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More dates for the ‘pop in’ coffee mornings

June 17, 2024
Businesses & Groups



Do come and join us at Boscastle’s popular twice monthly ‘pop in’ coffee mornings. These are being held in the Boscastle Community and Recreation Centre on Fore Street between 10.30am and 12 noon on the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

Dates for your diaries: 27th June, 11th July, 25th July, 8th August, 22nd August, 12th September, 26th September, 10th October, 24th October, 14th November and 28th November 2024.

Please come and join us – it’s a great way to meet old friends and new over a coffee or tea and slice of cake. Transport can be provided if necessary and there is no charge but donations will be gratefully received.

Please call Liz on 07487567499 or Chris on 07487567503 for further information or if you need transport.

June news from The Lookout

June 16, 2024
Community News



In 1994 when two fishermen lost their lives off the Cornish coast near to a recently closed Coastguard lookout, local people decided to open and restore the visual watch. When the first station was opened at Bass Point on the Lizard, National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) was born.

So this month the NCI celebrates its 30th anniversary. A commemorative flag has been produced showing all the names of the 60 stations around the coastline of the UK.



The flag will be transported from the farthest North West station (Fleetwood NCI), anticlockwise around the coast to the farthest North East station (Filey NCI) a 2,000 mile coastal relay, visiting every station along the way. Boscastle NCI will receive the flag from Minehead NCI on Tuesday 25th June and deliver it to Stepper Point NCI in Padstow in Wednesday 26th June.

At each station, the volunteer watchkeepers who help save lives around the coast have been coming up with innovative ways to pass the flag on to the waiting crews at their neighbouring station. The 5ft x 3ft flag will be electronically tagged and relayed using many different types of transport including boats and ferries, tractor and trailer, horse and cart, classic cars and by walking and running.

Boscastle NCI is very grateful for support from the Boscastle & Crackington Gig Club and Port Isaac RNLI who have both kindly agreed to support our leg of the relay.

The flag will be walked down from the lookout, high on the Willapark headland. On reaching the harbour it will be passed to the Boscastle & Crackington Gig Club who will row the flag out of the harbour towards Long Island. A local boat from Boscastle Harbour will then take the flag to Padstow Bay where the Inshore Waters Lifeboat from Port Isaac RNLI will collect the flag and conduct a shore landing at Hawker’s Cove where the

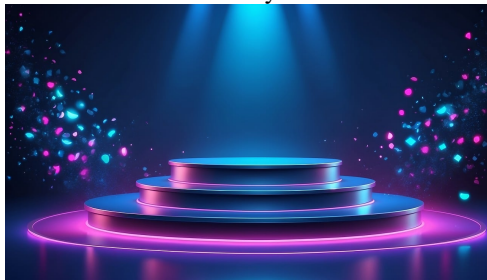
flag will be passed to our colleagues at Stepper Point NCI.

Due to the nature of the relay it is highly weather dependent and needs good weather and calm seas. We are all keeping our fingers crossed.

We hope to bring you pictures from the relay in the next edition of Boscastle Sound.

Forrabury & Minster Parish Council Community Award

June 13, 2024
Community News



We are delighted to announce that Paul Tamplin and Steve Coom have been recognised and awarded for their outstanding contributions to our community at the recent Annual Parish Meeting of Forrabury and Minster Parish Council. Their dedication and hard work have made a significant impact, and we are proud to celebrate their achievements.



Looking ahead, the next Community Award will be presented in early 2025. We invite all residents to nominate individuals who have shown exceptional commitment to improving our community. Nominations are open now and will be accepted until the announcement of the next Annual Parish Meeting.

Do you know someone who deserves recognition as a community champion? Submit your nominations today and help us honour those who make a difference in our parish. For more information and to submit a nomination, please visit our website at <https://www.forraburyminsterparishcouncil.org.uk/publicity> award/

Boscastle remembers the 2004 flood

June 10, 2024
Businesses & Groups



Over the Spring Bank holiday, Boscastle Village Archives held a 2 day exhibition to mark the 20th anniversary of the 2004 flood. The flood was devastating, major damage caused by the power of the water, lifting trees and cars and smashing them against buildings, many people at great risk of harm. The aftermath described by those who witnessed it as gazing on a film set, it just didn't feel real.

