



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.

## Community News

### Mabe Christmas Lights request

Do you live along Antron Hill, Treliever Road or Church Road? Would you like to give a reindeer a home for Christmas?! If you are interested please contact Sue Reed on 07980 752138.

We would like to thank everyone who came to the Red Arrows BBQ at the New Inn which raised an amazing £585 for the village Christmas lights.

We would also like to thank the following businesses for donating supplies and raffle prizes: Mabe Post Office, RD Johns, Bookers, R J Trevarthen, Westcountry Fruit Sales, Caterfood, St Ives Food, Warrior Bottled Gas, Rebel Brewery, Granite Planet, Skinners Brewery, St Michaels Hotel & Spa, The New Inn, Diva Hair & Beauty.

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*Class 3 and 4 of Mabe School put on a fantastic performance of "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" in July. Jodi (centre) gave a confident performance as Joseph, here she is performing one of her songs whilst James, Bella, Jessica, Llewlin and Naomi accompany her on guitar and Molly, Lily and Sophie, playing "the narrator", join in with the singing.*

## Have you read the traffic feasibility report yet?

The Parish Council has decided to champion the idea of Naked Streets in Mabe, whereby pavements are lowered and road markings, railings and traffic lights are removed in order to force drivers to think carefully about the choices they make, and improve communication between drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

Cornwall Council is currently consulting on a similar scheme in Bodmin, and in towns and cities where such schemes have been adopted, traffic speeds are invariably lowered as drivers proceed more cautiously towards junctions if they are unsure of how to proceed.



*A computer image of the proposed shared streets scheme in Bodmin*

The scheme was recommended in the Feasibility Study, commissioned by the Parish Council 2 years ago, and available to read via the Mabe Parish website at:

[www.mabeparish.co.uk/Mabe-Parish-Council/User-Files/Files/Docu-](http://www.mabeparish.co.uk/Mabe-Parish-Council/User-Files/Files/Docu-)



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At the moment there appears to be very little money available for such a scheme, but the reduction of traffic speeds and volumes in the village remains a priority and the Parish Council intends to lobby hard for this at the very least.

Do you have a view on traffic in Mabe? Come along to the next Traffic Committee meeting on November 19, 7.30pm in the WI Hall, or write to Mabe Matters.

## Recycling pilot scheme

Cornwall Council is about to commence a pilot scheme for the door step collection of plastic food packaging – as an extension to the existing recycling collection service. Some houses in Mabe will be in the pilot scheme, though not all. If your house is in it, you will receive confirmation by post direct from Cornwall Council.

## Bags2School

Thank you to everyone who donated to the last Bags2School collection, you helped raise just under £272 for the school. Can we raise the same again?

You should have received a Bags2School collection bag with your copy of Mabe Matters. Collection will be on 16 October so all bags must be returned to Mabe School before 9am on October 16.

## Village Bowls Competition

Mabe Short Mat Bowls Club held a village competition in the Community Hall during July, as a change from the usual practice sessions.

The members were divided into four teams of four players - Antron, Cunningham, Trenoweth and Treliever, and matches were played on a round robin basis.

The final was held on the first Satur-

day in August and the winners were Trenoweth, who beat Antron in a closely fought match.

The day ended with a meal for members and friends, before the annual break during August.

Roll up sessions are held on Mondays and Fridays in the Hall from 2 until 4, and anyone who is interested in having a go can come along and try their hand at a very enjoyable sport.



*Team Trenoweth - winners of the village bowls competition*

## Mabe Panto 2016

We have had our first meeting about the next Mabe pantomime, planned for Spring of next year. This year's panto is called Snow White and the Seven Divas and is full of jokes song and dance.

If you are interested in getting involved on or off stage, please contact Tasha (our new director) [tasha19@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tasha19@hotmail.co.uk) or Barbara, our producer [\[net.com\]\(http://net.com\).](mailto:hewettsilk@btinter-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

We can send you a script to look through and dates for performances and rehearsals. We had great fun last year and managed to raise money for the community project. Come and give it a go!



## Kernick roundabout crossing



Work is expected to start on installing the pedestrian lights and crossing over the Kernick (Asda) roundabout in October. The work will start only once the current work at the Union Corner (Falmouth) roundabout has been completed. The crossing is expected to be functioning early next year.

