch provided by members of the association, the group split up, some spending time with the families of the hosts, some visiting the Open Day at Penwarne Manor, and others returning to the Wake Park for the livelier members of the party to participate in the



Mabe Twinning Association with their French visitors enjoyed a visit to the Flicka Donkey Sanctuary

“Wipeout”.

The activities did not end there. In the evening, the coach negotiated its way to the Country Skittles lanes near Leedstown.

Competition was fierce, fast and good-natured. Good food smoothed any sore losers and after the meal there were plenty of games for the youngsters to enjoy.

The next day saw us taking the coach to the Lizard and a brisk walk down to the lighthouse and the path below. Still the weather was kind, with a northerly wind flattening the waves to provide an idyllic view of the Western Approaches. From there, it was lunch and a wander in Porthleven, and to complete an animal-friendly theme, a visit to the National Seal Sanctuary at Gweek.

Does Mabe Matters matter to you?

Do you enjoy reading Mabe Matters?

Would you be willing to make a contribution to printing costs?

Just £2 a year per household would cover the printing costs of the magazine. If you are willing to contribute towards the printing costs please put a donation in the boxes which can be found in Mabe Stores and in the New Inn.

The evening was no less lively. Mabe Community Centre was prepared for a party by members of the association and after a stunning spread catered by Anne Curtis and her team, the tables were pushed back for a Ceilidh. The fantastic Stowes came across from Padstow to provide a proper Cornish evening of music. The French party were up and dancing as the band struck up and everyone forgot their tiredness to the strains of “Lamorna”. Generally agreed to be a “bonne soirée”, it was the perfect end to the visit.

We waved our guests off from the Mabe Community Hall on Tuesday morning, returning to Primelin, tired but happy.

If you are interested in joining the Mabe Twinning Association please contact Denise at denise-davey@tiscali.co.uk.

By doing this you will help to ensure that Mabe Matters does matter and will continue to matter in the future.

Everything else concerning the magazine is covered on a voluntary basis.

If anyone else would like to be involved in the process either with writing articles or with delivering the magazine, please contact the Editor at: mabematterseditor@gmail.com.



Jonah Frost - Magic Man

Jonah recently won the Cornwall Close up Magician of the Year 2017 competition. He spoke to Mabe Matters shortly after finishing his time in the Mabe Pantomime starring as the Pied Piper.

"I have always been into magic, from as far back as I can remember, but last year on the Mabe twinning trip to Primelin, I met two magicians – one in Quimper in France and one the on the ferry. I spent a lot of time talking to them and sharing ideas and by



Jonah receiving the award of Close Up Magician of the Year 2017 from President of the Cornish Magical Society President Yvonne Watson

the time I got back home, I was hooked!

I love practising magic, especially special effects with cards and coins. I specialise in close up "street magic" and I love being able to do tricks that other people can't do and seeing their reactions when my tricks go well. I practise every day for at least 45 minutes and up to 2 hours or more. You will rarely find me without a pack of cards in my hands practising shuffles and sleights of hand.

I get my ideas and skills from a combination of books and the internet. I am also the youngest member of the Cornish Magical Society where after a difficult audition I attend lectures and workshops on the strict understanding that I keep everything I learn secret. I am now starting to invent a few tricks of my own. I buy some props from the internet and the "smallest magic shop in the world" in Plymouth, but mainly I try to use everyday objects or home-made props. However I do already own around 40 packs of cards!

My aim for the future is to take magic as far as I can, but I am aware that it would be hard to make a living from it."

So if you bump into Jonah in Mabe, ask him to show you a trick. He is always happy to practise his skills on a live audience!

Please send details of events happening within Mabe civic parish in Aug/Sept to mabematterseditor@gmail.com by 10 July 2017. Venue details:

- Mabe Community Hall, Cunningham Park (375938 or 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.

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.

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.

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.



Mabe Diary



June 2017

Sat 1 - Race Night, 8pm, The New Inn.

Sat 1 - The Dancing Museum: Choreography and Performance at Tate Modern, 6pm, The Performance Centre. Free but booking required. www.amata.org.uk/catherine-wood

Sat 1-4 - Cornwall Circus Camp 2017, Chyan Community Field.

Tues 6 - WI Meeting, 7.30pm, WI Hall. *See What's On.*

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 Lisa Clements, 07964 735219, mabeparish@gmail.com

Sat 17 - The Third Policeman, 7.30pm, BF Adventure. *See What's On.*

Mon 19 - Garden Club, 7pm, Community Hall. Liam Shoemith: "Garden Surprise". Contact Sue, 376418.

Sat 24 - Midsummer Music, 2.30pm, Mabe Church. *See What's On.*

Thurs 29 - Cornwall Astronomy Society, 8pm, WI Hall. Contact Simon Dunkley, 564046.

