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Arriving at The Kings Arms Hotel in style.
Photograph inserted in The Kings Arms visitors book. (No name or date)

St Michael's Church

A warm welcome awaits you at St Michael's Parish Church in the centre of the village. The church is in the United Benefice of Stoke Fleming, Blackawton and Strete. The Reader is Sally Green.

We look forward to seeing you at any of our services in this small, traditional, evangelical church which dates back to the mid 19th Century and seeks to serve Jesus Christ in the 21st Century.



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St. Michael's Church

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

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

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Strete Chapel



Happy New Year from the fellowship to all in the village!

At the start of each year, we at Strete Chapel pick a new Bible passage to have as our motto. For 2022 Philip and Lynda Tomes selected the following passage and we would like to share it with you all. They have titled it 'Be encouraged'.

In all things we are more than conquerors through him who loves us.

I am convinced that nothing in all creation will be able to separate me from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Christmas morning 2020 a view from Strete.
Taken by Gill Harris

Romans 8 v37-39

If you would like to receive a printed copy of the motto then please get in touch via stretchapel@gmail.com or pop in to chapel on a Sunday morning. We continue to meet in person from 11am.

★ Young Searchers ★

Young Searchers is a Christian children's club based on teaching the Bible through stories, games and craft. We are now meeting every Thursday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm during term time. If you are interested then please get in touch or just come along.



Joke

What's a dentist's favorite hymn?

Crown Him with many crowns.



Dear Lord, we thank You for this new year and for Your steadfastness in good times and bad. We thank You for the hope and encouragement that You bring to each one of us as we make plans for the year ahead. I pray that we will seek You more in 2022.

Amen.

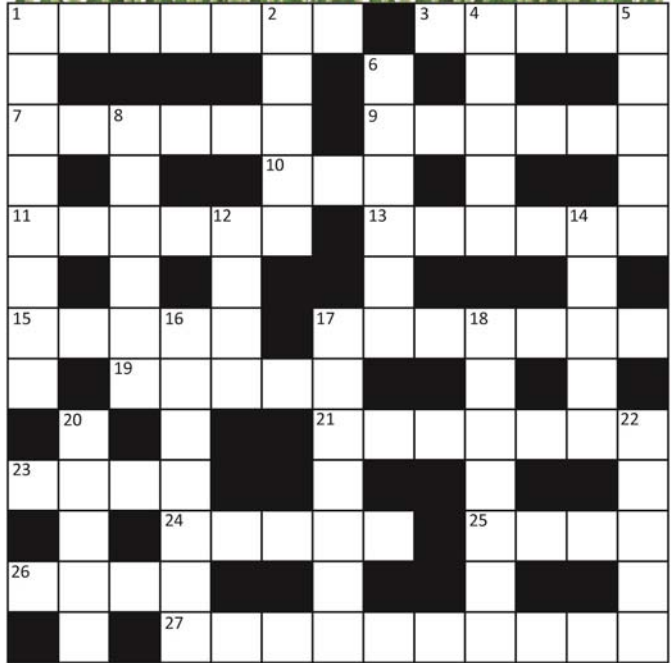
Stretewise Crossword

Solution on page 72.



Across:

- 1: Stop commercial or social relations with.
- 3: A sacred song or hymn. 7: Sounds made by cattle. 9: Unfortunate situation.
- 10: A sense of self-esteem or self-importance.
- 11: A watch with a hinged cover protecting the glass.
- 13: Cause slight but persistent annoyance.
- 15: Being watchful for possible danger.
- 17: A savoury sauce that is made from a roux and a light stock.



- 19: A Swiss dish consisting mainly of sautéed potatoes. 21: Preserved in glass jars.
- 23: Inclination or prejudice for or against. 24: A river effected by the ebb and flow of the sea. 25: The largest continent with 60% of the earth's population. 26: A soft cow's-milk cheese. 27: The action of giving a misleading account or impression.

Down: A dividing wall or barrier between separate compartments. 2: The largest living cat species. 4: A carefully planned operation, typically one involving deception. 5: A unit of length. 6: An animal with many cells, but no mouth, muscles, heart or brain. 8: The coldest season of the year. 12: A small amount of food. 14: A machining tool that is used for shaping metal or wood. 16: Cooked by prolonged exposure to heat. 17: Full of energy and life. 18: Live or last longer than. 20: A thin thread of a natural or artificial substance. 24: To remove liquid from something.



"The roman emperor's wife hates playing hide and seek because wherever she goes Julius Caesar."

"I don't know what you call a small spillage from a pen but I have an inkling."

Strete Social Club

PROGRAMME 2022

A warm friendly welcome will be given to guests

Meetings are usually held in Strete Parish Hall on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30PM		
January	25th	Cake Decorating - Carol Wills
February	8th	Osteopath - Georgina Lewis
	22nd	The Mayflower Project - Laura Campbell
March	8th	Art Demonstration - Lesley Saffin
	22nd	Welbeing Essences - Julie Cotter
April	5th	Dartmouth Community Bookshop - Kathy Stansfield
	19th	Craft Demonstration - Yvonne Temple

The year 2022 started with our first meeting being the Annual General Meeting. Dorothy conducted the meeting and gave a very interesting and comprehensive report of our activities over the period that it has permissible to meet because of the pandemic.

Heather had circulated a copy of the end of year financial statement and took us through this filling in any small details of expenses etc.

Dorothy was re-elected as our leader with Karen as her assistant. Judy who has been one of the leaders for a number of years has stood down and was presented with a small gift from us all for the work she has put in.

Heather remains as our Treasurer and Joan agreed to carry on as the Press reporter, pointing out that we get good coverage in our Local Stretewise but although after each meeting a report goes to the local paper it does not always get put in.

We voted on keeping our subscription to £15 for the year being due now.

Judy and Rosemarie then served welcome cups of tea and delicious biscuits after which we sat down in tables of four to have a game of Beetle.

This was a fun way to end our first meeting of 2022.

New members are always welcome.

Contact 01803 770982 or 01803 770739 for further details.

Coast and Country benefice visit to Lee Abbey (November 2021)

Twelve members of Churches in our benefice (Strete, Blackawton, Stoke Fleming, East Allington) went to Lee Abbey in North Devon for a week end from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch. This was organised by our Vicar the Revd. Alison Shaw.

This is a beautiful building and grounds near the Valley of the Rocks which is run with a community of people of all ages and from different countries, who looked after us so well.



These served our evening meal and liquid refreshments throughout the week end. We were welcomed by the Warden who had been there since the beginning of Lock down from South Africa who led a short service and most interesting talk of how he came to faith in South Africa.

Saturday had various meetings throughout the day with a light hearted evening of 'Karaoke' with both members of the community and guests taking part with various songs, recitations and stories.

Sunday morning there was a service held with both guests and family members of the community attending.

Coffee and afternoon tea and cake was served on both days always ending with a delicious mug of hot chocolate before bed on the Friday and Saturday evening Prayers which were held in the Chapel (a room in the top of the building).

During the free time there were many lovely walks especially the Jenny trail through the woods leading down to the coast from where you could see the Bristol Channel and Wales.

Saturday afternoon there was a guided walk around the grounds and this also gave an opportunity for some to venture down into Lynton where a really lovely craft market was held in the old Methodist Church and many lovely shops to look around.

After Sunday lunch it was time to say goodbye to people from all parts of the country and a very relaxing week end and journey back to the South Hams.

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A Trip Down Memory Lane

**Kathleen Smith née Perrin 2021.
Aged 91.**

Mid January I received an email from Rowland Smith asking if it was possible to source five back copies of Stretewise for October—November 2020. This issue had the William Perrin Landlord of the Kings Arms Hotel 1909 post card on the cover (with Sea Bass catch) which he sent to Jack Butler Yeats 1871—1957 the Irish artist who lived at Snails Castle at the time. Rowland is the great grandson of William Perrin.

“My Great grandfather William Perrin and wife Elizabeth ran the Kings Arms before and after the First World War, Elizabeth is buried in Strete churchyard. My grandfather Rowland Perrin and his wife Ada ran the pub until 1942 and then they sold it. Rowland also worked at Phillips shipyard as an engineer building Lightships, luckily, he was working on the Sandquay side when the Germans attacked the Yard at Noss. They lived at Hillhead during the Second World War”

I suggested that Kathleen would know Pam. His mother did remember going to the National School with Pam Wills. Kathleen Perrin has a twin brother Derek who is still alive but not in great health. The Perrin family sold the pub just before the Americans arrived. Pam and Kathleen are in touch and exchanging many memories.

the Kings Arms

There are some fun events going on in February & March...

February

Wednesday 9th. Quiz Night, with full food menu available. 7pm

Thursday 10th. The Village Lunch. Contact Ralph Clark to book.

Friday 11th. Fishy Friday. Market specials & unbeatable offers. 5.30-8.30pm

Thursday 17th. Sing along at the Acoustic 'Open Mic' Music Night. 7pm

Friday 18th. Welcome to Curry Night. Takeaway or sit in. 5.30-8.30pm

Wednesday 23rd. Peter's Pub Games Night. 7pm

Thursday 24th. Pam's Tea & Cake Village Get-together. 3pm

Friday 25th. Fishy Friday. Market specials & unbeatable offers. 5.30-8.30pm

Saturday 26th. The New Steak Specials Night. Three steaks to choose from!
5.30-8.30pm

March

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Saturday 26th. Steak Specials Night. 5.30-8.30pm

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It's not too late to mulch the garden ready for the growing season. Adding organic matter such as farm manure or organic soil conditioner will help to bring your garden to life by improving the soil structure and adding nutrients. Why not take advantage of our free delivery voucher and stock up with mulch, compost, and bark – let us take the strain with the heavy bags! You will find 2 vouchers within the advert of this magazine, one for FREE delivery and one for a FREE Primrose too!

If you purchased your Christmas tree from Gardentime, remember to spend your £10 voucher by then end of February. It can be spent throughout the garden centre, farm shop or Café. The garden centre and farm shop are open as usual, unfortunately the café remains closed.

