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and a
Happy
New Year*

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Stretwise took the opportunity to treat the Stretwise delivery team to a buffet lunch at the Kings Arms to thank them for their sterling work getting the village magazine delivered to our subscribers.

Steve provided a delicious buffet spread enjoyed by all.



Strete Chapel

Happy Christmas to all the village!

We will be celebrating this season with a carol service on the **18th December at 11am** followed by refreshments. All are welcome. There will also be a Christmas day service at 10.15am and a New Years Day Service at 11am for us to join together to reflect on 2022 and think about what 2023 will bring.



The Bible verse above is taken from the book of Isaiah chapter 9 verse 6. This was a prophecy given 700 years before the birth of Jesus. Following on from this the prophecy describes Jesus as '*... Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*' This clearly was going to be no ordinary baby; whilst in human likeness this was still God and the Saviour of the world. When celebrating Christmas this year please reflect on the true 'reason for the season' and what an amazing gift Jesus was to the world.

Young Searchers

Young Searchers is a children's club where we learn bible stories, play games, and get creative with craft. We continue to meet every Thursday evening from 6-7pm during term time in the chapel.



Christmas Joke

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?

A mince spy





St. Michael's Church Strete over the Festive Season

4th .Dec. Morning Worship 11 a.m. with Peter Barker

8th Dec. Christmas Wreath Making from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m.
with Lucy Spooner of Kingsbridge Flowers
Tickets available from Trish Robinson £35. 0797626928.
All materials provided.

11th Dec. Morning Worship with Jenny Harris at 11 a.m.

13th Dec. Carol Service at 6.30 p.m.
led by the Venerable Douglas Dettmer.

Mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine to follow.
To raise proceeds, by collection, for South West Children's Hospice

18th Dec. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Reverend Mark Kichenside

25th Dec. Christmas day family service with communion
by extension with Jenny Harris at 11 a.m.

*The Churchwardens & All at St. Michael's
Wish you every blessing for Christmas
& A Healthy and Happy New Year*

*Luke 2: This will be a sign unto you, You will find
a Baby rapped in cloths & Lying in a Manger.*





QUIZ and PASTY EVENING

This, as usual, was a very pleasant occasion. We should have liked a few more people there but those that were enjoyed some interesting and unusual questions from our Question Master, Jonathan. We even had a family of four from London, who were staying at Strete Barton. The pasties were delicious and the raffle helped up the takings!

Thank you to those who supported.

NB

You might be interested to know that it costs between £5,000 and £6,000 per year to run the Hall and that is without any repair work that might become necessary.

Most who help run the Hall and its events are volunteers.

CHRISTMAS MARKET and COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

Doors open at 10.30am

NB

We should be very grateful if those makers of wonderful cakes (small or large), mince pies, biscuits, etc would get busy in the kitchen and bring along to the Hall on the Saturday morning. The Cake Stall always does really, really well and we hope to sell mince pies with your tea or coffee.

Christmas is coming!

The Hall Committee wishes you all a very

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

STRETE VILLAGE DAY

Strete Village Day 5th August 2023 12.00 - 16.30
Mewstone Paddock Totnes Road Strete TQ6 0RU

This event is usually held annually on the 1st Saturday in August but because of the pandemic and the Queen's Jubilee celebrations the last one was in 2019!

Therefore, let us make the 2023 event really special Strete Village Day is a wonderful, joyous occasion for the whole village and our summer visitors. It, therefore, needs the whole village to become involved with ideas and help before, during and after.

WINTER WARMERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF STRETE

What a disappointing turn out for the hot soup lunch that was put on for village people at the request of the Parish Council. Only one person came to enjoy the delicious homemade soup served by members of the village hall and church.

This was for all in the village and was meant to be a warm place to meet for a couple of hours. We do have another one planned in two weeks' time and hope this will be better supported.

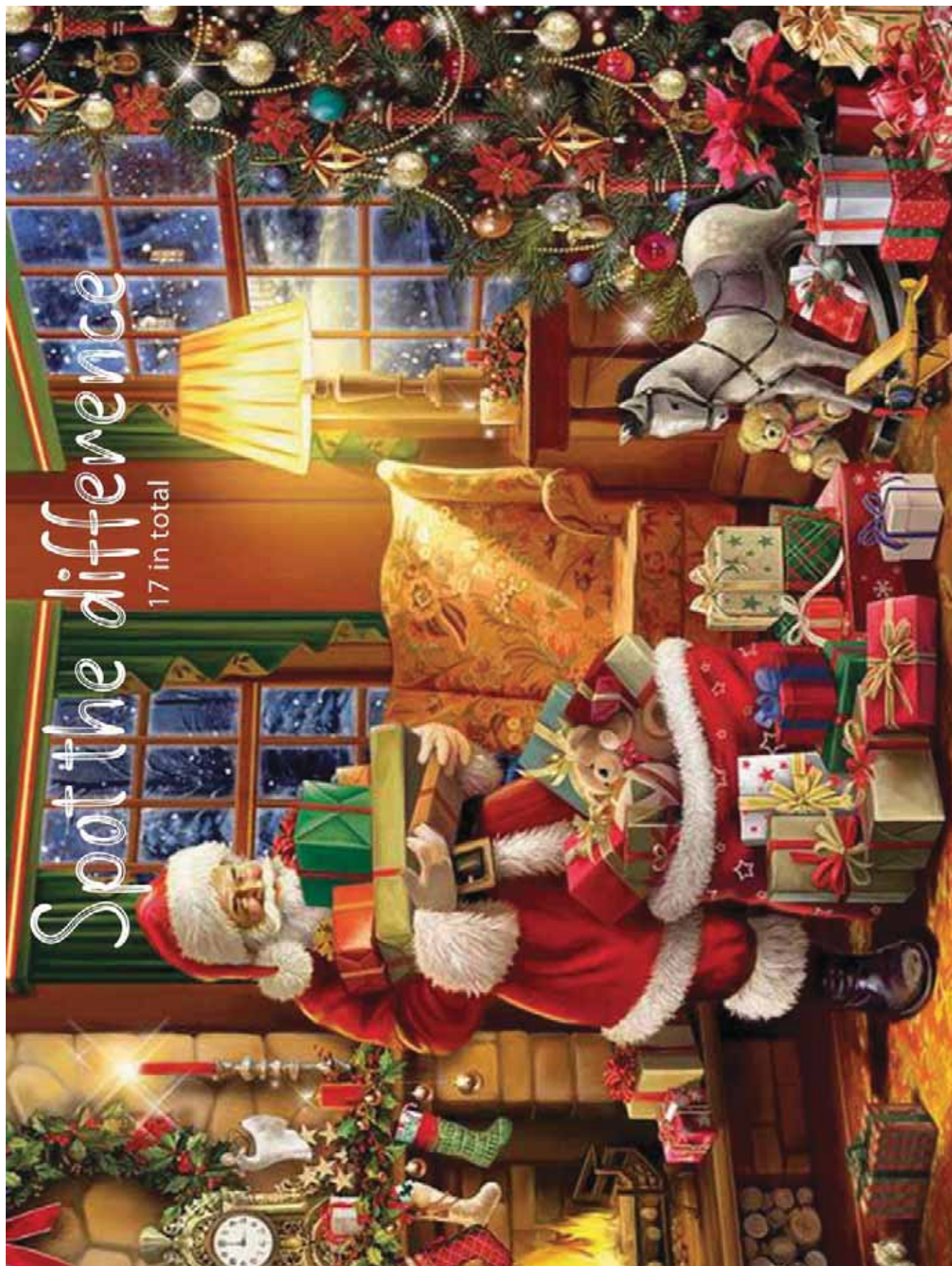
If successful it was going to be an ongoing event. We could also provide a pack of cards and dominos for folk to have a game.

There is no charge and a donation can be given in a box the other end of the room if one so wishes but not obligatory. Member of village hall committee.



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Strete Social Club

AUTUMN PROGRAMME 2022

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December	8th	Christmas Lunch at Kings Arms NB on Thursday.
	13th	Wine and Mince Pies

SPRING PROGRAMME 2023

Meetings are usually held in Strete Parish Hall on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30PM		
January	10th	AGM and Quiz
	17th	Special Film Outing to Mrs Harris Goes To Paris at the Flavel in Dartmouth at 10.30am
	24th	Secrets of Shopping - Danni Brien
February	7th	Travels around Georgia in the Caucasus Region - Peter Barker
	21st	Animals In Distress Rescue Charity - Christine Paradine
March	7th	Watercolour Painting - Juliet Collins
	21st	Reflections - Sally Green
April	4th	Feet First - Sam Hodges

Strete Social Club

4th October.

Our fortnightly meeting was well attended, with everyone seated we were all

prepared to sing 'Happy Birthday' to Shirley as she entered the room. The usual business was then dealt with and our speaker for the afternoon was introduced.

Georgina Lewis who is an Osteopath practicing at Townstall in Dartmouth gave us a very interested and comprehensive talk on "Pain and Inflammation"

With the aid of a model of the spine, hip and neck part of the body she gave us many useful facts as to the causes and parts of the body that various pain occurs. Pain comes in many forms, mild, chronic and mechanical and thermal. A lot of knowledge was gained as to how we could deal with each form of pain.

She was thanked by Karen after she had answered the many questions posed to her. Teas and delicious homemade cheese scone were served my Margaret and Heather.

Musical Interlude

18th October

Dorothy Teal greeted everyone to the meeting and welcomed Trish Robertson and her husband George. Trish spoke about her Musical Journey Through Life and her amazing story was interspersed by playing a number of beautiful tunes ably accompanied by George.

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John Tucker

1st November

Our speaker for the afternoon made a return visit from his home in Exminster to give us a most delightful afternoon with his slides on the title of his talk which was 'Bees, Butterflies and other insects.'

The presentation began with his first species of a bumble bee gathering pollen from a patch of crocus in the early part of the year. We didn't realise that there were so many varieties of bumble bee. Naming them and pointing out the ways of telling them as each slide came up. The solitary bee was burying into a cob wall in his village, this was the lovely red colour due to the soil in that part of Devon.

Naming others there was a cuckoo species which layed its eggs in a stollen nest and the young when hatched out fed on the original bees hatched eggs food, therefore, her own were starved and the bumble bee larvae grew and hers died. Two other varieties were the honey bee using a bug hotel in which to lay their eggs. Mining bees made holes in the ground and this was their chosen place to lay their eggs. Lastly was the Ivy bee who loved to collect the pollen from flowering ivy. It was interesting to see the pollen sacks on the bees showing the colour of the colour of the pollen collected,

He than put on the screen hover flies, actually getting a photograph of one in flight.

Following this we saw slides of crickets and grasshoppers

Then what we had all been looking forward to was the butterflies, so many varieties pointing out to us varies features of each one. We were told not to be too quick of disposing of what is considered a pest with eating etc. the brassicas but to carefully check to see that it is the cabbage white as there is one with a slightly green tinge on the wing which does not use our cabbages etc. for food.

Karen gave a vote of thanks and of course our usual cups of tea and biscuits were served by Chris and Carol.

All are welcome, just come along and you will be made most welcome.'



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Her grandfather helped them to buy her first fiddle a Dalla Costa Violin made in Italy in 1745. She was encouraged by David Martin and Florence Hooton at the Royal Academy of Music and gained a full Music scholarship at the age of 15! She lived in a hostel next to the Royal Albert Hall. Even before this excitement she had been playing in the National Orchestra of Great Britain and had made friends with Simon Rattle and Nigel Kennedy. She built her concerto repertoire and was offered a Leverhulme Scholarship which extended her time at the Academy for four years. She won a number of prizes at this time, including joint London Young Musician of the Year and at her first International Competition in Glasgow won the prize for outstanding British violinist. The prize introduced her to a wider network abroad and by this time she was playing live on Radio 3.

She decided she needed an alternative teacher and to go abroad. She studied with Wolfgang Marschner in Freiberg for a year. As she boarded the train a girl came into her carriage who was going to study with the same professor! It was a challenging time busking to make money to live on. She returned to London after a year and met Helen Airopff whom she described as the greatest influence on her life in every sense, musically, spiritually and personally. Helen was close friends with Yehudi Menuhin and George Enesco. Helen agreed to teach her in Lausanne even though she had a major concert at Wigmore Hall three months later. After a shaky 7.00am start, when she fainted while playing, Helen invited her to live with her to save travel time. Lessons were then 12-14 hours a day with no days off because "darling you have so much to learn"! Her time with this wonderful and generous teacher lasted for 10 extraordinary years.

