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STRETE CELEBRATES

Flower display. The Church will put on a flower display for the duration of the bank holiday.

Music recital. A celebration of music will be held in the Parish Church on Thursday 2nd June starting at 6pm

Bell ringing. The Church bell will be rung from 9.15 pm on Thursday 2nd June.

This will coordinate with other bells rung in local parishes.

Beacon lighting. Kate Gill has arranged with Bruno Peek the pageant master to light a beacon at Manor Farm in Strete at 9.45pm on June 2nd. A ring of beacons will be lit round Start Bay at that time to commemorate the Jubilee. There will be refreshments afterwards at Manor Farm.

Beer festival and music. The Kings Arms Pub plans to put on a beer festival on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th June. The event will include food, a jazz band, local musicians and a BBQ. It will be from 11am to 10.30pm each day. Details to be finalised.

Celebration service. The Church has a service of celebration on June 5th at 11am to include the Queen's favourite hymns.



Tea Party. The Parish Hall Committee to put on a tea party on June 5th from 2.30 to 4.30pm on Hynetown Road outside the Parish Hall. Attendees will be asked to bring their own picnic and drinks.

The Social Club has kindly volunteered to provide tea and coffee that afternoon.

The party is by invitation to everyone in the Parish. Numbers will be finalised between the Parish Hall Committee and the Parish Council. Penny would like to put on competitions for the children. The Hall Committee will provide chairs and tables and arrange for the road to be closed for the afternoon. If the afternoon is wet the party will be held in the Village Hall.

Tricia Robertson has recorded music for the party to be played on a sound system loaned by the Parish Church.

Jubilee mugs will be offered to all children under 16 who live in Strete.

Jubilee photograph. Nick Shepherd has kindly offered to take a photograph of villagers on June 5th. The Church carpark to be available for the photograph.

St Michael's Church

Dear friends,

It is with a mixture of sadness and anticipation at what lies ahead that I must tell you that I shall be retiring on August 1st this year and moving back to Cornwall.

I shall have spent almost six years in these lovely villages and I have made many friends. I shall miss you all very much but don't be surprised if I 'pop up' occasionally to get a breath of the South Hams! I'm sure there will be opportunities to say goodbye , but thank you for all the good memories you have given me.

With my love and prayers.

Alison

Dear friends,

I came across this the other day, attributed to S.C.Lourie, and it made me reflect not just on my own life, but the heart wrenching scenes coming from Ukraine, of families being separated , and as we already know , many separated permanently, by death.

“ I think we really need to talk to each other like we're not always going to be around. And take that extra moment to hug and look into each other's eyes when we say goodbye. And say I love you as many times as we feel it. And make more time to see each other and be kind to each other; let go of the hang ups and the differences because in the end, none of that stuff matters.

Really , none of it ever did.”

Something crucially important on which to reflect , and if you pray, please pray for Ukraine, the damaged, the dispossessed, the dead- and pray for peace.

Blessings

Rev'd Alison.

St. Michael's Church

Totnes Road Strete Dartmouth. **The Vicar is Revd. Alison Shaw.**

The PCC consists of: PCC members – Helen Darch, Joan Kendall, Sheila Kingsley-Smith, Andrea Phillips, Brenda Range, Patricia Robertson, and Richard Soans .

HELP! SOS!

Do you like singing? Do you like organ music? Do you like getting together for an hour a week or so for a chat and meeting some new people?

Do you like saying a prayer to thank God for your health and survival from COVID? While you still have a warm and cheerful church in the middle of your village do come and join the few of us who meet every week on a Sunday at 11.00 am.

We shall not ask you for your money or to do a job, and we certainly shall not criticise you or your lifestyle! If you have ever sung in a choir of whatever sort – perhaps as a choirboy or girl and would like to sing your favourite song or hymn while with us for an hour occasionally, do come and join us. ALL ARE WELCOME! Come as you are – no special clothes needed. You can sit where you like and we shall be glad to see you.



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Strete Chapel



Greetings from the fellowship to all in the village!

We are continuing to meet every Sunday at 11am in the chapel building. All are welcome. We have some interesting speakers coming up including a representative from the charity Compassion (www.compassionuk.org) and missionaries who have served in China.

This Easter we will be hosting a Good Friday conference at Stoke Fleming village hall with speaker David Herring and this will include lunch. Also we will have an Easter Sunday service in the chapel at 11am. If you would like to come along, please email us at stretechapel@gmail.com.

With Easter approaching it is a wonderful time of celebration for all, with plenty of Easter eggs and pictures of bunnies. However, as Christians the emphasis for us is not on bunnies but on the lamb - the Lamb of God, Jesus. As Christians we believe that Jesus was crucified on a cross to take punishment for our sins, so that we may be forgiven. He rose again three days later to show he had overcome death and through Him we may have eternal life.



'...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.'
Romans 10 v9-10

At this time we are also thinking of those suffering as a result of the Russian conflict with Ukraine. As a church we have sought to help through prayer and a collection to Medical Missionary News who have partners in both the Ukraine and the surrounding countries. As we look around our beautiful surroundings with pops of yellow daffodils and bluebells reminding us of the Ukrainian flag may we each be prompted to offer up a prayer to those in need.



**God of hope,
We pray for our world, especially the people of the Ukraine.
May those who feel scared know your deep peace.
May those who feel alone know your never-ending love.
May those who lead countries know your wisdom.**



Amen

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★ Young Searchers ★

Young Searchers is a Christian children's club based on teaching the Bible through stories, games and craft. We are meeting every Thursday (term time only) from 6-7pm in the chapel. All are welcome!



Stretewise Crossword

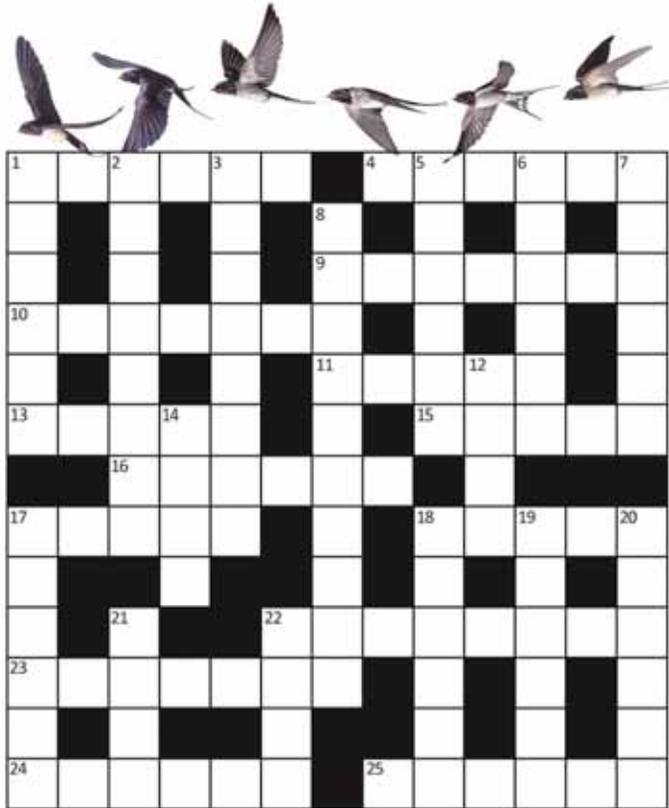
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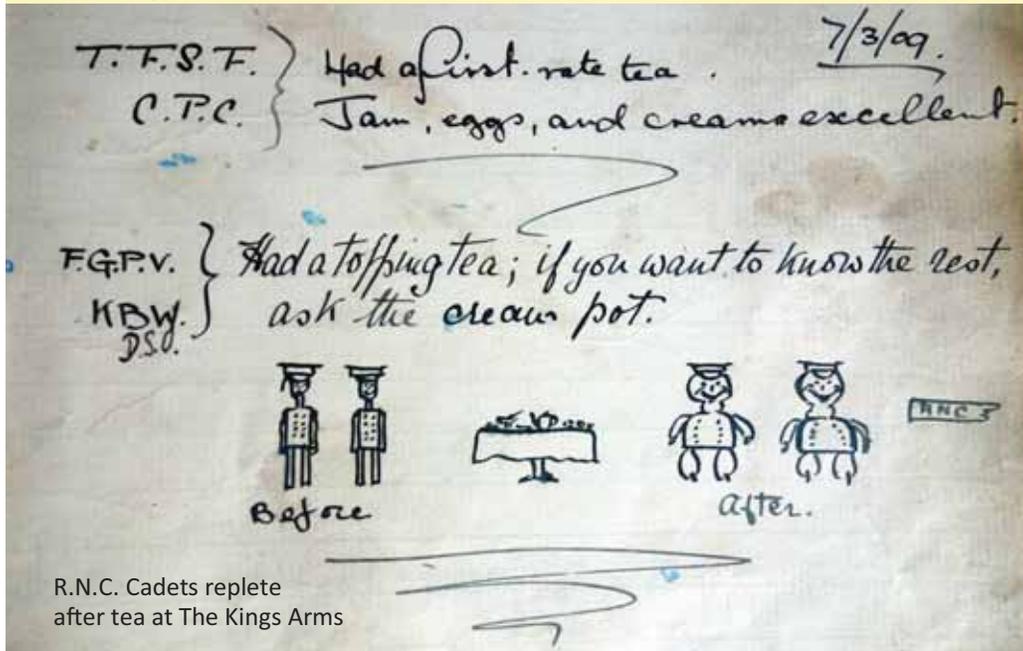
- 1: A member of the chicory family.
 4: To get rid of something that's bothering.
 9: Full of promise.
 10: Involve deeply in an argument or conflict.
 11: Having or showing no skill. 13: Lowland region in northern India.
 15: Produced by mixing dry ingredients with a liquid. 16: Shrewd and well informed.
 17: A member of the lowest order of freeman in ancient Athens.
 18: Make amends or reparation.

- 22: Dark, sweet, syrupy by product from sugarcane. 23: A person who walks doggedly and slowly with heavy steps. 24: To put more bullets in a gun. 25: Stick fast to.

- Down:** 1: A person who is very knowledgeable. 2: Pay out money from a fund.
 3: To turn from a solid or liquid into a gas. 5: Part of a person's foot. 6: Multiple fold in a garment. 7: The number of lines in printed or written matter. 8: A tailor's pattern that can be adjusted for cutting garments of different sizes. 12: Breathe with short, quick breaths. 14: A car (American) 17: Interfere with. 18: Become less intense or widespread. 19: Into a position of agreement. 20: Make certain that (something) will occur or be the case. 21: Of or at a fairly low temperature. 22: Repair.



"I went to a Pretenders gig. It was a tribute act" Tim Vine. "I often confuse Americans and Canadians. By using long words." Gary Delaney. "Surely every car is a people carrier?" Adam Hess. "Exit signs? They're on the way out!" Tim Vine. "Velcro? What a rip-off!" Tim Vine. "I have kleptomania. But when it gets bad, I take something for it." Ken Dodd. "Marvin Gaye used to keep a sheep in my vineyard. He'd herd it through the grapevine." Leo Kears. "I've just been on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday. I'll tell you what, never again." Tim Vine.



R.N.C. Cadets replete after tea at The Kings Arms

Strete Social Club

PROGRAMME 2022

A warm friendly welcome will be given to guests

Meetings are usually held in Strete Parish Hall on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30PM		
April	5th	Dartmouth Community Bookshop - Kathy Stansfield
	19th	Craft Demonstration - Yvonne Temple



25th JANUARY 2022

Dorothy Teal, Joint Organiser, welcomed everyone to our January meeting. She was delighted to see so many villagers on such a cold wintry afternoon, despite many members being unable to attend.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Carole Wills, ably assisted by Chris Burne.

Carole has been an accomplished cake decorator all her life producing ornate wedding cakes and all manner of special celebration cakes. Her story of creating a three-tier wedding cake for her granddaughter with trellis work filled us with admiration.

Carole had brought along freshly baked cupcakes to decorate and assemble over a polystyrene dome to form what looked like a floral display. Different coloured icing was used sometimes in combination to great effect. Members were urged to have a go and Derek produced a most impressive bicoloured cup cake. Luckily for those present the completed cake was dismantled to provide a specially iced cupcake for everyone.

Carole and Chris were thanked by Karen and each lady was presented with a small rose bush as a token of our appreciation for their time and effort.

Tea with the cupcakes and delicious biscuits was served by Rosemarie and Judy with plenty of socialising to round off an enjoyable afternoon.

22nd February 2022

There was a good attendance at our Meeting with one gentleman guest.

The usual apologies and business were dealt with and our speaker for the afternoon was introduced. Her and a fellow member of the Mayflower 400 committee had previously been to speak to us before the Covid Pandemic struck telling us of their plans of how Dartmouth was to celebrate this historic occasion.



Lindsay Ellwood, Director of Dartmouth Mayflower 400, gave us a brief introduction to the film which had been made to record as to what had been achieved even with the limitation of the Covid Pandemic.

This film was excellent, very professionally made and given us a wealth of information.

We heard how pennants had been made to put up all around Dartmouth coming from ladies from as far afield as New Zealand, The youth of the area had been involved with a few of the events from helping to decorate the metal sculpture of a Pilgrim Father which now stands on the South Embankment near to the cannon. We are all going to go down to that part of the town to see this as sadly the majority in the room had not seen it and asked where it was.

Four films had been made by students one showing leaving the shore in the way that would have happened at the time with a comparison of a take on today.

A model ship was made by a craftsman and the Naval College had assisted with a place near the river for this to be done. It is now on display in in a special exhibition on the new floor that has been acquired by the Museum.



Leaflets were given of walks around the town pointing out various things that were of interest to be seen.

The Committee had obviously worked tirelessly to achieve this record of the celebration of the Mayflower having come into Dartmouth on her way to the New World.

She was thanked by Karen. The usual time of cups of tea and a chat then ensued.

8Th March 2022

There was an excellent attendance at our meeting with a number of guests joining us for the afternoon.

Dorothy dealt with the usual business and then introduced our demonstrator for the afternoon who lives in the village, Lesley Saffin who told us that she had never done a demonstration before, you would never have known this as she was most interesting and informative.



Lesley is an artist who first got interested when aged about nine and then for many years with other commitments didn't pursue her hobby. Later in life she returned to it, mainly painting with water colour paints. However, she has now found a new medium called Pinteresse which is with acrylic paints. She showed us how to mix the various components to make the paint until it was the consistency of melted ice cream which she then went on to demonstrate. Firstly, she coated a canvas with



black paint then poured in lines very close together a mixture of colours. These were then pulled in different ways to the top and bottom of the canvas, we were amazed how then the various chemicals in the paint mixture started to work creating an unusual design. These paintings then have to be left flat to dry which is a long process.