For opening times and more visit: www.gardentime.biz

Top 10 jobs for Winter and early Spring:

- ✿ Prune apple and pear trees whilst they are still dormant.
- ✿ Start chitting first early potatoes in a dry, bright place.
- ✿ Plan sowing times for vegetable and flowers seeds.
- ✿ Clean and tidy greenhouses, sheds, and sowing spaces ready for the use.
- ✿ Dead head winter pansies and violas to encourage new flowers.
- ✿ Keep bird feeders topped up and make water available .
- ✿ Tidy herbaceous borders by cutting away old dead stem to make way for new growth.
- ✿ Continue to plant trees and shrubs unless the ground is waterlogged.
- ✿ Order good stocks of compost, grits, bark, mulches, and soil conditioners for the coming season.
- ✿ Make sure garden machinery and mowers are serviced and ready to go!

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- 1: Enlarge the butterfly template and trace onto a piece of black card and cut it out.
- 2: Cut a piece of transparent self adhesive film slightly larger than the black card outline. Peel off the backing and stick the black card butterfly outline to the self adhesive film.
- 3: Cut a selection of coloured tissue paper into small squares and place on the self adhesive film, overlapping them to cover the butterfly.
- 4: Take a second piece of self adhesive film, peel off the backing and place it sticky side down on top of the butterfly.
- 5: Trim the excess self adhesive film off around black card frame.





McKare n Leaded Stained Glass

Focus on local artist Karen McMaster (Dartmouth)

“Stained glass has been a stunningly beautiful feature of our lives for centuries but I only really discovered it some 25 years ago. Of course I had admired leaded lights in churches, shops, private homes and public buildings all my life. I have always been mesmerised and enchanted by the light thrown through stained glass windows and the colours cast onto walls and ceilings”

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During the early years our membership grew and now embraces all the villages of Stoke Fleming, Blackawton, Strete, Slapton, Dittisham and also members from Dartmouth.

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

Outings for Members.

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

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

Why not be our guest? Our Club is keen to attract new members. Come and join us and receive a warm welcome from our members. For more information please feel free to contact **John Light** on **834861** or email **johnlight1@gmail.com**
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February 9th - Lunch

Liz Raeburn: A walk round Britain

February 23rd - Coffee

Peter Barker: Jordan

March 9th - Lunch

Dr Michael Bender: Memory Loss

March 23rd - Coffee

Prof. Ian Barclay
The Great Exhibition of 1851

April 13th - Lunch

John Polley: Driving under London

April 27th - Coffee

Mike Rendell
Crusoe. Castaways & Shipwrecks

May 11th Lunch

John Miles: Sewage Treatment can be FUN!

May 25th - Away Day

June 8th - Lunch

Roger Hamilton
The Amazing Bugatti Family

June 22nd - Coffee

Paul Young
History of the UK Fire Service

July 13th Lunch

Gail Ham
Dartmouth in the Second World War
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

HELD AT STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

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

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Monument. JB reported the other five parishes were in favour of a contract to look after the monument in its new site by the Strete Gate carpark but had reservations on the 'rolling programme' of responsibilities for the upkeep. Most were in favour of Strete Parish Council overseeing the maintenance into the foreseeable future and making recharges for expenditure to the other parishes. **He planned to set up a meeting to discuss this for the six parish chairs and Clerks most likely in the new year.**

The A379 at Chillington will be closed from 7th to 18th February for flood works between Cole-ridge and Fairfield. This is for flood prevention works. **The report was received.**

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

RF reported the recycling contract was still causing issues. A fellow district Councillor had offered to use their locality grant for their community toward the hire of skips and was informed this funding could not be spent for that use. Meanwhile SHDC is trying to engage a contractor to do a one-off brown bin empty whilst the service is not operating. **RF offered £500 of his Climate Change and Biodiversity Locality Fund monies toward composting and the planned roadshow on the 15th January in the Parish Hall.**

Slapton Line Partnership. SHDC and DCC will do site works on 25th to 27th November to move rocks on the beach as ballast along the Line.

Strete Gate. RF had corresponded with Dan Field about restoring the steps. He observed it was a better argument to press for the restoration of steps as these had been needed in the past and so why not now? **Resolved RF and PH meet with Dan Field to discuss the reinstallation of the steps down by the beach.** IC noted there had been a few handbrake failures in the carpark and KG said that tyre-burners had been busy. RF commented there was less likelihood of enforcement in the winter but IC wanted someone to keep an eye on the activity at Strete Gate. The police might be able to help. The local community contact PC Jon Croft could be enrolled to make suggestions or keep an eye on the carpark. **Resolved KG to send photos of tyre-marks to RF.**

Road safety. The Parish Council was looking at grant funding for another Vehicle Activated Sign [VAS] machine. **RF suggested to contact DCC for funding. The report was received.**

1121/1 APOLOGIES – Cllr Louise Newman (LN);

1121/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 21st October 2021

The above minutes were AGREED as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman. RC asked if the draft minutes could be sent by email to parishioners. The Clerk agreed provided people were aware these are draft and are subject to change before they are approved at the following meeting.

1121/3 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.**

1121/4 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

Planning applications consulted on. To discuss and respond to South Hams District Council No applications were received for consideration by the Parish Council.

Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] with SHDC. PH observed in view of the problems the Parish Council was experiencing with the SHDC planning department he was not inclined to respond on the MOU at present. This matter would be set aside until these issues were resolved.

Other planning matters. Landcombe. PH reported that the owners had submitted a planning application [3873/21/AGR] asking SHDC to determine whether or not planning permission would be necessary to replace the current agricultural barn at the property. SHDC had responded with a clarification that should the owners to decide to replace the barn, then a planning application would be needed. **Asherne.** The Development and Management Committee at SHDC made a site visit but it emerged that the site was within the curtilage of a listed building and the applicant would have to reapply to include this fact. **Blindwells:** site works have started and a number of trees were felled at the start of works. IC contacted the tree officers at SHDC on the day works started to request a site visit to enforce the TPO in place. **RF said to make sure the enforcement team are aware of this. Resolved: IC to send photographs of the site trees to SHDC. If the protected trees have been felled then this is a criminal offence.**

A reply is still owed from the SHDC planning department and Cllr Pearce on various outstanding points raised in prior correspondence. This correspondence is referred to in prior minutes. It includes a query on the lapse of planning permission prior to start of works and whether a wayleave referred to in the conditions to be met had been given consent by a landowner.

Councillors discussed a crane on a low-loader that had got stuck coming up the Hynetown Road. Permission had been granted to use the road to get to the construction site but the vehicle was unable to navigate the road to the site. GC had photographs of the crane and low-loader trying to travel up the road. Some of the Devon bank had been damaged during the transit. There was also concern that the road surface might be damaged. **JB suggested GC send his photographs to DCC Highways for comment.**

S106 agreement on Blindwells. SHDC are due £106 monies from the developer toward local projects as stated: Blackbird Wood, Village Green and Playpark now works had commenced. **Resolved the Clerk contact SHDC to confirm these monies have been paid over.**

1121/5 UPDATES ON STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

Council targets agreed for 2021/22 year.

No	Project	Target	Resolved - latest
1	Night Landing Site for Air Ambulance.	Operational by May '22	Toby Russell from DAAT will visit on 22 nd November to look at the Village Green and field by the playpark.
2	Enhanced vehicle Speed Control measures in the village.	Operational by May '22	A grant from Vision Zero was applied for in October to cover the cost of a second VAS machine. See 1121/8.
3	Raise Awareness of any forthcoming Green Grants for domestic heating, insulation etc.	When grants are available	Drop-in event in Village Hall scheduled for January 15 th . CAB energy advisors to talk on green grants and improvements. Someone to attend a later session on 'green' gardening. This will be an opportunity for anyone to share their ideas and successes. GC suggested a representative from Livewest may like to attend. PH has produced 300 copies of the Climate Change and Sustainability leaflet to distribute in the village. RF offered grant money from SHDC toward this initiative.
4	Secure electric vehicle public charging facility in the village.	Operational by May '22	A general discussion on types of chargers. Some are very fast and efficient. Some are cost-effective. To check grants available in 2022/23. This is ongoing.
5	Identify sites for tree planting in the village.	Plant trees in winter 21/22	KG offered 10 oak saplings to plant. The Woodland Trust is offering 100 trees for £50. There is a tree day at Slapton on 27 th November. IC mentioned a possible planting site down by Homelands. Resolved IC and the Clerk would confirm the ownership of this area by way of earlier minutes and a Land Registry search.
6	Agree and sign up to an Action Statement on the Climate Change Emergency.	Target met at the October 2021 meeting.	It was resolved at the October meeting to endorse the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill going through parliament.

Other matters.

The monument. PH updated the meeting on progress on the draft contract sent round to the other five parishes on October 6th and an invitation to meet to discuss the contract. He reminded parish chairs recently and had responses. **Most were keen to meet with all the parishes, the Field Study Centre and JB.**

A skip. RC had sent an email to parishioners to assess interest in a skip being hired to take the green waste. Thirteen responses were received by email with more replies possibly in the post-box in the Shop. A number of comments and suggestions were made by respondents. Questions received included how would the skip would be policed and how would payment be organised. PH commented that individuals should make their own arrangements as it was not feasible for the Parish Council to organise and oversee this for the Village. DR noted a skip would need to be hired soon to be effective to take the bulk of waste. **Resolved RC to produce an information sheet with suggested contractors and their contact details. This would be sent round to parishioners.**

1121/6(a) FINANCE

Four cheques were listed for payment on the agenda, invoices circulated before the meeting and invoices approved for payment at the meeting. Two later invoices were received before the meeting and sent to councillors to review. An additional two cheques were raised at the meeting [Cheques 1808 and 1809].

1804 – Clerk salary November £266.25.	1805 – Peter Hales print costs Climate Change letter drop and flyer. £98.58.
1806 – Strete Parish Hall October hire £30.	1807 – Terry Hallett’s Gardening Services. Grass cutting and strimming. June to September 2021. £480.
1808 – Graham Campbell reclaimed costs of Protectakote paint for the playpark. £38.67.	1809 – Brooking Hire Limited village sweep November 2021. £350 plus VAT.

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

1121/6(b) FINANCE

The Clerk presented the monitoring statements for November 2021. **It was resolved the monitoring statements would be put on the website and the noticeboards.**

1121/6(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £13,059.31CR Current account at 8/11/21, £10,298.74CR Business Reserve account at 8/11/21.

