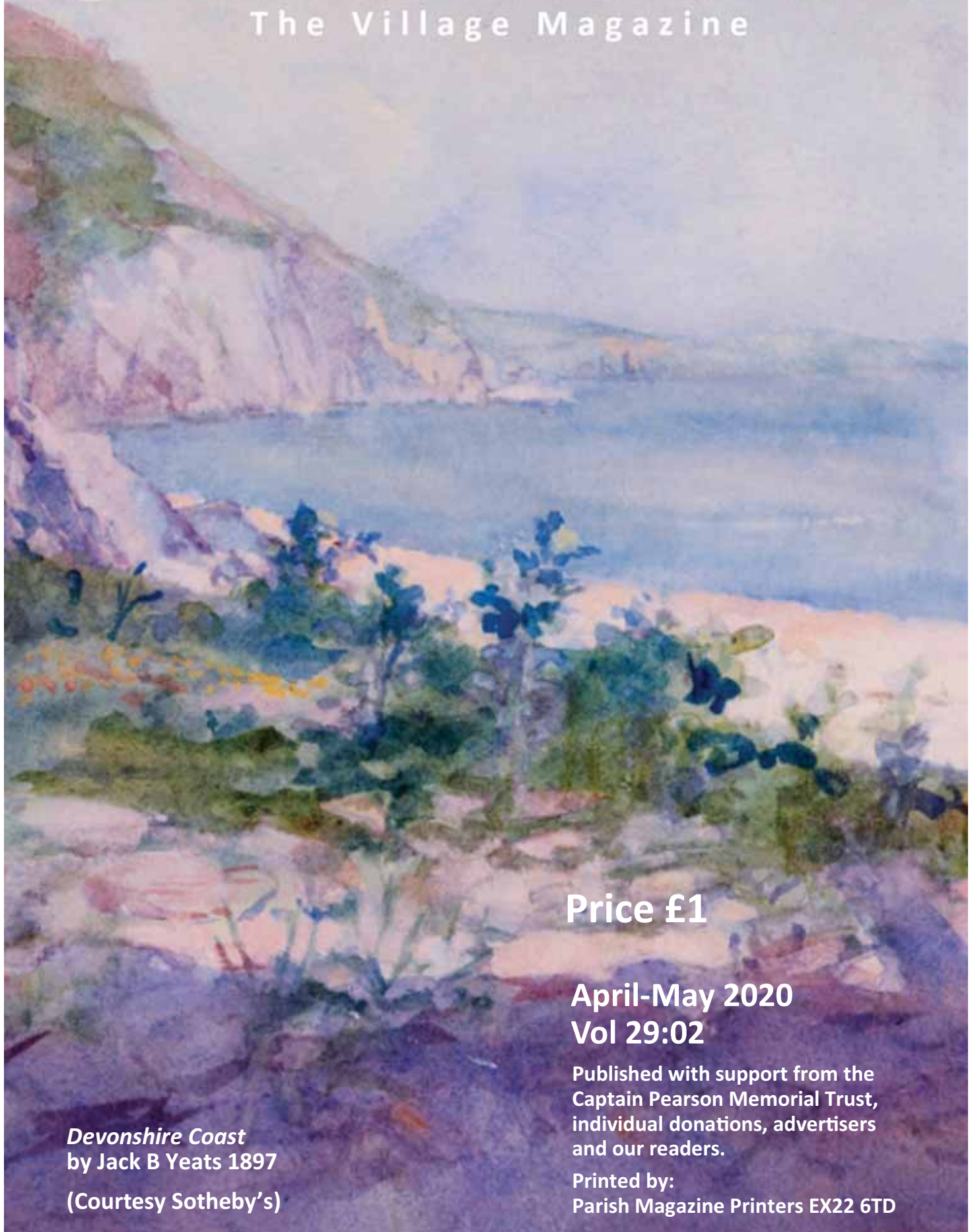




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The Editorial

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It's caused by a type of coronavirus. Schools in the UK are to shut from Friday 20th March until further notice. The government advises British people against all non-essential travel worldwide.



Flares over Strete

Thursday January 30th Dartmouth Coastguard conducted parachute flare training from Strete Gate.

If you find yourself in an emergency situation or spot someone else in trouble, you should **call 999 or 112** and ask for the **Coastguard**.

Storm Ciara and Storm Dennis

9th February, Storm Ciara was said to be the worst of the century with heavy rain and winds of more than 90mph.

Container ship 'sits it out' and waits for the storm to abate in Start Bay. But then came Storm Dennis a European wind-storm which became one of the most intense extratropical cyclones ever recorded reaching a minimum central pressure of 920 millibars.

Storm Dennis affected the United Kingdom less than a week after Storm Ciara. Then, came Storm Jorge bringing heavy rain, winds of up to 60-75 mph and snow to the UK.

The fourteenth named storm of the 2019–20 European windstorm season.

Stretewise

Photographic Competition 2020

The theme for the Stretewise 2020 photographic competition will be 'Of Land And Sea' (portrait or landscape)

The closing date for all entries will be midnight 25th July. The first, second



and third prize will be announced and prizes awarded at the 2020 Strete Village Day. Entries should be high resolution image files

that can be emailed to:

stretewise@outlook.com or high quality prints posted delivered to 27 Start Bay Park, Strete, TQ6 0RY. Please include your full contact details with all entries (and your age if under 16 years).

The winning entry will be used on the front cover of the October/November Stretewise magazine.

Rule 1. There is no age limit.

Rule 2. Maximum number of entries per person – Four.

Rule 3. The Competition is free to enter.

Rule 4. This Competition is open to all members of the public who have visited, or have a connection with the Parish of Strete and surrounding district.

Rule 5. Entries must be submitted by midnight on 25th July 2020.

Rule 6. Prints should be no smaller than postcard size, Digital Images should be no smaller than 800KB no larger than 5MB. Image format JPEG or TIFF files.

From the Rectory Dear friends,

I'd like to share this with you all. Written by a rabbi, I think it expresses beautifully where we are - "I'd like to take half a minute to reflect on the human, religious dimension of this present hour.

One of the brand-new terms that has entered our daily conversation is "social distancing". It is shorthand, as we know very well, for the practical physical precautions that we all need to and must take in order to protect ourselves and others.

I'd humbly suggest though, that we use the term itself sparingly, if at all.

Language is a powerful shaper of thinking. And the very last thing we need right now, is a mindset of mutual distancing. We actually need to be thinking in the exact opposite way. Every hand that we don't shake must become a phone call that we place. Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern. Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another, must become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other, should the need arise. It is obvious that "distancing", if misplaced or misunderstood, will take its toll not only upon our community's strength and resiliency, but upon the very integrity and meaning of our spiritual commitment. And who knows if it was for this time that we have committed ourselves to walk in God's ways.

Let's stay safe. And let's draw one another closer in a way that we've never done before." Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky

I'd like to end by saying that although our churches are closed for public worship, they are open for prayer, reflection and for moments of peace and solace. The work of God's Church continues always, so if any help is needed from your church please contact me on 01803 770868 Every blessing Reverend Alison.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Stay at home if you have either:

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back.
- A new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly.

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home. Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home.

How long to stay at home?

- if you have symptoms, stay at home for 7 days
- if you live with other people, they should stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person got the symptoms. If you live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for 14 days.

St. Michael's Church

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

The PCC consists of: Church Wardens: Sally Green 01803 712 438 Brenda Range Roy Kendall (Treasurer) Sally Green (Acting Secretary)

Sheila Kingsley Smith (Safeguarding Officer) Dorothy Teal, Joan Kendall.

Due to the **Corvid-19 pandemic**. St. Michael's Church is closed for services until further notice but is open for people to go in.

A reason to be cheerful and thankful



During this unprecedented health crisis, If ever there was a time to be thankful to Andy and Monica for our local Strete Post Office and Store it is now. When major supermarkets struggle to cope with demand our little shop is providing it's usual great service and support for the village, including delivering to the elderly and vulnerable. Although they are not without their own on-going struggle with suppliers to keep stocked up the shop continues to provide the basics and more. And a big thank you to all the volunteers who have offered t o help with collecting prescriptions and walking dogs etc.

AN OPEN LETTER TO STRETE PARISH COUNCIL.

Action please to help those affected by Government decree during the pandemic of Corvid 19

We are advised that during the difficult time when the elderly and vulnerable of Strete Parish are confined to their homes during the pandemic of Corvid 19, otherwise known as the coronavirus, the Strete Village Stores has undertaken to make deliveries of groceries and newspapers to those who are affected.

The Village Stores will necessarily close for one hour during the early morning, in order to provide this vital and totally unexpected service.

This would be at a cost to the Stores or to their customers.

We call upon the Strete Parish Council to fund this cost by way of a suitable monthly grant to the Village Stores, from their contingency budget of funds, currently in excess of £10,000. We ask all organizations and persons in Strete Village who will be affected to write or otherwise contact Strete Parish Council through their Secretary, to support this request of supportive action by the Council.

Sincerely Martin Sobey

– On behalf of the Strete Parish Hall Committee

Strete Chapel Notes

Greetings from the Strete Chapel Fellowship.

Our Evangelical chapel is next to the Village shop and has been used by us for worship since the 1960s. Before then it was an active Methodist Chapel and has been used in the village as a meeting place for Christians since the 1820s.

The local congregation is augmented by holidaymakers, many of whom are regulars.

Please join us on Sunday at 11am. We host a good mix of speakers during the year who visit to preach and offer communion. We extend to you all a very warm welcome to come and join us in fellowship on all of these occasions.

There is also a bible study on Wednesday afternoons and if you are interested please contact Derek on 770256.

Breakfast for men at the Parish Hall

We offer a warm welcome to all men to join a breakfast for men being held from 8.30 to 9.30 on **Saturday 11th April at the Hall.** There is no charge and it is an opportunity for men in the area to meet together and share their stories. If you would like more information please ring Derek on 770018.

Children's club Thursday evenings

We also run a children's club at the Chapel on Thursday evenings from 6.30 which is attended by children from the village and their friends.

Wild snowdrop courtesy Ray Fletcher.



Stretewise Crossword

Solution on page 72

Across: 1. To make fuller or more complete.

3. Cricketer known as 'Lord Ted'

9. A long narrow inlet.

10. Lack of inhibition.

11. A blue green colour.

14. A portion

16. Greek god of love.

18. A playing card with a single mark.

19. To apply thickly.

20. Run fingers lightly across the strings. 23. Semi-hard cheese.

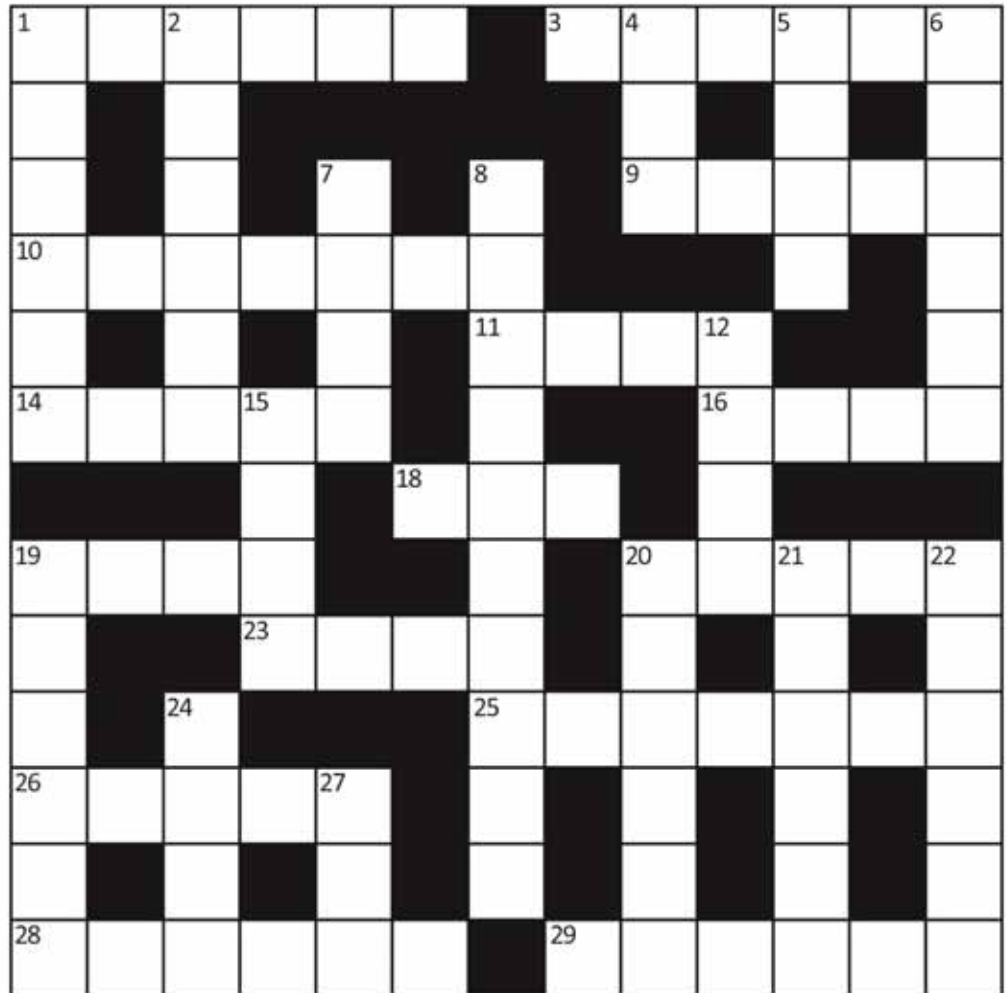
25. A belief of being superior. 26. Able to move quickly. 28. Species of the carrot family. 29. A Brahmin scholar.