At the back of the room Lesley had done a display of pieces of her work mainly acrylic. If you would like to see more, she has some hung in our Local Pub, in Strete where they

can be purchased. The whole talk and demonstration most professional and Lesley was warmly thanked by Karen.

Our tea hostesses for the afternoon were Margaret and Heather and along with the usual biscuit selection a member had made cheese scones which were much appreciated and greatly enjoyed.

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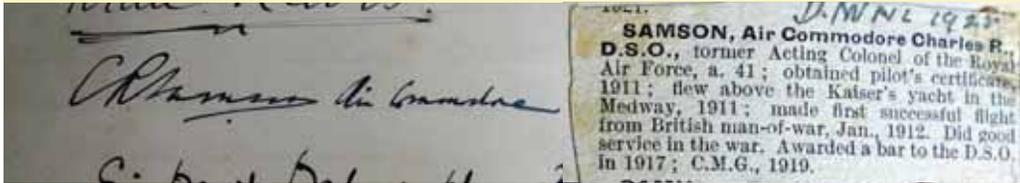
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Samson's historic take-off from *HMS Hibernia*, 9 May 1912.



He also commanded the first British armoured vehicles used in combat. He transferred to the Royal Air Force on its creation in 1918, Samson held command of several groups in the immediate post-war period and the 1920s.

Samson entered HMS *Britannia* Dartmouth as a cadet in 1896, before becoming a midshipman in the Royal Navy in 1898. In the 1901 Census he is listed as a midshipman aboard the battleship HMS *Victorious*. He was promoted Sub-Lieutenant in 1902 and the following year served on HMS *Pomone* in the Persian Gulf and Somaliland. He was promoted to lieutenant on 30 September 1904 while serving as an officer on boys' training ships. In 1906 Samson was appointed Officer Commanding of Torpedo Boat No. 81 and in February 1908 he was posted to HMS *Commonwealth*. The following year he was appointed first lieutenant on HMS *Philomel* serving in the Persian Gulf and in the autumn of 1910 he transferred to HMS *Foresight*, again serving as the ship's First Lieutenant. In 1911 he was selected as one of the first four Royal Navy officers to receive pilot training, and obtained his Royal Aero Club certificate on 25 April 1911,



Samson took part in several early naval aviation experiments, including the development of navigation lights and bomb sights. He was the first British pilot to take off from a ship, on 10 January 1912, flying a Short Improved S.27 from a ramp mounted on the foredeck of the battleship *HMS Africa*, which was at anchor in the river Medway. On 9th May 1912 he became the first pilot to take off from a moving ship, using the same ramp and aircraft, now fitted to the battleship *HMS Hibernia* during the 1912 Naval Review in Weymouth Bay.

In 1914, while Samson was in command of the Royal Naval Air Station at Eastchurch, he led a flight in the Naval Review at Spithead. Samson's aircraft bombed the Zeppelin sheds at Düsseldorf and Cologne, and by the end of 1914, when mobile warfare on the Western Front ended and trench warfare took its place, his squadron had been awarded four Distinguished Service Orders, among them his own, and he was given a special promotion and the rank of commander. He spent the next few months bombing gun positions, submarine depots, and seaplane sheds on the Belgian coast. In March 1915 Samson was sent to the Dardanelles with No 3 Squadron (later No 3 Wing); it was based on the island of Tenedos and, together with seaplanes from *HMS Ark Royal*, initially provided the only Allied air cover.

From November 1917 until the end of the War, Samson was in command of an aircraft group at Great Yarmouth responsible for anti-submarine and anti-Zeppelin operations. During 1920 Samson served as Chief Staff Officer in the Coastal Area, and in 1921 became Air Officer Commanding for RAF units in the Mediterranean, based at Malta. In 1922 he was promoted to air commodore and given command of 6 Fighter Group at RAF Kenley.



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The soil on the vegetable plot and allotment is finally warm enough for seed sowing and young plants can be planted out if they're hardened off. Chitted seed potatoes can now be planted too, and it's not too late to put in a few rows of onion sets. We have good stocks of young veg plants, tomato plants and courgettes if you want to get a head start.

Our latest delivery of big Italian specimen plants has just landed at the garden centre, fresh from our friends in Tuscany. Hopefully, we'll be able to take a trip out to Italy later this year and hand pick our stock for next year.

Amongst the new delivery you'll find a large selection of Olives and delightfully scented evergreen Jasmines.

The plant area at Gardentime is packed full of fresh new plants ready for your garden. It's a great time plan and plant a new border or neglected area of the garden. If you're looking for inspiration and plant advice, please pay a visit for a 'walk and talk'! We'll guide you and make sure you gather the right plants for the right place.

Our summer bedding plants are now ready too, so don't forget to revamp your patio pots and baskets for a riot of colour – I'm sure we can all look forward to seeing more of our family and friends surrounded by beautiful plants in our gardens this summer....

The Garden Centre, Café and Farm Shop are now fully open, all day, every day.

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Keep weeds under control whilst they are still small.

Tie in climbing plants as they put on their new growth.

Sow new lawns and repair patches

Use plant supports for herbaceous perennials before they grow too tall.

Feed hungry roses and shrubs

Plan your summer bedding plant displays for borders, pots and baskets.

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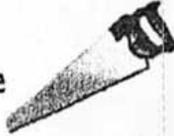
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We do however continue in strength and maintain an interesting and varied selection of carefully chosen speakers and our existing membership enjoy meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the Stoke Lodge Hotel.

Outings for Members.

Each year during the late spring or early summer we arrange an outing to some

interesting place in the South West - usually within a 40 mile radius. This is a good opportunity to include wives, partners and friends which is much appreciated by us all; making them more a part of the club's activities.

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Crusoe. Castaways & Shipwrecks

May 11th Lunch

John Miles: Sewage Treatment can be

FUN!

May 25th - Away Day

June 8th - Lunch

Roger Hamilton

The Amazing Bugatti Family

June 22nd - Coffee

Paul Young

History of the UK Fire Service

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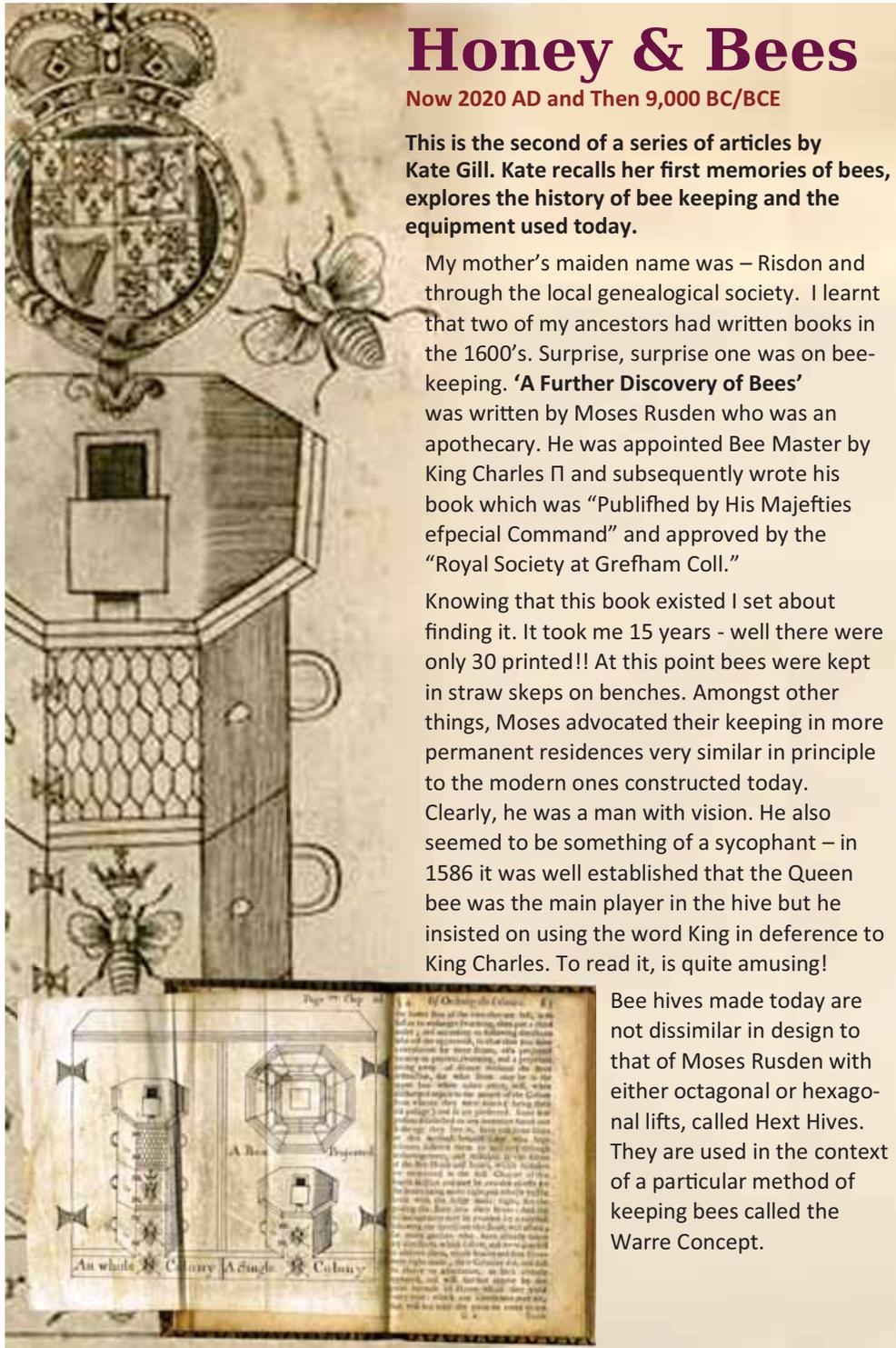
Now 2020 AD and Then 9,000 BC/BCE

This is the second of a series of articles by Kate Gill. Kate recalls her first memories of bees, explores the history of bee keeping and the equipment used today.

My mother's maiden name was – Risdon and through the local genealogical society. I learnt that two of my ancestors had written books in the 1600's. Surprise, surprise one was on bee-keeping. **'A Further Discovery of Bees'** was written by Moses Rusden who was an apothecary. He was appointed Bee Master by King Charles II and subsequently wrote his book which was "Published by His Majesties especial Command" and approved by the "Royal Society at Grefham Coll."

Knowing that this book existed I set about finding it. It took me 15 years - well there were only 30 printed!! At this point bees were kept in straw skeps on benches. Amongst other things, Moses advocated their keeping in more permanent residences very similar in principle to the modern ones constructed today. Clearly, he was a man with vision. He also seemed to be something of a sycophant – in 1586 it was well established that the Queen bee was the main player in the hive but he insisted on using the word King in deference to King Charles. To read it, is quite amusing!

Bee hives made today are not dissimilar in design to that of Moses Rusden with either octagonal or hexagonal lifts, called Hext Hives. They are used in the context of a particular method of keeping bees called the Warre Concept.



Bees are actually one of the oldest forms of animal life - since the Neolithic Age - preceding humans by 10 to 20 million years.

Some of the oldest fossils of bees have been found in amber off the Baltic Coast. Scientists consider them to be the ancestors of today's honey bee.

As recently as 2006, the oldest bee fossil was discovered in the Hukawng Valley of Myanmar (Burma), preserved in amber, in a mine. That gem in every sense of the word is considered to be 100 million-years-old!

Homo sapiens and honey have however been together since the Stone Age.

There is evidence that mankind was gathering honey in the late Palaeolithic times, ten to fifteen thousand years ago. An 8,000-year-old rock painting discovered at Arana Cave near Valencia, Spain, depicts a person climbing a ladder to gather honey from a hive on a cliff face.



"Man of Bicolor."
c. 15000 BC.
Cueva de la Arana,
Valencia, Spain.

Thanks to these and Egyptian drawings depicting ancient bee robbing or keeping, we've long known that human beings have worshipped and worked with bees for thousands of years but we didn't know just how far back our relationship with bees went – until now.

University of Bristol researchers who analysed pottery from prehistoric vessels have found evidence of early farmers using beeswax as far back as the Stone Age roughly 9,000 BC/BCE. So human beings have been using bee products; honey and wax for at least that time!

The 'piece de resistance' however - during other archaeological excavations in the Egyptian Pyramids - pots of 3,000 year old honey have been found in a tomb. It is the world's oldest known sample and is still edible. How amazing is that!

Humanity's obsession with honey is of course the fact that it was the only source of 'sweetness'. In a more recent era - only circa 400BC/BCE when Hippocrates the Greek physician was around, he advocated the use of honey as a medicine.

By adding various ingredients to honey; such as grape juice, vinegar, water and other medicinal ingredients available then; he created simple cures for many ailments. He also used it as a topical treatment for wound healing and the prevention of scarring.

The Hippocratic Oath taken by modern doctors is done in his name as he is regarded as the founder of modern medicine.



STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

HELD AT STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 20th JANUARY 2022 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

Cllr Peter Hales (PH) (Chairman); Cllr Kate Gill (KG); Cllr Louise Newman (LN); Cllr Ian Cumberland (IC); Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); Cllr David Rothwell (DR); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC); Cllr Julian Brazil, County Councillor, Kingsbridge Division (JB); Cllr Richard Foss, District Councillor, Allington & Strete Ward (RF); Mrs. Helen Darch {Clerk}.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The 2022/23 budget for Devon County Council [DCC] will see the maximum increase permitted of 2% plus an extra 1% for Adult Social Services. This is still to be approved at Full Council on 17th February.

Highways maintenance and a cyclic contract to maintain drainage services. JB discussed a recent email and draft agreement from Highways. This contained a proposal for parishes to take over the maintenance of drainage facilities from Highways and use their own contractors rather than have this performed by Highways. The cost of this work in the version seen would be recharged to Highways but the details were to be finalized. Strete had been allocated an estimated £2,220 to spend on work such as drains and ditches. **Strete PC will discuss this at the February meeting and reply to JB.** There would be a meeting set up with DCC Highways works department to agree the scope of this agreement. The proposed changes would not happen until after 2022/23 as precepts had already been set for the year to 31st March 2023.