1121/6(d) FINANCE

RC observed the activity for 2021/22 year to date appeared consistent with the budget set. A second draft budget for 2022/23 was circulated which incorporated a round 4% inflation figure based on CPI for October 2021 of 4.2%. RC mentioned the sweeping contract would now include Fuge from 2022/23. The Clerk also circulated interim advice from SHDC on the numbers of charge payers in the Parish and the annual review of a need for a referendum at parish level.

This advice will be updated once SHDC has firm information and by the next meeting in December when the precept will be set. **Resolved: to set the precept with a guideline of a 4% increase on the 2021/22 precept of £13,130 subject to inflation in December. Councillors will look at the draft budget and come back with bids. The Clerk will send an Excel copy of the budget to all so they can input figures and send it back.**

1121/7 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

Buddle holes. IC supplied a parish map to PH which located the buddle holes in the parish.

Grass cutting. GC had drawn up a specification for a two-year grass cutting contract to include 18 grass cuts per year and monthly strimming along Prideaux Lane. He has asked Greenspace to quote and will ask two other contractors but commented previous requests for quotes had been unsuccessful or for much more than the incumbent. **Resolved: The Clerk to ask around for other contractors as well. RC will try for three quotes to do the road sweep but noted it was most likely he would only get two responses from local contractors. LN to ask John Gilbert for a quote for the hedge cutting. Two quotes may have to be sought under Financial Regulations.**

1121/8 CLERK'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting. Banking. The Clerk has submitted a change of signatories' mandate form to NatWest and had it checked in-branch so it is now being processed and the PC can then start the process to enrol onto Bankline. **This was noted.**

VAS machine. The grant application submitted to Vision Zero on 27th October is still being processed. The Clerk contacted ElanCity to request a quote for a VAS machine akin to that installed at Stoke Fleming recently. ElanCity rang the Clerk on 16th November and sent an email that day with information on various types of VAS machine. The choice of machine includes battery, solar or electric powered. Data can be downloaded from the machine for analysis. Rough costs at the date of conversation are around £1,900 ex VAT for a machine exclusive of power sources or installation. Rechargeable batteries would cost £200 plus VAT and solar cells £280 plus VAT. There is a two-year warranty included. Two other quotes will need to be sought under Financial Regulations. **This was noted.**

Grants. A number of grants are available from SHDC and DCC. For instance, Localities money from Julian, Sustainable Communities Locality Fund, and Climate Change and Biodiversity Locality Fund from Richard and HMCE money for road maintenance. RF confirmed his Climate Change grant would cover the costs of the roadshow in January. **Resolved: to put together a bid for monies from the Climate Change grant fund.**

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St Michaels PCC. The next meeting is on 22nd November and the clerk will attend and report back. The PCC has written to the Chairman to request an [unspecified] increase in the annual grass cutting grant. This will be considered as part of the budget-setting process. **This was noted.**

Devon Air Ambulance. The Clerk has obtained agreement from DCC to use the Village Green as a possible landing site. DCC also advised the Council confirm with DAAT on whether the land has to be fenced and locked which might conflict with the status of the land which has Village Green status. DAAT is visiting next Monday to look at the Village Green and a field next to the playpark as suitable sites and will then make an assessment. PH and the Clerk will attend. **This was noted.**

Model Publication Scheme. This is a statutory requirement, required by the Information Commissioner's Office, for councils to make freely available information on a number of areas that include our operations, governance, performance, environmental information, and data we hold. **Resolved: a draft scheme and notes will be circulated for discussion in December. The report was received.**



CHAIR'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting.

Remembrance This is a picture of the wreath laid by the Parish Council at the War Memorial in St Michael's Churchyard on Sunday 14th November, on behalf of the residents of the Village.

Bus Consultation by Devon County Devon County Council has now published the 'Bus Service Improvement Plan', which is their response to the Government's 'Bus Back Better' strategy following the Pandemic. It is available to view here: -

<https://devoncc.sharepoint.com/sites/PublicDocs/Transport/Travel/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FPublicDocs%2FTransport%2FTravel%2FBSSIP%20%2D%20Published%20Documents%2FBSSIP%20%2D%20Devon%20County%20Council%20v1%2E%2029%2E10%2E21%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2FPublicDocs%2FTransport%2FTravel%2FBSSIP%20%2D%20Published%20Documents&p=true>

This is a 97-page document which is an absolute mine of information about traffic patterns and users across Devon, with an ambitious funding proposal to government of £34 million to improve services. In my opinion it is very well written, and those interested in our bus service will find it interesting. In Stretre we have to recognise that rural services are only one of the priorities of the County. It seems that there is certainly a willingness to listen, and some of the feedback that the PC provided to the survey in July resonates through the response.

Bus Shelter. Instructions have been issued for repair. The cost quoted is below the insurance excess we have.

Road Maintenance. This was discussed again at the October meeting and the PC has continued to lobby for maintenance improvements in the Fuge area for the benefit of residents. The quarterly sweep of the village roads was completed in early November.

Road Safety. The outcome of the site meeting with the South Hams area Roads Engineer, his Area representative and Cllr Julian Brazil, which took place on Tuesday 19th October, was disappointing. We again made the case that speeding on the approaches to the village is at unacceptable levels, signage and education has largely failed, and structural/layout improvements now need to be considered. Whilst sympathy was expressed with our position, the overall message is that there is no Highways money or budget available to fund such improvements, and Stretre will join a long list of Devon communities who have made similar requests.

. It seems that there is no appetite at County Council level for improving rural road safety, so the PC will have to continue to try and develop low-cost approaches and ideas off its own bat. However, a grant application to fund a further VAS monitor was submitted to Vision Zero during the month. Vision Zero is a collaborative project between Devon & Cornwall Police, Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service, South Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust, National Highways, Devon Air Ambulance, Cornwall Air Ambulance, The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Devon County Council, Cornwall Council, Plymouth City Council, Torbay Council, Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust, University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust and the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS). One of the aims of Vision Zero is to improve road safety and reduce the number of persons killed and seriously injured on Devon and Cornwall Roads. The PC awaits a response. The rumble strips and road markings at Manor Farm have now been replaced.

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Anniversary Nothing further to report.

Slapton Line Partnership. The draft minutes of the Slapton Line Partnership Zoom meeting on 12th October have just come to hand and may be found on the parish website. **Please let the Clerk know if you would like a copy.**

Proposed relocation of the Slapton Line Memorial. Some reaction to the first draft maintenance agreement proposing cost sharing of maintenance and responsibilities (once relocation is completed) between six Parish Councils and the Field Studies Council has been received. There seems to be a general consensus that there is a need for a face-to-face meeting between the PCs in order to hammer out the detail, and this will be organised in the forthcoming month. The capital costs of relocating the monument will be met by DCC, who have budget available for the work.

Climate Change Emergency. The PC has prepared an information leaflet which tries to explain what every household in Strete contributes on average towards the production of greenhouse gases. It discusses measures that every resident could adopt which would help to reduce global warming. The leaflet will be delivered to every household and will be followed up with a drop-in session at the village hall on a Saturday morning in January, where a representative from Citizens Advice will be available for consultations on Home Energy Efficiency. We also hope to have a talk entitled 'Gardening for Wildlife' at the same event.

Waste Collections. At the October PC meeting the PC expressed at length its displeasure to the two SHDC Council members present, concerning SHDC's decision to suspend green waste collections (brown bins) until the spring of 2022 on behalf of residents. We will continue to press Councillor Foss and SHDC to exert whatever leverage they can on their contractor to reinstate this service as soon as possible. Cllr. Foss assured us that financial sanctions were being applied on the contract but would not be drawn on exactly what they were. He did state that any surplus funds from the dispute would be applied for the benefit of residents. Whilst we understand that the service is non-statutory, it remains the case that the green waste collection was funded from public funds. This week, it has become apparent from elsewhere in the South Hams that whilst Councillors do have some discretionary funds available to mitigate Constituent's problems, they are unable to apply them to green waste collection because of the Council's overall policy of suspension.

Night Landing Site for the Devon Air Ambulance. The search for a suitable alternative site has continued and a further discussion is expected to take place at the November PC meeting.

Coronavirus Pandemic. Levels of infection remain high in the South Hams but have eased slightly in the past week. In the week 2nd to 8th October the infection rate was 374 cases per 100,000, a reduction of 32 cases on the previous week. The average rate in England for the same period was 346 per 100,000. However, in the same week, 87% of persons over 12 years old in the South Hams have had one dose of vaccine, and 81% are 'double jabbed'. Booster jabs are now available for all those over 40 years of age with second jabs recommended for teenagers and may be booked on the internet for local immunisation clinics. **The Chair's report was received.**

1121/10 CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

PH had prepared a leaflet and invitation to parishioners to attend the roadshow on 15th January 2022 in the Parish Hall. **Resolved: leafleting will be done the weekend after the meeting.**

1121/11 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Reports had been circulated prior to the meeting. PH. This report was given under 1121/9.

KG. Slapton Line Partnership and AONB. Report on Slapton Line Partnership 16.11.21. A meeting was held on 12 October 2021 via video link and the draft minutes were released on 9th November. There were so many elements discussed and considered: how can we protect The Line and for how long, how much will it all cost, loss of livelihood for the businesses and residents. If The Line is destroyed there are no suitable road links behind Slapton between Stokenham and Strete to upgrade. Financing and protecting what we still have is of the utmost importance. Anthony Mangnall our M.P. aims to gather substantial information to put before Parliament to obtain funding/assistance for us. Discussions and possible agreements on management and finance are on-going.

LN. Roads: hedges, litter and local transport. Ralph has reported on the roads. The litter pick was a great success and about 8 bags of rubbish were collected. Many thanks to everyone who came and helped. We covered all roads in the village, Strete Gate and part of the A379 towards Slapton and Blackpool and the Totnes Road going out of the village. Thanks also to Kate for providing refreshments at Manor Farm.

