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When I started putting this edition together last week, I was writing a very different opener, thinking that it might be the last one as we had not had any response to our search for a new editor. However I'm very pleased to say that I'm cautiously optimistic that we have found someone who is willing and able to take on the newsletter! There are still some details to be sorted out and of course there will be a handover period, but with any luck the new editor will be in place for the September edition, hopefully with a support team to help out. Thank you so much to Sarah Bell and Carole Luscombe, who have put so much effort into the search (see Carole's article on p13).

So this is my last editorial. I've really enjoyed doing the newsletter and being part of the Cubert and Holywell community. I want to say a huge thank you to David Hawken and Cherry Keogh, who have been a great support throughout my short time as editor.

I really wish you all the very best for the future. I won't be a stranger as our family still live in the village, so maybe I'll see you at an event or two.

Warmest wishes,

Jenny

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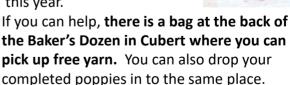
# **USED STAMPS**

Judy is still collecting used stamps for iSight Cornwall. Please put any stamps in an envelope (to prevent them blowing away when the box is opened) in the Newsletter Post Box. Reports on how much money we raise or a change of collection point etc will be posted in the Cubert Shop window or notice boards

Thanks everyone and keep collecting **Judy** 

# Calling all wool crafters!

The Monday afternoon craft group are looking for people who can knit or crochet red and purple poppies for the display we are hoping to do this year.



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Our children in Year 5 have been reading Kensuke's Kingdom and have used the story as inspiration for poetry and artwork this term. Parents were treated to a performance after school this week. The children delivered their poems with confidence, and the descriptive writing was fantastic:

"The cold wind howled like a wolf calling for its cub."

"The haze of the fog fell on the distant horizon."

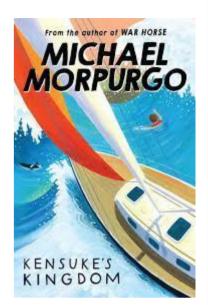
"The clouds were a ghost of the past."

KAREN'S BEAUTY TIPS TUES

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There was also a display of 3D mannequins created to show off beach fashions designed by the pupils. What a lovely way to celebrate the hard work the children have done this term.

As the term comes to an end, we say goodbye to our Year 6 children as they get ready to start the next part of their school journey to schools in Newquay and Truro. We have watched them grow from their first tentative days in Owls to the wonderful young people they are now. We wish you lots of luck in the future and look forward to hearing how you are getting on.



contact Deborah Hopkinson (01637)

830909 or Email

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On behalf of staff, children and governors, a big thank you for your support this year, have a safe and happy summer break.

### CUBERT VILLAGE HALL REGULAR BOOKINGS - FROM AUGUST 2023 MONDAY 09:30 to 10:30 YOGA Main Hall TAI CHI 11:00 to Noon Main Hall PRIVATE DANCE PRACTICE 18:30 to 20:00 Main Hall TUESDAY **PILATES** 09:30 to 10:30 Main Hall TAI CHI 11:00 to Noon Main Hall SHORT MAT BOWLS 14:00 to 16:30 Main Hall WED YOGALATES 09:30 to 10:30 Main Hall CUBERT CONNECT YOUTH CLUB ACTION FOR CHILDREN 18:30 to 21:30 Main Hall THURSDAY TAI CHI 10:30 to Noon Main Hall SHORT MAT BOWLS 14:00 to 16:30 Main Hall KARATE back in Sept 18:30 to 20:00 Main Hall MOBILE PIZZA - THURSDAYS AUGUST 3RD, 17TH & 31ST 17:00 to 19:00 Car Park **TODDLER GROUP termtime** FRIDAY 09:30 to Noon Main Hall PRIVATE FITNESS CLASS back in Sept 17:15 to 18:15 Main Hall SATURDAY SUNDAY TAEKWONDO 10:00 to Noon Main Hall THERAPY ROOM To make an enquiry or booking please 13:00 to 18:00 / WED PLEASE ASK

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# JULY REPORT



CVH Committee Meeting Held 27th June

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is that time of year to plan the CVH Annual General Meeting. As soon as we fix a date and time we will post advance notices on our website, facebook page, post office noticeboard and hall noticeboards. It will be too late to put a notice into the Cubert Parish Newsletter August issue as our meeting is after the deadline.. As always, the AGM meeting is open to all Cubert Parishioners. So; please keep an eye out for the date and time and attend if possible. Thank you

### OPERATING COSTS

The expected operating costs of the hall, as of June 2023, stand at £10.5K per annum. The committee have agreed to retain a reserve to cover operating costs for 2 years in order to keep the hall as a going concern. The reserve value has been set at £25K permitting the extra to allow for unexpected increases in standard operating costs. Any surplus in the bank over the £25K contributes to unexpected costs regarding operating and maintenance and may also feed into funding required for improvement and development projects, such as the front and rear car park. Other charities adopt the same type of reserve strategy.