## Treluswell Roundabout

Though it's not within Mabe civic parish, another major roundabout overhaul is expected to get under way in February – this time at the Treluswell roundabout. Like Union Corner, here too a single roundabout will replace the existing double roundabout. The work is expected to take a year to complete, but save for just a few overnight periods, the road from Falmouth to

Truro road will remain open throughout. The new roundabout is expected to aid traffic flow over the junction.

## Anti-vandalism project

In a project spearheaded by PC Andy Huddlestone, The Draceana Centre in Falmouth is due to begin working with young people in Mabe to reduce instances of vandalism in the play area and field.

Andy was alarmed to hear anecdotal evidence of an increase in damage to some of the play equipment and surrounding fencing, although he is keen to stress that none of the incidents had been reported to the police.

If you notice any damage to property or see anyone vandalising any equipment, phone the police on 101 so that it can be dealt with through the correct channels.



*Kernow Wake Park played host to the Neff Grassroots Tour 2015 on August 15. The tour was aimed at anyone from a first timer to a seasoned pro, and was all about having fun, progressing your riding and developing a community spirit at each wake park.*

# Spooky Halloween Half Term!



BF Adventure offer fantastic fun packed adventure days for children from 7-11 during the school holidays. Experience their Spooky Adventure Days for only £25pp, 9.45am – 3.30pm. Alternatively join their extended day for only £35pp, drop off from 8.30am and stay until 5.00pm...if you dare!!!

Activities include: Shelter building, bush craft, canoeing, rock climbing,

archery, abseiling, nature walks, and creating a spook in the Spooky Creation Workshop.



[www.bfadventure.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/October-Half-Term-2015.pdf](http://www.bfadventure.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/October-Half-Term-2015.pdf)



# Freshfields donkeys arrive from the Peak District

The Flicka Foundation are delighted to have welcomed 25 Freshfields Donkey Village donkeys from the Michael Elliott trust to Flicka.

The founders of the Freshfields Donkey Village, John and Annie Stirling, worked tirelessly for 28 years to

children and cared for over 600 neglected and abused donkeys. The Stirlings are now well beyond normal retirement age and are unable to face another harsh winter in a remote part of the Peak District and have chosen the Flicka Foundation to care for their donkeys and to continue their invaluable work.

Three separate journeys brought



twenty five donkeys to Cornwall. It was not known until the last minute if five very elderly donkeys (in their 40's) would be making the journey - we are happy to say they did and travelled really well.

*25 new donkeys have arrived at the Flicka Foundation*

make the charity successful. They helped thousands of special needs

Thank you to Paul O'Grady for his invaluable help in getting the Freshfields donkeys down to Cornwall. What a truly, lovely kind man!

## Letters to the Editor

Thank you to all the persons who supported my "All day Coffee", when almost £600 was raised for Cancer Research.

*Hilary Philips*  
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Thank you to everyone who supported MYCP's coffee morning on 19th September where we raised £376 for the playpark.

There were positive comments about the plans for extending the hall and revamping the playpark, but unfortunately we did not have enough entries in the photographic competition to proceed with our plans for a calendar. A big THANK YOU to all those who did enter, we will try again next year!

*Barbara Hewett-Silk*  
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We feel the need to reply to the issue raised in last month's Mabe Matters concerning damage and vandalism. We don't condone the actions of these individuals, but feel Mabe School pupils are being unfairly targeted. Notices from MYCP are posted around the school but not all the village children attend Mabe School so why aren't these notices also displayed at the Community Hall?

We know our children aren't angels, but the blame cannot be aimed solely at one group. We have witnessed cars backing into the fence and damaging it, litter being put into the bin and then blowing out because the bin is overflowing and hasn't been emptied on a regular enough basis. The problems have

intensified since the new housing estate was built, and while we are quite aware many decent families live there, it was pointed out in the June/July issue that the police were aware of anti-social behaviour and graffiti on the estate.

We understand that there is a possibility of these facilities being removed and we hope it doesn't come to that. We will do everything within our power to make sure that our kids behave when using MYCP property, but this is something that needs to be addressed by the village as a whole, not just by the school.

*Disgruntled Mabe Mums*



**Community spirit:** Jack Collins, aged 9, with some of the bags of rubbish that he and his father Richard collected from the football pitch after reading about the mess in the last issue of Mabe Matters.