DR. Health and safety, Parish Hall liaison. Defibrillator. A defibrillator awareness training evening was arranged for Tuesday 9th November in the village hall. An excellent presentation was given by a South West Ambulance Community Officer, but it was a great shame that only eight members of the public were present, particularly that it has now been some time since we were able to organise one. It hoped to arrange a follow up evening in the spring of next year.

Parish Hall. I have made everyone aware of the hall committee's request to find an alternative storage facility for the salt that has been in the garage for some five years. Devon County Council has said that they will not allow us to return it. I would therefore like to suggest that we contact other local parish councils to see if they would be able to take some, and also to let villages know that this could be available for them to collect from the hall at a pre-arranged time. Depending on how much we are left with we may have to look into buying our own storage facility. Before the onset of the really cold weather, in the coming weeks I will be checking all the salt bins around the village to ensure that they are adequately filled with fresh salt. *The Clerk had contacted local farmers in the parish to see if they wanted some of the excess salt.* **Poo bins** continue to be emptied without any issues.

Fence by A379 and the South West Coast Path. Councillors discussed the responsibility for the collapsed fence and whether it was the farmer, landowner or DCC. **Resolved the Clerk will ask LN for advice.**

IC. Rights of Way, Tree warden, Strete Gate and Playpark. Strete Gate and Tree warden covered earlier. Play Park. IC listed a couple of things to remedy namely the access gate which he could repair and the overgrown hedge by the side which he could trim. Terry Hallett will sort out the problem with moles. **Rights of Way.** IC reported two faulty marker posts on the route down to Strete Gate. He will send photos to the Clerk so she can alert Paul McFadden at DCC. Other paths are clear and the farmer who installed an electric fence at Strete No 2 has now put handles on it for walkers to use. DR asked if the farm gate could be replaced as it was corroded. **Resolved IC will speak with the farmer on this.**

RC. Planning and Neighbourhood Plan, road maintenance including sweeping and Kings Arms liaison. Neighbourhood Plan. Update on finalising the NP Amendment followed up with Duncan Smith. The Examiner is expected to conclude her examination very shortly.

The Kings Arms. The new chef, Stephen Seaward, continues to develop his own menu with a mix of fresh, simple, home-made food that is gaining interest and plaudits from the community and visitors. Front of House Staff has been a bit of a roller-coaster over the last month. However, Corrie has taken up the mantle and is guiding the young team forward in delivering a quality service for all users of the pub. With Grace and Lucca moving on, replacements are being sought to meet the rota demands of the business to ensure resources are in place to meet with the requirements for planned regular and special events.

Events information is posted on <https://kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk/> & <https://www.facebook.com/kingsarmsatstrete/> as well as by email to subscribers to the Kings Arms email listing and flyers to every household in the village.

Fuge Road – Road Surface Condition. Correspondence in the hope of persuading Devon Highways to surface dress Fuge Road in Spring 2022 to protect the route from total failure has been submitted to Julian Brazil with copies to representatives of Devon County Council and Devon Highways. A meeting with representatives of Devon Highways was, disappointingly, met with negativity towards this suggestion. However, with the support of resident farmers at Fuge, it is hoped that by regular sweeping the current condition can be exposed sufficiently to persuade Devon Highways to reconsider their current approach to the situation.

Village Road Sweeping. Sweeping took place on Tuesday 9th November. Residents were asked to remove their vehicles from the highway on this day to allow the sweeper driver clear access on all the routes in the village. Regrettably, demolition and ground works commenced on the Blindwells site on Hynetown Road that resulted in the sweeper not being able to access some areas in Hynetown Road and mud being dispersed on the carriageway from equipment movements from the site.

This is another service that should be provided by SHDC that the Parish Council have taken on board with the objective of keeping the road edges clean and reasonably clear of weeds. **The Parish Council would like to hear the views of the community on this objective** as inflationary increases to this service that will result in an increase to the precept (PC percentage of Council Tax) will need to be considered if this service is to be continued.

RC suggested the use of weedkiller to keep the verges clear. Slapton PC had used weedkiller once this year. Councillors debated the environmental impact of weedkiller and whether there was any environmentally-friendly weedkiller.

GC commented the new rumblestrip by Manor Farm isn't noisy i.e., it doesn't 'rumble' but DCC had advised they would not make the road markings 'noisy' near residential housing.

GC. Village Green, Prideaux Lane, campervans and carparks, social care and Slapton Line partnership. Greenspace have been asked to do a final cut to the field. It has not been cut for a while and is now too long to walk on in places without soaking shoes. Greenspace have been asked for a quotation for the new contract on grass cutting for the next 3 (2) years. The pruning of the buddleia on the village field is outstanding to arrange.

Social care. Access to the Citizens Advice (CA) video booth is currently not available, as there is building work in the TQ6 Partnership Hub in Dartmouth. It will reopen in the next few weeks at the partnership hub which is. at Palladium Mews, Duke St Dartmouth (at the side of Quba's shop) CA is always available by phone, or through the CA website. There will be another winter preparation event at Townstal Baptist Church, where there will be a range of support, formfilling help, energy advice, and Livewest staff on hand. Refreshments available. This will be on Thursday 25th November from 11 – 3pm. **Reports were received.**

1121/12 CORRESPONDENCE

PH had received a letter from St Michaels PCC to request additional grant toward the maintenance of the churchyard. He had discussed this with LN. Whilst it isn't an amenity, the churchyard is valuable in the village. He recommended an increase to £400 for 2022/23 from £240. Subsequent increases would only match inflation. **Resolved PH to write to the PCC to confirm a grant of £400 for 2022/23 and the conditions as stated.**

1121/13 OTHER BUSINESS

DR asked about the brown tourist sign down by the junction of the Totnes Road and A379. The Clerk had spoken with Lisa Edmonds but she is only willing to tape off the sign not replace it.

1121/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 16th December 2021. Venue in the Parish Hall unless otherwise advised. **THE MEETING WAS CLOSED** at 9. 28 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Peter Hales (Chair) Dated: 16th DECEMBER 2021.

A FUTURE ART GROUP

Hello to all Readers Many years ago, Strete ran a very good art club/group, call it what you will. Like minded people would meet on a Thursday morning and paint/draw together. We were a great bunch and enjoyed our



common interest in art, from watercolour painting, to acrylic and oils, from abstract to local scenes. There was no set criteria. We were so enthusiastic that we held an annual exhibition in the barn on Village Day which was very successful.

Since the pub, The King's Arms, became a community venture, local artists have been showcasing their "works of art" in the pub, and this has raised interest generally in the village, with people asking if there should, once again, be an art club in Strete. A possibility is initially to meet once a fortnight. There would obviously be a small joining fee to cover the cost of hiring the hall but it would not be a money making venture. Everyone is welcome from beginners to the more advanced, we can all learn from each other.

I am therefore publishing this message asking if you would be interested in joining an art group, to contact Lesley Saffin, l.saffin7@gmail.com **Lesley SAFFIN**

DISCOVER WELLBEING

'Listen with ears of tolerance' Rumi

When you are out and about listening to the birds, the sea, the wind and rain in the trees, all these things that allow us to step back and perhaps re-paint the picture of new beginnings, take a moment to see things with a fresh awareness. In this issue, the interview is with a very special, well known resident of Strete, Roy Kendall, who you may well see doing lots of jobs around the village, with both an excellent sense of humour, stories to tell and always with a friendly smile.

How long is it now since you left your farm near Slapton and moved into Strete? Are there any particular things you miss about living on a farm compared to village life?

"In March 2003, having reached retirement age, my wife Joan and I sold our farm in the Parish of Slapton, where I was born on a farm called Pollard's Combe which my family owned till 1954. Our move to Strete was lovely as I could still enjoy the open air and keep up my farming skills with Pam Wills, who I had known for many years. Pam had asked me to help out with some of the jobs on her small holding, keeping me involved with the animals and maintenance of hedges etc."

Music, as I know, played a very important role in your life. Can you tell us what you did and also maybe miss about the camaraderie of the glorious days gone by?

"After leaving school I joined evening classes for Folk Dancing at Slapton which sparked my interest in this type of dancing. Later on, while attending a Whist Drive in Strete which was held in the Old Youth Club (up Totnes Road), it came to my attention that there was Folk Dancing taking place in the Parish Hall which I started coming to and this was the start of my long association with Folk. When a Morris team was formed with some of us young lads, I joined and this led to the club being invited to take part at Cecil Sharp House, the headquarters of the English Folk Dance and Song Society. They wanted us to do a fifteen minute display of a typical village evening. This hobby stayed with me throughout my life, not so much the Morris dancing but folk dancing. I started the South Hams Folk Club in 1967 and this is still going today. The club had a demonstration team and I took part when it was a special anniversary of the Sidmouth Folk Festival at The Knowle. I was also a member of the Devon Folk Company, a team of dancers who performed at several functions including dancing on the Swedish American Line Ship which was anchored in Plymouth Sound."

Roy, how do you feel you can best unwind and relax? Is it by chatting with a friend, taking a walk, doing a spot of gardening or perhaps something altogether different?

"Since retiring, I find it relaxing doing gardening and various jobs for the village (perhaps when I was fitter and more mobile) with the help of a couple of friends like repairing a section of the Tannen land wall along Vicarage Lane and helping with the disabled access to the Church which Roger Sinnott organised.



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...Of course using my many skills learnt whilst on the land like maintaining hedges, building stone walls, lopping trees and other jobs like that, I became quite involved with the Church here in Strete. Before my knees got arthritis, I did enjoy walking, dancing and I was also president of the Kingsbridge Bowling club for three years during lockdowns from 2019 - 2021. I get a lot of pleasure now doing jigsaws and sudoku, as well as reading"

Nordic Seed and Nut Loaf by Mary Berry

Ingredients

Butter or oil for greasing

4 large eggs

3 tbsp olive oil

1/4 tsp sea salt

2oz soft dried dates, finely chopped

3oz pumpkin seeds

3oz sunflower seeds

2oz sesame seeds

5oz pecan nuts, finely chopped

3 tbsp chia seeds



Method

Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan/Gas 4. Grease the base and sides of a 900g loaf tin and line with non-stick baking paper. Break eggs and beat with fork till combined. Add rest of ingredients and mix well with wooden spoon. Pour mixture into tin and cook for 45-50 minutes, until golden brown and firm in the centre. Leave to cool in tin for 5 mins and then turn out on a rack to cool.