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In 1980 Trish won the international Mozart Competition which took her career on an ever-increasing amount of work. Life was happy, fulfilled and exciting.

At this time, she was loaned Helen's extraordinary Italian violin. A Guarneri Del Gesu violin, a maker which many violinists believe gives Stradivarius a run for its money. She felt greatly privileged to play it. Helen also introduced her to fine dining, high living, travel and art showing her "that music is so much more than the notes on a page" eloquently conveyed by the quote by Henry Longfellow " Music is the universal language of mankind."

While living with Helen she met Anna Barry, a pianist writer and record producer and they became lifelong friends. Indeed, they have recently recorded an album Meditation together which was for sale to members.

After Helen's death Trish was struck by the additional blow that Helen had not as intended left her the violin in her will and the Dowling Trust requested its return.

However, her dear sister Clare bought her a wonderful Giovanni Paolo Maggini violin which she still plays today. Trish kindly passed the beautiful instrument around – a most amazing thing to touch an instrument made in 1625!

Trish formed the Lyric Quartet with three outstanding members of the profession. It became very successful and at one time had a residency in Dartington and one in Aldeburgh. The quartet was innovative, playing with Elvis Costello and Jazz Saxophonists composed music for them. Around this time, she started her teaching practice which she continues to this day. She taught at the Royal College, Westminster School, Wells Cathedral and Benenden.

The Quartet had a busy schedule of recordings and they started to do session work for films and backing tracks for famous artists. Many of the films like Mask of Zorro, where she first met George, enabled them to carry on doing Chamber Music which is notoriously badly paid.

In 1990 she joined Sir Neville Marriner's Chamber Orchestra of St Martin in the Fields. She joined some of the top Chamber Musicians in the UK. Sir Nev as he was known by the orchestra treated and paid them in a far superior way than other orchestras at the time! They travelled the world in great style with the very best soloists like Joshua Bell and Jimmy Galway. He once chartered Concorde from the USA to get them back for a concert in the UK!

She has recently started her own String Orchestra called The Lyric Chamber Orchestra and they will be playing locally soon. She has learned that "when playing an instrument, you must never forget that you are communicating to others...and as Helen said...if we cannot communicate the beauty of what is on the page,` we are not doing our job at all!"

Trish closed by saying that her musical journey has been a remarkable journey which she would not have missed for the world and quoted Berthold Auerbach "Music washes away from the soul, the dust of everyday life."

Karen thanked them warmly for coming along to provide an uplifting and joyous afternoon's entertainment. We feel very privileged to have such accomplished musicians doing so much for our village community. They donated their fee to the Alzheimer's Society.

Refreshments served by Helen and Joan were enjoyed and Derek as always ran an excellent raffle.

Members went home with a smile after a very enjoyable social afternoon.

Karen Hales 22nd October 2022

Strete Social Club Christmas Crafts 15th November

After Dorothy had welcomed us to the meeting and business was swiftly dealt with, we were pleased to welcome back to speak and show us various Christmas crafts that we could do using bits and pieces from our cupboards etc. that we have accumulated over time. On display she had a table showing different items she had made and some kits for sale.

She had made items from socks turning them into snowmen, corks from champagne bottles making them into snowmen, father Christmas, to name but a few and these could be stood or even hung on a tree. There was a large wreath made out of rags which was very impressive, a beautiful crochet blankets and many other items.

We then saw items she had made from buttons which were decorations for hanging on various places. We then all had a little plastic bag each containing button or graduating size, and waxed thread to have a go at making a button Christmas tree. Not such as easy a task as we thought it would be with the little button having small holes through which the thread was put especially with our ageing hands and eye sight but after a struggle for some of us we achieve our goal and had these little button Christmas trees to take home. Another item she made from the button was a little robin which with decorative wire fashioned at the top would hold place names, variety of cheese etc.

Some of us then had a go at making a round tree decoration using a wire hoop onto which we threaded small felt balls. These were very attractive and again those who had a go at this went home with a pretty decoration to hang up for Christmas.

Yvonne Temple, the demonstrator, owns a craft shop in Dartmouth in Lower Street in which she also has an area to teach crafts. I am sure she wetted the appetites of some us to visit her shop and see the selection of materials she has.

She was warmly thanked and as usual we all then had a chat and cups of tea and biscuits served by Sandy and Colleen.

Once again, we extend a warm welcome to any one who would like to join us.





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When you've chosen your tree you might like to warm up and relax in our Café. We have freshly prepared food available all day, every day. The delicious sausages, bacon and eggs for our famous big breakfasts are locally sourced and there's a varied lunchtime menu too, including Dan's scrumptious pasties!

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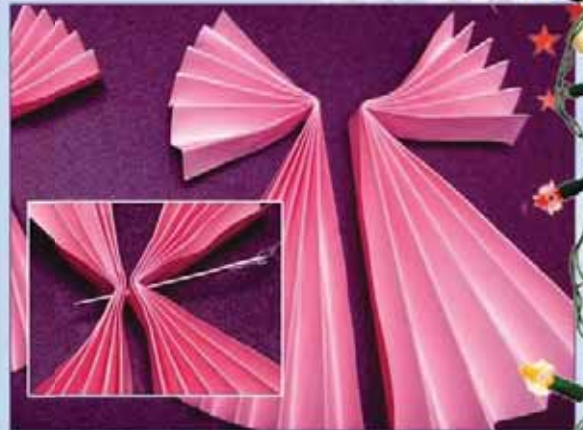
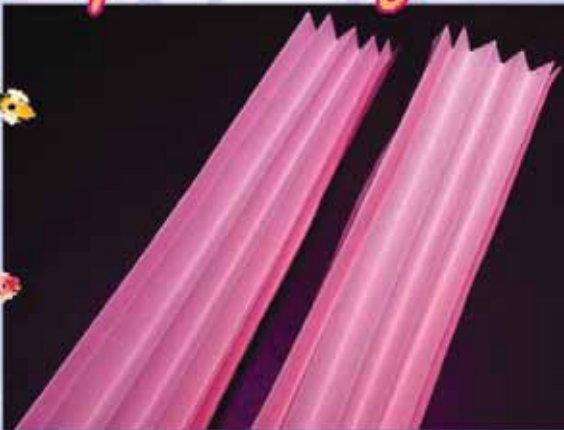
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

HELD AT STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 29th September 2022 AT 7 PM

PRESENT: Cllr Peter Hales (PH) (Chairman); Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); Cllr Kate Gill (KG); Cllr Ian Cumberland (IC); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC); Cllr David Rothwell (DR); District Councillor Richard Foss (RF); The Clerk. Cllr Louise Newman (LN) attended as an observer on Zoom.

ONE MINUTE SILENCE: A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. RC then presented a report on the protocols observed during the ten-day mourning period.

In accordance with advance notification of Operation London Bridge the Clerk, Louise and I arranged to meet on Tuesday 13th September to discuss arrangements in preparation for the death of HM the Queen.

On the morning of Thursday 8th September 2022 news reports began to emerge of the failing health of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II together with all family members being called to Balmoral Castle. At approximately 1800 hours on 8th September 2022 the death of the Queen was announced.

The village flag was raised and lowered to half-mast.

In the evening Helen, Louise, Vincent and I held a Zoom meeting arranged by Helen to put into place the necessary protocol following this announcement. This included obtaining a book of condolence (bc) and a framed picture of HM the Queen to accompany the boc on a table at the back of the church. Arrangements confirmed for the church to remain open from 8am until 7pm daily during the period of mourning to allow members of the community to enter their comments into the boc. The boc to close at 5pm the day after the State Funeral. I contacted Ian Judge (website) and arranged for the home page of Strete website to be black with an approved picture of HM the Queen which was to remain in place for the 10-day mourning period

An email was circulated to all those in the email listing advising the bell at St Michael's Church would ring 96 times from 12pm on Friday 9th September 2022 in celebration of the Queen's age. Members of the community were invited to join and assist in the bell ringing. 12 members of the community arrived to assist and take part in a short prayer.

On Saturday 10th September 2022 at 11am the National Proclamation of the New Sovereign took place at St James' Palace in London. The flag at Strete was raised to full mast when this took place. The flag remained at full mast for Local Proclamations which took place at County Hall, Exeter on Sunday 11th September at 1pm and at Follaton House, Totnes on Monday 12th September at 10am. The flag was then returned to half-mast until after the Queen's funeral.

On Sunday 18th September a church service was held at 11am in St Michael's church to celebrate the long life and service of Her Majesty. The church service was attended by many in the village.

On Tuesday 20th September the village flag was raised and then removed. Ian Judge returned the home page on Strete website to normal on Tuesday 20th September.

Final action required: Letter of condolence from the Parish Council to Buckingham Palace Private Secretary after the funeral.

The Clerk wrote to the Secretary at Buckingham Palace on 4th October 2022.

PUBLIC FORUM: Unfortunately, Sgt Abercrombie was unable to attend but had been asked to make the October meeting.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: The County Councillor for Devon County Council [DCC] gave his apologies and no report was given.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: RF noted he had attended a proclamation service at Follaton House to mark the accession of King Charles. He had also attended a church service in Totnes to celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth II. These were historic events.

The waste collection service is returning back in house on 3rd October. The brown bin i.e., garden service will continue until the end of October whilst catchup is done. The brown bin service will resume in April 2023 by way of a fortnightly subscription service [RF quoted £49 per year for this service]. The aim is to break even as a self-funding service so the subscription is ringfenced toward this service. RF noted a refund would be possible for a poor service. South Hams District Council [SHDC] until this change was the last council in Devon to offer the garden waste service as part of its standard waste collection service and without requiring separate payment. Missed collections should be reported via the website or telephone and a catchup collection will happen within 48 hours. The crews that run the garden collection service will be redeployed to other areas after October and during the period to April 2023.

He observed the cost of the service will go up for a couple of reasons. Firstly, the outsourced contract was a fixed contract so inflation was not included and secondly the cost-of-living increases for instance fuel will affect operational costs. On the other hand, a number of penalties for non-performance were levied on the contractor which offset some of the contract costs.

RF touched briefly on some of the reasons for the poor performance on the outsourced contract. He suggested the contractor didn't understand the very rural nature of much of the South Hams and failed to use experienced refuse drivers and operatives who were used to the routes and often worked cooperatively between parts of the service.

SHDC aims to continue the new box recycling system in the interim until the new service is bedded in. Senior officers have spoken with the refuse crews to explain the changes and offer an incentive scheme. He reiterated that SHDC will do their best to make things better.

Composting is an alternative to the subscription service and grants are available e.g., RF has available the Climate Change and Biodiversity Locality Fund. One issue though is locating suitable sites though there is an active group in Stoke Fleming [the Loam Rangers]. RF also talked on the Slapton Line and the future of the memorial. The MP has done a lot of work on the future of the Line and has his reports to present to a minister when the new government has settled in. There is evidence from SSSIs elsewhere which can be used to support a case for the Line to remain open. He also mentioned the contractor used to strengthen defenses who has patented a system of rock armour/shielding/mesh. This aspect of wire mesh needs some consultation with the environmental partners. JB and he will continue to use this contractor to strengthen the Line as needed.

SHDC is negotiating with the Strete Estate to buy extra land down at the Strete Gate carpark. SHDC also has plans to expand the carpark at Torcross and maybe at Stokeley. GC noted the motion at SHDC Full Council in July by RF and Hilary Bastone now makes clear the position of SHDC on the Line which is to keep it open as long as possible.

GC asked who is responsible for the Slapton Line Partnership meetings now. RF thought possibly Devon County Peter Chamberlain as the planning application for the memorial was in progress. RC asked about funding for the memorial move and resiting. The Coastal Revival Fund awarded £44,380 in March 2019 toward the tank memorial and the 'granite obelisk' i.e., the memorial. RC observed there is not enough consideration given to the economic consequences if the Line closed. PH noted he had asked SHDC about the possibility of relocating the memorial to the carpark rather than on the land held by the Field Centre. **RF promised to obtain a reply on this for the Council.** It was asked if the memorial could be placed in storage but RF noted this had been mentioned before and was deemed unsuitable.

