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# STRETE VILLAGE DAY

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 12.00-16.30**

Mewstone Paddock Totnes Road Strete TQ6 0RU

Ample Free Parking in the Mewstone Paddock



## Scruffs

**THE FAMILY DOG SHOW**



**Main Arena at 3.00pm**

**Pay before each class at the ringside**

**4 rosettes per class**

**Classes:**

- 1: Dog with the most waggiest tail
- 2: Handsomest Dog
- 3: Prettiest Bitch
- 4: Dog the judge would most like to take home
- 5: Best child handler 16 years and under

**Please be a responsible  
dog owner:**

- Clean up after your dog
  - Provide it with a drink
  - Keep it on a lead at all times
  - Do not leave your dog  
in a hot car
- ENJOY THE DOG SHOW**



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## BLACKPOOL SANDS South Devon

Blackpool Sands is celebrated their new boardwalk's thanks to a grant to part-fund its cost. A grant of £8,091 was secured from Defra's 'Access for All' funding to make the

South Devon National Landscape more accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

The owners of Blackpool Sands undertook extensive research, such as visits to other sites with boardwalks and spent time testing panels on the beach for strength, durability and colour. It was decided they would commission the recycled plastic boardwalk panels from The Plastic Company, locally based in Ivybridge and headed by Steve Lees. The boardwalk is made of almost 10 tonnes of recycled soft plastic waste such as crisp packets and bread bags, the kind that isn't easily recyclable at scale. This is then injected into moulds to form the boardwalk sections which are linked together and placed on the beach to provide two pathways.



Local resident Tony Hoile was able to travel much further down the beach on his mobility scooter and see his grandchildren playing at the waters edge.

South Devon National Landscape is pleased to announce that there is additional **Access for All** funding

available to support projects in 2025-26. Please get in touch with the National Landscape Team if you would like to discuss ideas for projects.



### Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta

Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th August 2025

[www.dartmouthregatta.co.uk](http://www.dartmouthregatta.co.uk)



## 180 YEARS OF REGATTA

The Port is steeped in history, as is the event: it is one of the oldest in the country and the earliest recorded Regatta was in 1822 with 2025 seeing the 180th Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta take place.

How it started...The earliest recorded regatta in Dartmouth was in 1822. There were three sailing races and one six-oared gig race. A military band was recorded as playing out at Dartmouth Castle and a ball took place with 120 in attendance.

The Dartmouth Regatta committee work tirelessly to host a Regatta that everyone can enjoy every year. The event is free to attend and we rely entirely on sponsors and generous public donations to keep Regatta going.

## Strete Chapel

We are continuing to meet every Sunday at 11am in the chapel building. We hope that now with the warmer weather you can enjoy the chapel singing on a Sunday morning through the open windows. In Psalm 100 it is written...

**'Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God.'**

Strete Chapel hosted the Good Friday Conference once again and invited Christians from the surrounding area to gather together. A wonderful time was had by all who attended. We enjoyed sound teaching, worship and fellowship with each other. The children were able to learn about the events of Easter and enjoyed putting together the craft shown in the photograph.



### Young Searchers

Young searchers is a children's club that includes games, crafts and teaching of Bible stories. We are meeting (term time only) from 5-6pm in the Chapel every Thursday.

This term so far, we have explored the story of Noah and the Easter Story. We have enjoyed crafts, games and challenges including a sunflower growing competition during this time.

**Please come along if interested!**





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## St. Michael's

Welcome to St Michael's Church, Strete; a rural coastal village in the beautiful South Hams.

We hold services each Sunday morning at 11am, (but not on a 5th Sunday) these will be Morning Worship and usually a Holy Communion service on the 3rd Sunday, but this varies. If you would like to find out more, please do contact us, we'd love to hear from you!

Rev Matt Gorton is supported by a wonderful selection of very talented and committed Readers, Lay preachers and visiting Clergy, who look forward to welcoming both regular members of the congregation and visitors who may be staying in the area or seeing family, or just passing through this beautiful area of the South Hams.

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The Village Hall is available to hire for events, clubs and activities. Book through Danni Brien on 07841 505797

## **THEN**

The idea of building a Hall had been thought about for several years before WW1 and between £200 and £300 had been raised through dances, whist drives and concerts. In 1948, the land on which our present Hall stands was made available for £5 by the Toll family, the landowner. The Hall was completed by October, 1951 at a cost of £3,776.4s 2d and officially opened by Mrs Primrose Toll.

For many years Music Hall evenings, Saturday night dances and country dancing were held in the Hall, as well as badminton. In the early 60s, the Youth Hostel Association hired the Hall each year for 11 weeks as a hostel. This continued for 20 years with a hiring fee of £69/year. Later the Hall was used on a regular basis by a History group, Lunch Club, Parish Council, Short Mat Bowls, W.I., Social Club and Youth Club.

A fortnightly Doctor's surgery also took place.

## **NOW**

74 years later we need your help to determine the Hall's future.

**THE HALL IS OWNED BY THE RESIDENTS OF STRETE PARISH - THAT IS YOU!**

You will all have received a Strete Village Hall Update with key points:  
Only 338 hours of bookings across the whole year for the last few years.

Events contribute 52% of revenue – these add pressure to the Committee to organise and manage.

Costs/year = £7,500, Revenue = £5,900, Loss = £1,600

Repair costs are increasing as the building ages.

Committee members are also ageing. Some have served for several years and would like to step down.

## **URGENT!**

**PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS AND HAND THE SHEET IN AT THE VILLAGE SHOP.  
WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT YOU, THE RESIDENTS OF STRETE, REALLY FEEL ABOUT THE  
FUTURE OF THE VILLAGE HALL.**

# STRETE VILLAGE DAY

**Saturday 2nd August 12.00-16.30**

Mewstone Paddock, Totnes Road, Strete, TQ6 0RU

**Ample Free Parking**

**CHILDREN'S  
RACES &  
FANCY DRESS**

★ **CANINE HOOPERS  
DEMONSTRATION** ★

★ **FAMILY DOG SHOW** ★

Entry to the Mewstone Paddock  
**£2.50 ADULTS**  
**CHILDREN FREE**

**COCONUT SHY ★ BOWLING & GOLF ★ PRIZE DRAW**

★ **ASH RESCUE CENTRE PONIES** ★

Burgers and Sausages

**BBQ**

+ Vegan Burgers



**PIMM'S  
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**Tea Room**

Cakes, Scones  
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the  
**Kings Arms**

Welcome to our community  
pub on the South Devon coast.



May saw sunshine and the launch of the **Kings Arms Reward card, the KArD**.

The **KArD** rewards subscribers with discounts and over time other exciting rewards.

As a subscriber you will immediately get a **10% discount** on all food and drink at the Kings Arms. Separately, shareholders will now be entered into a monthly draw with four £50

vouchers to be won each month but we hope shareholders will also become subscribers. There is a full article alongside that explains all. And don't forget to take your KArD to the pub when you go!

