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It was a gloriously sunny 4th July for our annual Dart Art Day which was a huge success due to our stall holders, volunteers and loyal local supporters. We raised a total of £3,217 for the charity dear to our hearts, Children's Hospice South West, which provides essential specialist care and support to families with life-limited children throughout the South West. This amount included a donation of £500 from BRNC Charities Committee, £170 from the 20 Maritime Regiment RCT Veterans Association, along with a number of personal donations.

It was a great example of the Dartmouth community at its best with help from the Officer Cadets of BRNC, local musicians Viki Philp, Al Bovey and The Dancing Beggars. As usual homemade refreshments, tombola stalls and the raffle of a handmade quilt by Denise Gallagher of Chillington, were all gifted by volunteers and supporters.

Our next events are in Royal Avenue Gardens supporting River Dart Rotary on Saturday 8th August and Dartmouth Rotary on 13th August. More coming together!

Arts and Crafts Exhibition and Sale

St James the Great, Slapton

Saturday 29th to Monday 31st August 10am to 5pm

Free entry Refreshments 2pm to 5pm each day
Demonstrations Everyone welcome



Strete Chapel

We are continuing to meet every Sunday at 11am throughout the summer in the chapel building. All are welcome.

We continue to be blessed by the many visiting preachers we have each week – we are thank you for those that travel and give their time to us each Sunday morning.

We all particularly enjoyed the Young Searchers Children's group who took the whole service this month on the theme of Jonah and the whale. This included games, prayers, readings, music, dancing drama and a message. The children worked so hard to prepare and delivered a wonderful service on the day.

When you ask most people about Jonah the first thing that comes to mind is a big fish. G. Campbell Morgan said: "Men have been looking so hard at the great fish that they have failed to see the great God."

Is this what we have been doing? In this account God not only pursues Jonah but also the Ninevites. A people who were known for wickedness and yet God sent Jonah with a message of mercy. Jonah's own pride led him to think that these people were not worthy of God's forgiveness, completely missing the point that we all fall short of the glory of God.

Jesus commanded us to *'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'* The second is this: *'Love your neighbour as yourself.'*

What a challenge to us all!

Just a little reminder and date for your diary – on 4th October we will be holding our Harvest thanksgiving service with Mr Simon Butcher leading our service followed by lunch in the Village Hall. All are welcome!



HARVEST Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 4th October
11am

Followed by lunch at the Parish Hall
R.S.V.P. if possible, on 01803 770256
Speaker

Mr. Simon Butcher



St Michael's Church

Firstly thank you to everyone who supported our cream tea in Roger Sinnott's beautiful garden. It was a very happy occasion, meeting with friends and enjoying homemade scones and jam.

I am writing this during the third 'heatwave' of the summer. I have just returned from a very refreshing walk in Sandquay Woods near Dartmouth. It was much cooler inside the wood. This is partly due to the trees casting shade and preventing the sun's rays from heating the ground, but mostly it is due to the evaporation of water from their leaves. The process of transpiration means that the trees use the heat of the sun to evaporate water from their leaves. This pulls water up the stem from the roots. The whole process means that trees make the area around them cooler. The internet tells me trees can cool towns by up to 12°C and the countryside by around half that. Of course this relies on the trees being able to access sufficient water from deep underground.

In some deserts it is possible to track the paths of underground rivers by lines of trees in otherwise barren landscapes.

This reminds me of the start of Psalm one.

Blessed is the man ... whose ... delight is the law of the Lord. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in due season and whose leaf does not wither.

(Verses 1-3 abridged)

That tree is not only healthy, it is also a source of benefit to the people and environment around it. It shares its shade and fruit to any who come near. In the Bible one image of the Holy Spirit is water which flows from Jesus through his people and out into a thirsty world.

We too can reach out to God, allow Him to refresh and restore us, and then, maybe, we will choose to work with Him to refresh the world around us.

Jeff Hacon

Dates for your diary.

Saturday September 26th **Open Church** decorated for Harvest Festival, with coffee, cake, cards, books, plants and produce. Donations welcome.

Sunday September 27th **Harvest Festival** at St Michael's (with Strete Chapel) 11am

The Church is open for reflection and private prayer every day.

Everyone is very welcome to join us on Sundays at 11am.



A cream tea was held at Winter Cottage.

Tables and chairs set out in Roger's lovely garden with sea views of the Bay. It was good to have many of them positioned in the Shade of trees.

Visitors began to arrive, some on holiday in the village and a family from Switzerland and of course local residents. Jam and cream scones and cups of tea were served and enjoyed.

Strete voices sang a few songs to entertain the people who attended. It was a very pleasant afternoon, making all the work that went in to organising the event worthwhile.

Joan Kendall



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STRETE VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE, TEA and CHATTER

A reminder that we meet most Mondays 10.00 – 12.00.

On Monday 13th we welcomed some of the residents of Hyne Town House who joined in the general conversation.

Everyone welcome – come and join us. It's only £1.00

THURSDAY CRAFT AFTERNOON 2.00 – 4.00

Currently items are being made for Prem Babies and the next post box topper (made by the Craft Group) will be on display for Poppy

Day. Everyone welcome.

Only £1.00 towards tea, coffee and biscuits.

NEXT BIG EVENT!

A VINTAGE TEA and FILM PARTY

In: THE HALL

On: SATURDAY, 22nd AUGUST

At: 3.00pm

(Doors open at 2.30pm)

Tickets: £7.50

On sale at the Village Shop and Post Office

Two local films will be shown, one of which is the 'renowned'

BABES IN RUBBER

During tea there will be 'vintage' songs from Strete Voices

Cheltenham man endures jellyfish and sunburn to swim Channel in 36^c heatwave

Jon Penhale took on the ultimate challenge on one of the hottest days of 2026, battling sunburn and jellyfish stings to swim 33 miles across the English Channel in 15 hours and 8 minutes.

Jon, 53, set off from Folkestone in Kent at 5.30am on Wednesday, 24th June swimming until almost 8.40pm that evening when he reached Cap Gris-Nez on the northern coast of France, around 20 miles from Calais. For 15 hours the army veteran swam through exhaustion and jellyfish stings so painful that he described feeling like he was having a heart attack. But Jon said "Stopping was never an option"!

Jon decided to turn his challenge into a fundraising opportunity, splitting any donations between two charities: the Army Benevolent Fund and the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire Fund. So far, he has raised £1,520 but is keen to continue to receive donations towards these two worthy causes. Looking back on the challenge, Jon said "The hardest part wasn't the jellyfish stings, although they were painful, but swimming against the tide. When I was going with the tide, I had a really good pace going – about 4 or 5 kilometres an hour. However, when the tide turned it became relentless, it was really choppy. I could see the outline of the French coast as I swam, but it didn't feel as if it were getting any closer. At times, I was swimming off the back of the pilot boat and could see the ladder. It was as if it was taunting me, trying to get me to climb out of the water.

Jon, who has lived in Cheltenham all his life, had always wanted to swim as part of a relay across the English Channel. He served in the army for 16 years before joining the Reserves, of which he is still a member. In 2023, whilst serving in the Reserves in Warminster, Wiltshire, he finally succeeded in achieving his goal of taking part in a six-person relay swim across the Channel. That just sowed the seed in his mind to take it a step further and swim the whole thing solo. He booked his pilot boat in mid-2025 and that was it, he was in and committed!

Training consisted of getting used to swimming long distances and acclimatising to cold water temperatures. He swam at Lake 32, South Cerney all through the winter, with the temperature 1.4C in January!

His last long-distance swim before taking on the Channel did not quite go to plan. He did an eight-hour swim from Poole to Swanage and there was something wrong with the feeding routine as he was being sick in the water! However, the routine was adapted and the big swim was on. He didn't set off with a time in mind. The time was irrelevant but he had mentally put 18 hours on the clock so psychologically he was prepared to go on for that long if needed. At no point did he consider giving up and had told his crew on the pilot boat that once he was off, they would have to pull him out of the water unconscious before he gave up!

The only respite he had during the swim was a break of 30-45 seconds, every hour, to be fed energy-rich snacks from the crew on the boat. He wasn't allowed to touch the boat so he had to tread water while the crew reeled out a warm carb drink and snack on the end of a fishing line eg a Jaffa cake, a mini Battenburg cake.

By the time he finally reached the French coast, he felt pleased and relieved, not believing what he had just done. Jon couldn't move next day. His body was exhausted and there was the sunburn and jellyfish stings to contend with too! It probably took about two weeks to fully recover, but he felt immensely proud of what he had achieved. He got through it on stubborn grit, determination and fitness.

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3	ANCHOR	19	LIGHTHOUSE
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7	PADDLE	23	ICE CREAM
8	HARBOUR	24	FIREWORK
9	BUOY	25	CREAM TEA
10	REGATTA	26	WATERPROOF
11	SAIL	27	ROPE
12	DOLPHIN	28	TROPHY
13	TUGBOAT	29	TEA BREAK
14	PONTOON	30	FINISH LINE
15	MERMAID	31	FISH & CHIPS
16	CAPTAIN'S HAT		

Put it
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for your
**REGATTA
NAME!**

Example:

**Commodore
Gallant
Fish & Chips**





NEWS FROM THE KINGS ARMS

High summer in Strete, and if the pub has been a little quieter than we'd like on the sunny weekends, we can hardly blame you, the beach is right there and the weather has been glorious. Do remember though that we have a fabulous garden from which to enjoy cold beers and chilled wine - the perfect stop off!

But the World Cup gave us some nights to remember. England's run had the place packed, and there were deep groans, three lions roars, and a good deal of what we'll generously call singing. What a ride it was we shared together. That's the point of having a pub in the village!

