

Dear member,

Another month has whizzed by again and it's time for your next newsletter. As a group we are continuing with social distancing and so sadly all planned visits and talks have been postponed indefinitely. We will keep you informed as and when the situation changes.

We are still continuing to look at planning applications which have been submitted to Cornwall Council during the past month and where we think it necessary, make detailed comment. A list of these can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Included in this month's issue there are some articles and photographs submitted by committee and members which we hope you will enjoy.

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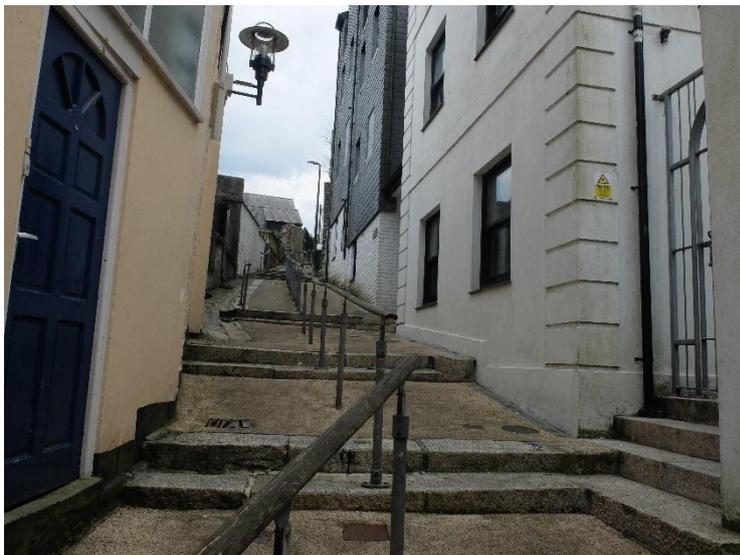
From the Archives

Ope ways walks continued:

Last month I was walking down the High Street looking for the ope ways and taking photographs. Carelessly I called the dilapidated building next to Briton's Yard, Malin's Hall, of course it is not – Malin's Hall is behind 39 High Street and is in a good state of repair. I was given a list of all the occupants of that site, but there is nothing there on the site on the 1880 map.

This time I shall try to keep strictly to the numbering on the 1981 list of opes. Last time I finished with Bakehouse yard which is beside the Prince of Wales pub. That is number 31 on the list!

Back now to number 10 which is Smithick Hill.



From here you could go up and find Fountain Ope and go back down to Market Street. I have chosen to picture the bottom entrance.



Next comes Snow's Passage and Somercourt, only labelled Somercourt at the bottom but Snow's Passage as well at the top.



Now on to Fish Strand Hill leading to Fish Strand Quay where the news about the Battle of Trafalgar arrived.



Number 13 has an old name, entrance to old Gas Works Quay, not what it is known as now.



The next one, Upton Slip is very well known.



Well Lane goes right up to the top.



at Gyllyng Street



Number 16 takes us up Lawn Steps but that is enough for this month. I am working on a map for those unfamiliar with the opes. They are all labelled. I had difficulty spotting Gallery Ope, number 29, but of course where would it be but alongside “Beside The Wave”!

Angela Shields

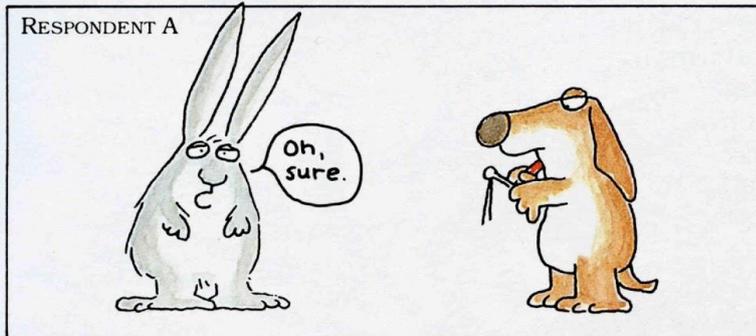
Beware surveys!

