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## Community News

### New Conservative councillor for Mabe



Reginald George Peter Williams, the Conservative Party candidate, has won the Mabe, St Gluvias & Perranarworthal seat on Cornwall Council by just one vote, beating the Lib Dem candidate into second place. The turnout for the by election was 28.6 per cent.

The results of the by election held on Thursday, 17 July were: Reginald George Peter Williams (The Conservative Party): 406; John Anthony Ault (Liberal Democrats): 405; Peter Tisdale, (UK Independence Party UKIP): 271; Linda Margaret Hitchcox (Labour Party): 107; Karen Sumser-Lupson (Mebyon Kernow – The Party for Cornwall ): 58.

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Ex-Mabe School pupils enjoying their Penryn College prom at Merchants Manor. From left to right: Harrison Rees, Alice Malton, Ruth Barnicoat, Jess Gabriel, Emily Toy, Charlie Ingham, Alexandra Phillips, Katie Edwards, Tiggy Johns, Zoe Skyrme.

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## Ring in the new...!

St Laudus Church has said goodbye and good luck to Emma Gerard. Emma, who was a student at Tremough, has been a keen bell-ringer at St Laudus during her time here and her sense of fun as well as her skill at ringing will be greatly missed. Emma of course received some farewell gifts from the church and she reciprocated with a beautiful painting of the church she had painted herself. Moving back up-country to Stoke-on-Trent Emma is determined to carry on the noble tradition of bell-ringing wherever she lands. Now that Emma has gone, we're looking for others to take her place! If anyone is interested in joining a team of ringers or would like to know more about ringing, please phone Steve on 01326 617628 or 07952 691380 - or if you just like to hear church bells, a team from Bath will be ringing at St Laudus on Wednesday 1st October, 9.30 - 10.15am.

## Bags2school

After Mabe School's very successful bags2School collection earlier this year when over £400 was raised for the solar panels project, the school have decided to run bags2school twice a year. Profits will go into the school funds to help pay for children's school outings and additional activities.

So if you are having a clear out, it would be great if you could keep all your unwanted items to go into the biannual Mabe School Bags2 School collections.

Bags will be delivered in October providing you with the opportunity to fill them by 23 October for collection. The second collection will be 25 March.

A REMINDER OF WHAT THEY COLLECT: Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing, Paired shoes (tied together), Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie, Belts, Soft toys. For more info visit [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com)

## Mabe Autumn Fayre

**13<sup>th</sup> Sep 11am-3pm**

**"Our Finest hour"**

**A commemoration of our part in Britain's war effort.**



We need:

- volunteers
- bric-a-brac, tombola, wine, raffle prizes, old-fashioned games, and cakes
- wartime memorabilia - any items or gramophone records from WWI or WWII that you would be willing to lend.
- Posters for our poster competition. Children should have info from school!
- Craft or individual stalls (£10)

Please start thinking about your entries for the domestic tent with and children's fancydress competition all with a wartime theme!

Contact Jackie Williams 372863 or Wendy Mitchell 378177

# Announcements



## 300 Club winners

The Winners of the 300 club draw are:

- 1st. Lilian Miller; 2nd. Dereck Kitto;
- 3rd. Mr & Mrs H.M. Webber

Anyone wishing to join the club for the rest of this session (3 more draws) can do so by paying £7.50 to:

Geoff Wheeler, Monteag, Treliever Road, Mabe, TR10 9EX. Cheques payable to Mabe Youth & Community Project.

## Mabe FC Ladies looking for players

Mabe Ladies Football Club was established in April and train every Thursday at Mabe Primary School, will play their first competitive games in September when they enter the Cornwall Women's Football League.

Anyone who is interested in joining or helping the club should call 07557147906 or email yainalouise@hotmail.com.

## Asda roundabout crossing

In July, Cornwall Council commenced a consultation in relation to the proposed construction of a 'toucan' crossing over the A39 at the Kernick (Asda) roundabout. If all goes well, the works are likely to be carried out in October.