Now, a change to report, because honesty matters and you've heard most of it already anyway. Our chef Charlie Plumb has left the Kings Arms. It happened quickly and it wasn't the outcome any of us wanted. The kitchen is therefore temporarily closed while we work out what our food offering looks like next. We are actively recruiting, and we've also been rethinking the shape of it: rather than depending on one chef carrying six days a week, we could perhaps build a small kitchen team of part-timers who can cover for each other, flex with the quiet and busy services, and give us a hand at events. It's more resilient, and frankly it's a better job for everyone in it. So if you know someone who would enjoy cooking or kitchen work more generally, full-time, part-time, seasonal, occasional, weekends only, please point them our way. In our experience the best people come through personal recommendation rather than a job advert. A word from you is worth a great deal. Let's see what we can conjure.

The bar is open with new hours

To be clear, because village news has a way of growing in the telling, the pub itself is very much open. Our new bar schedule is:

Monday — closed

Tuesday to Saturday — open 12 noon to 10pm

Sunday — open 12 noon to 6pm

Please do keep coming in. The summer trade is what carries us through the winter, and every drink genuinely counts. And there is still food on Wednesdays: our friends at Artisan Pizzeria returned on 15th July and are back every Wednesday evening.

Six years old!

The Kings Arms turns six as a community pub this year, and we're marking it properly on **Saturday 16th August**: a barbecue in the garden, live music from Dartmouth covers band Shore Thing, and dancing outside if the weather behaves. If it doesn't, we'll dance inside.

Better still, our own Serin is doing the barbecue. Anyone who was at the Easter feast he cooked for us will need no further persuasion. Everyone welcome. Bring friends, bring family, bring anyone who has ever said they really must visit one of these days.

You're invited to a meeting

We're holding a meeting imminently (possibly 3rd August?) for anyone who cares about the pub - date to be confirmed so look out for flyers and posters. The Committee will set out where we are, financially and practically, and what we think needs to happen next. The pub is still here, still trading, still at the centre of village life, but current arrangements are not sustainable - change is needed. Come along to the meeting.

And the ask that never changes

The KArD subscription scheme remains the single most useful thing households can do for the pub. £20+ a month, 10% off all your food and drink, and a reliable base of income that lets us plan rather than react. If you already subscribe, thank you - it matters more than you probably realise. If you don't, please consider it. And if you've recently moved to the village, this is a lovely low-effort way to become part of the place. [Please note we've just changed banks, so if you're setting up a *new* standing order, please email secretary@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk Six years ago this village invested in its pub because it refused to lose it. That was the right call - it just needs a few more shoulders under it now.

See you at the pub.

Lisa Lyne — Kings Arms volunteer.

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Strete's own Shipwreck!

I have a story to share with the people of Strete.

On the beach below the village way back in 1803 there was a French ship wrecked in the January storms. It is not shown on shipwreck maps and yet its story is at the heart of our national history.

Whilst working as a volunteer in Dartmouth Museum Archives I came across a batch of loose-leafed sketches; amongst them a dramatic scene of a broken vessel on the shore. The artist was from a well-known local family the Holdsworth who had a large country house Widdecombe, above Torcross. On the front left-hand corner was written Stretegate, and the date of the disaster. Below the debris on the shore, a cargo of broken barrels, young Arthur, Member of Parliament had written coffee, sugar, cotton and logwood. As I turned the sketch over, I found that the artist Arthur had recorded an interview to capture the story of the French merchant ship "L'Amazone". And that was the route I followed. I have made it my business to pursue the tale.

It has led me to extraordinary places and personal discoveries.

But what about Stretegate, also known as Undercliffe, on that day?

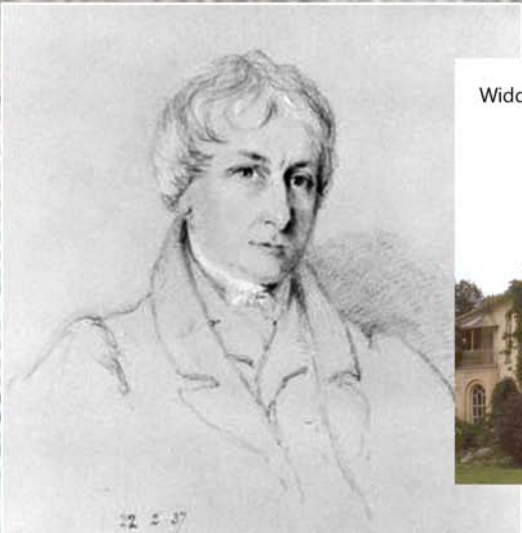
It was a tiny fishing hamlet. I have no doubt that the local fisherman and their wives would have taken pity on these poor bedraggled souls: amongst them five children and two young mothers. I can picture them being taken in boats into Dartmouth Harbour by the locals and there, in 1803 with France about to renew war with England, thirty-five crew and passengers, all safely rescued. They would have been met and given succour. I can picture the destitute captain Le Chevalier facing Arthur in the Customs House on Bayard's Cove. And Arthur, MP at 22, has shown a strong journalist streak. They had been on their way to Le Havre in Normandy all the way across the Atlantic from the West Indies, the hugely prosperous sugar-producing island of St. Domingue, (today's Haiti).

"These folk were most probably fleeing violent uprisings and the collapse of trade."

It has been my passion to trace their journeys and lives. I hope to write a small volume to commemorate this. Archivists I have visited in Normandy have been excited to hear of what I have unearthed. Meanwhile, it feels appropriate to involve the village where it all started. Perhaps there are local memories of that fateful event, folk songs, mementos of fragments of the broken vessel pieces of the cargo strewn on the beach? Or maybe one of the French victims stayed in Devon? **Researched by Trudy Sellers: trudy.sellers@googlemail.com**



Notes from the sketch made by Arthur Holdsworth of the French merchant shipwreck "L'Amazone" at Stretegate 1803

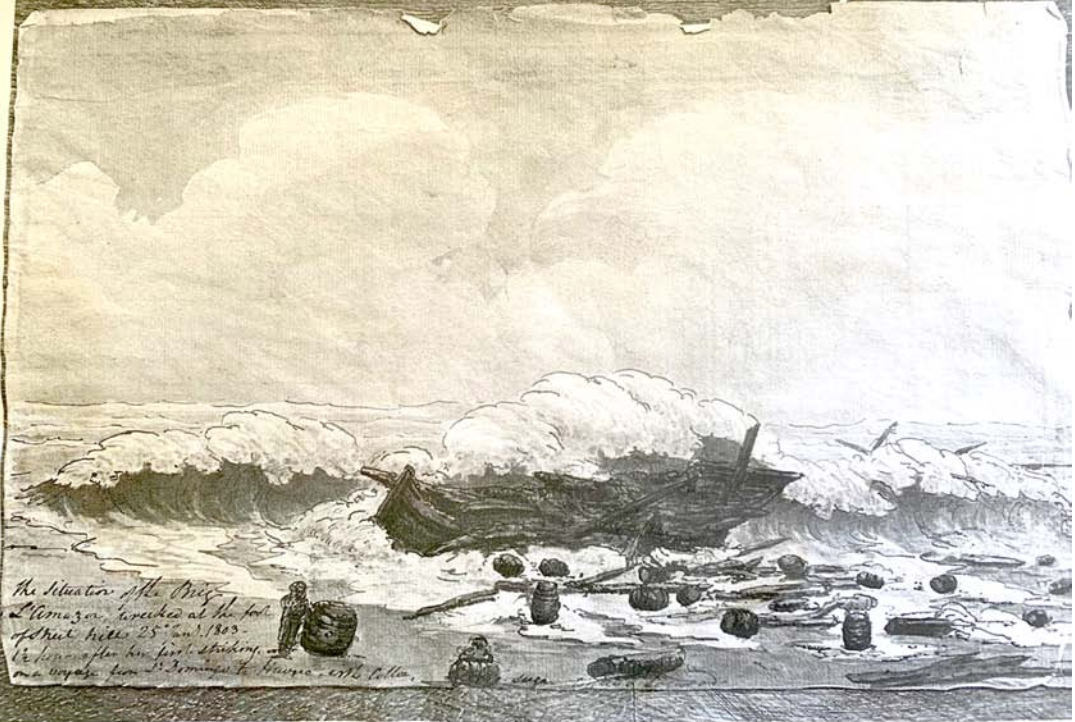


Arthur Howe Holdsworth, 1837,
William Brockedon. National Portrait Gallery, London

Widdicombe House former residence of Arthur Holdsworth



Sketch made by Arthur Holdsworth French merchant shipwreck "L'Amazone" Stretgate 1803





Get growing

This August with Gardentime

August is one of the most rewarding months in the garden. Borders are alive with rich summer colour, from the fiery oranges of crocosmias and cannas to the vibrant blooms of dahlias, while vegetable patches are overflowing with home-grown produce. After months of hard work, it's the perfect time to slow down, enjoy your garden, and make the most of everything the season has to offer.

There's still plenty to keep gardeners busy, though. Regular deadheading of dahlias, petunias, daylilies and repeat-flowering roses will encourage even more blooms well into autumn. Lavender can be given a light trim once flowering has finished, while rambling roses and wisteria also benefit from their summer prune. Keep watering camellias and rhododendrons during dry spells, as they're already forming next year's flower buds.

In the kitchen garden, August is harvest time. Maincrop potatoes, tomatoes, courgettes, beans, onions, garlic and beetroot should all be ready to enjoy, alongside the first apples, plums and peaches. Continue feeding tomatoes, peppers and other container-grown crops with a high-potash fertiliser to maximise fruit production, and don't forget to protect ripening fruit from hungry birds with netting.

It's also a great month to think ahead. Peg down strawberry runners to create new plants for next year, sow autumn salads such as rocket and lamb's lettuce for a later harvest, and if you're planning to lay a new lawn or sow grass seed in autumn, now is the ideal time to start preparing the ground.

Although summer is still in full swing, it's never too early to start planning for spring. Over the coming weeks, our new season of spring-flowering bulbs will be arriving at Gardentime, offering a fantastic selection of tulips, daffodils, crocuses, alliums and much more. Whether you're refreshing your borders, filling containers or creating a spectacular spring display, now is the perfect time to start planning.

