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The Dartmouth Patients Group

The Dartmouth Patients Group is looking for a village representative from Strete.

You would help Dartmouth Medical Practice focus on the needs and aspirations of it's patients for the services it provides. With the new health and well being centre being built at last and plans for what should happen next to the old Dartmouth Hospital site, it will be an interesting and rewarding time to be involved.

Liane has done this for the past 6 years or so and feels that it is time someone else took over with a fresh view on what the patients at Dartmouth Medical Practice want from the doctors and nurses there. It is not an onerous task – there are only meetings every 2 months, usual time is 6pm and they last for about 1½ - 2 hours. The meetings used to be held at the surgery in the downstairs waiting room, but recently have been held via Zoom – easy to access even if you are not very computer literate.

Please contact Liane on 770665 or john_liane@btinternet.com and she will give you the details.

From the Rectory

Dear friends,

I am celebrating the fact that we can easily meet up, in our gardens and in our homes. It has been a tough 18 months but getting people together has done us all a world of good.

Some folk have hardly been outside for months and our parish councils too have been able to meet without the interface of a screen.

As we begin the road to normality it is important to give thanks for all we have managed to do in these last months.

We have started freely singing in Church, we have been able to have refreshments after our services and weddings and baptisms no longer number- limited. A great step occurred a few Sundays ago when we were able to meet on Blackpool Sands. Members of our local church congregations met together, sang hymns, listened to thoughts about what we sang and enjoyed lots of cake! It felt all the more special because we had lost so many opportunities to meet together.

As we go towards autumn, I do pray that our newly recovered ‘freedoms’ will continue, not only in our churches but throughout society.

I pray too that we don’t forget the sense of community, of generosity, of care and concern for each other that has been so evident in our village.

Blessings
Rev’d Alison





ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Cream Tea on Sunday 22nd August.



Cream Tea

On a sunny afternoon a Cream Tea was held in the garden of Winter Cottage where delicious scones with cream and jam and a piece of sponge were enjoyed by folk who had come to support the Church with one of their fund raising events.

Roger's beautiful garden was much enjoyed with plenty of colour and perfume and the most glorious view of the sea with all the activity taking part on it.

Richard kindly had his garden at Cox's Farm open and this too was much admired by those who visited it.

It was a pleasure to welcome village people and holiday makers to this event.

Harvest Festival Service

It was with great delight that a good attendance was at St. Michael's Church for the Harvest Festival Service with our friends from Stretre Chapel joining with us.

Our Vicar, Rev. Alison Shaw, took the service and accepted gifts of grain, vegetables, dairy produce, meat and fruit from members from both of the Churches which was placed on a central table at the front of the Church.

The Church had been decorated on the Saturday by Dorothy, Trudy, Fay, and Joan with beautiful flower arrangements including the windows and porch.

We have been invited to join with the Chapel at their Harvest Celebration on 3rd October at 11 a.m. in Stretre Chapel.

There will be no Service in St. Michael's on that Sunday.





Strete Chapel



Greetings from the fellowship to all in the village!

We are continuing to meet every Sunday in our chapel and have enjoyed many wonderful services this year. We have enjoyed fellowship with Strete Church for their harvest service and will host our own on 3rd October followed by a lunch together. How important it is to take time to be thankful for all that we have.

We are no longer operating a booking system but if you do know you want to attend then please let us know in advance if possible. Email us at stretchapel@gmail.com and please keep an eye on the noticeboard for up-to-date information.

Whilst the pandemic brought most sport to a standstill in 2020, we have certainly made up for it this year. We have been able to enjoy the Euros, Wimbledon, the Olympics, the Paralympics and even witnessed the Tour of Britain going right through our village! It was really exciting to watch the cyclists zoom past. All of these athletes had to persevere to reach the level at which they were competing and know their goal.

In the Bible we are given encouragement to follow the path that God has set out for each of us and in one passage sport has been used to help us understand this message.

'...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.' Hebrews 12 v1-2

God has a plan for each of our lives – have you been open to find out whether you are on the right track for the Lord?



★ Young Searchers Challenge ★

Young Searchers is a Christian children's club based on teaching the Bible through stories, games and craft. We are aiming to start meeting again from 4th November 2021 at 6.30pm – 7.30pm in the chapel. Please let us know if you are interested by emailing stretchapel@gmail.com.

Joke!

Q: Who was the fastest runner?

A: Adam – he was the first in the human race!

Stretewise Crossword

Solution on page 68

Across: 1: Retailer or wholesaler of cloth.

3: A bicycle made for two. 9: A portable source of lighting.

10: An area of land used for agricultural purposes.

11: A group of peoples inhabiting Britain, pre-Roman.

13: Form into a bent, curling, or distorted shape. 15: A small peninsula of land.

16: Spanish ridge or chain of hills.

17: Hoofed ruminant mammal. 18: Reach inside or search for something. 21: A long poem of an ancient oral tradition.

24: A person who enters a place or situation by force. 25: The fourth letter of the Greek alphabet. 26: A red dye or pigment obtained from the root of a Eurasian herb. 27: The ability to obtain goods or services before payment.

Down: 1: Gradually pour from one container into another. 2: Assess the value or quality of. 4: Declare invalid. 6: A loose sleeveless cloak or shawl, worn especially by women. 7: Difficult to find. 8: Pour fat or juices over during cooking.

12: Rising and falling of the sea. 14: The male parent of an animal. 17: A jewelled crown or headband. 18: Eat hungrily or quickly. 19: A crop flattened by wind or rain. 20: Fascinated; enthralled. 22: Freedom from disturbance. 23: Feeling pleasure or happiness.



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PROGRAMME 2021

A warm friendly welcome will be given to guests

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October	12th	Gifts for Friends - Linda Maybe
	26th	Strete gate Camellias - Jeremy Wilson
November	9th	Start Point Lighthouse - Nick Shepherd
	23rd	Christmas Stall
December	7th	Christmas Lunch at the Old Inn Halwell

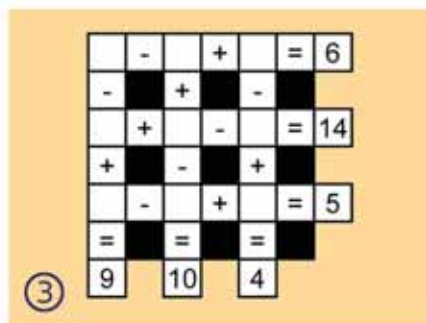
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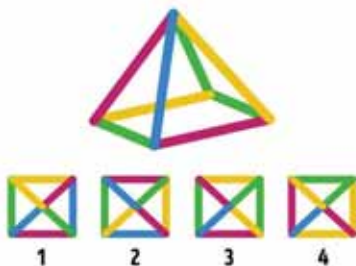
① "turn back time"
what will be the time on clock 5?



② How many numbers can you find?



③ Enter numbers in each row and column to arrive at the end totals. Only numbers 1 through 9 are used, and each only once.



④ Which one is the top view of the pyramid?



Strete Social Club

Tuesday 14th Sept. Joan Kendall gave a talk, **'How to make Greetings Cards'**

Dorothy Teal, Joint Organiser, welcomed members to our first Autumn meeting and said how delighted she was to see so many members attending. Our speaker for the afternoon was our member, Joan Kendall, who spoke to us about her hobby, card making. Joan told us how she became involved in this craft: firstly making birthday cards on her computer and then she was fortunate to win a bursary to go to the WI college at Denman, Oxford, to extend her skills. She had on display an array of beautiful cards she had made and talked to us about the various methods she uses i.e pricking out using a light box which is used with a metal template to give a raised pattern, iris folding and rubber stamping. We were then invited to make a card and Joan very kindly gave us a template and we were able to pick out various pieces to embellish the cards. She was thanked by Dorothy and presented with flowers by Judy. Tea and scones were then served by Karen and Chris and social chat was enjoyed by all.