In June **The Really Big KA Fundraising Draw** is back. A chance to win £1,000 with tickets (in response to feedback) now reduced to £20 each. The last draw was a great success with a local winner – in fact Jason's house is literally next to the pub. The draw goes live on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June with the final draw on 19<sup>th</sup> July. The pub needs a **new freezer** so this money is critical. Let's see if we can beat the amount raised last time and you never know, it could be you...

Whilst some events have a break over Summer, Jon's popular **Weekly Quiz** continues every Wednesday at 7.30pm with the excellent pizzas from the **Artisan Pizzas Pop-up** available as usual.

The popular **Open Mic Night** continues over Summer on every third Thursday of the month. With a busy line up of all styles, it's a special evening. Come along if you'd like to play or just enjoy singing along with drinks and maybe a bite to eat. The next session is Thursday 19th June starting at 7pm.

Fathers Day is on Sunday 15th June and a meal is in order – and there's a **FREE PINT** for all the dads who book for Sunday dinner! Please book ahead to avoid disappointment.

Summer sees the return of the Kings Arms BBQs with Live Music in the garden. In June there are two. On the 21<sup>st</sup> there is the **Summer Solstice BBQ**...and on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> following on from Dartmouth Pride on the Saturday, there is a **Post Pride BBQ**.

All in the garden, all with the best views around, all with brilliant live music and all in glorious sunshine, we promise.

Other dates to mark in our community pub include the D-Day Anniversary on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – which perhaps fittingly is also National Fish & Chip day so a great chance to toast the Greatest Generation and try our hugely popular Fish & Chips. Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> is Trooping of the Colour for the Kings Birthday.

People have been asking for more of **The Adventure Series with Monty Halls**. We hope that the next speaker will be none other than James Bond's stunt double, as in the last Bond, Daniel Craig. However, he is so 'all- action' that he is proving very hard to pin down. We hope he can speak at some time in June, perhaps dropping in by parachute, so watch the social media updates or ask at the pub. Sorry we can't be more specific but it should be worth the wait.

And finally, please note: the pub is **open every day** over summer.

To book or ask a question just call on 01803 770027 or pop into the pub.

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Or go to the website [www.kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk](http://www.kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk)

For other enquiries, please contact **info@kingsarmsatstrete**.

For SCPL matters please contact Lisa Lyne on [lisa.lyne@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk](mailto:lisa.lyne@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk)

Opening Hours:

Through summer, the Kings Arms is open seven days a week. Hours are:

Monday & Tuesday 5-10pm

Wednesday 12-3pm & 5-10pm with Pizza Pop-up

Thursday & Friday 12-3pm & 5-10pm

Saturday open all day 12-10pm

Sunday 12-6pm





Dear Neighbours,

### Introducing the KArd

We are delighted to announce the launch on **Friday, 16th May** of the Kings Arms KArd, unlocking an exclusive 10% discount on ALL your pub food and drinks.

Here at the King's Arms, we've always cherished the sense of community and camaraderie that our pub has fostered over the years. We haven't always got it right, but we're confident that we've found a means - *in which you have a very important role* - that keeps the pub's doors open, the lights on and the ale flowing into the foreseeable future. No more lurching from year to year.

We invite you to join our KArd family today! Signing up is simple and every subscription of just £20 a month (*or more if you can afford it!*) helps keep our community thriving with a vibrant pub at the heart of the village for all of us to enjoy. (Please see overleaf for how to sign up and to read the fair usage Terms & Conditions for the KArd.)

*Every person who subscribes £20 or more per month gets...  
a KArd entitling them to 10% off any pub bill that they are paying*

#### ➔ KArdS now available!

- Already a subscriber at £20 (or more) per month? You're all set up on the system — **simply ask at the bar next time you're in and collect your personal KArd** to start saving from Friday.
- New subscriber? Your KArd will be issued shortly after your first payment reaches the pub's account.
- Have a Kings Arms card from a previous loyalty scheme? Please use that card when you have an active subscription - it will be your KArd under the new scheme. (*Let us know if it is lost - we will replace it.*)

All KArdS require an *active* subscription to work.

*Please bear with us during the initial roll-out!*

As well as individually, you can subscribe as a couple and receive a joint KArd, but...if you can afford to do so, we hope that each person will subscribe and have their own KArd.

#### Our Goal

The purpose is clear. The scheme is unashamedly designed to underpin the Kings Arm's finances.

We believe we need another 80 or so subscribers, in addition to the 67 who have generously been subscribing since last year. The key question therefore is how do we incentivise many more of you to give the Kings Arms the financial resilience it needs through the years ahead? The answer lies in giving something back.

Prices are rising rapidly around us, and the Kings Arms is not immune to this; it has no choice but to raise its prices ahead of the Summer season. However, we have listened to the groundswell of opinion at last November's AGM, that there ought to be some reward linked specifically to subscription, and we have acted upon that - the KArd!

#### Shareholders

Are you a hero shareholder who has helped the pub through investment during its early years? All Shareholders will be automatically entered into a monthly draw to win one of four £50 vouchers to spend on food in the pub. But can we encourage you to support the pub through subscription, building upon that platform of community goodwill and investment in which your contribution has been integral, and for some of you, unequivocally pivotal?

If you do, we'll be rolling out a barrel of benefits for yourself...

- The all-important KArd giving you that 10% discount on all food and drink.
- Access to occasional 'hero' offers, gifts and events!

#### Trialling

We need to be explicit that this is a trial discount KArd scheme; we need to see how it works, and we will be looking for feedback at an appropriate juncture in the weeks and months ahead. We may need to tweak the rules and rewards on this new journey: there may have to be a different, perhaps lower discount; there may be fewer vouchers, or for differing amounts. We will necessarily learn as we go, discovering what works best for the community overall in keeping the pub viable. Thank you for your support.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out at [secretary@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk](mailto:secretary@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk)

## Subscribe Today!

To Friends of the Kings Arms.

We ask that you set up a **standing order** with your bank.

This gives you full control over your subscription, which you can amend or cancel at any time – you will always be in control.

A step-by-step guide for setting up a standing order is provided aside, and here is the detail you will need:

<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>Strete Community Pub Ltd</b>
<b>Sort Code:</b>	<b>60-83-01</b>
<b>Account Number:</b>	<b>20428277</b>
<b>Reference:</b>	<b>Your name</b> (so that we know who you are!)
<b>Payment date:</b>	<b>1st day of each month</b>

Please also email [secretary@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk](mailto:secretary@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk) with your contact details – i.e., your full name and address – so that we can set up your account, and post or deliver your subscriber KArD giving you exclusive discounts and offers as a valued supporter of our pub.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to keeping the Kings Arms alive – **every contribution helps!**

By setting up a monthly standing order of £20 (or more if you can), you'll help ensure the Kings Arms remains at the heart of our community for years to come.

If you have questions or need help with setting up your standing order, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to help.

With huge appreciation,

The Strete Community Pub Ltd



### Set Up a Standing Order:

You can do this simply by visiting your local bank branch or calling your bank's customer service line, but for those preferring online banking...