Please send details of events happening within Mabe civic parish in Dec/Jan to [mabematterseditor@gmail.com](mailto:mabematterseditor@gmail.com) by 20 November 2015. Venue details:

- Mabe Community Hall, Cunningham Park (375938 or [mabeycp@gmail.com](mailto: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.
- Wed** **Fitness classes**, Community Hall: **HIIT** 6.30pm; **Zumba**, 6.30- 7.30pm; **FlexnFirm** 4.45-8.45pm. Contact Gill, 07817 174114  
**Short Mat Bowls League (winter only)**, Community Hall, 2-4pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102  
**Shinty**, Antron Hill/School Field, 7pm - dark. All welcome, no experience necessary. Contact Matt Mossop, 340013 or 07807 458312.
- Thurs** **Huffer Puffer Club**, a support, exercise and social group for people with COPD and their carers, 10am-12pm, Community Hall. Contact Trish, 375238 or Frances, 315998.  
**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.  
**Tutoring, coaching for exams and helping children with special needs.** Community Hall, 9am to 12pm. Contact Michael Leishman, Senior Tutor/Director, Savvy Education Ltd, <http://www.savvyeducation.co.uk>, 567443.
- 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



## October 2015

**Sat 3 - Mabe Reserves vs. Newlyn Non-Athletico Reserves**, School Field.

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

**Sun 4 - Community Walk**, Mabe Church, 2.30pm. Contact Mary Weston on 372462.

**Tues 6 – Women’s Institute**, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Contact Liz Young, 372978.

**Thurs 8 – 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 Fiona Collins, 07964 735219.

**Fri 9 - Go! Next plus support**, 7.30pm, Performance Centre. *See What's On.*



**Sat 10 - Mabe Reserves vs. Praze-an-Beeble Reserves**, 2.30pm, School Field.

**Sun 11– Parish Eucharist**, 9.30am, Mabe Parish Church. Contact Rev Steve Smith, 617628 or Rodney Holmes, 375052.

**Wed 14 - Holy Communion**, 10.30am, WI Hall. Contact Rev Steve Smith, 617628 or Rodney Holmes, 375052.

**Thurs 15 – Traffic and Physical Environment Advisory Committee 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 Fiona Collins, 07964 735219.

**Fri 16 - Bags2School**, 9am, Mabe School. Last date to return bags.

**Fri 16 - Smoking Apples - In Our Hands**, 7.30pm, Performance Centre. *See What's On.*

**Sat 17 - Quiz Night**, 7.30pm, Community Hall. *See What's On.*

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



**Sun 18 - Chyan Apple Fayre**, 12pm-late. *See What's On.*

**Mon 19 - Garden Club, Guest Speaker Nigel Pascoe: "A year in the Glasshouse"**, 7pm, Community Hall, £2. Contact Sue Mitchell on 01326 376418.

**Thu 22 - Cornwall Astronomy Society**, 8pm, WI Hall. Contact Simon Dunkley 01326 564046.

**Fri 23 - Mabe School finishes for half term.**

**Sat 24 - Garden Club Coffee Morning**, 10-1.30pm, Community Hall. *See What's On.*

**Sat 24 - Horse racing**, 8pm, The New Inn. Proceeds to the Christmas Lights fund.

**Sun 25– Parish Eucharist**, 9.30am, Mabe Parish Church. Contact as on Sun 4.



**Mon 26-30 - Spooky Adventure Days**, BF Adventure. *See p.12.*

**Sat 31 - Mabe Reserves vs. Camborne Town**, 2.30pm, School Field.

# Mabe Diary



## November 2015

**Sun 1 – All Saints Day, Holy Communion**, 8.30am, Parish Eucharist, 9.30am, **All Soul's Evening Prayer**, 6.30pm, Mabe Parish Church. Contact Rev Steve Smith, 617628 or Rodney Holmes, 375052.

**Mon 2 - Mabe School starts back.**

**Tues 3 – Women's Institute**, WI Hall, 7.30pm. Contact Liz Young, 372978.

**Fri 6 - Premiere of Holocauste**, 7.30pm, Performance Centre. See *What's On*.

**Sun 8 – Remembrance Sunday**, 10.30am, Mabe Parish Church. Contact as on Sunday 1.



**Sun 8 - Mabe Ladies vs. RNAS Culdrose Ladies**, 2.30pm, School Field.

**Wed 11 - Holy Communion**, 10.30am, WI Hall. Contact Rev Steve Smith, 617628 or Rodney Holmes, 375052.

**Thurs 12 – 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 Fiona Collins, 07964 735219.

**Fri 13 - Hetain Patel: American Boy**, 7.30pm, Performance Centre. See *What's On*.



**Sat 14 - Mabe vs. St Buryan Reserves**, 2.30pm, School Field.

**Sun 15– Parish Eucharist**, 9.30am, Mabe Parish Church. Contact Rev Steve Smith, 617628 or Rodney Holmes, 375052.

**Sun 15 - Mabe Ladies vs. Mullion Ladies**, 2.30pm, School Field.

**Mon 16 - Garden Club, Guest Speaker Richard Mitchell: "And now for something completely different..."**, 7pm, Community Hall, £2. Contact Sue Mitchell on 01326 376418.