# CUBERT VILLAGE HALL



JULY 2023 DRAW

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## HALL CHARGES

The latest price increase was activated from 1st April 2023 and was deemed necessary due to the cost-of-living increases (in the order of 10%) particularly the huge increase in electric charges (16.3p kWh up to 57.33p per kWh - 251% — standing charge from 31.5p per day to 50.4p per day — 60%). The April 2023 increase uplifted the hourly hall charges by £1 per hour for the main hall and 50p per hour for the committee room. For example, the parishioner rate for the main hall went up from £8 to £9 per hour, 12.5%, and the evening rate £9 to £10, 11.1%. Prior to this increase the charges had been increased on 1st September 2021 and prior to this in 2016 as pre-planned by the previous committees

# CUBERT AND HOLYWELL CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

The CVH is in discussions with the CHCC with regard to the usage of the fire pit created for the Queen's Jubilee. The CHCC would like it to be used as a floral display at the CVH. The CHCC would also like to create signage for a Welcome To Cubert Christmas light display and to increase their current storage at the CVH

# WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION ABOUT CUBERT VILLAGE HALL

 $To keep \, everyone \, informed \, about \, what \, is \, happening \, with \, and \, in \, your \, village \, hall \, there \, is \, a \, notice board \, on \, the \, outside \, wall \, of \, the \, Cubert \, Stores \, and \, Post \, Office.$ 

There are also noticeboards in the hall itself.

 $For those with {\it computer} \ and {\it social} \ media \ access \ please \ search for CUBERT \ VILLAGE \ HALL \ on \ your \ browser.$ 

There is a website and facebook pages.

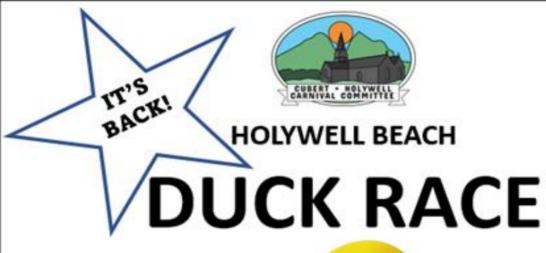
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**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs.D. Hopkinson and G. Rowe **Police Report** – None.

# ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

None of the Councillors in attendance were prepared to stand. A discussion about how to proceed ensued. Cllr. R.L.B. Spencer said he would be prepared to stand as Vice-Chairman but only if a chairman is found. It was suggested that the role of Chairman could be filled on a rota basis. However, this if far from ideal so it was **RESOLVED** to continue appointing a chairman prior to each meeting until a permanent volunteer comes forward.

# MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 17th May and 21st June 2023:

The Minutes were approved and signed as True Records.

# MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 21st June 2023:

Cllr. R.B.L Spencer advised that the refusal of PA23/01150 (Land East of Wesley Road) has been reported in this week's Newquay Voice. Cllr. D. Hopkinson has reported the poor road surface in Chynowen Parc to Cormac. The Clerk informed the meeting that a quote has been obtained from James Bradder to add the QEII park to the cutting schedule. The figure mentioned equates to an additional £900 per year an increase of 16% to our grass cutting budget. In addition, the Clerk spoke to the repairers of the Mower to look into a possible replacement but they stated that the current Mower still had plenty of life in it. They also indicated that the problems we have been experiencing are due to miss use of the Mower. The Clerk recommended continuing with the current regime for now and an instruction manual will be drafted in due course. The cost of cutting the Village Hall grass equates to around £300 per year.

Cllr. W. Caff advised that the strimmer is working properly and he has purchased a wheelbarrow. The chainsaw attachments are now being stored in his shed. Cllr. T. Hulbert is going to do an inventory of the equipment and a training manual. Cllr. W. Caff offered to help with this.

Cllr. M. Smith has ordered the new bin and an invoice will be sent to the Clerk for payment.