## Funds to help Huffa Puffas breathing group

The Breathe Group Kernow Huffa Puffa's, a support group for people with breathing difficulties, has received an £800 grant from the Cornwall Community Foundation to continue its work. It will be used towards rent and retaining



*'Beating the Bounds' - some of the people from St Laudus church, Mabe, after their walk around Argal Lake to mark 'Rogation Sunday', traditionally the day each year on which the priest and people of every parish walked round their parish boundary. Rev Steve Smith, priest-in-charge at Mabe and Ponsanooth, said, "Walking the entire boundary was a touch adventurous and Argal was a good alternative, being accessible to the very youngest and the oldest of the group. Rain had been forecast but in the event it was fine and we had a great time, admiring all the wildlife on and around the water. At the end, prayers for the parish were said in the leisure area and lunch was had in the New Inn!"*

the services of a professional physio-therapist for members who suffer from chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (COPD) and other long term conditions. See p.5 for contact details.

## Letter to the Editor

"We would like to say a "big thank you" to everyone who supported our fund raising day last Friday (11th July). The weather was fine so this meant we could hold the whole event in the garden. We were very pleased with the result, over £400 being raised on the day."



*Hilary Phillips, Carnsew Close*

# Mabe Diary

## August 2014

**Sun 3 – Holy Communion**, Mabe Parish Church, 8.30am and Parish Eucharist, 9.30am, with prayers for the commemoration of World War One. Contact Rev Steve Smith, 617628 or Rodney Holmes, 375052.

**Mon 4 – WW1 Centenary Service.** See *What's On*.

**Tues 5 – Mabe Garden Club** visit to Roskillys and Bonython Gardens. See *What's On*.

**Tues 5 – No Women's Institute** meeting.

**Fri 8 – Echoes Dance Company.** See *What's On*.

**Sat 9 – St Laudus Gardening Day.** See *What's On for details*.

**Sat 9 – Cornwall Astronomy Society**, Meteorite watching BBQ, 7pm, National Trust car park, Degibna. Contact Ann, 341074.

**Sun 10 – Parish Eucharist**, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am. Contact details as for

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**OPEN SURGERY**  
Mabe Community Hall, Cunningham Park  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 7-9pm.

A portrait of George Eustice MP is shown on the right side of the card.

## Looking ahead to September

Flicka Foundation is holding a Fun Dog Show and Open Day on Saturday 6 September from 12.30 with the dog show at 2pm (registration at 1.30 pm). More information from [www.flicka-foundation.org.uk](http://www.flicka-foundation.org.uk).



Sun 3.

**Wed 13 – Village Communion**, WI Hall, 10.30am, followed by tea, coffee and chat. Contact Rev Steve Smith, 617628.

**Thurs 14 – No Parish Council** meeting.

**Sat 16 – BF Adventure wind turbine** launch celebration. See *What's On*.

**Sun 17 – Parish Eucharist**, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am. Contact details as for Sun 3.

**Mon 18 – No Garden Club** meeting.

**Thurs 21 – Pete Long and his Trio**, The Performance Centre. See *What's On*.

**Thurs 21 – No Cornwall Astronomy Society** meeting.

**Fri 22 - George Eustice MP Open Surgery**, 7-9pm, Community Hall.

**Sun 24 – Parish Eucharist**, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am. Contact details as for Sun 3.

**Sun 31 – Parish Eucharist**, Mabe Parish Church, 9.30am. Contact details as for Sun 3.

Please send details of events happening within Mabe civic parish in Sept. to [tessakingsley10@btinternet.com](mailto:tessakingsley10@btinternet.com) by August 20, 2014. Venue details:

- Mabe Community Hall, Cunningham Park (bookings, 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; church warden, Francis Miller, 374890)
- Mabe WI Hall, Antron Hill (bookings, 372477)
- The Performance Centre, Penryn Campus (Tremough), Treliever Road (main reception, 370400; box office, 259349; [www.theperformancecentre.org](http://www.theperformancecentre.org)).