**Thurs 19 – Traffic and Physical Environment Advisory Committee 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 Fiona Collins, 07964 735219.

**Fri 20 - Life Forces: Jane Mason and Phil Smith**, 7.30pm, Performance Centre. £12/£10 concessions.

**Sat 21- Dementia UK Coffee Morning & Craft Fair**, 10am, Community Hall. See *What's On*.



**Sat 21 - Mabe vs. Four Lanes**, 2.30pm, School Field.

**Sun 22– Parish Eucharist**, 9.30am, Mabe Parish Church. Contact as on Sunday 1.

**Thu 26 - Cornwall Astronomy Society**, 8pm, WI Hall. Contact Simon Dunkley 01326 564046.

**Sat 28 - Kiln Ensemble: A Journey Round My Skull**, 7.30pm, Performance Centre. £12/£10 concessions.

**Sun 29 – Advent Sunday, Advent Carol Service**, 6pm, Mabe Parish Church. Contact Rev Steve Smith, 617628 or Rodney Holmes, 375052.

**Sun 29 - Mabe Ladies vs. St Breward Ladies**, 2.30pm, School Field.

# What's On

**Go! Next plus Support**, Friday 9th October, 7.30pm at the Performance Centre. Tickets: £8.

Hailing from across the UK, Fal-mouth graduates Go! Next comprise of Tobias Hayter (Drums), Max Mees (Bass), Josh Clowes (Guitar), Steffan Vale (Piano/Alto Sax) and Taliesin Burkitt-Jones (Tenor Sax). They have the dubious, unachievable aim of promoting their newly created musical genre 'Luxury Jazz', which, quite frankly, is unlikely to take off. It is neither luxurious, nor jazz!



<http://gonextmusic.com>  
<https://amata.ticketsolve.com/#/shows/873539545>

**Smoking Apples - In Our Hands**, Friday 16th October, 7.30pm at the Performance Centre. Tickets: £12/£10 concessions.

Alf is a trawler fisherman whose experience, camaraderie and loyalty have put him and his boat at the top of the game. But times are changing and so is the industry. How will Alf adapt in order to survive?

Using innovative puppetry, a striking set and an original score, join Alf as

he journeys from the depths of despair to rise again and rescue the life he loves.



<http://smokingapplestheatre.com/show/in-our-hands/>  
<https://amata.ticketsolve.com/#/shows/873539547>

MYCP are holding a **Quiz Night** in the Community Hall on October 17th at 7.30pm. The cost is £2 to include tea/coffee or £4 to include a pasty. Teams of 4 if possible or turn up on your own and we will find you a team! Please feel free to bring your own refreshments.

Book with Jackie on (01326) 372863 or Wendy on (01326) 378177

Chyan Community Field are celebrating Autumn with an **Apple Fayre** on Sunday 18 October from 12 noon till late.



There will be apple pressing (you can bring your own and juice them

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on the day), children's workshops, music and a vegan café. Entry is £3 or £1 if you arrive by bicycle!. For more information, phone 377008.

**James Wilton Dance Company**  
**Present: Premiere of Holocene**, Friday 6th November, 7.30pm at the Performance Centre. Tickets: £12/£10 concessions.



Based on Job 41: 1-34 from the Tanakh Holocene exploring the immense power, ferocity and unrelentingness of nature. Starting from gently rolling waves the fluidity builds to epic proportions until the stage is flooded with a crashing tsunami of movement. Music: Shutting Out the Sun, by Lunatic Soul.



[jameswiltondance.org.uk](https://amata.ticketsolve.com/#/shows/873539549)  
<https://amata.ticketsolve.com/#/shows/873539549>

**Hetaim Patel: American Boy**  
Friday 13th November, 7.30pm at the Performance Centre. Tickets: £15/£12 concessions. Age 14+

How much do movies influence us?