Down: 1. Leave suddenly or secretly. 2. To infuriate. 4. Supernatural creature from German mythology. 5. A city of classical antiquity. 6. From the centre to the perimeter. 7. Inactive. 8. Offered as something desirable. 12. Lasting 40 days.

20. the shame or disgrace attached to something regarded as socially unacceptable.

21. Restrain, keep under control. 22. Result of a genetic change. 24. Type of oven.

27. Days before an important event.



Bones

The membership of any organisation is made up of sets of bones.

There are **Wishbones**, who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work; along with the **Jawbones**, who do all the talking but very little else. Another group is the **Knucklebones**; they knock everything that anyone else tries to do. But most valuable are the **Backbones**, who get under the load and actually do the work. **Which sort of Bones are you?**



Stretewise - Events

Strete Parish Hall is available to hire.

Would you like to join in with a club or activity, even help out with one-off events?

Have you got any ideas for uses of the hall? Do you know anyone who is looking for a venue? Would you like to run a club, activity or give a talk?

Contact the Parish Hall Committee.

Have you a special birthday or anniversary coming up? Why not hire the Hall with all its facilities!

Rates are £10 per hour, with a daily rate of £60.

The Parish Hall is available to rent for events, clubs and activities.

Book through Andrea Phillips, 01803 770786.

Or email: streteparishhall@gmail.com



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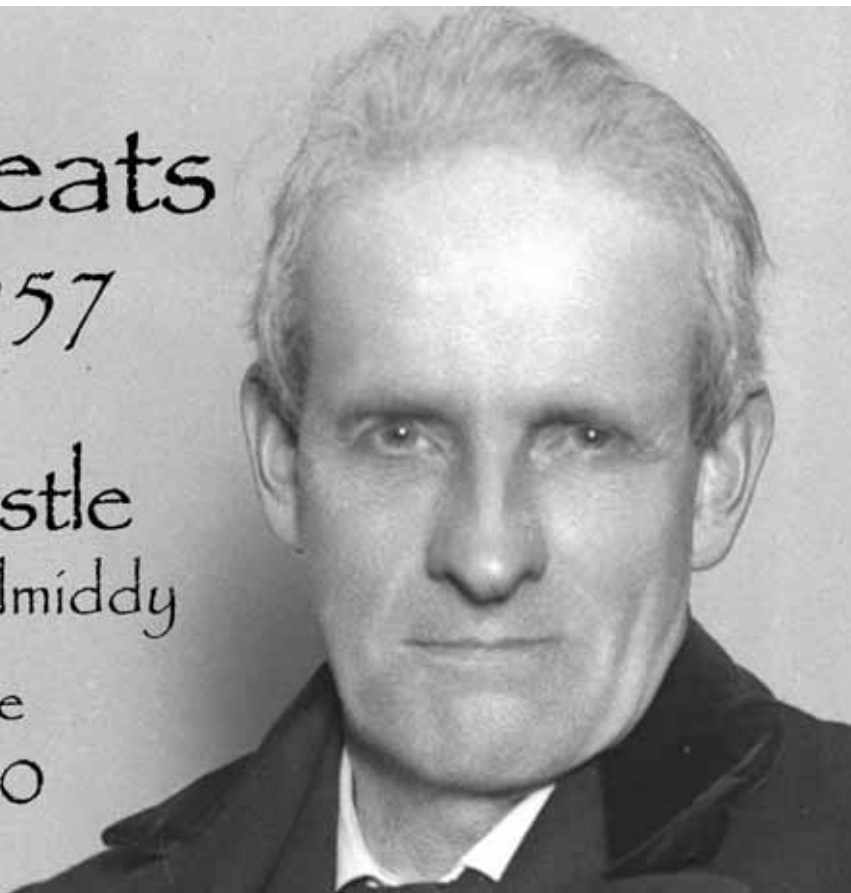
Loving the beach

Jack B Yeats

1871 - 1957

Snails Castle
Cashlauna Shelmiddy

Fuge, Strete
1897 - 1910



Jack B. Yeats

Jack B. Yeats, painter, was born at 23 Fitzroy Road, London, youngest child of the artist John Butler Yeats and Susan Yeats (née Pollexfen). He spent his early years moving with his family between London, Dublin, and Sligo as his father struggled to establish himself as an artist. From 1879 to 1887, he lived in Sligo with his maternal grandparents. He re-joined his family in London, in 1887, in order to begin his art training at the South Kensington School of Art, and then at the Chiswick School of Art. It was at Chiswick School of Art that Jack met his future wife, fellow student, Mary Cottenham White; they married 23 August 1894 at the Emmanuel Church, Gunnersbury and, in 1897, they settled in the coastal village of Strete, Devon.

Jack Butler Yeats, Irish Impressionist artist, writer & playwright, and his wife Cottie, a Devon-born artist, lived in Fuge in the Gara valley for thirteen years and were visited by poets, writers, and artists.

Jack built a studio below the house by the Gara river.

John Butler Yeats, Jacks father described what life was like at Snails Castle in a letter to Rosa Butt in 1900, the spirit of which is captured in the painting by the fire place: 'I have had a radiant fortnight with Jack and his wife. They are so quietly happy and busy. Each in their own way that one asks oneself is it possible that any kind of trouble should ever find them out.' (quoted in Pyle, *Yeats: Portrait of an Artistic Family*, 1997, p.26). An Illustrated autograph letter signed ("Jack. B Yeats"), to J.C. Miles, written on Christmas Eve ("...There isn't any frost or snow in these parts so it doesn't look very like Christmas out of doors, though those that eat too much plum duff tomorrow will be able to make it *feel* like Christmas *indoors...*"), and regretting that he was unable to visit him on the Broads that summer. In another letter to his friend J.C. Miles Jack reminisces about their time on the Norfolk Broads ("...a wherry is a stranger vessel to these natives (of Devon) and I don't doubt if a wild and daring Norfolk man was to attempt to land in the bight of Start Bay that the inhabitants would pelt him with zider apples...")

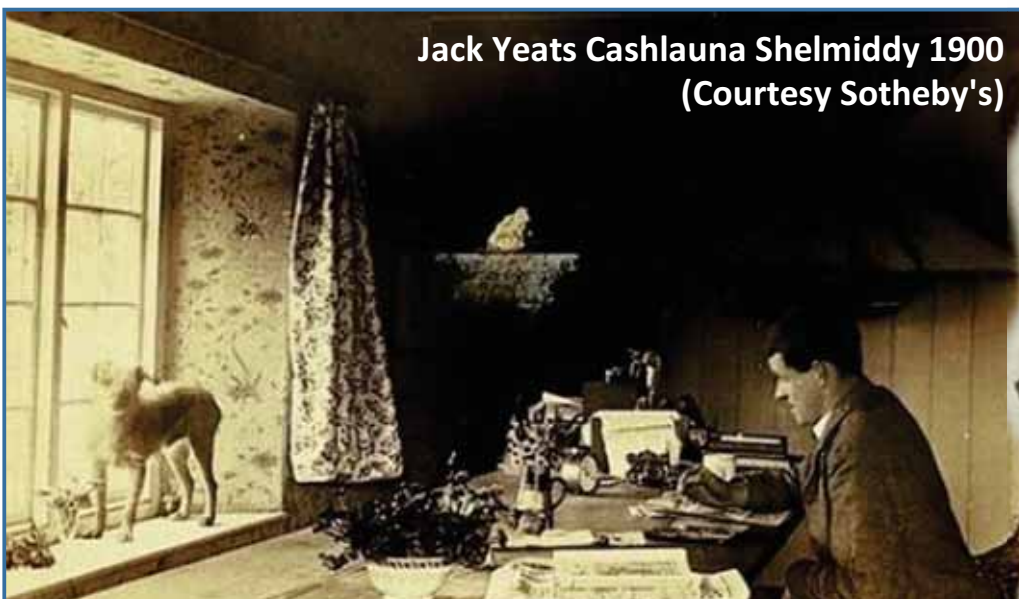


John Butler Yeats, 1839-1922: *Jack and Cottie Yeats By The Fireplace, Snails Castle, Devon. July 1900.* (Courtesy Sotheby's)



Jack and Cottie Yeats, with Hooley (short for hooligan) outside the studio at Snail's Castle 1897. (Courtesy Sotheby's)

The Jack and Cottie Yeats moved from Chertsey to Coombery in 1897 a cottage in Fuge near Strete, four miles south of Dartmouth. It was so infested with snails that Jack christened it 'Snails Castle', for which he developed his own pictogram depicting a tower on a snail's back which was repeatedly used in his correspondence with friends and family. Snails Castle would later be renamed as Cashlauna Shelmiddy (from the Irish Caisleá Seilmide).

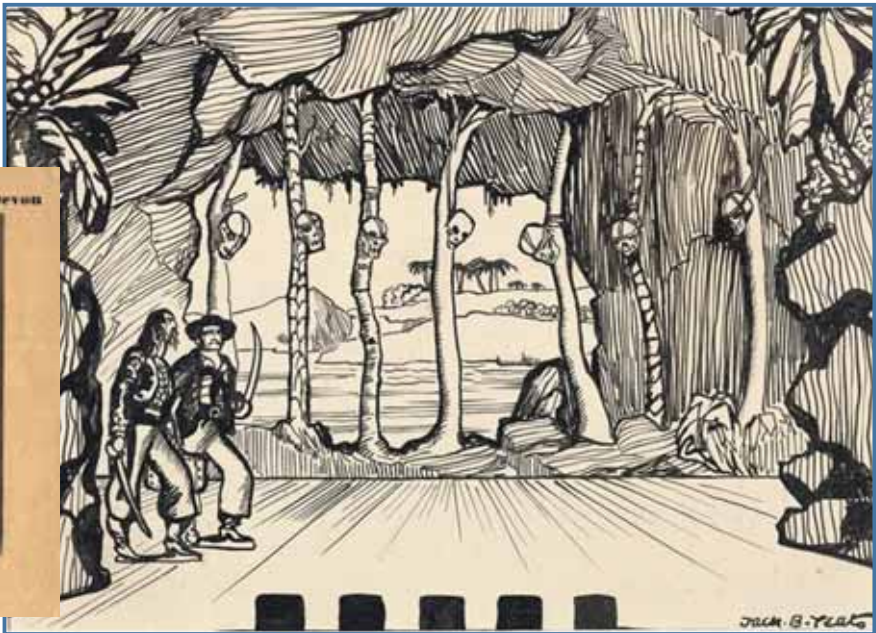
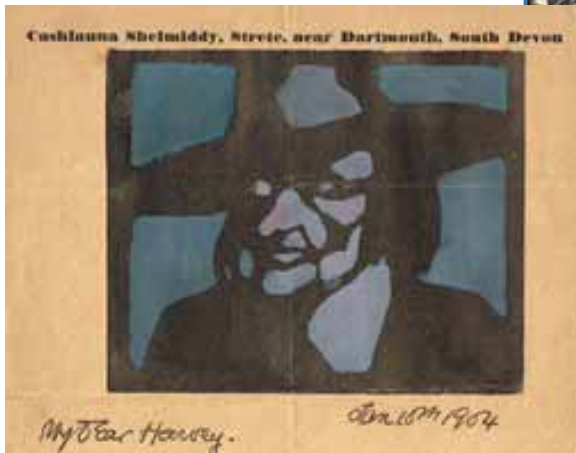