Cllr. M. Smith clarified the comments he made at the last meeting regarding the jubilee firepit. The person who made the firepit is not aware of any agreement to put the firepit in the village square and is happy for it to be installed outside the Village Hall. The correspondence is available for anyone who wishes to see it. Cllr. W. Caff said he would find the original emails that referred to this.

Cllr. A. Percy advised that the cycle track has not yet been installed. However, the work should be starting on Monday. Cllr. A. Percy will apply for the second tranche of funding once the installation has taken place. Josie Grant thanks the Council for their kind donation towards the wool for the poppy project.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND OTHER FINANCIAL BUSINESS: Resolved to pay all accounts as presented.

### PLANNING:

# **Decisions made by Cornwall Council:**

PA23/01150 Application for Permission in Principle for the erection of up to five dwellings - Land East Of Wesley Road Cubert Cornwall TR8 5HB for Kingsley Homes limited - **REFUSED** 

PA23/02600 New pitched roof to flat roof garage, conversion of garage to office, new extended porch, replacement windows, new doors and patio doors, internal alterations. - 48 Wheal Golden Drive, Holywell Bay -

# **APPROVED**

**Applications** 

PA23/04176 Conversion of single storey garage/outbuilding and utility room to a 1 bed living accommodation. Concord Wesley Road Cubert Newquay for Mrs Joanna Shipway **Resolved to SUPPORT** the application providing that there is a condition keeping the accommodation as ancillary to the main dwelling.

# Other Planning Matters:

Cllr. A Harvey thanked Cllr. A. Percy for his work on PA23/01150 (Land East of Wesley Road) Cllr. A Harvey advised that he is taking the application for works to Trevemper Footbridge to committee and requested the Parish Council's support. A discussion ensued. **RESOLVED:** Cubert Parish Council supports Cllr. A. Harvey in taking this application to committee. Cllr. R.L.B. Spencer will represent the Parish Council at the meeting. Cornwall Council's Affordable Housing Newsletter and details of Cornwall Council's enforcement process have been circulated

Cllr. A. Harvey has been liaising with the Enforcement Officer over the repeated use of advertising trailers in the Parish and has offered his support if the Officer wishes to take the landowner to court. Cllr. R.B.L. Spencer advised that he had asked a question at Full Council regarding the issue. He was told that the Officer has to start from scratch each time a new case is reported and the same process is followed.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Cllr. R.L.B. Spencer that there is still no news on Central Government Funding. The work to the website has been commissioned and a public consultation is still planned for 9th September. It is hoped that the draft Design Guide will be uploaded to the website in the next 3 weeks.

### **CUBERT VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr. R.B.L. Spencer confirmed that Stephen Scown's has been instructed to proceed with the further enquiry. The fee will be approx. £200. The response will be circulated to Councillors when received. Cllr. G. Rowe's report from the Village Hall Committee Meeting had been circulated. It was commented that the public accounts seem to be held in a veil of secrecy. A discussion took place as to why the Parish Council is paying £300 to cut the grass at the village hall if the accounts are not transparent. **RESOLVED:** Agenda item next month.

# ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS NOT REQUIRING DECISIONS AT THIS MEETING:

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Quarterly Audit has been completed and submitted to the Internal Auditor.

Cllr. R.L.B. Spencer gave a brief report of the Allotment Association meeting he had attended. The AGM will be held in November. It was commented that the minutes say that the Allotment Association has agreed to give the Village Hall a donation of £50 towards the flowers for the jubilee beacon. This should say CHCC. Cllr. R.B.L. Spencer will ask for the minutes to be amended, Clirs, W. Caff and R.L.B. Spencer will be attending the inaugural CAP (Community Area Partnership) meeting tomorrow and will report back to the next meeting. Cllr. A. Percy has written to the Portfolio Holder regarding the levelling up grants awarded to large organisations when other schemes were overlooked that better met the criteria. He has yet to receive a reply.

- Cllr. A. Percy advised that he will organise the emptying of the beach skip in the Clerk's absence.
- Cllr. S. Bell reported on the recent vandalism to the public toilets.
- Cllr. T. Hulbert advised that he has tightened the bolts on the swing in the toddler play area as they were a bit loose. The swings outside the toddler area may look like they are leaning but they have been inspected and there is no issue. The bearing on the spinning bowl is well worn and may need replacing soon.