- Log in to your online banking or mobile banking app.
- Look for an option like 'Payments' or 'Transfer money'.
- Select 'Set up a standing order' or 'Regular payments'.
- Enter the details given aside, where requested.
- **Choose £20 (or more if able) as the amount you wish to donate monthly.**
- Set the payment date (1st of each month) and frequency (monthly).
- Enter your name in the reference field as far as is possible.
- Select the end date as 'Until further notice' or leave it blank for an indefinite period.
- Review all details and confirm the standing order setup.

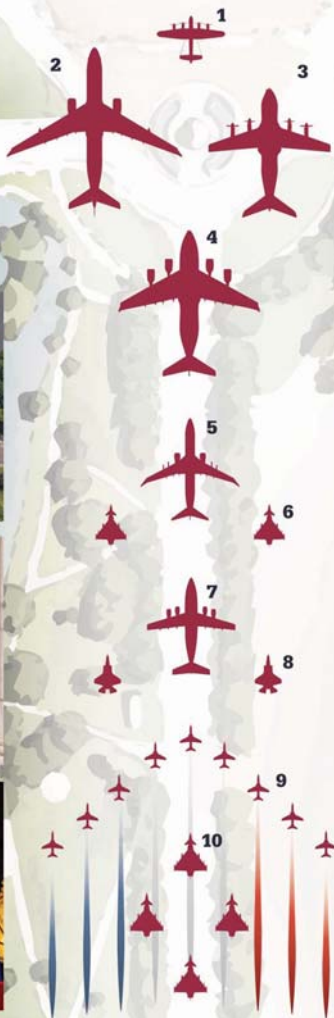
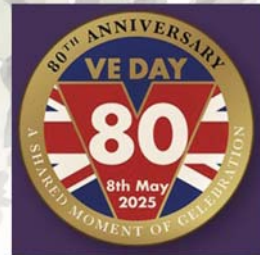
## The Kings Arms KArD TERMS & CONDITIONS

By providing your personal details and using the KArD, you accept the following terms and conditions:

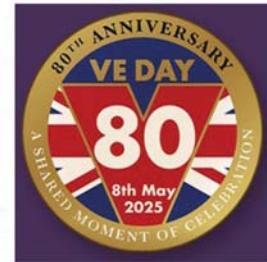
- No KArD can be used in conjunction with any other offers or promotions unless they are specified as being part of the Kings Arms KArD Scheme. Only one KArD can be used in connection with any purchase.
- The KArD must be presented by the named cardholder at the time of purchase.
- Different KArD-holders *may* receive differing levels of discount or other benefits.
- No particular level of discount or benefits are guaranteed. The Kings Arms reserve the right to vary the level of discount, or the other benefits offered to different KArD-holders, or to amend the Terms & Conditions or withdraw the KArD and / or the Scheme at its discretion, without any notification or reason.
- No number of shares, nor level of donation or subscription entitles, as of right, any person to a KArD, nor any level of discount or other benefits.
- No donation or subscription has any cashback or other monetary value at the Kings Arms.
- The Kings Arms reserve the right to exclude certain product lines from any of its discount KArD schemes (e.g., payments for external goods or services, such as pizzas).
- All Kings Arms KArDs remain the property of the Kings Arms.
- The Kings Arms cannot be held responsible for a lost or stolen KArD. Lost or stolen KArDs can be replaced for a nominal fee of £5, but not necessarily immediately or when seeking to pay for a purchase.
- Personal information will be held on our database and may be used by the Kings Arms (or its successors) in connection with any donation, subscription, discount or other loyalty scheme operated by the Kings Arms (or its successors).
- You can cancel your subscription at any time, but associated benefits will then also cease.

All loyalty and discount KArDs are issued by Strete Community Pub Limited (the Kings Arms).

# The military aircraft in the **VE Day flypast**



- 1 - Lancaster**
- 2 - Voyager**
- 3 - A400M**
- 4 - C-17**
- 5 - Poseidon**
- 6 - Typhoon**
- 7 - Rivet Joint**
- 8 - F-35 Lightning**
- 9 - Hawk T1**
- 10 - Typhoon**




*8th June, 1946*

**T**O-DAY, AS WE CELEBRATE VICTORY, I send this personal message to you and all other boys and girls at school. For you have shared in the hardships and dangers of a total war and you have shared no less in the triumph of the Allied Nations.

I know you will always feel proud to belong to a country which was capable of such supreme effort; proud, too, of parents and elder brothers and sisters who by their courage, endurance and enterprise brought victory. May these qualities be yours as you grow up and join in the common effort to establish among the nations of the world unity and peace.

*George R.I.*



# Grow for Winter as well as Summer

THIS PLAN WILL GIVE YOU YOUR OWN VEGETABLES ALL THE YEAR ROUND

COMPOST HEAP - TOOL SHED - SEED BED		TOMATOES - MARROW - RADISH - PARSLEY	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS CROPS</b> <b>C</b>	5'	<b>DWARF PEAS*</b> 3 ROWS (2 ft. 6 in. APART)	6' 9'
	9'	<b>DWARF BEANS</b> 2 ROWS (2 ft. 6 in. APART)	+ + +
	6'	<b>ONIONS*</b> 8 ROWS (1 ft. APART)	16'
	6'	<b>SHALLOTS</b> 2 ROWS (1 ft. APART)	9'
	6'	<b>BROAD BEANS</b> DOUBLE ROW	+ + +
	9'	<b>RUNNER BEANS*</b> (1 ROW)	+ + +
	6'	<b>PARSNIPS</b> 3 ROWS (1 ft. 3 in. APART)	+ + +
	6'	<b>CARROT (MAINCROP)</b> 5 ROWS (1 ft. APART)	+ + +
	6'	<b>POTATOES (EARLY)</b> 3 ROWS (2 ft. by 1 ft.)	+ + +
	15'	<b>POTATOES (OTHERS)</b> 6 ROWS (2 ft. by 1 ft. 3 in.)	+ + +
<b>POTATOES &amp; ROOT CROPS</b> <b>A</b>	8'	<b>SPINACH BEET - SEAKALE BEET</b> 1 ROW	+ + +
	2'	<b>CABBAGE (WINTER)</b> 3 ROWS (2 ft. by 2 ft.)	+ + +
	2'	<b>SAVOYS*</b> 2 ROWS (2 ft. by 2 ft.)	+ + +
	2' 6"	<b>BRUSSELS SPROUTS*</b> 2 ROWS (2 ft. 6 in. x 2 ft. 6 in.)	+ + +
	2'	<b>SPROUTING BROCCOLI</b> 2 ROWS (2 ft. by 2 ft.)	+ + +
	2'	<b>KALE</b> 2 ROWS (2 ft. by 2 ft.)	+ + +
	6'	<b>SWEDES</b> 2 ROWS (1 ft. 3 in. APART)	+ + +
	6'	<b>GLOBE BEET</b> 2 ROWS (1 ft. 3 in. APART)	+ + +
	6'	<b>SPINACH</b> 2 ROWS (1 ft. 3 in. APART)	+ + +
	6'	<b>LETTUCE</b> 2 ROWS (1 ft. 3 in. APART)	+ + +
<b>WINTER &amp; SPRING GREEN CROPS</b> <b>B</b>	* INTERCROP SPACE FOR SAVOYS AND BRUSSELS SPROUTS WITH EARLY CARROTS (2 ROWS) AND EARLY BEET (1 ROW)		
	* PRECEDE BEET WITH EARLY DWARF PEAS (1 ROW)		
	* FOLLOW WITH SPRING CABBAGE (4 ROWS 1 ft. 6 in. APART)		
	* FOLLOW WITH WINTER LETTUCE		
	* INTERCROP WITH SUMMER LETTUCE		
	* FOLLOW WITH TURNIPS (1 ft. APART)		
	* INTERCROP WITH SPINACH (2 ROWS) AND FOLLOW WITH LEEKS 1 ft. APART (4 ROWS)		
	* FOLLOW WITH SPRING CABBAGE (4 ROWS 1 ft. 6 in. APART)		
	* FOLLOW WITH WINTER LETTUCE		
	* INTERCROP WITH SUMMER LETTUCE		