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⑤

Enter the correct symbols to achieve the sum 48



⑥

Which pins must be knocked over to score exactly 100 points?

STAGE 2

TOUR OF
BRITAIN



SHERFORD
TO EXETER

MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2021



Kingsbridge
70.7km / 44m



Slapton Sands
59.9 km / 37.2m



Strete
54.2km / 33.7m

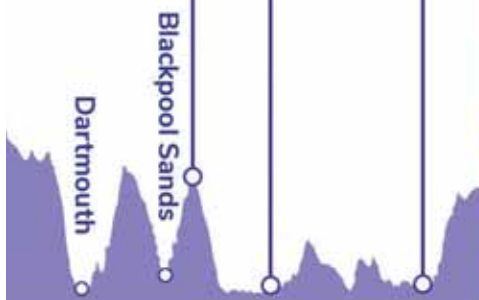


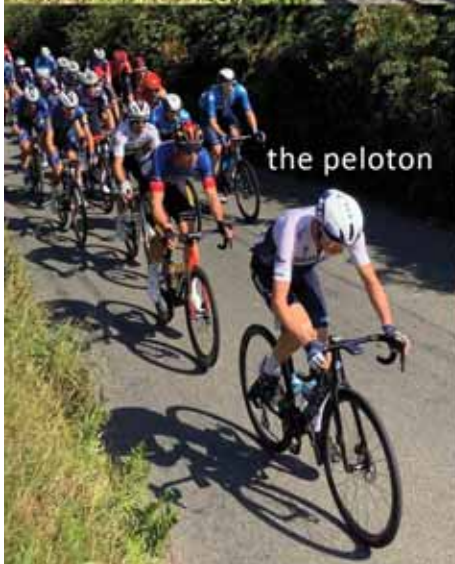
Blackpool Sands

Dartmouth

50km

75km





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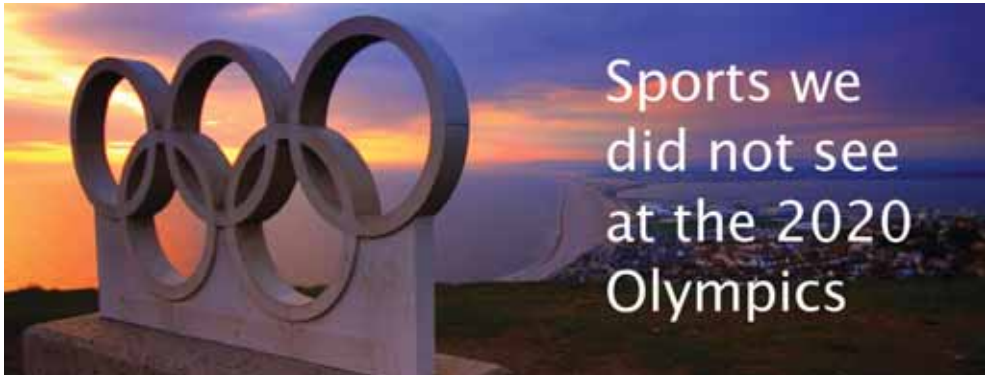


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The Olympic Games are the world's only truly global, multi-sport, celebratory athletics competition. With more than 200 countries participating in over 400 events. Their creation was inspired by the ancient Olympic Games held in Olympia, Greece from the 8th century BC to the 4th century AD.

Various uses of the term "Olympic" to describe athletic events in the modern era have been documented since the 17th century. The first event was the Cotswold Games or "Cotswold Olimpick Games", an annual meeting near Chipping Campden, England, involving various sports.

L'Olympiade de la République, a national Olympic festival held annually from 1796 to 1798 in Revolutionary France also attempted to emulate the ancient Olympic Games. The competition included several disciplines from the ancient Greek Olympics. The 1796 games also marked the introduction of the metric system into sport.

It was Baron Pierre de Coubertin who founded the International Olympic Committee in 1894, leading to the first modern Games in Athens in 1896. In the opening ceremony, King Georgios I and a crowd of 60,000 spectators welcomed 280 participants from 12 nations (all male), who would compete in 43 events, including track and field, gymnastics, swimming, wrestling, cycling, tennis, weightlifting, shooting and fencing. Medals are awarded to the athletes or teams who place first, second, and third in each event. The winners receive gold medals, which were solid gold until 1912, later made of gilded silver, and now gold-plated silver. Every gold medal must contain at least six grams of pure gold. The runners-up are awarded silver medals and the third-place athletes receive bronze medals.

The list of Olympic sports has changed considerably during the course of Olympic history. For most of the 20th century, demonstration sports were included in many Olympic Games, usually to promote a non-Olympic sport popular in the host country, or to gauge interest and support for the sport. Olympic Games included sports which are no longer present on the current program, like polo and tug of war. In the early days of the modern Olympics, the organizers were able to decide which sports or disciplines were included on the program, until the IOC took control of the program in 1924.

Rope Climb

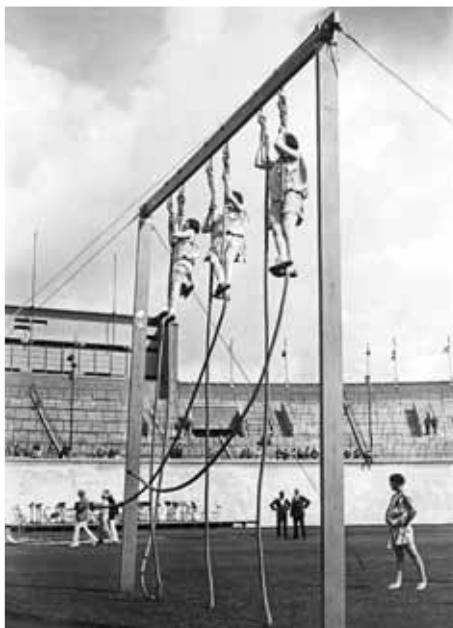
In this event the competitors climbed a suspended vertical rope, using only their hands. In this event the competitors climbed a suspended vertical rope, using only their hands. Rope Climbing was held as part of the official gymnastics program in 1896, 1904, 1906, 1924 and 1932. In 1912. Competitors raced to the top of the rope in the shortest time possible. They started in a seated position on the floor, and used only the hands and arms. In 1896 the rope was 14 meters long, and the climbing style was also incorporated in the scoring. At all other Olympics, the rope was only 25 ft (7.62m) or 8m (26.3 ft).

Tug-of-War

Originally a sport in the Ancient Olympics, Tug-of-War was contested from 1900-1920. Two teams pulling in opposite directions on a rope tried to drag their opponents over a line separating the teams. The number of participants on a team varied over the years, and contestants from different countries could participate on one team.

Cycle Polo

Cycle polo was the first Olympic demonstration sport ever. The British organizers planned a bicycle polo competition in the fourth Olympic Games held in London in 1908 at the Shepherds Bush stadium. First played in Ireland in 1891, bicycle polo's growing popularity led to a demonstration match between Ireland and Germany being included in the program at the 1908 Olympic Games.





Duelling Pistols

Pistol duelling made an appearance at the Olympics, during the unofficial 1906 Intercalated Games held in Athens. Confusingly, the event consisted of no actual duelling as individuals merely shot at plaster dummies dressed in frock coats from a distance of 20 or 30 meters. Two years later, full contact duelling was included. Then, as now, the Demonstration sports were held as a sort of semi-competitive side event to the main Games. They are sometimes used to show off a traditional sport local to the host city which, in 1908, was London.