Whatever your garden needs this August, you'll find plenty of inspiration, expert advice and quality plants at Gardentime. And while you're here, why not relax with a coffee or lunch in our Glasshouse Café and enjoy a peaceful break surrounded by beautiful summer displays?

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STRETE, Kings Arms Car Park	1022	1222	1422	1652
SLAPTON VILLAGE, Bus Shelter	1030	1230	1430	1700
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SLAPTON VILLAGE, Bus Shelter	0930	1100	1300	1430
STRETE, Kings Arms Car Park	0938	1108	1308	1438
BLACKPOOL SANDS	0943	1113	1313	1443
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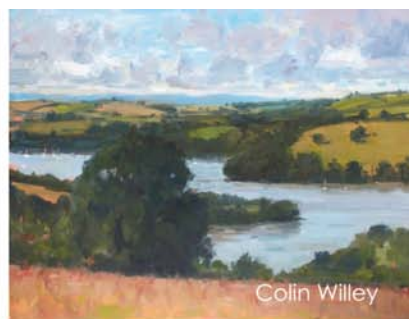
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Heading to Torcross?

The main A379 road collapsed in winter storms, affecting bus services. To get to Torcross, its either a scenic walk from Slapton (2 miles), or you can catch service 93 from Dartmouth to Kingsbridge and change onto service 93S to Torcross from there. For timetables, head to the link below and use our **Interactive Bus Map**.

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SUMMER



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Summer at Dart Gallery

If you're looking for a special artwork for your home, head to Dart Gallery on Lower Street in Dartmouth. Throughout the summer the gallery is showing a diverse collection of brand new work by its superb selection of established artists. Many of the pieces celebrate the beauty of our much loved location.

Highlights include a new collection of Theo-Crutchley Mack's artworks which employ a fusion of painting and sculpture to capture marine subjects in unique fashion. Paul Treasure's canvases make the most of his wonderfully rich, expressive style to evoke coastal scenes full of light. Colin Willey's elegant plein air oils capture favourite spots around the South Hams. Steven McIloughlin's canvases are full of the bright hues and sparkling light of the coast in summer. Simeon Stafford, a disciple of L.S. Lowry, responds to the South Hams in his joyful, naive style.

Be sure to head to the gallery's website before you visit to see the full range of work available from all of the gallery's artists. Dart Gallery is a member of the brilliant 'Own Art' scheme which offers finance options for the purchase of original art. The gallery can also arrange shipping to any location in the UK or worldwide.

Dart Gallery

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WIMBLEDON - 2026 -

Jannik Sinner defended his men's singles title, while Linda Nosková claimed her first Grand Slam women's singles title. British wildcard Arthur Fery electrified the 2026 Wimbledon Championships, going from World No. 114 to the semi-finals. Played during a sweltering heatwave, his historic run ended in straight sets to Alexander Zverev,



A world record was set by British runner Josh Kerr at a Diamond League meet at the London Stadium on July 18, 2026.

Summer of Sport



Spain have become world champions for the second time in their history, Luis de la Fuente's men beating Argentina 1-0 in the FIFA World Cup 2026 final in New York New Jersey.

England finished in third place in the 2026 FIFA World Cup, defeating France 6-4 in the bronze final. This was their best tournament result since they won the World Cup championship on home soil in 1966.



Ryan Fox of New Zealand survived a wild ride along the back nine at Royal Birkdale making a 12-foot birdie on the final hole to win The Open Championship.



England beat India by 27 runs to win ODI series 2-1. England inflict record fifth straight T20 defeat on India.



The Nations Championship consists of two groups of teams competing in a Northern versus Southern Hemisphere tournament, with three fixtures in July and again in November, before culminating in the first of its kind Finals Weekend.

Simeon Stafford

SUMMER



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Steven Mcloughlin



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Squash



Squash, which includes pumpkins, are a type of fruit that live within the gourd family, the scientific name is "Cucurbitaceae." While they are scientifically a fruit, they are consumed more like a vegetable.



There are two main types of squash – summer and winter. The fruits of summer squashes have a thin skin like courgettes, are picked when young and don't store for long, while winter squashes butternuts etc are grown to maturity then stored for use into winter.

Some varieties are vigorous trailing plants that spread for several metres or can be grown vertically up supports. There are also bush types, which stay reasonably compact, although still can take up to a square metre.

Summer and Winter squash are highly nutritious and versatile food packed with fibre, vitamins A and C, potassium, and powerful antioxidants. Eating them regularly offers major health benefits, including enhanced immune function, improved digestion, better heart health, and protection for your vision and skin.

Both types of squash are excellent additions to a balanced diet:

Vitamin A: Winter squashes like Butternut Squash are packed with beta-carotene (which the body turns into Vitamin A),

Vitamin C: Great for immunity, highly prominent in summer and winter squash.

Potassium: Essential for blood pressure regulation.

Vitamin B6 & Folate: For energy metabolism and cell formation.

Squash is one of the oldest domesticated crops in the world, with archaeological evidence of cultivation in Mesoamerica (Mexico and Central America) dating back over 10,000 years.

Summer squashes produce fruit for several months, from mid-summer onwards, sometimes right up to the first frost. Harvest their fruits when small and tasty, with a soft skin. Regular picking encourages further fruits to form.

Costata Romanesco zucchini:

Costata Romanesco is recognizable by its ribbed outer texture (costata means "rib" in Latin). This zucchini has a distinctive medium grey-green colour with pale green flecks and a nutty flavour.

Crookneck squash: Usually curved and tapered around the neck, with slightly bumpy skin. Crookneck varieties are believed to be one of the oldest

varieties of summer squash. Crookneck squash also contains carotenoids, a plant pigment that contributes to its yellow hue and also acts as an antioxidant.

Eight Ball squash: Sometimes known as round zucchini, is very similar to green zucchini with tender skin. These ball-shaped zucchini, which can be found in green or yellow, are generally harvested at one to four inches in diameter.

Green zucchini: A summer squash as early as spring, but it is more flavourful in the summer. The green straight neck zucchini has a deep green colour with a smooth skin. It has a mild taste, which means it is extremely versatile and can be eaten raw or cooked.

Pattypan squash: Is a scalloped variety that resembles a small spinning top. Pattypanns come in yellow, green, and white varieties, and are most tender when immature due to their mildly sweet taste.

Yellow zucchini: Similar to the green zucchini in shape, yellow zucchini, or golden zucchini, have a mild taste, sweeter than the green zucchini.

Zephyr squash: Zephyr is a mild-flavoured hybrid crookneck squash that is easily recognizable by its two-tone coloration. The texture is slightly tougher than most summer squash, but the flesh is soft and tender with a mild nutty flavour.



Winter squashes can be placed a tile or brick beneath larger fruits to lift them off the damp soil to prevent them rotting. They should be exposed to full sun, to aid ripening. They differ from summer squash in that they are harvested and eaten in the mature stage when their seeds within have matured fully and their skin has hardened into a tough rind. At this stage, most varieties of this fruit can be stored for use during the winter. Winter squash is generally cooked before being eaten, and the skin or rind is not usually eaten as it is with summer squash.

Winter squashes can also be harvested and used straight away. Alternatively, once ripened, they can be stored for many months, for use through the winter. Fruits on the plant are kept as long as possible to develop the best flavour, but pick them before any frosts are likely. Cut the fruits from the plant with at least 10cm (4in) of stem still attached – if you cut too close to the fruit, it leaves a soft area that is vulnerable to rotting in storage.

There are thousands of winter squash varieties worldwide, but UK growers typically focus on 20 to 30 core varieties that thrive in the shorter, cooler British summers.

Uchiki Kuri (Red Kuri): An onion-shaped, bright orange squash that has a rich, chestnut flavour. It is highly favoured by gardeners because it matures quickly and can be roasted without peeling.

Butternut Hunter F1: A British-bred hybrid developed specifically to perform well in the UK climate. It produces reliable, early yields with a smaller seed cavity than traditional butternuts.

Crown Prince F1: Widely regarded as a premium winter squash. It features a tough blue-grey skin, intensely vibrant orange flesh, and will store beautifully in a cool, dry place well into the winter.

Golden Hubbard: An excellent storage variety with vibrant yellow skin and a fine grained texture.

Honey Bear: A compact, acorn-style squash. It grows on bush-like habits rather than trailing wildly, making it perfect for raised beds or large pots.

Sweet Dumpling: A small, 10cm striped fruit that is highly prolific and yields sweet, orange flesh. They are perfect for roasting whole or stuffing.

Harlequin F1: A gold and yellow striped variety that boasts a high sugar content, causing the flesh to caramelize beautifully when pan-fried or roasted.

Delicata: A small, striped, elongated squash with incredibly sweet, tender skin that does not need to be peeled before eating.

