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Impersonation scams

March 14, 2024
Blue Light Updates



Police are warning residents to be vigilant following reports of phone scams in which the cold caller is pretending to be a Police Officer/ Action Fraud/ from a fraud department or similar.

People have been contacted by fraudsters with a storyline to withdraw funds from their bank account or give bank cards to someone who will collect them under the guise of ‘assisting with a police investigation’ or similar storyline.

Any Police, Bank, Financial Conduct Authority or Fraud departments:

- will never ask an individual to transfer money or ask them to purchase items.
- will never ask an individual to become involved in an investigation

or assist them by transferring their own money or using their own money.

- will never ask for someone’s card pin number or full card details.
- will never ask you to withdraw your money and send a courier to collect it.

We advise you to:

- hang up and wait for 5-10 minutes, or phone a friend or relative to clear the line.
- if you need to check a police officer calling is a genuine officer contact your local police force by dialling 101 or via the webchat on the Devon and Cornwall Police website.
- talk to your friends and family about any cold callers and ask for their help and advice.
- if you have been a victim of this type or any type of fraud please contact your bank/building society immediately and then report to your local police on 101 and report to Action Fraud.

If you have any information or concerns please phone 101 or make contact via the Devon and Cornwall Police website.

Unlock peace of mind with the Police’s keyholder scheme

March 8, 2024
Blue Light Updates



People in Devon and Cornwall are being urged to register for the keyholder scheme to ensure emergency services can access their building in the event of an incident. Devon and Cornwall Police’s keyholder information database has been in operation for more than 10 years and helps to alert designated individuals if there is a problem at a property.

The scheme helps businesses and individual residents by keeping a record of people who can access a property in an emergency. Information about keyholders is kept on file for two years. After this time keyholders or property owners will be

reminded to update the register to make sure they can still be called on if an incident occurs. People can register for the scheme if they are a business or resident. Emergency services will then be able to contact someone when there is a problem or even issue warnings of impending danger such as flooding or pollution.

Even if a business premises or home does not have an alarm, the emergency services will know who to contact if something happens at the address when the owner is away.

A spokesperson from the Force's Alarms Team said: "The benefit of being involved in this scheme is that it's a free service Devon and Cornwall Police offer.

"This enables a responsible person to be called out if an incident occurs at your property. It has been successful for over 10 years.

"But it's important that all individuals reregister so we can keep our systems updated. We also welcome new applicants."

Details of the keyholder scheme can be found [here](#).

Would you like to become a parish councillor?

February 26, 2024
Democracy



Forrabury and Minster Parish Council need people from all backgrounds and experiences to put themselves forward for election as a parish councillor. You don't need any experience or special qualifications.

Your life experience, everyday skills, passion and commitment to people and communities are vital, and it's important that councils reflect the local population.

There are currently 2 vacancies on Forrabury and Minster Parish Council.

The Council can now fill these vacancies by co-option which is a process whereby the council considers applications from interested persons and can then select someone to fill the seat.

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, please either download the application/declaration of eligibility form from the website or contact the Clerk and request the application/declaration of eligibility form by post.

Completed declarations must be with the Clerk no later than 5pm on Tuesday 16th April 2024 or they will not be considered. Applicants will be required to attend the Parish Council co-option meeting in Boscastle Village Hall, Gunpool Lane on Thursday 18th April 2024 from 7pm to give a brief summary of themselves and why they think they would make a good councillor.

Bank back in action!

March 6, 2024
Community News



The NatWest mobile banking van is fixed and back in action servicing Boscastle on Friday afternoons between 1:45pm to 2:15pm.

Welcome back!

Obituary – Dr Duncan Weir

February 21, 2024
Family Notices



1925 – 2023

Remembering a long time Boscastle GP

Duncan's son, Donald, contacted me in 2023 to let me know that his father Dr Duncan Weir had died in a Nursing

Home in Nottingham in January of that year at the grand age of 97 years. It was my intention to put an obituary in the Boscastle Blowhole but the last issue had just been published so I passed on the news to some of the people who had known him and been his patients in the area. The online Boscastle Sound now enables me to do him justice and to put something in writing.

