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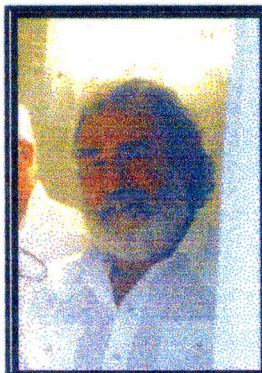
General: It is now 6 months since the last Newsletter. I am sorry about the delay but I so much hoped to have some really good news to pass on. As told in the last Newsletter, we had heard about a 10-acre playing field at Tregye, Carnon Downs, which had been bought by Truro College. Their intention is to develop the field as a sports complex for use jointly by themselves and the local community (Feock Parish) so that a pavilion for general use could be built with the aid of lottery funds. The only serious application from the community for space was made by us and the College did not feel they could go ahead on this somewhat bare basis. We therefore asked if we could borrow a space (about half-an-acre) to mow and roll and look after until they wanted it back. We could then have had a couple of lawns to get started. Although we could see no possible disadvantage to them in this, they refused, preferring to leave the field unused except as a kick-about for local children. Perhaps they thought we might somehow refuse to move (though how on earth could we do that?) and we were flabbergasted and seriously disappointed.

Future Prospects: The other day I had to go up to Roche and, having some time spare, I went up the rock. From the top I saw the Roche Sports and Social Club spread out before me. The result is that I have now made an application to them for space for two lawns. I don't actually think they have the space themselves but, while most of their land is owned by the local council, some is rented from the Tregothnan Estate. It is therefore just possible that sufficient extra land might be available nextdoor to their existing land. No harm in trying. Keep your fingers crossed.

Subscriptions: The last Newsletter contained an appeal for subscriptions for this year to be sent to Tim Grainger-Allen, our conscientious and patient Treasurer. If you haven't paid, I

really have to accept this as a resignation and you will therefore be sorry not to receive the next exciting issue of this periodical. After all, we only charge £7.50 p.a. and, even on this, hope to build up a little capital for the future.

Personal News: At the Budleigh tournament in May, Malcolm Hooper reinforced his position as the top player in the county. He not only won his group of the handicap singles (beating me comfortably in the final), he also won the CA Silver Award (given for completing a break of 12 hoops without bisques and thereby winning the game) and consequently reduced his handicap to 9. Many congratulations to Malcolm - ex-bandit & pot-hunter extraordinaire!



Malcolm is also very welcoming to anyone who is keen to use his beautiful, (slightly) small lawn at Budock Vean as long as you telephone him first (01326 250344).

Plymouth Croquet Club: Ian Wilson, Paul Schofield and I make the odd trip over to Plymouth for the day (sometimes together, sometimes separately) and will usually be able to give a lift to anyone else wishing to accompany us. (Ian on 01872 870793, me as above). Visitors to the club who are not members have to pay a fee which is, I think, £5 for all day. Take lunch.

Wonder What Happened ...

To Peter Williams. I know that fate seems to have him in its sights. After his own serious accident, no sooner was he back to normal than his wife became seriously ill.

- to the lawn at Roserow. Last time we saw it, it was unplayable with undeveloped grass, a wooden surround on the boundary line and toy equipment. Perhaps all these faults have been rectified?

- to Killiow. Having so many failures in the last six years, I was never wholly confident that a private, profit-making enterprise would think it worthwhile to construct two lawns on a fairly costly site. But perhaps they are going ahead. It would certainly be ideal for us if they were.

Thank you to all those who responded to my plea in the last letter - much appreciated.

With best wishes to all my readers -

Tony Buchanan

18 June, 2001.



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