Belly Breathing... **It's good for your brain**

- Place one hand on your chest and the other on your tummy.
- Inhale deeply through your nose for a count of four, making sure your tummy is expanding and not your chest.
- Exhale through your mouth for a count of four.
- Continue this breathing cycle for a few minutes.

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UNIVERSILLY CHALLENGED

Q1: What is a group of hippos is called?

Q2: What is a "jiffy"?

Q3: What are the closest living relatives of the Tyrannosaurus rex?

Q4: The Spice Girls were originally a band called?

Q5: Who invented the word "nerd"?

Q6: World record for putting how many T-shirts at once?

Q7: Who sent the first email to himself in 1971?

Q8: Octopuses have how many hearts?

Q9: What animal can hold it's breath longer than a dolphin?

Q10: Pogonophobia is the fear of what?

Q11: What bird can sleep while it flies?

Q12: The opposite sides of a die will always add up to what?

Q13: Which king in a deck of cards is without a moustache?

Q14: What is the smallest town in the U.K?

Q15: What is the only word in the English language that ends with "mt."?

Q16: Who designed the Chupa Chups logo in 1969?

Q17: What are baby rabbits are called?

Q18: What is the name for lint in the bottom of your pocket ?

Answers on
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Strethewise Word Search

1: KINGS ARMS 2: HYNE TOWN 3: MEWSTONE 4: TORCROSS

5: GARA MILL 6: ST MICHAEL 7: LANDCOMBE COVE

8: BLACKPOOL SANDS 9: SLAPTON LEY 10: VENUS CAFE

11: DARTMOUTH 12: STRETE 13: START BAY 14: PRIDEAUX LANE

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Honey & Bees

Now 2020 AD and Then 9,000 BC/BCE

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

I have two distinct and positive memories of honey and bees in my early childhood. My father ever the opportunist was always up for something new, lacking in formal education but not intellect, anything new which came his way was always investigated thoroughly. My mum's cousin (Aunt Marian) kept bees so when we visited her, they were scrutinised closely and we always came home with a jar of honey.

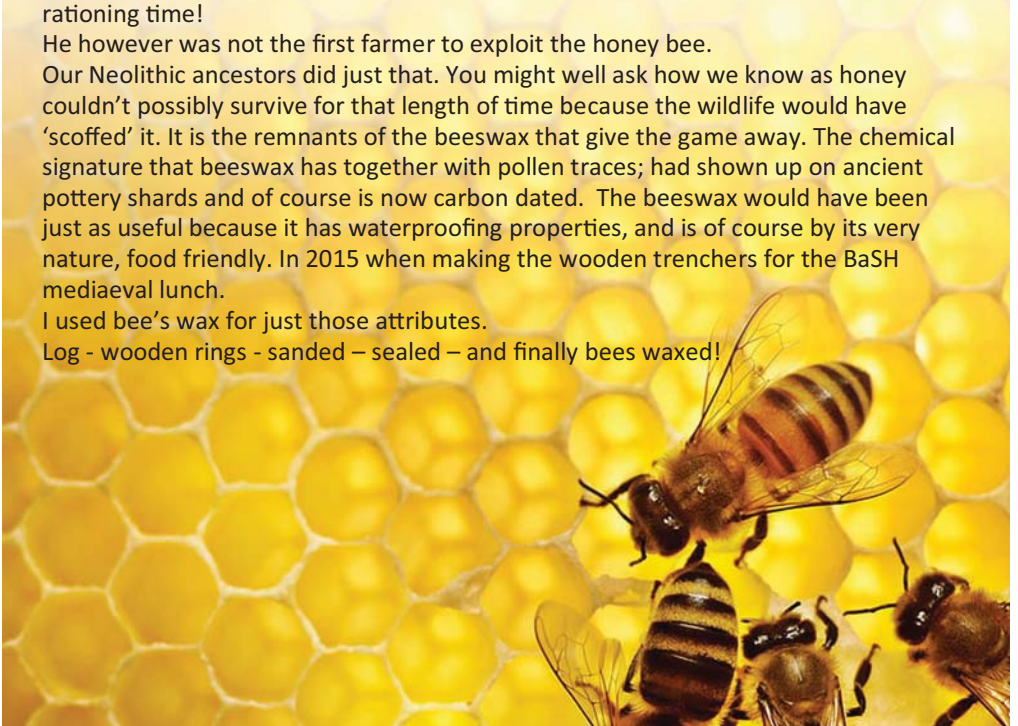
This scrutiny paid dividends. Out on the farm one day and being in Hills Field adjacent to Gull Valley doing some hedging repairs he came across an old fallen tree. On the face of it, it appeared hollow, but he knew better, the buzzing told him everything. He came home very excited and went into the dairy to collect a milk churn, said nothing and disappeared again. Some while later he returned with the churn partially filled with wild bee's comb oozing with honey. In true Dad's way he carefully left enough to support the wild 'hive'. The tree had rotted and was hollow. The bees had taken up residence and did what bees do, and then when the tree fell it split open. Parts of the comb my father found were actually black in colour and the honey was dark and rich looking. We all had such a feast; remember it was during rationing time!

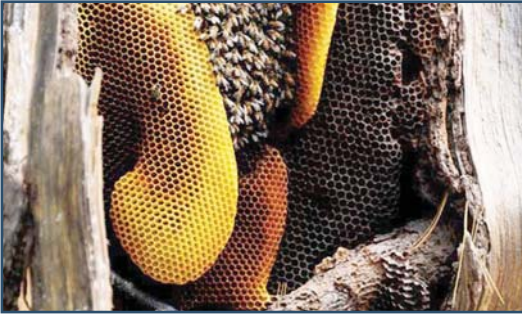
He however was not the first farmer to exploit the honey bee.

Our Neolithic ancestors did just that. You might well ask how we know as honey couldn't possibly survive for that length of time because the wildlife would have 'scoffed' it. It is the remnants of the beeswax that give the game away. The chemical signature that beeswax has together with pollen traces; had shown up on ancient pottery shards and of course is now carbon dated. The beeswax would have been just as useful because it has waterproofing properties, and is of course by its very nature, food friendly. In 2015 when making the wooden trenchers for the BaSH mediaeval lunch.

I used bee's wax for just those attributes.

Log - wooden rings - sanded – sealed – and finally bees waxed!





The different sections of comb, the new fresh and golden yellow getting darker even black to the right and below; similar to the day when my father found black gold!



A portion of Pottage on trencher bread served on a waxed wooden trencher.

The wild bee encounter spurred Dad on to have his own bees. In his farming world and with the help of my Aunt Marian and Nat Veasey (the very first occupant of 1 Hyne Town) he gathered enough kit and local help to have his own hives. Being the enquiring child I was I did not intend to be left out of this exciting project. I can't remember exactly how old I was when bee keeping started in earnest.....I'm guessing at about 9/10years. I was and still am totally fascinated by bee keeping. Probably because I was not afraid and so taken up with helping in the bee world that I have never been stung by a honey bee; I even had my own hat complete with its fitted veil. I still have it stored away waiting for an outing.

Since then, I have had other meetings with bee keeping. In the 1980's I had a waterproof clothing manufacturing company. Quite out of the blue I was contacted by a company who were interested in ordering the production of modern bee suits. I couldn't resist taking on the commission. Voila we made bee keeping suits as well!!!

Then again in the early 1990's I started researching my family tree. I started with our local phone book, created a template letter complete with a questionnaire and sent a copy to everyone listed by my mother's maiden name – Risdon. I also joined the local genealogical society. Through those contacts I learnt that two of my ancestors had written books in the 1600's. Surprise, surprise one was on beekeeping.



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the Kings Arms

Welcome to our community
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It's a New Year and hopefully one with a little more certainty. A simple review of last year for the pub might be: went well when Covid was less of an issue, less good when Covid reared its ugly head. December being a case in point. November had been good and December started well with Father Christmas driving round the village on his Devon sleigh raising money for Children with Cancer UK before visiting the pub, which was busily being decorated by members of the community, big and small. But then Covid came back and the rest of the month was a bit of a damp squib. Not ideal given December is usually a key month for any pub. Not surprisingly, it's important that we get back to a little more normality this year.

It's worth saying that the team have done much to lessen the Covid impact. Masks were once again required, tables were spaced further apart, bookings were reduced and takeaway is once again on offer. Actually, the team want to keep takeaways as part of the normal offer, whatever happens. If you do want anything on the menu as takeaway, just call ahead.

The start of the year is often a quiet time for pubs in the area but with a full range of events and offers coming up there are lots of reasons to support the pub.

The plan is to make some of these events repeat at the same time each month: two Fish & Chip Fridays, always with a great offer on two Fish & Chips...a monthly quiz...a new Steak Specials Night....plus making the village lunch monthly...and, after the success of various music events last year, we're introducing a monthly music night,



starting with an Open Mic night, so if you fancy playing or singing something, get in touch. The village lunch is a great way to meet people – contact Ralph Clark to book at ralph.clark@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk Peter Hales is holding a Games Night on the 23rd, a sort of highly amusing pub Olympics. Not to be missed. And don't forget, Pam's Tea & Cake Get-togethers returns after a Winter break.

It's worth noting that some of these events may take a break when it gets busy over summer but they will be replaced with summer special events...when the sun bakes down from perfect blue skies...

The lunch and dinner menus have been very well received since launching at the start of November. One or two dishes that didn't do well have been removed and some exciting new ones added – there's a homemade three cheese macaroni cheese topped with parmesan & breadcrumbs, served with salad & garlic bread....and a homemade vegan Quorn chilli tacos with salsa, guacamole & refried beans. As we've all read in the media recently, supplier costs are going up and accordingly some prices have had to be slightly revised but these changes have very much been kept to a minimum. The Sunday Roasts have been going very well. Beef, turkey or nut roast. So if you fancy a lovely Winter warming Sunday, book ahead. Some people have said they are the best in the area. We're not commenting, you decide.

Finally, we know there have been a lot of people moving to the village.