July 2017



Sat 1 - Deacon Amanda Evans ordained, 10.30am, Truro Cathedral. *See What's On.*

Tues 4 - WI Meeting, 7.30pm, WI Hall. *See What's On.*

Sat 8 - School Fete, 11am-2pm, Mabe School. *See What's On.*

Sun 9 - Cream Teas, 2-4pm, Community Hall. *See What's On.*

Thurs 13 - Parish Council meeting, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Details as in June.

Mon 17 - Garden Club, 7pm, Community Hall. Brian Hiley: "Shape, Form, Colour & Texture". Contact Sue, 376418.



Wed 19 - Sketch Club, 10-11am, Mabe Church. *See What's On.*

Tues 25 - Last day at Mabe School, finish at 1.30pm.

Thurs 27 - 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

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

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

What's On

Swamp Circus is offering a holiday with a difference at their annual **Cornwall Circus Camp** from June 1-4 at Chyan Community Field in Halvasso.

Have a go at high wire, swinging trapeze and aerial silks. Learn the arts of trick-cycling, acrobatics and juggling. Enjoy morning yoga sessions and an evening sauna by the river. Great for beginners as well as those who want to hone their skills. Be entertained in our big top, gorge yourself on local organic delicacies, then relax and unwind in our saunas and solar showers.



Tickets cost £100 for the full camp, but day passes are also available.

For more details see: [www.swamp-](http://www.swamp-circus.co.uk/)

[circus.co.uk/ events/cornwall-circus-camp/](http://circus.co.uk/events/cornwall-circus-camp/) or office@swampcircus.co.uk

Mabe W.I. continues to grow, and we are looking forward to an exciting programme of events in the coming months.



On Tuesday 6 June we will be having a special Open Evening, when the guest speaker will be Andrew Mills from Burncoose Nurseries talking about "How to

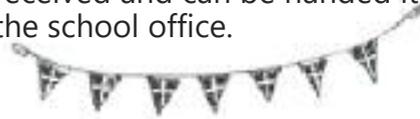
Win Gold at Chelsea". Whilst In July the speaker will be Tony Mansell talking about "Cornish Cornucopia".



If you have wondered whether the W.I. might be right for you, this is your golden opportunity to come along and meet us. Refreshments, including home-made cakes, will be available, and we would love to welcome you. To find out more, please contact Liz Young on 01326 372978.

Mabe School are holding their **Annual Summer Fete** on Saturday 8 July. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the homemade cake stall, raffle, bric-a-brac, books, dvds, games stalls etc.

Any donations are also gratefully received and can be handed in at the school office.



Mabe PAD Appeal continues its fundraising the following day, Sunday 9 July, with **Cream Teas in the Community Hall.**



Drop in between 2-4pm for your cream tea for £1.50.

Disclaimer: other cakes will be available!

Midsummer Music at Mabe Church welcomes internationally famous lutenist and composer Ben Salfield on Saturday 24 June at 12.30pm. Together with local lad 17 year old Rowan Nightingale from Job's Water, Ben will give a lunchtime recital of Elizabethan lute music. Many will remember how brilliant last year's concert was and this year's will no doubt be equally enjoyable.



Internationally renowned lutenist Ben Salfield will be playing in Mabe Church this July

The recital will last for approximately 45 minutes and a simple summer lunch will be available for a donation. Tickets £5 on the door – under 16s free.

Look out for further details on our posters in the village – and also for details of our 2018 series of musical events!

At Truro Cathedral, on Saturday 1st July at 10.30am, Amanda Evans will become the first ever curate specifically serving the Deanery of South Carnmarth is to be **ordained a priest** in a special

service. All are welcome to watch! Amanda was ordained a full-time deacon last year and has her main base in our parish. As such she is a well-known face, especially at Mabe School and Lunch-eon Club, as well as ministering at the two parish churches of St Laudus, Mabe and St Michael's Ponsanooth.

Rev Steve Smith said, "as well as learning the ins and outs of being a parish priest in her base parish of Mabe, Amanda is also forging relationships in seven other parishes. She is rising to this challenge with characteristic enthusiasm and is always very well received wherever she goes. Amanda is going that to be with us for another three years and then will go on to be a vicar in her own right."

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 On Saturday 17 June, the Miracle Theatre will be performing **The Third Policeman** at BF Adventure.

In this play, written by Flann O'Brien, Miracle ventures into a world somewhere between Alice in Wonderland and the Marx Brothers, where the earth is not round but sausage-shaped and night is actually an accumulation of black air; where eccentric policemen fall in love with bicycles and you can visit eternity via a rickety lift, hidden in the heart of rural Ireland.