RF updated the meeting on planning. There has been a reorganization and Pat Whymer is now head of SHDC planning. West Devon has a similar post. The planning department is inundated with applications at the moment. RC raised the application on No 10 The Plat discussed at the August council meeting. RF stated there was a stop on the application. He would not sign off unless the officer had decided to refuse the application.

RC raised correspondence which had been received from the South Hams Society on the subject of a questionnaire sent out in August by SHDC. The concern expressed was for councils with made neighbourhood plans that these would be possibly disregarded or downgraded in the consultation process. Moreover, it was observed the questionnaire had a bias toward encouraging sustainability in local parishes leading to changes to the Joint Local Plan to encourage more development in the AONB. RF reassured councillors that the Strete neighbourhood plan was made and would be abided by. RF informed the meeting that at the last SHDC Full Council it was resolved that purchasers who buy and knock down housing would have to justify the carbon impact of the works undertaken. RC finished up by offering to send his report on the Kings Arms Strete to RF as an update on progress.

0922/1 APOLOGIES – County Councillor Julian Brazil (JB);

0922/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH AUGUST 2022

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

0922/3 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.

None were declared.

0922/4 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

Planning applications consulted on. To discuss and respond to South Hams District Council on: Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 - Regulation 3 Relocation of Slapton Monument approximately 1.4km north east on land north of A379 to preserve the monument from storm damage and restoration of existing site at Land at Ngr 283449 45549, Strete, Dartmouth, Devon. **Resolved to object with comments.**

Among the comments submitted was that Strete was the only consultee despite a number of bodies having an interest in the monument/memorial. Also that the Council had approached SHDC to consider an alternate site in the carpark whilst this application relates to land held by The Field Studies Council which was a previous site looked at.

Other planning matters. Glen Cottage two applications 2325/22/LBC and 3125/22/LBC. This is in the conservation area and a site visit was required. **Resolved the Clerk to organise a visit with the householder and councillors.**

0922/5 PARISH COUNCIL TARGETS FOR 2022/23

Night landing site for air ambulance. Still awaiting response from Savills on the proposal sent in August to purchase some land for a landing area.

Enhanced vehicle speed control measures in the Village. Lisa Edmunds has offered to undertake a count of vehicles and measure speeds at the Totnes road end of the village. The VAS speed measuring machine still awaits installation by a DCC highways engineer.

Raise awareness of forthcoming green grants for domestic heating, insulation etc. There are grants toward tree planting and free trees available through the Devon Wildlife Trust.

Secure electric vehicle charging facility in the Village. PH has enrolled on a webinar to discuss EV provision.

Identify sites for tree planting in the Village. A number of sites were identified last year but the initiative continues.

0922/6 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

There is now a full list of buddle holes mapped out for the parish and the contract has been drafted. As this contract aligns to the draft DCC cyclic contract sent by DCC in January **it was resolved the Council discuss this with DCC through JB.** There is around £2,200 of funding available for the parish to take on a contract for drainage works from DCC

0922/7 STRETE GATE AND THE MEMORIAL

Already discussed with the District Councillor above.

0922/8 SALE OF THE STRETE ESTATE AND DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS LAND MATTERS

A response is owed by Savills on the proposal to purchase two plots of land for the playpark and the air ambulance landing site. RF thought the lease would carry over to the new landowner. RF also advised the council to confirm with SHDC the status of the s106 monies held for the Blindwells development. **Resolved the Clerk would confirm with the officer at SHDC that the £12,034.86 of s106 monies was ringfenced toward the three village sites identified.**

0922/9 OTHER ONGOING MATTERS IF NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

KG noted she had not received the draft letters on the lack of progress of the SLP.

Resolved to send these to her. Resolved RF to talk with John Hart [Leader of the Council DCC] on this tomorrow. Resolved to send out the letters to the MP, district and county councillors and chairman of the SLP.

0922/10 CLERK'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting. The Post Box on Hynetown Road. Nothing further to report. **The MP wrote to confirm there is some progress. Bid to purchase playpark.** Submitted to Savills on 14th August. **Photo Album.** Suggested to use £184 underspend on the Jubilee budget toward other priorities for instance the warm spaces scheme. **Resolved this would be discussed with other budgets in October.**

Banking. No change this month. To set up IC as co-administrator to authorise the signatories. I can get live balances off the system. **To note.**

Road safety measures. No change this month. The VAS machine remains with the Clerk and awaits the DCC highways engineer to instal the device. **To carry forward and note. Speed watch initiative.** I am now trained on the theory element of the scheme and still wait for the Police to contact me to do a practical training session.

Resolved to chase the Speedwatch team to get further training.

Meeting with the Parish Hall committee. Representatives from the PC and the Parish Hall met on 25th August to address housekeeping procedures and talk on projects.

The projects are:

Solar panels. Danni [the Hall treasurer] has looked at grants and PH will assist.

Online archive. HD asked at Dartmouth Museum who gave the details of local archivists.

Police hub. To be discussed when Sgt Abercrombie next visits. This is hoped to be 29th September.

Shared projects. Village Day – a Hall rep to attend the November Council meeting of the PC and discuss a way forward for the August 2023 Day. London Bridge. Now superseded and a report given tonight. Warm spaces. This is now active with a start date of 8th November for a shared hot lunch in the Hall. The Hall committee has approached local supermarkets to ask for donated food. RC noted the Pub will also offer a warm facility.

Appraisal/annual pay increment. The Clerk met with PH and LN on personal and operational matters. PH reported on this. **Resolved the Clerk increase an increment on the NJC pay scale to £11.05/hr on the anniversary of her appointment. The report was received.**

0922/11 CHAIR'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting.

Strete Parish Council Chairman's report - September 2022 Delayed Meeting

The scheduled September Parish Council meeting has been delayed by two weeks to Thursday 29th September due to the moratorium on Council events during the period of national mourning following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September. I was on holiday and out of the country at the time that the announcement was made, and my thanks go to my colleagues Ralph, Louise and Helen, who rapidly stepped up and set in motion the Parish responses to 'Operation London Bridge' in my absence.

There were a number of events in the village during the mourning period, culminating in a service in St Michael's Church on Sunday 18th, the day before the State Funeral, which was well attended by villagers.

Although most businesses were closed during the funeral proceedings on Monday 19th, the Kings Arms elected to open and run a bar service in the evening, in order that residents might have somewhere where they could meet and discuss the events of the day and their personal memories of the late Queen. This event was also well attended and greatly appreciated by many residents.

Strete Estate

No response has been received to the Parish Council's letter to Savills,(the Strete Estate land agent) offering to purchase the land occupied by the play park, which is currently leased from Strete Estate. The PC does not know the current status of the sale of the Estate, although we have been unofficially informed that it is likely to be sold as one lot.

The further implications of the sale of most of the land on the west side of the village is of grave concern to the PC, especially given the stance of the selling agent towards earmarking land for future development.

Bus Consultation by Devon County

Nothing further to report. A public consultation on a reduced improvement scheme is promised for October 2022 by DCC. PH informed the meeting that the 3/93 bus route[Dartmouth to Plymouth via Kingsbridge] will change. **Resolved to publicise on local sites e.g. TQ6.**

Slapton Line Partnership

SHDC full council adopted the motion put forward by Cllrs Foss and Bastone (Dartmouth) on 14th July. The motion called for the Terms of Reference of the Slapton Line Partnership to be revised and for greater effort to be given to the preservation of the road across the line, at least until a viable and realistic alternative back route has been established.

Since that point we have had no further information, and no meeting has been convened by SLP. We have requested that the Ward Members provide the PC with an update at Thursday's meeting and the PC has also drafted a number of formal letters to the Councils and the MP expressing our alarm at the lack of information and action.

Proposed relocation of the Slapton Line Memorial

In early September Devon County Council submitted a planning application to remove the monument from the current site at Slapton Beach car park and relocate it to the land at Strete Gate owned by the Field Studies Council. This is despite the fact that the six Parishes have failed to reach agreement with the FSC about maintenance of the site. A discussion on this will hopefully take place on Thursday as the PC has been asked to formally comment on the planning application as a consultee.

Waste Collections

The waste collection service will be taken in-house by SHDC from October. Newspaper reports suggest that SHDC proposes to charge an additional fee of £49 per annum for an (optional) fortnightly brown bin (green garden waste) collection service from the end of October, replacing the present universal brown bin collection service included in the Community Charge. Meantime, scheduled brown bin collections continue to be missed in the village and should be reported.

Report a Missed Collection - South Hams District Council (fccenvironment.co.uk)

Night Landing Site for the Devon Air Ambulance

Nothing further to report.

Police Hub

Discussions have continued with the Parish Hall Committee over the proposed use of the Parish Hall as a Police Hub, as suggested by Anthony Mangnall MP. Many details remain to be ironed out. Sgt Abercrombie is due to visit and provide the PC with some feedback on this proposal from a police user perspective at Thursday's meeting.

Post Box on Hynetown Road

Nothing further to report. We await installation of a replacement.

Referendum on the proposed precept for 2022/23

The Parish Council has been working on a newsletter for residents which has been delayed by the events of recent weeks. The newsletter will discuss the cost-of-living crisis and energy costs in relation to the proposed precept for next year, It will also discuss options to fund a number of charities from Parish funds.

These options would constitute a radical change in PC policy; hence the PC is keen to receive feedback from residents before making firm proposals. The newsletter will therefore incorporate a referendum where the PC will ask for resident's opinions (anonymously), and a collection point for replies will be established. **Resolved councillors to respond to the Chair with comments by October 4th. The Chair's report was received.**

0922/12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Reports were circulated prior to the meeting. PH. This report was given under 0922/11.

KG. Slapton Line Partnership and AONB. KG noted there was little to report on the Slapton Line Partnership. Anthony Mangnall is keen to support the protection of the Slapton Line. DCC hopefully will soon start the process again and apply for planning permission to move the War Memorial to Strete Gate.

KG gave an account on the birth of a seal pup at Undercliff. Two of my campers are monitoring its progress. Sadly, dog walkers are allowing their pets to scare the pup away from mum. One of my campers was able to record the crying of the pup and encourage the mum seal to return to her baby by going up to her - letting her hear the cries and she then followed him back to baby listening to its recorded crying. Sarah from the seal sanctuary has had notices requesting dog walkers to keep their pets on a lead.

KG also suggested the roadway at Strete Gate carpark be widened so it was safer for pedestrians. It is believed this is Strete Estate land. **Resolved RF to deal with this.**

LN. Roads: hedges, and litter. There is nothing major to report. Some hedges are beginning to need some trimming. LN hoped to have the hedges cut next week. **She will talk with RC about the hedges along Hynetown Road.** The road surfaces are generally OK. There is a broken hydrant sign opposite the gateway to Asherne which has been in this state for a long time. The milestones have been looked at and are fine. I have had a call about the new parking space created by School House. It was suggested earlier in email correspondence the householder contact SHDC about this.

DR. Health and safety, Parish Hall liaison. Defibrillator. Parish Hall liaison. Defibrillator Training has now been confirmed with South West Ambulance and will be held in the village hall on Tuesday 25th October, beginning at 6.30 pm.

Before going away I attended a meeting of the Parish Hall Committee on the 8th September.

Points discussed included;

- It was agreed to cancel the Quiz and Pasty Night scheduled for the 24th September.
- The removal of an ash tree in the car park area which has suffered from ash die back was confirmed, and was scheduled for Friday 9th September. Logs from the fallen tree will be available for collection at a small fee.
- A presentation of 'Old Strete and the local area' is being planned to be held in the village hall.
- Village Day 2023, which is to be held back at the field behind Andrea Hollis, is already at the planning stage, but there is an urgent appeal for volunteers to come forward. The first meeting is scheduled for early November.
- Training in the use of Fire Extinguishers is planned to be held on the evening before the next meeting on Thursday 13th October, starting at 6.00 pm. **RC noted the Pub was interested and would send employees to the event.**
- It is hoped to set up a food bank, with the use of a fridge in the Church which will be for Strete residents only, beginning in November.