Today it seems anyone can do a survey. It is made easier by websites such as ‘Survey Monkey’, and I am sure you have frequently been asked to fill one in online. Usually the questions are badly put together, or ambiguous, or designed to get the answer the originator wants. The source is often unclear and the reporting of findings a bit dodgy – this is especially so with ‘think tanks’ whose funding and bias is rarely disclosed. But however misleading, they often make a good headline. A degree of scepticism is a good thing, and its easy to read up on the ways in which the wool is pulled over our eyes – a classic is Darrell Huff’s ‘How to Lie with Statistics’. But I rather favour this one...

Research tells us that fourteen out of any ten individuals like chocolate. But what is “liking chocolate”? A flabby distinction at best. First of all, what is meant by “like”? There are many degrees of like.

DEGREES OF LIKE
(a graphic demonstration)

Q: Do you like chocolate?



...I'm definitely a Respondent B! Illustration from 'Chocolate: The Consuming Passion' by Sandra Boynton, 1982, Methuen.

Mike Jenks (happily munching)

Recipe Corner

The food theme for this month will be blackcurrants as they are in season and I have just picked a large quantity from some bushes scattered around my garden which are thriving and seem to be disease and pest free. Below are a few recipes

which might come in handy as I feel sure there will be a few of you who have some growing in your own gardens and/or allotments.

Easy Blackcurrant Ice Cream - recipe from Tanji

De-stalk 225g blackcurrants and simmer in a saucepan until they break down. At this stage the cooked blackcurrants can be sieved or not. Up to you. Place the blackcurrants, 125g icing sugar and 150ml cream in a food processor and process for 30-45 seconds until well mixed. Place in a container and freeze until set.

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Blackcurrant Coulis - recipe from Delia Smith - from Tanji

De-stalk 225g blackcurrants, place in a bowl, sprinkle with 75 g caster sugar. Leave to soak for 30 minutes and then sieve into another bowl. Taste to check there is enough sugar and then chill until ready to use.

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Blackcurrant Jam from the River Cottage - recipe from Mike Johnson

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Blackcurrants - recipe from Angela Shields & Helen Johnson

There seems to be a good crop of blackcurrants this year and this recipe for Crème de Cassis was given to me by Helen Johnson in a previous year, when a mutual friend had a bumper crop.

Crème De Cassis (blackcurrant liqueur)

Makes about 1.75 litres (3 pints)

675g (1 1/2 lb) ripe blackcurrants 900g (2lb) sugar

1.2 litres (2 pints) good red wine 300ml (10 fl oz) brandy

Rinse the berries under cold water, crush them coarsely and place them in a large glass jar. Pour in the wine, cover and leave to stand for 2 days.

Rub through a sieve into a saucepan and add the sugar. Bring to the boil, stirring with a wooden spoon, and simmer for 5 minutes. Leave to cool, strain again and stir in the brandy. Pour into bottles, seal and store in a cool place.

It will keep for years!

Is It Just Me?

Is it a little known law of Newtonian physics that clean white clothes are immediately attracted to particles of food and drink in the most prominent places?

As the metric system was introduced in the the UK in 1965, why is it those born and educated since then do not understand what 2 metres is, but those born before, do?

Following a few recent accidents experiments the toast invariably lands butter side down.

Is it true that the the noise level of a car stereo or exhaust is inversely proportional to the driver's IQ?

If I can't make it work, should I use a bigger hammer?

Apparently cosmologists have discovered a sound that was made just before the Big Bang that sounded like 'Oops'.

James Gidman

NATURE

It looks as if we might be getting summer back after the 'Flaming June' we didn't have. Still we had a good run in the three months before.

The wildflowers and those that have naturalised have been lovely on walks along the seafront along Cliff Road (when it can be done safely). We should also be thankful for the planted and tended planting beds here and elsewhere in town. At the north end of Cliff Road there are rambling roses not dog roses (white and double pink) growing near the top of the steep seaside bank.

The roses in the garden have had their first flush, the crab apples are swelling on their tree and those with fruit and vegetables in their gardens will already be harvesting some things.

Early potatoes, mange touts and strawberries have been a bumper success for us this year, though it is only our second year with vegetables so perhaps we just weren't experienced enough last year and this is the norm.

We have grown autumn fruiting raspberries for years and we're already picking a few fruits from them. They are tenacious plants, having survived two house moves in small pots and couldn't wait to get cracking once they were in the ground.