IC asked that any defective buddle holes be repaired before any new arrangements came in and identified two on the Totnes Road. JB said he could report these on DCC's Highways interactive map. There is a map of the buddle holes in the Parish. **The report was received.**

RC asked for advice on how to arrange a Public Works Loan Board [PWL] loan for the Pub to undertake capital works. **RF said he would ask the Corporate Director of Strategic Finance [Lisa Buckle] and come back.**

RC outlined a proposal for road narrowing at Manor Farm [touched on in 1221/12] and asked if there might be funding toward this. The report proposed a series of diagonal road markings that would create an illusion of narrowing the Totnes Road by Manor Farm along with a 20MPH roundel painted on a red background in anti-skid paint on the road. The existing VAS machine would be relocated closer to Start Bay Park as a repeater/reminder of the speed limit. An estimated cost from one contractor was cited at £2,562 plus VAT. The intention was for the works to be done by Highways. **JB said he was happy to use some of his Localities Fund on this.** The plans would have to be approved by Highways and that would mean Lisa Edmonds and John Fewings would need to be consulted.

Resolved RC to contact Highways with the plans.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Monument at Strete Gate. RF along with Piers Spence and Gilly Claydon will meet the Field Studies Centre next week to discuss the possibility of them doing the maintenance work and recharging this to the six parishes. This is Option A of the two options which emerged from the January 5th meeting of parishes to discuss the future of the monument. The second Option [B] is for Strete Parish Council to take on maintenance and recharge this to the other parishes under a ten-year upkeep agreement. Councillors discussed Option B under Item 0122/5.

The budget for 2022/23 has to go to Full Council on 10th February before it is finally agreed. It is likely an increase of the maximum permitted 2% on revenue budgets will be approved. However, the Council is still waiting for the pay settlement for April 2021 [1.75%] to be finally agreed for staff. **Waste collection** – there was a meeting recently with the contractor FCC. There is a break clause in the contract in April 2023 and the final contract terminates in April 2027. Planning is approved for the site next to the Ivybridge tip to accept rubbish so turnaround times for the waste vehicles should be quicker. Recycling rates for the South Hams are among the best in the UK. RF saw little need for the complicated sorting at source under the contract when there was a good recycling facility at Plymouth which did this for around 90% of the domestic waste collected. RF is still offering some of his Biodiversity and Climate Change Fund if councillors wanted to look at composting. RC noted there was no suitable site in Strete however under one scheme a farmer had taken garden waste and ploughed it into his fields.

Business Rates. RF advised Central Government intended to reorganize the collection and retention of business rates revenues but was not funding any shortfalls in collection so there was a possibility of a significant shortfall in collection of local taxes. <https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/explainers/local-government-funding-england>

The report was received.

0122/1 APOLOGIES – none were received.

0122/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 20th December 2021

The above minutes were AGREED as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

0122/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Parish Councillors were invited to declare any unregistered or other interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. **IC declared an interest in Item 7 contracts and RC in Item 9**

Manor Farm Roadworks.

0122/4 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

Planning applications consulted on. To discuss and respond to South Hams District Council on []. No applications were received for consideration by the Parish Council. Asherne [0647/21/FUL] will be discussed at the February meeting.

Other planning matters. Blindwells. SHDC planners wrote recently to RC on the matter of second homes to assert the approved application and decision notice [2954/20/ARC] did not have to include the stipulations on second homes found in the Made [finalised] Strete neighbourhood Plan. RC has sought advice from his consultant and DALC on this. JB thought the decision of the Inspector [APP/K1128/W/19/3228098] which excluded a second home requirement would carry more weight and the only option is to go to judicial review which is lengthy and expensive.

RC also mentioned the unresolved point on disposal of sewerage through a neighbouring property's system. It was explained this is a civil matter between the landowner and the developer. But an enforcement could be raised if permission had not been granted. Finally, the matter of when the works were supposed to have started was discussed. The decision notice stated a start date of 25th September 2021 but councillors had asked about this when they saw no works taking place. RF asked the council to send evidence in emails and correspondence to Patrick Whymer and himself so that an enforcement could be raised. The developer could apply for a Certificate of lawfulness. **Resolved RC will send the information requested to RF and Patrick Whymer.**

PH referred to the plans to upgrade fibre broadband for Strete. Openreach had been in contact with RC and the Clerk. Gemma Bristow at SHDC should know about the plans if there are any questions.

0122/5 UPDATES ON STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

No	Project	Target	Resolved - latest
1	Night Landing Site for Air Ambulance.	Operational by May '22	Sites continue to be considered. DR spoke to the tenant farmer about Cox's Barn Field who advised contacting the land agent. £1,010.47 is held in reserves toward the project.
2	Enhanced vehicle Speed Control measures in the village.	Operational by May '22	Vision Zero granted £2,345 toward a second VAS machine. To liaise with DCC Highways James Anstee as required on the project and get his advice on a new VAS. The Clerk to ask Stoke Fleming PC how useful their new VAS machine is. It was suggested parishioners be consulted on the traffic calming measures at Manor Farm [Item 9].

3	Raise Awareness of any forthcoming Green Grants for domestic heating, insulation etc.	When grants are available	The drop-in event in Village Hall scheduled for January 15 th had to be cancelled due to health concerns. It will be reconvened later in the year. PH has requested £400 from RF's Biodiversity and Climate Change fund toward this initiative.
4	Secure electric vehicle public charging facility in the village.	Operational by May '22	This is ongoing. RF noted the planned EV charging points at Follaton House have been held up by Western Power not being able to put in infrastructure.
5	Identify sites for tree planting in the village.	Plant trees in winter 21/22	KG will plant 75 oak saplings at Manor Farm. LN plans to replace old/diseased trees at Asherne. Robert Newman may plant more resilient trees on the coastal path. LN noted any tree planting must consider proximity to roads as tree surveys had to be undertaken periodically. The Clerk confirmed the 'common' land beside the A379/Harbour Lights had a prior claim registered. IC noted there was a good number of trees there already.
6	Agree and sign up to an Action Statement on the Climate Change Emergency.	Target met at the October 2021 meeting.	It was resolved at the October meeting to endorse the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill going through parliament.

Other matters.

Steps at Strete Gate. RF confirmed the planned expansion of the car park at Strete Gate now meant the steps will be replaced as part of that upgrade. He offered funding for the planting of wild flower seeds.

Monument at Strete Gate. This was raised in the District Councilor's report and presented to the Council for discussion as agreed at the meeting on January 5th. **Councillors discussed Plan B where Strete PC would handle works and recharge costs to the other five parishes.** IC wondered if the contract length might be cut to five years and Strete PC use our own contractors. LN agreed and noted that in ten years there was likely a change in councillors and this was a big commitment. RC thought a better deal was likely with a longer contract. PH noted the other parish[es] would still have obligations to inspect the site when significant events were planned e.g., the D-day commemoration. DR wondered if Strete had enough manpower to do the work ourselves and if the Council could bring in contractors to do some of the work. Volunteers could do small works such as litter picking. RC thought a working party would deal better with the works but it would have to report back and payments be handled through the Council. He also thought a break clause after five years would allow earlier exit.

Resolved in principal councillors are happy with Plan B provided a five-year break clause was included in the agreement.

Waste contract. GC reported another council [Ashprington] had hired a bin lorry to do a one-off collection of all the green waste in their parish. **Resolved GC will research the hire of a bin lorry including costs and report back.**

0122/6(a) FINANCE

Four cheques were listed for payment on the agenda, invoices circulated before the meeting and invoices approved for payment at the meeting.

1814 – Mr C Ellis toward cost of bench repair in Village Green. £56.	1815 – Information Commissioner annual registration fee £40.
1816 – Clerk salary for January £266.25.	1817 – Strete Parish Hall hire December £30.

It was proposed and AGREED by all present to authorise the payments as enumerated above.

0122/6(b) FINANCE

The Clerk presented the monitoring statements for January 2022. **It was resolved the monitoring statements would be put on the website and the noticeboards.**

0122/6(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £11,109.56CR Current account at 7/01/22, £11,309.40CR Business Reserve account at 7/01/22.

0122/6(d) FINANCE

The Clerk will send out an updated budget spreadsheet for budget proposals to be input.

0122/7 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

Resolved The contract for buddle hole cleaning will be put out and quotes obtained back for the February meeting. IC confirmed the two buddle holes in Vicarage Lane are included in the contract.

Sweeping. Resolved RC will talk with Mark Rowe about contract proposals for the sweeping of roads. This will remain four times a year and include the Fuge Road. **LN will talk with Mark Wall about the use of his tip for sweep rubbish.** RC would like to issue a two-year contract.

Grass cutting quotes. Resolved GC will contact Terry Hallett, The Clerk will contact Chris Reeve and David Harris.

0122/8 PLATINUM JUBILEE

There is a meeting on February 17th at 7pm with village groups to discuss the plans for Strete. The attendees include representatives from the Church, the Village Hall committee, the Social Club, the Pub and the Chapel.

0122/9 MANOR FARM ROADWORKS

This was taken under the County Councillor's report.

0122/10 CLERK'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting Banking. The Clerk received an electronic mandate from Bankline to complete. **For note.**

Model Publication Scheme. To carry over to February. **For note.**

Councillor advocate report on police visit. A full transcript of the meeting is on the notice-boards. Sgt Jon Croft from Dartmouth met with four councillors to discuss policing in the Village. Information and advice included the best ways to contact the police, information on a recent burglary and theft of tools and how to deal with neighbour disputes. **For note.**

Fence by the South West Coast Path. Louise kindly spoke with Robert Newman who has this in hand. **For note.**

Post box on Hynetown Road. Royal Mail replied on 17th January to confirm they would not replace the post-box as there is another one by the Shop and this is around 200m away. **Resolved PH to write to Royal Mail to request the post box be reinstalled and to emphasise the need for a safe post box nearby the many elderly residents. The report was received.**

0122/11 CHAIR'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting. Precept. At this time last year for the 2021/22 precept, the Parish Council managed to get away with a 1% inflationary rise in the precept from £13,000 to £13,130. For the 2022/23 precept, Councillors agreed unanimously at the December meeting to go for an increase from £13,130 to £14,000, which represents a 6.6% increase. Whilst reasonably happy that we would be able to maintain the current level of services as per the present budget, Councillors were concerned about inflationary pressures. Some contractors have already indicated that prices would be rising in 2022, mainly due to increased transport and energy costs and the knock-on impact on the cost of living.

However, since the December meeting, SHDC has provided the PC with updated information on the number of registered properties in the village, which is always expressed as 'Band D equivalents' rather than actual numbers of houses. For 2022-23 this has risen from 286.79 to 302.04, which means that the Strete Precept gets shared amongst more households than in 2021-22. So, the outcome is that despite a larger allowance for inflation, the Parish charge for a Band D household will rise from £45.78 to 46.35, a rise of 57 pence or just 1.25%. Other bands will rise by a similar proportion.

Funding for improvements to public amenities in Strete. The demolition of the old bungalow and clearance of the site in December marks the start of redevelopment at Blindwells on Hynetown Road for the erection of three new properties. Simultaneously, this month a

planning application was submitted seeking approval of materials and finishes for the new properties. Of concern is the fact that the new application was accompanied by a sketch showing an artist's impression of the site from the rear in which three swimming pools are clearly depicted.

Residents will recall that a planning application for the pools was rejected in the Autumn of 2021, and the PC is in correspondence with the SHDC Planning Dept to ensure that the decision is enforced. The new application does not appear to mention the swimming pools; however, the PC is concerned that the Developer is building a case to be referred to at a later date for the pools to be deemed permitted development retrospectively. The PC is also unsure as to the intended arrangement for foul water sewer disposal from the new properties, as we believe that still no arrangement has been agreed with local residents. This is also being taken up with SHDC.

As part of the process of gaining planning permission from South Hams District Council (SHDC) for these new properties, the Developers have been required to lodge a Section 106 sum of approximately £12,000 with SHDC, which is to be used towards improvements to the public facilities in the village. The agreement document states that the money is to be spent on projects in any of three community areas:

• **The Village Green • The Village Playpark • Blackbird Wood.**

The funding is held safe by SHDC on behalf of Strete Parish Council. The PC now needs to identify, cost and put forward suitable projects so that the funds may be drawn down. Whilst the Village Green and the Village Playpark are managed and operated directly by the Parish Council, Blackbird Wood is held in Trust by the "Nan and John Smithes 1997 Charitable Trust – Melro de Smithes Wood" and is managed by a Board of Trustees. The PC has advised the Trustees about the availability of funding and clearly any proposals for improvements at Blackbird Wood would have to be agreed by the Trust. The PC will seek to hear resident's views and ideas on how and where the money should be spent and intends to conduct a feedback session on this matter at the annual Village Meeting in May. **Resolved the views of residents be sought at the annual meeting of parish electors in April or May.**

Bus Consultation by Devon County. DCC's Bus Service Improvement Plan is currently out for consultation and objection with the bus companies. A public consultation period will follow on, commencing 16th January. Details are available online.

Contracts. The repair to the bus shelter is complete. The Parish Council is currently out to tender for Village Sweeping and Buddle Hole Drainage maintenance (3-year contract).

Road Safety. A plan has been drawn up to install enhanced road markings and speed signs to form a 'Village Gateway' on the Totnes Road entrance, with the aim of reducing traffic speeds. The plan involves relocation of the VAS radar device to a point nearer to the entrance to Start Bay Park. The issue will be discussed at the January PC meeting, together with procurement of a second VAS device.

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Anniversary. A meeting between interested parties will be convened shortly. **Slapton Line Partnership.** Nothing further to report at present, we are expecting an SLP meeting to be convened shortly. SHDC and DCC have advised that they are carrying out a limited amount of work to reposition some existing beach protection rocks at the middle car park on Slapton Line.

Proposed relocation of the Slapton Line Memorial. The first of two face-to-face meetings to discuss and agree the maintenance and funding proposals between the 6 Parish Councils took

place on 5th January. Julian Brazil was unable to Chair the meeting due to his need to isolate following a Covid related issue – Piers Spence from Stokenham PC stepped in and chaired the meeting at short notice. Considerable progress was made, with a stated preference for the maintenance work to be carried out by the FSC using their own contractors, but funded by the 6 Parishes, with contributions made annually in proportion to their relative PC populations. If this proposal is rejected by the FSC (Piers is discussing this with them) then the Plan B preference is for Strete Parish Council to organise and control the work using their usual contractors, with the same shared funding model. The Parishes preferred that such an agreement should run for a period of ten years from handover of the monument in its new location. The situation needs to be discussed by Strete PC at the January meeting, as ‘Plan B’ would place a fair amount of extra work on individual Strete councillors and clerk. A second 6-Parish meeting is planned for Thursday 4th February, where it is hoped that the response from FSC will be known so that a revised draft agreement document may be produced and discussed at the meeting. Meanwhile the PC has been notified that SHDC have temporarily closed one half of the middle car park on the Slapton Line, to fix large pot holes.