Welcome! We hope you're keen to visit the pub. Friday nights is often when there's a few locals propping up the bar. Don't forget, it the community's pub - *and* it's a great place to meet your fellow villagers. We are always looking for volunteers; in fact, the pub's long term survival depends on it, so if you fancy getting involved, meeting people and going home with a smile on your face, please get in touch with Karen Hales who is doing a brilliant job as a volunteer getting volunteers....

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

HELD AT STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Cllr Peter Hales (PH) (Chairman); Cllr Kate Gill (KG); Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); Cllr David Rothwell (DR); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC); Cllr Julian Brazil, County Councillor, Kingsbridge Division (JB). Mrs. Helen Darch {Clerk}; a member of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mr Green attended and spoke on the Climate Emergency and the Strete Neighborhood Plan [Plan]. He had corresponded with the Council to request that the Plan explicitly address the Climate Emergency. A discussion took place where the context of the Plan in the national planning framework was explained. Local Plans may include climate measures but these must align with national policy and so they tend to be non-specific. Also, climate measures require funding and assistance from other bodies such as Central Government and this is still in a nascent stage. Mr Green commented that the Dartmouth Town Council plan is more focused on climate measures though it is still evolving. It was explained the Plan is a live document and will be updated over time. **Resolved in due course Mr Green be invited to contribute to further work on climate initiatives undertaken by the Council.**

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Monument. JB confirmed the meeting to discuss the arrangements for the monument is planned to take place on 5th January at 7pm in the Village Hall.

If in-person meetings are not possible a Teams meeting could be arranged. PH confirmed the intention is to have draft contract ready and seek to get it approved by the second meeting planned for February.

Slapton Line. Landmark [a contractor] had moved the rocks across the beach to provide ballast. However Natural England had not permitted this be done from the middle carpark to Torcross. The contractor could be fined if they moved rocks in this stretch of the Line. SHDC was paying for the work. JB commented he had mentioned the objections made by Natural England to the press but it would require national policy to overrule Natural England. He suggested a meeting be called of the Coleridge Association to draft a letter to the MP on this matter.

A planning application [4340/21/COM] had been queried by a parishioner as it was to install two tall poles along Vicarage Lane. JB confirmed this is permitted development so no planning application is required but he promised to look into this and speak with planners and Richard Foss if pictures could be taken and sent to both of them.

A postbox at Hynetown Road had been removed. The Clerk will write to Royal Mail Totnes Delivery Office to request it be replaced.

GC commented on the recent confusing signage at the junction of the Totnes Road and A379. He felt it should be clearer what it related to and should be taken down when it was no longer needed. Who should he contact? JB informed him the contact details for the contractor would be on the back of the signs. **The report was received.**

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The District Councillor did not attend so this was not taken.

1221/1 APOLOGIES – Cllr Louise Newman (LN); Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC); Cllr Richard Foss, District Councillor, Allington & Strete Ward (RF);

1221/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 18th November 2021

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

1221/3 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 but see 1221/12 for a later declaration by RC.**

1221/4 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

Planning applications consulted on. To discuss and respond to South Hams District Council
No applications were received for consideration by the Parish Council.

Other planning matters. To receive and accept the Independent Examiner’s Report Modification of the Strete Neighbourhood Plan dated 18th November 2021. **Resolved: to accept the Independent Examiner’s Report Modification of the Strete Neighbourhood Plan dated 18th November 2021.**

Blindwells. GC asked if any response had been received from SHDC planning department and Cllr Pearce on various outstanding points raised in prior correspondence. Cllr Pearce had responded to RF to acknowledge correspondence. Nothing else had been seen from SHDC. JB recommended that all correspondence which remained unanswered be sent again to RF and copied to all original correspondents to request a response. **Resolved RC will deal with this.**

S106 agreement on Blindwells. There is £12,034.86 held by SHDC toward three local projects in the Village: Blackbird Wood, Village Green and Playpark. **PH had written to the trustees of the Blackbird Wood on this. Resolved the Council to do a letter drop to parishioners in January to gauge their ideas on what could be done on the three projects and to rank the projects in preference.**

1221/5(a) FINANCE

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

1810 – Clerk salary December £266.25.	1811 – Kate Gill reimbursed cost of Remembrance Day wreath. £25.
1812 – Strete Parish Hall November hire £30.	1813 – Strete Parish Hall 9 th November hire for defibrillator training £20.

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

1221/5(b) FINANCE

The Clerk presented the monitoring statements for December 2021. **It was resolved the monitoring statements would be put on the website and the noticeboards.**

1221/5(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £11,725.81CR Current account at 8/12/21, £11,309.30CR Business Reserve account at 8/12/21

1221/5(d) FINANCE

Precept for 2022/23. Councillors discussed the level of precept in view of inflation [CPI for November 2021 was 5.1%]. It was felt this would continue into the new year as contractors were reporting high costs especially on fuel.

A discussion took place on contractor costs. RC had enquired into another contractor for the quarterly road sweeping. An indicative figure of £350 per sweep was given but with the possibility that tipping charges could be waived if a local farmer was willing to handle the tipping and he was awaiting confirmation on this. The existing contractor quoted nearer £600 to do the job but this includes tipping charges and the Fuge Road.

Grass cutting. Resolved: GC will contact Terry Hallett to obtain a quote and the Clerk will ask if the contractor who does the churchyard would be willing to quote.

The precept was then discussed and it was resolved the precept would be set at £14,000 for 2022/23. This represents 6.6% increase on the 2021/22 precept of £13,130. It is £46.35 for a Band D charge payer [£14,000 divided by a tax base of 302.04 for 2022/23] or 57p increase on the Band D for 2021/22 of £45.78. GC asked about the impact on Council Tax of second-home owners re-registering their properties for business rates from Council Tax. They may then submit a claim for business rate relief. If successful, this relief sees a reduced or nil tax charge compared with paying Council tax. Overall, there is a reduction in the parish tax base and lower revenue collection.

1221/6 UPDATES ON STANDING AGENDA ITEMS Council targets agreed for 2021/22 year.

No	Project	Target	Resolved - latest
1	Night Landing Site for Air Ambulance.	Operational by May '22	Toby Russell from DAAT visited on November 22 nd to inspect the Village Green and field by the playpark. Neither is deemed a suitable site. Other sites will be looked at. These include Cox Barn Field and DR will speak with the farmer about this. £1,010.47 is held in reserves toward the project.
2	Enhanced vehicle Speed Control measures in the village.	Operational by May '22	Vision Zero granted £2,345 toward a second VAS machine. To liaise with DCC Highways on the project.
3	Raise Awareness of any forthcoming Green Grants for domestic heating, insulation etc.	When grants are available	Drop-in event in Village Hall scheduled for January 15 th . CAB energy advisors to talk on green grants and improvements. GC will notify Livewest tenants about the attendance of a Livewest rep. PH will put up posters before the event. He has requested £400 from RF's Biodiversity and Climate Change fund toward this initiative.

<u>No</u>	Project	Target	Resolved - latest
4	Secure electric vehicle public charging facility in the village.	Operational by May '22	This is ongoing.
5	Identify sites for tree planting in the village.	Plant trees in winter 21/22	KG will plant oak saplings at Manor Farm. IC and the Clerk to confirm the ownership of land beside the A379/ Homelands if common land and suitable for planting.
6	Agree and sign up to an Action Statement on the Climate Change Emergency.	Target met at the October 2021 meeting.	It was resolved at the October meeting to endorse the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill going through parliament.

JB updated the meeting on the waste collection contract. Little has happened since last month but a cross-party waste group at SHDC is now active. The brown bin service will be reviewed in the Spring. JB noted collections are worsening and that people should report missed collections as the contractor will be fined under the contract.

1221/7 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS A discussion took place when the precept was set. This included consideration of contracts for road sweeping and grass cutting. Please see 1221/5d. **PH is drawing up a formal specification for the buddle hole contract with input from RC on road safety requirements.**

1221/8 PLATINUM JUBILEE The Jubilee will be an extended bank holiday from 2nd to 5th June 2022. KG has registered Strete for the beacon ceremony on Thursday June 2nd. The beacon will be lit with refreshments at Manor Farm. She intends to erect a 6m flag pole on the lawn at the Farm and asked if this would need planning permission.

DR mentioned the Village Hall committee wants to concentrate on Village Day but has plans to sew bunting for the village. He requested a contribution toward this. **Resolved a grant of £75 would be given to the Village Hall committee in 2022/23 toward the bunting project.**

Some ideas were discussed. An event similar to the summer BBQ and jazz band could be arranged. The Pub was putting together plans to celebrate the jubilee as well.

Slapton Parish Council had contacted the Clerk about coordinated events across Start Bay. This includes the beacon lighting and bell-ringing. The Clerk has spoken with the Church about bell-ringing and KG about the beacon. KG has responded to Slapton to confirm plans in Strete and provide information on beacons. **Resolved: a meeting to take place early in 2022 with the Pub, Council and Parish Hall to discuss what could be done to celebrate the Jubilee. JB has offered some of his locality budget toward Jubilee activities.**

1221/9 CLERK'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting. Banking. The Clerk confirmed with NatWest that the mandate is in progress. *[it has now been updated]*. The PC can then start the process to enrol onto Bankline. **For note.**

Road safety measures. The Council now has a grant of £2,345 toward a second VAS machine. To contact James Anstee at DCC to run the project. DCC is offering assistance in purchasing and running the project as well. **For note.**

Devon Air Ambulance. Toby Russell of DAAT visited on 22nd November and reviewed the Village Green and by the playpark. He confirmed neither site is suitable as a landing site for the ambulance at night. There may be other sites still available in the Village. **To note.**

Model Publication Scheme. To carry over to January. The report was received.

1221/10 CHAIR'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting. Bus Consultation by Devon County. Following the publication of the Devon County Council 'Bus Service Improvement Plan', and the promise of some extra government funding, Stagecoach is committed to improving the No.3 bus service through the village by re-introducing Sunday and Bank Holiday services along the full length of the route. The PC will need to keep up the lobbying pressure to ensure that our other requests for better frequency of service are not forgotten.

Bus Shelter. Work is in hand to complete the repair.

Road Maintenance. As I write this, the road between the village and Totnes Cross and Strete has been closed for roadworks. The PC hopes that this will include improvements in the Fuge area.