<https://thelittleboxoffice.com/miracletheatre/book/selection/62034>

Easter Fun despite the April Showers



Thank you to everyone who grabbed their macs and brought their littluns and bigguns down to The New Inn for our Easter Fun Day.

Despite the mizzle, there were plenty of smiling faces enjoying the games, face painting and delicious cakes. Enough little bunnies hopped by to raise another £200 towards Mabe's Christmas Lights, 2017. The MCL team would also like to thank those who volunteered on the day and donated their delicious bakes! Without your support, we would not be able to light up Mabe a little more each year.

If you are not already on our list



of Happy Helpers and are interested in getting involved, please contact us on 07399 61 21 55.

Our next event will be our Summer Race Night on Saturday 1st July at The New Inn, Mabe. If you fancy a flutter and a great laugh, the action starts at 8pm

Emma Philips

Class 2 visit Pirate's Quest

Dressed as pirates, it was a motley crew of Mabe School's Class 2 who travelled to Newquay's Pirate's Quest to spend the day meeting the infamous Anne



Sam and her daughter Jess had an exciting day out in Newquay!

Bonny and Howell Davis.

Pirate's Quest is an immersive walk-through experience which combines talented theatrical actors, amazing special effects, and detailed 360° sets in an authentic, atmospheric adventure.

The children were taken on a thorough Cornish swashbucklin' story history. They learnt that 'walking the plank' was in fact a myth and that parrots were not pets, just valuable trading objects.

The children (and adults!) had great fun and truly got into the spirit of the day!

Julia Pierce

Meet Mabe School's Class 3 teacher: Ruth Fisher

What led you to become a teacher?

My mum was a secondary RE & English teacher so I always wanted to follow in my mums footsteps.

Why did you want to teach at Mabe School?

My husband and I moved from Nottingham. My husband is originally from Penzance and we wanted to move back to Cornwall. I'm from Lancashire originally.

When I was looking for jobs in Cornwall I wanted to find a job where the staff were like one big family as the school I was leaving was very much like that. That was really important to me.

When I came for my interview I had a really positive feeling about the school and I knew I'd made the right choice.

Have you worked in any other schools?

Yes I have been teaching for 10 years, I've worked in a few schools in Nottingham & Lancashire, from the private sector to a variety of junior schools. I enjoy new challenges.

Do you have any children?

No not yet!



Mabe School's class 3 teacher: Ruth Fisher

Which school did you go to?

I went to the Royal Grammar School in Clitheroe.

Do you have any hobbies?

I was a professional dancer before becoming a teacher. So dance is a big hobby of mine.

What's your favourite book?

That a tricky question as I have so many, My favourites are probably the classics To kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee and 1984 by George Orwell.

What's your favourite film?

Another tricky question! I grew up watching old war films with my Dad so probably 'The Great Escape' and 'The Dam Busters'.



Don't forget to like Mabe Burnthouse Village on Facebook



New services at St Laudus

Starting in the summer, we are experimenting with new services at Mabe Church, including some non-communion services, services with prayers for healing, and the quiet Sunday evening 'Sacred Space' (7.30pm on the last Sunday of each month) when a small group gather for about half-an-hour to listen to quiet music, a short reading, some poetry etc.

Everyone is very welcome, as at all our services. More details will be posted on the Post Office noticeboard.

St Laudus Church, Mabe exists to serve the village and surrounding parish. We are a group of people like you, doing our best to live a life that is inclusive, welcoming, caring and generous, in a world that can often be confusing, lonely or frightening. If you'd like to know more, or just want someone to listen, please phone Rev Steve Smith on the number below, the same number for all enquiries about christenings, weddings and if you would like to know more about what it is to be a Christian in the 21st Century: 01326 617628

Calling all Donkey Defenders!

Do you know a young person who is Dotty about Donkeys?!

We have the perfect mission for

them...

Flicka's Donkey Defenders scheme allows young, passionate people to become involved with our charity and build on their key skills by encouraging them to raise funds and awareness for our



work; helping us to rescue donkeys in need and care for them at our sanctuary for their whole lives.

Flicka will support our Donkey Defenders in their special mission with fundraising ideas and advice, sponsorship forms, literature and presentations and once their fundraising activities are complete, we will send them a special certificate of achievement and 'Verified Donkey Defender' badge as well as a thank you letter from the donkeys, donkey photo and latest newsletter!



www.flickafoundation.org.uk/donkey-defenders

Mabe Garden Club

March saw the club welcome Pat Ward as Guest Speaker floor to deliver her talk entitled "One Garden, Four Seasons".

The 'One Garden' on which her talk was based is her own, Poltisko, located between Falmouth & Truro. Situated on a sloping site 400 feet above sea level it totals no more than 1/3 of an acre and is comprised of a garden at the front and a smaller area at the front of the property, supplemented by a sloping bank border and a terrace which has a sizeable population of assorted pots.