## Weekly Events

- Mon** **Short Mat Bowls Club**, Community Hall, 2pm-4pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.  
**Cardio Box/Fitcamp Class**, WI Hall, 6.15pm-7.15pm. Contact Ali or Carmela, 07988 140745.  
**Mabe Keep Fit Club**, WI Hall, 7.30pm. (The waiting list for this class is full.)
- Tues** **Age Concern Luncheon Club**, Community Hall, 12.30pm-2pm. Contact Joyce Price, 373187.  
**Slimming World**, Community Hall, 5.30pm-7pm & 7.30pm-9pm. Contact Pam Mundy, 01209 204743 or 07503 945600.
- Wed** **Fitness for All**, Community Hall, 6-7pm. Contact Oriel Bennett, 01726 883523.  
**Zumba Class**, Community Hall, 7.30pm. Contact Gill, 07817 174114.  
**Shinty**, Car Boot Field, Antron Hill, 7pm-dark. Contact Matt Mossop, 340013
- 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, 2pm-4pm. Contact Arthur Searle, 377088.  
**Brownies**, Community Hall, 6.15pm-8pm. Contact Jackie Williams, 372863.  
**Mabe Football Club**, Penryn Campus MUGA, usually 7pm-8pm. Men, 16+, new players welcome. Contact Jack Roberts, 565409.  
**Mabe FC Ladies**, School Field, 6-7.30pm. Contact Yaina Andrew, [yainalouise@hotmail.com](mailto:yainalouise@hotmail.com)  
**Aikido**, Japanese martial art, beginners welcome, 7pm-9pm, Mabe School. Contact Jamie Matthews, 375336.
- Fri** **Short Mat Bowls Club**, Community Hall, 2pm-4pm. Contact Keith Bryant, 373102.
- Sat** **Zumba Class**, Community Hall, 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 (*opposite*) for the times of services.



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

## What's On

Mabe Parish Church is marking the **centenary of the start of the First World War** in August 1914 with a service of reflection and prayer on Monday 4 August in the WI Hall at 10.30am. There will also be prayers commemorating the start of the War during the Parish Eucharist service the previous day.

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On a less sombre note, Mabe Garden Club is visiting **Roskillys and Bonython Gardens** on Tuesday 5 August, leaving Mabe at 10am. The cost for non-members is £5 for the coach and £6 for entry to Bonython Gardens. To check for last



minute spaces, please contact Sue Mitchell on 376418 by Sunday 3 August.

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Still on a gardening theme, Mabe Parish Church is holding its second **Volunteer Gardening Day** on Saturday 9 August to care for the churchyard, paths and car park. The churchyard is a community facility and, for many years, has been cared for by the sexton, Jim Dower. Jim has had to step down because of illness, so the vicar has suggested that volunteers from the village might join a team on a monthly basis to look after the churchyard. Everyone is warmly invited to come, any time between 9.30am and midday. Refreshments including lunch will be provided. Please bring your hand tools and gloves, or just come and have



Jazz saxophonist and clarinet player, Pete Long, has worked with artists from Jools Holland to Dizzie Gillespie and The Stereophonics – and now he's

going to play Mabe! **Pete Long and his Trio** will be at The Performance Centre on Thursday 21 August, 7.30pm, tickets £15/£14 concessions. Box office: 01326 259349 or email [boxoffice@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:boxoffice@falmouth.ac.uk).

a cuppa! For more information about this or anything else to do with thechurch, please phone the Rev Steve Smith on 01326 617628.

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**Echoes Dance Company** celebrates inclusivity and uses dancers drawn from the community and the professional dance world working together for specific performances. Its performance, *A Thousand Words*, is an exploration of image and word through music. Friday 8 August 7.30pm to 8.30pm, The Performance Centre. Tickets, £7/£4.50 (concessions and children). Booking: [www.crbo.co.uk](http://www.crbo.co.uk) or 01726 365185.