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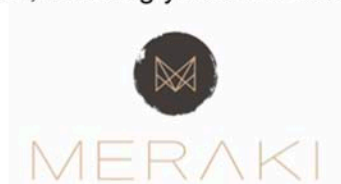


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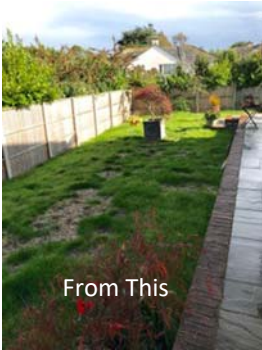
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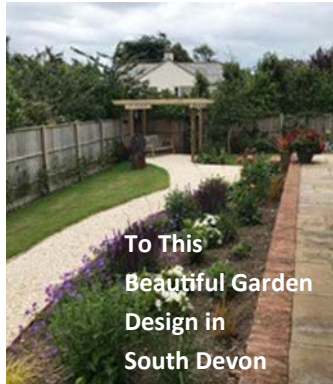
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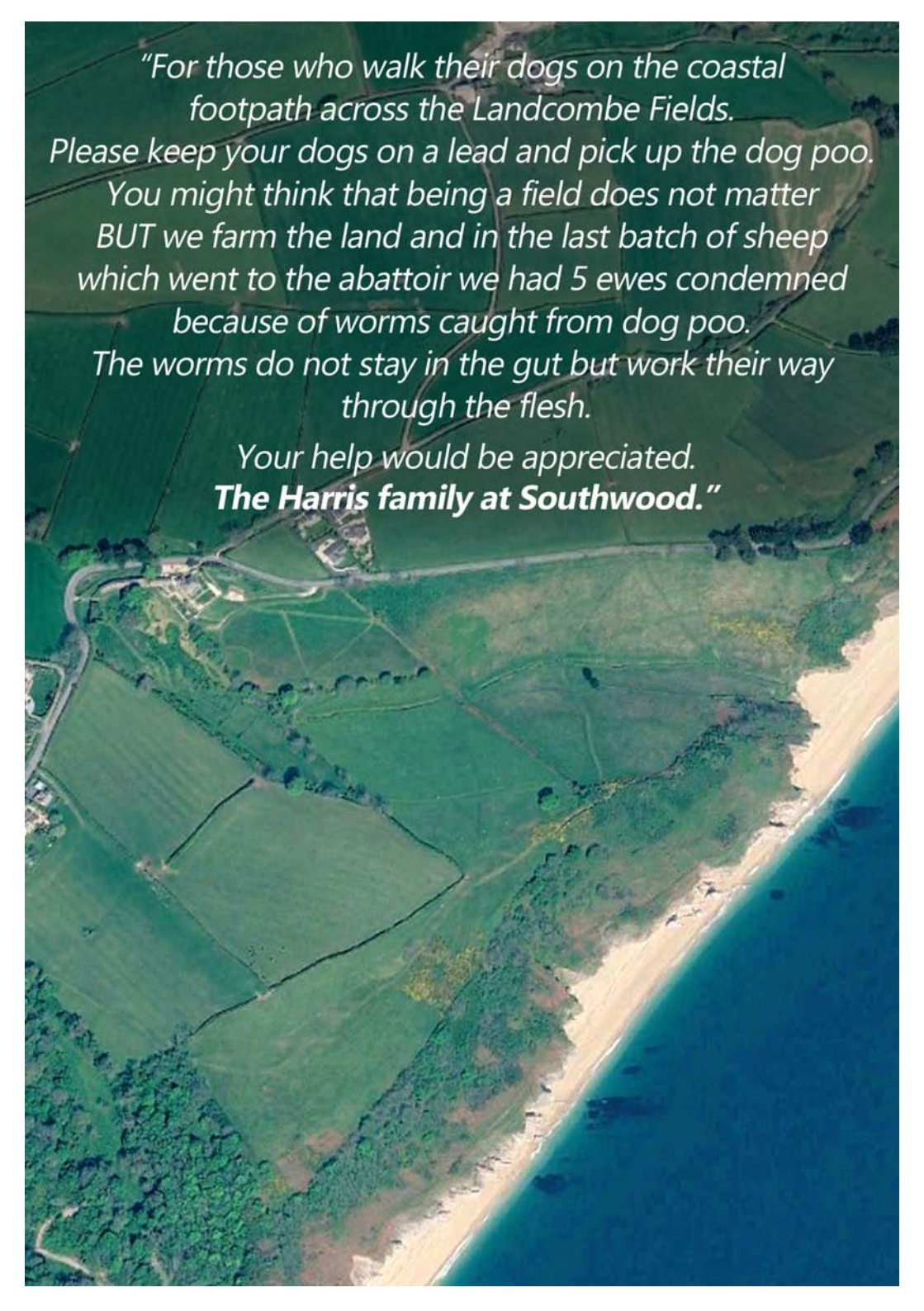
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Minutes of The Annual Meeting of **Strete Parish Council** held in Strete Parish Hall on **Thursday 21st May 2026**

Present councillors:

Ralph Clark (Chair); Ian Cumberlidge IC, Paul Green PG, Timothy Singleton (TS), Samantha Cheese (SC)
County Cllr. Julian Brazil JB

Meeting commenced at 7pm

PUBLIC FORUM No members of the public present

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT –

Expecting decision on LGRO from central government in July.

Council tax increased by 2.99%, Cllr LL completely understands that this may be detrimental to many people with everything else that is going on at the moment with the “Cost of living Crisis. However, with the governments terrible financial settlement for local councils; particularly the withdrawal of the “Rural Services Delivery Grant” has financially impacted rural councils whose services are more expensive to deliver (geographically).

SDHC have very exciting news! We have finally completed on the purchase of a 50-acre plot of Land above Bowcombe Creek. Defra have contributed three hundred and fifty thousand of the four hundred thousand trees, the last fifty thousand being paid for with money from the S106 fund for the creation of Cirl Bunting habitat. We are looking to plant 14,000 trees provided by the Woodland trust by the end of March 2027. I have worked on a similar project called “Hope Wood” in South Brent, where we have planted 25,000 Trees in the last year or so. I think it’s such a brilliant way to bring the community together whilst improving biodiversity, supporting climate goals, and creating long term community green space.

There has been a fairly smooth transition in the last month from Fusion Lifestyle to Parkwood Leisure. This is a short-term contract, due to LGRO uncertainty.

We are still waiting to hear back from main government whether the A379 is going to be fixed.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT –

DCC are planning on giving each chief executive a workstream, which will be informed by the LGRO proposal chosen by the government.

Outturn financial figures positive. The council have made efficiencies rather than cuts, for example, less agency staff and consultants by promoting apprenticeship schemes for key roles. Recruiting key workers has always been a challenge due to the house prices outside of the Plymouth and Torbay areas. By growing own talent DCC hope to help people already in the area to train for roles such as social workers. Record investment in roads is planned; the council have listened to people and roads were a major concern. A pothole repair pilot scheme is underway, whereby road workers carrying our

repairs are tasked with assessing other and repairing other potholes in the vicinity, even if they do not yet meet the safety criteria for repair. LRGO is delaying taking pothole contract being taken back in house. No libraries will be closing and an investment fund has been set aside to improve library services and ensure their long-term sustainability.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Laurel Lawford was unable to attend the meeting and sent her apologies.

MAY26:

1. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Cllr TS proposed, Cllr PG seconded and the council unanimously elected Cllr RC as Chair of Strete Parish Council.
Cllr PG proposed, Cllr SC seconded and the council unanimously elected Cllr TS as Vice Chair of Strete Parish Council.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON Thursday 16th April 2026

All councillors present agreed the minutes, which were signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. Cllr IC declared an interest in item 5b, having submitted an invoice for hedge cutting, as per the agreed budget for 2026/7 and refrained from any decisions on the approval of payments. Cllr IC also declared an interest in item 9, as he will be completing the repairs to the "trim trail" and will therefore refrain from any decisions regarding this item.

4. PLANNING AND PLANNING MATTERS

Reference: 1061/26/LBC - Proposal: Listed Building Consent for replacement roof to existing barns, structural remedial works and associated bat compensation dormer access. Site Address: Coxs Farm TQ6 0RW
Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application

Action: Clerk to submit comment before 28th May 2026

5. FINANCE

a) **Finance Reports** were circulated before the meeting.

b) **Payments**

Cllrs unanimously agreed for all payments to be made.

26/12 Strete Village Hall (Rent+ WIFI) – £60.00

26/13 Ian Cumberlidge (hedge cutting from Manor Farm to Norn's Cross) - £245.00

26/14 Office expenses (mileage and printing) – £18.70

26/15 Totnes Fire Protection (signs) – £501.91

26/16 Clerks wages – £479.20

26/17 HMRC tax and NI – £3.20

26/18 Lloyds account fees - £4.25 (automatic payment)

26/19 Work from home allowance April and May - £52.00

26/20 Chris Ellis (playpark goal post and ramp) - £125.00

26/21 Clear Councils (Insurance Premium) – £594.28

Note – council reapproved payment 26/6 Stocksigns (VAS machine upgrade), originally agreed at the April meeting. The actual amount to pay reduced to £1213.00. The council reapproved the reimbursement of the courier fees for the VAS machine upgrade to Cllr RC (26/10 DHL £105.53), originally agreed at the April meeting, now the invoice has been received. These payments have already been made.

Action: Clerk and chair to make payments

c) **Approval of new financial regulations**

A copy of the NALC model financial regulations was circulated to councillors, along with the proposed financial regulations for Strete Parish Council before the meeting. The Clerk made recommendations to the chair on

receipt of the draft financial regulations, most of the recommendations were accepted. Explanations for variations from model policy were discussed. Councillors unanimously agree to accept the proposed financial regulations.

Action: Clerk to add new financial regulations to Parish Council website

- d) **Payment authorisation, signatories and debit card** – councillors unanimously agreed that all external bank transfers require dual authorisation in line with the approved financial regulations. Councillors unanimously agreed that Helen Darch should be removed from the Parish Council Bank accounts and Cllr SC should be added. Councillors unanimously agree for the clerk to hold a debit card on the Lloyds Community account, to be used in line with the new financial regulations.

- e) **Insurance renewal approval**

Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the renewal quote from Clear Councils.

Action: Clerk to confirm acceptance of renewal to Clear Councils

- f) **AGAR**

- i. Year-end: Councillors discussed and agreed how to answer each of the statements in section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 25-26 and the form was signed by the chair and the Clerk
- ii. The council unanimously agreed to approve the Asset Register on 31st March 2026, which was signed by the chair.
- iii. The council unanimously agreed to approve the year end Bank Reconciliation 25-26
- iv. The council unanimously agreed to approve the Year End Accounts Summary (Receipts and Payments) 25-26
- v. The council unanimously agreed to approve Section 2 – Annual Accounting Statement 25-26, which was signed by the Chair and the Clerk
- vi. The council unanimously agreed to approve the Explanation of variances 25-26.
- vii. The council unanimously agreed to approve the confirmation of the dates of the period for the exercise of public rights.