IC. Rights of Way, Tree warden, Strete Gate and Playpark. Not a massive amount to report about this last couple of months...(Apart from the obvious State Funeral proceedings, but that doesn't have too much bearing upon the ongoing day-to-day village activities). **Playpark.** The park is now looking green again, after the drought of the Spring/Summer months. It was 'cut' on Saturday 24th, and is looking quite presentable. There are a few wooden structures to do with some of the climbing apparatus, that need some attention in due course, plus hinges for access gates. **Foot-paths/Rights of Way:-** Some sections could do with a bit of overgrowth clearance, particularly some of the coast-path, but, on the whole, OK. **Strete Gate;-** Strete Gate has, to a degree,

returned to normality, after the massive influx of Summer visitors. The car-park and Loos are being 'looked after', and most of the illicit camping has 'tailed-off'. A few barbeque fire scars still remain. Dog walkers are being 'asked', by strategically-placed signs, to keep their dogs on leads, to minimise disturbance to recently-born seal-pups. Sadly, not all are willing to comply...!! There have been some very stubborn dog-owners who think that the sensible request does NOT apply to THEM...!!

Tree Warden: - The obvious activity has been Blackbird Wood, which has received some hefty 'felling' and congestion clearance. It always looks a bit shocking at first, but it will 'mellow down' with time, and let some much-needed light into the area. GC commented on the woodpiles left behind. Pam has invited people to make a contribution if they take wood away.

RC. Planning and Neighbourhood Plan, road maintenance including sweeping and Kings Arms liaison. PC Report_September 2022

Neighbourhood Plan

Strete PC is aware of a questionnaire that has been sent out by SHDC Planning Department. It is believed that, to date, there have been few responses which are mostly negative.

There is concern about the potential use of the replies to this questionnaire, being used to justify changes to the JLP at its next review stage, whilst ignoring existing Neighbourhood Plans that have taken several years of volunteer's time to compile and surmount the incumbent bureaucracy. There is a suggestion that the questions are biased and are drawing answers the Planners are looking for. Justifying increased facilities will raise the "Sustainability of an area/village" and the necessary development needed to make it viable. It is likely to increase the use of Section 106 levies to provide such facilities by building in areas that will require a 106 covenant, therefore providing the income to undertake the works.

The line of some questions could lead to further erosion of the AONB using this survey as evidence. Cllr Judith Pearce, in a recent online meeting, has allegedly stated that South Hams District Council is working at ways of building even more houses in the AONB.

The circulation of this questionnaire is not addressed to everyone and, therefore, the responses can only be from a small percentage of residents whereas a Neighbourhood Plan must have the consent of a majority of residents, all of which would have been given the opportunity to take part, complete with pre-advertising to a regulatory standard.

This questionnaire does not satisfy the requirements of a proper consultation. Whilst interpretation of our NP may be challenged at some time in the future, its current form is robust and everyone should be confident that Strete PC will be following events closely to ensure the NP policies are interpreted as intended. Should it become necessary to review the Strete Neighbourhood Plan to address potential development that may affect the village, a call for volunteers to undertake a review of the NP would be required.

The Kings Arms

Following the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and her State Funeral on Monday 19th September, the Kings Arms opened its door at 5pm to provide the opportunity for residents to meet and discuss the pageantry events of the day.

The community was treated to complimentary snacks and a toast to HM the Queen for her long and loyal service to everyone together with a second toast to HM the King.

Strete Community Pub Ltd (The Kings Arms) held its second AGM in the Village Hall on Saturday 24th September 2022 at which Nicola Cullen (Chair) provided an annual report on the business finances and activities over the past 12 months. It was encouraging to note the following headline improvements: -

- Actual Sales Year to date (£135k) are in line with the budgeted financial plan (£131k).
- Actual Sales Year to date exceeded 2021 (£99k) by 35%.
- August sales this year exceeded budget, with overall summer sales exceeding 2021
- Trading up to 31 Aug 22 has been profitable and the business is currently cash positive.
- Budget for year end 31 March 2023 remains on target.

Many in the village appreciate the value of having a pub in Strete and have invested in the old and new share issue (currently extended until 16th October) to show their support. To invest and secure the pub, takes as little as £50 – this gives one share for voting in the future of the pub. If eligible, tax relief on this investment can be claimed via the SITR scheme. Shares also make fantastic gifts for Christmas or a birthday. A share certificate is issued to confirm that a piece of this valuable community asset has been secured.

With a second chef now on board to support in the kitchen, a fabulous winter menu on offer, outstanding Sunday lunches and Christmas dinners to look forward to, as well as a packed social calendar (including village lunches, quizzes, book clubs, Children's events, wine tasting) there is definitely a reason to invest in the pub, to safeguard the Kings Arms future.

Another key ongoing requirement, if the pub is to survive through the Autumn and Winter, is to encourage local customers and visitors in the village to visit the pub and help to build a stronger community.

Due to Nicola's increasing military commitments that result in her spending time away from her home in Strete, Nicola has stood down as chair of SCPL committee. Thanks to Nicola was expressed for her time in the role as Chair. Tim Fowler was voted to take on the role as Interim Chair.

Village Sweeping and Gateway Scheme

The next village sweep is due to take place on Tuesday 8th November 2022.

The PC have received a reply from Devon Highways in respect of the proposal to undertake a traffic speed survey of vehicles approaching the village near Manor Farm camp site.

The objective of this is to obtain sufficient evidence to support a gateway scheme aimed at enforcing the 20mph speed limit into the village.

Devon Highways advised that, subject to budget constraints, this will be installed during the first week of November. **GC. Village Green, Prideaux Lane, campervans and car parks, social care and Slapton Line partnership. Village Green. Grass cutting.** The village field has shown little growth over the summer. It has been difficult to monitor how many times the contractor has been, as the cutting has not been needed more than occasionally.

The collapsed wall is being repaired very soon. I note that a big bulge a bit further along the wall may cause problems eventually.

Later in October we can have a work session to trim all the buddleia. This will cost £100 to hire a chipper./shredder **Resolved GC to organise work party and chipper/shredder.**

Slapton Line Partnership [SLP]. SLP news is noticeable by its absence. We are now more than 3 months since the departure of the manager. No news at all, no meetings. no contact from MP. See PC letters.

Social care. Local support organisations are under pressure with increasing contacts about energy costs and the cost of living. The recent budget will not improve the situation for those in need. CA are looking for volunteers. Full training is given. There is flexibility as to when and where volunteers can give their time. GC also commented with current workloads the CAB would not be able to offer an advisor to visit in the foreseeable future.

There are plans in Dartmouth to use the Community cafe as a daytime warm space for those whose homes aren't warm enough. Is there demand for this in Strete? It was confirmed the Dartmouth foodbank caters for Strete.

0922/13(a) FINANCE

Three cheques were listed for payment on the agenda, invoices circulated before the meeting and invoices approved for payment at the meeting. An additional invoice was approved at the meeting for payment.

1858 – Clerk salary for September £276.25. To include an annual increment on the pay scale to £11.05 an hour.	1859 – Hall hire for August £30.
1860 – Clerk expenses claim for working from home June – August 2022. £2/week x 12 weeks = £24. Plus reimbursement of WIFI for Strete Parish Hall £6/month July to August 2022 £12. Total £36.	1861 – Terry Hallett’s Gardening Services grass cutting at the playpark March to September 22 inclusive £480.

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

RC commented that the sweeper contractor has not yet submitted his August invoice.

0922/13(b) FINANCE

The monitoring statements for the first half year to 30th September were circulated at the meeting. To date including the payments listed here there is total income of £9,889.78 less total expenses of £9,466.01 gives a net surplus of £423.77 in the year to the end of September 2022. **The current position was noted.**

0922/13(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £10,537.51CR at 08/09/21 Current account. £11,314.32CR Business Reserve account at 08/09/21.

0922/13(d) FINANCE

PH noted there would be a timetable for the discussion and setting of budgets. This would start in October with the aim of setting the precept in December. The Clerk observed there were some underspends and these could be used elsewhere.

0922/14 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been circulated to councillors.

0922/15 OTHER BUSINESS

None was raised.

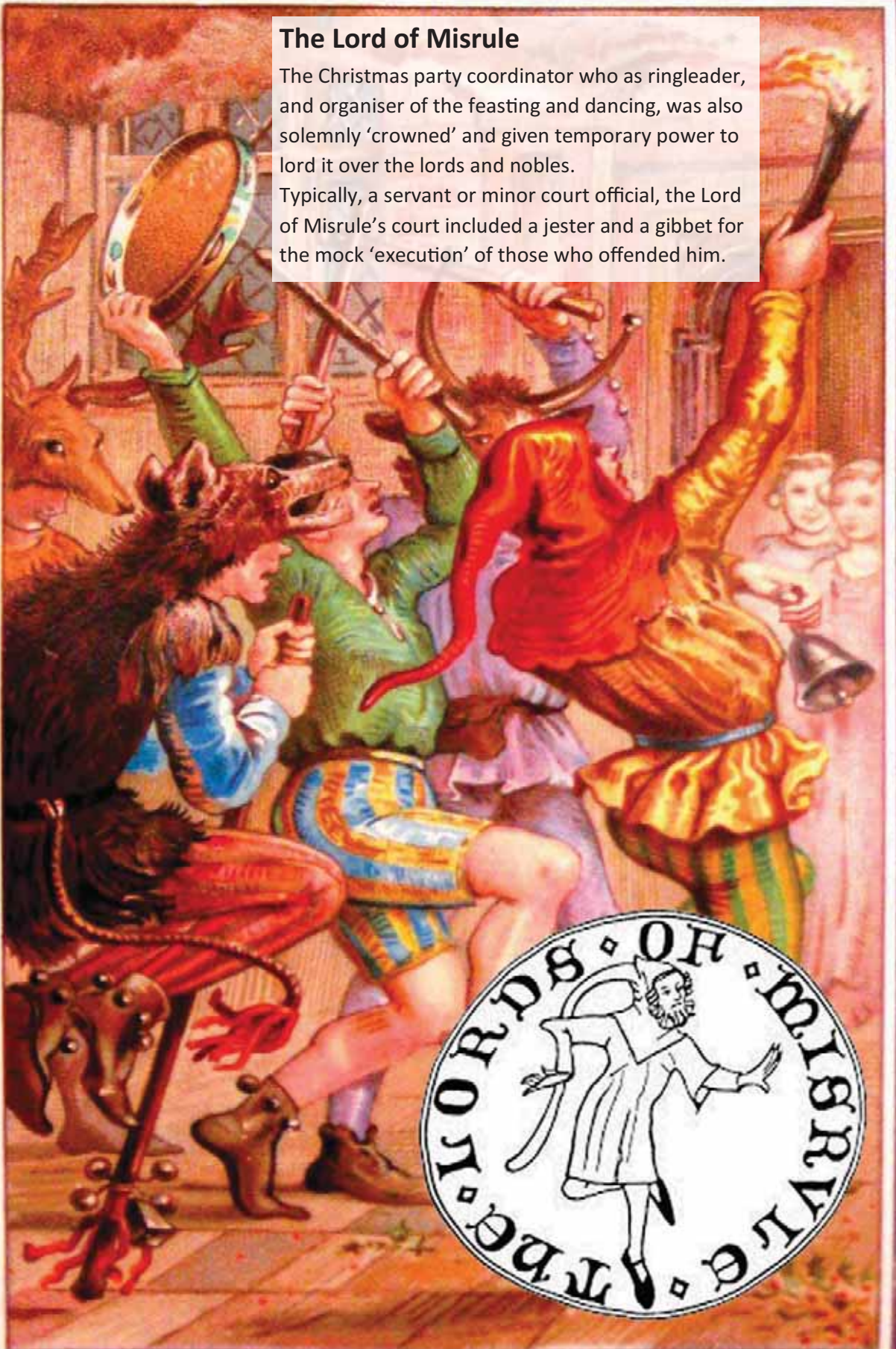
0922/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 20TH October 2022 at 7pm. Venue in the Parish Hall unless otherwise advised. **THE MEETING WAS CLOSED** at 9.05 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Peter Hales (Chairman) Dated: 20th OCTOBER 2022

The Lord of Misrule

The Christmas party coordinator who as ringleader, and organiser of the feasting and dancing, was also solemnly 'crowned' and given temporary power to lord it over the lords and nobles.