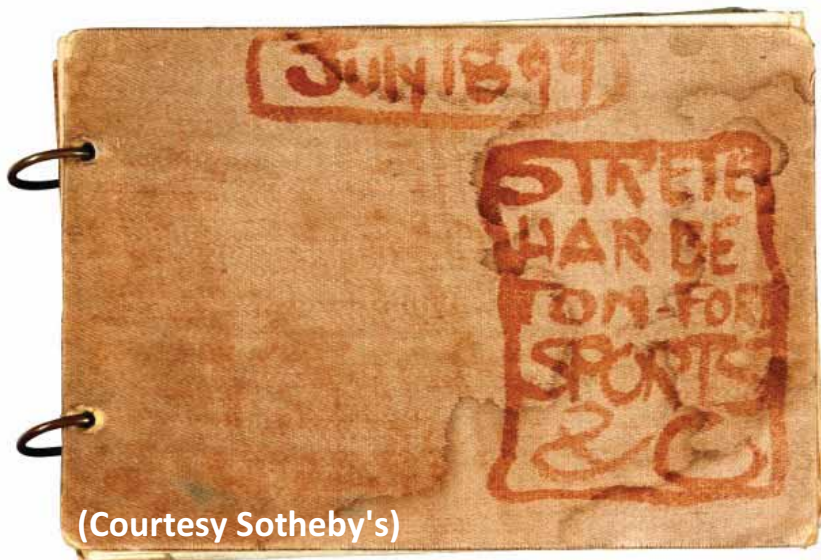
Jack Yeats Cashlauna Shelmiddy 1900 (Courtesy Sotheby's)



These figures were painted by Yeats for his miniature plays, staged for the neighbouring children during the time when he and his wife Cottie were living in Snails Castle. By his own account: "Every Christmas for a number of years it has been my habit to entertain the children of the valley in which I live, and for their amusement I first set up my miniature stage. The size of the proscenium of my theatre is three foot nine inches wide and one foot ten inches high... The scenes in my plays are pasted on cardboard and painted in water colours... The characters are also drawn on cardboard and cut out. They are about nine or ten inches high, so that an audience of two or three dozen people can sit comfortably and yet not be too far away to see them well. The whole idea of my theatre was suggested to me of course by those fine old penny plain and tuppence coloured plays of our grandfathers... And delightful the sheets of characters are, magnificent pirates and robbers, and graceful lovely Nancies... Seeing that to make a play go without a hitch the *business* must be very simple, I write all my plays with as little movement or the figures as possible, they slide into their place; I fix them upon slides of thin lath coloured to match the flooring of the stage, and unfold the plot by the dialogue - though most of my characters do little but talk, and walk, majestically... My foot-lights are candles with small reflectors, and sometimes at the back of the scene, when it is intended to shine through a transparent part of the backcloths as in the shipwreck scene in *Esmeralda Grande*, when the lighting was illuminated from behind... As to the plays, I write them all myself. So what shall I say of them, but that I admire them all but I like the piratical ones the best"

('My Miniature Theatre', in *Collected Plays of Jack B. Yeats*, edited by Robin Skelton, 1971, pp.17-19).





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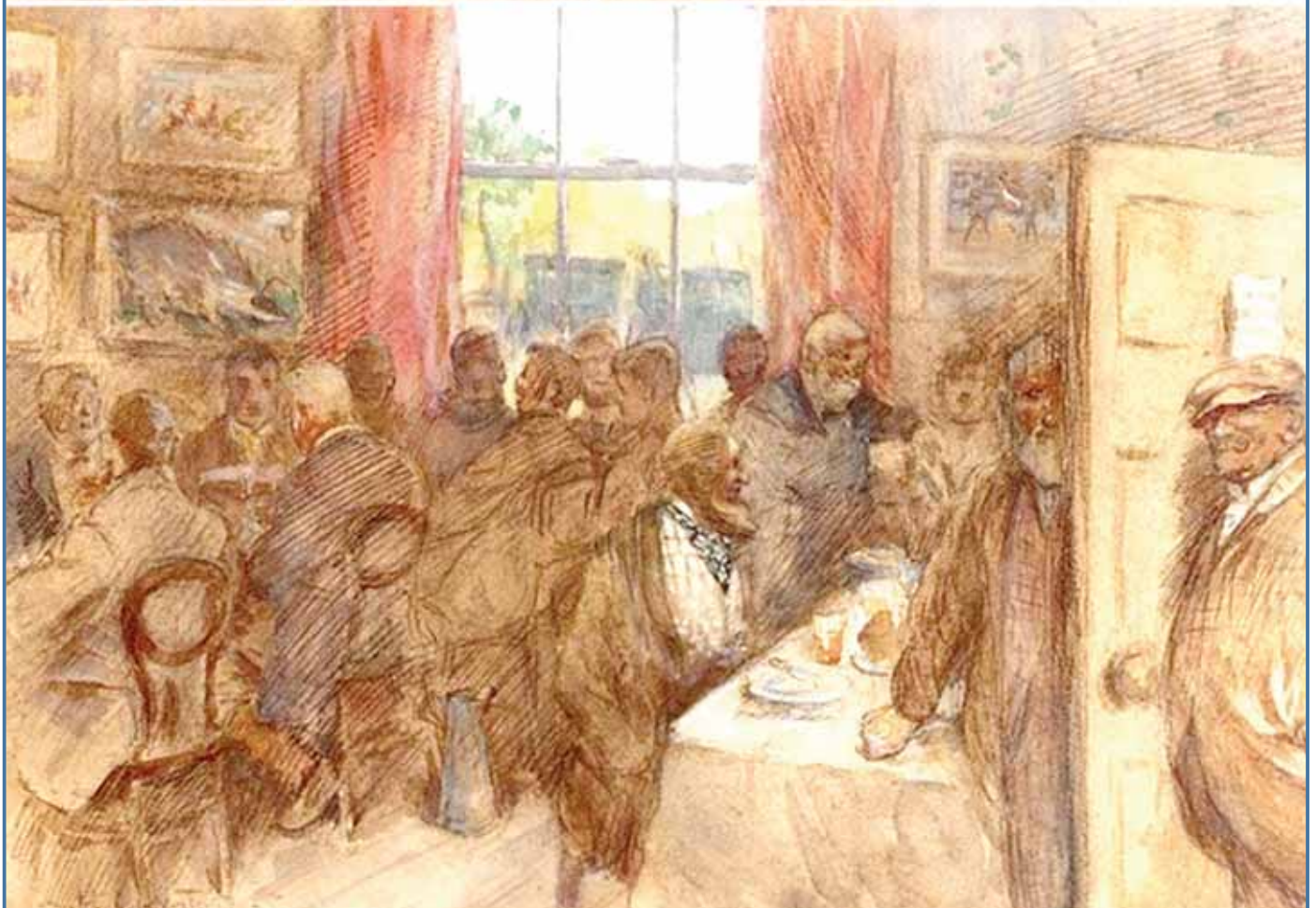
Yeats made daily sketches throughout his life which served as a visual diary, using Rowney ring back sketchbooks.

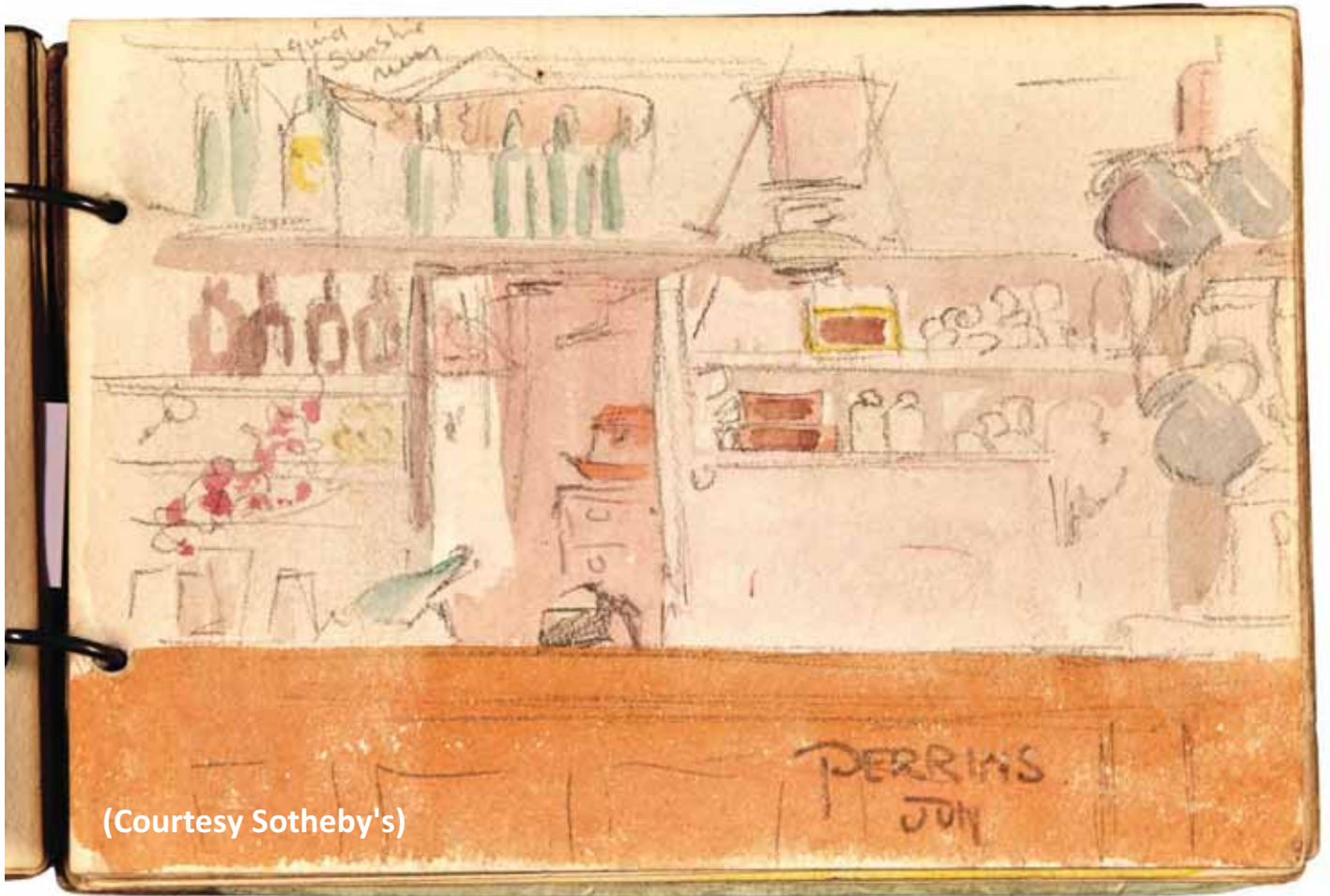
The earliest example is dedicated to Strete and a Harbertonford Sports Fair 13th July 1899 this includes the original programme of events within the sketchbook.



The farmers ordinary
(Fair Day dinner,
Devonshire)

pencil, watercolour
and gouache.





(Courtesy Sotheby's)

Devon Coast, 1897 the first year at Snails Castle. Could this be Pilchard Cove, Strete Gate?