Duncan was born in Carlton near Market Bosworth in Leicestershire in 1925. He joined the Royal Navy at the age of 18 and soon after training he was assigned to HMS Tintagel on convoy escort duties across the Atlantic, this as a coder in the radio room. During his service career this position also took him to Australia, Newfoundland and Hong Kong. His late wife, Joan, to whom he was married for 66 years, had served in the WRENS during the war. Their son, Donald, was born in 1956 in Dover when his father worked there and subsequently attended Sir James Smith School in Camelford. I am grateful to him for keeping in contact with me and in providing further information and photographs of Duncan.

After the war Duncan studied the sciences and gained a scholarship to train as a doctor at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London where he qualified in 1954. By chance I trained at the same Medical School and qualified there just 16 years later. Duncan worked in Kent and then at Dorchester Hospital eventually joining a practice in Wiveliscombe in Dorset where he was a GP partner for 10 years. In 1969 he and Joan moved to Boscastle to join Dr William Young.

Practices worked a little differently in those days and Duncan was based at the Boscastle surgery at 'Twillick' on the New Road and Dr Young in the

former practice premises in Tintagel adjacent to The Old Post Office. They covered for each other when they had their weekly day off and surprisingly this was a Friday for Dr Young and Monday for Dr Weir. These are now the busiest days of the week and they worked them alone until Dr Chris Jarvis joined them in 1979 and lightened their load a little. During those 10 years they also attended to the emergencies and worked the evenings, nights and weekends alternately. Between them they were providing medical care for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for 52 weeks of the year.

From the patients' viewpoint Duncan was a quiet, totally reliable and retiring man. A doctor who would carefully listen to them, would take his time over the consultation and who worked slowly and methodically. However, his colleagues and staff knew that in addition to clinical acumen he possessed a very dry and sometimes wicked sense of humour. He was an enthusiastic follower of cricket and had a fondness for cars, though his choice of personal vehicle was never ostentatious. Few people knew that he had taught himself to read and speak Italian, this purely for pleasure and to enrich the holidays spent in Italy with Joan.

I very rarely saw him angry and never upset or worried. I remember asking him about this once and never forgot his reply. "When you've spent time on Atlantic convoys in the Royal Navy in wartime you don't really become too concerned about much else in the future"

Duncan retired from the practice in 1985 at the age of sixty and several years later he and Joan moved up country to the Midlands to be closer to their son. Joan, his beloved wife, died suddenly aged 90 in 2016 and following this he remained in his own



Retirement present 1985



Doctors Weir, Young, Jarvis and Garrod

home, finally entering a care home for the last eighteen months. He retained his full mental faculties until the end and still took much pleasure in life.

He will be remembered gratefully and fondly by many people. May he rest in peace.