Climate Change Emergency. Unfortunately, the Home Energy Efficiency Residents meeting arranged for Saturday morning 15th January had to be cancelled. Citizens Advice staff are currently unable to attend face-to-face meetings due to CA’s policy regarding Covid precautions. We will attempt to rearrange the meeting later in the year once this restriction is lifted.

Waste Collections Nothing further to report. We await advice from Cllr Foss regarding reinstatement of brown bin collections and the state of the SHDC contract.

Night Landing Site for the Devon Air Ambulance. A couple of further possible candidate sites are being explored. **Post Box on Hynetown Road.** Royal Mail has replied to our complaint about summary removal and has stated that it is not intending to replace the Hynetown Road post box. The Parish Council is likely to appeal this decision, based on the road safety issues for some residents of accessing the post box beside the village shop.

The Kings Arms Community Pub. The Kings Arms is currently closed for annual maintenance and will reopen on Friday 28th January.

Re-instatement of Steps at Strete Gate Car Park. Councillor Foss has verbally advised that he has again discussed reinstatement of the removed wooden steps with the relevant SHDC Department. Replacement will be carried out as part of other expansion work planned for this Car Park.

BT Broadband Improvements. The PC understands that BT Openreach are about to embark upon a major infrastructure upgrade in the village which will involve installing fibre optic cable up to premises. This is expected to significantly raise the available broadband speeds and broadband reliability. There is no firm information available as yet, but the PC understands Openreach is in the planning stage and has Government funding available for the work.

Coronavirus Pandemic. In the week 4th to 10th January the South Hams infection rate was 977 cases per 100,000, with 859 cases reported that week, down 139 on the previous week. This compares with an average for England of 1357 for the same period, so we are considerably lower than elsewhere. 83% of people have had two doses of vaccine, and 68% have had a booster. Thankfully the death rate has remained flat. Mercifully, it seems that the effects of the Omicron variant are less severe than first feared, although it is clearly far more easily transmitted than other variants. Is it too early to assert that ‘Peak Omicron’ is behind us?

The Chair’s report was received

0122/12 CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

This was discussed in 0122/5. KG asked when the postponed meeting would reconvene. **Resolved GC will find out from Citizens Advice and other bodies when they will be back in circulation.**

0122/13 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Reports had been circulated prior to the meeting. PH. This report was given under 0122/11.

KG. Slapton Line Partnership and AONB. KG had nothing to report in addition to the meeting to discuss the proposed relocation of the Slapton Line Monument which she had attended on 5th January.

LN. Roads: hedges, litter and local transport. I am disappointed to see how much litter is on the A379 and suggest I organise another litter pick for February perhaps the 19th February if that is suitable for everyone. The white AV sign which used to be opposite Asherne gate has become detached and is now by Asherne gate I think it should be reported. **Resolved LN to arrange a litter pick for 19th February.**

There are some quite bad potholes on the road from Blackpool beach up to Southwood. **The Clerk to report the potholes.** The milestones are fine.

DR. Health and safety, Parish Hall liaison. The defibrillator continues to be monitored regularly and reported to the South West Ambulance Service.

Platinum Jubilee. Following a recent meeting of the village hall committee, a number of issues were discussed and the following actions agreed. A meeting is to be arranged between representatives of the council, pub, church, village hall and ladies social club to agree who will be doing what and plan the programme of events. On the Thursday will be the lighting of the beacon at Manor Farm, and the hall committee would like to oversee the arrangements for a Strete Picnic to be held on the Sunday on Hyne Town Road between 2pm and 4pm, or 3pm and 5pm. This will require an application for a road closure order from 12.00 to 6.00pm to allow for the setting up and clearing away. The idea is that tables and chairs will be set out on the road in front of the hall with plenty of bunting, and all those attending will bring whatever they want to eat and drink in the form of a picnic, although tea and coffee will be available from the hall. To add atmosphere, a medley of music covering the last seventy years is being arranged by Trish Robertson from the Laughing Monk played through loud speakers. A competition for the best plate of Jubilee Buns would be the children to enter. Funding would also be sought for a commemorative coin/mug also for the children.

Forthcoming events planned in the hall are to include a skittles/curling evening in February, and an Auction of Promises evening with Supper for Saturday 2nd April. This is to be hosted by a local auctioneer often seen on Homes under the Hammer. Pledges for the evening are already being sought.

Strete Village Day. With the events of the Queens Jubilee having taken place in June, and the uncertainty of the availability of the paddock owned by Mrs Hollis, it has been decided to hold instead a Village BBQ with Jazz at the beginning of August.

Salt. I have already delivered 15 bags of salt to local residents, and some 23 bags have already been collected from outside the village hall. We now only have one more pallet of salt to dispose of!! **Poo and litter bins** continue to be emptied without any issues.

IC. Rights of Way, Tree warden, Strete Gate and Playpark. Footpaths, Paths are in reasonable condition, given the wet conditions over the Christmas/ New year period.

Greenery is beginning to 'stir' a little, but still some more 'Winter' to come...! Most paths are clear of overgrowth at the moment, with the occasional fallen branch partially obstructing.

Strete Gate; - Carpark is fairly clear of debris, with just a couple of branches to deal with, which may become an issue if not 'sorted' soon. Strete Gate corner, (or now, I think more appropriate to call it K9 & Koffee Corner...!) is widely used, but currently clear of litter.

Trees; - Well, nothing to report, apart from the obvious 'Felling' of the delightful Larch at Blossom's Pasture. (Roger would be most upset, if he knew...!) The sad part about all of this tree removal, is that Very little can be done, particularly when properties "change hands." The logistics of Blanket T.P.O. 's in an entire village, are a nightmare...! I thoroughly agree that SOMETHING ought to be put in place to help protect existing trees. GC asked about how TPOs could be arranged and IC replied it is a matter of identifying suitable specimens to protect and then to apply for a TPO on these individually. **Play Park:** - Having checked the list of relatively small faults 'flagged up', I have dealt with some of them already, but a few more fittings to be renewed/replaced. Grass is long now, but the mole-hill soil needs to be moved prior to cutting, otherwise it will make a substantial mess...!

RC. Planning and Neighbourhood Plan, road maintenance including sweeping and Kings Arms liaison. Neighbourhood Plan. The Examiner's Report was formerly accepted by Parish Council members at the Parish Council meeting on 16th December 2021. Update on finalising the amendment into the NP is still awaited from SHDC. RC noted legal advice should be back next week.

The Kings Arms. The Kings Arms had a reasonably successful December although this was somewhat disrupted by the government Covid restrictions and the reluctance of many in the community to join the partying in the lead up to Christmas and on New Years' Eve. Those that did attend for New Year had a great time.

A 'thank you' evening was arranged in January for the many unpaid volunteers who have supported the Kings Arms since opening in October 2020. This provided an opportunity for some members of the Management Team to meet with the volunteers and discuss ways to strengthen the volunteer team in 2022 as this is a vital part of ensuring the success of the village community run pub. The Kings Arms closed after Sunday lunch on 09/01/2022 to allow planned, necessary maintenance works to proceed during a typically quiet time after the Christmas & New Year holidays. Maintenance works includes deep cleaning the kitchen and extraction system, decorating the dry store area, servicing the hot water & heating boiler and repairing panelling in the cellar. In addition, the dining area and bar will have been deep-cleaned together with the outside terrace cleaned and prepared for sealing the joints. The gardening volunteer team has re-started.

The Kings Arms will reopen on Friday 28/01/2022. Event planning is well underway with something planned through February and March. Events information is posted on: - <https://kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk/> and <https://www.facebook.com/kingsarmsatstrete/> as well as by email to signed up subscribers to the Kings Arms email listing. Steve (chef) and his team, look forward to welcoming back old and new customers to enjoy their mix of fresh, simple, home-made food Wednesday to Saturday with a traditional roast on Sunday.

The Management Team have tentative plans for Front of House as the Kings Arms prepares to build up for February half-term, Easter and the summer season ahead. As Covid restrictions ease the pub Management Team and staff will continue to ensure the pub provides a safe environment for the community together with providing a warm welcome and enjoyable experience.

Village Road Sweeping. The next Village Sweep is planned for Tuesday 8th February. Those properties with vehicles parked on the highway are requested to arrange the removal of their vehicles on this day to assist the sweeper driver to ensure a clean sweep of the routes through the village. It would also be helpful if grass bank/hedge cutting and weed removal could also be undertaken in advance of sweeping.

New sweeper quotations have been sought for budget expenditure during 2022/23.

Price increases have become the norm and this has affected the cost for sweeping the village roads. However, the Parish Council wishes to ensure the community that it continues to strive for value for money whilst providing the valuable services lost through funding cut-backs at District and County level.

GC. Village Green, Prideaux Lane, campervans and carparks, social care and Slapton Line partnership Village Green. The contractor did recut the field late on as it had grown a lot. Further quotes for grass cutting have been asked for ready for a new 2-year contract starting in April. We need to remove some of the bulky buddleia branches on the village field in the next 2 months before growth restarts.

Citizens Advice (CA) has not been readily available in Dartmouth for a month or so, and the TQ6 hub that would have housed it was affected by a bad fire in December and is not in use still. Alternative arrangements for CA access are being arranged in the community cafe in the Market place and a further access point is being offered by the Dartmouth Academy. It is always possible to get advice from CA by phoning their advice helpline even when no face-to-face meetings are available on 0800 144 8848. Further possibilities are by video link from your own computer and webchat. go to www.citizensadvice.org.uk for written advice etc. Due to staffing changes and disruption in the building work at the hub, the TQ6Community Partnership which covers Dartmouth and surrounding villages has had a low profile for a couple of months but with an excellent new coordinator in post the future is exciting.

Reports were received.

0122/14 CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence has been circulated to councillors.

0122/15 OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.

0122/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 17th February 2022. Venue in the Parish Hall unless otherwise advised. **THE MEETING WAS CLOSED** at 8.54 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Peter Hales (Chair) Dated: 17th FEBRUARY 2022

CHSW Easter Fair

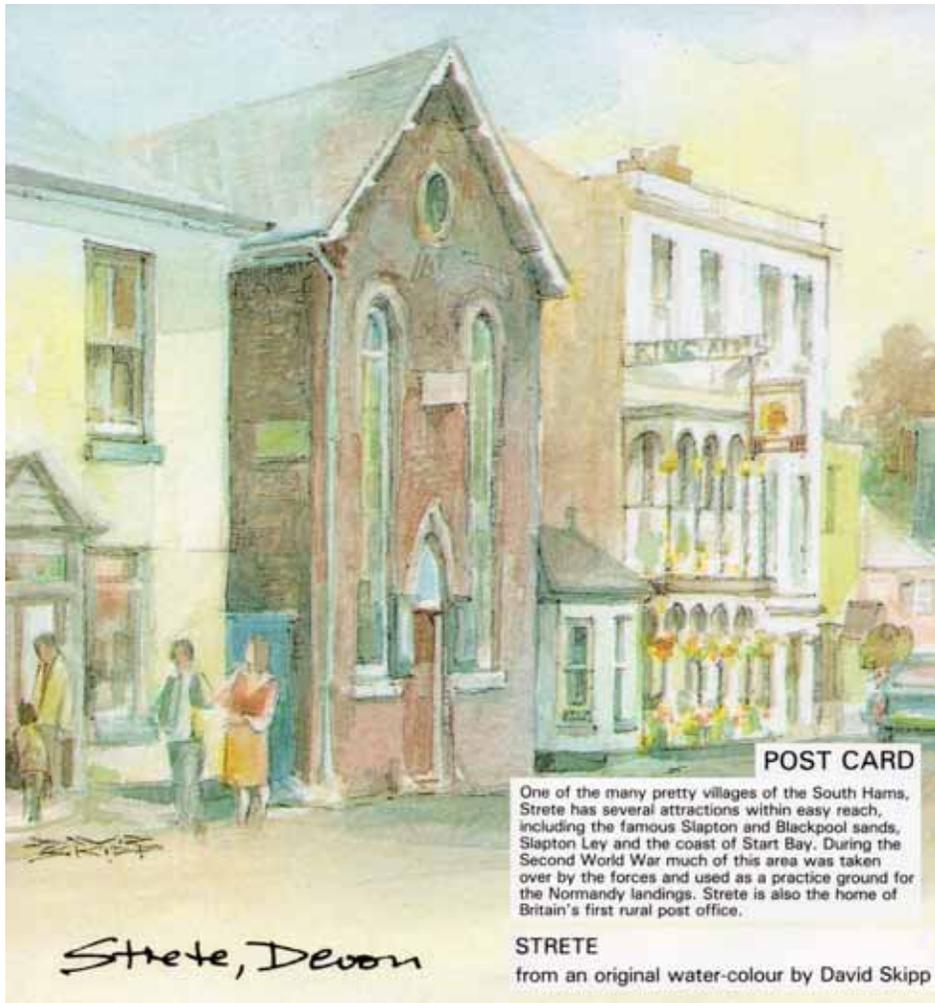
There'll be an Easter Fair, raising funds for Children's Hospice South West, on Saturday 2nd April in

The Old Market in Dartmouth from 10am to 3pm.

Lots of lovely gifts, cakes, crafts, cards, jewellery and much more, including balloon sculpturing and also the children's Dashing Devon Dukes playing their ukuleles for us. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated Easter Hats. All proceeds from this event will help CHSW to continue to provide essential specialist care and support for over 500 families with life-limited children in the South West.

Contact Sue Tweed, 01803 770730 or tweed833@btinternet.com.





Now that life is returning to more like normal I hope that we shall all continue to use and support the Village Shop as much as we can. Andy, Monica and Sally were so fantastic all through the last 2 years of the pandemic and especially during the lockdowns - delivering all our needs to our doors. With the price of fuel rocketing upwards, it makes even more sense to make use of what we have within walking distance rather than using our cars to go to the supermarkets in town. If they don't have what you want in stock, then just ask and they will get it for you – from large economy/family size of washing powder and frozen peas to small tins of Heinz baked beans – nothing is a problem for them. So many thanks Andy, Monica and Sally (and not forgetting Jackie when they are having some well earned R&R!) Keep safe everyone – Covid is still out there. **Liane.**

the
Kings Arms

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The pub reopened at the end of January after the break for maintenance with a warming winter menu, the regular addition of daily specials and a bunch of events...so it's been full steam ahead and pretty busy for what can be a quiet time of year for pubs in these parts. And the support has been fantastic, whether visiting for a drink or a meal, picking up takeaways or coming to the various events. In fact, many of the events fill up pretty quickly so one disappointment is that the team have had to turn people away – something we hope to mitigate by buying a couple more tables.