**ROTATION OF CROPS**

1st. YEAR	2nd. YEAR	3rd. YEAR
C	B	A
A	C	B
B	A	C

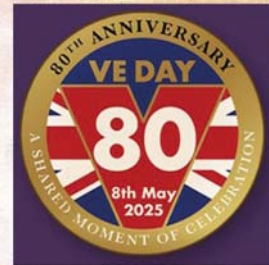
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Big thank you to Heather Robinson for the information references.

*“ Every endeavour must be made to . . . produce the greatest volume of food of which this fertile island is capable . . . ”*

*Mr. Winston Churchill*



## To everyone who has or can get an allotment or garden

Owing to the shipping position we shall need every bit of food we can possibly grow at home.

Last summer many gardens had a surplus of perishable vegetables such as lettuce and cabbage. This winter those same gardens are getting short ~~not only of keeping vegetables such as onions, carrots and other root crops, but also of fresh winter vegetables such as late cabbage, savoy and kale.~~

We must try to prevent that happening this year. Next winter is going to be a critical period.

This leaflet tells you how to crop your ground to the best advantage so as to get vegetables all the year round.

Please study it carefully and carry out the advice it contains.

*R. S. Hudson*

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### **Thanks, from CHSW**

Thank you to everyone who supported Children's Hospice South West at our two fundraising events in

April. Our Easter Fair in Dartmouth Market on 5<sup>th</sup> April, where the support and generosity received was heart-warming, raised a total of £960.

This was boosted by Stephen Levy's wonderful Winkworth Easter Raffle which raised another £700 plus a generous £100 donation from Sue Payne's Stand Up To Cancer group, bringing our total for the day to an amazing £1760. A Street Collection that week also raised £564 so, in total, a wonderful £2,325.74 was raised during the week.

Well worth the effort to help CHSW to provide specialist care and support for over 550 families with life-limited children in the South West – making the most of short and precious lives. **Thank you.**

**Sue Tweed [tweed833@btinternet.com](mailto:tweed833@btinternet.com) or 07955 197721.**



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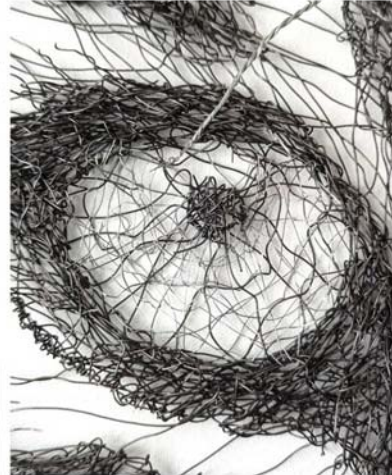
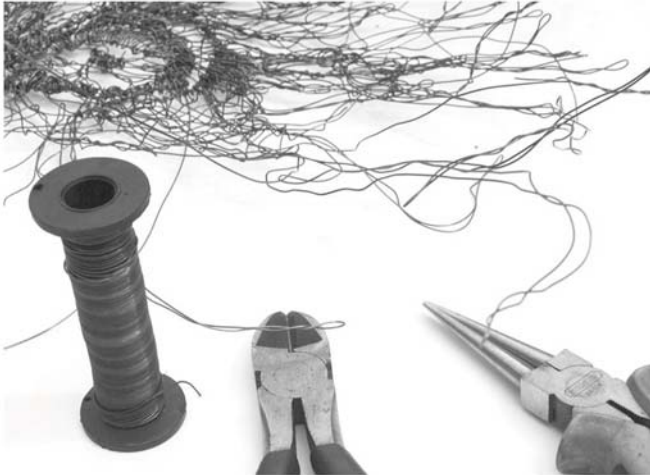
Sadie Aucott  
wire artist

Originally from Staffordshire, Sadie moved to the South Hams in Devon in 1985, and apart from 6 years living and working away in Dorset in the 1990's, Devon is her home. Sadie has explored her love of everything creative, whilst working in full-time employment. With the advent of digital photography, Sadie began to experiment with photography, and developed a fascination with 'fine art' based macro/still life photography. In order to learn more about photography, drawing and painting Sadie enrolled with the Open College of the Arts (Distance Learning Course)



Sadie started to experiment with different mediums and after seeing a simple picture of a sandcastle made using wire, she had a 'light bulb' moment of realising that it was possible to draw with wire!





Over a period of time Sadie developed a system of working with dark grey/silver fine gauge florists binding wire in order to create monochrome 2D images which combined her love of drawing and animals. Depending on the atmospheric conditions surrounding the piece then some parts of the wire take on a more 'sepia' tone or patina as the wire oxidises. Each completed piece is finally mounted on a bare white canvas.

*"My work is based around capturing the essence and 'soul' of the wild animal subjects, so the majority of the images are cropped close and centre around the eyes of the subject or the connection between the subject animals if there is more than one animal"*

*"Any reference photographs which I use for my pieces need to have tonal contrast and sharp detail and are cropped to suit the composition I feel works best"*

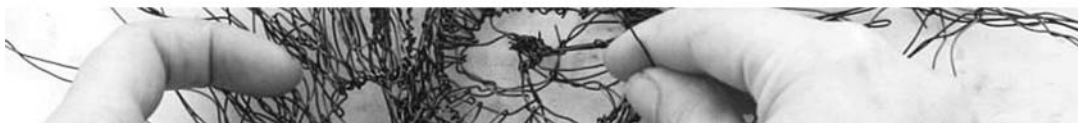
*"As each piece I produce is very labour intensive then I quote a minimum of 6 months to create a piece, with some of the larger, more tonal pieces taking a little longer"*

*"I donate a percentage of the profits of any sales to various animal charities, as a small thank you to the amazing work of these charities, who are at the forefront of conservation and animal welfare"*

More information regarding Sadie's available work, commissions and contact details can be found on her website [www.sadieaucott.com](http://www.sadieaucott.com)

