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CONTACT is the regular newsletter of Mebyon Kernow (M.K.) St Just - Pendeen Branch.

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REFUSE COLLECTION- Unfortunately the privatisation of refuse services is with us, with its resultant job losses, poor service and loss of ratepayers goodwill. It is apparent that the Tory controlled Penwith Council will ignore the rules, ignore the residents, and ignore its obligations to suit its own ends. So, for the time being, we have to put up with Exclusive Cleansing. However, if you aren't getting the service you think you should, or you have not had your supply of bags; if you are a senior citizen or are disabled and don't yet have back door collection; let us know.

Meanwhile, we've taken up the case of Bosorne Road residents. Rubbish bags block the road each collection day and are a hazard. Kerbside collection means collection from the nearest road, and the nearest 'County' roads are the back lanes adjoining Bosorne Road. We are campaigning for collection to be made from your back gate if you live in Princess Street, Pleasant Terrace, Queen Street or Victoria Row.

SENIOR CITIZENS COACH- The MK Senior Citizens Coach still runs to Penzance every month, as it has done for nearly six years. If you are a senior citizen or disabled person and would like to take advantage of this ring Doreen Dungey on 788 682.

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CHEAPER VEGETABLES- Vegetables used to be cheap and we took them for granted, but alas no longer. Growing your own helps with the food bill, but many houses in our area have little space. Years ago the Council provided allotments and we think its time we had at least some allotments again. What do you think? Give us a ring and tell us.

THE GREAT CONFIDENCE TRICK- The St Just/Pendeen Town Council election is over and Tory Councillor Anthony Holman elected. Once again it can be seen that the conservatives biggest allies are not those who voted for him but those who didn't vote at all.

Holman would have the electorate believe that he thinks that "party-politics" should not enter into parochial issues. I wonder how can someone so politically motivated as to stand as a conservative candidate in the District election, not be swayed by the anti-social, short-term, un-caring, balance-sheet policies of the Conservative party. After all, it is these penny-pinching policies that have caused our present problems over the water supply. We have to boil our water because there isn't enough manpower to man the treatment systems for 24 hours to provide clean water. Surely amongst the staggering number of unemployed someone can be found to fill this necessary position.

Public money must be used in large scale projects such as the repair and renewal of sewage systems and clearance of water sources. The need for this is obvious when we have to cut down on water consumption and when our waste floats up again into our streets because our drains are in a state of disrepair and too small to deal with the demands of modern usage.
(Jonathan Drew)

PENDEEN SCHOOL BUS - Once more the small communities of Cornwall are helpless victims of the bureaucratic, uncaring, red tape decisions of centralised government administration, in this case the County Council.

Surely commonsense will prevail in the case of the Pendeen people's fight to secure free school transport for their children.

In the winter that road is cold, wet, dark and dangerous. In summer the high volume of traffic, on this popular holiday route, speeding its way around narrow winding roads, makes walking along it reckless.

In this area of high unemployment and low wages it must be very difficult for parents to afford the bus fares, at over £3 per week, particularly in families with more than one child.

It is time for the County Council to show some compassion and give the school children of Pendeen a concession within the three mile limit. No-one wants the difference between 2.9 and 3 miles to cost a child's life.

MK Councillors Patrick Semmens and Malcolm Williams initiated the present campaign by calling a public meeting in December 1983. The campaign continues with a delegation of St Just Councillors including Malcolm Williams going to meet with the education committee. If you'd like to know more or can help in any way, please contact us. (Jonathan Drew)

M.K. FOR COMMUNITY ACTION

BANG GOES OUR WATER SUPPLY!- During the height of this summers drought the disused pump house at Wheal Call in the Kenidjack Valley was deliberately blown up! For years it supplied St Just by pumping water from mine workings to the Carn Bosavern reservoir. It was still capable of use and would have been invaluable in this years drought. So would our many leats, pyths and shutes throughout the area. The SWWA has allowed these to fall into disuse or blocked them altogether.

St Just Councillors Patrick Semmens and Malcolm Williams have asked St Just Council to persuade the SWWA to re-open these and the Council is to organise a testing of these supplies. It would have been altogether better if the Water Authority had maintained them in the first place for just such eventualities we have seen this year.

TIME TO GO - Two droughts in less than a decade when the water authority has been caught napping is just too much. It is time for them to go, or at least hand over more control to a local level. Whilst the old West Cornwall Water Board had made ample provision for our needs until the end of this century we are forced now to subsidise the inefficiencies of Devon. Millions of gallons of water are pumped each day from Cornwall to go to waste in the mains of Plymouth. Centralisation always spells disaster and whilst we don't begrudge others our water, why should we pay for it as well!

If you have a problem with which you need help, are having difficulty getting things done, or have ideas that might benefit the community, let us know - Mebyon Kernow is here to help you. Contact us as below:

Phone Councillor Patrick Semmens on 788816
Councillor Malcolm Williams on 788566
or call on

Jonathan Drew, 34 Lafrowda Close, St Just, or
Mr C Jeffery, 25 Parc an Pyth, Boscaswell