



Community Newsletter

Carlyon Parish Council

SUMMER 2021

Summer Edition 2021

Welcome to the summer edition of our bi-annual parish newsletter. We hope residents find this newsletter useful and informative.

Whilst this is only our second edition of a community newsletter, we have high hopes of developing it further with lots and lots of resident contributions!

If you have any ideas for contributions you may like to make, or if you want to get involved in the editing and publishing for future editions, please get in touch at:

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Looking Back at the Last Year

Foreword Paul Trudgian, Chairman | Carlyon Parish Council

In April of this year I was delighted to chair our annual parish meeting which gave the opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved in the last 12 months. As a foreword to this newsletter I thought I would take the opportunity to highlight some of what we've been doing.

Planning Applications

For a relatively small parish we've considered a surprisingly large number of planning applications: 79 in total, which is approximately 1 application for every 10 households in the Parish. Whilst we always robustly defend against unsuitable development, I do see the sheer number of private individuals seeking to improve and invest in their homes as a positive sign the parish continues to be a highly desirable location to live in.

Parish Projects

Reflecting the continued desirability of our parish, I firmly believe it is one of our responsibilities as a parish council to protect and enhance this desirability and I'm delighted to say, that in addition to the everyday business of the council, we have, in the last year, delivered a host of projects aimed at improving our public areas. Some of these are highlighted on page 10.

Community Governance

Earlier this year we were delighted to have a positive outcome to the Community Governance Review, in relation to the parish retaining the Gwallon Keas development in favour of it being transferred to St Austell Town Council. Additionally, we've now brought the Neighbourhood Plan close to conclusion, after 4 years of work by residents and councillors, pending a referendum later this year.

Ongoing Initiatives

Reflecting concerns of local residents, there are several ongoing initiatives which we have been focusing on, these include: continuing to apply pressure on highways to address safety concerns with the traffic calming on Cypress Avenue; working closely with CEG to mitigate local impacts should the beach development go ahead and working with Carlyon Bay residents to identify ways to manage parking issues in the summer. We are also considering how speeding in Tregrehan can be addressed.

As ever, if you have any concerns about issues in the parish please don't hesitate to contact us, or you can attend our monthly meetings where residents are given the opportunity to address the council. We're a very friendly bunch!



Community Repair Café

We're seeking volunteers to help set up a community repair café. Can you help?

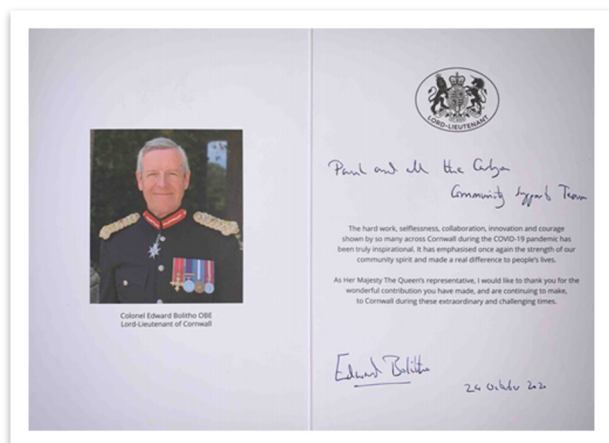
The repair café concept comes from the Netherlands, formulated in 2009 by Martina Postma. She had the idea of setting up low key meeting places nationwide where neighbours could repair broken items themselves supported by specialists in a relaxed atmosphere. It is now an international organisation.

Increasingly we buy more and throw away more than ever. We use luxury items we own for shorter times, throwing them away when they show the slightest defect, i.e. a stool with a wobbly leg, a jacket with a missing button, a toaster that sticks. A lot of people in our communities have repair skills and could show us how to repair things. The repair café concept allows us to use these valuable skills, not throw away and pass the skills on to the next generation.

We would propose to hold a monthly repair café for a few hours on a Saturday morning and would need volunteers to run the café, repairers and people to help with organisation and setting up the event. We would need to acquire tools and equipment and any donations of time, skills or ideas would be greatly appreciated so we can form a working party to establish the event.

Please contact Jane Chantrill-Burns (jchantrillburns@carlyon-pc.gov.uk) if you would like to be involved. It will be a great way to meet local people and make a difference in our community!

Recognition for Carlyon Parish COVID-19 Community Support Group



We're very proud to have received a card of thanks from the Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall, Colonel Edward Bolitho OBE, recognising the contribution that volunteers made supporting vulnerable Carlyon Parish residents during the first lockdown. Many thanks once again to all those people who demonstrated the strength of community spirit in our parish by helping with this initiative.