Canon shooting

A canon shooting event was an unofficial sport at 1900 Olympic Games in Paris. The event was organized by the Paris chapter of the Société de tir au Canon. Canon Shooting consisted of 17 events, all for men. Only French competitors participated. It is not clear what the competition involved, maybe shooting for distance and accuracy. No specific results are known.



Angling

Angling was contested at 1900 Olympics in Paris. At a series of competitions in August, some 600 fisherman, of whom 40 were from 5 countries other than France, participated in 6 separate events. Six "heats" of 100 anglers took place : Sunday morning for "foreigners", Sunday afternoon and two on Monday for non-Parisians, and two on Tuesday for the "local" fishermen. The first ten anglers of each heat, having taken the most fish, qualified for the "concours d'honneur" (final).

Standing long jump

The standing Long Jump was held in 1900, 1904, 1906, 1908 and 1912.

The standing version does not allow any run up. The jumper must stand at a line marked on the ground with his feet slightly apart taking off and landing on both feet, swinging his arms and bending his knees to provide forward drive.

Standing high jump

Back in 1900, there was no run-up.

Competitors instead stood in one position with their feet together, and hoisted themselves over the bar with one gigantic leap. Standing high jump was an event in the Games from 1900-1912. During this period, US athlete Ray Ewry was seen as the master of this sport.

Live Pigeon Shooting

Competitors had to kill as many live pigeons as possible. Birds were released one at a time from 'traps' . A shooter was eliminated once they missed two birds. Nearly 300 birds were killed. A prize purse of up to 20,000 Francs was awarded to the winners, though the top four finishers agreed to split the winnings.

Hot Air Ballooning

Hot air ballooning was a big thing in Paris 1900. There were 18 separate contests, one of which was to drift over a target on the ground and drop a missile as close to the bulls eye as possible. The Comte Henry de la Vaulx figures prominently in the winner's column. 1900 Olympic ballooning event at Le Parc d'aerostation, Paris





Swimming obstacle race

Another 1900 Paris event, the competitors had to climb over a pole, scramble over a row of boats, and then swim under another row of boats for a total distance of 200 meters. The swimmers also had to contend with the strong current of the Seine River. Twelve swimmers from five nations competed. The event was won by Frederick Lane of Australia.



Indian Club Swinging

Men's club swinging was a gymnastics event at the 1904 and 1932 Olympics. Competitors wielded an Indian club in each hand. They spun the clubs around their heads and bodies in a series of intricate movements.



Croquet

In the 1900 games, women were competitors for the first time, and three women took part in this event. Croquet was featured only once as an official sport. Medals were awarded for both men's individual one-ball and two-ball competitions, as well as a doubles contest. All six medals for individual competitors were won by France, as was the gold in doubles .



Gliding

Gliding was a demonstration sport in the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin. In fact it was scheduled to be an official Olympic sport at the 1940 games but World War 2 interceded. The sport of gliding has occasionally been proposed for the Olympics by the world governing body but has been declined due to lack of public interest.

Plunge Diving

At the 1904 Olympics, competitors dived into the pool from a standing position and their attained distance was measured after either 60 seconds passed or their head broke the surface, whichever came first. Divers could not propel themselves through the water after the initial dive as they were required to remain motionless. It was the first time diving events were held at the Olympics. Five divers competed. Plunge for distance did not appear in any subsequent Olympic Games and was subject to criticism as "not an athletic event at all,"

The horse long jump

The 1900 Summer Olympics was the only Olympic Games to date to feature an equestrian long jump competition. Seventeen competitors who entered. The equestrian long jump involved clearing a water jump with the take-off point moved further back each time the jump was made.

The Arts

From 1912 until 1948, the Olympic Games featured art competitions. Medals were awarded in the disciplines of sculpture, painting, architecture, music, and literature. All of the creations had to be inspired in some way by sport. Artists created their entries beforehand, and juried judging took place during the Games. The juried art competitions were abandoned in 1954 because artists were considered to be professionals, while Olympic athletes were required to be amateurs. Like in the athletic events gold, silver, and bronze medals were awarded to the highest ranked artists .



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The Director and his chair

On the 18th of October 1931 Charles William Crawford junior entered the world. His nanny renaming him 'Tony' to avoid confusion with Charles William Senior.

The family moved around the West Country including Barnstable, Bath and Bristol before settling in the Star Inn, Bristol. Which is where most of his childhood memories were formed. Tony met Brenda at a Bristol City football match. Although like many of Tony's stories this is disputed by Brenda. Fir Tree Cottage next to the Star Inn, became the home of Tony and Brenda and site of their famous Eggsellent farm shop and Tony's chicken farm, along with a launderette that Tony, ever the entrepreneur owned and operated. Tony and Brenda eventually moved to Devon having left the people of Congresbury to fend for themselves. His move to Devon inspired many more interests such as gardening, photography, the Slapton Sands Tank, golf and anything else of a local interest including the South Coast path. Tony was enthusiastically involved public service in Strete and South Hams. Chairman of the local Conservative party and chairman of the Strete Parish Council for many years. He was a stalwart for projects which included the construction and development of the South Coast Footpath around Strete and he campaigned for the rebuilding and a permanent future for the Slapton Line. A man with a wicked sense of humour always ready to contribute to the village magazine with observations and cartoons which reflected his views of the lighter side of life. (With some occasionally needed editorial guidance, PC was not always Tony's concern)

Tony was a very keen and accomplished photographer Dartmouth Chronicle regularly publishing his images.

Our lives will be the poorer without him, but he will never be forgotten.



Creative Corner

Hapa Zome

Hapa-Zome is a Japanese term meaning 'leaf-dye'

Equipment:

1. Mallets, rolling pins or a flat pebble
2. Cotton fabric such as calico, bed sheet, muslin or heavy water colour art paper.
3. Various colourful and textured leaves and flowers etc.
4. Wooden backing board or a solid, smooth surface.

Process:

1. Collect a range of leaves and flowers etc.
2. Position the natural materials as desired on a small piece of cotton fabric.
3. Place the material onto a wooden backing board or a solid, smooth surface
4. Cover the materials with a sheet of kitchen roll.
4. Hammer all over the kitchen roll for several minutes.
5. Remove the kitchen roll and the plant matter to see the resultant imprint.





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The Kings Arms Update



A lot has been going on at the Kings Arms over the summer. There have been more and more events, with more and more people helping to put them on. There have been BBQs, Fish & Chip Nights, monthly quizzes, Guest Chef nights, and Tea & Cake afternoons. There were two Beer Festivals with live music and a special opening for the Tour of Britain cycle race. Cakes were baked. Food sold out. People sang. There was even dancing.

As we move into Autumn and Winter, the plan is to run more events and get-togethers. For a full-list of October events, see the panel. The Monthly Fish & Chip Night has been so successful that the dynamic duo, David & Ralph, have very kindly offered to run it twice a month. And Strete legend Pam Wills has begun to hold a Tea & Cake get-together once a month, as a chance for people to meet up and have a chat. Coffee drinking is also allowed, in fact Guinness is allowed, but cake is non-negotiable. The quiz will not happen in October but will be back in its monthly slot in November. October will however see us holding some kids' events for the first time, most notably the Spooky Halloween Special on the 31st, featuring frightening fancy dress & creepy competitions. The live music at the Strete Beer Festivals was so well received that the team are looking at how the pub can hold regular music nights to warm spirits through the winter. For starters, the Trafalgar Night Celebration (not on Trafalgar night itself by the way but on Tuesday the 26th) will feature the brilliant Nautibuoy's singing sea shanties. Not to be missed. It might seem a long way off but plans are afoot for a bunch of Christmas events and a fancy dress party for New Years Eve. Watch this space. Most of the events sell out so please do book ahead. It's a good sign when things are full but it's frustrating having to turn people away.



the Kings Arms

The food offer at the pub has been expanding. Staffing has been an issue but it's an issue that has been affecting the hospitality industry everywhere, especially in this part of the world, with numerous local pubs having either had to cut back their kitchen service or stop it completely. So in the circumstances the team has done a fantastic job.