Typically, a servant or minor court official, the Lord of Misrule's court included a jester and a gibbet for the mock 'execution' of those who offended him.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



In ancient Rome a Lord of Misrule was appointed for the feast of Saturnalia, in the guise of the god Saturn. During this time the usual rules of status were subverted as masters served their slaves, and the offices of state were held by slaves. The Lord of Misrule presided over all of this, and had the power to command anyone to do anything during the holiday period.



A medieval election of the King of Misrule included baking a coin/bean into a cake on Twelfth Night and whoever found the coin in his slice would be crowned the mock-king of Twelfth Night. A 'Bean King' took a leading role in Christmas celebrations during the reigns of Edward II (1307–27) and Edward III (1327–77). Henry VII (1485–1509), revived the tradition, with a Lord of Misrule presiding over the festivities.





The **Feast of Fools** or **Festival of Fools** was a feast day on January 1st celebrated by the clergy in Europe during the Middle Ages, initially in Southern France, but later more widely.

During the Feast, participants would elect either a false Bishop, false Archbishop, or false Pope.

In the medieval version young people choose from among their own number a mock pope, archbishop, bishop, abbot to reign as Lord of Misrule.

Participants would then “consecrate” him with many ridiculous ceremonies, and give themselves such names as Archbishop of Dolts, Abbot of Unreason, Boy Bishop, or Pope of Fools.

The Feast and the extravagances were constantly the object of condemnations of the medieval Church, until it was finally forbidden under the very severest penalties by the Council of Basel in 1431.



The Church had its own festival of allowing a choirboy, elected by his peers, to be a Bishop during the period starting with St. Nicholas Day (6th December) until Holy Innocents Day (28th December). Within the period the chosen boy, symbolising the lowliest authority, would dress in full Bishop's regalia and conduct the Church services.

Many of the great cathedrals adopted this custom including York, Winchester, Salisbury Canterbury and Westminster. Henry VIII abolished Boy Bishops however a few churches, including Hereford and Salisbury Cathedrals, continue the practice today.



St Nicholas' Day falls on December 6th and because he is patron saint of children, it was appropriate for this to be the chosen date to elect a Boy Bishop.



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

HELD AT STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 20th October 2022 AT 7 PM

PRESENT: Cllr Peter Hales (PH) (Chairman); Cllr Louise Newman (LN); Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); Cllr Kate Gill (KG); Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC); Cllr David Rothwell (DR); County Councillor Julian Brazil (JB); District Councillor Richard Foss (RF); The Clerk. Four members of the public of whom two attended on Zoom.

PUBLIC FORUM: Unfortunately, Sgt Abercrombie was unable to attend but had been asked to make the November meeting.

A parishioner presented and explained a planning application for **3189/22/HHO** High Haven Strete TQ6 0RH which was later discussed under 1022/4. He had consulted his three neighbours on his plans. The intention was to repurpose the internal layout of the house to suit the current occupants. The existing footprint would not be altered. There would be no building upward to intrude on neighbour views.

Another parishioner then presented by Zoom proposed works included in two applications both for the same site, Glen Cottage. Both applications are listed in 1022/4 for discussion by Strete Parish Council as a consultee. The first application concerned internal repairs and internal structural work to a listed building. The applicant had consulted planners at South Hams District Council.

The second application dealt with a proposed single storey rear extension and dormer window to the property. The applicant made reference to the design and access statement which detailed the proposed works. The extension would not be seen from the front of the property or the Village Green at the back.

Councillors attended a site meeting at the property on October 6th to look at the plans. There were no questions.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: JB, the County Councillor for Devon County Council [DCC] gave his report. DCC has financial problems and savings have been found by rescheduling expenditure to the next financial year. However ultimately this is unsustainable. DCC awaits the latest financial settlement from Central Government for the 2023/24 financial year.

DCC Full Council in October put forward two motions:

The first to get Highways to reappraise priorities in Highways policies so that pedestrians and cyclists are considered first in line with the new highway code.

This motion is awaiting Cabinet decision.

The second to approve a resolution to adopt a 100% Council Tax premium on second homes as soon as legislation allows. This was passed to Cabinet for consideration. This tax on second homes is proposed once government legislation in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill has been passed. The date of implementation for this is likely to be April 2024.

From April 2023 there will be stricter scrutiny where householders elect to have their property treated as a holiday let and taxed under business rates. For instance, there would be an onus on the claimant to prove the property has been put up for rent.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/gove-closes-tax-loophole-on-second-homes>

JB noted if rules to tighten up qualification to be a holiday home were introduced and were successful it might see an additional £10m per year in tax revenues for the billing authority. He also wondered if the Parish council might want to put some of its reserves toward local schemes such as the virtual footpath scheme. RC commented he had raised this with Highways [Richard Jackson] in connection with the South West Coast Path but it was turned down.

The lack of progress on fitting the second VAS machine was discussed. The highways engineer had given a six-month lead time to visit and site the machine. IC wondered if the new VAS could be installed on the existing fitments. **Resolved the Clerk send information to JB to pass on to Meg Booth [director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport]. Resolved the Clerk to find out if the new VAS could be installed on the existing VAS structures.**

The meeting then discussed the cyclic contract first raised in January 2022 as a draft contract. Strete Parish Council could receive around £2,200 per year for taking on certain highways work such as buddle holes and drainage work.

Resolved JB will inform DCC Highways of the Parish council's interest subject to detail and further discussion. They will then reply to the Parish Council.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Planning. RF explained the planning process whereby in common with other authorities around 95% of applications at SHDC are dealt with under delegated powers by planners which means only 5% are seen by ward members. The current head of planning role is now split between SHDC and West Devon and SHDC will retain Pat Whymer. When an applicant writes in to the ward member the correspondence must be passed to the head of planning. RF noted the government is proposing new rules to streamline the planning system in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill due to come in in 2024.

Waste collection. The garden waste collection will cease for the winter and by mid-November all bins should be emptied. The new sort system is unlikely to be extended to all households now but the Plymouth sort facility ensures waste doesn't go to landfill.

Memorial. RF commented briefly on the conversation on Zoom held on 15th October PH had with himself and representatives of DCC, SHDC, the Field Studies Council [FSC] and Stokenham Parish Council on the memorial. The planning application to resite the memorial submitted last month and objected to by Strete Parish Council can't be revisited for six months. The application was flawed [not least Strete Parish Council was the only consultee among the six parishes] and reflected a situation where the FSC had chosen to negotiate with DCC rather than the six parishes. The six parishes had come to an agreement on the maintenance of the memorial as it would be sited on FSC land behind the Strete Gate carpark. However, this was now unlikely as the FSC had particular wilding criteria for its land which were in conflict with the maintenance programme agreed by the parishes as appropriate for a monument. PH observed he will have to inform the six parishes that the FSC will manage the land in their way if the memorial is to be resited there.

JB noted that DCC had apparently spent the entire relocation budget for the memorial but he will confirm this. A discussion took place on whether the new owners of the Strete Estate might be interested in donating or selling land to site the memorial at Strete Gate. **Resolved RF will approach Charles Dixon to explore these options. Resolved PH to ask Piers Spence at Stokenham Parish Council to confirm with the FSC how they would maintain the site if the memorial was located there.**

Slapton Line Partnership [SLP]. RF reported a couple of initiatives to encourage the SLP to start meeting again.

Frogmore and Sherford Parish Council was meeting with local business to get a lobby to encourage the SLP to reconvene as they were concerned at inaction. There had been the motion to SHDC Full Council by RF and Hilary Bastone in July to encourage action as well. The MP is waiting for the new government to settle in before he approaches ministers to ask for funding. Resolved RF will ask Andy Bates the Chief executive of SHDC to push for a meeting. PH observed that the local communities were only consultees on the SLP.

New investment zone in Plymouth. South Hams District Council in special council had been asked to submit an expression of interest in tandem with DCC and Plymouth City Council in connection with the proposal for the Plymouth and South Devon Freeport located in Plymouth to become an Investment Zone. RF observed the expression of interest had to be submitted in fairly short order by 14th October and detail was unavailable. The Investment Zone confers certain tax advantages to business in its locale such as relief from business rates, enhanced capital allowances and accelerated industrial building allowances.

Staff shortages. It was observed a number of posts in the waste management department were vacant. RF confirmed these were not contractor posts but reflected a general shortage of recruits.

1022/1 APOLOGIES – Sgt Abercrombie.

1022/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29TH SEPTEMBER 2022

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

1022/3 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. **None were declared.**

1022/4 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

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

3125/22/LBC Listed building consent to three essential repairs to existing exposed floor joists at ceiling level to ground floor living room and new door opening between living room and utility room. Glen Cottage Strete TQ6 0RW. **Resolved to support.**

2325/22/LBC Listed building consent for proposal to extend; replace existing single story flat roof with new rear-facing roof form, associated rear-facing dormer and new glass screen inserted into side lean-to store. Glen Cottage Strete TQ6 0RW. Councillors expressed concern in two main areas: the possibility of overlooking a neighbour at the back. Second that the property is listed, within the conservation area, and AONB and a stated aim of the Neighbourhood Plan for Strete concerns conservation. **Resolved to object with comments.**

Councillors expressed concern about the plans based on a material consideration namely the impact of the proposed plans on listed buildings and the conservation area. The property is an iconic one in the context of Strete as it is listed, in the conservation area and in the AONB. They also cited as concern adherence to policy SNP2 from the Made Strete Neighborhood Plan which states POLICY SNP2: : HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION 1. Development shall not harm but conserve and enhance designated and non-designated historic and heritage assets and their settings, both above and below ground, by having regard to national and local strategic policies for heritage and conservation. 2. Within the Conservation Area any development shall pay careful regard to and accord with the Strete Conservation Area Appraisal. Finally the Councillors were concerned about the possibility of overlooking and loss of privacy in relation to neighbours at the back of the property.

3189/22/HHO Householder application for proposed removal of existing garage, addition of new entrance hall, internal layout alterations and alterations to external windows and doors. High Haven Strete TQ6 ORH. **Resolved to support.**

Other planning matters. RF confirmed No 10 The Plat will appear on the list for the Development Management Committee on 9th November. He also confirmed that planning officers should write to all those who have lodged comments to notify them of the meeting.

1022/5 PARISH COUNCIL TARGETS FOR 2022/23

Night landing site for air ambulance. Still awaiting response from Savills on the proposal sent in August to purchase some land for a landing area.

Enhanced vehicle speed control measures in the Village. Lisa Edmunds has offered to undertake a count of vehicles and measure speeds at the Totnes road end of the village. The VAS speed measuring machine still awaits installation by a DCC highways engineer. **JB to pursue this.**

Raise awareness of forthcoming green grants for domestic heating, insulation etc. the South Dartmoor Community Trust will visit Strete Parish Hall on November 9th at around 7pm to 8.30pm to advise on all aspects of energy conservation. **Resolved PH to circulate posters and put in the next newsletter due out next week.**

Secure electric vehicle charging facility in the Village.

PH has enrolled on a webinar to discuss EV provision.

Identify sites for tree planting in the Village. GC will circulate available dates for a working party to tackle the buddleia growth on the Village Green and operate the wood chipper.

1022/6 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

There is around £2,200 of funding available for the Parish to take on a contract for drainage works from DCC but more information is needed on what works would be involved. **Resolved PH, IC, and DCC including Lisa Edmonds to meet and agree the scope of works.**

1022/7 STRETE GATE AND THE MEMORIAL

Already discussed with the District Councillor above.

1022/8 SALE OF THE STRETE ESTATE AND DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS LAND MATTERS

The Clerk had confirmed with SHDC that the £12,034.86 of s106 monies was ringfenced toward the three village sites identified.

1022/9 OTHER ONGOING MATTERS IF NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

Resolved to send out the approved letters on the Slapton Line Partnership [discussed in 0822/9] to the MP, district and county councillors and chairman of the SLP.