BF Adventure (the outdoor activity charity based at Halvasso) is

marking the launch of its **community wind turbine** with an Open Afternoon and Launch Celebration on Saturday 16 August from 12.30pm to 5pm. The afternoon will include turbine tours, short films, information about local renewable energy generation, live music, zip wire flights and light refreshments.



# Celebrating the age of steam

100 years ago, steam was the motive power to move large blocks of granite from the quarries of this area to the monumental works of Freeman & Mcleod in Penryn.

This year, possibly about lunchtime on Sunday 10th of August, plans are afoot to relive steam on the "Old Granite Road". Steve Sanders, grandson of a granite worker of those days, is planning to take a large block of granite from Longdowns down into Penryn, passing the former granite works, (now boat yards, Falmouth side of Penryn Bridge). The engines will then continue to Dales roundabout before starting a climb of about 500 feet back to Longdowns, via Asda Roundabout and Mabe Village on route to Longdowns. Two large steam engines ascending both Nanturrian and Antron hills should be quite spectacular.

Full details will appear in the local press nearer the actual date. This will be a very special event and one not to be missed, ideal for photographers in the area. It would also be very helpful if anyone parking in the village that afternoon could do their best to keep the side opposite the shop free of vehicles.



*110 years ago 2 large granite blocks, 54 and 48 tons respectively, left a quarry in the Polkannuggo valley (Helston side of Longdowns), on route to Penryn. These blocks were used to create the base of the King Alfred monument in Winchester.*

*Cont. from p.8* the people, lit his candle, and out he went again. He knew he was accepted and welcomed - and actually encouraged."

Perhaps less surprisingly, the other thing that he misses about Leeds is "being able to go for an Indian, Chinese, Turkish, Iranian and Moroccan meal within 100 yards" although he quickly adds, "but Cornish pasties and cream teas

pretty well make up for that!"

I finish by asking Steve what he enjoys most about living in Mabe. His enthusiasm is evident. "The people are lovely - everyone has been so friendly and welcoming. I love the place - who wouldn't? I love being able to walk out of the house and you are in the country and on a walk. And being near the sea!" Amen to that.

## Profile: Rev Steve Smith – interview by Ruth Olver

“It’s the best move I’ve ever made.” So the Rev Steve Smith sums up his feelings when I interview him on his first few months as vicar of the parish of Mabe and Ponsanooth.

Softly spoken, thoughtful and friendly, his story is varied and sometimes surprising.

Born in Stoke-on-Trent, when he was two years old his family moved to Ripon, “a small market town” in Yorkshire. His childhood there was “lovely”, but he dropped out of school at 17 and left home. There followed a few years doing a range of jobs (“serving petrol, washing up in hotels, working in the warehouses of Woolworths”) before the first surprise – he joined the police. After 3 years “it was clear to me and everyone else that I was not a born policeman. So I went into social work.” He worked in residential childcare, qualified as a social worker and then spent 12 years in mental health social work in Hereford and Worcester.

In 1987, he decided to go to theological college in Salisbury. On his motivation as a vicar, he explains: “My ministry has always been based on increasing love among people, building community and encouraging people to do the best they can, make the world a better place. So although some people argue that there

should be a big divide between the church and people who aren’t in the church, I don’t hold that distinction.”



This brought us back to Mabe, so I asked Steve what had brought him to his current job. He had been vicar in Camelford in the 1990s and explained that during that time, “I visited Falmouth once, loved it, and thought what a lovely place, it would be nice to come and live there.”

His new job is part-time, which he sees as an advantage as he can combine parish ministry with other opportunities, such as being a pastoral tutor for trainee priests, or working in counselling, which he had previously done in an academy in Leeds.

This led me to ask what he missed most about his previous post as a vicar in inner city Leeds. His initial answer was unexpected. “I miss the drunks coming in to church services and wanting to light candles. The first time, I couldn’t believe my eyes and I wondered how people would react, but they were quite used to it. It did my heart good to see this bloke who walked through *Cont.* p7

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