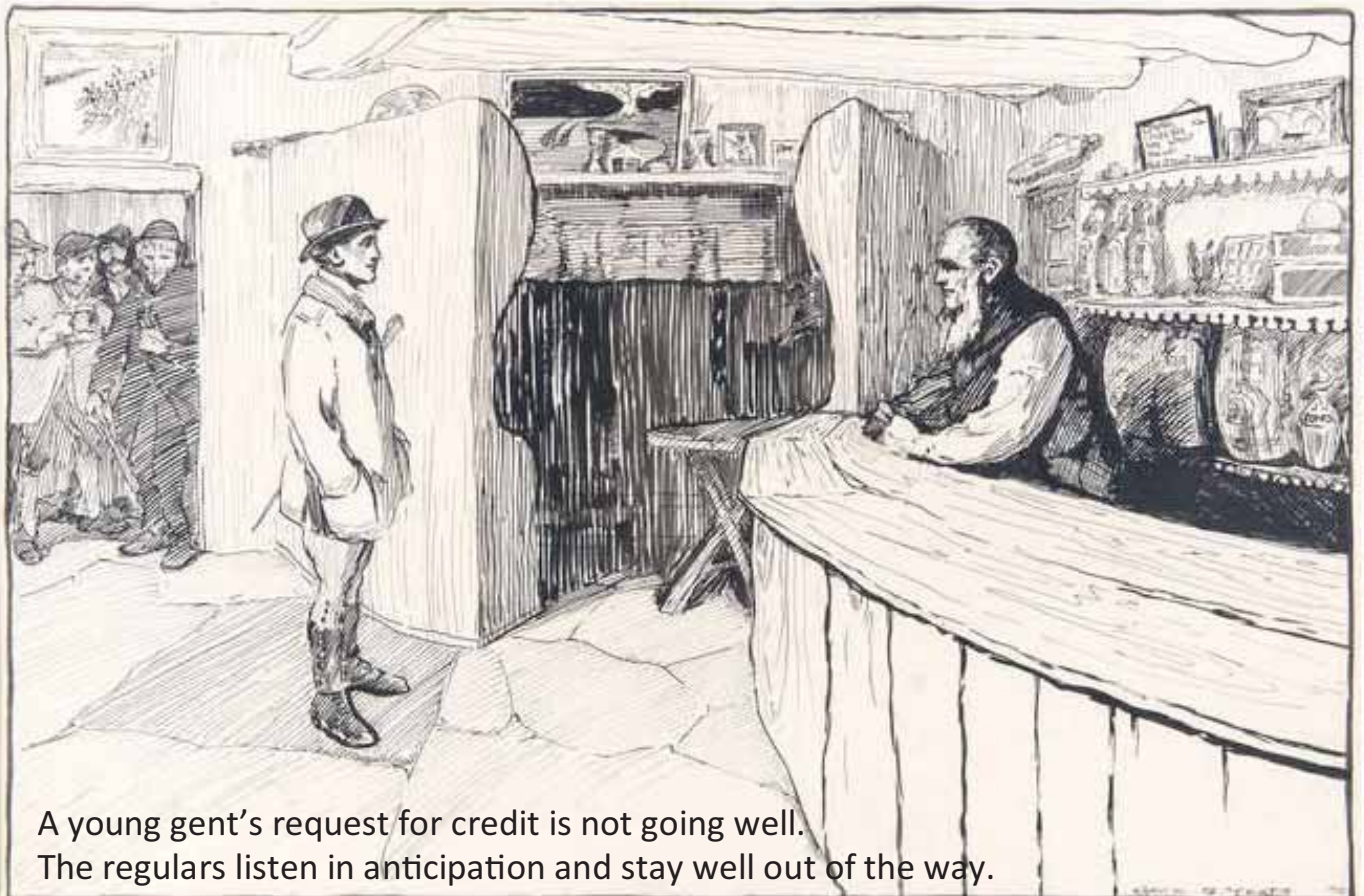
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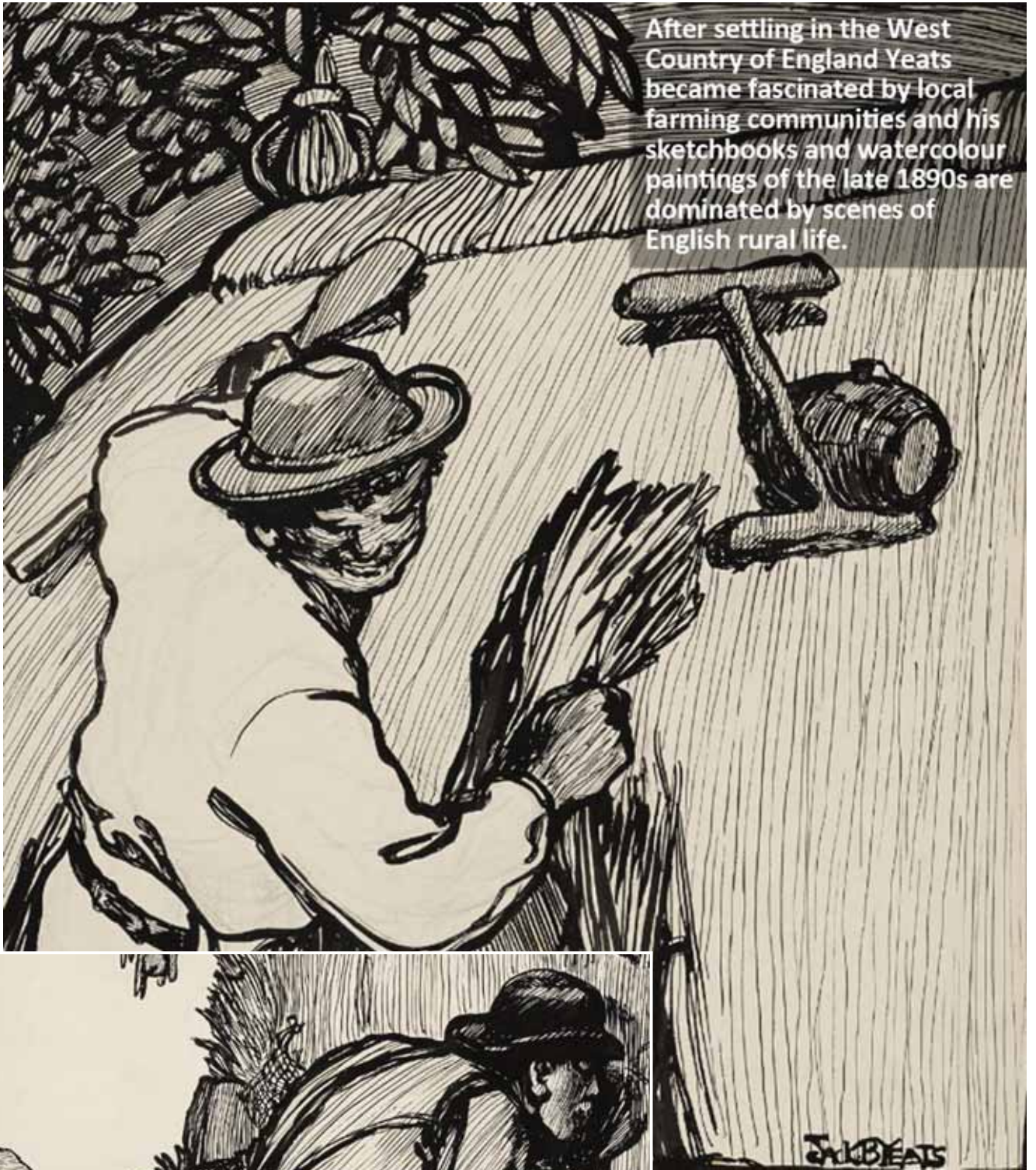
Tent with whisky for the officials

Harbertonford Sports Fair 13th July 1899.



A young gent's request for credit is not going well.
The regulars listen in anticipation and stay well out of the way.

After settling in the West Country of England Yeats became fascinated by local farming communities and his sketchbooks and watercolour paintings of the late 1890s are dominated by scenes of English rural life.



'Rabbiting' an image of a determined hunter looking for his prey while his dog stands guard. The dog appears to be modelled on Yeats' own dog, 'Hooley' who features in many of the artist's sketches of domestic life in Devon .



The Little Gara River 1900

A LITTLE FLEET - "The following account of the Fleet, and of the various histories of the voyages of the vessels which compose it, has been written out by me at the request of the owners. I have also made for them the drawings and the chart which illustrate the account.

The owners of this small merchant fleet had nowhere else handy to float their vessels in than the small and winding Gara river and a very small pond; the vessels when upon the river drove along with the stream, their sails, when they had any, only being of use to get them out of bad places, except occasionally when the current ran slowly; then, with a fair wind, the "Pasear" and the "Monte," at any rate, would walk along at a fine pace.

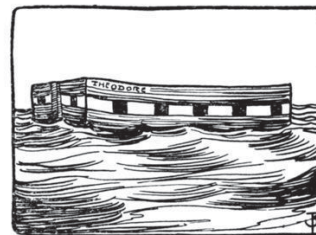
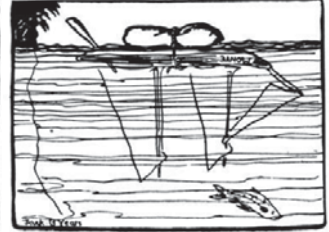
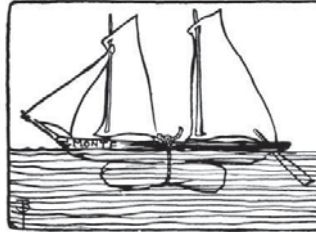
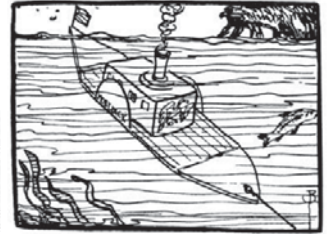
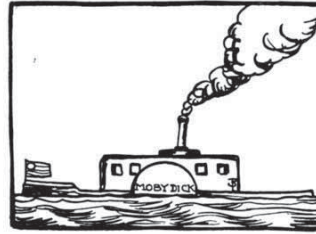
Long, light sticks were carried to steer the ships round dangerous corners, and through narrow and difficult channels like the Two Snags; and when I say she steered this way, or her skipper took such a course, you will understand it is just put that way because it sounds better.

The two longest voyages were those of the "Theodore" and the "Pasear," both of which vessels travelled about a mile along the river. The owners think that any other little boys who live near a stream sufficiently deep to float ships drawing so little water might like to follow their example and build a fleet, therefore I am to tell you how each vessel was built, as well as the story of its voyage.

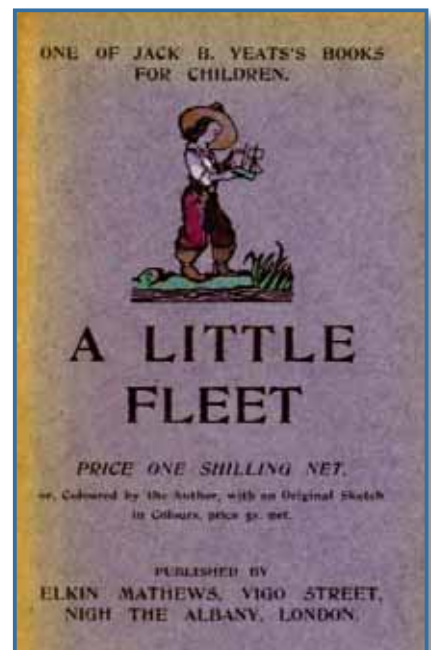
JACK B. YEATS,
Gara River.



“What we liked best was seeing the vessels of our fleet tearing and gliding and shooting down the flood and through the currents of the Gara river.”



The Fleet, and the various histories of the voyages of the vessels.



The first Olympic medal won by the Irish Free State was a silver medal in 1924, awarded to Jack Butler Yeats for his 1923 painting *The Liffey Swim*.

(Jack B. Yeats (1871-1957) *The Liffey Swim*, 1923 Oil on canvas 61 x 91 cm
National Gallery of Ireland Collection © National Gallery of Ireland)

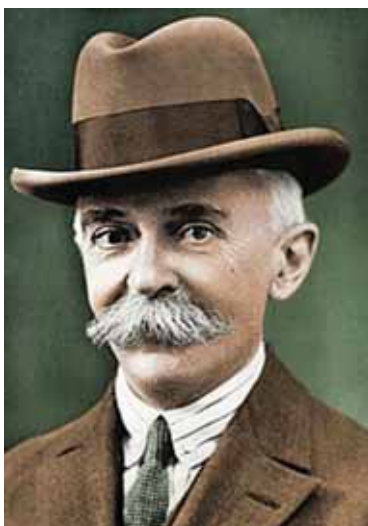


Games of the VIII Olympiad

Between 1912 and 1948 the arts took part alongside sporting events in the Olympic Games. The arts section was broken down into five categories: architecture, literature, music, painting and sculpture. The Liffey Swim oil painting, now hanging in the National Gallery, Ireland, features spectators watching the race as the swimmers are approaching O’Connell Bridge.



Olympic silver 1924



The man wearing the brown fedora is thought to be Yeats, and the woman in the yellow hat, his wife Cottie Yeats. In the Olympic competition records the painting is simply entitled *Swimming*. The Olympic art competitions were encouraged by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the father of the modern Olympic movement. He wanted the Olympics to include not just athletics but cultural and artistic exertions, to “represent the reunion of the muscles and the mind”. In keeping with the amateur spirit of the games, no prize money was offered.

Baron Pierre de Coubertin.