Highlights included the Games Night, or Pub Sports World Championships, which saw a highly competitive evening, won by some visiting elite athletes. Special thanks to Peter Hales for organising this.

The music nights have been lively, lots of group singing - and at the March night over £100 was raised for the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine when the bucket was passed round. We've had some great performances, whether folk from the likes of Wez Richmond or Anfer, or the technically brilliant gypsy jazz of the Manouche Jazz Quartet.

Sunday roasts continue to grow in reputation, and for Mothering Sunday, the team introduced two sittings it's of course great that the pub is getting this level of custom.

Don't forget, as well as the normal menu, there are dinner specials most days, whether the regular specials like Fishy Fridays, Curry Night or Steaks, or the one-offs that depend on whatever Steve likes the look of in the morning.

Looking ahead, in April there's two Fishy Fridays, Pam's Tea & Cake Get Together, the quiz and a Music Night. As it's the Easter holiday and the weather will be glorious, best to book ahead.

In May, the plan is to open the pub seven days a week in some capacity. Exact plans will be announced nearer the time - so please check ahead.

On May Day Bank Holiday, with the Pirate Festival at Brixham, some ne'er-do-wells will be landing at Strete, with our own off-shoot daytime family Pirate Festival, with fancy dress, sea shanties, grog and walking the plank.

Across May there will be the quiz, the village lunch will be back, two Fishy Fridays, Pam's tea & Cake Get-together, a Curry Night and lots of seasonal specials. So, there's always a good reason to visit the pub.

It might seem a long way off but the biggy this year will be the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend. It's going to be a memorable event with lots to do here in Strete over the four days. The current plan is:

Thursday 2nd June: a Church concert at 6pm with Beacon lighting at 9pm at Manor Farm

Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th: a beer festival and BBQ at the Kings Arms with live music and more, across both days.

Sunday 5th June: there will be a church service and then the Strete Street Party in Hynetown Road, in the form of a picnic, with coffee/tea and group photo to be taken of villagers for posterity.

More announcements will be made on this in due course from the various groups involved.

Finally, there are a number of new people in the village and surroundings. If that's you, please make sure you pop in to say hello...you'll find a warm welcome! 01803 770027

To book the village lunch, please contact Ralph Clark on ralph.clark@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk. To book Pam's Tea & Cake Get-together, please contact Pam Wills on pcwills@gmail.com.



the Kings Arms

Now it's getting warmer, the sun is shining and the garden is looking lovely...time for a visit to your community pub!

April

Wednesday 13th. Quiz Night, with full food menu available. 7pm

Friday 15th. Fishy Friday. Market specials & unbeatable offers. 5.30-8.30pm

Sunday 17th. Easter Sunday Roast Dinner. From 12pm

Thursday 21st. Sing along at Music Night. 7pm

Thursday 28th. Pam's Tea & Cake Village Get-together. 3pm

Friday 29th. Fishy Friday. Market specials & unbeatable offers. 5.30-8.30pm

May

Monday 2nd, May Day. Family Pirate Event from 12pm

Wednesday 11th. Quiz Night, with full food menu available. 7pm

Thursday 12th. The Village Lunch. Contact Ralph Clark to book.

Friday 13th. Fishy Friday. Market specials & unbeatable offers. 5.30-8.30pm

Thursday 19th. Sing along at Music Night. 7pm

Saturday 21st. Curry Night. Takeaway or sit in. 5.30-8.30pm

Thursday 26th. Pam's Tea & Cake Village Get-together. 3pm

Friday 27th. Fishy Friday. Market specials & unbeatable offers. 5.30-8.30pm

Saturday 28th. Steak Specials. Three steaks to choose from! 5.30-8.30pm

Call 01803 770027 to book



Strete Social Club

22nd MARCH 2022

Several ladies plus guests met for their fortnightly meeting. Business quickly dealt with our speaker for the afternoon was introduced. Juliet Cotter spoke of her business, Welbeing Essences, with a great display of her products set before us.

She spoke of how she makes the various sprays and ointments using herbs and adding alcohol to preserve the potions and of what benefit they were to ease pain and help with relaxation. She described each one and then went around offering us a sample which resulted in the members rubbing into various parts of the area where they were suffering from pain and discomfort. Several said how they could feel a difference. One ointment which was her miracle ointment she first made this twelve years ago and it had many uses especially for inflammatory problems.

One of her essence sprays which she sprayed over our heads was a calming mist. Persons from the military who have experienced Trauma found this spray very beneficial. We admired the lovely perfume this spray gave.

She read out testimonials of her products and we are fortunate here in Strete that our local Shop stocks them.

She was thanked by Karen and tea and biscuits were then served, when much chat went on and many were lucky in winning one of the various draw prizes.



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In these challenging days there is still much that we can be so grateful for. The beauty that surrounds us daily, the bulbs that are bursting through with an array of wondrous colours and the lambs that are beginning to appear in the fields. We are constantly being reminded by Mother Nature of the ongoing 'Wheel of Life'.

There is an opportunity for us all to come together as a community to raise funds for the current situation in Ukraine with the Auction of Promises on Saturday 9th April at 6.45pm in Strete Parish Hall. Please do come to this event if you are able to.

In this edition, we have a wonderful interview with Nathan Strong, a remarkable young man whose ideas are both exciting and innovative.

What are some of the most positive things about living in Strete for you, as a young person?

"What springs to mind for me are security, safety and freedom. I have lived in Hynetown road for the past ten years and would say I am probably a 'restless spirit'! I am currently two thirds of my way through a Bachelors degree and my final year will be in Plymouth. I have also found in Strete friends with whom I can discuss one of my biggest passions with which is, of course, politics."

Tell me about your proudest moment outside of your daily routine.

"Certainly one of the proudest moments for me is that I am the first in my family to go to University."

Who are your heroes?

"I have always enjoyed the English singer, songwriter and author, Steven Patrick Morrissey, lead singer with 'The Smiths' before he pursued a successful solo career."

Thinking outside the box for a moment, what would you like to see yourself doing in later years?

"I would like to be engaged in political decisions and certainly be right in the thick of everything!"



Almond and Lemon Meltaways

Ingredients

170g unsalted butter
120g icing sugar
Zest of one lemon
75g almonds, finely chopped
210g plain flour
1/4 teaspoon of fine sea salt

Method

- Preheat your oven to 180C (Fan 160C).
- Lightly grease a baking tray and line with greaseproof paper.
- Place butter, half the icing sugar, chopped almonds and lemon zest in a food processor until combined - or mix together in a bowl.
- Add the flour and salt. Pulse until the dough starts to clump together.
- Make the dough into a rectangle, cover with cling film and place in the fridge for an hour.
- Roll the dough out to about 1cm in thickness and place on the baking tray. Put in the preheated oven for 12-15 mins or until golden brown.
- Leave to cool for 10 mins then cut into squares. Sprinkle the remaining icing sugar over the top of the meltaways.



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Q3: What record does Linda Lou Taylor of Indiana hold?

Q4: What is the record length for finger nails?

Q5: Most cock-roaches eaten in a minute?

Q6: The most canned drinks opened by a parrot in one minute is ?

Q7: What is the weight record for the world's heaviest lemon ?

Q8: What is the worlds most "deadliest lake"?

Q9: What is the weight of the world's heaviest carrot ?

Q10: Most baked beans eaten with chopsticks in one minute ?

Q11: What is the world's smallest mammal ?

Q12: What is one of the most confiscated items at airports from the U.K.?

Q13: How many cups of tea per day are consumed in the UK?

Q14: Which planet is the only one to spin clockwise?

Q15: Why would you dial the emergency number (113) In South Korea?

Q16: Why is it illegal to only own one guinea pig in Switzerland?

Q17: Which national anthem has no words?

Q18: What colour do you see If you open your eyes in a pitch-black room?

Answers on page 72

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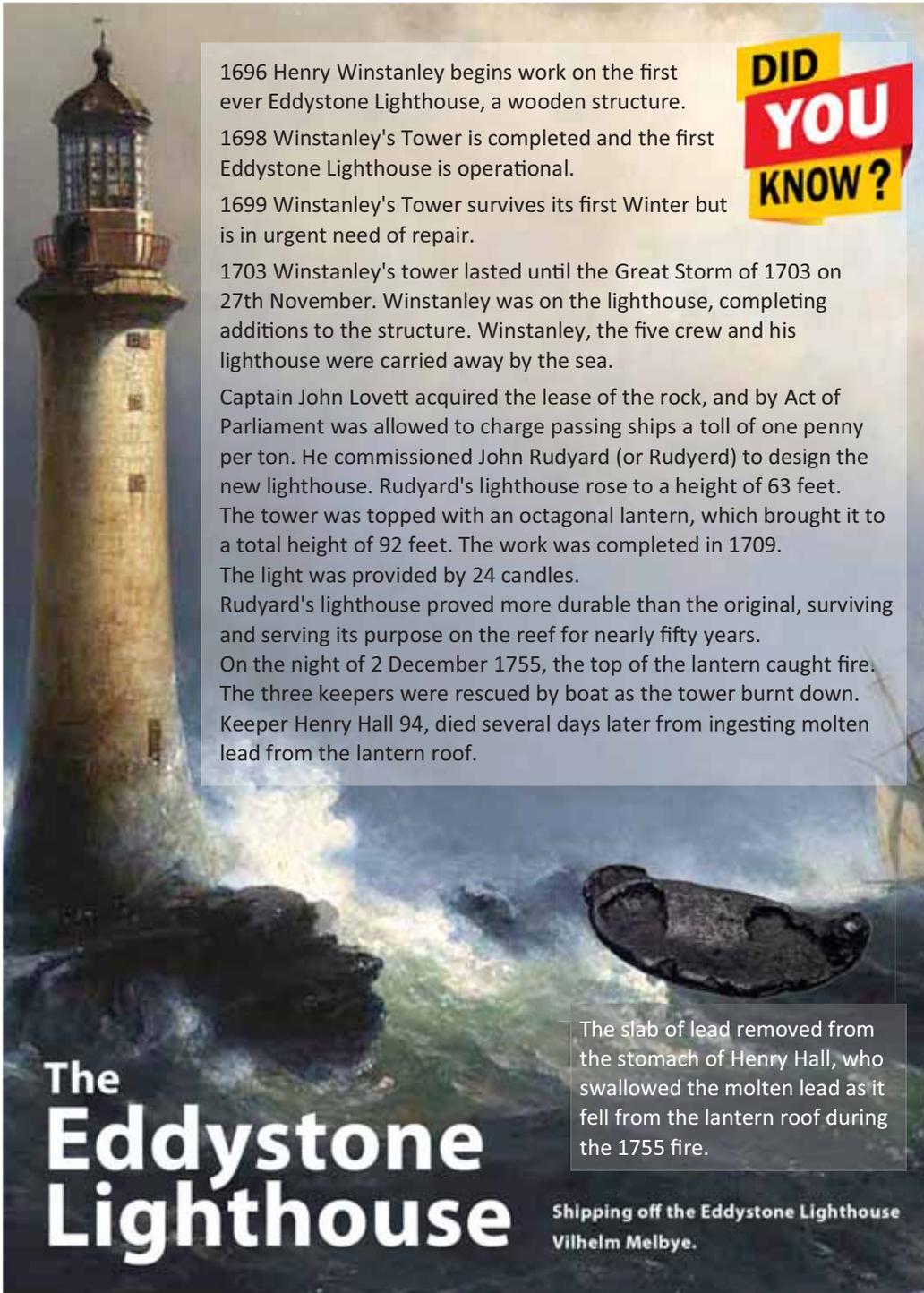
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1696 Henry Winstanley begins work on the first ever Eddystone Lighthouse, a wooden structure.

1698 Winstanley's Tower is completed and the first Eddystone Lighthouse is operational.

1699 Winstanley's Tower survives its first Winter but is in urgent need of repair.

1703 Winstanley's tower lasted until the Great Storm of 1703 on 27th November. Winstanley was on the lighthouse, completing additions to the structure. Winstanley, the five crew and his lighthouse were carried away by the sea.

Captain John Lovett acquired the lease of the rock, and by Act of Parliament was allowed to charge passing ships a toll of one penny per ton. He commissioned John Rudyard (or Rudyerd) to design the new lighthouse. Rudyard's lighthouse rose to a height of 63 feet. The tower was topped with an octagonal lantern, which brought it to a total height of 92 feet. The work was completed in 1709.

The light was provided by 24 candles.

Rudyard's lighthouse proved more durable than the original, surviving and serving its purpose on the reef for nearly fifty years.