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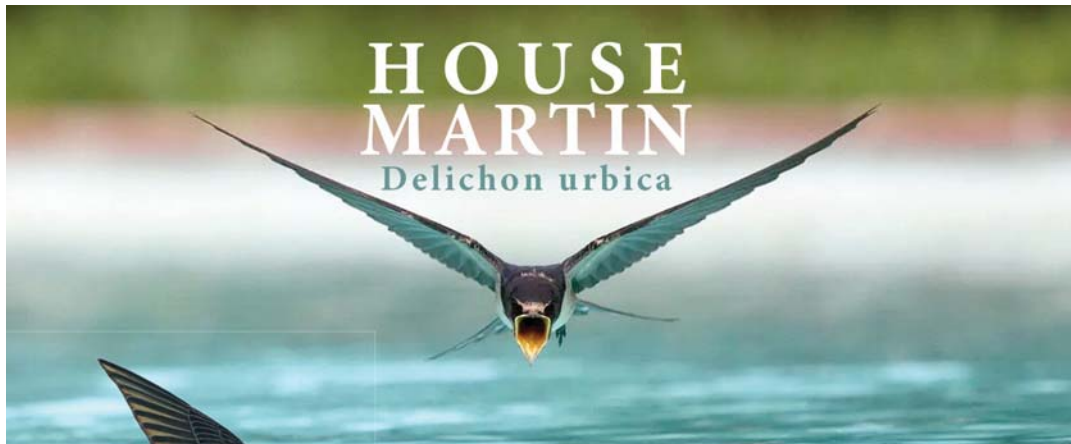
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Dining at Blackpool Sands

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**As the swifts, swallows, sand martins and house martins return over the summer months it can be difficult to tell them apart. The easiest way to identify a house martin is by their white rump and pure white belly which the others do not have. House martins are smaller than swifts and the tail feathers are much shorter than the streamers swallows have.**

Scientific name: *Delichon urbica*  
Status: Breeding summer visitor  
Breeding birds: 510,000 pairs  
Length: 13 – 14 cm  
Wingspan: 26 – 29 cm  
Weight: 16 – 24 g

House martins lay 1-7 eggs, which are incubated by both sexes for 14-16 days. The chicks are fed by both parents and fledge 22-32 days after hatching. They return to the nest for roosting for several days after during which the adults continue to feed them. House Martins spend the majority of their time airborne, hawking insects and drinking from pools by low flying skimming. They can often be seen perched on telephone wires close to nest sites.



House Martins are not monogamous, and it is thought that one third of nests contain chicks fathered by another male. House sparrows will often take over martin nests, frequently ousting the rightful owners. Each nest is made up of at least 1,000 beak-sized mud pellets. The great majority of house martins build their nests under the eaves of houses. Over a thousand House martins spend the winter months in Africa but the exact wintering grounds remains unrecorde and a mystery.

House martins prefer to reuse old nests than to start a new one from scratch save valuable time during the new breeding season. It takes about three weeks for a house martin to construct a nest. They nest communally so houses with house martins usually have a number of nests.



The house martin has to compete with house sparrows, which frequently attempt to take over the nest during construction, with the house martins rebuilding elsewhere if the sparrows are successful. The entrance at the top of the completed cup is so small that the sparrows cannot take over the nest once it is finished.



House martins are sociable birds they tend to nest in small colonies. They also feed and migrate together. Gathering in large groups from August onwards. They are known to gather in big numbers just before they leave heading south for the winter months. By the end of October they will all have left for another year.



#### **The Devon House Martin Project**

*Our house martins are in trouble. Since 1988, they have disappeared from almost half the places they were found across Devon. Now we want to find out why. House Martins can be affected by a range of factors. The weather is important as without rain the birds have difficulty in accessing mud to build their nests. Also, cool periods at critical times can impact on insect populations thus depriving the birds of food to successfully raise their young. Conversions and modernisation of older buildings can also reduce the availability of suitable nesting sites. It looks as though the birds are still faring well in certain localised areas of Devon. This might help us to understand the reasons for the declines elsewhere – and to do something about it. But first we need to know where the birds are, hence this request for help in identifying the nesting activity across local communities in Devon. In addition, we welcome reports of first sightings of these birds when they arrive in the Spring, number counts of flocking House Martins in late July and August to have an estimate of breeding success in particular years, and reports in Autumn to try and find out the overall period of time that they are present in Devon.*



#### **Submit a sighting: birds and/or nests**

*In order to identify what sorts of places house martins like to use, and inform conservation measures, we first need to build up a good understanding of the current local distributions of nesting house martins across Devon. So we would like to collect as many nest records as possible. If you spot a house martin nest anywhere in Devon, please use this page to report the location, number of nests and date. In addition, it would be really helpful if you could also report sightings of birds at other times during their stay over the spring and summer months.*

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## Martin Procter – New paintings at Dart Gallery

A fabulous new collection of Martin Procter's unique landscapes has just arrived at Dart Gallery. Martin's background in architecture and building, and his love of structure and form, is evident in works which capture favourite locations around the South Hams and Dartmoor (Hallsands, Beesands and Start Point feature).

Each painting plays with perspective and uses a vivid, saturated palette to great effect. More concerned with atmosphere and sense of place

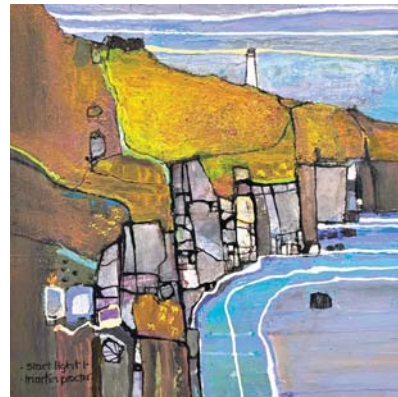
than conventional representation, Martin translates sketches made on location to construct striking compositions. His highly desirable work has been featured in the gallery for many years. Alongside the original works, the gallery also offers a wonderful range of limited editions of Martin's paintings.

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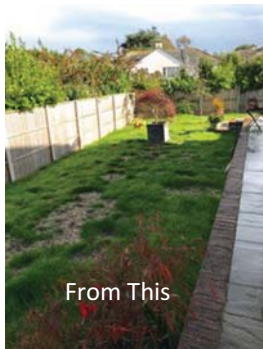
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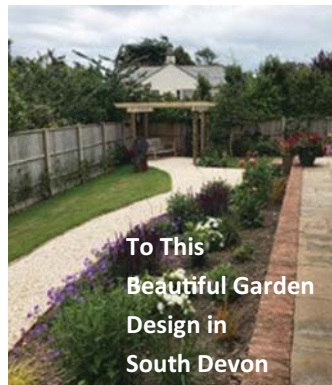
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Application will close at noon on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

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Unless ten or more electors of the Parish of Strete on or before the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025 submit a request in writing for an election to be held, the Parish Council will take steps to fill both vacancies by co-option.