1022/10 CLERK'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting. Banking. We now have from Bankline a reissued bankcard and password for Ian so we can get him set up as a co-administrator to authorise the signatories. I can get live balances off the system. **To carry forward and note.**

Road safety measures. No change this month. The VAS machine remains with the Clerk who asked the original organiser of the bulk purchase for advice on chasing up DCC to instal the machine. Now JB has promised to chase this up with DCC. **To carry forward and note.**

Speed watch initiative. No change: police contact awaited. **For information and action.**

Fire safety training. The Clerk attended a course run by the Parish Hall on Thursday 13th October on the types of extinguishers and use in fires. **To note.**

Hall broadband. Due to capacity issues with PlusNet the Clerk and PH are looking at either a PlusNet package with more data or another package e.g. Smarty ['3']. PH confirmed he had approached the Hall chairman to discuss the possibility of a shared broadband cost. **For information and action. The report was received.**

1022/11 CHAIR'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting.

Strete Parish Council Chairman's report – October Meeting

Strete Estate. There is still no response to the Parish Council's letter to Savills, (the Strete Estate land agent) offering to purchase the land occupied by the play park, which is currently leased from Strete Estate. The PC still does not know the current status of the sale of the Estate, although we are led to believe that the sale will be executed shortly. The further implications of the sale of most of the land on the west side of the village is of grave concern to the PC, especially given the stance of the selling agent towards earmarking land for future development.

Bus Consultation by Devon County and new timetables. Nothing further to report. A public consultation on a reduced improvement scheme was promised for October 2022 by DCC. Meantime, Changes to the service between Dartmouth and Plymouth which serves Strete will commence on 30th October. Between Dartmouth and Kingsbridge the service will be re-numbered as service 93, with service 3 retained on the Kingsbridge Plymouth leg. Most services will allow through journeys to Plymouth on the same vehicle. A new winter timetable is in operation with the first bus departing Strete for Kingsbridge at 06.56 on weekdays and from Strete to Dartmouth at 08.20 roughly an hourly service is provided in both directions throughout the day, with the last bus from Strete to Kingsbridge at 18.52 and from Strete to Dartmouth at 20.10. Saturday services differ slightly, but there are now four buses in each direction scheduled for Sundays and most bank holidays.

Slapton Line Partnership. SHDC full council adopted the motion put forward by Cllrs Foss and Bastone (Dartmouth) on 14th July. The motion called for the Terms of Reference of the Slapton Line Partnership to be revised and for greater effort to be given to the preservation of the road across the line, at least until a viable and realistic alternative back route has been established. Since that point we have had no further information, and no meeting has been convened by SLP. The Parish Council has sent a number of formal letters to the Councils and the MP expressing our alarm at the lack of information and action.

Proposed relocation of the Slapton Line Memorial. In early September Devon County Council submitted a planning application to remove the Memorial from the current site at Slapton Beach car park and relocate it to the land at Strete Gate owned by the Field Studies Council. This is despite the fact that the six Parishes have failed to reach agreement with the FSC about maintenance of the site, and an alternative site has been suggested. At the September Parish meeting Strete Parish Council agreed to submit a formal objection to the DCC planning application, and this has since caused some attention. A further discussion will take place at the October meeting.

Waste Collections. Every household has received a written communication delivered by Royal Mail, outlining the new plans for brown bin collections. Residents are requested to ensure that their brown bins are not left full over winter.

Night Landing Site for the Devon Air Ambulance. Nothing to report. **Police Hub.** Discussions have continued with the Parish Hall Committee over the proposed use of the Parish Hall as a Police Hub, as suggested by Anthony Mangnall MP. Many details remain to be ironed out. Sgt Abercrombie was unable to attend the PC meeting in September and has been re-invited to the October meeting.

Post Box on Hynetown Road. Nothing further to report. We await installation of a replacement.

Newsletter and referendum on the 2023/4 precept. The delayed newsletter and referendum will be distributed at the end of October. There are a number of A379 through-road closures planned for November, and details will be included in the newsletter.

Energy efficiency Evening. A meeting for householders is being planned for Wednesday 9th November in the Village Hall, where a representative from South Dartmoor Community Energy will attend and give a talk on household energy efficiency. This will replace the meeting planned for last January, which was re-arranged twice before being cancelled due to Covid 19. Peter Hales, Chairman 17th October 2022

The Chair's report was received.

1022/12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Reports were circulated prior to the meeting. PH. This report was given under 1022/11.

KG. Slapton Line Partnership and AONB. Slapton Line Partnership. I have nothing to add to Peter's comments in his report on the SLP. No doubt we all hope for some serious movement as soon as possible. There had been some fires down at Strete Gate which IC reported to the police. RF noted any car park issues should be reported to Emma Widdicombe at SHDC.

Strete Gate. Every day I check out the movements of campers and caravans in the carpark and by the wall. This past week there have been 2 sometimes 3 large motorhomes parked by the wall, with extra small ones in the carpark. Last night there was a caravan with car attached parked by the wall. With reference to Helen Hardwicke's email - the Information Notice at Strete Gate was damaged by fire a considerable time ago. It could have been during 2020.

LN. Roads: hedges, and litter. LN noted there was nothing major to report. The hedges will be trimmed imminently.

DR. Health and safety, Parish Hall liaison. Defibrillator. In conjunction with the South West Ambulance Service, Defibrillator Training has been organised in the Village Hall on Tuesday 25th October, beginning at 6.30pm. Posters have been produced and will be distributed around the village in the next few days. Do please try and encourage as many people as possible to attend, it's not daunting and you never know when you may need to use one.

Parish Hall liaison I attended the last Parish Hall Committee meeting held on the 13th October. The meeting started a little earlier than usual as Phil Cruise gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on the use of various types of fire extinguishers. It was also good to see representatives of the Kings Arms Committee present as well. The large pile of logs left after the felling of the ash tree in the top hall car park will be available for collection on a Monday between 10 and 12 am. It is expected that a donation to hall funds will be required, the amount depending on how many logs are taken. These will not be suitable for burning this winter, but stored for next year. Wednesday 16th November at 7.00pm is the scheduled time for the first meeting to plan next year's annual village day to be held in the paddock at Mewstone, by kind permission of Andrea Hollis. As many people as possible will be encouraged to attend to offer their help, as if enough don't come forward then the event will not take place. The village needs to show that it wants this to happen. The hall's treasurer has had exploratory meetings into the viability of installing solar panels on the hall. The first quote, and depending in the strength of the roof, would involve installation costs of £14,187 for 10 panels and two batteries, but the payback time would be in excess of 11 years. This was not deemed viable. Other quotes are expected in the near future.

RC queried the cost quoted for solar panels and said he could pass on the name of a contractor.

Warm space, warm food, will be available in the village hall on Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 22nd November between 11.45 am and 2.15pm. Depending on demand, this will be extended into December and beyond. The hall committee would like to see other groups, i.e. Parish Council, Church, Social Club, helping with this initiative.

IC. Rights of Way, Tree warden, Strete Gate and Playpark. Play park;- The grass is reasonably short, and 'kept', and although it is still 'growing', it has slowed down a bit. There still exists, a small list of repairs to be carried out, and I think that we should go ahead to address these. I appreciate that the sale of the Strete Estate has yet to be completed, but working on the comments from Richard 'F' re 99-year lease, might we think that the situation is relatively safe...? (or not...?) **Footpaths/Bridleways**;- Most of these are in a functional state, although there are a couple of minor snags. The top section of Prideaux lane, which joins Totnes Road, opposite my place, has some overgrowing hedging, and tree limbs, which are causing a small amount of 'muttering' amongst a couple of neighbours. I have spoken with said neighbours, but there is a bit of a 'stale-mate' I will 'dig' a bit further...! The first field on the left, as one leaves the village on Totnes Road, has the footpath across it. I have noticed that walkers/dog-walkers are using the first gate for access, rather than the official gate further down the road. This is probably due to the fact that folk feel slightly unsafe in the narrow bit, due to the SPEED OF THE TRAFFIC...?! "Highways" please note.... NO DEATHS AS YET...!! **Strete Gate**;- It would appear that I have a "Shadow-Reporter" on Strete Gate...!! Not much to report on this area, apart from the large camper-van situation. As no authorities seem to "Police" this problem, it is unlikely to change...! **Tree Warden**;- Nothing to report here, but it is a good time to plant trees now. If only we had some Land...!

RC. Planning and Neighbourhood Plan, road maintenance including sweeping and Kings Arms liaison. PC Report September 2022

Neighbourhood Plan. There is nothing to report this month. Planning letters for High Haven have been delivered.

The Kings Arms. The Management Committee welcomed two new members, Katy Kerley and Hugh Macken, to its monthly management meeting on Sunday 16th October 2022.

August sales and costs finished on a positive note and, apart from the last week of September, sales and costs for September are expected to be closely in line with budget.

October has seen reduced sales during daytime opening although planned evening events for the month are expected to help recover costs. This will result in weekdays' opening being reduced. Daytime front of house staffing has been reduced, without affecting the service provided, to reflect the anticipated short-term downturn. Amanda has been promoted to Supervisor to support Tally with rota cover and staffing needs at all times. Steve (chef) now has support (Jimmy) in the kitchen to ensure demand is met at peak times (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) together with establishing a team for Christmas and February half-term before the 2023 season kicks off.

There has been significant support from existing and new shareholders in the share issue for the pub. Thanks to all who have taken part and contributed to the campaign.

An investment of £50 gives one share for voting in the future of the pub. A share certificate is issued to confirm that shareholders have a piece of this valuable community asset.

It is hoped that people will continue to invest in the future of the pub by taking advantage of the outstanding 'good value food' including Sunday lunches provided by Steve and his kitchen team.

The pub is also offering special seasonal beers and ciders including the popular Jail Ale with Spookey Brew and Vintage Cider for Halloween. With Christmas dinners to look forward to, as well as a packed social calendar (including Strete Village lunches, Quizzes, Book Clubs, Children's Events and Music Nights) there is a reason to invest in/visit the pub, to help safeguard the Kings Arms.

The pub is also supporting the Village Hall committee with their proposal to provide hot soup (prepared by Steve) for people at specified times in the Village Hall. Check out the Village Hall website for details. <https://www.strethall.co.uk/>

DR asked about whether the Pub could offer discounted food and drink. RC noted the Pub has a relatively small footfall so this may not be economic. The MP has raised a question in parliament about the current hospitality crisis.

Village Sweeping and Totnes Road Gateway Scheme. The next village sweep is due to take place on Tuesday 8th November 2022. Please ensure all vehicles parked on the highway are removed to allow the large mechanical sweeper to provide a clean sweep throughout most of the village. Please note: - Some areas in the village housing estates are unlikely to be swept due to movement practicalities associated with the size of the mechanical sweeper and tight constraints of hammer-heads and parts of Vicarage Lane. **RC requested that KG cut her bank opposite the Laughing Monk before the village sweep.**

The PC will be following up with Devon Highways in respect of the proposal to undertake a traffic speed survey of vehicles approaching the village near Manor Farm camp site. The objective of this is to obtain sufficient evidence to support a gateway scheme aimed at enforcing the 20mph speed limit into the village. Devon Highways have previously advised that, subject to budget constraints, the survey cables will be installed across the highway during the first week of November. **Resolved RC to follow up the Highways speed survey with Lisa Edmonds.**

GC. Village Green, Prideaux Lane, campervans and carparks, social care and Slapton Line partnership. Village Green. Grass cutting. Greenspace has just cut the village field as the grass is becoming too long. The wall has been rebuilt and there is only the spoil heap to remove. The builder has been asked to check the bank by the gate when he leaves and to tidy up any scuffs on the bank when he leaves the field. We need to select a date in the next couple of weeks to deal with thinning the copse. GC to hire a chipper.

Social care. We have a date for an energy presentation on November 9th. **KG kindly offered to provide refreshments.** Nick Hindmarsh, manager of Dartmouth Caring would like to come and talk to the PC about their work with parishioners. **GC thought the 17th November at the next Council meeting might be a good date and would invite him to attend.**

Citizens advice continue to offer face to face advice on Mondays between 10 and 2 in the Community Cafe in the marketplace, and on the 1st Friday of the month in Townstal Hall.

Slapton Line Partnership. No SLP meeting as yet - see PH's comments.