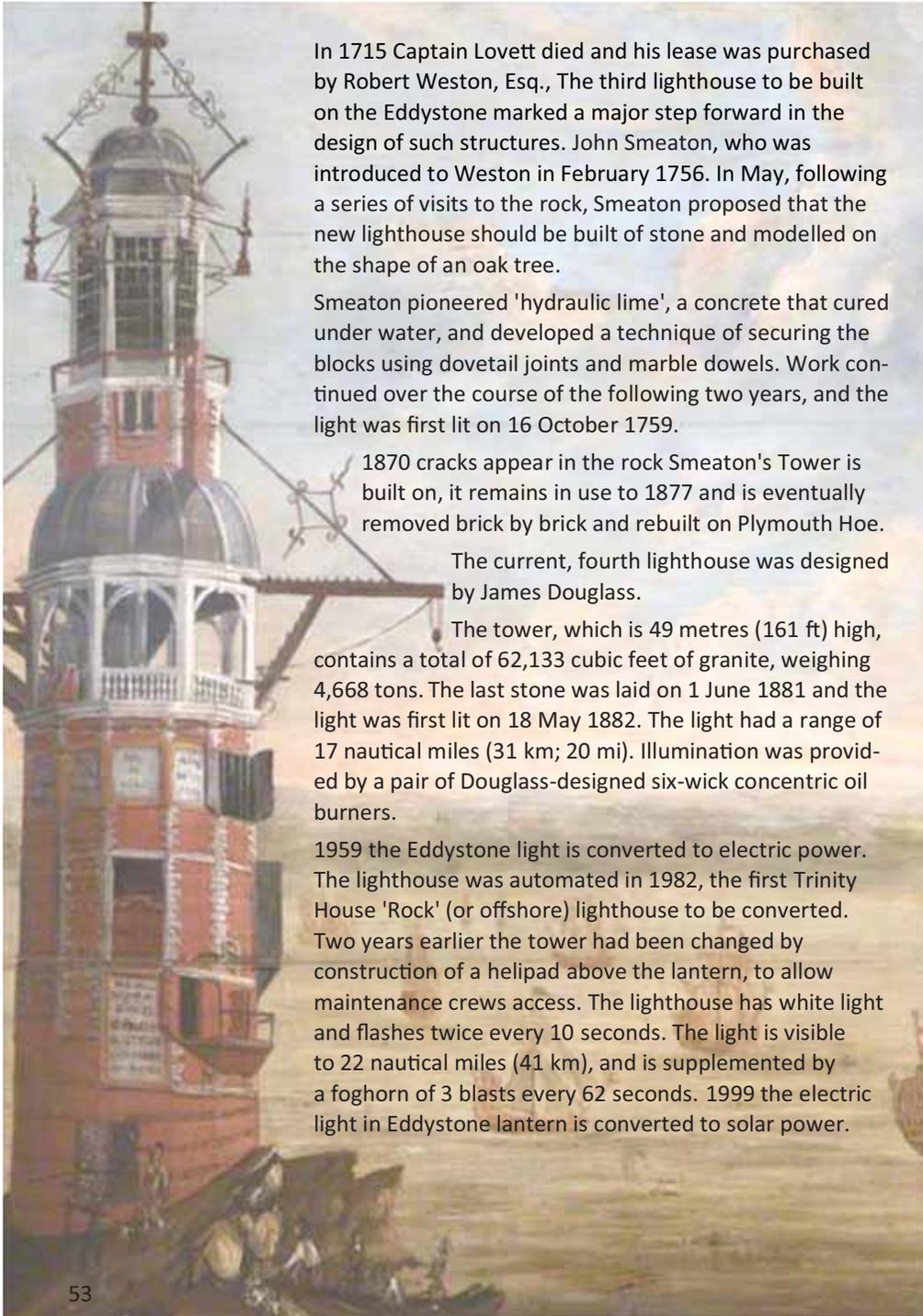
On the night of 2 December 1755, the top of the lantern caught fire. The three keepers were rescued by boat as the tower burnt down.

Keeper Henry Hall 94, died several days later from ingesting molten lead from the lantern roof.

The Eddystone Lighthouse

The slab of lead removed from the stomach of Henry Hall, who swallowed the molten lead as it fell from the lantern roof during the 1755 fire.

Shipping off the Eddystone Lighthouse
Vilhelm Melbye.



In 1715 Captain Lovett died and his lease was purchased by Robert Weston, Esq., The third lighthouse to be built on the Eddystone marked a major step forward in the design of such structures. John Smeaton, who was introduced to Weston in February 1756. In May, following a series of visits to the rock, Smeaton proposed that the new lighthouse should be built of stone and modelled on the shape of an oak tree.

Smeaton pioneered 'hydraulic lime', a concrete that cured under water, and developed a technique of securing the blocks using dovetail joints and marble dowels. Work continued over the course of the following two years, and the light was first lit on 16 October 1759.

1870 cracks appear in the rock Smeaton's Tower is built on, it remains in use to 1877 and is eventually removed brick by brick and rebuilt on Plymouth Hoe.

The current, fourth lighthouse was designed by James Douglass.

The tower, which is 49 metres (161 ft) high, contains a total of 62,133 cubic feet of granite, weighing 4,668 tons. The last stone was laid on 1 June 1881 and the light was first lit on 18 May 1882. The light had a range of 17 nautical miles (31 km; 20 mi). Illumination was provided by a pair of Douglass-designed six-wick concentric oil burners.

1959 the Eddystone light is converted to electric power. The lighthouse was automated in 1982, the first Trinity House 'Rock' (or offshore) lighthouse to be converted. Two years earlier the tower had been changed by construction of a helipad above the lantern, to allow maintenance crews access. The lighthouse has white light and flashes twice every 10 seconds. The light is visible to 22 nautical miles (41 km), and is supplemented by a foghorn of 3 blasts every 62 seconds. 1999 the electric light in Eddystone lantern is converted to solar power.



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Dart Patients Participation Group Update

The last meeting of the DPPG (Dart Patients Participation Group) was held on 22 February. A number of points were discussed at the meeting. These are summarised below.

The DPPG has a Facebook page that anyone is welcome to join. Regular updates about the practice and the work of the DPPG are posted here.

If you want to join you can find the page by keying in Dart Patient Participation Group Facebook either in a search engine or in Facebook itself.

Work continues to progress on the Health and Wellbeing Centre. Full plans for the Centre have been posted on the DPPG Facebook page. The Dart Medical Practice will be located on the first floor. A large lift will be available for people who cannot use the stairs. While the Centre is expected to open as scheduled in the Autumn, The Dart Medical Practice will relocate to the new premises later on. The date for the move is not yet known.

Within the Dart Medical Practice attention has been given to improving administrative processes. From April patients should have full access to their records online. Work is underway to make the remote booking of appointments easier and improve continuity of care enabling more patients to see their nominated doctor. Work is progressing to see if phones can be answered more quickly when patients call in.

If any resident of Strete has an issue they would like me to raise about service from the Dart Medical practice at the next DPPG meeting on 26 April, please get in touch with me either by phone on 07799 772709, or by email at pagreen1961@outlook.com.



STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

HELD AT STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

Cllr Peter Hales (PH) (Chairman); Cllr Kate Gill (KG); Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC); Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC); Cllr Julian Brazil, County Councillor, Kingsbridge Division (JB) [arrived later]; Cllr Richard Foss, District Councillor, Allington & Strete Ward (RF); Mrs. Helen Darch {Clerk}; two members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Penny Penhale as representative of the Parish Hall Committee, and Dorothy Teal as joint representative of the Parish Church and Social Club attended to discuss the plans for the Platinum Jubilee in June. RC represented the Kings Arms and the Clerk represented the Strete Chapel who confirmed they would be happy to support other groups. The Clerk also spoke on behalf of the Church. KG spoke on the beacon lighting. The Platinum Jubilee weekend will take place from 2nd to 5th June 2022. The representatives confirmed their plans for the holiday. **Tea Party. The Parish Hall Committee** offered to put on a tea party on June 5th from 2.30 to 4.30pm on the Hynetown Road outside the Parish Hall. Attendees will be asked to bring their own picnic and drinks. **The Social Club** has kindly volunteered to provide tea and coffee that afternoon. The party is by invitation with an aim to include members from each family living in the Parish. Numbers will be finalized between the Hall Committee and the Parish Council. **Resolved the Parish Hall Committee and Parish Council to agree how many people will attend the tea party.** Penny would like to put on competitions for the children. The Hall Committee will provide chairs and tables and arrange for the road to be closed for the afternoon. If the afternoon is wet the party will be held in the Village Hall. Tricia Robertson has recorded music for the party to be played on a sound system lent by the Parish Church.

A flyer is to go out in the Parish and Stretewise to publicize all the jubilee events. **Resolved PH to organize the flyer and Stretewise. RC offered to ask his distribution team to post the leaflets. The road closure to be organized.**

Jubilee mugs will be offered to all children of school age [under 16] who live in Strete. The Parish Hall committee will organize this with the help of donations, including from the Parish Council, toward the cost which will be around £750.

Jubilee photograph. Nick Shepherd has kindly offered to take a photograph of villagers on June 5th akin to the photograph taken in 2012. **Resolved the Clerk to arrange with the Church to request the church carpark is available for the photograph.**

Beacon lighting. KG has arranged with Bruno Peek the pageant master to light a beacon in Strete at 9.00pm on June 2nd. There will be refreshments afterwards at Manor Farm. A ring of beacons will be lit round Start Bay at that time and date to commemorate the Jubilee.

Flower festival. The Church will put on a flower festival for the duration of the bank holiday.

Bell ringing. The Church will arrange a ring at 9.15 pm on Thursday 2nd June. This will coordinate with other bells rung in local parishes.

Music recital. A celebration of music will be held in the Parish Church on Thursday 2nd June starting at 6pm.

Celebration service. The Church has a service of celebration on June 5th at 11am to include favourite royal hymns.

Beer festival and music. The Kings Arms Pub plans to put on a beer festival on the Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th June. The event will include food, drink and a jazz band. It will be on from 11am to 10.30pm each day. **Penny and Dorothy then left the meeting at 7.13pm.**

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

JB confirmed the 2022/23 budget for Devon County Council (DCC) had been set. There is an increase of 1.99% on services with an extra 1% on Adult Social Care. He cautioned that much of the increase in spending is being funded from reserves so it is not sustainable. However, there is an extra £1m available toward highways work.

JB kindly offered £350 toward the Jubilee celebrations from his Localities Fund.

Roads. RC asked if Lisa Edmonds and John Fewings would respond to his proposals on the Gateway Scheme [see *January minutes County Councillor report*]. **JB promised to approach Lisa and John Fewings to remind them.** Councillors raised concerns over the state of roads, and that promised road works were taking place at Hansel and not Fuge. Potholes were mentioned and it was suggested people claim compensation from DCC to prompt them to act. **JB to check with Lisa Edmonds why the Fuge Road hadn't been done yet.**

The report was received.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

RF kindly offered £100 from the Sustainable Communities Locality Fund toward the Jubilee celebrations in June. He intends to visit the Kings Arms soon with Andrew Bates the new Chief Executive of South Hams District Council [SHDC] to show him how a community pub operates. The 2022/23 budget for SHDC was set with an increase of 2% or £5 maximum on Band D. This increase represents about £200,000 a year.

RF referred again to a future shortfall in funding if government rules on the collection of business rates change [see *January report of the District Councillor*]. He commented this could see SHDC around £1m worse off over time compared with the current position.

He confirmed FCC the waste contractor will collect green-bin waste in March or April. It was likely the uncollected waste would be difficult to handle after such a long time. The obligation to collect green-bin waste is included in the contract with FCC though it is not charged for. There is some discussion on whether there should be green-bin waste collection all year or just in the summer months. Some councils follow the latter practice. The contract is under discussion and review at the moment. SHDC has allocated £200,000 for composting schemes in the Biodiversity fund and RF encouraged Strete to consider a site for recycling and composting on a long-term basis.

Blindwells. RF confirmed the original date of commencement on the decision notice for 2954/20/VAR of 25th September 2021 was incorrect and should have been 25th September 2022. The start date for the works is therefore in time. Councillors then discussed the matter and how the error had arisen. **RF suggested RC put the views of Strete Parish Council on this error and ancillary concerns in writing to the Chief Executive.** He also offered to bring the Chief Executive to a future meeting of the Council and discuss concerns.

Strete Gate. RF confirmed the steps at the carpark will be replaced as part of the expansion of the carpark.

The monument. RF, Piers Spence and Gilly Claydon had met with the Field Studies Centre [FSC] to discuss the options for maintenance of the monument when it was moved to its new site next to the Strete Gate carpark. This is on land held by the FSC. Option A i.e., the FSC look after the site and recharge costs was broadly accepted by them. Monies would be held in a separate account paid into by the parishes and which the FSC would use to defray costs. PH and Piers were working on the draft contract to go to a meeting of the six parishes on 10th March. Peter Chamberlain still needed to apply for planning permission on the site but this will be submitted soon.

Slapton Line Partnership. The new adaptation manager Sam Lew had contacted members of the Partnership to meet and introduce himself. He met with PH, KG and GC on 15th February to discuss, among other, initial exploratory questions he prepared. A workshop is planned for 5th April where the Adaptation Plan for the Line will be discussed with members of the Partnership. **The report was received.**

0222/1 APOLOGIES – Cllr Louise Newman (LN); Cllr David Rothwell (DR).

0222/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 20th January 2022

The above minutes were AGREED with one amendment [*change 'Homelands' to 'Harbour Lights' in 0122/5*] as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

0222/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Parish Councillors were invited to declare any unregistered or other interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. **IC declared an interest in Item 7 contracts and PH in Item 4 if Blindwells was discussed. RF offered to send the Clerk the latest rules on the types of declarations required as issued by the Monitoring Officer.**

0222/4 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

Planning applications consulted on. To discuss and respond to South Hams District Council on []

Asherne 0647/21/FUL Readvertisement (Additional information submitted and affecting the setting of a listed building). Construction of a stone-finished carpark. Asherne Lodge Strete TQ6 0RW. **Resolved to support with a comment that the new parking area will have no more cars than at present.** RF confirmed the application would be called to the Development Management Committee so councillors can offer evidence to support their views on how the

plans improved the highway to counter the objection expressed by Highways.

Blindwells 4447/21/FUL proposal for 3 outdoor heated swimming pools relating to the previous approved 3 residential dwellings (Resubmission of 1349/21/FUL). Blindwells Hynetown Road Strete TQ6 0RS. The application was discussed. RF informed councillors that outdoor swimming pools were now permitted development. Councillors agreed there were other outdoor pools in the vicinity. IC wondered if the three pools would impinge on the roots of trees protected under the TPO. **Resolved to object [PH abstained] with a comment on over-development.**

Kings Arms Pub. RC confirmed a planning application was in for the sign at the pub carpark. He commented the new planning portal seemed difficult to use and unresponsive.

0222/5 UPDATES ON STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

Council targets agreed for 2021/22 year.

No	Project	Target	Resolved - latest
1	Night Landing Site for Air Ambulance.	Operational by May '22	DAAT has closed their latest grant round. They will work with the parish in future funding bids. Some land in the village is still subject to probate. £1,010.47 is earmarked in reserves toward the project.
2	Enhanced vehicle Speed Control measures in the village.	Operational by May '22	Vision Zero granted £2,345 toward a second VAS machine. DCC Highways has been chased twice on the project and PH wrote to the Police and Crime Commissioner to ask them to assist in this. It is now proposed to link the gateway project with the VAS and see if the monies can be used for both initiatives. Monies to be spent by July 2022.
3	Raise Awareness of any forthcoming Green Grants for domestic heating, insulation etc.	When grants are available	Drop-in event in Village Hall to be reorganised. CAB to provide their advisors. PH has requested £400 from RF's Biodiversity and Climate Change fund toward this initiative.
4	Secure electric vehicle public charging facility in the village.	Operational by May '22	Need a volunteer.