Action: Clerk is to add AGAR form 3 and the dates for the period for the exercise of public rights to the Parish Council website

6. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES – CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS

Councillors unanimously agreed to co-opt Ian Hutton to the council. Cllr Hutton is currently away and will need to complete the Register of Interests for the clerk to send to SHDC within 28 days. Cllr Hutton will require a Parish Council email account.

Action: Clerk to set up new email address for Cllr Hutton with PCW

7. COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Councillors discussed various training options to ensure councillors are confident in fulfilling their duties. Cllr TS requested training on council finances and is willing to complete the four webinars with DALC in the “Being a Good Councillor” series. Councillors are interested in a potential group face to face training session with DALC.

Action: Clerk to speak to DALC about face-to-face group training and finance training for councillors and to send details to Cllr TS when DALC publish dates for next “Being a Good Councillor” training.

8. ADMINISTRATION

Councillors discussed virus protection and file back-up options and unanimously agreed that once the clerk has received the debit card for the Parish Council account, they should set up a subscription for Microsoft 365 Business, which should also provide adequate virus protection for council usage. Councillors discussed printing requirements and unanimously agreed that the clerk should upgrade the HP subscription and expense the Parish Council for a 1/3 portion for their usage. Councillors discussed the benefits of a shared calendar, to be discussed further at the next meeting.

Councillors unanimously agreed to purchase two spare keys for the noticeboard next to the village shop and post office. One key will be held by the clerk and the second will be stored in a locked cabinet in the village hall. The existing key will be retained by the village shop and post office.

9. VILLAGE GREEN AND PLAYPARK MAINTENANCE

The council proposed to pay an invoice for materials for the “trim trail” in advance of works being complete. The materials need to be purchased before the work can be carried out. The repairs have already been significantly delayed by the weather. The clerk is to check that the proposal is acceptable. Once confirmed the councillors unanimously agreed to pay the invoice submitted for materials (to be for approximately £450) on receipt, to be approved retrospectively at the June Parish Council meeting.

The application for grant funding for the playpark equipment has been submitted and the Parish Council are now waiting to find out if the grant will be approved. The requested amount was based on a quote from RhinoPlay. In line with the new financial regulations the Parish Council will need to obtain two additional quotes before proceeding if the grant is approved.

Concerns have been raised by dog owners in the village about the risk of escape from the village green since the copse maintenance work was carried out. Councillors discussed responsible dog ownership and road safety on the public highway. Councillors will look to identify who is responsible for the fences/walls.

A complaint was received about new trees planted on the village green blocking light and obstructing views from neighbouring properties. Only one new tree has been planted, a young magnolia that is significantly lower than the existing tree line. Councillors feel that the trees may now appear higher as shrubs in the copse have been significantly trimmed and in addition the trees are now fully in leaf due to the change of seasons. Councillors will meet with concerned residents and take on board their concerns.

Action: Clerk to contact DALC regarding advance payment for materials

Action: Cllr TS to ascertain if anyone is responsible for maintaining the damaged boundary fence on the village green

Action: Councillors to confirm dates for a meeting regarding trees on the village green for the clerk to make arrangements with concerned resident

10. VILLAGE HALL

Looking at signage for playpark etc. The Parish Council noted that they would like to see designs before signs are ordered.

11. KINGS ARMS

Councillors will invite representatives from the Kings Arms to attend Parish Council meetings periodically or to provide a report.

12. ROAD SAFETY

The Community Speedwatch team have found it difficult to rota enough volunteers together at the same time to carry out effective monitoring. Current and potential monitoring sites discussed.

The VAS machine has been received back from the supplier and is waiting to be refitted.

One of the new signs has been erected, waiting for a team to be available to erect the rest.

13. SLAPTON LINE

There is no update on the A379 working group

The Parish Council Alliance met with Cllr Julian Brazil shortly before this meeting. It was noted that DCC's bid to central government is only for road to be replaced, there is no contingency for if the bid fails and the bid does not include any scheme to protect the road. Cllr JB will remain in dialogue with the alliance. The alliance has received a commitment from Caroline Voaden MP to meet the day before the next SLP meeting. A walk from Strete Gate to Torcross has been organised and media outlets invited.

Councillors have a meeting with Strete Estates and Lou Hoskins about Strete Gate and they will also discuss the memorial.

14. NEW BUS STOPS

ClIr JB will be looking at the prospective shuttlebus. Councillors received complaint about damaged caused by bus reversing and subsequently queries over the risk assessment that Stagecoach should have carried out, the complaint was escalated to Stagecoach and DCC.

Councillors unanimously supported the provision of the additional bus stops in line with DCC advice and the implementation of a hail and ride service between the current last bus stop in the village centre and the last house as you exit the village just past Widewell Lane.

Action: Clerk to contact DCC to request that additional bus stops and hail and ride are added to the Stagecoach route.

15. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE / ACTIVITY REPORTS

Councillors discussed potential site for the South Hams Ramblers offer.

Action: Clerk to check with the South Hams Ramblers if they are still offering the proposed maintenance assistance

16. STRETE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

ClIr RC circulated information to councillors before the meeting. ClIr TS will be attending a meeting being held by Caroline Voaden MP in June and will report back to the council.

17. OTHER ONGOING MATTERS IF NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

ClIr SC attending the next meeting for the Police Advocate Scheme and will report back to the council.

Lots more dog waste than usual has been reported at Blackbird Woods. Councillors discussed a sign being erected at the entrance and will explore whether a dog waste bin near the woods is viable.

The committee is meeting on Saturday to discuss village day. There have been some setbacks and committee members will be deciding whether to scale back plans for this year with a view to holding a bigger event next year.

Action: Clerk to contact SHDC to ascertain if they would provide and empty an additional bin near Blackbird Woods and what the costs would be.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence circulated, no matters for action in addition to those already discussed.

19. CLERK'S REPORT

The internal audit has been completed and returned. There are no actions for the council. The VAT reclaim for 2025/2026 will be submitted next month. There is a query regarding a letter received from NatWest in 2024, which the clerk will investigate.

20. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Highway Safety and Road Works

A379 Slapton Line Road sea breach at Torcross has left people at risk of losing their homes.

The latest news is that the Environment Agency have approved just short of £20 million for rock armour to be shipped in to bolster up the front of the concrete barrier protecting properties at Torcross. It is anticipated that this will reduce the power of the waves in a storm to minimise the impact on these properties. We wait to hear more details of the works as £20m does sound a lot for rock armour. I hope the funding will include consideration for suggested long-term solutions at sea.

The loss of the road continues to cause major disruption to many local residents and businesses living and working between Dartmouth and Kingsbridge. It is now four months since the road was closed from Sands Road, Slapton to Torcross and, despite reasonable proposals and suggestions to temporarily reopen the road, there are no signs or plans to implement anything to address the concerns of residents in the area.

Caroline Voaden MP has raised the profile of this in Westminster and Devon CC have submitted detailed costings of £20 million together with a business case, but no assurances of support from the Transport Minister have yet been received. Dialogue with Devon CC Highways continues through the SLP Inland Roads Working Group. However, any planned improvements to these routes will require road closures which will create further disruption. It has been suggested that improvement works should be delayed until after the summer season. The SLP Inland Roads Working Group will be involved in deciding where and when to focus on improvement works. A 'Walk With Us' walk is planned for 25th May from Strete Gate car park to Torcross when it is hoped many people will join to express their support for urgent repairs to enable free movement to return between Dartmouth and Kingsbridge. Strete PC has formed an alliance with a number of local parish councils in the area whose views are to ensure the A379 road closure remains at the forefront of media news and future SLP meetings. The next full SLP meeting is to take place on 19/06/26.

One of the two VAS signs in the village has been upgraded to include a solar panel to charge the batteries in the unit. In addition, the unit retains data of vehicle speeds for further analysis. This should be back in position within the next two weeks.

Children's Play Park

Removal and replacement of 'Trim Trail' is ongoing with Cllr. Ian Cumberlidge.

Reported defect items have been completed by Chris Ellis.

The two large play equipment items need replacing as it is not cost effective to repair the reported defects. Cllr. Sam Cheese is seeking Lottery funding to assist with the replacement of these items.

Strete Gate Steps to the Beach and Toilets

A site meeting with Lou Hoskins (SLP Adaptation Manager) and representatives of Strete Estate is due to take place on 22/05/2026 to discuss ideas for improvements. This includes steps opposite the car park to be replaced and proposals for improvements to be incorporated into the Amenity Working Group discussions of Slapton Line Partnership. Cllr. Tim Singleton is representing Strete PC on the Amenity Working Group. This also includes discussions about potentially moving the Memorial from the middle car park to Strete Gate.

Strete Neighbourhood Plan (SNP)

The village currently continues to benefit from the protection afforded to its character by the existence of the Strete Neighbourhood Plan. However, despite previous assurances that the NPs policies are strengthened in the government's new national planning policy, recent guidance from SHDC indicates that, housing development policy wording in a NP that does not allocate land for development, does not meet with the government's new National Planning Policy Framework. The PC recently commenced a review of its NP before the five-year period for a review expired and has had dialogue with SHDC in this matter.

In 2027 SHDC is likely to no longer be our District Council as the government imposes LGR where South Hams will be part of a single Unitary Authority. LGR is unlikely to be in place before 2028 once government have decided which LGR proposal is acceptable. However, SHDC have started to prepare a new Local Plan for housing development to meet the new housing numbers stipulated by government. This may result in some housing development in Strete being part of a new LP. This is likely to be continued by the new UA as completion of a new LP is expected to take three years. Unless it happens before, a general election will take place in 2029.

In consideration of this complicated issue, the PC continues to be convinced that the very existence of Strete's location in such a controlled and protected area offers significant protection from uncontrolled development in the village. If there is a change from that currently in place and land is offered for housing development by landowners, then Strete community will have the opportunity to consider the options being proposed. For now, the status quo remains.