1022/13(a) FINANCE

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

1862 – Clerk salary for October £276.25.	1863 – Hall hire for September £30.
1864 – Clerk expenses claim for working from home September 2022. £2/week x 4 weeks = £8.	1865 – Mark Rowe and Son LLP. Road sweep August 2022 £370 plus VAT.
1866 – Judge’s Web Design creation of mourning web page for the council’s website £20. Reimbursement of Clerk payment by card.	1867 – PMC Electrics Ltd t/a PMC Telecom omni directional speakerphone for conference calls. Reimbursement of Clerk payment by card £70.95 plus VAT.
1868 – Mr P Hales cost to hire a projector and screen from Share Shed for the October meeting £33.	1869 – Mr C Ellis strimming £150 and repair to bus shelter £30. Total £180.

1022/13(b) FINANCE

The monitoring statements for the first half year to 31st October were circulated at the meeting. To date including the payments listed here there is total income of £16,889.78 less total expenses of £10,842.40 gives a net surplus of £6,047.38 in the year to the end of October 2022. **The current position was noted.**

1022/13(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £17,195.26CR at 07/10/22 Current account. £11,316.37CR Business Reserve account at 07/10/22.

1022/13(d) FINANCE

PH explained the newsletter going out soon would set out proposals for contribution toward a number of good local causes to be funded out of the 2023 precept and parishioners can opt for which they prefer. The intention is to discuss what parishioners have decided at the next meeting. At the November meeting the budgets will be discussed in detail line by line. PH wondered if the sweep contract could be amended to three times a year rather than quarterly.

1022/14 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been circulated to councillors. The newsletter has been seen and approved so it will now be circulated.

1022/15 OTHER BUSINESS

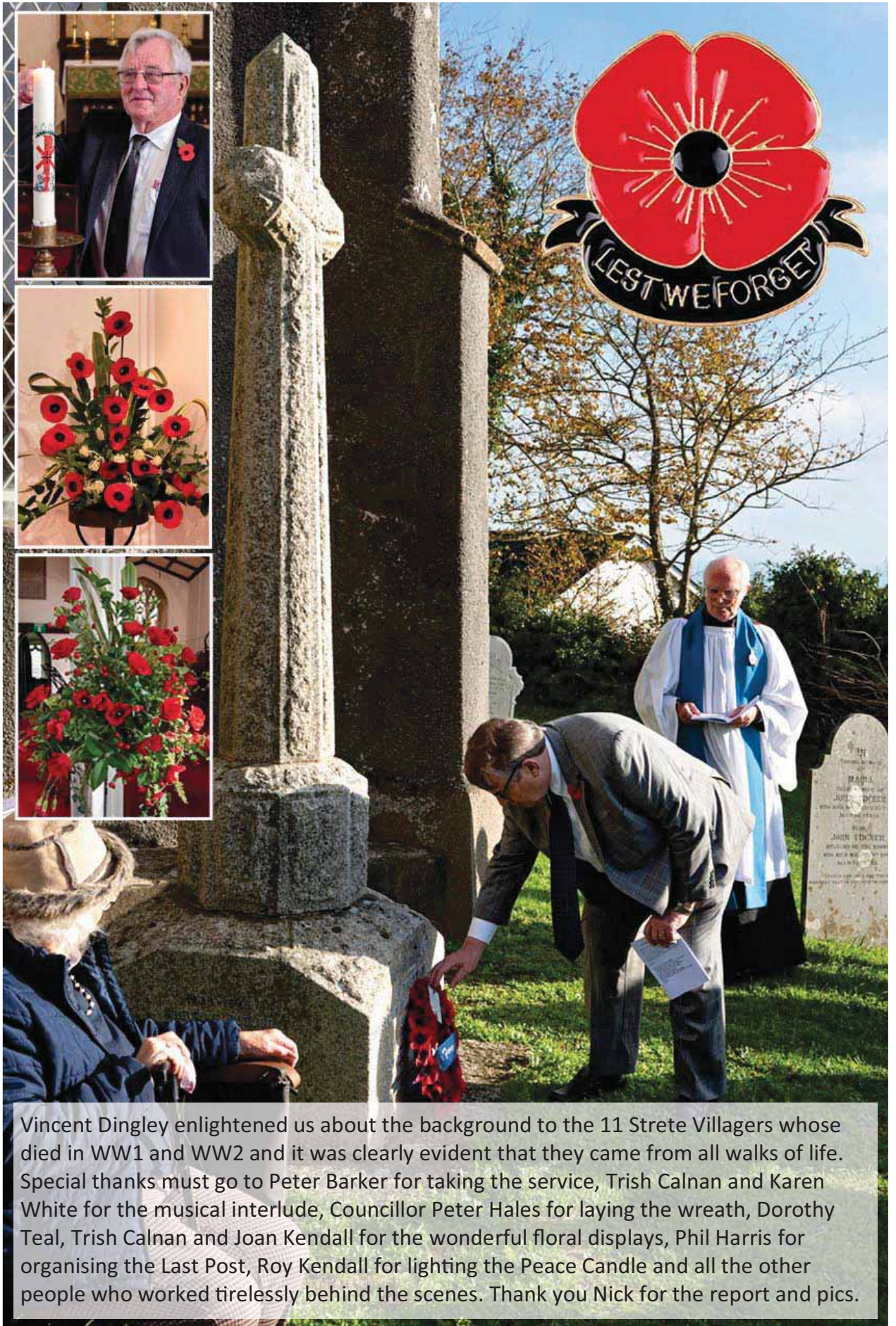
None was raised.

1022/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 17TH November 2022 at 7pm. Venue in the Parish Hall unless otherwise advised. **THE MEETING WAS CLOSED** at 9.05 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Peter Hales (Chairman) Dated: 17TH NOVEMBER 2022



Remembrance Sunday is always special day in the calendar and it was lovely to be able to come together to remember the fallen. Karen on the organ and Trish on the violin played the moving "I know that my Redeemer liveth" from Handel's "Messiah". After the service it was lovely to have a chat over coffee and home made cake.



Vincent Dingley enlightened us about the background to the 11 Strete Villagers whose died in WW1 and WW2 and it was clearly evident that they came from all walks of life. Special thanks must go to Peter Barker for taking the service, Trish Calnan and Karen White for the musical interlude, Councillor Peter Hales for laying the wreath, Dorothy Teal, Trish Calnan and Joan Kendall for the wonderful floral displays, Phil Harris for organising the Last Post, Roy Kendall for lighting the Peace Candle and all the other people who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Thank you Nick for the report and pics.



Last Minute Christmas Cake

Ingredients

200g raisins
200g sultanas
100g currants
100g glacé cherries, halved
100g soft (soaked) dried apricots, chopped
50g candied peel, finely chopped
Zest and juice of 1 orange
5tbsp brandy, rum or whisky
150ml beer
150g butter, softened
150g soft dark-brown sugar
125g plain flour
50g ground almonds
1tsp baking powder
2tsp mixed spice
4 eggs

To decorate

3tbsp apricot glaze (made by heating, then sieving, apricot jam)
2tbsp rum, brandy or whisky
A selection of glacé or candied fruit
50g pecans

Line a deep 20cm (8in) round tin with baking parchment. Tie a double layer of baking parchment around the outside of the tin, making sure it is at least 10cm (4in) higher than the top of the tin. Pre-heat the oven to 150°C/fan 130°C/gas 2. Put all the fruit and candied peel in a saucepan and add the zest and juice of the orange.

Pour over the alcohol and beer. Bring to the boil and simmer for a few minutes. Remove from the heat, and allow to cool, stirring every so often. You should find that most of the liquid has been absorbed by the fruit by the time you need to use it.

Cream the butter and sugar together until very soft and fluffy. Mix the flour, ground almonds, baking powder and mixed spice together. Fold the eggs into the creamed butter and sugar, one at a time, alternating with tablespoons of the flour mix, until all the eggs have been mixed in. Add the remaining flour mix and stir to make sure everything is thoroughly incorporated. Add the soaked fruit and mix thoroughly again.

Spoon into the prepared tin and smooth the top. Bake in the oven for 2½ hours, then check the cake isn't browning too much. Cover the top with a double round of greaseproof paper if it is, then bake for up to another half hour.

Test by inserting a skewer into the centre of the cake – it should come out clean when the cake is done. Leave to cool in the tin for around 10 minutes, then put on a cooling rack. To decorate, warm the apricot glaze with the alcohol until very runny. Brush it over the top of the cake. Arrange the glacé or candied fruit and pecans over the cake, then brush very lightly with more glaze.



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What's Santa Claus's favourite type of potato chip? Crisp Pringles!

What was the Christmas tree's favourite shape? A treeangle!

What do you call Santa when he stops moving? Santa Pause.

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? Frostbite.



the Kings Arms

Christmas Menu

Spiced parsnip & onion soup, baked ciabatta roll
Homemade chicken liver paté with cranberry compote & melba
toast

Beetroot falafel bites with walnut dip & green salad (V/Vg)

Baked Camembert studded with garlic & rosemary with
cranberry compote & baked ciabatta roll (V)

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Elston farm Devon turkey breast with chestnut stuffing, pigs in
blankets & a rich poultry gravy

Christmas baked salmon with honey sour cream, dill, almonds &
cranberries

Butternut, lentil & almond Wellington with redcurrent gravy
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*Served with roasted thyme potatoes and a selection of
vegetables*

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Christmas pudding with brandy sauce

Chocolate gazillionaire slice with Devon clotted cream ice cream

Winter berry compote crepes with Devon clotted cream &
chocolate sauce

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Coffee & mince pies

Three courses £30

Two courses £25

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Welcome to our community pub on the South Devon coast.



For all sorts of very well publicised reasons, it has been a very uncertain time. There have been some brilliant and well supported events at the pub, regulars like the village lunch and the monthly quiz have a loyal following, and the last music night saw a virtuoso performance from guitarists Bert

Stone and Joe Dostal. There was also a fiendishly frightening family Halloween event that afterwards saw a marauding mob of sugared up little zombies trick or treat around the village. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for a trick or treat visit, it helped create a memorable Halloween. A new euchre night started in November with a good following. If you'd like to join in, it's a quick game to pick up. Further dates will be publicised once confirmed.

But other than these events, on a day to day basis, after a very good summer, trade has dropped off noticeably so we are all hoping that, as we head towards Christmas, the Festive mood brings people back out to our wonderful little community pub.

And there's lots of reasons to head down to the Kings Arms between now and Christmas – and indeed into January.

Christmas Starts at the Kings Arms on Saturday the 3rd December, even Father Christmas knows this. Christmas Starts Here is our annual family event when we ask everyone in the community to come and help us decorate the pub. There will be mince pies and mulled wine, the Devon Dukes kids' ukulele band will be playing some Christmas songs, there is gingerbread people decoration and Father Christmas will be back for a pint and shaking a bucket with his little elves to raise some money for local good causes.

Through December, the Christmas Menu will be available for parties of four or more – a great chance to get together with a group of friends, with your club members or with some workmates, enjoy a bit of Christmas spirit, with a special meal, whilst supporting the pub as well. There's a free bottle of Prosecco for bookings of 8 adults or more.

The monthly music night on Thursday the 15th will be an open mic night with a difference. We are asking all players to play Christmas related songs. That can be songs about Christmas, Christmas carols or songs that were number one over Christmas. It should be a lot of fun.

The bi-weekly Friday Bar Club has seen people hanging around the bar again, enjoying a drink and a chat, whilst nibbling on the free hot bar food. The Friday Bar Club on the 16th is a Christmas Bar Club with Christmas cocktails available and Christmas nibbles. A great chance for people in the village to literally get into the Christmas spirit. .

We know it's easy to get stuck inside over Christmas so the plan is to open the bar for Christmas Day drinks so people can come to the pub, see some familiar faces and have a drink, before heading home for their Christmas dinner and a well-deserved snooze.

Then, on New Year's Eve, it's dress to impress. The main event is a five-course dinner upstairs with fizz on arrival for £65 per person, whilst this year it's free entry to the bar. Later on, there's a silent disco for everyone and bar snacks after midnight, with last orders at 1am.

A New Year's village lunch is being planned in early January for anyone who wants to come. These village lunches offer an affordable two course meal for people in the area. It's a great chance to meet other people in the village and it is building a strong following. If you'd like to find out more contact Ralph Clark on ralph.clark@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk. The full list of December events can be seen on the poster alongside this article.

In the meantime, don't forget that the pub is open 5 days a week in December. Many people will be looking for a place to keep warm and see a friendly face over winter. The pub is always heated. If you want somewhere warm to pop to, please make use of the pub. Have a pot of tea or just a glass of water, the pub is for the community, it's there for you.