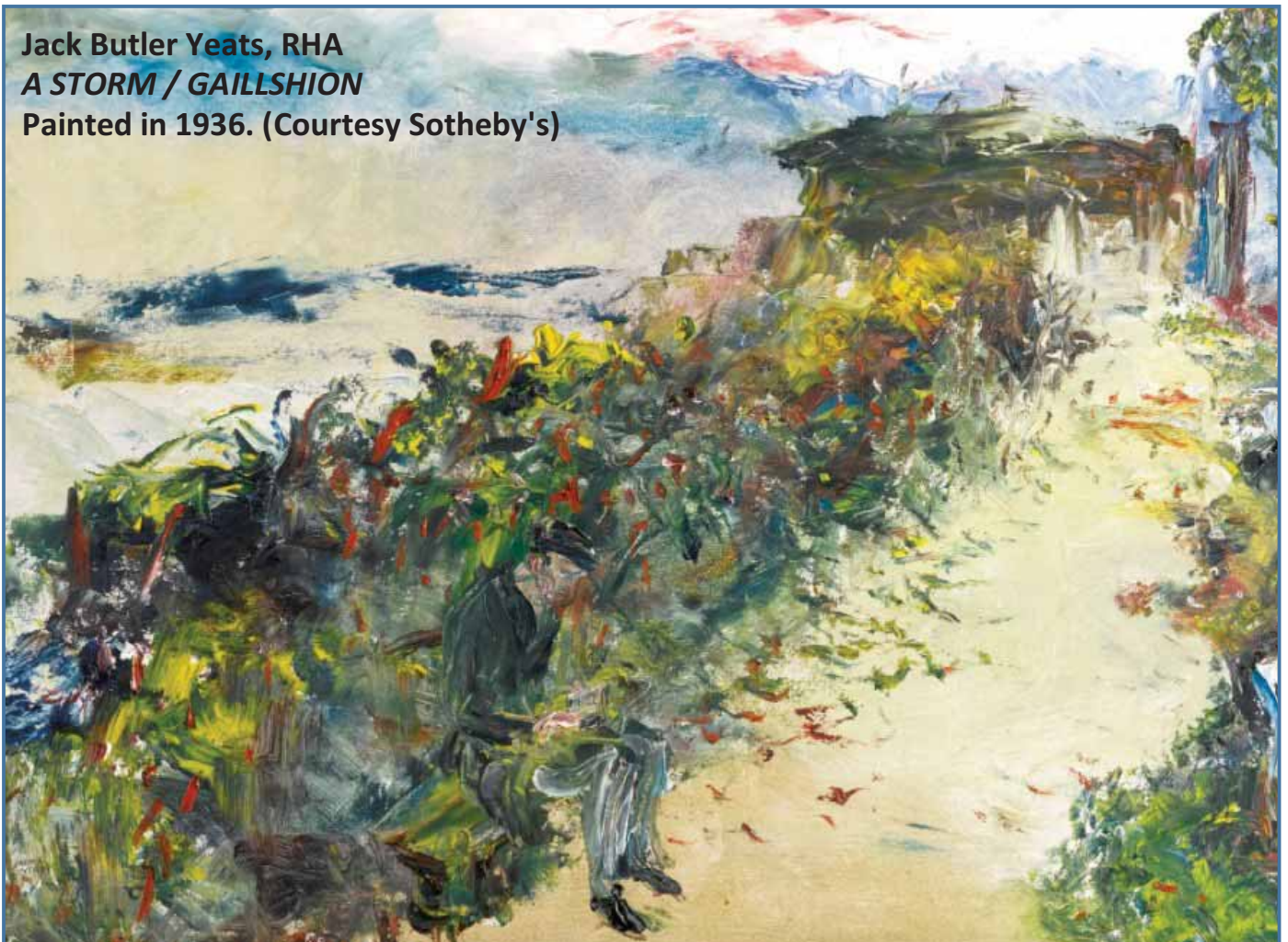
From 1920, he developed into an intensely Expressionist artist, moving from illustration to Symbolism. He believed that ‘a painter must be part of the land and of the life he paints’. His artistic development, has helped articulate and observe life around him throughout his working life.

Yeats's paintings were no longer the strong bold strong lines of an illustrator but became increasingly expressive. Brushwork and colour were used freely. Yeats once told Victor Waddington that if his paintings worked for everyone in different ways it was a good painting (see H. Pyle, *op. cit.*, p.xxix)



“Profile of Jack Butler Yeats with pipe from Jack Butler Yeats photograph album, Y1/JY/7/3/24/14, Yeats Archive, National Gallery of Ireland.” [c.1900-1910]
It is most likely to have been taken by Jack’s wife, Mary Cottenham Yeats.

Jack Butler Yeats, RHA
A STORM / GAILLSHION
Painted in 1936. (Courtesy Sotheby's)





Cashlauna Shelmiddy the Studio,1900 by Elizabeth Corbet Yeats. National Gallery of Ireland

VE DAY 75th ANNIVERSARY

When VE Day dawns on 8th May 2020 it will be 75 years since the guns fell silent at the end of the war in Europe. Years of carnage and destruction had come to an end and millions of people took to the streets and pubs to celebrate peace, mourn their loved – ones and to hope for the future.

Contributed by

Mr Raymond S Huddart QPM

A poem to reflect his experiences as a Churchill tank driver in WW 2 and relating this to the tank at Torcross and experiences at Slapton Sands.

“a fairly regular visitor to Dartmouth I always make a point of visiting the tank at Slapton and quietly pay homage to all my fellow ‘ tankies’ (I was a Churchill tank driver in WW 2, serving in Italy and Germany). Researching the story of the tragic event led me to penning this tribute with my kindest regards”

Ray Huddart.

AN ODE TO SLAPTON SANDS

*I've laughed and cried in equal measure
– so glad to find a book to treasure.*

*A tale reflecting gruesome days when,
looking out o'er rolling waves - so much
youth to succumb and perish - only
memoirs left to cherish.*

*When countless kin 'across the pond' -
losing those of whom so fond - were left
bereft and keen to know WHO struck
this sickening blow?*

*Alas, for years, kept in the dark,
deprived of facts bizarre and stark - an
act of warfare so horrendous - release
of detail so stupendous that, revealing*



VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8 - 10 MAY 2020

*all could gravely threaten, morale
already stressed and weak - when final
victory's chance seemed bleak.
A brave man then emerged - Ken Small -
whose search for truth ashamed them
all. His surname? Surely one mammoth
misnomer - for a humble Strete beach-
comber!
He faced the power of Government's
large yet, not dismayed by barrier's
high, encountering many prepared to
lie, the Sherman tank on Blighty's shore
- is instant proof of his success - a seeker
of truth who many bless.*



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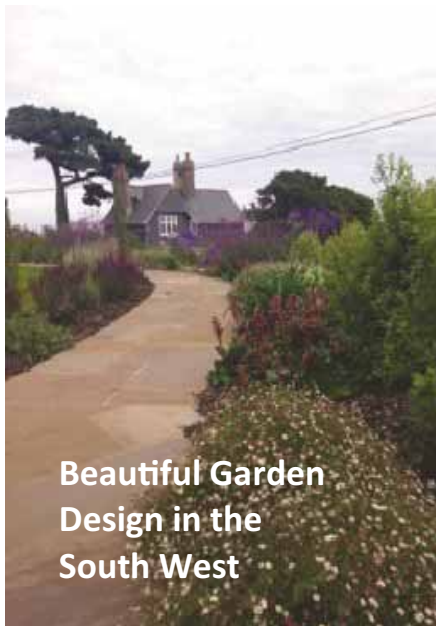
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Jack's farewell party

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<https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/how-you-can-help/volunteering-for-guide-dogs>



Amber and Jack

(Pictures courtesy of Nick Shepherd)



Jack's friends bid him farewell and there was a special cake.

Scottish Themed Evening. Friday 24th January

Strete Parish Hall Contributed by Joan Kendall

Entering the hall tables had been laid up with tartan napkins, bottles aglow with lights and sprigs of heather. Tartan bunting adding a real Scottish theme. Unfortunately, due to clashing of evening with our next village, we did not have such a good turn out as usual but what an evening those who could not make it missed.

When all seated Jonathan kicked the evening off with the first part of a quiz with questions all connected to Scotland.

It was time for the address to the Haggis, done by Maggie, who has just moved into the village and is from Scotland by birth, the Haggis being paraded around the room by Trudy.

This complete, David and Trudy served up generous portions of the traditional Haggis dish. Whisky was supplied to toast the haggis. A surprise was a very nice oat desert served on a shortbread biscuit topped with a raspberry.

Food over we got back to the second half of the quiz. All the teams had given themselves a Scottish name for their team. The victorious team being the MacDougalls with 23 points.

To bring the evening to a close the draw took place and we all joined in the singing of Auld Lang Syne.



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

HELD IN STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

Cllr Kate Gill, Chairman (KG); Cllr Louise Newman (LN); Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC); Cllr David Rothwell (DR); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC); Cllr Peter Hales (PH); Mrs. Helen Darch – Clerk; two members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Edwards and Mr Deuchar attended the meeting to present their plans to take on a ten-year lease of the Kings Arms and run it for the community. They were currently in discussions with the publican on the lease. There would be a number of events and activities on offer. Among these could be a cinema, breakfasts, takeaway, music and local food nights. A calendar of events is being drawn up and local opinion will be canvassed. Price is likely to be less than a bistro pub would charge. They commented, although there is a decline in pub numbers overall, there is growth in large pubs or those run as community pubs. In the first year they will assess custom and the type of customer they would attract in Strete and are likely to close in January which is normal in this area. Their intention is to employ a manager and kitchen staff. They then asked for the observations of the parish council on their proposals.

Councillors asked a number of questions. These included catering for allergies which is now well-provided for in the catering trade. The intention is to open every night for from Easter and Wednesday to Saturday in the winter. A lunch for the elderly could be accommodated. Marketing would be done via social media, the website and in Stretewise. The draft Asset of Community Value application was touched on. Councillors remarked on how they directed visitors to the pub as a matter of course.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor was absent so there was no report.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The District Councillor was absent so there was no report.

0120/1 APOLOGIES – Cllr Julian Brazil, County Councillor, Kingsbridge Division (JB); Cllr Richard Foss, District Councillor, Allington & Strete Ward (RF).

0120/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2019

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

0120/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Parish Councillors were invited to declare any unregistered or other interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. **IC declared an interest in Agenda item 10.**

0120/4 CLERK'S REPORT

A number of enforcements, planning and highways issues had been circulated to the county and district councillors for discussion prior to the meeting. It was intended these would be discussed in their reports. Councillors then decided to discuss these and refer on any action points.

Enforcement

Three enforcement issues have been raised and these are ongoing. RC stressed he was keen to ensure works complied with approved plans during construction to remove the need to get retrospective planning done.

Planning

Next, **Landcombe [2859/19/HHO and 2857/19/CLP]** was discussed. Planners had confirmed before the meeting that new applications were due to be submitted in respect of the site.

Resolved: The Clerk obtain confirmation from SHDC planners on what works could and couldn't be undertaken under the split decision issued by the Development Management Committee on the certificate of lawfulness [CLP]. They also requested an enforcement be raised if needed on works taking place.

*Since the meeting the Clerk has consulted the planning department at SHDC to ask advice on what works can and can't be done at present before the new applications are granted and given the split CLP decisions made. **Planners** informed HD that there is **a watching brief over the site**. Discussions are taking place and out of these there should be new planning applications.*

The Old Byre [2031/18/FUL and 2900/19/VAR] where works commenced recently and there has been some disruption on the road. Sweeping is taking place nightly and the site intended to perform a full sweep of the A379 on Friday 17th.

Resolved: Councillors would like the enforcement team to visit.

Blindwells. RC and IC reported on the felling of storm-damaged trees before Christmas. The contractors said they would be back in February to remove trees at the top of the site. A Tree Preservation Order [TPO 983] is in place on certain trees on the site. **Resolved: The Clerk would confirm with the tree manager at SHDC whether an application to have trees felled in February was received .**

Since the meeting the Clerk has spoken with the tree manager and confirmed no application had been received for felling of trees at the top of the site. Unless these trees were named in the TPO the application was not required.

Highways, paths and other matters

Prideaux Lane. GC updated the meeting on the situation whereby road racing had taken place along the lane between the A379 and the Start Bay estate initially before Christmas and on a couple of occasions. This has been reported to the police and JB as the county councillor. The police are investigating whether a crime has been committed and they can then act on it. GC had researched temporary barriers to put up on the Lane and the usefulness of 'No entry' signs. **Resolved: The Clerk would speak with the footpaths [Rights of Way] officer on what could be erected on the public right of way.**

Since the meeting the Clerk has spoken with the Rights of Way officer and matters are ongoing. A Locality grant application for £250 has been submitted toward the cost of two barriers and concrete foundations.

Speed limits on the A379 from Frogmore to Blackpool Sands. A parishioner emailed to request the current 40-mile and hour limit on the road, in particular on the sharp bend out of the village, be reviewed as they felt the speed limit was too fast.

Resolved: The Clerk approach Lisa Edmonds to review the speed limit from Frogmore down to Blackpool.

Since the meeting the Clerk has passed on the request to Lisa, JB and Highways to review the existing speed limit on that stretch of road.

A379/Totnes road junction conditions A parishioner had emailed the Clerk on 10th January to express concern on the state of the road with heavy mud and wet conditions. The buddle holes are being cleared by IC but heavy traffic from site works and farmers means the roads are getting dirty. The Clerk had promised to raise this at the meeting and see if the gully sucker could be sent out to clear the drains.

Since the meeting the Clerk has spoken with Lisa Edmonds on getting a gully sucker to visit but was informed the visit can only be done in accordance with the schedule, so July is the earliest. Other provision is being investigated.

Signs and public rights of way. The Public Rights of Way officer [Paul McFadden] had been contacted about the signs that are uprooted at the A379 down from Asherne and Prideaux Lane. He replied to say the works would be done by March this year.

DPI [disclosable pecuniary interest]. The Clerk checked with the SLCC on the matter of IC working on the buddle holes and getting paid. This is permissible provided he declares an interest when he attends and speaks at committee and the Clerk will update his register of interests.