Through September, the core menu of sharing platters, sandwiches, jacket potatoes, and chips has been added to with regular specials, like Game Pie or Lamb, Mint & Rosemary Stew, which have gone down very well.

Ring ahead if you want to know the specials.

Beyond that, we believe we are getting close to hiring a new senior chef, which will allow the pub to offer an expanded Winter menu, with top notch Sunday lunches at the heart of that.

You might have seen that inside the pub is adorned with a range of inspiring local art. This, Art @ the KA, is part of a community partnership with local artists, curated by Juliet Collins, with both the artist and the pub benefitting from sales.

Not everything that is going on in the pub will appeal to everyone but hopefully there's something happening that appeals to you. The Kings Arms is a community pub, for all the community. If it doesn't always feel like that yet, that shows there's still a lot of work to be done. The pub needs your support to get there, especially over Winter, either by coming along to an event, starting a get-together or just popping along regularly for a drink. If you want to help or have something to say, please do get in touch at ideas@kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk. Book on 01803 770027.

Friday 2nd. Devon Steak Night with Kate Palmer.

Thursday 7th - afternoon - Pam's Tea & Cake Get-together.

Friday 8th. The Fabulous Friday Fish & Chip Night.

Saturday 9th. Kids Event: Crazy Hair Day. Fun, prizes and mayhem.

Saturday 16th. Guest chef night TBC.

Friday 22nd. The Fabulous Friday Fish & Chip Night.

Saturday 23rd. A Devon take on Oktoberfest. With live music.

Tuesday 26th. Trafalgar Night - a maritime celebration.

Sunday 31st. Halloween celebration.

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The artworks exhibited at the Kings Arms are created by local artists. A percentage of any artwork sold is donated to the Kings Arms fund raising.

VISIT TO CANONTEIGN FALLS

On a lovely warm, dry day in September John and I went to Canonteign Falls, near Exeter in the Teign Valley in Dartmoor National Park.

The falls were created in the 1880s by Lady Susan, the wife of Lord Exmouth. The silver and tin mines were under threat and she was concerned that the miners would lose their jobs so came up with the project to redirect the existing water used for the sawmill to a rocky outcrop creating the Falls thus saving a team of miners from redundancy. The 70-metre waterfall is the highest in the South-West.

The first waterfall is Clampitt Falls and is an ideal spot for taking photographs.

The paths to the waterfall are quite steep but there are handrails which help a bit and benches to sit on to catch your breath! There are also 96 steps which are very uneven but it takes you to a lovely fern garden where you can see a life-size dinosaur T Rex made from willow. It gets a bit easier from there to climb to the higher waterfall called Lady Exmouth Fall which cascades 70 metres down to streams. For the entertainment of children there are 12 fairies hanging amongst the trees but I only spotted one as I was too busy looking where I was going! It took one hour to get to the top but only half an hour to get down. To look at on the way down there is a giant spider made of metal. The large lake at the end of our walk contained many birds such as Muscovy ducks, mallards, Canadian geese and herons.

I could not have done it on my own, I needed John to help me on the difficult steep bits. There are two adventure playgrounds for children with a wooden play ship, zip wires, trampoline, swings, slide and climbing frames. A good day out for children.

As soon as we had finished our walk we went to the cafe as we were very thirsty and a little bit hungry. I enjoyed our walk but think it would be very hot in Summer although you are walking through trees most of the time.

To pay for entrance and food it has to be cards, no cash. **Carole Wills**





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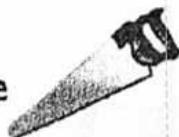
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EVENTS

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Strete Village BBQ took place on Saturday, 18th September. The hall and the patio were decorated with bunting and lights and looked really inviting. The BBQ and bar were kept busy and the Jazz Band gave the whole event a wonderful atmosphere. It was great to see so many people from the village enjoying a very social occasion.

The next event will be the **Quiz Night with Pasty Supper on Friday, 15th October** starting at 7.00pm. Tickets will be on sale soon and will cost £7.50.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

HELD AT STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 15TH JULY 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}; one parishioner in person.

PUBLIC FORUM

A parishioner attended but declined to speak. PH expressed the sadness of the Parish Council on the recent passing of Tony Crawford. Tony had been Chairman and a Councillor of the Parish Council for a long time and involved in the establishment of the South West Coast Path through Strete.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

JB spoke on traffic calming. He acknowledged Strete are not satisfied with just the rumblestrip and roundels offered as a solution to speeding problems. He suggested representatives of the Council attend a HATOC meeting [Highways and Traffic Orders Committee] along with the relevant district and county councillors. This meeting hears matters of concern where local communities are 'at odds' with the DCC highways solution to their problems. **The next HATOC meeting is on 18th October at 2.15pm in Exeter and JB will try to get this on the agenda.**

IC asked why speed bumps haven't been offered as a solution. JB thought it might be down to noise or agricultural users but he would look into this. He also suggested Give Way signs might work whereby the people leaving the Village would have priority. There is a good example in Dartmouth on Milton Lane. DR observed people parking at the Totnes Road end of the Village created a natural chicane and traffic slowed down there.

JB advised Councillors to state a preference for what they would like to see as calming measures; for instance, speed bumps, chicanes, or physical barriers. The removal of no-parking lines in West Charleton worked well as cars now park on the road and this slows traffic down. There is a prospect of a SCARF survey being done which would measure the typical speed on the highway. This is with the Highways Officer to progress. RC had engaged a contractor to do a traffic survey for the Neighborhood Plan so this approach could be deployed again. **Finally, JB will try to get the Highways officer to visit Strete for a site meeting. The report was received.**

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

RF spoke briefly on the email problem which has now been sorted. Strete PC is now on the circulation list SHDC sends out for advice and the Cyber security specialist had inspected the scam emails.

Interviews are taking place for the Adaptation Manager post responsible for implementation of policy on the Slapton Line Partnership [SLP]. This post will be funded to £50,000 over two years and will work with the South Devon AONB. RF recounted a number of interested parties in the SLP which include the Environment Agency, AONB, Natural England, The Field Studies Centre, Anthony Mangnall MP, and the local parishes of Stokenham, Slapton and Strete. The MP is keen to keep the Line open if at all possible. Alan Denbigh is resigning as chairman and it is thought Roger English will replace him.

The Monument was discussed briefly. PH has received drawings of the new site from Peter Chamberlain [DCC Environment Manager] and will start to draw up an agreement between the parishes to maintain the site once the Monument is relocated and landscaping has been completed. This will need to be done in consultation with the Field Studies Centre who owns the land.

The next Coleridge Meeting is at 6.30 on Tuesday 20th July which is a meeting of the local parishes and includes on the agenda Climate Change and the Tour of Britain.

The Waste Management contract is still being sorted out and there has been a third meeting with the contractor to resolve issues. The number of complaints has gone down from around 300 a day to now 60-odd a day but unfortunately COVID has affected the workforce and a number of people are isolating or ill. So, it may be some time before things eventually improve. It is planned for the Ivybridge depot to expand and this will allow more capacity. RC reported that Vicarage Lane and Severns now had their waste collected.