If you are not on the update email list, please email us at info@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk, or you can follow us on Facebook, or just call the pub.

We will close on Tuesdays in December. The full opening hours for December are as follows.:

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Wednesday to Friday: Open 12-3 and 5-11pm with food served 12.30 to 2.30pm and 5.30 to 8.30pm

Saturday: Open 12-11pm with food served 12.30 to 2.30pm and 5.30 to 8.30pm

Sunday: Open 12-6pm with food served 1-5pm.

Christmas opening will be:

Christmas Eve Open 12-11pm

Christmas Day 12-2pm Closed 26th & 27th December. Open 28th to the 31st

Closed 1st January. Full January hours to be confirmed at a later date.

The pub will close for a maintenance period from January 9th.

To book more or find out about events, phone 01803 770027 or email

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What's On In December

Friday Bar Club. Friday 2nd. From 6pm
Christmas Starts Here family event. Saturday 3rd.
Noon to 5pm.
Christmas Quiz Night. Wednesday 7th. 7pm
Fishy Friday. Friday 9th. 5.30-8.30pm
Book Club. Wednesday 14th. 8pm
Music Night. Thursday 15th. Christmas songs Open
Mic Night. 7pm
Christmas Cocktails Friday Bar Club. Friday 16th. From
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Village Lunch. Thursday 22nd. 1pm
Christmas Dar bar. Noon to 2pm
New Years Eve. Hollywood themed. 5pm-1am.

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Happy Halloween!



The Kings Arms Halloween event was a triumph - you may have even seen the marauding mob of scary monsters' trick or treating around the village afterwards. A very special thank you to everyone who served up the treats along the trail and a very, very special thank you to Wendy Sproit for arranging everything



the Kings Arms

New Year's Eve Dinner

Dinner 7pm to 10pm. Drinks & dancing thereafter.

Carriages 1am.

A glass of fizz upon arrival

Amuse

Celeriac Soup with Parmesan and Truffle

To Start

Fresh salmon Nicoise salad

Or

Watermelon and feta salad

Main Course

Roasted Rack of Devon lamb served with a wild mushroom, bacon, and pea fricassee, baby carrots, fondant potato, and red current jus

Or

Grilled seabass fillet topped with olive tapenade, served with French beans, baby carrots, fondant potato and a dill butter sauce

Cheese Course

Devon Oke cheese with Mel's Chutney, grapes and water biscuits

Dessert

Salted caramel and chocolate tart served with Madagascan vanilla ice cream

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Fresh raspberry meringue roulade with berry compote and raspberry ripple ice cream.

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'Wisdom comes with winters' Oscar Wilde

In the coming months, it is a time to bring hope, comfort and joy to every household. Let us use this special, more reflective time of the year, to share a cuppa with a friend or neighbour and bring the light into your home with laughter, delight and ebullience. Someone, who brings her joyful and cheerful spirit to everything, is Helen Darch, who has lived in the village for a long time with her husband Derek.

Helen, you have lived in the village for many years and I wonder, amongst your many interests of gardening, cooking and historical buildings, what would surprise someone most about you?

"I can pick things up with my toes and cross them over each other. It is very useful especially when one gets older and can bend down less."

What was the most wonderful hobby that you have spent time enjoying in your life and why?

"I used to go motor racing with an ex. We were marshals for several years and went round circuits in the north and did the RAC rally every year. We did this with a gang. I was the only 'girl' and learnt from this, how to deal with men-only situations. I also learnt how to fight fires and extract casualties from cars. I have always loved practical things and getting my sleeves rolled up to get into something."

Which is your most favourite season and why?

"Autumn, as there is a gradual change in everything around us. The trees and plants are gently going to sleep. The animals start to slow down and disappear. We have some lovely days of sunshine and t-shirt temperatures and some grim stormy days when you can only stay indoors and read. There is never a dull day."

Is there a time period you would have liked to have lived in? Tell us three things you like most about this time.

"Two eras. First of all I would like to have been Marie Curie's double. She fascinated me as a child as a pioneer woman scientist. My mother was a trained scientist and she also had that perspective on life which was questioning and enthusiastic about discovery. Second, I would like to have been around in the early 1920s. There was a sense in the air of radical change and a refusal to carry on in the old ways which hadn't worked. This was best expressed to me by questioning the accepted mores and inventing new forms of expression through verse, story and art. Everything was up for renewal. So the three things I like about this time are new verse forms like *The Waste Land*, new story forms such as *Ulysses* and a new way of seeing and conceiving art in all sorts of areas."



A Mindful Recipe...

Cheese and Cashew Biscuits

Ingredients

- 100g butter
- 100g self-raising flour (or wholemeal)
- 85g cheese, grated
- 30g cashews, chopped
- Seasoning

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180 C.
2. Melt the butter in a pan. Take off the heat. Combine the remaining ingredients with the butter.
3. Push into a flat dish lined with baking parchment and bake for about 25 minutes, or until golden brown.
4. Cut into squares and enjoy warm or cold.



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Breathing exercise

With the Christmas season getting ever closer and carol singing about to begin, it is a great idea to begin to think of the best way to look after your voice.

1. Inhale deeply through the nose while slowly counting to 3
2. Hold the breath for 3 seconds
3. Exhale through the mouth while slowly counting to 3
4. Repeat the cycle, at least three times

Just Breathe



CHSW Christmas Fair

The Old Market in Dartmouth is the place to be from 10am to 3pm on Saturday 4th December for a Christmas Fair in aid of Children's Hospice South West. With all stalls now fully booked, they'll be selling all sorts of desirables, including cards, crafts, wreaths, jewellery, driftwood gifts, books, cakes and more, plus balloon sculptures and the local children's Dashing Devon Dukes ukulele band to boot!

CHSW is the only children's hospice in the South West, providing essential specialist care and support for over 500 families of children with life-limiting conditions from across the South West. With three hospices in the region, no family has to travel more than an hour and a half to access support.

This costs over £11 million every year. Only 17% of this is provided by Government, and the rest is raised by fundraising at events such as this.

Dartmouth & District Friends Group meets once a month to organise events locally to raise money and awareness for this vital charity. Volunteers are always most welcome - any help is very much appreciated - ring Sue on 07955 197721 or email tweed833@btinternet.com

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We are non-sectarian, non-political and a not-for-profit club. We support the concept of charitable activities but do not undertake any fund raising or charitable works.

WHY NOT BE OUR GUEST?

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December 14th

Lunch ANDREW THOMPSON Otzi The Ice Man 2023

January 11th

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January 23rd

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January 25th AGM 2.0PM

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Bringing Thai Yoga Massage to Strete and beyond

My name is Rebecca (most people call me Bec) and my husband and I are newbies in Strete, having moved to the village from Berkshire in April this year. I'm a fully qualified Thai Yoga Massage Therapist and want to introduce myself properly in this festive edition of Stretewise.



I am a mother of two grown up children, I have a Golden Retriever called Brodie (who many of you will already know from his barking!), I have practised yoga for over 15 years and qualified as a teacher last year and, as cliched as it sounds, I always hoped that one day I would live by the sea.

I have been drawn to massage and the power of human touch since a young age. When my two children were little, I studied Swedish Massage with a view to becoming an Aromatherapist, but, with a young family, the timing wasn't right to pursue this as a career. Many years later, I got the opportunity to be a case study for my own yoga teacher who was studying Thai Massage. It was my first experience of this ancient healing therapy and I was blown away. I walked away feeling not only deeply stretched and relaxed, but also energised and balanced in a way I hadn't ever experienced with any other type of massage. It was amazing.

Fast forward a few years and I began studying Thai Yoga Massage with the amazing Kira Balaskas at The School of Thai Yoga Massage in London. I qualified in 2020 and then went on to take my Level 3 Anatomy and Physiology exam and set up my business Yoga:Sen. All just in time for Covid! I was able to practise during the short lock down free periods, but now we are living here in beautiful Devon, I am delighted to be fully pursuing my passion.

So, what exactly *is* Thai Yoga Massage? In essence, it is a healing therapy which works on the principle of an invisible system of energy lines running through the body, together with the stimulation of acupuncture points and applied passive yoga stretches. When our vital 'energy' or life force ('prana' in yogic terms) gets stuck in our bodies, this can manifest as physical symptoms of stress and tension; headaches, indigestion, insomnia, lower back pain and other evidence of 'dis-ease'. The therapist works on ten main energy lines ('sip sen' in Thai), through a wonderfully meditative combination of rhythmic palming and thumbing, using their own bodyweight to apply pressure so that energy can flow freely, enabling the body to release any blocked or negative energy and encourage healing both physically and emotionally. Satisfyingly deeper pressure can be applied, if needed, using the elbows, feet and knees to really target areas of tension, all the while encouraging a mindful, slower and deeper pattern of breathing to relax the nervous system.

Clients leave feeling calmer, more grounded and totally relaxed, with balanced energy and a renewed sense of clarity. There are so many other benefits to Thai Massage, including greater joint flexibility, relief from headaches, lower back pain, neck and knee pain, reduced anxiety and stress, improved digestion and sleep patterns and improved posture.

The 'yoga' aspect of the massage refers to the application of bespoke yoga stretches to the body to open, mobilise and release tension. Thai Massage has been described as 'the lazy man's yoga', since, as a client, you are encouraged simply to be heavy and relaxed in your body whilst the therapist moves your limbs into and out of passive stretches and twists; and just as yoga is for everyone, the compression and stretching in a Thai Massage is carefully adapted to suit all needs and capabilities.

During a Thai Massage, you are fully clothed and lying on a warm and comfy futon on the floor. This unique and nurturing combination of pressure work, of a therapist leaning into your body, together with stretching and opening the whole body whilst in a quiet and meditative state is a very powerful thing.

A Full Body Thai Yoga Massage is a blissful 2-hour treatment and covers the entire body, from the soles of the feet to the top of the head, ending with a thorough face massage. I do, however, offer other options and treatments, including a Thai Foot and Leg Massage. To find out more, please contact me and I'll be only too happy to answer any questions. You can call me on **07970 743217** or follow me on Instagram @_yogasen or find me on Facebook as Yoga:Sen. Next year's resolution is to create my website!

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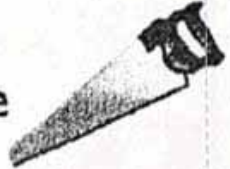
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Dartmouth Medical Practice Patients Participation Group (PPG) Update

The Dartmouth Medical Practice Patients Participation Group (PPG) held its AGM on Tuesday 11 October. The meeting took place at Townstal Community Hall along with an open meeting for all patients registered at the Dartmouth Medical Practice (DMP). The meeting primarily updated everyone on progress with the new Health and Wellbeing Centre. Other relevant groups such as Dartmouth Caring were also represented.

The key points to come out of the meeting include:

- There is still no firm date for completion of the new Health and Wellbeing Centre building. It is expected that completion will now be in early 2023
- Assuming the building is finished within these timeframes, the DMP anticipate moving into the new facility over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend (7-10 April 2023)
- Dartmouth Caring may move before the surgery
- All services provided by the Dartmouth Clinic will be transferring to the Health and Wellbeing Centre
- The Health and Wellbeing Centre will allow the colocation of a wide range of health and social support services including community teams and visiting hospital specialists. This should reduce the need for patients to be referred to hospital as more services will be provided locally
- Under current plans car parking at the Health and Wellbeing Centre will be charged for. Discussions are underway with South Hams District Council to see if free parking for those attending the Health and Wellbeing Centre can be arranged

The PPG along with the DMP are running a survey to find out what patients think about the services offered by the practice and how these could be improved or extended with the move to the Health and Wellbeing Centre. Everyone who is registered with the DMP can participate. The survey is running until 28 November, and everyone is encouraged to take part in this opportunity to shape the future of the practice. Details about the survey can be found on the DMP website, or you can access the survey directly from the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/WYHiKyhhkz>. Alternatively, if you would rather complete a paper survey these are available from the surgery or other local sites.

I hope that this update has provided residents of Strete with a useful update. If anyone has specific issues that they would like me to raise at future PPG meetings, please either email me at pagreen1961@outlook.com or give me a call on **07799 772709**.

Paul Green

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