Caroline Voaden has arranged a meeting for Parish Councils with a NP to meet on 11th June to discuss concerns with the way the new planning policies of government are disregarding NPs.

Tim Singleton has agreed to represent Strete PC at this meeting.

Police Advocate

A report of heating oil being stolen from a property holding tank in the village in April was passed to the Police with a request to meet with the property owners.

Cllr. Samantha Cheese has agreed to become the Police Advocate for Strete.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

Although Parish Councils were not included in the consultation process, Strete PC submitted comments in support of the draft consultation documentation provided by DALC. DALC is an official organisation representing Towns and PCs in Devon as a consultee in the LGR process. The government is due to inform their preferred LGR proposal in July.

Unless there is a transfer of funding for service responsibilities to Parish Councils there is a risk that the system proposed may fail.

21. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Samantha Cheese

Funding for Playpark

Application to the National Lottery for funding completed and sent off online. Up to 3 months before decision made at what is stage 1 (due to the amount we are applying for) and if successful, onto stage 2.

Village Day 2026

Meeting kicked off on 9th May to see if feasible at the short notice we now have. A number of key jobs (including those identified as showstoppers) distributed for action, the next meeting this sat 23rd May to see progress and make decisions on the key items.

Police Advocate

Unable to attend the last local call, next call 22nd May – will provide feedback from that.

Village Hall

Issue raised with signage:

- None to playpark
- On corner of Totnes road/Vicarage road, hidden by hedging
 - o Village hall will pay for replacement/upgrade

Cllr Paul Green

Slapton Line

The Parish Council Alliance is now working as a productive group. Parishes in the group are all pulling in the same direction. There is a need to expand the Alliance to include more councils. The Alliance is now meeting formally on a monthly basis.

The family walk on Monday 25 May has been organised and promoted. The Slapton Line Walk now has both a Facebook and Instagram page. Local businesses and community groups have endorsed the walk and are promoting it.

The Slapton Line Walk social media presence could be migrated to support the Slapton Line more generally. A decision can be taken on this after the walk.

Meetings have been set up with both Julian Brazil and Caroline Voaden. The aim is to get regular engagement with both of them to ensure Parishes are included in discussions and decision making.

Discussion with Lou Hoskins from SLP have proved very frustrating. There is no recognition of the crisis in our community caused by the breach of the A379. The SLP continues with business as usual which is increasingly irrelevant to local people. A reset of the SLP is needed at the next meeting on 19 June.

The FOI request on the SHDC performance management system and follow up emails shows that Dan Field has done the bare minimum to be compliant in the way he has set Lou's objectives.

A key issue is now to agree priorities for Lou's working over the next 12 months given the funding for her role runs out in July 2027.

Buses

Proposal for new out of village bus stop to be discussed at PC meeting.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: **Thursday 18th June 2026 at 7:00pm** in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 21.55





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CHAPTE IV.

THE VILLAGE CHURCH.

AFTER the coming of the Normans there was peace in England under their stern rule; the hordes of Danes no longer swept through the land destroying wherever they went. Stone churches replaced the thatched wooden one of the Saxons, and within seventy years no less than 1700 churches were built, until most villages had their own church. These were sometimes erected by the lord of the manor, and the people looked upon them as their spiritual home, often giving their labour freely and helping as they could with the cost of the building.

The usual plan of the Norman period was that of a cross with a low tower rising from the meeting of the nave and choir with the transepts (side arms). In time the massive Norman arch gave place to the pointed, and it was about that time that the present Blackawton Church was built and dedicated to St. Micael. It is of stone, in the Perpendicular style, the tower contains six bells, 5 of which were cast in 1782. In the aisle there is a fine brass to Nicholas Forde, obs. 1582 (see Kelly's Directory).

The rood loft stairs still exist, as well as a carved oak screen curiously painted in shades of vermilion and blue. The font is Norman; on the capital of one of the pillars are the arms of Torre Abbey which had large estates in the parish, and the adjoining estate of Abbotsleigh in Halwell parish. The church was restored in 1887 and there are 400 sittings. The register dates from 1538. The Rev. William Charnell (Lichfield College) has held the living since 1907. The charities amount to £6 8s. 8d. yearly, of which £1 10s. is paid to the Vicar for a sermon on St. Jude's Day, and 10s. to the person who carries the bread; the remainder is distributed in bread every Sunday, and on S.S. Simon and Jude's Day.

After the monasteries were dissolved Torre Abbey and a large portion of the Abbey property passed to the Ridgeway family of Torrwood, Torquay.

From an unpublished manuscript preserved at Shepleigh Court, it appears that in A.D. 835 King Echbert's great battle against the West Wealas was fought at Hingeston in the North-west of the parish and south of Stanborough Camp and

barrows, and **not** as generally supposed at Hingeston Down, Cornwall.

The name of Blackawton itself is derived from this very camp whose Saxon name of Stanborough or "Stone barrow" was preceded doubtless by the British name of "Blaighedun," the Hill Fort. Charles Bryan Limbrey Toll, Esquire, who is Lord of the Manor, Major John Scott Tucker, and L. N. and N. P. Oldreive, Esquires, are the chief landowners in the parish.

The soil is generally a rich loam; the subsoil is clay slate, and the best land is in the dunstone. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats, and the area of the parish is 6,552 acres of land, 8 of water, and 28 of fore-shore. The population in 1921 was 943.

It was not only the great men, the nobles or princes, who did the work of building or gave time and money to erecting our beautiful Churches in England—it was the men of the village who put their hearts into it.

A Venetian traveller in this country in 1500 observed:—"There is not a parish Church in the Kingdom so mean as not to possess crucifixes, candlesticks, censers, patens, and cup of silver." Sometimes there was a little wholesome rivalry between two neighbouring parishes, and if one village Church had six bells its neighbour would not rest until a like number sent forth a gladsome peal from its tower. The poor people gave willingly, and there were often finely carved screens with paintings of the Apostles and other saints. The walls were covered with paintings too, and colour brightened the stone carvings and the tombs.

However much a powerful lord might defy the law, the parson and the Bishop could protect the poor from injustice, and often did so by encouraging them to take refuge in the chancel of the church.

Our own little Church at Strete in the Deanery of Woodleigh was built in 1836, so that it is very nearly 100 years old. It was dedicated to St. Michael similarly to the mother-church at Blackawton, and as Kelly's Directory says, it is a building of stone in the Gothic style and consists of chancel, nave, aisles, south porch, and an embattled western tower containing one bell.

A hundred years ago the Bishop of Exeter and the clergy of the Deanery and neighbourhood issued an appeal for funds to build a Church for the village of Strete which at that time numbered about 450 souls.

Mr. H. L. Toll of Perridge, Exeter, who was the principal land-owner generously gave £100 and the stone from his quarries. All the clergy subscribed liberally and among donors further afield we find such well-known names as Lord Justice Coleridge, Lord Rolle, the Duchess of Beaufort and Sir Oswald Moseley. Altogether £978 was raised and six months

after Mr. Toll's eldest son had laid the foundation-stone (March 9th) the new Church was consecrated on Michaelmas Day.

Here are some extracts from the first archives, written by a curate named Babb who seems to have been in charge of the parish for some years. (The Vicar was the Rev. W. Hockin).

1838. Twenty-seven young persons were confirmed at Dartmouth.

The first body was laid in the churchyard.

Several persons were summoned before the Magistrates at Moreley for drawing Sand from Street Gate when it was decided they might do so, if not within fifty feet of Street Gate House.

Sept. 27th, Mr. Courtney of Plymouth preached to a very full congregation when £23 7s. 6d. was collected and again in the afternoon when Mr. Lyte of Brixham preached the sermon. (The author of "Abide with me").

On the Occasion of the Queen's Coronation all the inhabitants of the District dined and took tea together in Mr. Hyne's field. Mr. Courtney preached in the evening.

The bill for this dinner includes the following items:—

53lb. of beef at 6d.	1	6	8
33lb of mutton and suet		16	6
A sack of flour	2	14	0
40lb raisins		16	8
3lb. tea		13	0
60lb. of dripping	1	10	0
11lb. pork		5	6
$\frac{1}{2}$ hogshead of cyder	1	0	0

Also in 1838 "the new school was opened to the children by a Tea-drinking, and afterwards to the public with a Missionary Meeting."

1839. The Church possesses a picture hung in the east window, the work of Professor Reed of Tiverton, Music and Drawing Master. The painting is entitled "The Wrapping of Christ's Body in Linen." A new gallery has been erected at the west end, and Professor Reed has presented the Queen's Arms, painted, to be placed upon it. A small hand-organ is in use in this gallery.

"Signatures were very generally obtained from this District in a petition to Parliament against the proposed Government Plan of Education, Do. on behalf of the Corn Laws, Do. for Church Extension, and a Declaration was made and a Pledge given to support the National Society against the Intrusion of

Government Inspectors of our Schools. Signed by almost the whole District and Parish who were not Day-Labourers. All these signatures and petitions were obtained within the course of a Twelvemonth."

In 1859 the 'Chapel of Street in the Parish of Blackawton' was served by a 'Stipendiary Assistant' for the Sum of Sixty Pounds a year, and he had to reside in the Parish of Slapton in a House distant two miles and a half from the said Chapel. But in the records of Mr. Babb there is mention of the Parsonage House at Street.

In 1866 there appears to have been a little friction between Blackawton and Strete as to the payment of Pew Rents, and the independence of the daughter church. One of the Churchwardens at this time was Mr. John Oldreive of Southwood. The Vicar of Blackawton was the Rev. D. S. Chater.

In 1879 the Church was structurally altered and enlarged, the names on the Committee are: D. S. Chater, Vicar, W. Lawrence, Curate, W. R. Came, H. L. Toll, J.P., N. P. Oldreive, R. B. Jellard.

The first baby to be baptised in Strete Church was Hallohesh Wills, son of the sexton, whose family has lived in the village for five generations. Most of the names in the first registers are found in the parish to-day.