Road Safety. Our grant application to fund a further VAS monitor was approved by Vision Zero at the end of November and the PC will discuss options for implementation at the December meeting. Vision Zero is a collaborative project between Devon & Cornwall Police, Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service, South Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust, National Highways, Devon Air Ambulance, Cornwall Air Ambulance, The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Devon County Council, Cornwall Council, Plymouth City Council, Torbay Council, Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust, University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust and the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS). One of the aims of Vision Zero is to improve road safety and reduce the number of persons killed and seriously injured on Devon and Cornwall Roads.

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Anniversary. Slapton PC have been in touch to discuss beacons, otherwise nothing further to report.

Slapton Line Partnership. We have just been advised that an Adaptation Manager has now been appointed to lead the response to coastal environmental change. His name is Sam Lew, and we expect that he will be introduced to the Partnership in January Proposed relocation of the Slapton Line Memorial Two meeting have been set up for early January and early February so that the 6 Parish Councils may meet and finalise the maintenance and funding proposals. Julian Brazil has agreed to chair the meetings to ensure that everyone has their say. The capital costs of relocating the monument will be met by DCC, who have budget available for the work.

Climate Change Emergency. A copy of the PC Climate Change information leaflet was delivered to every household in November. A session on Home Energy Efficiency has been arranged on Saturday morning 15th January at the Parish Hall, where a representative from Citizens Advice will be available for consultation. Villagers with experience of operating electric vehicles, ground source and air source heat pumps, and Photo-voltaic water heaters will also be present.

Waste Collections. The PC has continued to express its profound dismay at the current situation to our Ward member Cllr Richard Foss, and County Councillor Julian Brazil. At November's meeting we discussed the feedback from residents and options for the provision of an interim private green waste collection service organised and/or managed by the PC. The PC concluded that it was impractical to arrange and operate such a scaled-up service within a meaningful time-frame – the PC simply does not have sufficient resources or volunteers to manage this. We did agree to provide to residents a list of known contractors who could be engaged by householders on a one-to-one basis for private individual collections. The PC will continue to press for the return of the regular service, which must include a one-off emptying of the brown bins which were already full in the week that the service was suspended with no notice.

Night Landing Site for the Devon Air Ambulance. The search for a suitable alternative site has continued and a further discussion is expected to take place at the December PC meeting.

Post Box on Hynetown Road. Without consultation, Royal Mail physically removed the post box mounted on a stump pole on Hynetown Road on 10th December. It is unclear whether they intend to replace it with a new one as it was in a poor state of repair. The PC will press for refurbishment and re-siting, or a replacement box.

Coronavirus Pandemic. Arrival of the Omicron Variant on UK shores is surely a most serious development, and in the last week we have learned that cases have spread to include a few in Devon. The re-introduction of tighter public health restrictions has been welcomed by Steve Brown, the Director of Public Health Devon. Booster jabs will be available for over 30s from 13th December. In the week 30th November to 6th December, the South Hams infection rate was 898 cases per 100,000, with 790 cases reported that week, up 205 on the previous week. 82% of people have had two doses of vaccine, and 44% have had a booster. Thankfully the death rate has remained flat at around 22 per week.

The Chair's report was received.

1221/11 CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

This was discussed in 1221/6 and the Public Forum.

1221/12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Reports had been circulated prior to the meeting. PH. This report was given under 1221/10.

KG. Slapton Line Partnership and AONB. I have been informed by Roger English that we have a new Slapton Line Adaptation Manager who will commence his contract on 17th January – soon after which date, we will be having a meeting.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. With reference to my email of 3rd December – I have yet to meet James Curtis [Slapton Parish Council liaison on the Jubilee]. Bruno Peek the Queen's Pageant Master has as usual contacted me on the format for the event. It is a weekend of celebrations from the 2nd – 5th June. I have registered our participation. One year I sent him a photograph of our event. This was included in a following internet celebration promotion to show the type of beacon that can be used. This particular beacon lighting was to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday in 2016.

LN. Roads: hedges, litter and local transport. LN was absent and a report was not taken.

DR. Health and safety, Parish Hall liaison The defibrillator continues to be monitored on a monthly basis with no real issues. It has been suggested that perhaps we should consider

painting the outside of the phone box in NHS green rather than post office red, which I understand a number of communities have done. I personally think it would be a good idea to help raise awareness of the defibrillator's location. I would appreciate comments. **This was discussed and it was resolved to leave the phone box red until the next paint job is due.**

The village hall committee still have concerns that the salt mountain remains in the garage. Local farmers have been contacted, and salt availability has been put on the Strete website, but to date, none has been requested. At the onset of very cold weather, it was suggested that bags of salt could be placed by the entrance to the village hall carpark with a note to 'help yourself', which I propose to do. I can confirm that all the salt/grit bins have now been checked, and topped up where necessary. At the last village hall committee meeting, the Queen's jubilee celebrations next year were discussed. It was proposed that villagers could all be invited to make bunting which could then be hung all around the village. This will be coordinated by village hall committee members who have asked if the parish council would be prepared to subsidise the cost of the red, white and blue material. A sum of £50 - £100 was mentioned. There have been no issues with the emptying of waste and poo bins.

As above in 1221/8 a grant of £75 in 2022/23 was made.

IC. Rights of Way, Tree warden, Strete Gate and Playpark. Not a huge amount to report this month, so relatively brief...! **Footpaths & Bridleways;** - All fairly well cut back, and being used, but not abused, to my knowledge. **Tree related Issues;** - Nothing new to report. Strete Gate; - Car park fairly tidy, apart from Pizza boxes and beer cans discarded into the verges/hedges at times. Usually coincides with the visitations of the Tyre-squealing brigade...!! Loo block regularly cleaned, and bins being emptied. **Play Park:** - There are still some items on the list of defects, which need to be 'caught up with'. Nothing particularly hazardous, but needing to be repaired during the coming month. Some painting, a few fittings to be replaced on the skateboard ramp, and the closing springs on the gates. I will try to attend to some of these during the Christmas period.

RC. Planning and Neighbourhood Plan, road maintenance including sweeping and Kings Arms liaison. Neighbourhood Plan. The Examiner has completed her examination of the amendment and concluded that it complies with all the statutory requirements and that the amendment can be accepted as part of Strete Neighbourhood Plan. Duncan Smith (SHDC) has advised the next part of the process requires legal advice since the Scheme of Delegation does not allow for a Panel decision. It is, therefore, unlikely that this will be finalised before the end of 2021. Meanwhile the Examiner's report has been submitted to the Parish Council for councillors to formally accept the Report at the Parish Council meeting on 16th December 2021. **This was accepted in 1221/4.**

The Kings Arms. Christmas events kicked off on 4th December with Santa in his sleigh being towed around the village followed by lots of helpers who raised £66 for the charity 'Children with Cancer'. Santa and his helpers then helped to decorate the pub ready for Christmas festivities. The marketing and events team have planned a series of events throughout December to encourage community members to support their community pub. Events information is posted on <https://kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk/> and <https://www.facebook.com/kingsarmsatstrete/> as well as by email to subscribers to the Kings Arms email listing. Steve (chef) and his team, continue to work hard to produce a mix of fresh, simple, home-made food Wednesday to Saturday with a traditional roast on Sunday. Front of House continues to be a challenge to meet the staffing requirements to operate efficiently.

Despite advertising for a FOH Manager there has been no response. New staff have joined the team to meet the service delivery and rota demands over the Christmas period. Restrictions from the effects of Covid are likely to bring more challenges for the pub Management Team and staff to ensure the pub provides a safe environment for the community together with providing a warm welcome and enjoyable experience.

Village Road Sweeping. New sweeper quotations are being sought in preparation for preparing a budget for 2022/23. Price increases are becoming the norm for most services which may affect the frequency for sweeping the village roads.

RC presented a sketch/plan for the road narrowing at the Manor Farm entrance into Strete. The aim is to calm traffic as it enters the Village by creating a narrowing effect. KG was concerned that this might obstruct her entrance to the Farm. **RC then declared an interest** as his son has quoted for the works in order that the PC could have a costed proposal to send to the Highways Dept. The drawing will be tidied up ready to send off with the proposal.

GC. Village Green, Prideaux Lane, campervans and carparks, social care and Slapton Line partnership. Little to report this month. Greenspace have done a delayed final cut of the year on the village field. Unfortunately, this has left a lot of loose grass on the field. Greenspace have promised to send a quote for the next contract, though this has not arrived as yet. I have the paint for the metal climbing frames, looking to find a suitable day to do it. Natural England circulated a very dogmatic statement that they would absolutely not allow any further beach protection after the recent resetting of the rocks. This will have to be further discussed. **Reports were received.**

1221/13 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence has been circulated to councillors.

1221/14 OTHER BUSINESS

DR asked about who to contact on the fallen fence at the entrance to the South west Coast path by the 'diagonal' carpark. **The Clerk said she would speak with LN about this.**

1221/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 20TH January 2022. Venue in the Parish Hall unless otherwise advised. **THE MEETING WAS CLOSED** at 8. 25 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Peter Hales (Chair) Dated: 20th JANUARY 2022.

Capt Pearson Memorial Trust

In early 2000 we had lunches for retired people in the Parish Hall run by volunteers.

As some of the volunteers moved away from the village and some were unable to carry on unfortunately it ceased ,with only two members of the organisation left, they decided to put money left over, the sum of £800.00, into the Capt Pearson Memorial Trust so it could be used to help any organisation in the parish.

If ever the Lunches were started up again in the Parish Hall the Capt Pearson Memorial Trust would support it. **Pam Wills**

Stretwiser Factoids

Sir George Cayley, (27 December 1773 – 15 December 1857) was an English engineer, inventor, and aviator.



Sir George Cayley, from Brompton-by-Sawdon, near Scarborough in Yorkshire. Inspired by the optimism of the times, engaged in a wide variety of engineering projects. Many of his projects included designing and developing self righting lifeboats, tension-spoke wheels, the "Universal Railway" (his term for caterpillar tractors), automatic signals for railway crossings, small scale helicopters, and a prototype for an internal combustion engine fuelled by gunpowder (The Gunpowder engine).