Requests for an election must be sent to the Returning Officer, South Hams District Council, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5NE.

Hannah Iles, Parish Clerk  
19th May 2025

## FRIENDS OF STOKE FLEMING PRIMARY SCHOOL



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We are now in the final term of this academic year and able to look back on this year with lots of fond memories.

Some of the things in 2024-2025 that the Friends of Stoke Fleming School funds have been spent on include...

- Extra iPADS to support the delivery of the curriculum
- Outdoor play equipment to enhance breaktimes
- The library refurbishment
- A whole school theatre performance
- New equipment in Early Years to develop play-based learning
- A new set of ukuleles to enhance our music curriculum

We would like to say a big thank you to the Navel cadets who recently gave up their time to construct the library shelving (donated by Fresh Dental) and also paint the picnic benches. The library is now operational and the books are much more accessible to the children as a result. What a fantastic piece of team work.

As you can see through the hard work of the community many positive changes have been made and we hope that the momentum will continue. Thank you to everyone who has contributed time, effort and funds to making this happen.

Next year there will be a focus on the school's goal to develop the pre-school further and make more improvements to our outside play spaces.



### How you can help...

Sports Day is fast approaching on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Not only is it a great afternoon for families to cheer on the kids in their games and races but, a chance to celebrate our fabulous school community with a BBQ, drinks and games organised by the Friends of Stoke Fleming School.

In preparation for the day, we are looking for....

- Donations of scones or cakes
- Servers for food or drinks on the day
- Do you love to face paint or braid hair (have another skill you are willing to share)?
- Donations any bottles or gifts / toys for a tombola?

This year we are also interested in hearing about possible partners. Do you have a coffee van and willing to share some of your profits from the day? Know of an ice cream truck that would be willing to do the same?

Last, but by no means least, we would love sponsors. It would be amazing to have contributions towards the cost of running the event to maximise profits for the school. Alongside that sense of pride in helping your community, in return we could arrange advertising on the day and acknowledgements on our social media accounts and in the newsletters. We are hoping to arrange a bouncy castle this year. Could this be something you could sponsor?

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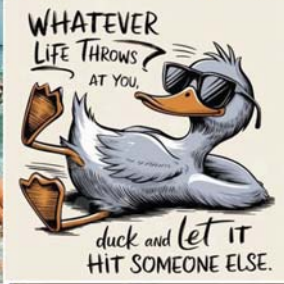
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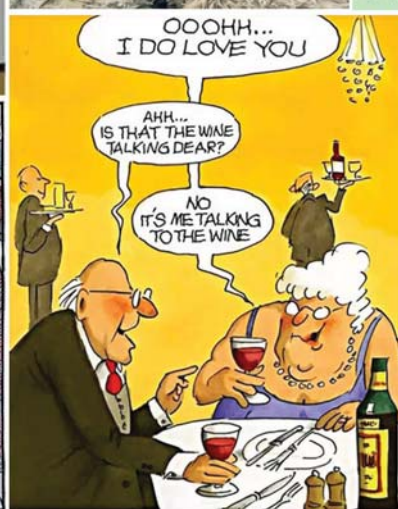
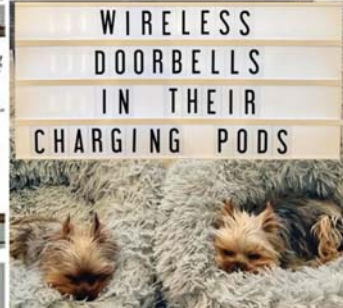
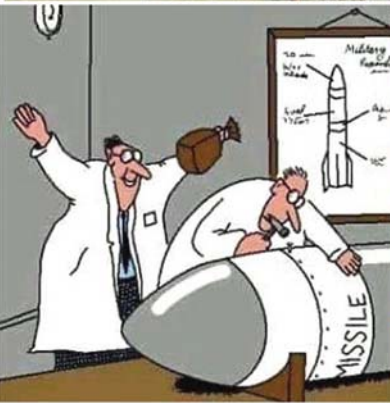
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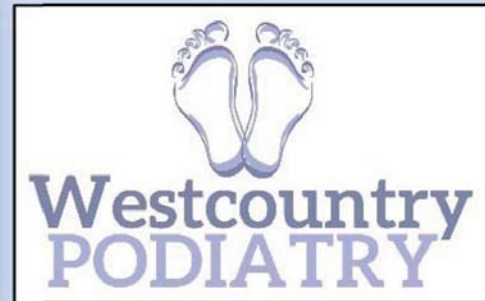
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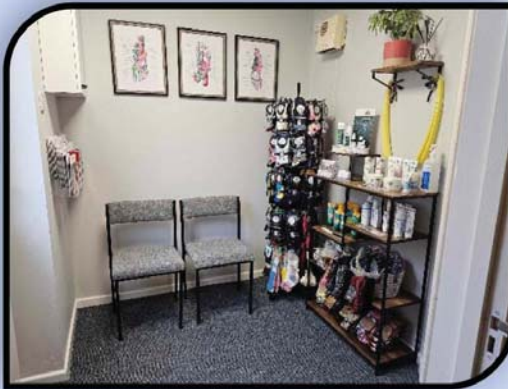


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# Have you seen this insect?

Yellow-legged hornet (aka Asian hornet) *Vespa velutina*



## What is it?

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Yellow-legged hornet



European hornet



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# *Strete Social Club*

## STRETE SOCIAL CLUB PROGRAMME 2025

Meetings are usually held in Strete Village Hall on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30PM		
April	15th	Easter Tea Party
	29th	Skin Care - Tracey Durdey
May	13th	My Farming Life and Memories of VE Day - Pam Wills
	27th	The Why's and Wherefore's of Miranda the Mermaid - Heather Robinson
June	10th	Outing to Buckfast Abbey
	24th	Dame Hannah Trust - Debbie Lumsdon
July	8th	Art, Gin and Aeroplanes - Philippa Tait
	22nd	Our 2012 Olympics Experience - Jean Turrell

**1<sup>st</sup> April:** Karen Hales greeted a select few members on a lovely spring afternoon. She formally thanked Joan Kendall for stepping in and running the last two meetings while she was on an adventure to Kenya to visit her family.

Sadly, April Fool's Day brought challenges for many members who were absent due to illness. Both Joan and Sandy were in hospital having injuries investigated. Even one of our Tea Ladies who arrived with her wonderful home baked meringues had to then go home as she fell ill. Fortunately, she did not take the cakes with her!

Happily, we welcomed back Lindsay Johns a professional florist who provided a wonderful series of Easter themed flower arrangements which she donated to be raffled.

Tulips, irises, tete a tete bulbs, forsythia and hellebores provided a real touch of spring.

Somehow Lindsay manages to create exceptional displays while talking at the same time. She provided many good tips to inspire us such as ways to avoid using oasis by using more environmentally friendly options such as reusable containers like toilet brush holders filled with water, trimmed with willow branches! She explained how to arrange flowers in a vase – always difficult for me - it seems that plenty of foliage to build around is the key. She also demonstrated the florist's secret of how to create a hand tied bouquet.