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!



ACTIVITIES PLANNED

As well as lots of cycle themed events there will also be:

- ♦ The Rock Choir
- ♦ Dog Show
- ♦ Imerys Male Voice Choir
- ♦ Produce & Flower Show
- ♦ Photography Competition
- ♦ Pop-up Bar
- ♦ Pop-up Food Stand
- ♦ The Garker Street Band
- ♦ Duck Race
- ♦ Obstacle Race
- ♦ Teddy Tombola
- ♦ Charity Stalls
- ♦ *Plus lots more!*

Cycle Tour of Britain Party in Tregrehan Park!

SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER, 12:00 TO 18:00

The Cycle Tour is coming to Cornwall

On Sunday 5th September 2021, Cornwall will host the Tour of Britain, the UK's premier road cycling event. The Grand Depart of the race will see riders travel 170 kilometres through the Cornish countryside, starting in Penzance and ending in Bodmin.

The route

The stage's route will also visit St Just, St Ives, Hayle, Camborne, Pool, Redruth, Falmouth, Penryn, Truro, Newquay, St Austell and Tregrehan Mills! **We're expecting the tour to pass through the village at around 15:00.**

Celebration party

To celebrate the tour passing through the community we have planned a party in the park. The village and the park will be decorated with cycling themed decorations and the whole Carlyon Parish community are being invited to get involved either through organising events or just being there on the day!

Raising funds for local charities

Entry to the event will be free but there will be a host of local charity stalls seeking to raise funds for their respective causes, including St Austell Food Bank.

EVENT PARKING

Provision will be made for blue badge holder parking only.

General parking in the village is very limited and restrictions are likely to be in place to allow the tour to pass through. Consequently we ask people wherever possible to walk to the event, or even better, cycle!

A Note from Our New Cornwall Councillor, James Mustoe

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Cornwall Councillor for the new Mevagissey and St Austell Bay division.

I have previously been the Cornwall Councillor for Mevagissey for the past 7 years, and living near Duporth with my family, am centrally placed to serve the entire new division.

Carlyon Parish is an incredible and varied place, from the rural tranquillity of Tregrehan Mills through to the stunning vistas of Crinnis. It has been a pleasure being out and about during the recent campaign, meeting with people and discussing what matters to you.

I am looking forward to working with Carlyon Parish Council and serving the good people of the area for the next 4 years. Please do get in touch with me at cllr.james.mustoe@cornwall.gov.uk or on 07885 277670 and I will be happy to assist with any issues.



The Great British Spring Clean

On Saturday 5th June the parish organised a litter-pick as part of the Great British Spring Clean. The event was hugely successful with volunteers from both Carlyon Bay and Tregrehan Mills giving their time and energy in helping to keep our beautiful parish litter-free. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those volunteers and say that we hope to see you again next year!



History of Carlyon Bay

As part of the Parish Council's discussion on creating an historical interpretation board in Carlyon Bay, one of our residents Robin Malcolm has kindly provided the following potted history of the area. Thanks Robin!



Imagine yourself walking along the clifftop above what is now Crinnis Beach towards Par. The air is full of smoke and dust and the noise is incredible. Wagons are lumbering across the land carrying rocks.



This is what faced you if you were there at the beginning of the 19th century. Up to the 1850s the Great Crinnis mine was at its height, when Cornwall was the greatest producer of copper in the world. Some 70,000 tons of copper ore had been raised by 1830. After that the mine – as with most in Cornwall – turned to the production of tin for the next few decades until closing in 1881.

At this time there were no beaches below the cliffs. The sea could come up to the base of the cliffs. It was only when the china clay industry increased full production that the beaches were formed. The water from the hills above St Austell was channelled down and a tunnel was cut under the cliffs to carry waste material down to the sea. That water bore a great deal of clay waste known as stent. Much of this was deposited on the shoreline and the beaches built up. The sharp feel of the beaches is caused by the mineral composition of the stent.

Until 1925 the entire cliff top area now occupied by Sea Road was open fields. Beach Road (at least as far as its junction with the eastern end of Sea Road) had been a highway before 1835 and continued across the open ground occupied now by the golf course and on to Par village. A track from Beach Road led down to the beach at Crinnis with a footpath following much the same line as the present South West Coast Path along to the old Appletree Copper Mine and Charlestown to the west and to Spit Point in the east. Just opposite the Porth Avallen hotel can be seen the remains of a building associated with the Appletree mine, an area which now boasts two wooden benches offering fine views

over the bay and Charlestown. The land was part of the estate of the Carlyon family, whose family home is Tregrehan House – now owned by their descendant Tom Hudson.