Disaster descends upon the Cobweb

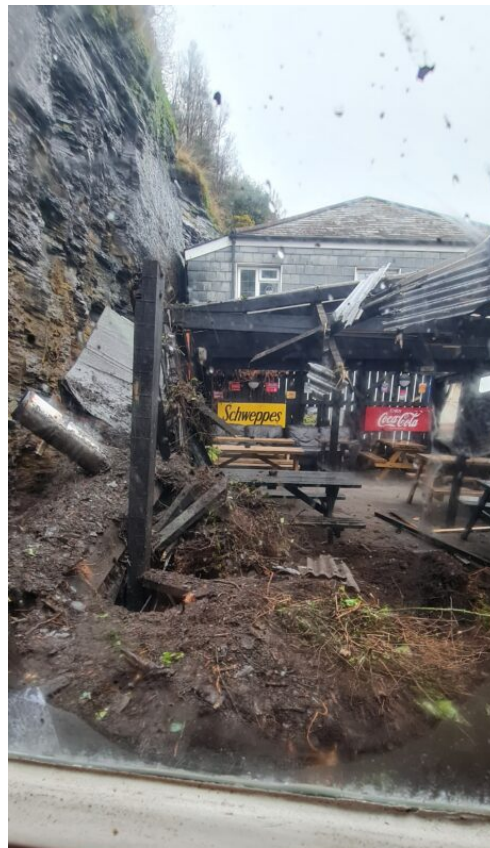
February 19, 2024
Businesses & Groups



The Cobweb team woke up on Sunday (18th February) to a destructive incident involving a slippage from the bank under private road. With the immense rainfall Boscastle has received along with excess water running along the path, a huge mass has moved onto the shelter.

Thankfully there were no casualties and with a quick change of logistics, the carvery could still continue but from the bar. More investigations will commence alongside their insurance. Until then, the main building is open, please use bottom door.

Thank you for everyone who helped!



Community open day

March 30, 2024
Events and Happenings



Join Age UK Cornwall for a community open day in Boscastle. This is your opportunity to find out what is happening in your local area and what we can do to support you, your family, and loved ones.

Thursday 18th April 2024
10am until 12pm
Bottreaux House, Camelford Road,
Boscastle, PL35 0BG

Free refreshments. Age UK offers support to people aged 18 and over. Find out more at www.ageuk.org.uk/cornwall/ or call 01872266383

Boscastle Sessions at The Village Hall

April 2, 2024
Events and Happenings



A couple of years ago I came to a concert at this gem of a venue. I sat next to Phil Beer, half of the successful Devon based Folk duo Show of Hands. A throwaway comment of his stuck in my mind. He said 'this is a lovely venue for intimate folk gigs'. That got me thinking and planning. We live a long way from the regular tour venues and I thought that instead of me travelling an hour to attend the gigs I want to go to I would bring those gigs here, just down the road. So in October I used the Hall to host Phil performing a solo gig to a packed house as the first of what I have called the 'Boscastle Sessions'.

Since then there have been two further concerts and a singing workshop and there are more planned.

I am hoping to establish some venue loyalty and that people will come to trust the venue come to hear

performers that they have not heard of, knowing that they will be in for a well run evening of good music.

The next concert will feature the award winning **Tim Edey**, who is a go-to musician for the likes of **The Chieftains**, **Sharon Shannon**, and **Capercaillie**. He has collaborated with numerous musical friends, including legends such as **Mike McGoldrick** and **Dougie McLean**. Receiving a **BBC Radio Folk Award 2012** and winning the **BBC Scotland Musician of the Year in 2020** are just two of his many accolades and confirmation of his standing in the industry.

In his solo shows Tim brings remarkable musical virtuosity, along with his effervescent performance, engaging personality and a sense of fun – combining this with a show that celebrates Celtic music.

Tickets can be bought and more info found by following this link.

What's on in Cornwall this April.

March 23, 2024
Events and Happenings



This information has been supplied by <https://www.appforcornwall.com/> where more can be found on these and other events and activities.

April	
Every Fri	Ghost Hunting at Bodmin Jail
Every Sat	Haunted at Bodmin Jail
1st	Bude Food Festival
3rd-6th	Riviera Run – Pentewan Sands Holiday Park
6th-7th	Spring Flower Show – Wadebridge
9th	The Low Tide Event – Tresco, Isles of Scilly
12th-21st	Walk Scilly 2024 – Isles of Scilly
13th	Liskeard Community Fair
19th-20th	Rattler Fest 2024 at Healeys Cyder Farm
19th-21st	Porthleven Food Festival
19th-21st	Port Isaac Shanty Festival
19th-28th	Roseland Festival 2024
20th	Cornwall Comic Con – Wadebridge
25th-27th	Callington Vintage Rally
27th	Trevithick Day – Camborne

Please check with the event organisers in advance of travelling in case the event is cancelled, postponed or moved to another venue. This list of events was believed to be correct at the time of going to print.