IC reported on motorhome users down on the Line. The sign at the centre carpark with 'no motorhomes' had been turned round so motorhomes were using the carpark. He noted that motorhome drivers were complaining that they had nowhere to park on the Line. RF replied that he would like to see a site for motorhomes so they could park up. IC asked if there would be space for them at Strete Gate once the monument was installed. RF thought not as the carpark isn't likely to be extended.

RC and LN had visited Fuge to see the two farmers [Philip Knight and Mark Wall]. The road was in a poor state and he had promised to speak with the Highways Officer and DCC to get the road fixed.

Councillors spoke on the planning process and their unhappiness on the planning process and outcomes. JB confirmed that if an objection is lodged for a planning consultation the matter must go to RF as ward member.

Any individual can lodge an objection not just the Parish Council. **RF suggested the Parish email him if we are unsure about a planning matter and copy email him on the decisions made each month** The report was received.

0721/1 APOLOGIES – Cllr Louise Newman (LN).

0721/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 17 June 2021

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

0721/3 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. **PH declared an interest in the discussion on Blindwells under planning matters. To the extent that as he is an adjacent resident to Blindwells he had already previously objected to the proposals as a private citizen. PH has no pecuniary interest in the development.**

0721/4 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

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

2079/21/HHO Householder application for refurbishment of existing bungalow to include external works and modified openings. 53 Start Bay Park Strete TQ6 0RY.

The Clerk had received comments from a neighbour on the proposed location of solar panels. These are reproduced here.

However, there is one aspect of the plan which concerns me – the proposed solar panel array on the northern side of the garage roof. The proposal is for the array to be angled in a mirror image to the pitch of the roof in order to achieve a south-facing orientation. From my viewpoint, this will have a significant effect on the external appearance of the building and the amenity of the area – I would have a direct view of the underside of the panels and the supporting infrastructure which would be unsightly. With little information in the planning application documentation about the solar panels themselves I am also concerned about the possibility of light reflecting from the underside of the panels directly into my line of sight as I exit my back garden door.

This seems a rather unusual configuration for roof mounted solar panels and certainly requires planning permission – not only, as already noted, because it does not minimise the effect on the external appearance of the building and the amenity of the area but also because, for the majority of its surface area, the array projects significantly more than 200mm from the roof slope.

Surely, the more usual approach (as already adopted by numerous other properties within Start Bay Park) of attaching panels to the south-facing aspect of the roof would be more appropriate. This could be achieved as 'permitted development' with no need to apply to the Local Planning Authority for planning permission.

This had been circulated to all and was read out at the meeting as requested by the parishioner. **Resolved: to comment that the Council agreed with the parishioner's comments on the solar panels.**

1349/21/FUL Proposal for 3 outdoor heated swimming pools relating to the previously approved 3 residential dwellings [3400/18/FUL]. PH and RC updated the meeting on the background to the current application. This was originally a revision to an earlier application; subsequently it was decided a new application should be submitted for the three swimming pools. It was also noted the Construction Management Plan would be handled by Richard Nicholson. **RF promised to email Patrick Whymer [Head of Development Management Practice at SHDC] on this application as soon as he could.**

Three main concerns were discussed in connection with the application:

A. That it is now proposed that the sewerage from the properties will now be pumped to link with a property on the Plat and approval had been secured for this 'wayleave'. The property owner has NOT given permission for this to be done.

B. RC felt local amenity would be affected by the potential noise from three swimming pools in close proximity. Other Councillors felt this might not be an issue. After some discussion RF confirmed that amenity could be an issue but planners would consider amenity in the round. So, for instance they would look at distance: is it over 21 metres away; and light: would there be overlooking?

C. There is a Tree Preservation Order [no 983] on the site. IC noted from the plans that the preserved trees did not appear to be distinguished as such and he wished to ensure the preservation order was adhered to. **Resolved: to object as the addition of three swimming pools created an overdevelopment of the site and to include the two concerns [a. and c.] on sewerage and tree preservation as noted above.**

Other planning matters. Blindwells. RC noted the planning officer continued to await legal advice concerning the second home aspect of the development and to include criteria from the approved Neighbourhood plan for Strete. Councillors noted that this advice has now been waited for three consecutive meetings.

Strete Lodge. SHDC had visited the site. The developer plans to instal solar panels which comprise permitted development and so no planning permission is required. Item closed

Old Vicarage. RC had spoken with the site manager who provided email confirmation that the development was compliant with the height given in the approved planning application. Item closed.

0721/5 UPDATES ON STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

Road safety issues were discussed in the light of the recent Highways offer to refresh the rumblestrip and the speed roundels. The Highways officer had also

promised to look into another SCARF survey. . This is a joint DCC and Police response to local speed issues where a speed monitoring exercise is undertaken and local measures to combat speed are taken based on the findings. The last SCARF survey of Strete was in 2015. JB suggested the Council reply with more ideas on road safety if Strete was unhappy with the proposals so far. **Resolved: Councillors to email their preferences for road safety measures to PH and the Clerk so these can be collated.**

Slapton Line Partnership. PH had obtained the diagrams of the new setting for the monument from Peter Chamberlain. **The Clerk will read back through the minutes for the Slapton Line Partnership and talk with KG on what was agreed for the cost-sharing arrangements. Resolved: a site visit to go ahead soon early evening and PH/the Clerk to arrange. The Field Studies Centre to be informed of the visit as the site is on their land.**

Poo bins. The Clerk confirmed a charge of £3/per collection. **Resolved to accept this as a fortnightly service.**

Playpark. The Allianz report included a category A fault on the gates. **This needed to be fixed within one month of the inspection on 29th June.** IC wanted more information on the fault. **Resolved the Clerk contact the localities officer to confirm what needed to be done.** Councillors discussed the general state of the playpark. A number of areas needed attention and **IC promised to draw up a list of works to do. GC is dealing with preserving the wood on the play equipment.**

The landing site for the air ambulance. A site up at Manor Farm had been identified some years ago. However, KG explained works were held up by certain stipulations by the contractor used by The Devon Air Ambulance to fit the landing lights. KG declined offers of assistance from councillors to progress this long outstanding matter. **KG was requested to press ahead with on progress with the site and report back.**

0721/6(a) FINANCE

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

1781 – Grant to Citizens Advice Bureau £50. Approved minute 0621/9d.	1782 – Grant to Dartmouth Caring £50. Approved minute 0621/9d.
1783 – Greenspace ONE cut June £101.90.	1784 – Clerk salary July £261.
1785 – Strete Parish Hall hire meeting June £40.	

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

0721/6(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £11,390.66CR Current account at 06/07/21, £10,298.41CR Business Reserve account at 06/07/21.

0721/7 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

PH had circulated a draft list of contracts before the meeting. Councillors asked for it to be recirculated and they would respond with comments. IC asked about the sweeping contract and whether this had been formally approved. RC thought it had.

LN to contact John Gilbert to ensure the late summer cut fits in with the next sweep due in early August. IC to draw up a specification for the buddle hole work.

0721/8 CLERK'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting.

Financial regulations. A paper was recirculated with the agenda to include amendments for the new contract limits of under £500, £500 to £5,000 and over £5,000.

Resolved: to adopt the updated Financial Regulations.

St Michaels PCC report. The Clerk attended a meeting on July 5th. After 31st July there would be no churchwardens and their duties will be shared among the PCC. The Clerk has volunteered to take over safeguarding responsibilities. The Church has a number of events planned over the summer. These include a cream tea at Roger Sinnott's place and a tour round Richard Soanes' garden both on August 29th. Two concerts are planned with the musicians at the Laughing Monk. A fundraiser is booked at the Avenue Gardens Tea Hut on 8th September and a table at the coffee morning in the Hall on 24th July. The church is reviewing the maintenance of the churchyard to make it environmentally friendly.