Delving into American movie and home grown TV culture, visual artist and performer Hetaim Patel takes to the stage with a personal and humorous take on identity shape-shifting; shaking up our conception of

The annual **Garden Club Coffee Morning** featuring Ron Scamp's End of Bin Bulb Sale is being held on Saturday 24th October from 10am - 1.30pm.

A variety of stalls run by club members will include: cakes & bakes; crafts; cards; flower arrangements; bric-a-brac and other curiosities. A raffle will be run as usual.

Entry £1 to include tea/coffee & biscuits.



For any further information, please contact Sue Mitchell on 01326 376418.

who we are.



<https://amata.ticketsolve.com/#/shows/873539551>

Anne, along with family and friends, will be holding the usual **Dementia UK Coffee Morning and Craft Fair** in The Community Hall at 10 am on Saturday 21st November.

As well as books, bottles, bric-a-brac and crafts there will be delicious homemade cakes, mince pies and other Christmas delights. Please bring your family and friends and immerse yourselves in the early Christmas atmosphere.



# A visit to Heavens Gate

by Ivor Symonds

Earlier this year my son booked a family holiday in Mallorca in August and asked if I would come up to Salisbury to look after his dog, rather than put it in kennels, of course I said yes. My daughter also booked holiday time from work so that, along with my son-in-law, we could go together and use my sons house.

My daughter searched the computer for places to visit while in Wiltshire and found a place named Heavens Gate, which is inside Longleat Parcs, near Warminster.

It is a wide, level, wooded path 1/3 of a mile walk from the free car park through a kissing gate, and opens up to a panoramic view overlooking Longleat House.

Inside the viewing area are 9 large granite sculptures - most over 15 feet in height and weighing up to 19 tons - by sculptor Paul Norris. It was very heartwarming to discover from a small plaque on a post at the kissing gate that the granite used came from Mabe.

I found it disappointing that there were not any notice boards or sign



*Heaven's Gate's granite sculptures were commissioned to celebrate the Millenium and are made from granite from Mabe*



*Heaven's Gate is a Capability Brown designed viewpoint overlooking Longleat House and estate and beyond*

posts to the walk or car park as it could be easily missed.

The downside of the visit was that I went on my own due to my son-in-law having a sudden family bereavement, meaning that he and my daughter were unable to go to Salisbury with me.

If anyone would like to have copies of my photos, please ask and I can e-mail them, 01326 373411.



# A Visit to Primelin

by Hilary Harrod



We moved down to Cornwall and settled in Mabe last year from a large village that had been twinned with a village in Holland and having lived in and been involved in the twinning there, I was interested in seeing the village that Mabe is twinned with. On our recent holiday to Brittany we spotted a signpost to Primelin, and as it is our twin village, we decided to visit.



*Place de Mabe in Primelin*

As we wandered around we chatted to a very friendly lady in the post office who told us about the Place de Mabe! This is a square where there are several items that must have been taken over during the many exchanges of the village. These two took my eye! There's also a seat to rest on and a commemorative plaque. As you see, the weather vane on the town hall depicts a tin

mine.



*Tin mine weather vane on the town hall in Primelin*

The Church was probably one of the most beautiful ones I've seen in a very long time. Nothing spectacular from the outside but inside it is very colourful and ornate.

I have no doubt many in the village



*Inside Primelin's church*

have visited Primelin and seen these things for themselves, but maybe some haven't and would be interested in seeing a little of the village they are twinned with.

# Cornish Jackdaw Project

by Alex Thornton

Jackdaws, like other members of the crow family, are incredibly intelligent with cognitive abilities comparable to elephants, dolphins and chimpanzees.

We are the Cornish Jackdaw Project, a team of researchers from the University of Exeter's Penryn Campus, and we're studying these birds to work why they have evolved to be so clever. To do this, we are setting up a study site in Mabe, where we can monitor the local jackdaws during their nesting season and run experiments to test their brainpower.

The valuable information that we get from the Mabe birds, along with those from our other sites in Stithians and Penryn, will help us test what they know, who they know and how their ability to solve problems helps them in the struggle to survive and reproduce.

Like most crows, a jackdaw's plumage is mainly black in colour, but they can be identified by their small size, shiny grey head and silver eyes. The birds in our study also have coloured rings on their legs that help us to identify them individually, as each combination of rings is completely unique.

You'll often see jackdaws in close proximity to people – they like to

feed in parks and gardens, as well as in fields and woodland. They mainly feed on insects, fruit and seeds, but have learned to take advantage of any food scraps left out by people.