In fact, while creating another arrangement, she even regaled us with a tale of her pet tortoise which has just woken up after winter hibernation and is 48 years old – seemingly it is only prepared to eat organic lettuce grown by the gardener at Thurlestone Hotel where Lindsay works – could this be the secret of long life?!!

After a wonderful tea from Carol, Chris and Colleen many members were lucky in the raffle and took home an Easter flower arrangement.



Just to make our April Fool's Day meeting even more memorable, as we were about to leave the Hall the Fire Alarm went off – fortunately a False Alarm and the sound of two vehicles' sirens outside was not the Fire Engine arriving but two ambulances rushing by!

Despite this, and with so many poorly members, it was still an enjoyable sociable afternoon with much laughter and good company.

**Karen Hales.**



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## *Streets Social Club*

**15<sup>th</sup> April:** What a dreadful afternoon it was when we met for our fortnightly meeting, after all the lovely weather that we have had it came as a bit of a shock having to dig out our wet weather gear.

Due to this a few members didn't make it but those who did had a really lovely afternoon, very relaxed and enjoyable.

Entering the hall, you were met with individual tables suitably dressed for Easter and a long table with all the delicious food that had been prepared. For this we have to thank Dorothy, Maura and Maureen.

Derek as usual was at his table with a fine array of draw prizes which was drawn at the end of the afternoon.

Karen had the sad news to start our afternoon with the death of a loyal member and dear friend of us all Fay Toms. Another member had lived in the same road as Fay when she was growing up and had written a little tribute to her. We sent our condolences to all her family. Fay will be greatly missed.

She then went through the interesting programme that had been arranged for the rest of our sessions before the summer break.

As you will have gathered the theme for this meeting was Easter and to this end Karen had prepared a quiz. Although difficult it was enjoyed by us all and caused some fun.

The winning table consisted of Rita, Heather, Juliet and Sandy.

Then came the time to enjoy a glass of wine or non-alcoholic drink, served by Maureen and to select from the spread of savoury and sweet food on the table prepared by Moyra and Dorothy. Of course, we had to have our cups of tea and again Maura, Dorothy and Maureen waited upon us. It was time to don our wet gear and head out into the foggy outdoors and make for home.

Any new people who have come to live in the village do come along and see if it is for you.

A good way to get to know folk in the village and you will be made most welcome.

Further details from 01803 770782 (Joan) or 01803 770739 (Karen)

*Strete Social Club* 29<sup>th</sup> April: It was a beautiful sunny afternoon when we met for our last meeting of April.

Several apologies had been received. Karen our leader in the chair and as is usual went through the business part of the meeting.

We have two outings arranged one in May when we are going to Buckfast Abbey and have lunch and look around the abbey and grounds whichever takes our fancy. In the Autumn we are going to the premises of Riding for the disabled following a talk by a representative who came to talk to us at an earlier meeting.

Our speaker/demonstrator for the afternoon was then introduced a Tracey Durdy on Skin Care.

She had displayed on two tables a vast range of the products of the firm she represents.

On our tables in front of us was a bowl, flannel and mirror. This was for our use when trying out the products.

First she talked about a body rub. Most of us tried this out on our hands. (This is where the flannel and bowl came into use to wash after).

She then went on to talk and demonstrate the cleansing, conditioning products. One brave female member used these on her face but the rest of us were a bit wary of putting on our face and tested them on our hands and arms. The only male member of our club had us all laughing as he was game to try out all the products on his face and semi bald head. There are a lot of photographs of his 'enjoying' the beauty treatment.

After the official thanks by Joan Tracey was on hand to answer and take orders for any product that she had in her display.

We all very much enjoyed her afternoon with us. One of the most relaxed and happy afternoons.

Tracey would not take a fee so Karen presented her with a bunch of flowers.

Tea was served by Chris and Carol, not just biscuits this afternoon but hot cross buns and chocolate Easter fancies.

Derek, as usual, was in charge of the draw which was drawn with lucky people having one of the many prizes which had been brought by members ranging from eats, chocolate, wine and lettuce seedlings.

A very happy and relaxed afternoon was had by us all.

Skin care products face a tough challenge from Derek



*Strete Social Club* **13th May:** We met on a beautiful spring afternoon.

Many members were away on holiday but those who could come were treated to an entertaining afternoon with Pam Wills reminiscing about her Farming Life here in Strete.

First of all, given the recent commemoration, Pam shared her memories of VE Day. She cannot remember much about the day, except that she wandered in the village in the evening to look for other kids but all she saw were lots of men in the Kings Arms. Seemingly Bill Skinner of Turnpike Cottages staggered out of the door. He was newly returned from being a Prisoner of War and may have had a few drinks which Pam said would have taken strong effect given his lack of nourishment – apparently, he poured whisky in the back of the clock on the mantelpiece to try to make it work. This may be apocryphal but sounds feasible!

Pam was asked if she was malnourished during the war. She explained that being on a farm there was always food to be had. She was evacuated to her cousin's farm in Beeson where he made butter and cream and as he kept pigs there were always sausages if a pig was killed. Her father also had a pass to return to Strete to pick apples.

Pam worked at Torcross Hotel running the bar and spoke to many Americans. They had not realised that local folk had left their homes. They asked her to pose for photographs outside local houses so that they could send them back to the USA to explain about the sacrifice of Strete residents. There are some photos and a film in Dartmouth Museum.

Pam got into farming from a very young age. Her family kept a lot of poultry. A hen was born with no use of her legs, so her father let her keep it in a box as a pet. It laid an egg for Pam every day. But after a length of time her father made her put it down as he felt it was cruel – Pam would not admit if she ate it!

Pam had a series of jobs related to farming:

- \* Working for Mr. Bowden at Manor Farm feeding chickens and tame lambs for which she was paid a penny and an egg a week.
- \* Once evacuated to Beeson she could not get to Dartmouth Grammar or Kingsbridge, so she had a job delivering milk in a pony and trap measuring it from churns into peoples' jugs as there were no bottles then.
- \* She worked for Mr Lapthorne who had the Bakehouse below the house next door to the pub. She helped in his bakery and looked after his pigs. Later she drove the bread van doing deliveries.
- \* She worked for Eddie Pratt's wholesale meat business driving tractors and after the war drove an ex-army lorry that he had bought. She was just 15 then!
- \* She had a spell Milk recording for the Milk Marketing Board which involved taking samples to ensure the quality of milk at various farms.
- \* She helped with tame lambs at Cox's Farm. She reared a tiny one who became like a pet dog. It could be taken out to round up sheep as they just followed Pam and her lamb.



- \* She helped with a portable Milking Parlour when churns ended and farms did not have enough milk for a tanker. They would make butter and cream with a sign saying "All Milk passed by the Ministry!"

In the middle of all this, Pam went away to Lincolnshire as a WAAF for four years. She loved it and was supposed to be posted to Germany, but the base would not release her as she was the star player for the upcoming hockey championships.