In the 1840s Edward Carlyon created the formal drive to the beach at Crinnis – now known as Cypress Avenue because until 2005 it was lined by cypress trees. He also negotiated the construction of the ornamental bridge with the Cornwall Railway, which is now Grade 2 listed.



In 1925 the St Austell Bay Hotel was the first hotel to be built and a short private access road was constructed from Cypress Avenue to the hotel. When the golf course was built the stretch of road leading to Par was closed and traffic then used Cypress Avenue and the new Par Moor Road. The hotel (now the Carlyon Bay Hotel) became very popular with the rich and famous including royalty such as the then Edward, Prince of Wales and his future wife, Wallis Simpson.

In the 1920s beach huts and a café were erected on Crinnis beach. The royal visitors suggested that a sports club should be built and so the Riviera Club was opened in 1936 and included tennis courts and an Olympic size swimming pool. The work was never finished and during the war the beaches were used by the military.



In the 1950s the complex reopened and development continued as a leisure and entertainment centre. Ten years later it had become a 2,620-seat concert venue and became known as the New Cornish Riviera Lido. Some of the biggest music artists in the world appeared on stage. Among them were Procol Harum, the Kinks, The Jam, the Clash and the Police.

The number of events began to dwindle in the 1990s but was then known as the Cornwall Coliseum and Cornish Leisure World. It did however still attract artists such as Paul Weller, Jimmy Page, Robert Plant, The Cure and Paul McCartney. The venue remained in operation until 2003 but by then only Gossips nightclub was open. Then plans were put forward to build a large development on the beaches.

The first house to be built on Sea Road was a bungalow at no. 50, named Distant Point. It had no services whatever and access was across fields and over hedges. The property was bought and restored by Mr A.J. Truscott and a friend. They then went into business under the name of Crinnis Development Corp. Ltd. They then built the Bayfordberry Hotel (later renamed as the Cliff Head Hotel) opposite the Carlyon Bay hotel. The hotel was demolished and replaced by the building named Ocean House. The road was extended as they went and they built many houses at the eastern end of what is now Sea Road.

By 1929 the Porth Avallen Hotel (then a private house) was built by a Mrs Howell of Lostwithiel. Further dwellings were built and in the mid-1930s the road was cut through to meet Beach Road at Campdowns near the present-day Charlestown School although there were almost no buildings on this section until well after the Second World War.

The land across Carlyon Bay was all originally owned by the old Carlyon Estate. The land and beaches were sold off in parcels and developed to its present level mainly in the 50s and 60s.

Many houses have been rebuilt in recent years. The Wheal Regent area – built on old mining land – is the site of 38 new houses built in the last two decades. One noticeable feature is the appearance of apartment blocks, particularly along Sea Road. The most recent are Ocean House, Cliff House and Penolva. It should also be noted that plans are in place for 511 apartments and retail premises to be built on Crinnis and Shorthorn beaches. This work is due to start later this year so the noise and dust of previous centuries – along with a stream of ‘wagons’ carrying building materials – will return to the beaches and roads albeit this time for only 10 years.

More History Please!

Information needed for our proposed historical interpretation boards

If you have any specific knowledge, documents or photographs of either Carlyon Bay or Tregrehan Mills please get in touch. We’re very keen to collate as much information as possible to display to the community and visitors alike.



Tregrehan Feast celebrations, 1909.

Summer Events on Crinnis Beach

by Jacky Swain, Corporate Communications Manager, CEG

As well as providing an exciting space for locals and maintaining year-round public access to the beach, Crinnis Beach is hosting a whole range of leisure facilities for the local community and visitors this summer.

The beach has an exciting summer lined-up with a number of food and drink pop-ups serving a feast of Cornish beach life. In a collaboration between the beach owners and a number of local, independent businesses, beachgoers can enjoy a mini foodie festival experience with everything from wraps and smoothies to pizza and seafood.

James Shimwell, Head of Residential Development at CEG, comments: "After such a challenging year we wanted to create a buzz and capitalise on the incredible natural environment to offer an outdoor dining experience that can be enjoyed throughout the day and into the evening.

"We've teamed up with passionate local people who have each brought an individual flavour to the pop-up experience. For them it's an opportunity to launch and grow their business and for beach visitors, it's a whole new offering."



WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING IN RECENT MONTHS



More picnic benches installed in the main Tregrehan park



Wildflower planting in Carlyon recreation field



Wildflower planting in Tregrehan children's park



Parish Projects

As a parish council we are always looking for ways to improve the community environment.

Of course, our budget is very limited so we look for those small things we can do that have a big impact for residents.

Over the last few years we have agreed and delivered a host of projects including:

- ◆ Container planter on Cypress Avenue
- ◆ Container planter on Crinnis Road
- ◆ Wildflower planting on Trenowah Road
- ◆ Village gates in Tregrehan
- ◆ Living Christmas tree in Tregrehan recreation field
- ◆ Parish newsletter

In addition to having delivered the above projects, future projects we are now assessing include:

- ◆ Lease extension of Carlyon recreation fields
- ◆ Historical interpretation board in Carlyon Bay
- ◆ Historical interpretation board in Tregrehan Mills
- ◆ Improved parking for Carlyon recreation fields
- ◆ Transfer of the Tregrehan recreation fields from the ownership of Cornwall Council to the Parish Council

The Community in Action

The Book Share Shed

A huge thank you to Deborah and Chris Coombe who have, at their own expense, set up a Book Share Shed in Tregrehan Mills. This is a fantastic idea and has been hugely welcomed by the community.



Residents are welcome to pop in to either collect any books they may wish to read or to bring any paperback books, biographies (which may be hardback) and children's books. You can find the shed at the entrance to Tregrehan Farm on the main cross-roads in the village.

'Gateway' to Carlyon Bay - Community Gardening Initiative



It has been noted by many residents that Cypress Avenue has, over recent years, become unkempt with overgrown verges and is in desperate need of some care and attention.

Following on from the fantastic work that St Austell Bay Economic Forum did with the 'Garden Route' on the A391, we would like to organise a community initiative to extend this concept onto Cypress Avenue to create a 'Gateway' to Carlyon Bay. It is envisaged that this may include wildflower planting, verge cut-back and potentially further tree planting.

If you would like to get involved in this community volunteer initiative please contact Paul Trudgian (ptrudgian@carlyon-pc.gov.uk). We hope to do some initial planning this winter and undertake some initial work next spring.

Working together to make our community a better place

Meet Your Parish Councillors

We thought we would take the opportunity to introduce ourselves so residents can put faces to names and get to know a bit about the councillors representing the parish.

Councillor Ann Taylor



I live in Sea Road, Carlyon Bay. My husband and I retired to Cornwall from Dorset 12 years ago after owning and managing a residential care home for the elderly near Poole for 10 years.

I am a member of Mount Charles Methodist Church, a volunteer for the National Trust at Lanhydrock, both room guiding and working on the archives and for Cornwall Family History Society, carrying out research. I joined the Parish Council in 2011 after attending council meetings as a member of the public. Having been involved for a considerable part of my working life in a caring role, I wanted to help care for the local environment and the people who live in it.

Councillor Jane Chantrill-Burns



I live in Sea Road, Carlyon Bay. My husband, Nick and I moved to Cornwall in 2019 from West Sussex with our youngest daughter, Tori, who is now in her final year at Birmingham University.

My first volunteering experience in Cornwall was for Cornwall Hospice Care in their Holmbush retail shop. I still support the charity with donations from my own retail sales. I then volunteered during the pandemic with the Carlyon Parish Community Volunteers, it was through this experience I discovered how rewarding it was to meet neighbours, help where I could and be an active part of the community. This motivated me to become a parish councillor.

Councillor Heidi Clemo (Vice Chair)



I took up the position on the Parish Council having moved to Carlyon Bay in 2019 to help support my local community. I am mum to three young girls, we own a touring park in Pentewan Valley and I recently opened a small batch bakery with my business partner.

In-between baking and parenting, I like to find time to sea swim and tend to our ever overgrown garden.

Councillor Myles Breary



I have lived in Cornwall since the age of 6, St Austell for 23 years, 14 years in Carlyon Bay. In my working life I have been in the Merchant Navy, Service Engineer/Manager and Business Owner.

In my later years I have held several roles for various charities including delivery driver, house clearance and Manager. My interests are classic cars, collectables and antiques. I'm married to Linda and have 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Councillor Mark Seckerson



I have lived in Tregrehan Mills for the past 3 years. I started my career in High Street Banking before moving on to the Drinks Industry and then 20 years ago the Recruitment Industry. My life and work have seen me based in and around London, Dublin and Belfast for over 30 years.