There is no news on the future of the newsletter.

**CLOSING, DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The meeting was closed 8.34pm.

The next regular meeting to be held on 16th August 2023 at 7.00pm.

# **Action for local housing in Cubert?**

Hi, I'm Zoe Williams (previously Pascoe Burd),

I grew up in Cubert and very much consider the village my home, having recently got married in Cubert Church. However, when it came to buying my first house, there were no affordable housing options available in Cubert. My husband and I didn't want a shared ownership property and did not wish to rent. I would very much like to own my own house outright in the village I grew up in, at a reasonable price. I have friends in the village who are also experiencing the same struggles, and have no doubt there are more of us out there!

I am considering starting an action group, made up of villagers and those who have had to leave Cubert/Holywell and want to come back - We shouldn't have to wait for expensive developments to provide our homes.

Please get in touch if you are interested in discussing further, you can contact me at

zoepascoeburd@hotmail.co.uk'

Any questions, please do let me know

Thank you for reading!

Zoe

# CUBERT



DON'T WAIT; ENJOY YOUR LIFE NOW Taken from UCB daily readings

Solomon writes: 'I saw that there is nothing better for people than to be happy in their work. That is our lot in like. And no-one can bring us back to see what happens after we die.' Begin now to think about what you can do to find more joy in every experience. The present moment is all you are guaranteed, so don't wait until later – until you get married, retire, go on holiday, or until your children finish university – to enjoy your life. No-one knows what will happen next in our lives or in the world. You are alive *now*, so maximise it, embrace it, and celebrate it. Nobody was busier than Jesus, yet He knew how to celebrate! His first miracle was performed at a wedding reception. His schedule was hectic, yet He interrupted it to enjoy time with children. The needs He faced were endless, yet He took time off to rest.

These words ae from an anonymous writer: 'If I had my life to live over, I would take more chances and more trips. I would climb more mountains, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets. I would eat more ice cream and less beans. I would have actual troubles and fewer imaginary ones .... I have been one of those people who never goes anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a gargle, a raincoat, and a parachute. If I had it to do over again, I would go places and do things and travel lighter than I have.' Don't wait; enjoy your life now.

### Speakers in August are:

August 6th Phil Rowe (Communion)

13th Phil Rowe

20<sup>th</sup> Church Fellowship 27<sup>th</sup> Jenny Lockwood

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**Editor's note** - Carole wrote the article below to help our search for a new editor. She and Sarah Bell were thinking of ideas to make the editorship as easy as possible, such as bi-monthly editions and inviting people to be 'guest editors'. Although we may now have found an editor, it would be good to have a team around them to help out. We already have two, possibly four people and it would be great to have a couple more, so please do get in touch via the newsletter email address or the local Facebook groups.

# A LITTLE HISTORY OF CUBERT NEWSLETTER By Carole Luscombe

My commitment to Cubert began at a very early age having been raised with all members of my immediate family being involved in various organisations and charities in the parish. My grandfather the late Wilfred Carhart was the first treasurer of the newly formed Village Hall committee back in the early 1950's – a position held for 23 years.

My stepfather Bryce Currah was Parish Clerk for many years, Royal British Legion Representative, Newquay Guardian correspondent for Cubert for 51 years and founder of the Cubert news – the future of this publication is on shaky ground at the present time. In the 1970's I remember Bryce thumping out the stories of the day on an old Olympia typewriter – no correction fluid in those days and the printing was done on a Gestetner machine – certainly a relic of the past.

He retired as editor in 1982 and was so pleased that a new editor had been found, numerous editors have come and gone over the past 40+ years and this a plea to all readers of the Cubert News – to show your support to keep the newsletter dropping through letter boxes around the parish.

# PARKING IN CUBERT SQUARE AND HOLYWELL

Observant residents of Cubert and Holywell may have noticed that the double yellow lines in Holywell Bay, and Church Square Cubert have been redone by Cornwall Council. They have also changed the restrictions so that there is no parking on the road in Holywell Bay all year round.

The Council have said that they will be carrying out some focused enforcement in the coming weeks and in fact they were there on the weekend of the latest rain storms when, unsurprisingly, there were no cars infringing the restrictions.

I understand that Cornwall Council Parking Enforcement have also said that members of the public can take photographic evidence of obstructive parking and submit to them for action.