As the Environment Agency recorded in their post flood report:

"Some of the worst floods ever seen in Britain devastated Boscastle and surrounding areas of North Cornwall on 16th August 2004. Swift action by local people and emergency services meant that no lives were lost. Seven helicopters rescued about 100 people from rooftops, cars and trees."



The public exhibition, held in the old Boho shop premises next to the Wellington Hotel attracted over 300 visitors. Boscastle Village Archives are grateful to St Austell Brewery for allowing us to use the premises free of charge. We are also grateful to those who attended, supported and encouraged us, including those who supplied photographs and personal accounts of the day.

We are hoping that there will be further opportunities for us to stage additional pop-up exhibitions in the Harbour area over the Summer, including the weekend of the anniversary of the flood and its immediate aftermath, 16th – 18th August. We would like to expand the exhibition to provide additional information about how the community came together after the flood to help each other and the visitors trapped without their cars or accommodation.

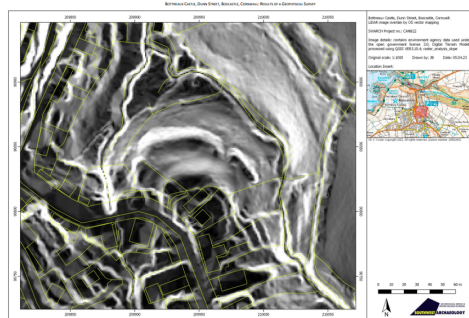
Bottreaux Castle archaeological survey

June 8, 2024
Contributions



Bottreaux Castle is one of 40 scheduled monuments across Cornwall being investigated by the 'Monumental Improvement Project', set up by Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Historic England and Cornwall Council with the aim of ensuring "that 40 Scheduled Monuments in the Cornwall AONB will be better

identified, supported and enjoyed by a wide range of communities and visitors". As part of the project a geophysical survey was carried out at the Castle site last year by Southwest Archaeology.



Motte and bailey castles are medieval fortifications of Norman origin. The motte and bailey castle at Boscastle survives comparatively well and will contain archaeological and environmental evidence relating to its construction, development, function, social, political, economic and territorial significance, abandonment, and overall landscape context.

The Castle was the principal residence of the Bottreaux family, one of the most important in medieval Cornwall, who settled here in the reign of Henry II (1154-1189). The last direct line of the family holding the manor died in 1462 and it was probably de-castellated sometime after that.

No definitive evidence of a castle wall or structure on top of the motte was found. It is likely that the castle was south of the site, perhaps in the location of the adjacent property on the outside corner of Dunn Street. This property is on high ground and does not conform to the terraced properties running down the slope of Fore Street and Dunn Street.

Just beyond the break of the slope of the top plateau, on its east side was a visible patch of stonework seemingly running out from the southern site boundary. This approximately corresponded to disturbed or made ground in the south-east of the site. This could be associated with former walls at the edge of the motte or a retaining construction within it, while the aspects of disturbed or made ground accumulated beside the southern boundary may infill ditch/boundary type features.

On the eastern slope of the site findings could approximately mirror the extant ridge type boundary halfway down the slope on the west side of the site. The lower crescent-shaped plateau was probably a planned terrace and platform. Possible wall segments may survive on the east side of the top plateaux indicative of a retaining or boundary wall.

For more information, see <https://www.forraburyminsterparishcouncil.org.uk/boscastle-site/> drinking dancing and laughing. We should apologise to anyone who was expecting the crème de la crème of morris; we're the clotted cream version and we wouldn't have it any other way!

May Day in the Harbour

May 19, 2024
Businesses & Groups



If you haven't seen or heard us out and about, you may be surprised (or terrified) to know that Boscastle has its very own morris dancing side. We've been around for over a year now, frequenting our trio of pubs, skittering around the harbour and joining in with a good bit of shanty singing!

It isn't all fun and games being a morris dancer; there is a huge responsibility that rests on the tattered-shoulders of sides across the country, and that is to ensure that the sun is danced up on 1st May each year. Last year we did a spectacular job and can confirm that we encouraged a rather unwilling sun to rise over the stitches and make the cloud a slightly lighter shade of grey.

This year we had a lie-in. Scandalous, we know. The weather had been vile, and the Stitches were not in the best of shape for gallivanting around on so we decided to dance the sun down instead. This also allowed us to introduce a very important member of our side.