Pam had so many stories. Her final one was of "taking a sow to meet a boyfriend" in her tractor and trailer but she did not bother to cover the trailer. On arrival the sow had jumped out! On searching for it, it had been found by an RSPCA Inspector who demanded a vet checked it out. No doubt Pam's winning smile kept her out of trouble on many an occasion.

Our thanks were expressed to Pam for an enjoyable afternoon. Tea and biscuits supplied by Liane were enjoyed and Derek distributed many lovely raffle prizes, the most sought after being rhubarb from his garden.

Another sociable meeting in good company.

All are welcome to come along and see if it is for you. It's a good way to get to know folk in the village and you will be made most welcome.

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**The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming and District  
2025 remaining first half dates for June and July**

<b>Lunch/ Coffee</b>	<b>Date 2025</b>	<b>Topic Title/ Further information</b>	<b>Speaker details</b>
Lunch	28th May	Awayday summer outing lunch for members and partners <i>At the Berry Head Hotel, Brixham. Pre-bookings only</i>	
Lunch	11th June	Harry Brearley, the inventor of stainless steel <i>All about the development of this most useful modern material</i>	Ian Handford
Coffee	25th June	The Amazing Transformation of China <i>Rapid economic and social progress in the last 20 years</i>	Grace Zhu
Lunch	9th July	Cataclysmic Italy <i>Including all about volcanos and earthquakes</i>	Peter Edwards
Summer break, resuming 10th September 2025			

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## The Probuc Club of Stoke Fleming and District

*Where friendliness matters above all else*

A Lunch meeting will be held beginning at 10.30am at the Stoke Lodge Hotel, Stoke Fleming on

**Wednesday 11th June 2025**

The meeting will commence with coffee, followed by a talk by Ian Handford entitled

### **Harry Brearley, the inventor of stainless steel**

In modern times, stainless steel has become a familiar metal to us all. It is found in a multitude of products, cutlery being perhaps the best known. Yet it is a relatively recent material first produced in the 20th century. Ian will tell us all about the development of this wonderful material by Sheffield based metallurgist Harry Brearley



After the talk the bar will be open and an optional 2-course lunch will follow. The club is keen to attract new members and a warm welcome will be given to guests. If you would like to come along and be a guest please contact our Secretary Peter Hales on

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**Wednesday 25th June 2025**

The meeting will commence with coffee, followed by a talk by Grace Zhu entitled

### **The Amazing Transformation of China in the past 20 years**

*Economic and social progress in China in recent times has been rapid and impressive and has led to enormous changes in the country. Grace is going to tell us all about it.*



After the talk, drinks will be available at the bar.

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## The Probuc Club of Stoke Fleming and District

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**Wednesday 7th July 2025**

The meeting will commence with coffee, followed by a talk by Peter Edwards entitled

### **Cataclysmic Italy**

*Italy is one of the countries that experiences the results of earthquakes and volcanos on a regular basis. Professor Edwards is a distinguished academic teacher from the University of Bournemouth who will explain what is going on, to help you decide for yourself whether you want to go on holiday there (or not!)*



Drinks at the bar and an optional 2-course lunch will follow. The club is keen to attract new members and a warm welcome will be given to guests. If you would like to come along and be a guest please contact our Secretary Peter Hales on

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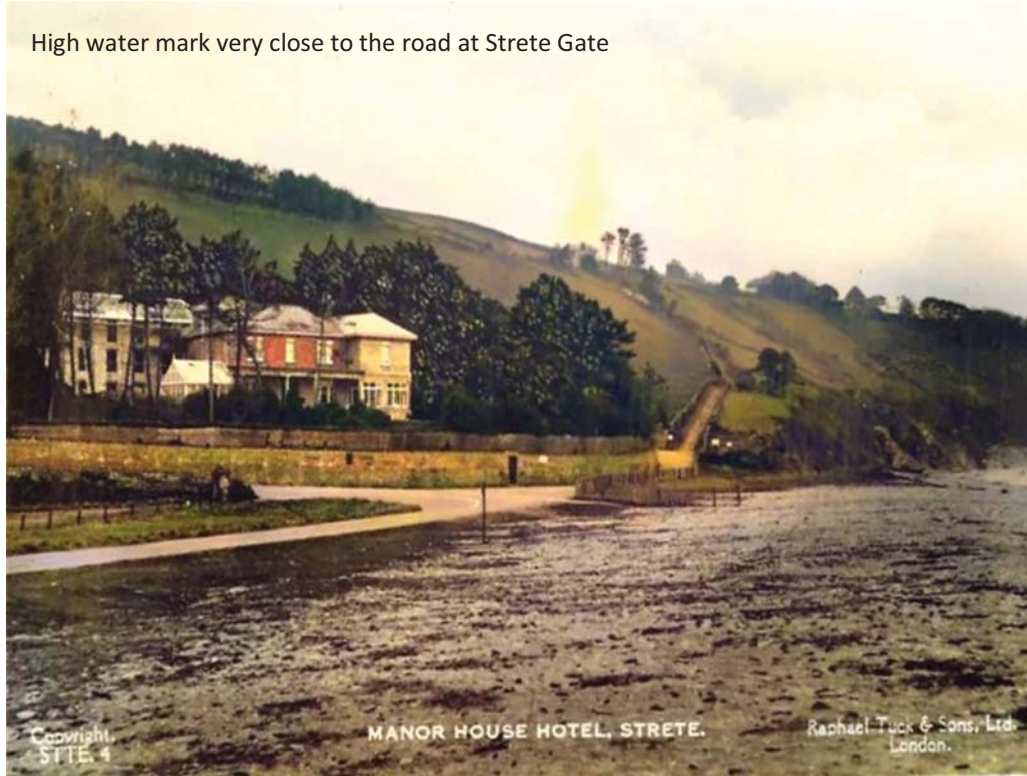
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### 93 Bus Timetable: Sunday

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Chillington Post Office (E-bound)	11:11	13:41	16:11	18:46
Stokenham Carehouse Cross (E-bound)	11:14	13:44	16:14	18:49
Torcross Stores (N-bound)	11:19	13:49	16:19	18:54
Strete Kings Arms Car Park (N-bound)	11:28	13:58	16:28	19:03
Stoke Fleming Blackpool Sands	11:33	14:03	16:33	19:08
Stoke Fleming Endsleigh Hotel	11:38	14:08	16:38	19:13
Dartmouth Pontoon (S-bound)	11:50	14:20	16:50	19:25
Dartmouth Pontoon (S-bound)	09:55	12:25	14:55	17:25
Stoke Fleming, opp Endsleigh Hotel	10:07	12:37	15:07	17:37
Stoke Fleming Blackpool Sands	10:12	12:42	15:12	17:42
Strete, opp Kings Arms Car Park	10:17	12:47	15:17	17:47
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Chillington, opp Post Office	10:34	13:04	15:34	18:04
Frogmore Bridge (SW-bound)	10:38	13:08	15:38	18:08
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**Devon Air Ambulance launch their first ever mass participation event in South Devon.**

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