Website accessibility requirements. Regulations came in in September 2018 that require public bodies with websites to have these compliant with accessibility standards by 23rd September 2020. The Society of Local Council Clerks [SLCC] is publishing

further guidance and the Clerk is booked on a course on 29th January which covers the requirements amongst other issues. The Clerk also contacted Ian Judge at Kingsbridge Websites for advice but he doesn't know any more at the moment.

The report was received.

0120/5 CHAIR'S REPORT 16th January 2020

Slapton Line & Strete Gate. These are rolled into one tonight with the addition of the custody of the War Memorial which is to have a new home in the picnic area at Strete Gate. Peter Chamberlain has forwarded his latest document via email which you will all have had by now. It is up for discussion this evening.

Councillors discussed arrangements down at Strete Gate in particular landscaping and planning permission. Peter Chamberlain's email of 7th January had requested the three parishes [Strete, Slapton and Stokenham] provide him with an informal indication of whether the arrangement proposed in that email is likely to be acceptable to [] your Parish Council. Councillors commented they wanted more information on what was planned before they responded. **Resolved: first, KG to find out when planning permission was due. Second, Strete PC could not agree at the moment to the proposals in Peter Chamberlain's email and wanted more information.**

Playpark. Helen Hardwicke has sent her monthly report. Sadly, we don't get her photographs. We still need to change the information on the signs which is in hand.

Kings Arms. Peter has very kindly done a great deal of research on the activity of the pub. It is currently closed and still the subject of a Community Asset Order. This regardless of current information will be required to be renewed. DR advised the two proposed lessees be informed that the Asset of Community Value order is in place and of the council's intention to renew the order this year.

Resolved: The Clerk will write to Mr Edwards and Mr Deuchar to welcome them, thank them for attending and to mention again the Council's application for the Asset of Community Value.

Road maintenance. Ian has taken on the job of buddle hole maintenance. I understand he was very ably assisted by Neetie McCoy in the clearing of the one on the Totnes Road a couple of days ago. Due to the appalling weather and a vast quantity of tractors and trailers travelling along this road, not to mention the return of the No 3 bus due to roadworks in Stoke Fleming, the verges become damaged. Then add the soil and debris to the mud larking and to everyone's annoyance. The pothole saga is still ongoing.

Doggie poo bins. We do have a spare poo bin which if needed could be used. A suitable site would have to be found. This bin was originally purchased for Strete Gate but due to the damage/closure of Slapton Line one was moved from nearer Slapton to us. *A parishioner had emailed the Clerk about the possibility of there being more dog poo bins in the village and if the council had any concerns on where these would*

be located. At present there are two with one spare. Councillors wanted to be certain the bins would be emptied regularly before any more were installed.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the parishioner stating the council has a bin in hand and that we want to ensure a protocol for having bins emptied. The Clerk would also confirm with SHDC whether there would be provision for emptying additional dog poo bins in the waste collection cycle.

Since the meeting the Clerk has spoken with SHDC who have advised that there is no capacity to add extra bins to the waste collection round. Existing bins could be relocated to more 'popular' locations if that was helpful.

The Chair's report was received.

0120/6 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

We are still to write to SHDC to complain about Blindwells.

0120/7 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

NP Report for PC – January 2020

A letter from Mr Dixon in response to the word change proposals for policies SNP8 and SNP9 in SNP was received during the Christmas holiday.

In the letter Mr Dixon acknowledges the revised wording proposals provide his clients with an opportunity for further discussions to take place.

Mr Dixon continues to have viability concerns with CFF site despite the majority of the word changes reflecting those submitted by Mr Dixon. In particular, the proposed car park and the number of second homes with a residency restriction.

Mr Dixon has also requested details of likely conditions and costs that might be applied by SHDC in connection with development in CFF. In particular, education, leisure and recreation facilities as well as Section 106 conditions.

SHDC have replied with the following:

Normally a scheme such as this would include the 106 obligations:

1. *i) Education infrastructure contributions if there is no capacity in local schools
ii) Education transport to school contribution
Devon County Council (education Authority) determine the amounts.
Please contact Mark Andrews at DCC to obtain details.*
2. *Contributions towards open space, sport a recreation dependent on what is proposed to be provided on site and adequacy of local facilities – Amount is currently calculated based on adopted OSSR SPD (approx. £900 per bed space if full amount is required....and commonly it is), however the emerging SPD has a new formula for calculating payments.*
3. *Management company for POS and SUDs in public areas*
4. *It is likely (but not certain) that a site like this would need a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)– the content of which would normally be*

agreed by condition – but is likely to contain recommendations about future management of public landscaped areas, hedgerow boundaries etc to maximise biodiversity and landscape benefits – the on-going implementation of such a plan is usually ensured by a 106 Obligation.

You should also factor in a likely requirement for natural slate roofs given the site's location.

Mr Dixon has also requested that the whole of CFF site be included in the plan and that agreed wording be included in policy SNP8 to support this.

In reply it has been suggested that the eventual policy to reflect that development can be accommodated within the whole of CFF site without necessarily including all of the land in the built development seems reasonable. In addition, Mr Dixon has been informed that it should be borne in mind that the areas to the west of the site have been precluded from the plan as a result of concerns from Historic England and others during the consultation period. It will be necessary, therefore, to ensure that any proposal for this larger area is worded in the Plan to meet those concerns and be agreed before inclusion.

A formal request has been submitted to Deborah McCann, the Examiner, requesting approval for and extension to the examination suspension period until the end of April 2020 to enable Mr Dixon sufficient time to undertake a detailed viability analysis on the policy word change proposals submitted. Support for the proposed viability analysis process together with the objective of enabling the examination process to resume asap has been confirmed to the Examiner.

Confirmation of this extension was received on Monday 13th January 2020.

In correspondence received this week from Mr Dixon he has subsequently requested that further revised wording be submitted in respect of widening the CFF site to include those areas within the Conservation Area to avoid further delay for consideration of the revised plan.

Mr Dixon has been asked to undertake his viability assessment based on the changes and potential cost implications he has received before further changes to the plan are submitted for consideration.

If CFF site is widened to include the areas within the Conservation Area I have been advised that the current examination would need to be cancelled.

To continue, the plan would have to be re-drafted to include all the changes, including a revised site plan, that would then be subject to another Regulation 15 consultation period of 6 weeks.

Whilst this is exasperating for all involved, to achieve an end result, it is currently recommended that negotiations with Mr Dixon should continue.

GC asked if the examiner requests that Cox's Farm Field is removed from the draft plan does the plan have to go back for consultation? **Resolved: RC would check this with Duncan Smith at SHDC. The NP report was received.**

0120/8 UPDATE ON THE SLAPTON LINE, PLACING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL & PROVISION OF EXTRA PARKING ALONG THE SLAPTON LINE

This has already been covered in 0120/5.

0120/9 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

Greenspace. There had been no scheduled grass cutting under the contract or any required. The contractor was still due to visit and do works on rolling the road down at Prideaux Lane [Severns Cottages] after the 'road race' incident. **This was noted.**

0120/10 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

KG (Chair) Playpark. This was covered in 0120/5.

LN Transport and Roads. LN confirmed the road junction at the A379 and Totnes Road would be cleaned tomorrow. DCC Highways was not providing clear notices for road works and where these were taking place. John Gilbert had sent a quote of £435 plus VAT to cut the hedges. The additional strip of hedge to the bottom of Vicarage Lane onto the A379 was costed at £20 but LN will confirm the price with the contractor.

DR Health and Safety. DR confirmed the defibrillator cabinet outside the Hall had been removed.

IC Rights of Way, tree warden and Strete Gate.

Rights of way. The latest TPO [996] was put in place because of tree felling activity by a resident of Vicarage Lane. IC asked if there were any covenants in the deeds of properties along that road as some debate was taking place over the heights of hedges. IC wondered if the covenants on the Village Green extended to the properties alongside. The Totnes Road buddle hole [near the bench] was getting blocked due to activity with farm tractors and other heavy road users. The buddle hole up by Philip Knight was okay.

Tree warden. Nothing else to report.

Strete Gate. Nothing to report.

RC Planning and Neighbourhood Plan. RC recommended a construction management plan is submitted as a matter of course with planning applications. This follows on from the construction traffic and dirty road conditions which arose from the works to The Old Byre though in this instance the contractor did clean the road.

PH The VAS sign and local transport liaison. PH noted there was nothing to add.

GC Village Green. One gate post on the swing gate is broken and needs to be replaced. GC wondered who did this originally and to get quotes to replace. GC showed examples of temporary traffic barriers that could be installed along Prideaux Lane. The overall cost was estimated at around £250. GC also asked if the council would consider making a grant to the local Citizens Advice Bureau.

Councillors agreed £50 to be added to the 2020/21 budget. PH was against because he was opposed to the increased precept agreed in his absence at the December meeting. LN asked where the funding would come from.

After the meeting PH asked the Clerk to look at the making of the grant to a registered charity and whether this could be done by a parish council. The Clerk confirmed that small amounts could be granted to local charities that directly benefitted the local area under s137 Local Government Act 1972.

0120/11(a) FINANCE

The Clerk supplied the meeting with a list of cheques for payment. One late cheque 1694 was added to the list on the agenda for training for the Clerk. This is covered in Minute 0120/4.

1692- Strete Parish Hall hire December £30 [£20 for PC and £10 for NP].	1693- Clerk salary January £249.
1694 – Society of Local Council Clerks course fees for attendance on update course for Clerks 29 th January £51.	

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

0120/11(b) FINANCE

A monitoring report for the year to December 2019 had been circulated already along with a cashflow projection. The latest projection of 2019/20 to the end of March 2020 gives CR 3,653.23. It was agreed the latest monitoring should be published on the noticeboards. **Resolved the Clerk would provide the monitoring statements for the boards and website.**

0120/11(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank –. £6,777.33CR Current account at 08/01/20, £10,288.84CR Business Reserve account at 08/01/20.

0120/11 (d) FINANCE.

Precept. The budget set for 2020/21 was discussed in detail. PH had not been present at the budget-setting meeting and so could not have his views represented [Sch12 s39 LGA 1972]. He stated the increase could not be justified as he felt there were sufficient funds in reserves to cover planned activity. KG observed that the council had gone on the advice of RF who counselled the meeting to make an increase. [District Councillor report 12/19]. GC commented that parish councils were being asked to take on services previously provided by other tiers of local government. A full debate took place and a number of items were discussed.

Resolved: The Clerk update budgets and send these around for comment. A discussion took place on the frequency and efficacy of road sweeping and whether this needed to be added to the budget. **Resolved: RC offered to supply names and contacts of firms who supplied a road sweeper.**

LN mentioned she would organise a litter pick to take place in February before the growth gets too high. **Resolved: LN to arrange a litter pick in February.**

0120/12 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence as listed on the agenda was noted. A late letter from Messrs Savills concerning the Neighbourhood plan was received and passed on to RC. PH noted a £200 grant had been secured by the Social Club from the South Devon and Torbay Community Grants Fund 2019 through Dartmouth Caring last year. GC mentioned social prescribing and that Nick Hindmarsh of the Council for Voluntary Service could come and speak to the council on this.

0120/13 REPORTS

Councillors were asked if there was anything else to add. All declined.

0120/14 THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2020 IN STRETE PARISH HALL AT 7.00 PM.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED at 9.45 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Kate Gill (Chair) Dated: 20 FEBRUARY 2020

ACTION POINTS: Clerk: to obtain confirmation on Landcombe from SHDC planners on what works could and couldn't be undertaken under the split decision issued by Development Management Committee on the certificate of lawfulness [CLP]; to request an enforcement be raised if needed on works taking place; to request the enforcement team visit The Old Byre; to confirm with the tree manager at SHDC whether an application to have trees felled in February was received for Blindwells; to speak with the footpaths [Rights of Way] officer on what could be erected on the public right of way; to approach Lisa Edmonds to review the speed limit from Frogmore down to Blackpool; to write to Mr Edwards and Mr Deuchar to welcome them, thank them for attending and to mention again the Council's application for the Asset of Community Value; to write to the parishioner stating the council has a bin in hand and that we want to ensure a protocol for having bins emptied; to confirm with SHDC whether there would be provision for emptying additional dog poo bins in the waste collection cycle; to provide the monitoring statements for the boards and website; to update budgets and send these around for comment.

KG: to find out when planning permission was due in respect of the Monument.

LN: to arrange a litter pick in February.

RC: to check point on Cox's Farm Field with Duncan Smith at SHDC; to supply names and contacts of firms who supplied a road sweeper.

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Wednesday 8th April 2020

The meeting will commence at 10.30am with coffee, followed by a talk by **Dave Jeffery** entitled **The Potential of Driverless Cars**. Dan Dare used them in the Eagle comic in 1950: 70 years on they are under very serious study and development.