No	Project	Target	Resolved - latest
5	Identify sites for tree planting in the village.	Plant trees in winter 21/22	Sites identified include Asherne and Manor Farm. To confirm a site to plant a Platinum Jubilee commemorative tree.
6	Agree and sign up to an Action Statement on the Climate Change Emergency.	Target met at the October 2021 meeting.	It was resolved at the October meeting to endorse the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill going through parliament.

Other matters.

Steps at Strete Gate. Discussed under District Councillor report. **Monument at Strete Gate.**

This was also raised in the District Councillor's report. **The Slapton Line Partnership.** Councillors discussed whether the Partnership should seek a more representative membership. PH expressed a desire for an action plan as well as an adaptation plan for the Line. He will send Sam Lew Strete Parish Council's responses. RF noted there is an Emergency Plan which should be sent to all the members of the Partnership. RF noted the Line wouldn't be protected at all costs but an approach of mitigation is being taken.

To confirm the Emergency Plan is available.

Dog bin. This will be installed shortly behind the Strete sign up from Manor Farm. **Playpark.** A work party will do a spring clean of the apparatus when the weather improves. IC reported a parishioner had been upset with him over the report in the minutes on an overgrown hedge there. The Clerk offered to abridge minutes for Stretewise. No decision was taken.

Road sweep. RC reported a farmer had left slurry on the road after the sweep. **Resolved the Clerk to write to the farmer to remind him of his obligations to keep the Highway clean.**

0222/6(a) FINANCE

Four cheques were listed for payment on the agenda, invoices circulated before the meeting and invoices approved for payment at the meeting. Four other invoices were subsequently received and circulated for approval at the meeting.

1818 – Clerk salary for February £266.25.	1819 – Strete Parish Hall hire January £50 in connection with meetings on 5 th January and 20 th January.
1820 – Kingsbridge websites annual hosting package £70. To be paid by card and reclaimed.	1821 – John Gilbert hedge cutting £360 plus VAT.
1822 – Mr I Cumberlidge Buddle hole clearance Nov to Feb £410.	1823 – Mr I Cumberlidge reimbursement of the cost of a Christmas tree for the Village £68.
1824 – Greenspace 2 grass cuts/strims Sept and Nov 21 £203.80	1825 – Brooking Hire Limited sweep of village Feb 21. £375 plus VAT.

It was proposed and **AGREED** by all present to authorise the payments as enumerated above.

0222/6(b) FINANCE

The Clerk presented the monitoring statements for February 2022. She stated she would update the statements for the final invoice received after these were sent out and send them to RC to upload on the website. **It was resolved the amended monitoring statements would be put on the website and the noticeboards.**

0222/6(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £10,717.31CR Current account at 10/02/22, £11,309.50CR Business Reserve account at 10/02/22.

0222/6(d) FINANCE

Resolved to carry forward a provision of £673.73 toward print costs on the Neighbourhood Plan which hadn't been billed since notified in April 2021. Resolved to carry forward the budget of £1,250 toward carbon neutral initiatives. The Clerk will send out an updated budget spreadsheet for budget proposals to be input.

0222/7 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

Resolved the contract for road sweeping to be let for two years from the year starting April 2022 to Mark Rowe in the sum of £370 plus VAT per quarter. Tipping to be provided gratis by a local farmer. This is an increase of £80 per year on the existing contract. Another tender had been received but was for £350 per quarter plus £150 tipping costs plus applicable VAT. **Resolved RC to draw up a contract to send to the Clerk to issue to Mr Rowe.**

Resolved: the contract for grass cutting and strimming to be relet to Greenspace for two years from April 2022 in the sum of £2,134.20 per year no VAT. This is an increase of £300 per year on the current contract. GC informed the meeting he had asked three contractors but received only one response. The Clerk asked two local contractors who didn't offer to bid.

Resolved the Clerk update the contract for the accepted quote and send to Greenspace.

Buddle holes. IC updated the meeting on the specification for the buddle hole contract. He had to include three more buddle holes on the scheme but commented DCC no longer provided maps of buddle holes for parishes to use. **Resolved PH to update the map for the parish with all buddle holes. The updated scope to go out to tender to the three contractors identified by the Clerk.**

0222/8 PLATINUM JUBILEE

This was discussed in the Public Forum. KG informed all she had designed a couple of desserts fitting for the jubilee. She commented a Certificate of Grateful Recognition will be sent to all participants in the Jubilee. PH noted the Parish Council will fund the free mugs to youngsters.

0222/9 CYCLIC CONTRACT WITH DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL TO MAINTAIN DRAINAGE ON THE HIGHWAY

JB had left the meeting so this was only discussed briefly. GC observed the draft specification wasn't very clear and RC felt the Parish couldn't do the works requested for only the £2,220 offered in the draft contract.

0222/10 SLAPTON LINE PARTNERSHIP

Councillors met with Sam Lew the Adaptation Manager on February 15th to discuss their points of view and concerns over the future of the Line. They felt Sam was sympathetic and had prior experience dealing with coastal erosion on the east coast. However, there is also a need for a change of emphasis from the Partnership toward looking to sustain the future of the Line. Could the shingle be reinstated along the Line for instance? GC wondered how much the rock armour placed along the Line would cost overall. Plymouth University has done an impact report which might address this. Natural England is against interventions along the Line however.

0222/11 CLERK'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting.

Annual meeting of electors. It was resolved to hold this meeting in April as in prior years before 2019 with the regular meeting of the Council to follow on. The Clerk will issue invitations and publicity for April 21st at 6.30pm.

Report on housing crisis. The Clerk had attended a Zoom meeting convened by DALC on February 2nd on the local housing crisis. **The notes of this meeting had been circulated already. For information.**

Banking. The Clerk is still dealing with this. **For note.**

Model Publication Scheme. To carry over to March.

Post box on Hynetown Road. The Council wrote to Royal Mail on 24th January to complain and ask for the post-box to be reinstated. **The report was received.**

0222/12 CHAIR'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting. The Chair report was submitted in the form of a newsletter which will go out in a flyer to parishioners in the next week.

Dear Householder, there are a few items of news that the Parish Council (PC) would like to share with you. Also, overleaf is a resident survey about leisure facilities so that you can point the PC in the right direction to suggest new improvements before the Annual Village Meeting in April.

Firstly, a word about the Precept, which is the amount of money that is transferred to the Parish Council annually from the Council Tax that all residents pay to South Hams District Council (SHDC). In December, the PC met to set the level of precept for the financial year 2022-23, which will start to be paid in April. We felt that the accounts showed that the PC could maintain the level of services for the forthcoming year in line with what is currently provided in the present budget, including grass cutting, drain cleaning, road sweeping and other activities. However, when it came to costs, the PC was concerned about the levels of inflation being reported recently (annual consumer inflation was running at around 5% in December and trending upwards). For the current financial year 2021-22 the PC had managed to hold the budget with just a 1% inflation increase on 2020-21, but it was obvious that this would not be possible for next year. So, the PC members unanimously resolved to request an increase from £13,130 to £14,000, which represents a 6.6% increase. Now for the good news!

Since the December meeting, SHDC has provided the PC with updated information on the number of registered properties in the village, which is always expressed as 'Band D equivalents' rather than actual numbers of houses. For 2022-23 this has risen from 286.79 to 302.04, which means that the Strete Precept gets shared amongst more households than in 2021-22. So, the outcome is that despite a larger allowance for inflation, the Parish charge for a Band D household will rise from £45.78 to £46.35, a rise of 57 pence or just 1.25%.

Speeding and Traffic Calming. Thanks to our Parish Clerk Helen, the PC has been awarded a grant to purchase a second VAS radar speed detector, which the PC proposes to mount on the A379 at the Dartmouth Road entrance to the village. The PC is also continuing to work on a scheme for a 'Village Gateway' on the Totnes Road entrance which will include a pattern of road markings designed to slow traffic shown in the sketch below. Funding for this proposal has been requested from Devon Highways.

Broadband. The PC has heard that over coming months BT Openreach is planning a government funded upgrade for the village which will bring greatly improved speeds and reliability by upgrading home connections to full fibre. Unfortunately, this has resulted in the erection of new telephone poles in Vicarage Lane, as Openreach could not justify the cost of burying new cables to serve just a few customers down the lane. The PC protested about this, citing concerns about new poles being installed in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Unfortunately, it seems that both the PC and South Hams District Council are powerless to protest, as Openreach have powers of permitted development and may do as operationally necessary when it comes to installing poles.

Winter Road Salt. The PC has a stock of bagged road salt to distribute to households for use in icy weather. If you wish to take a bag home, there is currently a collection point in front of the Parish Hall. No cost is involved.

Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee The 70th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II to the throne took place on 6th February 2022, this being the only occasion in history that a monarch has reached this milestone. Residents may know that the main celebrations of this important event will take place nationwide over the specially extended bank holiday weekend of Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022. Various organisations in the village are planning a series of events over this weekend, as outlined earlier in the minutes.

Jubilee Commemorative Mug. This is being arranged by the Strete Parish Hall Committee with funding from Strete Parish Council, County and District councils and other kind donors.

Resident Survey. Funding for improvements to public amenities in Strete. Many residents will be aware that after long delays, work on redeveloping the Blindwells site on Hynetown Road has now commenced with the demolition of the old bungalow and clearance of the site. Permission has been granted for the erection of three new houses. As part of the process of gaining planning permission from South Hams District Council (SHDC) for these new properties, the Developers have been required to lodge a sum of approximately £12,000 with SHDC, which is to be used towards improvements to the public facilities in the village. The agreement document (known as a Section 106 agreement) states that the money is to be spent on projects in any of three community areas:

- The Village Green
- The Village Playpark
- Blackbird Wood.

The funding is held safe by SHDC on behalf of Strete Parish Council. The PC now needs to identify, cost and put forward suitable projects so that the funds may be used. The PC is seeking to hear resident's views and ideas on how and where the money should be spent. Please fill out your response below and deposit it in the collection box in the Village Shop before Friday 11th March. Alternatively, please send a short e-mail to the Parish Clerk at this email address: - streteclerk@gmail.com.

The Village Green and the Village Playpark are managed and operated directly by the Parish Council. Blackbird Wood is held in Trust by the "Nan and John Smithes 1997 Charitable Trust – Melro de Smithes Wood" and is managed by a Board of Trustees. The PC has advised the Trustees about the availability of funding and clearly any proposals for improvements at Blackbird Wood would have to be agreed by the Trust. To take part in our survey, please answer the following questions: Of the three locations, which do you feel is the most important to the community? Do you have any specific ideas about what the money should be spent on? Do you have any other comments? **The Chair's report was received.**

0222/13 CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

This was taken earlier. Please see 0222/5 for updates on green grants.

0222/14 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Reports had been circulated prior to the meeting. PH. This report was given under 0222/12.

KG. Slapton Line Partnership and AONB. Peter, Graham and I had a meeting with Sam Lew this week about the SLP. Sam is well qualified to take on this position. He is working hard to mitigate circumstances which might befall us should the Slapton Line become breached again.

LN. Roads: hedges, and litter. LN was absent but had submitted a report. Road Report. The roads are looking very smart after sweeping. There appear to be no problems. The Clerk to follow up the potholes on Southwood Hill mentioned at the last report, I drove up there again and counted 3 deep ones. **The hedges** have been cut back although there are two along the A379 which could do with a trim at the corner of Hynetown Road, the new house and the one just beside it. Vicarage Lane, the hill section hedge on the right going down has been cut as the new owner agreed and it is now much better, the surface of that section of the road is not good. **The three milestones** are all fine. **Litter picking** Saturday 19th February at 9.30am at the Parish Hall. The litter pick will go ahead unless the weather is horrendous. I would be most grateful if you would please encourage people to come. At the meeting IC reported complaints from a few parishioners on the recent state of the hedges after the cut had been done on Vicarage Lane.

DR. Health and safety, Parish Hall liaison. Defibrillator; the machine is regularly checked and updated with South West Ambulance Service. **Parish/Village Hall;** at a recent meeting held last week, arrangements were finalised for the curling evening being held on Friday 18th February which to date had thirty entrants. The next event will be the Auction of Promises being held on Saturday 2nd April. Hosted by local auctioneer Mr Andrew Jarrold, the evening will begin with a cash bar and nibbles, background music will be provided by a recital by Trish from the Laughing Monk. This will be followed by supper and then the auction.

We already have some wonderful pledges that includes a trip with Ribeye, tutored wine tasting for four, a ride in a Ferrari, framed local photo, personal training session with lunch at Winslade Park, and many more. So, it should be a really good evening. **Litter and Poo Bins;** nothing to report.

IC. Rights of Way, Tree warden, Strete Gate and Playpark. Strete Gate: - Nothing much to report here, other than a phenomenal number of dog-walkers visiting this area. I would like to think that ALL folk are "picking up" after their 'best friends'...?! Sadly.... Not!! (And WHY people think that it is fine for their dogs to sit on top of the picnic tables, after doing, well, you can imagine What...!!! do NOT know...!! However, that is beyond my control...!! **Tree warden;** - Again, sadly, at a time when we should be planting more trees, (and we WILL.) a few more have been 'felled' at various properties, which I think are "view related"...! 'Ash die-back' in the area has precipitated a lot of "Felling" at Strete Gate corner, and in the Gara Valley beyond. A bit devastating really...! Winter gales, as I "speak", may lead to a few more 'casualties' in the tree stocks. **Play Park;** - The play-park is looking a bit shabby at the moment, (long grass, Mole hills etc), but functional. A few more fittings on equipment still to be "anti-rusted" and a bit more clearance of grass roots on safety matting. I will try to remove more Mole hills over the next few days.

RC. Planning and Neighbourhood Plan, road maintenance including sweeping and Kings Arms liaison. Neighbourhood Plan. The Examiner's Report was formerly accepted by Parish Council members at the Parish Council meeting on 16th December 2021. SHDC hope to have this finalised within the next week.

The Kings Arms. The Kings Arms closed after Sunday lunch on 09/01/2022 to allow planned, necessary maintenance works to proceed during a typically quiet time after the Christmas & New Year holidays. Maintenance works included deep cleaning the kitchen and extraction system, decorating the dry store area, servicing the hot water & heating boiler and repairing panelling in the cellar to comply with environmental requirements. In addition, the dining area and bar were deep-cleaned together with the paving joints of the outside terrace cleaned and sealed to remove weeds and provide an improved appearance. The gardening volunteer team have given the grass its first-cut together with reducing some bulb and plant growth. The Kings Arms reopened on Friday 28/01/2022 followed by a number of events that have kick-started momentum to welcome customers with excellent food options and front-of-house staff committed to provide exceptional customer experience.