However many consider him to be the first true scientific aerial investigator,

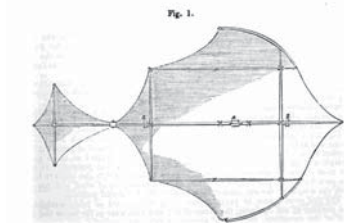
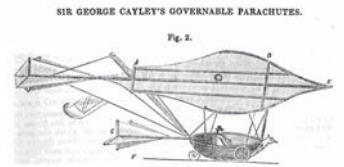
understanding the underlying principles and forces of flight. In 1799, he developed the concept of the modern aeroplane, a fixed wing flying machine with separate systems for lift and control.

A model glider successfully flown by Cayley in 1804 had the layout of a modern aircraft, with a kite-shaped wing towards the front and an adjustable tailplane at the back consisting of horizontal stabilisers and a vertical fin. Some time around 1849 he designed and built a biplane in which an unknown ten-year-old boy flew. Later, with the assistance of his grandson George John Cayley and his engineer Thomas Vick, he developed a larger scale glider (also probably fitted with "flappers") which flew across Brompton Dale in front of Wydale Hall in 1853. The first adult aviator has been claimed to be either Cayley's coachman, footman or butler.

The Wright brothers acknowledged his importance to the development of aviation.

"About 100 years ago, an Englishman, Sir George Cayley, carried the science of flight to a point which it had never reached before and which it scarcely reached again during the last century."

Wilbur Wright, 1909



Replica of Cayley's glider at the Yorkshire Air Museum

"The wise men of Gotham" or "The fools of Gotham"

The small village of Gotham, Nottinghamshire is famed for the stories depicting the people of the village as being stupid. The reason for their behaviour is believed to be that the villagers wished to feign madness to avoid King John declaring the road through the village a Royal Highway which they would then be expected to build and maintain.



The story goes that King John intended to travel through the neighbourhood to hunt and consider building a hunting lodge close by.

The villagers feigned imbecility when the royal messengers arrived they saw the locals engaged in some absurd tasks. Madness was believed at the time to be highly contagious.

One of the absurd deeds seen by the royal messengers was a group of villagers fencing off a small tree to keep a cuckoo captive. One of the pubs in the village is known as the "Cuckoo Bush Inn". King John's messengers also reported finding some of the inhabitants engaged in capturing an eel which ate all the fish in the village fishpond, the villagers took great pains to capture it and when they eventually did, they threw it back in to the water to drown it. The village blacksmith solved the problem of a wasps nest in the thatch of his roof by setting fire to it. The royal hunting lodge was never built in the area and the king never passed through the village.



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American writer Washington Irving gave the name "Gotham" to New York City November 11, 1807, based on the alleged stupidity of the people of Gotham, Nottinghamshire.

Bill Finger one of the creators of Batman stories named the New York home of Batman, Gotham City, a fictional city appearing in American comic books published by DC Comics. "I flipped through the New York City phone book and spotted the name 'Gotham Jeweller's and said, 'That's it,' Gotham City."

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STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting with Sgt Jon Croft Devon and Cornwall Police and councillors. 12th January 2022 at Manor Farm Strete.

Present: Peter Hales, Kate Gill, Louise Newman, Ian Cumberlidge, Clerk and Sgt Jon Croft

The meeting came about from a reported burglary in the Village. Sgt Croft kindly agreed to meet with Councillors to discuss general policing matters. Peter Hales had also listed some questions he would like to discuss.

Reporting incidents. To do this on 101 and also use the webchat facility on the Devon and Cornwall police site. <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/>

This link gives useful information on a number of police areas which include fraud and anti-terrorism. The police welcome any intelligence and this can be reported on the website.

If immediate assistance needed still call 999. The response is likely to come out of Kingsbridge or Totnes.

He also mentioned the link to the local team who deals with Dartmouth and rural area. There are three police assigned to Dartmouth and rural area but the staffing is one down at the moment. The link is read daily and answered. On the website there is a physical drop-in with the local police [see second link below <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/your-area/teams/Dartmouth/Overview> <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/your-area/teams/Dartmouth/Meetings/a056a30a-e217-4cda-b66a-ba0c176f7037/13-01-2022>

Crime in the local area. Crime in the rural part of his beat around Strete and villages is low at around 1 incident per month or 15 incidents in the year from January 2021 to 2022. The incidents are mainly dog-related or involve teenagers. As expected, the police focus is where crime occurs more i.e., in the towns.

Road safety and speeding

Peter then asked about a visit from the speed camera van. He explained the Council has pursued a number of measures to cut speed in the village. These include the VAS, which has been in place for a couple of years, rumble strips, the proposed road narrowing at Manor Farm and a visit from Highways to look at matters in the round. Sgt Croft asked if there had been any accidents. There were none recently but several near-misses esp. from pedestrians. It was believed the main culprits are locals on work and school journeys.

Sgt Croft said he would ask the camera safety unit if they could visit particularly in relation to the Totnes Road and at busy times but it will take time to book them. He also advised the Council to look at the speed gun scheme which can be operated by

parishioners willing to record speeding in the village.

https://www.communityspeedwatch.org/FRONT-v2-Running_a_Group.php

The council to confirm if the 20MPH limit in the Village is enforceable.

It was also observed that parked cars created a type of chicane which slowed down speeding traffic. If there were any concerns with signs this would have to go through DCC Highways.

Rural crime esp. burglary. Burglary. The recent burglary in Strete had been investigated and Scenes of crime visited the site. Sgt Croft observed that crime such as burglary normally followed a trend and there was nothing he could see about the recent incident or the other incident where there had been a theft of tools that suggested these were part of a trend. He also noted most of the stolen items were recovered and from the local area.

Modern burglary tended to be small value items that could be sold quickly or cash that would be recycled. In Devon a burglar was usually a drug user looking for cash and they tended to live in urban areas. Detection rates are good with forensic evidence gathered through DNA and phone location logging.

Obvious prevention is to keep valuables locked away and out of vehicles.

However domestic burglary is taken seriously especially if physical threat is used. Therefore, police respond quickly and sentences are quite high.

Agricultural crime is more prevalent and concerns high-value items such as farm machinery. However, it does take place on roads closer to main highways as the machinery is quickly transported and exported. So round Strete there has been little theft so far.

Livestock worrying. This is always an issue with dog owners and control of their animals. <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/contact/ask-ned/question/994a7ea2-56ff-e711-b9f3-00505601867d>

Neighbour disputes

Peter also asked about neighbour disputes and what could be done where neighbours have a grievance. Sgt Croft said the police will log complaints and this can be useful evidence but there is a better route. This involves the anti-social behaviour unit at SHDC and John Ward <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/4352/Anti-Social-Behaviour-and-Nuisance>

He also recommended people try to keep talking and if insistent, engage legal advice before contacting the police. The police deal with criminal matters not civil in the main but if it does escalate then do call them.

Agreed

Sgt Croft will contact the camera safety unit to ask them to arrange a visit.

The Clerk will email Sgt Croft with all councillor contacts.



HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Parish Hall Committee

The Christmas Draw was successful and 541 tickets were sold. There were 16 prizes and the actual draw was held in the pub after the Carol Singing event. Peter Hales, Chairman of the Parish Council, drew the winning tickets.

EVENTS FOR 2022

Friday, February 18th an evening of **Curling**, no ice or brushes involved, will take place. The stones are on wheels and there is a target sheet with numbers to aim at. There will be food and a bar so please come and support your Hall and a good social evening is assured whatever you score at curling.

Tickets will be on sale shortly and will cost £8.00

Saturday, April 2nd: we are hoping to have an **Auction of Promises**. This will be run by a professional auctioneer, who has appeared on Homes Under the Hammer. If you have any ideas for items to be put up for auction, please let me know. Again there will be food and a bar.

In June it is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and events are planned.

Sunday, June 5th: we are hoping to host a **Strete Street Picnic Tea Party**.

More details will follow soon. There will also be "Bunting-making" evening sessions leading up to this, so if you enjoy sewing, cutting, ironing, chatting, drinking (tea and coffee, of course) and a biscuit or two, keep a look out for more details. If you have any red, white and blue material we could use, please let me know.

Saturday, August 6th: as the Strete Picnic is a big occasion for the village we are postponing our traditional Village Day until 2023 but will have another Village BBQ in the hall gardens with the Jazz Band to entertain us. There will be more details about times and costs nearer the time. The hall and garden belong to us all and some extra help would be much appreciated. This is another social occasion and there is always coffee and tea available.

Please, look at the advert asking for someone to help with the garden. The hall and garden belong to us all and some extra help would be much appreciated. This is another social occasion and there is always coffee and tea available.

There has been some more remedial work done on the hall as holes were found in the roof. Thanks go to Keith and Chris Ellis for replacing plastic bags and tin trays with the correct materials to keep out the rain!

The Hall has been the venue for some children's parties and a Charity Danceathon. Soon Children's Ukulele Classes will start. Please let me know of any ideas you may have for what can be organised in the hall because the Hall belongs to us all and is an important centre for the village. However, we need revenue to maintain the building and to keep it looking so inviting.

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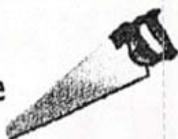
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17: Velouté 19: Rosti 21: Bottled 23: Bias 24: Tidal 25: Asia 26: Brie 27: Distortion

Down 1: Bulkhead 2: Tiger 4: Sting 5: Metre 6: Sponge 8: Winter 12: Eats
14: Lathe 16: Roasted 17: Vibration 18: Outlast 20: Fibre 22: Drain

Universilly Challenged - Answers

Q1: A "bloat." Q2: Is about one trillionth of a second.

Q3: The chicken and the ostrich. Q4: Touch. Q5: Dr. Seuss. Q6: 260 T-shirts.

Q7: Ray Tomlinson. Q8: Three. Q9: Sloths. Q10: The fear of beards.

Q11: A Frigate bird. Q12: Seven. Q13: King of Hearts. Q14: Fordwich.

Q15: Dreamt. Q16: Salvador Dalí. Q17: kits. Q18: gnurr.

Dartmouth Patients Group Representative

Paul Green, Strete representative in the Dartmouth Patients Group.

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