News from the Archives

March 22, 2024
Businesses & Groups



The Custodians of the Boscastle Village Archives would like to notify you of a change to our previous practice of opening the Archives each bank holiday. This year our first Open Days will be over the Spring Bank Holiday, that is Sunday 26th and Monday 27th May 2024. In the meantime we will be very busy refurbishing the Archives Room in the Community Centre and refreshing the displays. We are confident these changes will allow the room to function more effectively as a space for consulting; viewing; cataloguing and storing the collections. We're sorry to cause any disappointment, but be assured we will always try to accommodate a private visit if there is something specific you wish to see.

You can now follow our progress on Facebook; just look for Boscastle Village Archives and ask to join the group. We will also post updates in Boscastle Sound and on the Boscastle Village Archives website. If you have any enquiries you can email us on boscastlevillagearchives@gmail.com.

Superstition

March 21, 2024
Contributions



I am having great difficulty writing this article, because I have my fingers crossed. Why are my fingers crossed, you ask? Well, a family member is hoping to change something in her life, but I can't give you the details, since that would be tempting the 'Fates', who may intervene and put the kibosh on it. (Kibosh from the Irish – 'cap of death'). So, I am crossing my finger in an attempt to send her good luck.

When I started thinking about 'crossed fingers' it occurred to me that, here we are in the 21st century, yet superstition is Alive

Well. Could it have crept into our DNA and like the colour of our hair or eyes, we are stuck with it? If not in our DNA, what is it that makes 'cross our fingers', 'knock wood' or 'throw salt over our Left shoulder', exactly as our less enlightened ancestors did?

Fortunately, we do not – as was done in ancient times – persecute black cats (thought to be witches familiars) or wrens (considered to have aided the Vikings overpowering the Irish). We may, however, avoid walking under ladders, since they used

symbolize medieval gallows (hence the avoidance, but today it's more likely a fear of paint falling on our heads). Some of the

superstitions we still keep alive are Celtic or pagan in origin, such as 'knocking on wood'. It was thought that good spirits lived in trees, so knocking to awaken them would ensure we had good luck. Isn't that an excellent reason for planting more trees – more good spirits?

Our ancestors would be unable to understand how, whilst walking on the Common, we can talk to friends or relations miles away, on our mobile phones. They would, however, quite understand why we have a Rowan tree in our garden (keeps witches away), why we place a silver coin in a new born babe's hand (wishes for the child to never be without the 'readies') and why when we have spilt salt, we have thrown some over our left shoulder (to keep the devil away, he is on the left, whilst the angels are on the right).

For my own personal superstitions, well, I am glad to know that the Ravens are still living in the tower of London (so all is well with us), that I haven't broken any mirrors (no seven years bad luck for me) and I think at my time of life, it is too late to be washing my face in the early morning dew on 1st May (do I really want to get up at dawn in the hope of having less wrinkles?) and I will keep my fingers crossed to send good luck to my child (the meaning being to ask for God's help) not, you understand, that I am really superstitious – I just don't want to tempt the 'Fates'.

Planned road closures

March 20, 2024

Environment and Transport



Location: Road From Mount Pleasant To Minster Road, Boscastle

Timing: 15th April 2024 to 19th April 2024 (08:00 to 18:00 hours)

Please click the following link for a map: <https://one.network/?tm=137217362>

Location: Minster Road and Road From Minster Road To Tregatherall Lane, Boscastle

Timing: 22nd April 2024 to 3rd May 2024 (07:30 to 18:00 hours)

Please click the following link for a map: <https://one.network/?tm=137217411>

Location: Potters Lane To Forrabury Hill, Boscastle

Timing: 6th May 2024 to 16th May 2024

Please click the following link for a map: <https://one.network/?tmi=GB29514031>

Location: B3263 Between Coast Road And Penally Hill, Boscastle

Timing: 19th May 2024 (08:00 to 17:00 hours)

Please click the following link for a map: <https://one.network/?tmi=GB30099939>

Location: Road From Forrabury Hill To Green Lane, Boscastle

Timing: 20th May 2024 to 7th June 2024

Please click the following link for a

map:

<https://one.network/?GB137460011>

March news from The Lookout

March 18, 2024

Community News



We recently held our annual dinner at the Beach House restaurant in Widemouth bay who provided excellent food and hospitality. The evening was well attended, with 34 watchkeepers and guests enjoying the occasion. We were very grateful to our Guest of Honour, HM Coast Guard's Senior Operations Officer, responsible for this stretch of our beautiful coastline, who made an excellent speech detailing the invaluable role of volunteers within the UK's marine & coastal search and rescue capability.

2023 was a record year for watchkeeping, the lookout being open and on watch for 3,554 hours. 3,930 commercial vessels and 1,517 leisure vessels were logged by our watchkeepers during the year.

To conclude a wonderful evening, several awards were presented. Five new watchkeepers received Qualified Watchkeeper certificates and reflecting the outstanding service & commitment of our volunteers, two Five Year Service awards, one Ten



Year Service Award and Two Fifteen Year Service awards were also presented.

Boscastle NCI would like to extend its congratulations to the RNLI who are celebrating 200 years of saving lives at sea.

The UK's marine and coastal search and rescue capability is formed from a network of organisations. NCI Boscastle reports to the Coastguard's Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre in Falmouth, working together with the coastguard rescue teams, helicopters, RNLI and 999 emergency services to ensure safety around the UK coast.

Presentation of cheques from the Boscastle Shanty Festival.

February 15, 2024
Businesses & Groups



On Sunday, 6 February, the Boscastle Shanty Festival committee were pleased to invite various organisations to the Cobweb Inn to receive their cheques from the proceeds of the Festival.

The first Boscastle Shanty Festival was held in 2022. Two Boscastle legends were the inspiration – Chris Edwards, member of the Boscastle Buys, and Ivor Bright, former landlord of the Cobweb Inn. Both men loved a good Cornish Shout and would be proud of their legacy. Sadly they died within a few weeks of each other in 2022.

The purpose of the festival was to create a fun event and to raise money for charity. In the first year the fantastic sum of £8400 was raised which was shared between KD-UK for research into Kennedy's Disease (Chris was a sufferer) and St Symphorian's Church, Boscastle for essential repairs.

This year, the 2024 festival topped that, raising approximately £11,500 – the accounts are still being finalised.

The charities/organisations supported were KD-UK in memory of Chris and Boscastle School, Play School, Gig Club, Football Club and Community Hall in memory of Ivor. A donation was also made to the family of local man Darren Milner who recently passed away.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who made the festival happen, especially the fantastic singers who came from far and wide and the generous attendees who all seemed to have a great time. There are lots of videos and photographs from the festival available online.

Huge thanks must also go to all the organisations and individuals who advertised in our souvenir programme, donated auction lots, raffle prizes and cash to help raise money.

If anyone out there would be willing to donate to the 2024 fundraising effort please email the organisers on boscastleshantyfestival@gmail.com.

Please follow Boscastle Shanty Festival on Facebook and/or Instagram for news and updates regarding the 2024 festival which will be held on 8th -10th November.

The people in these photos are: Anita Edwards-Symons and Tracy Bright making the presentations. Receiving them are: Steve Coom (Playschool), Lee Burrows (Community Hall), Dan Booker (Gig Club), Steve Dray (Football Club), Sara Hadden (School) and Kim Slowe (KD-UK).



A day out recommendation from The Riverside

March 18, 2024
Contributions



We're often asked; "so what could you recommend on a day like today?" Although Boscastle is on the north coast, we are still in easy reach of many places and it is just the tips and tricks that can help make it a fantastic day out. Here's one...

We set off 40 minutes from Boscastle and headed over Bodmin moor to the old market town Liskeard. This town hosts the park and ride for the Looe Valley Line, a scenic branch railway line that connects the town of Liskeard to the picturesque fishing port of Looe. This line is known for its stunning views of the Cornish countryside and the Looe River. The journey takes approximately 25 minutes, and passengers can enjoy a leisurely ride through charming landscapes into the bustling harbour town.