You see, it isn't common knowledge, but all Cornish villages are protected by a type of magical, mythical creature. This creature looks out for the village and its denizens and does its best to ensure things prosper. Boscastle's creature is a selkie, and it isn't uncommon to see her bobbing about the harbour when the weather is nice. On 1st May Boscastle Border Morris had a ceremony to call her from the harbour to come and dance with us during the summer. After much shouting by the side and our audience, Morsterren the Selkie appeared and was crowned by our Squire.

At this point, we still had an audience (something we couldn't have said if it was 5.30am!) and so we did what we do best:

drinking dancing and laughing. We should apologise to anyone who was expecting the crème de la crème of morris; we're the clotted cream version and we wouldn't have it any other way!

We've actually been let loose for this year's dancing season, so you'll be able to find us at pubs and events in the local area and even as far as Devon. If you missed us, don't worry! We'll be back in Boscastle in June, July and August, so you can miss/escape from us for too long.

If you want to find out where we'll be in the coming weeks you can see our calendar online: www.boscastlebordermorris.uk. We welcome new members in September when our practice season begins, and we welcome audiences all the time because otherwise we get lonely.

Save the date: Duck race day!

May 16, 2024
Events and Happenings



🦆 Sunday 7th July 2024 – 11:30am until 3:00pm 🦆

Boscastle School Association have announced that this year's Duck Race will entertain you with various acts from talented local musicians including children and former pupils. The Duck Race raises funds for the school each year.

Each duck is £1 each and tickets can be bought from Boscastle Premier Stores and Boscastle Nisa.

Can you now save ££ £ when parking in Boscastle?

April 5, 2024
Community News



As of 1st April, residents of Cornwall are able to get 50% off a season ticket for most individual Cornwall Council controlled car parks. The Cobweb car park reduced charges are £160 (87p a day) for 6 months or £300 (82p a day) for 12 months. JustPark multi tickets are now £2 per session when purchased direct from Cornwall Council.

If you work in Boscastle and park in the main car park, it may be beneficial for you to have a resident's season ticket for 6 months for the summer months and revert back to the multi tickets for the winter months?

For more information, see <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/parking/car-park-tickets-and-permits/resident-season-ticket/>

What's on in Cornwall this July.

June 22, 2024
Events and Happenings



July	
Every Fri	Ghost Hunting at Bodmin Jail
Every Sat	Haunted at Bodmin Jail
1st-3rd	Padstow Vintage Rally & Country Fair
1st-3rd	Bodmin Riding and Heritage Weekend
3rd-6th	Penzance Literary Festival
5th-6th	PandaFest – Lanivet, Bodmin
5th-7th	Mousehole Sea Salts & Sail Festival
5th-8th	Bike Festival South West 2024 – Wadebridge
7th	Mount Edgumbe Triathlon
7th	Penzance Rotary Classic Car Show
11th-14th	Cornwall Agility Club Summer 2024 Premier Show – Royal Cornwall Showground
12th-14th	Tropical Pressure Festival – Porthtowan
13th	Liskeard Agricultural Show
13th-14th	Saltash Regatta and Waterside Festival
15th	Stithians Agricultural Show
19th-21st	Sticker Country Fayre & Vintage Rally
20th	Lafrowda Day – St Just
20th	Camborne Show
20th	Street Food Festival at Mount Edgumbe
20th	The Gin to My Tonic Festival – Truro
20th-26th	Charlestown Regatta Week
21st	Wadebridge Wheels

21st-23rd	Bubbles & Ice Cream Festival at Mount Edgumbe Country Park
22nd-1st Sept	Escape From Treasure Island at the National Maritime Museum
25th	Launceston Agricultural Show
25th-25th-28th	Magic in the Skies at Land's End Armchair Adventure Festival at Mount Edgumbe Country Park
25th-28th	Rock Oyster Festival
26th-28th	Boconnoc Steam Fair – East Taphouse
26th-28th	Cornwall Truck Show – Wadebridge
27th	Perranporth Carnival
29th-3rd Aug	Looe Carnival Week
30th	Lusty Glaze Ibiza Club Classics
30th	Magic in the Skies at Land's End
30th-9th Aug	St Endellion Summer Festival of Music

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