Updates on the Totnes Road.

A. Poo bins. The extra poo bin is in hand with SHDC and KG. Councillors agreed fortnightly collection [0721/5]. KG has a new spare bin which will be located by the Strete AONB sign and has the approval of the landowner.

B. Right of Way diversion. The Clerk spoke with the Rights of Way officer about the proposal to divert the Right of Way [Strete No 2], which runs diagonally across a field, to the edges of the farmer's field. This would cost around £2,000 to apply for and require consultation from walking groups and other stakeholders.

C. Right of Way extension. The Clerk updated the meeting on a proposal to establish a right of way for walkers to use from the top gate of the farmer's field to link up with the existing right of way. The Rights of Way officer advised this could be done again at a cost or the farmer could just permit people to walk across the field but would have to bear responsibility for any injury claims. IC reported that the farmer didn't wish to go ahead with either proposal to amend the existing right of way or extend the right of way from the top gate. **This was noted**

D. Signs. The Clerk has asked for the existing footpath signs on the entrance to be refreshed. **This was noted.**

Signage and removal of tourism signs on junction Totnes Road and A379. After the last meeting the Clerk contacted the Highways officer [LE] to request the tourism signs be removed. LE has replied to say she can tape them off but will not replace the entire sign. **For information.**

The Pub approached the Clerk with a request for publicity signage. Again, this has been run past Highways. They will consider tourist signs but not individual permanent signs. SHDC planners can advise as well on the signs but this will be in the location of the pub instead of on the highway. **For information. The report was received.**

0721/9 CHAIR'S REPORT

Report submitted before the meeting.

Malcolm Hollis. Councillors were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Malcolm Hollis. Malcolm had served as a Parish Councillor and Chairman for many years and had been a good friend to the Community. On behalf of the residents of Strete, the PC wrote to the family expressing our condolences and despatched a potted bay tree as a mark of our respect and thanks for his contributions to the village.

Tour of Britain Devon Stage. The PC has a little more information about timings and traffic through the village. Currently, the cyclists are expected to pass through Strete between 12 noon and 1pm on Monday 6th September, although timings are subject to confirmation.

To facilitate safe passage of the race, a clearway through the village from Glen Cottage to Hynetown Road will be enforced between 0930 and 1430. Signs will be put up on the highway one week ahead of the race to make it clear that a clearway will be in place. Any vehicles parked illegally within the clearway, that pose a risk to the race, will be removed by a recovery vehicle that travels in advance of the race.

On the day, the route up from Blackpool Sands and then through to Strete Gate will be the subject of a rolling road block as the race passes. The PC has been asked to assist the organisers in advance of the race to make residents aware that there is a clearway in place on Monday 6th September.

Also: -

- Walk along the route and door knock to residents who usually park on the route to ask them to please move their vehicle until the race has passed. The PC may be able to make additional parking space available to facilitate this
- Advise if there are any vehicles that have been parked for long periods or abandoned on the route.
- Provide a designated contact in advance of the race and on the day (Ralph)
- Advise if there are any issues that arise in advance of the race or on the day itself which would pose a hazard, e.g., a farmer cutting a hawthorn hedge or excess hedge debris.

On a lighter note, promotional materials and flags have been ordered for wide distribution through the village and are expected to arrive in August. It is hoped that residents will make the most of this opportunity to show off our beautiful village to our biking visitors. **Resolved the Clerk to request permission from the Church to use their carpark overnight to park cars off the road. RC is the volunteer steward and he will ensure a clearway is in place for the race beforehand and be in contact with the Tour of Britain control on the local situation before and on the morning of the race.**

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Anniversary. In the Spring of 2022, HM the Queen will celebrate 70 years on the throne with her Platinum Jubilee. A series of National Events are planned to be held: the Spring Bank holiday will be moved to Thursday 2nd June and an additional Bank Holiday will be granted for Friday 3rd, resulting in a 4-day Holiday weekend of celebration. Various events are being planned nationally, including:

- Thursday 2nd Trooping the Colour in London and Beacon lighting nationwide
- Friday 3rd Service at St Pauls
- Saturday 4th Derby Day at Epsom and a Platinum party at Buckingham Palace with members of the public present (a ballot is to be held)

Sunday 5th Big lunch/street parties – some sort of meal with neighbours across the country is being encouraged.

The PC has been approached by St Michael's Church, who would wish to have a service and plant a commemorative tree in the village. Councillors need to discuss these matters and formulate a plan of action. KG has been approached by Bruno Peek to light the beacon at Manor Farm in celebration. **KG to provide more information on this nearer the time.**

DH noted the Parish Hall committee wondered if the Parish Council could oversee arrangements for the celebration. Councillors felt the village is small and it might be better if the main groups [say Parish Hall, Council, Church and Pub for instance] got together to organise the jubilee celebrations. **Resolved DH to ask the Parish Hall committee if they would consider combining their planned Village Day in June 2022 with the jubilee events that month. The Clerk to confirm with the Church what they would like to do to mark the celebration and what they would like the Council to contribute if a joint memorial service is planned.**

Proposed relocation of the Slapton Line Memorial. Prior to the Coronavirus Pandemic, it had been proposed and agreed in principle at the Slapton Line Partnership that the Memorial presented by the US Army (currently located in the middle car park at Slapton Line) be relocated to a new site at Strete Gate. This is because the current site is now deemed under threat from coastal erosion and so a site was proposed on land owned by the Field Studies Council adjacent to Strete Gate car park.

The cost of relocation will be borne by the County, and funds to cover the relocation cost are set aside. However, arrangements for ongoing maintenance of the area need to be agreed between the relevant Parish Councils, and Strete PC had volunteered to lead and draft a suitable agreement.

The project was put on the back burner due to the Pandemic and little has happened to progress matters. However, the PC has now received a copy of the proposed design drawing which will form the basis of the agreement, and it is hoped that we may now be able to make some progress with drafting.

Waste Collections. Difficulties persist. We are told that teething troubles are continuing to be experienced due to an underestimation of the necessary resources by the contractor and difficulties in recruiting HGV drivers. Cllr Foss has told us that SHDC is throwing great effort into working with the contractor to smooth out issues. Meantime, conversion of more householders to the new system of boxes and bags has been suspended until the present rollout householders have a reliable smooth system.

Coronavirus Pandemic. The 19th July approaches and it seems that plans for the final 'unlocking' of the pandemic measures are going to go ahead. Meanwhile, cases of the Delta variant are still on the rise in Devon. In the week 2nd to 8th July there were 206 confirmed cases in the South Hams, up 71 on the previous week, whereas just one month ago in mid-June there were just 15.

However, 87% of adults in the South Hams have had one dose of vaccine, and 70% are 'double jabbed', and the vaccination programme to vaccinate all over 18s is continuing. It is clear that the pandemic is not over, and we will all need to adhere to advice regarding ongoing precautions, even if it is no longer legally enforced.

In Strete, the NHS Testing van is visiting on Monday afternoons in the Parish Church Car Park and will offer advice on testing to everyone who turns up.

The Chair's report was received.

0721/10 CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

PH noted a parishioner was very active in this area and he hoped he would be involved in a Parish working group.

0721/11 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.

PH. This report was given under 0721/9. PH noted the small buses used by Stagecoach couldn't take all passengers meaning some were stranded. **Resolved: to feed back this comment to Stagecoach.**

KG. Slapton Line Partnership. Thank you, Peter, for contacting Peter Chamberlain. I have since seen and spoken to Alan Denbigh who tells me that Roger English is likely to be taking up his baton [as Chair of the Slapton Line Partnership].