The move to Cornwall was a childhood wish, garnered from so many family holidays in the Duchy. In truth, it was also escaping the rat race of living in the big city and the tiresome commutes.

I run my own recruitment business and also have a part time job as a home delivery driver. I live with my partner, who is a carer in the community. I have 3 sons, 1 dog and 2 cats!

Councillor Paul Trudgian (Chairman)



I was born in Cornwall, going to school at Charlestown followed by Penrice. My first ever job was a Sunday paper round delivering all the Sunday supplements from the newsagents (that is now AJ's) around Carlyon Bay. A heavy bag to carry for a 13 year old but I feel it helped me earn my stripes in the parish!

After a period of living in Scotland and the midlands, my wife and I moved back to the area in 2004 and now live in Tregrehan Mills with our two daughters. I operate my own management consultancy practice, specialising in supply chain and logistics, and whilst that is predominantly focused 'up country' I work from home in Tregrehan whenever I can.

I'm a huge advocate of being proactive in the community and I find that being a parish councillor provides a great platform to practice that.

Meet Our Parish Clerk

Julie Larter—Parish Clerk



I am the Clerk to the Parish Council, effectively the oil that keeps the cogs turning. I joined the council shortly after it was created in 2009, having previously worked for Cornwall Council and its predecessor Cornwall County Council for 19 years in a variety of departments. I am Cornish born and bred and although I don't live in the parish, I am regularly out and about in the area and am committed to serving the residents of Carlyon parish to the best of my ability.

I am the only employee of the council and my role is to advise the council on procedure, ensuring that all decisions that it makes are lawful and to give independent and objective advice on matters. I am also responsible for the council's resources, both financial and otherwise. It is an extremely interesting and varied job that I thoroughly enjoy and the councillors are a great bunch of people to work with.

Residents Letters

We very much hope for residents to contribute to this newsletter going forward and welcome correspondence that people may wish to convey to the community. To get the ball rolling we've received the following letter from a long standing resident of Carlyon Bay.

As the founder of the Steering Group which, in 2009, gave birth to Carlyon Parish Council, I have attended its meetings as a member of the public ever since. With the recent elections done, and whatever one's political persuasion, it's time to give a sincere vote of thanks to all those who have given so many hours of their time to the largely unsung work of local Councillors. A number of good folk are now retiring from the fray, such as Tom French, Alan Moore and Graham Entwistle. Their work, and the work of all in Councils past, has been much appreciated.

These are the type of folk whom the public regards collectively as 'They'. Something wrong with the street-lights? They should do something about that. Something wrong with the pavements? They should... Something wrong with the footpaths? They... Too much dog-fouling? They... and so it goes on. This volunteer army are blamed if they don't, and sometimes blamed if they do, but only very seldom are they praised or thanked for the voluntary hours that they freely give in service to the community.

I wish the new Council every success, and will do my best to continue in close observation of its work on behalf of the residents of Carlyon Parish.

Peter Browning, Sea Road, Carlyon Bay

About Carlyon Parish Council

Carlyon Parish Council is a local authority that make decisions on behalf of the residents within the parish. The parish is comprised of Carlyon Bay and Tregrehan Mills.



What Carlyon Parish Council does

There are nine individual parish councillors working together to serve the community and to help the council make decisions on behalf of residents. This includes:

- ♦ Acting as a statutory consultee on planning applications and, as such, comments on every application in the parish, although Cornwall Council is responsible for deciding the outcome of applications;
- ♦ Maintaining the recreation field in Sea Road (the recreation fields in Tregrehan are owned and maintained by Cornwall Council);
- ♦ Maintaining the South West Coast Path and the Public Rights of Way in the parish;
- ♦ Providing additional resources for the community such as litter bins, benches, bus shelters, flower boxes etc;
- ♦ Lobbying Cornwall Council on things that are important to our community such as road repairs and improvements.

Upcoming Parish Council meetings



Members of the public are welcome to attend our monthly parish council meetings and we reserve 15 minutes near the start of the meeting for public participation. Meetings start at 18:00 and the next meeting dates are:

21 Sept, 19 Oct, 16 Nov, 21 Dec

The above meetings will all be held in Tregrehan Chapel.

Join Us!

If you want to get involved in the community through being a councillor, we currently have 3 vacancies.

If interested please contact Julie Larter, Parish Clerk
clerk@carlyon-pc.gov.uk