In 1888 a new pulpit of carved oak made by Harry Hems of Exeter was presented by Mrs. Madden as a memorial to her husband Colonel Lewis Powell Madden, formerly Churchwarden and member of the congregation. The east window was presented by Miss Packe of Asherne, in memory of her father. She also gave a silver flagon for use in the Church, and during her lifetime and after her death helped generously, in co-operation with the Squire, to augment the stipend of the Priest-in-charge which at the time she came to the parish had dropped to an official **£10 per annum**.

Money for the organ was raised mainly by the efforts of Mrs. Farwell, daughter-in-law of a former Rector of Stokefleming.

A stained glass window was placed on the western side by the present Vicar, in memory of Mrs. Bonsall; members of the Mothers Union gave a miniature font to her memory and this stands within the large one. The original font was the gift of members of the Newman family. It has an oak cover made by Mr. Edward Wills from a piece of solid oak found in the vestry and the fine handle was carved and presented by Miss Dorothy Keeling. The hanging lamps were the gift of the late Lady Lawson.

For some time after the churchyard was consecrated nobody was willing to be buried in it—they preferred to lie among their friends and kin in the old churchyard at Blackawton—until at last the Curate offered a free headstone to the first

brave body! This was an infant, and the inscription reads as follows:—

Here lieth the Body of Peter, son of Thomas and Mary
Mitchelmore, who died ye the 24th June, A.D. 1838.
Aged three months.

Blest be the First that sleeps within this ground.
May all that follow him In Christ be found.

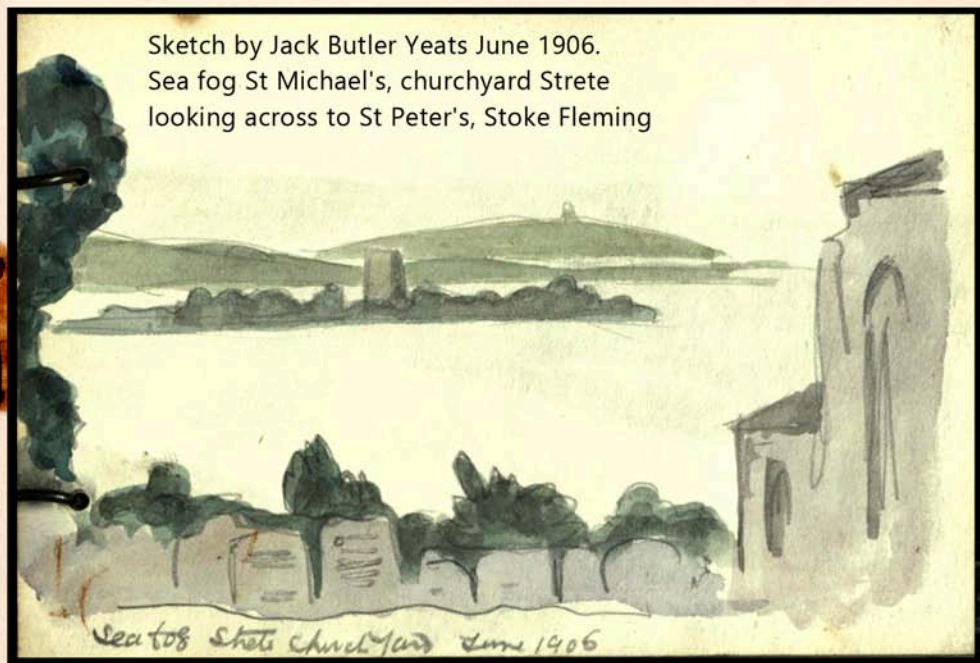
The only other inscription of any curious interest is that of
an old man who composed his own epitaph:

Who had like you and I his faults and virtues but of the
former it behoveth us not to dwell, for besides the all-
sufficient Divine command, as it is impossible to know how
any one is tempted, of course we cannot meet the measure.
Of his good qualities on the contrary, we ought not to be
silent, his late employer found him ever **honest trustworthy**
truthful. Qualities worthy of imitation by Prince and
peasant in all places all over the world, not even excepting
around the meridian of 50 20 north and 3 40 west.

Reader be not high minded.

For thou mayest do worse
Ere thy bones be rotten
Than follow the course
Of old Robin Wotton.

Sketch by Jack Butler Yeats June 1906.
Sea fog St Michael's, churchyard Strete
looking across to St Peter's, Stoke Fleming



Did you know: **A wamble** is a 14th-century term for a rumbling in the stomach, a feeling of nausea, or an unsteady, reeling, or rolling gait.

Did you know: **The glabella**, in humans, is the area of skin between the eyebrows and above the nose.

Did you know: **A Muselet** is a wire cage that fits over the cork of a bottle of champagne, sparkling wine.

Did you know: **The chronic, extreme difficulty of getting out of bed, often accompanied by a profound desire to stay in bed**, is known as dysania

Did you know: **The term for the armhole in a piece of clothing - the opening where a sleeve is attached or, in sleeveless garments, where the arm passes through is the armscye.**

Did you know: **The combination of a question mark and an exclamation point (!? or !?) is called an interrobang**

Did you know: **Aglet** is the plastic or metallic coating at the end of the shoelaces.



Did you know: **Columella nasi** is the space between the nostrils.

Did you know: **Phloem bundles** are the fibrous white strings on bananas that act as the plant's plumbing system, transporting nutrients and water (specifically potassium, fiber, and vitamins) to the fruit as it grows.



Did you know: **To groak**: to stare at people who are eating in the hope that they will offer to share their food!

Did you know: **Crepuscular rays** are visible, parallel beams of sunlight radiating from the sun, appearing when light is scattered by atmospheric particles like haze or dust.

Did you know: **A desire path** (or desire line) is an unofficial trail formed by erosion from human or animal foot traffic, representing the shortest or most easily navigated route between a starting point and a destination.

Did you know: **Defenestrate** is a verb meaning to throw a person or thing out of a window.

Did you know: **A quincunx** is a geometric pattern of five points, with four forming a square or rectangle and a fifth at the center, matching the "five-spot" on dice or cards.



Did you know: **A Snellen chart** is the standard, 11-row letter chart used by eye care professionals to measure visual acuity (the sharpness of distant vision). Developed in 1862, it tests how well a person can read letters from a distance.

STRETE SOCIAL CLUB PROGRAMME 2026

Meetings are usually held in Strete Village Hall on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30pm. All very welcome to join us!		
May	26th	90th Birthday Party for Heather and Dorothy
June	9th	Summer Outing - Boat Trip from Dartmouth to Totnes
	23rd	Creative Patchwork - Lynda Shinner-Booth
July	7th	Wellbeing Through Nature - Simon Tozer
	21st	Stories from Dartmouth - Jonathan Turner
August	-	Summer Break restart in September
September	1st	Garden Birds - John Tucker

26th May: Congratulations and celebrations were the theme for our afternoon meeting with two of our members having had a 90th Birthday in May.

Unfortunately, Dorothy was quite poorly and unable to attend but had sent a lovely chocolate sponge for us all to enjoy with the special tea that had been put on.

Heather our other 90-year-old, wearing her sash saying '90 and still fabulous' was with us. At her family birthday celebrations held on the actual day in a break between the main course and pudding the family had put together a quiz HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW GRANNY and GG. (Great Granny).

All about Heather, her likes dislike and where she had visited. She read this out to us and we all asked her for the answers. She was ashamed to say that she had come fourth in the quiz which was won by her grandson.

Wine and non-alcoholic drink was flowing while the table festooned with balloons bearing 90 bore the afternoon buffet tea. Maura and Maureen kept our glasses topped up and other helper were on hand to assist. A delicious spread of food was then consumed followed of course by our usual cups of tea. Karen had supplied a birthday cake which Heather cut, this was distributed with quite a number taking their share home. (Like we did in our childhood days from friend's birthday parties.) Of course, we all sang Happy Birthday to her.

Joan gave a vote of thanks to Karen for organising such a lovely celebratory afternoon.

Derek did the draw. A really special afternoon ended and we all wound our way home.



9th June: On reaching Dartmouth the Heavens opened but fortunately for our planned trip up the Dart it kept dry.

It was "All Aboard" and with members and four guests including husbands choosing their seats on the 'Cardiff Castle', some ventured outside but the majority chose to stay inside.

The boat was packed as on board were people taking the park & ride trip. However, on time we set sail up the river Dart towards Totnes. A pleasant journey with just one place a gusty wind came up. This soon went and we all enjoyed the beautiful scenery and the commentary from one of the crew. Being locals, we knew that all was not as we had always been told.

It was the first time we had seen the new boats that the Naval college have on the river and the commentator told us some facts about them and how the Cadets used them.

On reaching Totnes most of the passenger disembarked leaving us and a few who got on to return to Dartmouth on a much emptier boat.

Whilst Maureen got the two 90th birthday girls off the boat with the excuse of a photo Karen quickly spread a white table cloth and put out a selection of cakes including a sponge bearing a 90th candle.

Birthday girls back on board the party began with Dorothy blowing out the candle (Heather had done this at our meeting unfortunately Dorothy was ill and could not attend) all singing a Happy Birthday to them both and the cake and a few savoury nibbles brought around.

It was announced over the Tanoy that two 90th birthday girls were on board, sadly with so much chatter they did not hear it but Joan did and later told them of it.

Karen and Derek fetch us mugs of tea from the on-board bar and a very nice afternoon celebrating the 'girls' birthday was at an end. We carried on with our journey back to Dartmouth. Here we all parted for our various transport home to Strete.

This was mainly organised by Karen with help from Maureen and Sandy.

A celebration we will not forget.



Strete Social Club

23rd June 2026 – On a hot Tuesday afternoon there was a good attendance at our meeting. Glasses of water were put on the tables to stop us getting

dehydrated. Our entertainment needed no introduction as it was a return of Winston Chubb and his guitar with a lovely programme of song some of which he had composed. The last one was very moving about the villagers and people plus the American soldiers that were involved with the exercises to train the American soldiers who used the beaches to train on, chosen as our beach at Slapton was very like the beaches of Normandy.