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Anne and her husband Chris have been with us for seven years and we shall greatly miss her ministry with us. Following her departure the Atlantic Coast Cluster will be in a Vacancy, while the process for appointing a new Priest-in-Charge takes place. This could take several months, and in the meantime if there are any questions or worries, please contact the Church Wardens, Wendy and Kath on the numbers below or the Cluster Administrator on 01872 573025.

The website for the Cluster can be found on www.atlanticcoastcluster.org.uk where there is information about all the churches in the Cluster.

If you wish to contribute to the collection for a gift for Anne there is a donations page on the website. You may also give any donations to either Kath or Wendy.

# **Services for August:**

Sunday Aug 6th Holy Communion 9.30am
Sunday Aug 20th Holy Communion 9.30am
Sunday Aug 27th A Service of Thanks and Farewell to
Revd Anne Brown and her husband, Chris, at St Piran's at
5pm followed by refreshments.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**Friday August 18th** Cream Tea at Badger's Holt, Treworgans 2-4pm, by kind invitation from Kath and Rob Harrison.

**Saturday September 9th** Concert at the Parish Church 6.30pm Featuring Becky McGlade, Cellist, Roland Kitchen, Tenor and Christopher Godolphin, Organist. Refreshments served at the interval.

Donations for the Newquay Foodbank can be left in the box at the back of the church. Also any unwanted candles for Ukraine.

The church is open daily from 10am to 4pm.

### **Contacts:**

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# **CUBERT SEA ANGLERS 1963 – 2023**



**Club Fishing** – So far the month of July has produced a few more species, such as Gilthead Bream, Buss Huss, Pollock, Rockling and the usual Lesser Spotted Dogfish. Sadly, Mackerel have yet to turn up in their usual numbers.

The June Competitions – Winners were as follows:-

Competition 1 – fishing for the best specimen – this was won by Simon Parris with a Bass of 7lbs 5oz. Competition 2 - Fishing for the John Penna Bass Trophy. Again, this was won by Simon Parris with a Bass of 3lbs 6oz. This fish was taken off Vugga Cove.

# **August competitions**

A monthly competition fishing for the heaviest fish caught on feathers, lures or plugs.

A monthly competition fishing for **The Jubilee Shield** - a competition for a pair of anglers fishing for the **most species.** See club noticeboard for the selection of pairs of anglers.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A CUBERT SEA ANGLERS NOTICE BOARD IN CUBERT **VILLAGE SQUARE FOR FUTURE INFORMATION** by Brian Osborne



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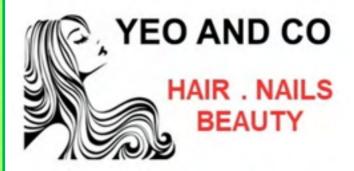
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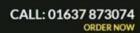
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Our last meeting before the summer started with a slightly different format. After welcoming members and guests and singing Jerusalem, our guest speaker, the Reverend Chris Quillan, was introduced by Gail Wilson. He gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on his 'Life and Times as a Vicar'. Chris informed members of an app called ESRA which can be downloaded free and which is aimed at improving the health and well-being of individuals. This now forms a key part of the pastoral care he offers. Chris shared a number of humorous



anecdotes about weddings and funerals he has officiated at. He left a number of copies of a fictional book he has written for members to keep. Sonia Jones gave the vote of thanks.

Following a wonderful cream tea provided by Sue Fern and her team, President Linda Hallwood informed the members that Marie Hedge had joined the committee. She has much experience in this role and will be a valuable member of the team. Treasurer Lynne Wilson reported on our finances and numbers attending. Two new members joined at this meeting. Linda drew attention to the forthcoming WI County Annual Meeting which will take place on Monday 2nd October in the Hall for Cornwall. Those interested should sign up no later than August 8th.

Marianne Inskip gave a detailed account of the visit of 11 ladies from Crantock WI to Tremenheere Sculpture Gardens near Gulval on Tuesday 20th June. After the excitement of passing the new Chiverton Roundabout, we arrived at Tremenheere and decided to explore the gardens before lunch. Some of the inclines were challenging for a few of us but we are a determined group all made it to the top of the gardens. The view of St Michael's Mount from the top of the gardens appeared hazy but by the time we left, the Mount looked stunning, rising out of a sunlit blue Mount's Bay.

Our lunch was very tasty albeit on the pricey side, and during our meal we had a torrential downpour but luckily, when we were walking around the gardens, the weather behaved. After lunch some of the ladies returned to the gardens to see more of the exotic plants and sculptures, whilst others visited the shop and garden centre. We all thought that the trip to the gardens had been very worthwhile and many of us decided to return with family and partners at a later date.