Wednesday 22nd April 2020

The meeting will commence at 10.30am with coffee, followed by a talk by **Roger Hamilton** entitled **Dutch Windmills**. Normally associated with pictures of Dutch country folk wearing clogs and baggy trousers, they actually built a large part of Holland.



Wednesday 13th May 2020

The meeting will commence at 10.30am with coffee, followed by a talk by **Mike Lakey** entitled **The Battle of Britain**. 80 years on from the 1940 battle—some thoughts from a former RAF pilot.

Summer Outing . Wednesday 20th May 2020 Lunch and something a bit special.

Wednesday 10th June 2020

The meeting will commence at 10.30am with coffee, followed by a talk by **Norman Maudsley** entitled **Walking in the steps of Lawrence of Arabia**. Lawrence rose to be an advisor to kings and governments. He was a lover of camels and motor cycles.



Wednesday 24th June 2020

The meeting will commence at 10.30am with coffee, followed by a talk by **John Wibberley** entitled **Trees for All**. Summer is the perfect time to think about trees and cool forests!

Wednesday 8th July 2020

The meeting will commence at 10.30am with coffee, followed by a talk by **Paul Young** entitled **Attack on the World Trade Centre**. 19 years ago. Is this sufficient time to objectively review the terrible attack that changed a nation's foreign policies?



The club is keen to attract new members and a warm welcome will be given to guests. If you would like to come along and be a guest please contact **Graham Lewis, our Secretary, on 01803 712248**

Children's Hospice SW Events

The 17th annual Dartmouth Art & Craft Weekend takes place on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June from 10am to 4pm daily. An interesting and fun weekend with around 40 artists and craft workers in the beautiful setting of Royal Avenue Gardens in Dartmouth. Children's activities plus entertainment from a wide range of musical and dance performers, with teas, homemade cakes and snacks provided by Children's Hospice volunteers and supporters. Pitches for artists and craft workers to display/sell their work are £70 for the two days; a gazebo will be required.



Contact - Artist bookings: Iain McCall: Tel: 01803 832258, Email: iain.mccall1940@gmail.com General enquiries: Sue Tweed Tel: 01803 770730, Email: tweed833@btinternet.com

All funds raised from all our events will help Children's Hospice South West to provide specialist care and support for over 500 families with life-limited children in the South West – making the most of short and precious lives. For more details of our Friends Group or CHSW, contact Sue Tweed, contact details as above.

Charitable Ladies Events

Stoke Fleming Charitable Ladies' Summer Fair on 11th July. The group meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month (except January and August) to organise three local fundraising events each year. New members from Stoke Fleming and surrounding areas would be most welcome. Contact: Sue Tweed (Secretary) on 01803 770730 or tweed833@btinternet.com for more information.

Salcombe Crab Festival - Sunday 3rd May 2020

Announcement: Salcombe Crabfest 2020 postponed.

We are now planning to hold Salcombe Crabfest on **Sunday 27th September 2020.**





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Strete Social Club 11th February, contributed by Chris Burne

Dorothy Teal welcomed members and thanked them for venturing out on such a cold and windy day. She advised members that Janice Varnam had decided to stand down as Treasurer and that Heather Robinson had offered to take on the job. It was proposed and seconded that Heather Robinson be elected the new Treasurer.

Dorothy then said our speaker for the day was unable to come so Roy Kendall had kindly agreed to step in and talk about his family's evacuation from their farm during the D Day landing exercises. Roy was 6 years old and he remembers his father being very disgruntled in having to move his family and all his livestock, particularly as they had to arrange most of this themselves when there was little communication at that time - very few people had telephones or cars. The family (6 of them) moved to his grandparent's small cottage at North Huish. They made arrangements to move their cattle and sheep to Butterford Farm, North Huish, Nr. Avonwick and Roy's father had to walk there twice a day to milk the cows. Roy went to school in nearby Diptford but his sister had to walk to Diptford and then catch a bus to Totnes. He remembered one day when he was out with some friends and met some Americans and they were given sweets - a real treat at that time when there were shortages of everything and rationing.

Although as farmers they fared better for food than those in the towns. Another time he remembers, when walking home from Slapton school they were pulled into a hedge by engineers erecting



telephone cables when a German plane appeared which was being chased by one of ours. As the boys took cover the dogfight took place and the German plane was shot down landing in Strete. They moved back to the farm in October 1944 - prior to that, the area had to be checked as during the exercises live ammunition had been used and this had to be cleared. Ammunition is still being found today.

They were tenant farmers at the time but after the war his father bought the farm. Members asked questions: how did they manage, was there running water and electricity and was there food shortages? He said there was no running water or electricity - this was not installed until much later. Roy said he remembers on their return the number of rats around and in the farm, doors were missing - obviously used by the Americans for firewood. Dorothy then thanked Roy warmly for a most interesting talk, saying that it brought back memories for many of us.



Do you or someone you know struggle to pay energy bills?

Citizens Advice South Hams is helping local residents to make significant savings on their energy bills. Clients have typically made energy cost savings of £200-£500 a year. In addition, South Hams residents have been supported to secure grants towards energy efficiency improvements in their homes. These energy savings help reduce the level of fuel poverty in such households.

This is vital work, as shocking new statistics from National Energy Action reveal that one in five private rented households in the UK are in fuel poverty. A household is considered to be in fuel poverty if 10% or more of the household income is spent on fuel – in short that’s money spent on heating, hot water and running appliances. Fuel poor households commonly face the difficult choice between eating and heating. Unknown to many, and often hidden amongst the beauty of Devon, local people are struggling to pay their energy bills. Nearly half of fuel poor households are in employment but still struggling.

Nick White, from Citizens Advice South Hams says, “Fuel poverty is caused by combinations of low incomes, high energy prices and energy inefficient housing. Our trained Energy Advisers can help people who are struggling to pay their energy bills or who are worried about heating their homes during the winter months.

“We have a home visiting service to advise on homes with - expensive heating systems, draught, damp and mould. Recently we helped a householder whose storage radiator was not wired properly. The landlord has fixed the problem and reimbursed the tenant by £700. In another case we helped a client who could not understand why he was paying over £2,000 a year in energy bills. We liaised with the energy company, identified an error and facilitated reimbursement totalling £985.”

If you would like to talk to Citizens Advice South Hams energy efficiency team, call 01803-659733 or email energy.advice@southhamscab.org.uk.

Strete Social Club 25th February, contributed by Chris Burne

Dorothy Teal opened the meeting by saying she had recently received a request from the Parish Hall committee that the £200 we had given towards a new porch be used for a new back door as the proposed porch was too expensive. Disappointment was expressed that the porch was not to be built and it was suggested that perhaps a grant could be applied for. Also, concern was expressed at the condition of the step at the porch entrance and it was felt this should be repaired. Dorothy agreed to go back to the committee with our concerns.

Judith then introduced our member, Joan Kendal, who had kindly agreed to speak to us about the hats in her life and her memories. Joan began by saying that hats were either considered frivolous or a necessity and like marmite, either loved or hated! She gave us some brief facts on the history of hats saying that in the Middle Ages it was decreed that hats be worn for worship and although not obligatory, this continues today. Up until the 18th century, hats were made at home but then milliners sprung up and the word millinery came from the Italian city of Milan where from the 17th century straw was produced and later made into hats.

Hats played a big part in Joan's life and she brought along a selection with photos of different events. There were photos of her grandparents on the beach wearing "sensible hats" not the sunhats we wear now. Easter was the time for a new hat: Joan remembers her mother and sisters going to the milliners in Buckfastleigh. She often looked in the window and was very excited when they went in to view the hats and to this day, she still loves trying on hats. The first hat she showed us was a red boater which she wore at her younger son's graduation and then a small cream hat, similar to one Princess Diana once wore and this was bought for her son, Nigel's wedding. She then showed us a genuine fez (very similar to the one Tommy Cooper used to wear) and two very smart bowler hats. The fez was bought by one



of her uncles on his travels abroad and was highly prized. The bowlers were the property of her grandfather and another uncle. Bowlers were made specifically for the person and beautifully made. Joan has treasured these and they were in pristine condition. Her father's preference was for a trilby hat and when it was past its best, he would wear it in the garden. She said she did not like the present trend of baseball caps and mourned the loss of the traditional tweed cap. Her uncle always wore a cap when farming and turned this round with the brim at the back when milking his cows. Various hats were then displayed, a beautiful navy straw hat worn for a visit to St James's Palace when her son received his Duke of Edinburgh's gold award, a blue confection that she wore with her going away outfit after her wedding and a large fur hat which she likened to the "dead cat" in the Specsavers advert! However, we all agreed that the last exhibit a large black and white hat bought for a wedding was our favourite.



Strete Parish Hall

Can You Help?

The Strete Parish Hall Committee need someone to act as Treasurer.

After many years of sterling work our current treasurer is stepping down. You would be taking over healthy well documented accounts, helping to keep the Strete Parish Hall a viable centre for social village life.

Please contact:
Penny Penhale
committee secretary.
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Strete Social Club 10th March, contributed by Joan Kendall

Our meeting on a wet and windy day started off with our leader informing the members of the position of the donation that they gave a long time ago towards the construction of a new porch at the rear of the hall which had to date not materialised.

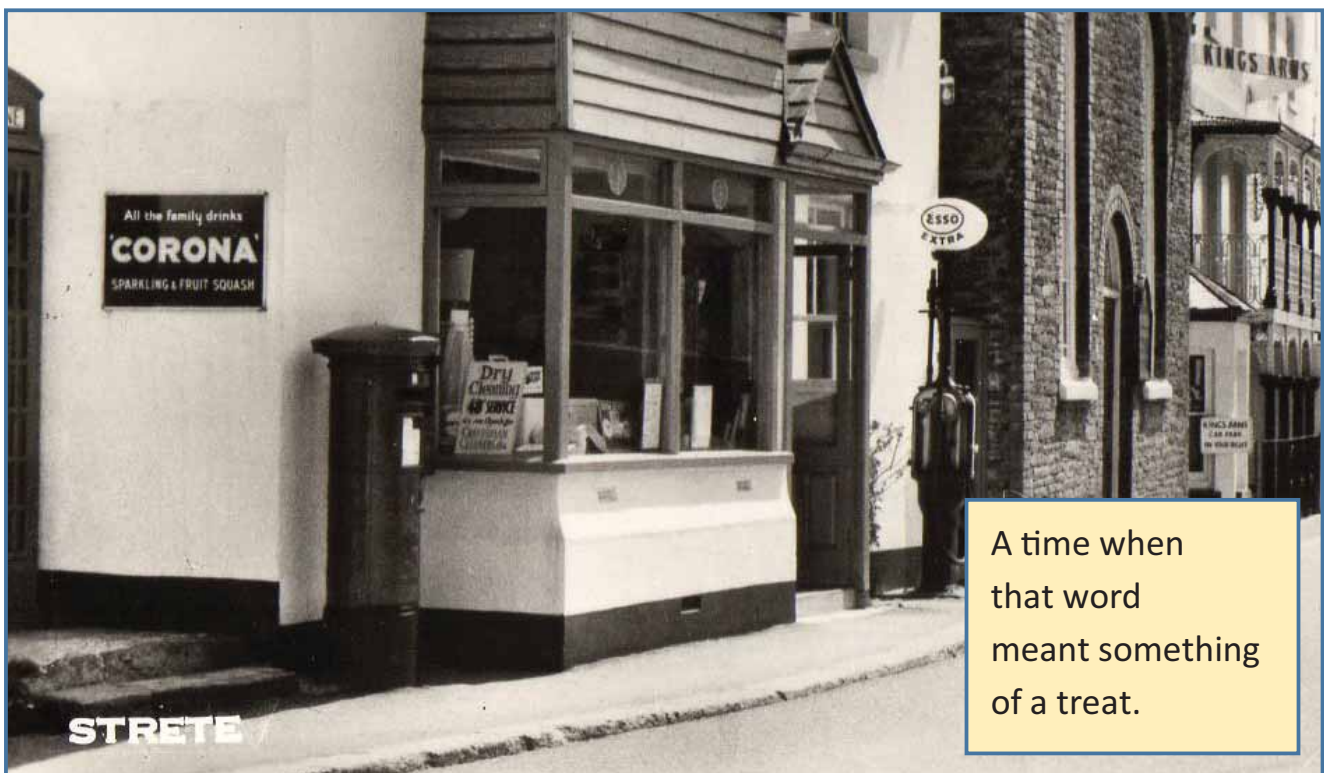


Our speaker for the afternoon was then introduced, Janet Sellick who spoke on “Agatha Christie and her Poisons” ably assisted by her husband on the Power Point. This was a most interesting talk which also took in various places that Agatha had visited abroad. On the screen we saw pictures into which were ‘hidden’ different forms, from the one of Burgh Island which if you traced it along the top edge revealed a face. Another one was of a scene with trees and when you looked

closely the outline of a figure of a woman could be defined between the two trees. Apparently not all can see this without it being pointed out to them. Many postage stamps

were designed one bearing, as with the others, a hidden figure laid on its side which if you traced it from left to right was the head of Poirot, from his hat down to the eye, then his moustache and finally his bow tie. At the end of her talk Janet answered some questions.