A recording of this song was given to Dean Small who is the son of the late Ken Small Who raised the Sherman tank, now on display at Torcross. He in turn sent a copy to America to the head of the veteran group.

I was very moved by this song especially as my husband was one who was evacuated from his farm in Slapton at the age of six years old.

Joan gave the vote of thanks.

Tea and little merengues were served kindly made by Carol.



IMPORTANT MEETINGS

The area described below is to be REQUESTED especially for military purposes, and must be cleared of its inhabitants by DECEMBER 20th, 1943.

Arrangements have been made to help the people in their needs, to settle their children, and to advise and assist them in the many problems with which they will be faced. To explain these arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

will be held as follows:

FRIDAY Nov. 12th **EAST ALLINGTON CHURCH**
11 a.m. **STOKENHAM CHURCH**

Earl Fortescue, M.C., The Lord Lieutenant
in the Chair.

SATURDAY Nov. 13th **BLACKAWTON CHURCH**
11 a.m. **SLAPTON VILLAGE HALL**

Sir John Daw, J.P., Chairman Devon County Council
in the Chair.

These general meetings will be immediately followed by special meetings to discuss the problems of farmers, who are requested to arrange to attend before then.

IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT in every household that he should arrange to attend wherever of these meetings is nearest to his home, and where necessary employers of labour are requested to give their work-people time off for this purpose.

THE AREA AFFECTED

ALL LAND AND BUILDINGS lying within the line from the sea at the east end of Blackford Bay to Stoke Fleming parish to Brixton; thence westward along the road to the Lieutenant's house; thence west along the Blackford-Brixton road to the crossroads 1 mile east of Brixton; thence from this crossroads along the Longbridge road to the Partridge-Brixton crossroads; thence along the road to Blackford, Freepress, Chillingham, Brixton and Brixton in the sea, but excluding the village of Freepress, Brixton and the road to Blackford. The roads between the hamlets are outside the area.

The parishes involved are the whole or almost the whole of Blackston, East Allington, Blackford, Slapton and Stoke, and of Stoke, and parts of Stoke Fleming, Blackston and Stoke and Brixton.

Strete Social Club

7th July 2026 :On another very hot Tuesday afternoon the social club met for their fortnightly meeting.

As Karen was away spending time with family Joan took the meeting.

We were pleased to have four guests with us to listen to the special speaker we had booked.

Various notices of events with the Church and Hall were publicised and Joan said how the first lunch that we had held in the

Sportsmans was very much enjoyed by the seven who attended. It was put to the meeting that we hold another such event in September with it being held in our local Kings Arms to support the pub. The chef is to be contacted to see what menu he can put on.

Business dealt with our speaker Simon Tozer was introduced, he was born and lived in Devon all his life and has many interests in Dartmoor and the rivers etc. He is an expert on History of the River Dart and the small streams and little rivers that flow into the Dart in which he swims and does walks around the moors.

He illustrated his talk with slides and told us many tales of folk law etc. connected to the moor. It was such an interesting and well presented talk and had us all listening intensely to him.

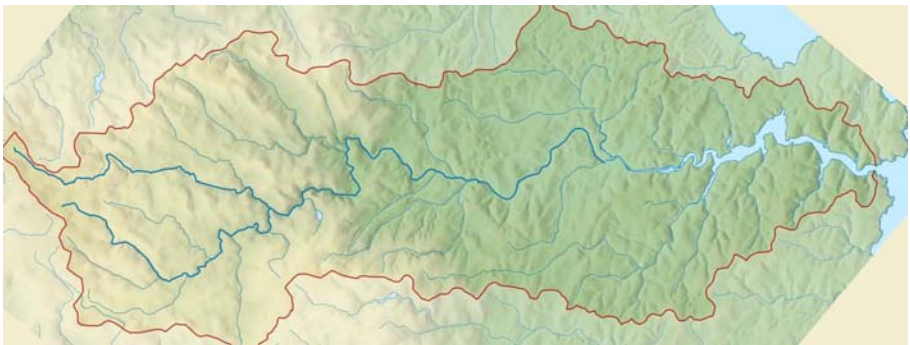
Chris Burne gave the vote of thanks and Simon then had on display, for to sell ,the many books he had written.

Our welcome cups of tea were served by Lisa, Dorothy, Maura plus a few more helping with the washing up as there was a lot of extra with the jugs of water and glasses that were given to stop dehydration on such a hot afternoon.

We have one more meeting before we break for August and we start again on 1st September with John Tucker of Exminster talking with the aid of slides on garden birds.

Our meetings are open to all, come as a guest to see if 'it's your cup of tea' and join with us on fortnightly Tuesday in the hall at 2.30. You will be made most welcome.

Further information from Karen on 07786430770, Joan 07814810265



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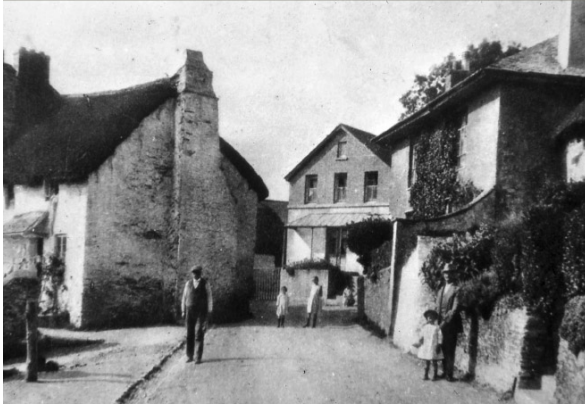
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Strete Social Club

21st July: Another hot afternoon but with all the doors to the hall open the room was bearable.

Karen was back with us after her visit to Canada with family a brief account followed.

After all the business was dealt with Joan had done a quiz on Devon which couples worked together to answer the questions. Most of our members have come to live in Strete from elsewhere so some of the questions proved a little hard for them. Two members present were actually Devon born and bred which proved a great asset to them and their team.



The winning team was Brenda and Heather with Roy Debby and Karen close on their heels losing by half a point.

Karen then spoke of her trip to Canada based in Whistler but experiencing many adventures with her hosts. She had run off a few photos to give us some idea of her time there. This was very much enjoyed by us and Joan thanked her.

Tea and biscuits were served by Christine H and (sorry senior moment cannot think of name of her helper).

Derek did the usual draw and a very pleasant afternoon came to an end.

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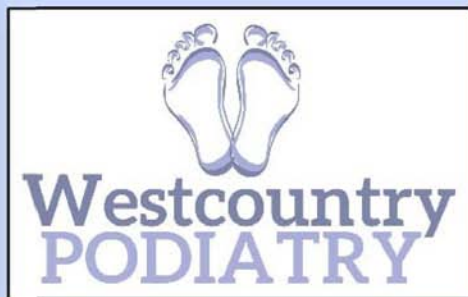


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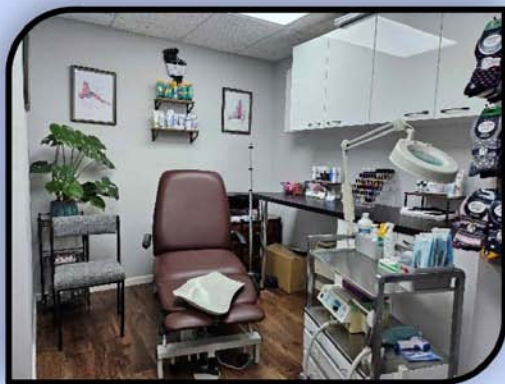
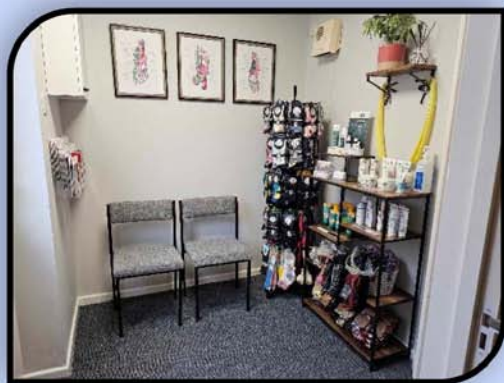


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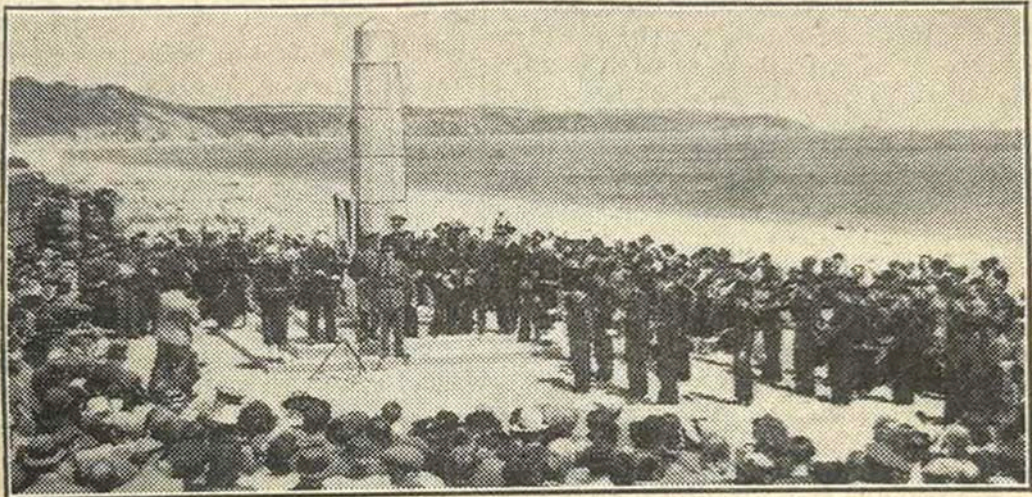
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