

# *Stepping Stones*

*MAY 2010*

## NEWS FLASHES

**Lerryn Cof E Primary School** has announced the retirement of the Head-Teacher, Mr David Vipond, at the end of the Summer term. David has been in post for 30 years and has been instrumental in placing the school in the heart of community life. Also retiring this summer after a long and distinguished career at Lerryn is the Infant Teacher Sylvia Oliver. Both teachers have worked tirelessly for the school and this is reflected in the recent OfSTED reports. St Veep Parish Council wish both teachers long and healthy retirements.

### **Sewage concerns**

Following a period of torrential rain, vigilant local resident Bill Needs drew attention to pump and manhole failures at Lerryn riverside. St Veep PC chased up SW Water and Environment Agency and faults were rectified.

### **Bus shelter**

Thanks to a generous offer of funding by Lerryn WI and the co-operation of the National Trust it is hoped that a bus shelter will soon be placed near Lerryn View. St Winnow PC has indicated that, subject to design and siting it is willing to support the project.

## **CORNWALL COUNCIL SHAPES UP TO MEET CHALLENGES**

An important part of the new Cornwall Council is the Corporate Support Directorate. The Directorate primarily exists to enable the council to do its business effectively and comprises seven key functions:

*FINANCE guiding financial strategies to support Cornwall in the recession*

*HUMAN RESOURCES recruiting and motivating the best possible staff*

*LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES running General & local elections*

*PROPERTY making effective use of offices and working arrangements*

*REVENUES AND BENEFITS improving public access to claimants*

*INFORMATION SERVICES joining up and upgrading the previous IT systems*

*PROCUREMENT & COMMISSIONING giving taxpayers value for money*

This is only an outline of this busy directorate and its departments. For further information contact 01872 322500 or [www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

## **NEW DESIGN GUIDE**

There is a new Cornwall Council design guide for householders contemplating domestic alterations and extensions to existing dwellings. It clearly lays out well illustrated advice and procedures on how to make changes sensitively. It covers everything from materials, layout, access and proportions. Remember Lerryn, because of its architectural and historic importance, is in a Conservation Area and special restrictions and constraints apply. For a copy of the guide and for help and advice contact:

### **St Veep and St Winnow Parish Councils collaborate on a Parish Plan**

Following meetings with Cornwall Rural Community Council and St. Winnow Parish Council it has been decided that both Parish Councils will collaborate on the production of a single plan for both parishes.

The next stage is to set up a steering group from the two Parish Councils. This will also include volunteer parishioners. Once the formalities have been agreed a public meeting will be held to explain what a Parish Plan is, how it will be prepared and what it will be used for. At this meeting Parishioners generally and those interested in joining the Steering Group will have an opportunity to obtain more information.

Both Parish Councils have been successful in grant applications to fund the initiation of the plan and we are grateful for the assistance we received from Cllr Gavin Shakerley CC.

Councillors Rob Briggs and Penny Philp will spearhead the plan for St Veep.

Councillors Shane Aldridge and Richard Read will act for St Winnow.

### **PARKING AND HIGHWAYS**

#### **Councils seek to improve ice and snow measures.**

During the hard winter weather both councils worked hard with the local County Councillor and County Highways to get our roads gritted and opened to traffic and that repairs were expedited. Afterwards Councillors asked for assurances that there would be resources available to deal with any future winter emergencies. They emphasised the need for local grit boxes to be topped up so that there could be a degree of self-help. During the summer there will be a review of the positioning of grit boxes and suggestions are invited from residents.

#### **Lerryn Car-park Consultation**

The threat of possible parking charges inspired over one hundred indignant residents to respond to the recent Cornwall Council county-wide survey on local authority car parks. They joined St Veep Parish Council, local businesses and organisations in strongly urging for the maintenance of free parking in the centre of the village. It was argued that for the health of the shop, pub and school and the viability of the Memorial Hall and Red Store no charges should be made. As *Stepping Stones* goes to press there are indications from our Cornwall Councillor that under the CC localism agenda control of the car-park will go to St Veep PC. Watch this space!

#### **Walkers' Car Park**

St Winnow and St Veep Parish Councils have been exploring with the National Trust the feasibility of a car park at Ethy Lawns for walkers using the famous Ethy/ St Winnow woodland walk. But after discussion and soundings both councils have agreed that the Ethy option was not viable. Parking issues will be pursued through the new Parish Plan.

#### **Speed Limits-update**

Parish Councillors have kept up pressure on County Highways to establish 30 mph speed limits through Lerryn. During the transition the Unitary Authority lost track of the bid, Now Cllr Gavin Shakerley CC has sponsored fresh talks and we look like getting formalities sorted out within a few months. The long-term aim is to get a 20 mph limit.

### **BOATWATCH IN LERRYN**

On Saturday 3rd April Lerryn Boatwatch was formed in partnership with Devon and Cornwall Police. Over 50 people are now taking part and Damon Wilcox has been appointed Lerryn Co-ordinator. The aim is to eliminate marine crime on the river. The register of members will enable us to check and challenge suspicious activity and the increased police interest will aid crime prevention measures and raise crime awareness. Boatwatch members are able to acquire a range of items to mark their boats and engines. (see below)

Contact PCSO Tom Barnes at Looe Police.

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Cllr Penny Philp  
Cllr Shirley Eddy  
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Cllr Rob Briggs  
Cllr Tracey Fowler

**St Winnow**

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**St Veep PC meets the second Thursday of each month at 7.30. St Winnow PC meets bi-monthly on a Tuesday. Details are on the website or notice boards**