Strete Gate. Recently on one of my regular twice daily visits to Strete Gate car park I spoke with one of the enforcement monitoring officers about overnight parking/sleeping. He told me that one night he gave out over a dozen penalty tickets.

On my visit last night, I was approached by someone who was already parked with a campervan in the car park. I advised him on the subject of penalty tickets – so he moved to - down by the wall. I have had a lot of comments about people walking along the road on Slapton Line. ‘The Clearway sign as I understand indicates it is a road on which it is illegal to stop on the main carriageway for any reason except in an emergency.’ I’m wondering if something can be done to emphasise the danger to walkers/runners and even cyclists, many of whom have earphones playing ‘music’, so their hearing is impaired.

LN. Roads: hedges, litter and local transport. Ralph Clark and I have a meeting scheduled for Thursday with Philip Knight and Mark Wall to discuss the Fuge road. Some of the hedges are getting rather overgrown and it may be necessary to arrange for John Gilbert to do an interim cut. There is a small patch of Japanese knotweed on the verge at Matts point. **RC felt the highways officer needed to see the photographs from this site visit. He will price up a sweep from Fuge to Orestone and include hedge cutting. Once the road is clean Highways can patch the damage.** He confirmed the farmers did clean the road but the mechanical sweeper wasn’t terribly effective.

DR. Health and safety, Parish Hall liaison and Kings Arms liaison. Monthly checks of the defibrillator continue and its availability reported to the South West Ambulance Service. Dog and waste bins continue to be emptied regularly without issue.

At a recent meeting of the village Hall committee, recent works carried out on the Hall which have included the treatment of dry rot in the roof, removal of the faulty entrance porch to the south facing wall and installation of a new fire door, and the refurbishment and cladding of the same wall, creation of a ramp access, fitting of new safety flooring in the kitchen, hallway and rear store, creation of a new serving hatch for a bar servery for the rear room, redecoration of many of the public areas.

It was discussed that a new approach is needed to try and attract more business to the Hall. Quotes have been received for better external signage to create better awareness, and the creation of a new hall website is being considered. Forthcoming events include a coffee morning with stalls on Saturday 24th July and a Village BBQ with bar and music to be held on Saturday 18th September.

The Kings Arms seems to be growing in popularity. The arrival of a new chef and the excellent front of house team means that we are able to offer a food service on five days a week (Wed – Sun), and bar service every day of the week.

Events planned at the pub have been very well supported, and a number are planned for the rest of this month to include a guest chef night, beer festival and special fish and chip Friday at the end of the month.

As has been widely reported staffing in the hospitality industry is suffering badly and the Kings Arms is no different. A community pub relies heavily on volunteer staff covering the odd shift if only for a few hours. So please if you or anybody that you know may want to help out do, please contact Lisa at the pub. It's actually quite good fun!

IC. Rights of Way, Tree warden, Strete Gate and Playpark. Trees. Not very much to report on tree issues, except, unfortunately, there are now several Ash trees in the Strete Gate picnic area, that are now ailing with Ash Dieback. The three at the end of the carpark are still OK. I think that there may be tree issues to watch out for, when "Blindwells" work 'kicks off'...!!

Rights of Way. Heavy overgrowth on most footpaths etc, but some have been attended to, bridleways especially. The idea of changing the course of the Strete-to-Fuge footpath has been dropped, possibly the mention of the £2,000 fee may have had a hand in that...?!

Strete Gate has been, and is about to be, extremely busy. Lots of 'fines' dished out, many disgruntled holiday makers, and a few locals. The current plan for this area, I think, needs re-visiting/adjusting. STILL no work to re-instate the access steps...Disappointing...!!

Playpark...last, but NOT least...!! I have two reports of "faults" that need attending to, and I have 'visited' most of these problems. IC observed he was experienced with risk assessment and weighed up the works which needed attention from those which are less immediate and can be dealt with in due course.

RC. Planning and Neighbourhood Plan, road maintenance including sweeping. Neighbourhood Plan Report – July 2021. Following approval by Parish Council members at the last meeting to proceed with amending the NP as proposed, the NP amendment has been formally accepted by SHDC for consultation. Documentation has been emailed to all regulatory and non-regulatory consultees for comment.

The consultation period is six weeks commencing at 09:00 on 05/07/2021 and closing at 12:00 on 15/08/2021.

Notices have also been placed in the Village notice boards. Photographs have been taken as evidence for the Examiner as requested by Duncan. **There is no requirement to letter drop each property on the matter. As an alternative, I propose to email everyone in the village email listing to make them aware.**

GC. Village Green, Prideaux Lane, campervans and carparks, social care and Slapton Line partnership. The Village field is due a cut, Greenspace are a few days late

as they had to isolate after contact with Covid at The Devon Show. The plantation has become heavily overgrown this spring/summer, as grass and bracken growth has been prodigious this year. We need to clear it as the trees are being choked. Keith Ellis might be able to do it; he will let us know. If not then we might need to have a work morning to deal with it. I will assess how long a job it is.

The dog poo bin at the field got to overflowing but SHDC responded quickly. **Resolved GC to speak with Highways on the severity of the recent cut to the verges. Resolved DR and IC deal with the plantation once the bird nesting season was finished and the buddleia had died back. Reports were received.**

0721/12 CORRESPONDENCE

The Council is owed a response to its letter of 12th May on council tax; in particular on the state of the roads from the SHDC Corporate Director for Strategic Finance. The Council is owed a response to its letter of 11th March to Devon County Council Meg Booth, the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste, on Council tax.

0721/13 OTHER BUSINESS

Benches. Chris Ellis is still working on some of the benches and the timber had arrived today.

0721/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: if business requires, Thursday 19th August 2021 otherwise Thursday 16th September. Venue in the Parish Hall unless otherwise advised. **THE MEETING WAS CLOSED** at 9. 45 p.m.

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

1: To solve this puzzle you need to "turn back" time.

First, 1 hour and 10 minutes back, then 1 hour and 20 minutes, and finally

1 hour and 30 minutes. Therefore, if you do the same to clock #4, you'll get the time that clock #5 shows: 5:35.



2: 9 numbers.



3:



4: Plan view number 3.

5:

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6: Which pins must be knocked over to score exactly 100 points
Answer: 13, 39, and 48.

Stretwiser Factoids

2 Oct. 1452 England's last Plantagenet King Richard III is born.

4 Oct. 1911 Britain's first escalator opens at London's Earls Court

5 Oct. 1930 The British airship R101 crashes near Beauvais, France killing 48 people.

7 Oct. 1920 Women become eligible for admission as full members of Oxford University and are given the right to take degrees.

14 Oct. 1066 Harold II, England's last Anglo-Saxon King was killed at the Battle of Hastings.

15 Oct. 1666 Samuel Pepys, diarist, records the wearing of the first waistcoat by King Charles II.

21 Oct. 1805 Admiral Nelson is mortally wounded at the Battle of Trafalgar, near Gibraltar

24 Oct. 1537 Henry VIII's third wife, Jane Seymour dies following the birth of the future king Edward VI.

26 Oct. 1863 Formation of the English Football Association who documents the first rules of soccer.

30 Oct. 1925 The first television transmission of a moving image is made by Scottish inventor John Logie Baird.

2 Nov. 1936 The world's first regular TV service was started by the British Broadcasting Corporation, an estimated 100 TV owners tuned in.

4 Nov. 1843 The 5.5 metre statue of Lord Nelson was hauled to the top of its 60 metre column in Trafalgar Square, London.



5 Nov. 1605 Guy Fawkes is arrested beneath the House of Parliament as a plot to blow up England's King James I is uncovered.

