

Saga of the Gorseinon Police Station Apple Tree – True Story



In the rear garden of Gorseinon Police Station was once located a very productive apple tree. This tree had been planted many years ago by an unknown officer who had previously lived in the accommodation attached to the Police Station, but had moved on to apple orchards new.

It was thought that the previous “owner” had relinquished rights of ownership when he had moved away thus abandoning the tree and its abundant annual fruit harvest.



The then ownership of which was a matter of some dispute; some believed that the ownership of the apples was the property of all officers working at the Police Station and this resulted in many plates of tart and bottles of fine apple Calvados being produced. Frequent nocturnal visits were made to the tree and many a helmet full was recovered.

A legal review was sought and it was ruled that all apples still attached to the tree were to remain in the ownership of the Senior Officer and that all windfalls could be collected by Gorseinon Officers of all ranks and treated as personal property.

This remained in force until one hot summer round about 1976 when conditions favoured the growth of fine apples but which did not result in them falling from the tree!

It was at this time that a certain Officer decided to create a windfall of his own by throwing a heavy concrete garden pot against the bow of the stout apple tree calculated to shake a series of large apples to the ground. With great strength he thrust the heavy object towards the tree but missed and the concrete pot was last seen passing through the privet hedge at a fierce rate concluding with the sound of breaking glass!

The Officer made an examination of the Police vehicles parked behind the hedge and discovered that by good fortune they were undamaged. However, upon a further examination it was discovered that the heavy projectile had smashed through the windscreen of his own vehicle.

It has been concluded that Isaac Newton’s theorem of Gravity is such that if an apple falls to the ground it is more than likely to pass through ‘Kevin Gandys’ windscreen before falling to earth.

It is a sad fact that this apple tree, the cause of such misdemeanours has been chopped down and burned which has put a new slant on “Police Cuts.”



Another incident concerning this Apple Tree will follow later. It revolves around a certain ‘then young’, temporary Detective Constable!!!
