



A QUALITY COUNCIL

QUARTERLY WEB NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2010

CINDERELLA

First my apologies for the delay in publishing the first newsletter of the new decade, but I had to wait to report on the pantomime. Cinderella turned out to be one of the best productions I have seen over the last decade and congratulations must go to all the cast, production team and backstage crew. It would be invidious to mention any names because quite frankly all the cast were superb.

But I often ask myself what makes Mawnan Panto so different from our arch rivals Mylor, and it has to be our children and young people. They bring the performance alive with youth and vitality and I was so impressed by their stage presence. So congratulations to everybody and we look forward to next year.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Once again Mawnan Christmas Lights Committee surpassed themselves with their decorations across the village. Mawnan became fairyland and I understand that this year, thankfully, vandalism was minimal.

WINTER SNOW

And speaking of fairyland, Mawnan took on a wonderful mantle of snow in late December and early January. But snow is fine in the right place and that does not include icy and impassable roads throughout the village. Cornwall Council finally gritted the roads but it was all too little too late.

I think it is now clear that small rural community in Cornwall will probably have to become more self reliant and not depend on Cornwall Council in such matters. Climate change is happening and discussions took place at the January Council meeting on how best the community can alleviate the adverse effects of extreme cold and snow conditions.

As a result of this several suggestions were made.

- We have written to Council Council for salt/grit bins to be placed in the most vulnerable areas in the village. These will be kept locked for obvious reasons but keys will be available from Councillors in the appropriate areas.
- We are setting up a list of people in the community with four wheel drive vehicles who would be willing to assist in transport, shopping and general mobility. If you are willing to help please contact Sarah at the Council offices and let her know.
- We are also keen to explore the possibility of having street wardens who would be responsible for ensuring that the most vulnerable members of our community are safe and

warn and also for helping to keep the pathways clear of snow and ice. Again if you feel you can help please contact Sarah and let her know.

EXTRA SEATS IN MAWNAN SMITH

“Uncle Joe’s Seat” outside Mawnan Surgery, is now fully restored and looks superb. Last year we reported that the Council was looking for sponsorship for seating in the graveyard. I am delighted to say that Mawnan Fun Run are providing sponsorship for a seat.

MAWNAN ALLOTMENTS

An initial approach was made to the National Trust well over 12 months ago for the provision of National Trust land in Mawnan Smith for use as Allotments. The National Trust has recently informed the Parish Council that a field on the edge of the village will be available at the end of March this year.

The National Trust wish to deal with an Allotment Society for the purpose of formal lease arrangements, conditions of use and for ongoing contact. An initial meeting was held in the Memorial Hall of those who had previously shown an interest in wanting an allotment in the village. This meeting was held at short notice and just a few individuals attended. There have been one or two offers from individuals prepared to take office in an Allotment Society

The next steps are to clarify with the National Trust the conditions of use, following which an Allotment Society needs to be formed to take over the formal contractual and contact arrangements with the National Trust. Once there are more details from the initial meeting (expected to be held in February) with the National Trust, then another meeting will be held to progress the formation of an Allotment Society. All aspects of preparation of the 2.8 acre field into formal allotment space, plus the setting of a Constitution (effectively conditions of use for allotment holders) will be the responsibility of the Allotment Society.

Now an Allotment Site has been identified, Mawnan Parish Council will have no further involvement – that needs to be undertaken by a new Allotment Society.

Some 25 individuals have previously shown an interest in having an allotment in Mawnan Smith, and they will be contacted once the next meeting date has been arranged. That meeting will be advertised within the village and at that meeting volunteers will be needed to serve as “officers” of the Allotment Society. It is hoped that this meeting will take place late February or early March.

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