If you happen to see any of our colour-ringed birds in the Mabe area, please do get in touch – it's very helpful for us to know which birds are around, and who is hanging around together!



How to read jackdaw colour rings:

- Each bird has 4 rings in total (3 coloured rings and 1 metal ring), 2 rings on each leg.
- Read the left leg first (top to bottom), followed by the right leg (top to bottom).

If you'd like to find out more about the project, we'd love to hear from you!



Email Alex Thornton: [alex.thornton@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:alex.thornton@exeter.ac.uk)



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

Twitter: @CornishJackdaws

# Rehoming 'Malcolm'

by Sue Mitchell

A few weeks ago, we had a new addition to our 'family' when a green stick-insect took up residence in the garden and began happily munching on the plants. Its particular favourite seemed to be rose leaves. We played daily 'hide and seek' to discover its whereabouts as it was well camouflaged amongst the summer leaves.



I made the mistake of calling it 'Malcolm' - as soon as something is personalised it appears to take on more significance. Anyway, as the days turned into weeks, Malcolm (*Acanthoxyla inermiss* - unarmed stick-insect) grew in both length and appetite until he was outstaying his welcome.

A friend, whose daughter is a teaching assistant, suggested pupils would be very interested by Malcolm. In due course, Malcolm was collected and taken for rehoming.

A short time after, another Malcolm was spotted on a grass and the following morning we found he had a friend to visit. Whilst weeding, yet another Malcolm was spotted hiding on a *stipa tenuissima*. The 'rehom-

ing centre' was again contacted and the 'Malcolms' are all now presumably fascinating primary schoolchildren.

I have since done a bit of research and find that stick insects have become naturalised in South West England for over 100 years having emanated originally from New Zealand. The unarmed stick insect, can either be brown or green with green being the more common. It is

the UK's longest insect with adult bodies measuring up to 125mm, (almost 5" inches to those of us who have never fully embraced the metric system). Eggs begin hatching in spring and produce fully grown adults by mid-summer. Adults start to lay eggs which are dropped below the plant on which they are feeding. Though their lifespan is relatively short, typically three or four months, they lay sufficient eggs to ensure the next generation's success.

Finally, and making a nonsense of the name I randomly chose, it turns out that all naturalised stick-insects in the UK are female, so perhaps next time I come across this particular garden guest, I'll call it Marilyn.

# Football



## Mabe FC

Mabe FC got off to a good start this season after being promoted from Trelawny League Division 4 to Division 3 at the end of the last season. They began with a 10-0 win against St Just Reserves on August 22 at home and followed this fantastic result with another win, this time away at West Cornwall Reserves, where they won 2-0.

Saturday 26th September will see them play Ludgvan Reserves at home on the School Field, followed by an away game on 10th October against Carharrack Reserves, St Day 3rds away on October 17th, St Just Reserves away on 24th October, Penwith Exiles away on 31st October, a home game against St Buryan Reserves on 14th November, home against Four Lanes on 21st November, and away against Newquay 3rds on 28th November.

Mabe Reserves, who are in Division 4 of the Trelawny league also got off to a good start, winning 9-0 against Mousehole 3rds at home on 5th September and 3-1 against Lizard Argyle Reserves at home on 12th September. However the score was reversed the week after when they lost to Falmouth DC 1-3 at home on 19th September.

Their next match will be at home on

3rd October against Newlyn Non-Athletico Reserves. The match begins at 2.30pm on the school field and all support is welcome!

They will then play another home match on 10th October against Praze-an-Beeble Reserves, St Agnes 3rds away on 17th October, Frogpool & Cusgarne Reserves away on 24th October, Camborne Town at home on 31st October, St Erme away on 14th November, Newlyn Non-Athletico Reserves away on 21st November and Probus Reserves away on 28th November.

## Mabe Ladies FC

Mabe Ladies FC began their season in Division 1 of the Cornwall Womens Football League with a 4-0 win against Mullion on September 20th, away at Mullion and a 7-2 win against Falmouth at home on September 27th.

They will now play Mousehole away on the 4th October, St Teath away on the 11th, Bude Town away on the 18th, St Agnes away on the 1st November, RNAS Culdrose at home on the 8th November, Mullion at home on the 15th November and St Breward at home on 29th November.

## Mabe School FC

Mabe had their first league match on Wednesday September 23. Despite a valiant effort, they lost 4-0 to St Francis.

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