Accompanied by superb photography and lively, well-informed commentary the audience happily journeyed through a year in Pat's garden.

The first season laid the foundations for her talk as photos showed the bare bones of the gardens with trees, shrubs and foliage glistening with frost or draped with snow. In even the harshest of winters, birds are catered for both by nature with abundant cotoneaster berries providing sustenance and a well stocked bird table.

Skimmia japonica berries though scorned by birds are useful for Christmas arrangements. Snowdrops herald spring and helebores, though not a favourite of hers, do well.



The bright red Skimmia japonica berries are poisonous but great for Christmas wreathes.

Pat has a linked water feature comprising of 5 ponds that drain down into the largest which each year welcomes first frogs and then toads in their annual reproductive cycles and just below a bog garden is sustained by overflow from the ponds and occasional human topping up.

As a new season arrives, both gardens and the terrace pots become resplendent with spring flowers.

Pat has a Judas Tree (*Cercis siliquatum*) of which she is particularly fond and forsythia, witch hazel, azalea, choisya, and magnolia also grace the garden - in some years surprisingly all flowering simultaneously. *Camelia armandii* has a pleasing scent and some tulips such as Orange Emperor look spectacular in evening sunshine. A bargain job lot of mixed acers purchased years ago are maturing nicely around the plot. From the bottom of the garden she can look back at her pride and joy - standard wisteria Macrobotrys Burford.



The reddish-orange colour of the Orange Emperor Tulips look spectacular in the evening sunlight

Heading towards summer a variety of ferns unfurl producing a variety of beautiful shapes and colours. Babianas sport pretty little flowers and gazanias, irises, pansies, mesembryanthemums, cosmeas and hardy geraniums abound whilst succulents are happy to grow in poor soil and gravel.

On the terrace, pots fill with magnificent lilies which grow better in ericaceous compost. Versatile plants like *Berberis darwinii* and tree mallows are in evidence and a Korean Fir, crinodendron and peony 'Lady Alexandra Duff' also give great pleasure. The pond and bog garden, softened by planting of cot-



The evergreen Kaffir lillies originate from South Africa and are members of the Iris family.

ton grass, astilbes and Angels Fishing Rods (dierama) are home to darting dragonflies and other wildlife.

As autumn begins, ornamental grasses prove their usefulness; clematis seedheads glisten in the sun and sedums shoot flowers for bees and butterflies to enjoy. The 'orchard' - a stepover apple tree called Falstaff, produces its crop for picking in October and November. Kaffir lilies, certain salvias, Japanese anemones, striking Peruvian daffodils, fuschias and hydrangeas along with winter flowering jasmine still provide colour.



Berberis darwinii (Darwins Barberry) has orange/yellow nodding flowers

Autumn turns to winter, still producing surprises with late flowering roses and plants such as *melianthus* (the honey bush) providing colour and interest to round out the four seasons.

Pat's fascinating talk, full of knowledge and passion for her wonderful garden, enthralled members and on ending, was acknowledged with prolonged applause following a vote of thanks by Barbara Evans.

Sue Mitchell

Bowls Club

Mabe Short Mat Bowls club have just completed their winter season and the two teams in the West Cornwall Triples Leagues did very well.



The Mabyers team finished in the top half of the Red League, and the Granites team finished in the middle of the Blue League.

The club also runs a Carpet Bowls Team in the Camborne/Falmouth Winter League. Unfortunately, this year their league performance was under par so next year they will once again be playing in Division 2.

In the league knock-out competition they reached the final, only to lose to Redruth in the last match. The team members attended a finals presentation evening at Holman's Social Club, Camborne to receive their runners up trophy.

The club meets for most of the summer but has August off, after which they start playing again on Monday and Friday afternoons at 2pm in the Community Hall.

The two teams start playing in the West Cornwall League matches on Wednesday after-

noons from the beginning of October. Any one over 18 who may be interested in joining the club will always be welcome. If you are interested please contact:

Keith Bryant, 07881 977038 or Grosvenor Knowles, groverandheather@gmail.com

Mabe shinty win South West League

Mabe and Mylor Cons contested a fantastic final in the South West Shinty League last Sunday played in great conditions at the Dra-caena Centre in Falmouth.

From the throw up it was evident that it was going to be an even and keenly contested match.

Both sides had early chances but it was the Mabe skipper Brendan Kelly who opened the scoring after 5 minutes with a long range effort.



The game ebbed and flowed with no team giving an inch but at the final whistle Mabe had retained the trophy on a 4-0 score line and had completed the Lazarus like recovery from bottom of the table at Christmas to South West league champions for the fourth year in a row!

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