It cost £1.80 for parking all day at the station (post code PL14 4DX) and the train ticket was £5.00 on top. Top tip, platform 3 is not the main line section of the track but a small platform tucked around to the left hand side. We missed our first train but we were cutting it short and decided to get coffee first! There were hourly trains with the last return around half 9pm at the time of writing (February 2024).

The train station is located on the cusp with a flat level 5 minute leisurely stroll to the heart of the town. Looe is steeped in fishing history and at the far end (Looe East) has a small sandy beach just past the RNLI building. The little streets have secluded cottages and town houses of all shapes and sizes with the main streets having a variety of shops, pubs and restaurants tucked away. We past a few pubs offering classics and light bites but found "Number 50" offering a selection of simple meals.

The stroll back to the station for the return journey offered many varieties of ice cream to choose from and after all – when you are on a day visit, an ice cream is an essential pick. On this occasion, it was New York and lime cheesecake! Yum.

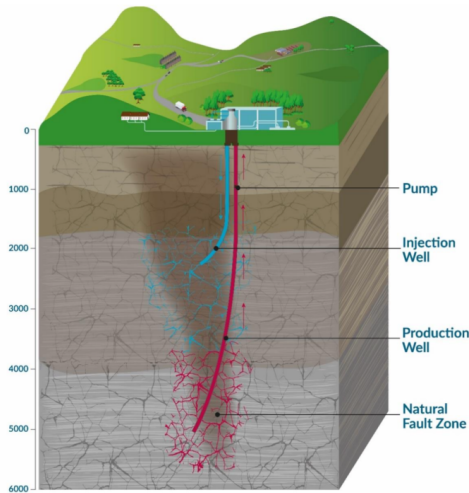


A new geothermal power station proposed to be constructed outside Boscastle.

January 19, 2024
Community News



Geothermal Engineering Ltd have submitted the following for consideration regarding their proposal at the land adjacent to the wind turbine station road, Camelford, PL32 9TZ. This is to develop a geothermal power plant including site preparation, drilling of two deep geothermal wells, resource testing, construction of a binary cycle power station and



subsequent operation:

Geothermal Engineering Ltd (GEL) is the developer and operator of deep geothermal projects in Cornwall. This type of renewable energy has been used all over the world to generate power for over 100 years, with >16GWe currently installed globally. It uses the heat from the Earth's crust to generate electricity 24/7, no matter the weather.

In Cornwall, the granite beneath our feet is naturally heat-producing, making it one of the hottest places in the UK and therefore best for harnessing geothermal energy. To access this natural subsurface heat, two deep wells are drilled into a permeable fault zone and connected to a binary power plant with an extremely small surface footprint. This process generates clean, green renewable electricity without emitting steam or smell, as well as zero-carbon heat that can be used for industrial, agricultural, leisure or residential

purposes.

It's important to GEL that our projects also support the local community. We do this by:

- Supporting community activities through our dedicated community engagement team.
- Ensuring regular, two-way communication with a Community Liaison Group.
- Setting up a community grant fund to support local projects.
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- Spending >£1m on local services.
- GEL have been working with Sir James Smith School for nearly two years, including lessons, talks, and careers fairs.

Currently, GEL has one project in construction at United Downs, with electricity generation anticipated by the end of 2024. GEL has planning permission for two additional sites in west Cornwall, and two further planning applications are under consideration.

GEL planning applications are scrutinised by multiple consultees to ensure our projects meet all regulatory requirements, are sensitive to the local environment, and comply with the local neighbourhood development plan. All projects must meet strict planning conditions including following an approved transport route, noise level restrictions, and a net increase in biodiversity.



For more information, please visit the GEL website or contact our Community Engagement & Education Manager, Jane Charman
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For more details on the planning application and for representations, see the planning portal at Cornwall Council:
<https://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=document>