6 Nov. 1429 Henry VI is crowned King of England.

7 Nov. 1917 Bolshevik Red Guards seize control of the Winter Palace and confirm Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov (Lenin) as leader of Russia.

11 Nov. 1918 After four years and 97 days the guns finally fell silent as the Great War ended. Around 9 million lives lost with a further 27 million injured

12 Nov. 1035 Death of Canute, Danish King of England.

18 Nov. 1852 A massive state funeral for the Duke of Wellington is held in London.

24 Nov. 1859 Charles Darwin publishes his book Origin of the Species

29 Nov. 1641 England's first newspaper is published.

30 Nov. 1936 One of London's best-loved landmarks, the Crystal Palace burned down. The huge glass building originally housed the Great Exhibition of 1851.

Dates at St Michael's Church, Strete...



- From October 1st, every Friday 2pm–4pm. Come and enjoy the peace & tranquillity and listen to music from local musicians playing Baroque music.
 - October 14th, every week 11.00am – 12.30pm. Launch of the pop-up cafe to have a cuppa 'n cake.
 - December 10th, 6pm–8.00pm. Christmas wreath making with mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets £25. Contact: 07976 269208
 - December 11th, 10am–2.00pm. Christmas Fayre.
 - December 12th, 3pm. Carols & Christmas music with the Lyric Ensemble. Tea & cake.
 - December 21st, 6pm. Chamber music by Candlelight with the Lyric Trio. Concert of Bach Organ Sonatas followed by mince pies and wine/cheese.
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From Anne Harvey, BASH

‘Blackawton in the 1990s’ - an exhibition at Devon Rural Archive

During the 1990s the pattern of farming in Devon was changing, and many of the traditional farm skills – such as hand-turning butter and making a mangold ‘cave’ – were disappearing. So, over a 12 year period, Dr Jacqueline Sarsby studied the rural community of Blackawton in the South Hams and took photographs of daily activities and village life in general, in order to create a permanent record.

The resulting photos were featured in a touring exhibition entitled ‘Changing Rural Devon’ and some were also included in Dr Sarsby’s publication *Sweetstone, Life on a Devon Farm*. Many of the striking monochrome images are now on display in the Research Library of the Devon Rural Archive at Shilstone in a new display curated by Blackawton and Strete History (BASH). It is open to view on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11am and 3pm. The photos will be displayed until Christmas.

We are extremely grateful to Dr Sarsby for allowing us to show the images.

Before visiting please refer to DRA’s website devonruralarchive.com for latest advice about accessing the Archive during the pandemic.

DISCOVER WELLBEING

'Seeing the gift and opportunity in everything'

With the glorious weather we have all been enjoying and the luxurious array of the most wonderful colours that Mother Nature is giving us, it feels only fitting that this month's interview is with one of our many Strete residents, who I feel really does put the community at the top of her to-do list!

Penny Penhale lives in Pipers Cottage. She moved there with her late husband, Geoffrey, many years ago and has now become one of those members of our community who is definitely 'a mover and a shaker'.

Penny spent much of her childhood in Plymouth and spent most of her early part of her marriage in Cheltenham, where she taught Physical Education at Cheltenham Ladies College for twenty years and has always maintained an active and busy life. Penny has a family who visit as often as they can for holidays. Much of Penny's time in lockdown was spent on doing repairs to her house and her truly lovely garden with the most stunning of views to the sea.

Even though Penny now lives on her own since the very sad death of her husband a couple of years ago, her disposition remains wonderfully upbeat, inspiring and incredibly positive. She fills her life with all of her many friends from the village and beyond.

Penny has always been a 'people person' and therefore was the perfect candidate for finding herself running the Parish Hall, firstly as secretary then as chairwoman.

With the treasurer Lesley Andrew, they took great strides to bring the Parish Hall into the 21st century with excellent updates (even though not the most popular of jobs to undertake) such as a Risk Assessment of safety, fire hazards and lately a Covid 19 assessment to include a first aid room for Covid.

The hall has been completely transformed with redecoration and a new updated kitchen; the whole place is a credit to Penny and her team. As Penny herself is happy to talk to anyone and everyone about ways in which the community would like to have access, I would implore all the 'creatives' out there to come and check out this wonderful hall.

I for one will be running a Mindfulness Class each week from the autumn. With wonderful custodians Penny and her team, this is your hall of which I hope everyone will think of many ways of bringing the community together. After all, it would be such a shame to lose the Parish Hall from lack of interest, which I am sure you would agree?

Visit www.strete.org.uk/community/parish-hall/ for more Parish Hall information.

'Life is a great big canvas and you should throw all the paint you can on it'

- Danny Kaye

For those idyllic carefree summer days...

Apple Walnut Cranberry Salad

For the salad

Blended mixed greens and spinach (a large bowl full or a bag-of)

2 green apples, sliced

1/3 cup dried cranberries

1/2 cup gorgonzola cheese, crumbled

1/2 cup walnut pieces

For the dressing

Mix all these ingredients together

1/4 cup olive oil

1/4 cup apple cider vinegar

1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1/4 teaspoon garlic

1/4 teaspoon dried oregano

1/4 teaspoon dried basil

1 tablespoon runny honey

Sea salt and black pepper



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'Breathe Easy'

Arms above your head:

1. Breathe in deeply.
2. Hold to the count of five.
3. Exhale to the count of five.

(Repeat x 5)

Arm Raises:

1. Breathe in as you raise both arms.
2. Exhale on the way down with your arms.

(Repeat x 5)

Calf Raises:

1. Breathe in as you rise onto your toes.
2. Hold to count of five.
3. Exhale as you drop down again.

(Repeat x 5)

Shoulder Stretches (arms behind your back):

1. Breathe in as you stretch your shoulders.
2. Hold to the count of five.
3. Exhale as you relax.

(Repeat x5)

Stretewise Crossword - Answers

Across 1: Draper 3: Tandem 8: Lantern 10: Acreage 11: Celt 13: Twist 15: Isle
16: Sierra 17: Deer 18: Delve 21: Epic 24: Invader 25: Delta 26: Madder 27: Credit

Down 1: Decant 2: Appraise 4: Annul 5: Deem 6: Mantle 7: Electrician 8: Baste
12: Tide 14: Sire 17: Diadem 18: Devour 19: Lodged 20: Enrapt 22: Peace 23: Glad

PROBUS CLUB OF STOKE FLEMING AND DISTRICT

Where friendliness matters above all else.

The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming and District are delighted to announce that following the lock down period of the Coronavirus 19 pandemic they are celebrating the lifting of the restrictions by kicking-off with their programme from August onwards as below.

Your local Probus Club has been in existence since 1984. It was initiated at the Stoke Lodge Hotel at Stoke Fleming and it has been their 'home' ever since.

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. The first meeting in the month being 10.30am for coffee, 11.00 am the speaker and 12.30pm lunch. The second 10.30am coffee and speaker at 11.00am.

Our programme until January 2022 is as follows:

October 13th	Lunch	DAVID TAYLOR "Chemistry is Good for You"
October 27th	Coffee	MEMBERS Past, Present, Future
November 10th	Lunch	MIKE RENDELL "Royal Shenanigans of the Georgian Era"
November 24th	LADIES' LUNCH	MAGGIE DUFFY "Devon – Historical & Hysterical"
December 8th	Lunch	JIM REDMAN "Albert, Harold & Others"
January 14th	No meeting due to holidays of Stoke Lodge Hotel	
January 26th	Lunch	DAVID WILLS "Megalithic Gobekli-Tepe A Technologically Important Discovery"

FOLLOWED BY AGM

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

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