There have been other beneficiaries of the strawberries besides us and the slugs. There was a cache of the fruit under a marjoram. Field mice are bigger strawberry thieves than William Morris' thrushes. Fortunately eBay had efficient humane traps. Dog walkers are not the only people taking animals for exercise in the early morning.

The advice is that you must take the mice at least a kilometre away before release or they find their way back, like snails. I'm not putting numbered vests on my captures to find if this is true or just a suburban myth.

We had a nest of great tits in the top of a downpipe which we could see from the garden but couldn't reach if we wanted to. I hope and believe the young fledged before the June rains. Wonder what happened to the nest? Note to self, get a cage on the downpipes before next year.

A pair of crows that have frequented the roof of a building below us since we moved in 6 years ago have raised chicks for the first time. They do mate for life and can live up to 30 years (the record in captivity was 59 years). Are they late developers or have conditions not been suitable in earlier years?

As you may have gathered I am interested in birds. It is not shared much by my wife to whom they are either little brown jobs (Robins, House Sparrows, Hedge Sparrows, thrushes) or big black jobs (Crows, ravens, jackdaws, rooks, choughs) and all seabirds were assumed to be gulls.

I have now shown her the gannets who visit the bay and she gets as much of a thrill as me when she sees the splash from their dive for food.

There have also been some less frequent visitors to the bay in recent weeks. Several Fulmars have put in an appearance off Pendennis from their nesting sites on the more precipitous north coast. They can be distinguished from gulls by their stout bills and stiff winged flight.

Diving Gannet above and Fulmar below.

James Gidman





On the subject of nature, FCS member, Mrs Patricia Hammond sent in the following message and photographs.

"I thought you might like these photos from my garden. The flowers and flowering shrubs have been exceptional this year encouraging the wildlife, birds singing, bees buzzing, hedgehogs snuffling at night and even bats whirling and swooping at dusk".

If you have anything of interest or any photographs you have taken and would like to share with our members, we would love to hear from you.

POEM OF THE MONTH

Here's a charming little poem from Samuel Taylor Coleridge which I think, sums up just how wondrous and joyful birdsong is, especially now.

Planning applications for Falmouth from 15th June 2020 onwards.

- Works to trees namely - to fell T1 (Lime) within a conservation area

76B Melvill Road Falmouth TR11 4DB

Ref. No: PA20/05062 | Validated: Sat 20 Jun 2020 | Status: Decided

- **Notification of proposed work to re-coppice Sycamores to rear of flats. TG1 is a group of 8 Sycamore stems. T1 is a Sycamore clump within a conservation area**

13-14 Killigrew Street Falmouth Cornwall TR11 3PN

Ref. No: PA20/05102 | Validated: Fri 19 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

- **T1 - 1 x bay between apple & yew - coppice, T2 - 1 x yew - crown reduce by 0.6 - 1.2m (height & spread), T3 - 1 x myrtle - crown reduce by 0.6m (height only - retrenchment work), T4 - 1 x pittosporum - reduce spread / sprawl over rhododendron, T5 - 1 x bay - crown reduce (height only) by 2m (retrenchment work), T6 - 1 x bay (with adjacent myrtle stump) - coppice, T7 - 1 x bay (dying, close to boundary) - fell.**

Kaduna Gyllyngvase Hill Falmouth TR11 4DN

Ref. No: PA20/04984 | Validated: Thu 18 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

- **Certificate of lawfulness for proposed development to alter an existing attached garage to a utility/hobby room. Removal of the up and over garage door to be replaced by a window and standard door.**

122 Boslowick Road Falmouth TR11 4QA

Ref. No: PA20/04508 | Validated: Wed 17 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

- **Extension of existing block built garden shed to provide workshop space with replacement of asbestos roof with new flat roof**

12 Woodlane Falmouth TR11 4RF

Ref. No: PA20/04437 | Validated: Wed 17 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

- **Proposal alterations to kitchen removing chimney breast new doors to proposed glazed extension replace kitchen window to recover roof with natural slate replace attic windows. Partial demolition of garage and rebuilding.**