Lynn Wilson introduced future events provided by CFWI.

Due to limited places on these events, sign-up has
dropped recently, so we have increased the number of our



Chapman who is noted for his photography expertise, a backstage tour of Hall for Cornwall and a Mystery coach trip. She asked for a show of interest and will continue to research the ones that were well supported. Sue continued to finalise details for the Summer Lunch to be held at her home. From past experience this has been a real treat.

There were 9 entries of the Celebrating Fishermen competition, all of which demonstrated a thoughtful and interesting reflection on the role of fishermen. The winners were judged by Chris Quillan were announced by Colleen Bright. 1st place went to Gail Wilson who displayed a genuine handmade Guernsey fisherman's jersey supported by a fisherman's prayer. In 2nd place was Ann May who had baked a marvellous 'Stargazy Pie' and also displayed the recipe and a carved fisherman. 3rd place went to Salli Blackford who entered a beautiful watercolour painting of mackerel. The competition theme for the members meeting in September will be 'Let's Celebrate Teddy Bear Day' (which is on 9th September each year).

The raffle and Birthday posies followed before Linda Hallwood rounded off the meeting. She promised an interesting meeting, including a talk by Janet Stanley on the Wonders of Herbs, when we meet again in September on Tuesday the 12th.

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# THE NIGHTINGALE BY KRISTIN HANNAH

Kristin Hannah is a prolific American author - a number of her books have been made into films and this book is due to be released as a film (initially in France) sometime this year.

The story revolves around two sisters and how they each individually dealt with the invasion of their country - France. One joined the Resistance and the other helped Jewish children escape. The story was narrated by one of the sisters and the reader was kept guessing as to which one 'survived'.

The author doesn't hold back on the harrowing time the sisters endured - particularly the eldest sister - Vianne - and how she kept her family alive during the years of Nazi occupation. The author kept the reader engaged and just when you thought the sisters' lives couldn't get any worse it inevitably did. Some sections of the story were heartbreaking.

The book also described the relationship between the sisters and how despite the age difference, the 'abandonment' by their father after their mother dies and the rebellious nature of the younger sister, they were protective of each other.

Some of the group felt the book was cliched and repetitious in parts but overall the book drew you in and one we would recommend.

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On 24<sup>th</sup> June, Tim Hodder saw nine or ten Choughs on the Inner Kelseys, with at least three youngsters with constant movement and mewing when disturbed by joggers. On the headland near Mawgan Porth, up to twelve Choughs can be seen regularly. A very successful nest box in Ben Hocking's garden has seen a second brood of House Sparrows fledge and flying around. In one exceptional year, the nest produced three broods.

Cotehele House in the Tamar Valley had to cancel a day of cherry picking with members of the public after Blackbirds ate all the cherries! I find it comical seeing this year's young Magpies fledged and flying around but lacking tails.

Seagulls are getting high on spice and attaching shoppers after stealing the drug from users. One was seen dive-bombing a user to snatch his bag of synthetic cannabis. A policeman had to grab the bird after it turned on members of the public. Stoned birds have also been reported in Leeds and London.

Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) Nature Reserve on Brownsea Island has been closed for the foreseeable future after more than 600 birds, many of them chicks, died, thought to be the victims of avian flu. Another outbreak has been reported near Bootle, Cumbria, and the breeding season at Bass Rock, off Scotland was also depleted due to avian flu. The disease is also devastating the British mainland's biggest colony of Arctic Terns at Long Nanny on the Northumberland coast. The colony had been doing well this year, with over 1,600 pairs returning to breed, however 500 dead chicks have been found since the beginning of July.

British-reared Turkeys are set to be in short supply this Christmas, industry experts warn. Several small producers have quit amid concerns over rising costs, worker visas and avian flu. One supplier estimated a 10% drop this year, which is likely to be made up by Polish Turkeys.

The University of the Highlands and Islands Outer Hebrides is collaborating with RSPB Scotland in a conservation programme using 3D printed Terns to show returning birds where the safe nesting sites are. The printed replicas, termed decoys, are exact copies of the tern species 3D printed in white plastic. Once painted, the decoys are then placed in the area of newly created nesting habitat to act as a signal to the returning terns that this is a safe place to settle and breed.



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