Steve (chef) has a new cooker in the kitchen that is designed to help him meet demand more efficiently and save on gas usage (which is important with the current surge in increased energy costs). The Management Team are building on their plans for a Front of House Team with more willing people coming forward to help as the Kings Arms prepares for February half-term, Easter and the summer season beyond.

Village Road Sweeping. The Village Sweep took place on Tuesday 8th February. Thanks to all those who moved their vehicles parked on the highway. This helped the sweeper driver ensure a clean sweep of the routes through the village as well as removing many weeds.

However, it has been frustrating to see that farm vehicles have been distributing farm slurry into fields in the village leaving mud on the highway within days of the Village Sweep taking place. We can only hope they will clean up afterwards!!

GC. Village Green, Prideaux Lane, campervans and carparks, social care and Slapton Line partnership. Village Green. We can finalise the contract for grass cutting at meeting on 17th. I notice that Prideaux Lane ruts have worsened in one area where it is wet. I wonder about filling ruts where it is bad with some hard core or other material. **Citizens Advice** will be opening local weekly access again in next two weeks at the Community Cafe in the market place Dartmouth. Exact details of times etc will be advertised but it looks like Mondays for face-to-face interviews. Access to CA is also available by phone, email or video calls. **Dartmouth Car-ing** are offering medical appointment transport once again to all local hospitals. **Slapton Line.** A meeting with Sam Lew the new Slapton Line Adaption Manager will have taken place on Tuesday 15th. Feedback at PC meeting. **Reports were received.**

0222/15 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence has been circulated to councillors.

0222/16 OTHER BUSINESS

Councillors touched on the s106 monies available for three Village projects as outlined in the Chairman's report. **Resolved the Clerk to confirm with SHDC whether the monies can be spent on maintenance [revenue] or only capital works. Resolved to send out the flyer next week with an aim to have feedback by the March meeting and a full discussion with parish-ioners at the Annual Meeting of Electors in April.**

PH asked councillors if they would like to receive training. **The Clerk to circulate courses available from DALC.**

0222/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 17TH March 2022. Venue in the Parish Hall unless otherwise advised. **THE MEETING WAS CLOSED** at 9.30 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Peter Hales (Chair) Dated: 17TH MARCH 2022

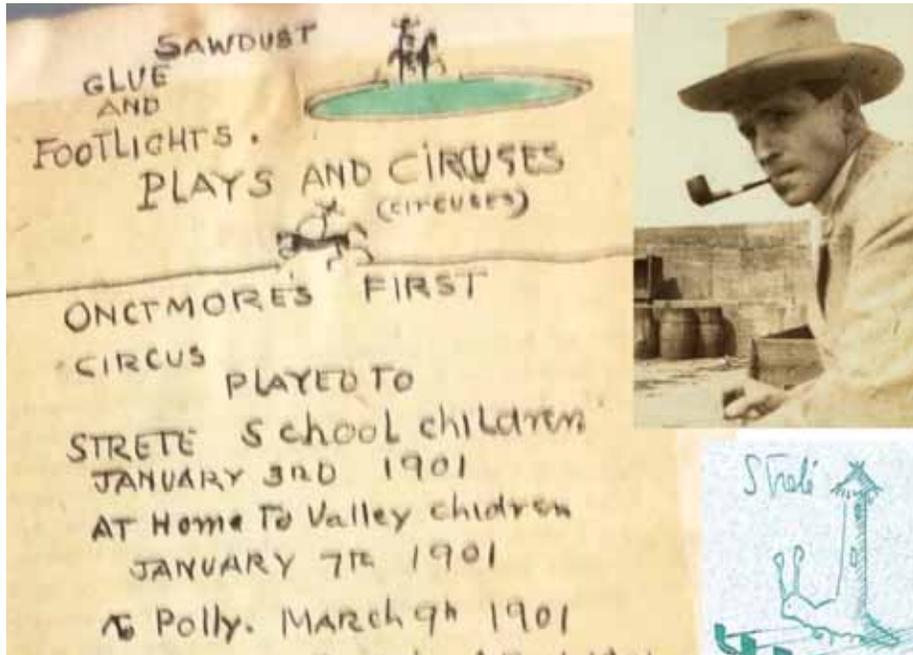
Chillington Patients Participation Group

Medical centres, dispensaries and pharmacies have been under incredible pressure caused by the pandemic which in turn led to staff shortages and difficulty in obtaining medicines and supplies.

People may not be aware that Doctors, management and nurses have been working endlessly giving up their week-ends and bank holidays to ensure their patients get the best treatment they can offer them. Whilst the majority of patients appreciate and are grateful for all these efforts unfortunately the staff are having to endure an increasing amount of abuse and threats. This has led to staff being frightened, demoralised and eventually get to the point where they are leaving the profession altogether, which, puts even more pressure on the remaining staff.

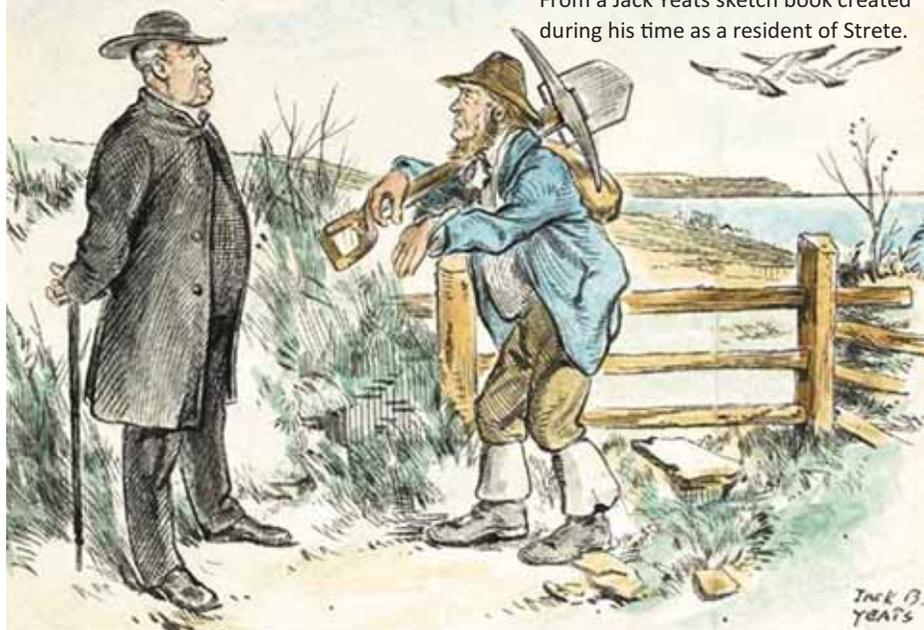
NHS staff who put their own lives at risk to continue helping their patients should get the respect they deserve and it would be such a great help for them if this problem could be resolved and they did not have to tolerate any further threats and abusive behaviour.

Let us do what we can to help that happen. **Chillington PPG**



Courtesy National Gallery of Ireland
 Y1-JY-2-1-3 (Scrapbook)-2
 From a Jack Yeats sketch book created during his time as a resident of Strete.

A word of advice, ca.1900



Jack Yeats title "A word of advice". But who is advising who is the question?

The Field Studies Council

Spring Events at Slapton Ley

Booking essential where required:



Please book online by visiting:

<https://www.field-studies-council.org/locations/slaptonleynnr/>

Scroll down and click on **Walks and Nature Experiences**.

If you do not have the facilities to book online, please contact us on 01548 580466.

Slapton Sands Beach Clean

Saturday 9th April 9.30am till 12.30pm

Join us to help clean up Slapton Sands, part of our beautiful coastline. • Meet in Slapton Sands Middle Car Park (free parking) • please bring gardening gloves if you have them • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended • No booking required.

Wild Food Forage

Sunday 10th April 10am-1pm

Taste your way through the National Nature Reserve on a wild-food themed walk, searching for edible plants of the hedgerow and woodland. • Adults £8 Children £5 • Booking Essential • Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear essential • Bring a basket • Sorry, no dogs.

Dawn Chorus

Saturday 23rd April 6-8.30am

Listen to the sound of birds waking at dawn on a quiet morning stroll around Slapton Ley. Afterwards you have the option to enjoy a wholesome breakfast at the field centre. • Adults £8 Children £5 • Breakfast provided at £5 per person (optional extra) • Booking Essential • Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear essential • Binoculars useful but not essential • Sorry, no dogs

Wild Food Forage

Sunday 24th April 10am-1pm

Taste your way through the National Nature Reserve on a wild-food themed walk, searching for edible plants of the hedgerow and woodland. • Adults £8 Children £5 • Booking Essential • Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear essential • Bring a basket • Sorry, no dogs.



Connecting with Nature

It has been known for a while that spending time in nature can be beneficial to our lives. However, it is one thing to know this is true, but quite another to have the tools to really connect with nature on a level that boosts our health and wellbeing. If you were to say to most people, go out and connect with nature, I am sure that many would not know where to start.

At Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve, we are offering the opportunity for people to join a free wellbeing course to help learn ways to benefit from engaging with nature. The nature reserve which is home to hundreds of birds, insects, mammals, plants, and fungi, provides the perfect place to have these experiences, with magical moments just waiting to be encountered. The programme will look at techniques and activities that you can use to help your wellbeing going forward, as well as giving you the opportunity to explore some of the lesser visited places on the nature reserve.

In particular, we would like to help anyone who might be struggling with challenges in their lives right now to develop practical skills that they can use to support themselves day to day. Our six-week wellbeing course consists of two-hour sessions on Tuesday afternoons, starting in early May. It is completely free and is made possible thanks to funding from Natural England

If you are interested and would like more information about this course, please get in touch with Alice at events.sl@field-studies-council.org or call **01548 580466**

Wellbeing course

Tuesday afternoons from 3rd May until 7th June 1.30 – 3.30pm

At Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve, we are offering the opportunity for people to join a free wellbeing course to help learn ways to benefit from engaging with nature. In particular, we would like to help anyone who might be struggling with challenges in their lives right now to develop practical skills that they can use to support themselves day to day.

To enquire about this course please email events.sl@field-studies-council.org

Bat Watch

Monday 30 May 9pm – 11.30pm

Explore the night-time world of these magical creatures. Watch them emerge from their roost, follow their foraging routes and use our bat detectors to hear their weird and wonderful calls. • Adults £8 Children £5 • Booking Essential • Meet at Slapton Ley Field Centre • Sensible outdoor clothing and footwear recommended • A torch is advisable • I.D. guides available for purchase.



A VERY SPECIAL EVENT

Strete Parish Hall is the place to be on
SATURDAY, 7th APRIL
for an

AUCTION OF PROMISES

This is to raise money for the continuing troubles in Ukraine.
Doors open at 6.45pm with the Auction starting at 7.30pm
hosted by Andrew Jarrold, a local auctioneer.

On your arrival you will be welcomed with the delightful sound of live music.
There will be tasty canapes to sample and a bar selling delicious wines from
Sutton Cellars.

This is a Strete event but we are hoping to have a large gathering of people
from further afield too.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT.

Invite your friends, family, work colleagues, neighbours, etc.
The evening should be fun but have a very serious purpose.

OTHER EVENTS

SATURDAY, 30th APRIL 7.00pm KURLING with pie and mushy pea supper

NB this is the rearranged event that had to be postponed because of the weather.

There are still tickets available if you did not purchase for the original date.

THURSDAY, 12th MAY 6.30pm Parish Hall Committee AGM, all welcome

SUNDAY, 5th JUNE 2.30pm STREET PICNIC TEA PARTY

This is to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Hynetown Road, from Totnes Road to The Plat, will be closed for the afternoon
and tables and chairs set out in the road.

Everyone in the Parish of Strete is invited,

including visitors and relations staying here on that day.

You are asked to bring your own picnic - food, drink, plates, cups, glasses, etc.

There will be more information later so that you can let us know how many will be
coming. We can then make sure we put out enough chairs and tables.

SATURDAY, 6th AUGUST (times and cost to be decided) BBQ and JAZZ BAND

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Stretewise Crossword - Answers

Across 1: Endive 4: Dispel 9: Eastern 10: Embroid 11: Inept 13: Terai 15: Paste
16: Sussed 17: Thete 18: Atone 22: Molasses 23: Plodder 24: Reload 25: Adhere

Down 1: Expert 2: Disburse 3: Vaporise 5: Instep 6: Pleats 7: Linage 8: Delineator
12: Pant 14: Auto 17: Tamper 18: Abated 19: Onside 20: Ensure 21: Cool 22: Mend

Universilly Challenged - Answers

Q1: Cycling backwards & playing violin Q2: Eating 40 M&Ms with chopsticks.

Q3: Holds the record for the most-married woman (23 times). Q4: The longest fingernails on a single hand - measured an aggregate length of 909.6 cm (358.1 in). This record is held by Shridhar Chillal (India), who grew the nails on his left hand.

Q5: Ken Edwards made history by devouring 36 roaches in less than one minute.

Q6: The most canned drinks opened by a parrot in one minute is 35 and was achieved by Zac the Macaw in San Jose, California, USA Q7: The world's heaviest lemon weighed 5.265 kg (11 lb 9.7 oz) on 8 January 2003 and was grown by Aharon Shemoel (Israel) Q8: The lake responsible for the most deaths without drowning is Lake Nyos in Cameroon, Central Africa. On the night of 21 August 1986, between 1,600 and 1,800 people and countless animals were killed by a large natural release of carbon dioxide gas. Q9: The heaviest carrot weighs 10.17 kg (22.44 lb) and was grown by Christopher Qualley of Otsego, Minnesota, USA. Q10: The most baked beans eaten with chopsticks in one minute is 72 and was achieved by Chisato Tanaka in Shibuya, Tokyo, Japan. Q11: Kitti's hog-nosed bat is about the size of a large bumblebee, weighing in at just two grams. Q12: Marmite is the most confiscated brand at airport security. Q13: Approximately 100 million cups daily, which is almost 36 billion per year. Q14: Venus is the only planet that rotates around the sun in a clockwise pathway. All planets, when observed from the North Pole are seen to be rotating around the sun in an anti-clockwise direction on their elliptical orbits. Q15: The phone number for espionage reporting. Q16: The country's Animal Protection Ordinance has prohibited owning solitary guinea pigs, reason being they're highly social animals Q17: Spain's national anthem, the 'Marcha Real', is one of the few patriotic songs with no lyrics at all. Q18: Eigenraum: Scientists believe that Eigenraum is the dark grey colour that human eyes see in perfect darkness.



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