8 Florence Terrace Falmouth TR11 3RR

Ref. No: PA20/01810 | Validated: Thu 18 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

- **Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to kitchen removing chimney breast new doors to proposed glazed extension replace**

kitchen window and recover roof with natural slate replace attic windows. Partial demolition of garage and rebuilding

8 Florence Terrace Falmouth TR11 3RR

Ref. No: PA20/01811 | Validated: Thu 18 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

• **Application for works to trees subject to TPO: T1 Yew reduce and reshape, T2 Ash reduce branches.**

13 Grovehill Drive Falmouth TR11 3HS

Ref. No: PA20/05267 | Validated: Sat 27 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

• **To coppice a row of 5 Ash trees.**

49 Killigrew Street Falmouth TR11 3PW

Ref. No: PA20/05201 | Validated: Thu 25 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

• **Non-material amendment (NMA1) to increase the number of Photovoltaic panels located on Blocks A, B and C in respect of decision PA17/01167 dated 18/05/2017**

Strongman's Yard (Former Falmouth Coachworks) Penwerris Lane Falmouth TR11 2PF

Ref. No: PA20/05129 | Validated: Thu 25 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

• **Extension in to loft space to create bungalow dormer with dormer windows front and rear. Single storey rear extension.**

69 North Parade Falmouth TR11 2TE

Ref. No: PA20/04735 | Validated: Wed 24 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

• **Pre application advice for proposed first floor extension and reconfiguration of ground floor with addition of new porch to existing single storey annexe adjacent**

1 Clifton Crescent Falmouth Cornwall TR11 3QQ

Ref. No: PA20/01213/PREAPP | Validated: Wed 24 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

• **Proposal for a new front porch with study facility**

85 Tresawle Road Falmouth TR11 2PN

Ref. No: PA20/04633 | Validated: Tue 23 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

• **Formation of covered turning space, land adjoining Ashfield House, Falmouth**

Ashfield House Ashfield Gardens Falmouth TR11 2RZ

Ref. No: PA20/02932 | Validated: Mon 22 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

• **Listed Building Consent for formation of covered turning space, land adjoining Ashfield House, Falmouth**

Ashfield House Ashfield Gardens Falmouth TR11 2RZ

Ref. No: PA20/02933 | Validated: Mon 22 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

• **Telecommunications prior approval for 15m monopole with 6no. antennas, cabinets, and ancillary development**

Land At Castle Drive Falmouth Cornwall TR11 4NE

Ref. No: PA20/05505 | Validated: Fri 03 Jul 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

• **Non material amendment in respect of decision PA15/02387 dated 16.03.17 seeking variation to parking/landscaping layout**

Land To South Of National Maritime Museum Cambeltown Way Falmouth TR11 3QY

Ref. No: PA20/05412 | Validated: Thu 02 Jul 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

• **Works to trees namely - to pollard 1 multi-stemmed Ash subject to a Tree Preservation Order(TPO)**

80 Longfield Falmouth TR11 4SL

Ref. No: PA20/05328 | Validated: Tue 30 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

• **Construction of car port with decking over, replace flat roof with pitched roof, external wall cladding and replacement window and door**

11A Gyllyngvase Terrace Falmouth TR11 4DL

Ref. No: PA20/05320 | Validated: Tue 30 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

• **Pre application advice for proposed two storey annexe**

Lower Trenoweth Barn Swanpool Falmouth Cornwall TR11 5BB

Ref. No: PA20/01485/PREAPP | Validated: Wed 08 Jul 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

• **The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Coronavirus) (England) (Amendment) Order 2020 for Temporary extension of working hours**

Land Off Trenoweth Road Former Oil Tanks Site Swanvale Falmouth Cornwall TR11 5GH

Ref. No: PA20/05474 | Validated: Mon 06 Jul 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

• **Rear two storey extension**

33 Boslowick Road Falmouth TR11 4EZ

Ref. No: PA20/05146 | Validated: Tue 07 Jul 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

• **Creation of 2nd floor with roof terrace by converting/adapting loft space.**

Tocopilla Cottage King Charles Quay Falmouth TR11 3HQ

Ref. No: PA20/04914 | Validated: Thu 09 Jul 2020 | Status: Awaiting de