She was thanked by Judy. After which we all enjoyed our usual cup of tea and biscuit served by Colleen and Sheila J.



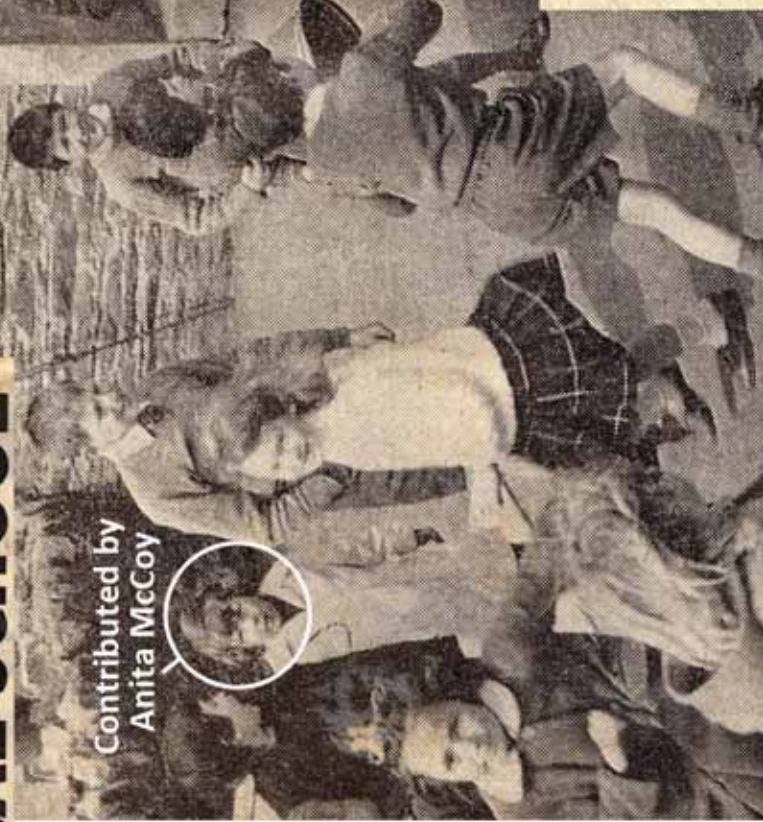
A time when that word meant something of a treat.

THE BRITISH HERTON JOURNAL

Wednesday, April 29th, 1964.

PLEASE DON'T CLOSE OUR LOCAL SCHOOL

Contributed by
Anita McCoy



The Rector of Strete (the Rev. E. B. Bridger), who is chairman of the school managers, says the village is "in a fringe area" of Kingsbridge and he feels there could be a strong case for waiting for the new Stokenham (Kingsbridge) school to be built. It is said to be in the list for about 1967.

Mr. Bridger said if the present proposal were really in the best interests of education then no one would wish to quarrel with it, but he felt there could be little advantage in the proposed transfer "to just another small village school." He said he understood the two classes at Strc- were to be merged with the existing three classes at Sto-e Fleming, creating larger numbers for the existing three teachers. "But there are some parents who are in full agreement with the change," he added.

Mr. Bridger emphasised that the Strete school was completely redecorated fairly recently, and only last Easter a hot water system was added to the amenities.

THE cliff-top village of Strete—between Dartmouth and Torcross—is in a hubbub over the proposed closure of the primary school, where local children have taken first steps in education since 1839.

Officially the school is considered to be out-of-date and too small a unit for continuance; it has 28 children, divided into two classes. The suggestion is that the children be transferred to Stoke Fleming School, three miles away.

In fond memory of
Brian Smalley

1941 - 2020

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Grandpa to Jake and Chloe.

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A memorial Celebration Service of Brian’s life, was held on
Thursday 19th March at St Michaels Church in Stokenham.

The family requested that bright colours should be worn to celebrate a jovial man.

“On behalf of The Parish Hall Committee I would like to express sympathy to all the family on the passing of Brian. Brian was a great supporter of Strete Village Day, always interested in the attendance and activities of the major Village Day event of the year. He was particularly generous in providing donations.

Not only for this support will we miss him, but it is always a major encouragement to the Strete Parish Hall Committee, to have someone who is quietly so interested in the events of village.

His memory will be marked in the Minutes of the Parish Hall Committee.

Martin Sobey - Chairman – The Strete Parish Hall Committee”

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The Kings Arms - Asset of Community Value

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 www.strete.org.uk

Five years ago, the Kings Arms was registered as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) with South Hams District Council (SHDC). The intention was to ensure that the village continued to have a pub that would provide the social heart of the village. Whilst recent news suggesting a lease may be offered to new management is very welcome, the Parish Council are mindful that the village still needs to have the protection that an ACV order provides, going forward.

The time has come for the ACV order to be renewed and we need to demonstrate to SHDC that the pub really is the main social hub of the village.

This is where we need the help of the community to demonstrate to SHDC that if the Kings Arms came onto the market the village community would work together to keep it as a pub.

To see the letter that has been distributed to each household in the parish go to www.strete.org.uk and follow the link.

If you have not received the letter, please print and tick the box/es on the second page where you feel you can offer support and add your name, contact details and signature. Please return it to the address at the top of the letter, the Village Shop, or to any Parish Councillor.



The future of the village pub may lie entirely in the hands of village residents – please come forward and support this important issue.



STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

HELD IN STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

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

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended the meeting.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

JB informed the meeting that Devon County Council [DCC] had set a budget with an increase of 1.99% on services and 2% extra on Adult Social Care. Overall the County budget had gone up from £1,294m gross in 2019/20 to £1,390m gross in 2020/21 with the central government contribution [core funding] increasing by 1.63% or £1.65m on 2019/20. On average this represents an increase of £55.17 on a Band D council tax levy to £1,439.46. There was extra central funding toward Adult Social Care. Special Educational Needs sees a cumulative deficit of £45m in 2020/21 carried forward as a negative reserve until funding is available.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/finance-and-budget/budgets/>

JB informed the meeting that there was to be a Coleridge Association meeting on the 26th February which has a number of items to discuss. One of these is the arrangements on the future of the monument down at Strete Gate. The Field Studies Council wanted £900 per annum from the parishes toward maintenance. RF commented one parish had stated they would not contribute at all toward costs. RC was concerned the £44,380 award made from the Coastal Revival Fund to the Slapton Line Partnership [SLP] in March 2019 to relocate the Monument and renovate the tank memorial would be lost if works weren't done by the end of March 2020. He also recommended a landscaping plan be drawn up but KG said the area had been tidied up. RC thought if landscaping was done properly then a maintenance plan could be agreed for the future. JB noted that if funding is not agreed then the maintenance won't take place. It might be better if say a five-year guarantee of funding was agreed at first and this could be reviewed after five years. An alternative might be to do an annual 'spring clean' of the monument with volunteers taking part.

A second item for discussion at the Coleridge Association meeting is the Climate Change Emergency. South Hams District Council [SHDC] has set aside £400,000 for emergency climate change projects which might be applied for by local groups to include parish councils; this will fund initiatives to combat Climate Change. Parishes need to come up with a climate action plan and collaborate with other parishes.

A third item for the Coleridge Association meeting is the new arrangements for rubbish collection which starts on 28th September. There will be a number of separate containers which will hold different types of waste for instance glass, paper and kitchen organic waste. JB briefly explained the containers which include a kitchen caddy, two boxes of 1ft by 2ft dimensions with lids and another recyclable bag.

KG asked what sorts of plastic would be recycled. JB replied black plastic wouldn't be recycled. PH asked if glass bottles would now be used for milk rather than plastic but JB wasn't sure.

The hierarchy for waste is: USE LESS – REUSE - RECYCLE

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

RF updated the meeting on the budget set by SHDC. The budget was set last week in a unanimous vote with a Council Tax increase of 3.99% which is the maximum increase permitted. The Band D precept for SHDC is £170.42 per payer up £5 on the previous year. There is no new money from Central Government. SHDC holds £1.75m in reserves but for a council this type and size around £1.5m is the minimum recommended. The Liberal Democrats want to use reserves to fund greater services. The SHDC will receive around 9% of each council tax bill on average. In comparison, the Police precept amounts to around 11% per taxpayer. All of this breakdown will be seen on the bills sent out in March.

SHDC has plans to build more social housing owned by the council rather than a Housing Association [eg Live West] with around 55 new houses planned in the next year across the district. There are 17 sites that could be used for this housing and a number of other sites in the local plan. GC asked if the Right to Buy scheme would apply here and was told it would not. Car parking charges were budgeted as a one-off increase of £80,000. Any income raised above that would be deployed toward electric carpark charging points. The amount of £400,000 available toward climate change initiatives available to groups in the district will be over the life of the current administration.

RF also ran through the new arrangements for recycling of materials from September this year. Much more sorting will be done by the householder and at the collection lorry rather than later on at the waste tip. Glass will be collected at source rather than going to the bottle bank. The paper bank and glass bottle banks on the Totnes Road will be taken away as the waste should be collected in the domestic collection.

SHDC has invested in the retail site rented by Marks and Spencer in Dartmouth. This investment in commercial property has a higher rate of return [even with debt charges] than other assets at the moment. Loan rates with the Public Works Loan Board are cheap at rates of around 2.3%.

0220/1 APOLOGIES – Cllr Louise Newman (LN); Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC).

0220/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2020

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

0220/3 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.**

0220/4 CLERK'S REPORT

Confidential waste. Andrea found some old parish records which are out of date and need to be destroyed. She has obtained a quote for £40 from a specialist in confidential waste disposal in Plymouth to handle the waste. **Resolved:** [Clerk to raise an order for the sum advised for the confidential waste disposal.](#)

Litter pick. Louise has arranged a litter pick on the 7th March and sent round information/posted it on noticeboards.

A letter from the PCC has been received asking the council to take over the works and responsibility for the inscription for Sapper James Gordon. **Resolved:** [Clerk to contact the monumental mason and organise works.](#)

Parish Paths Partnership P3 scheme. The P3 scheme allows member parishes to keep up the rights of way in their area by using grants from the scheme. This scheme is a partnership between parishes, DCC and voluntary groups. It delegates responsibility to the parish but funding is available through this scheme rather than the Localities budget or SLCF. Funding is based on a mileage rate for the public rights of way in a parish plus bids for special projects. The P3 officer, Ros Davis is happy to attend a meeting in the near future if we are interested. **Resolved: The Clerk invite the P3 officer to the next meeting on 19th March to make a presentation on the scheme.**

Pub and Asset of Community Value. Recent work was undertaken by PH on the issue including a discussion with the Publican in December. **The Clerk confirmed with Rob Sekula [Specialist Assets and Placemaking] that we would need to submit the application eight weeks before the 5-year expiry date to give SHDC time to review the papers.**

Climate change consultation from SHDC. Email 6th Feb. Consultation response due by 31st March.

Resolved: to carry over the discussion and response to the next meeting.

Local Green Space Development Plan email 7th Feb. From SHDC. Extra protection for green spaces in the Plymouth Policy area. Response due by 23rd March. **Resolved: to carry over the discussion and response to the next meeting.**

The report was received.

0220/5 CHAIR'S REPORT

20th February 2020

Slapton Line Partnership/PC Meeting on 3rd February at Slapton. Helen and I attended and Helen took meeting notes of Peter Chamberlain's statement.

Julian Brazil has called a meeting of the Coleridge Association on the 26th February for 7pm at Stokenham Village Hall. There are two items on the agenda being the Slapton War Memorial and The Climate Change Action Plan. Everyone is welcome including any members of parish groups who might be interested in either of these topics. Please pass the information on to as many as possible. Thank you, Julian.

Maintenance. As a matter of interest there were some quite large branches fallen in the road just above Strete Gate earlier this week. They were from the trees in the area of the War memorial's proposed new home. Nothing was done by the Field Centre to remove them. Rightly or wrongly I considered them a big traffic hazard and in Ian's absence yesterday I asked my maintenance man to cut them up and remove them. I used my car as a temporary shield for him whilst the work was in progress. I used my hazard warning lights and brake lights whilst the engine was running. It took ten minutes at most. Fortunately, the traffic was light but a Number 3 bus did pass by.

Playpark. Helen Hardwicke's report tells us nothing new: the moles are just going about their business making more mole hills. The playpark is in good order despite the appalling weather.

Prideaux/Severns Lane. I have been in contact with Charles Dixon and he kindly forwarded a map showing the ownership of the land by the Strete Estate. Graham has very kindly been working on the provision of security barriers.

GC asked for an update on the proposed helicopter landing pad at Manor Farm. KG explained the fuse boxes were installed and armoured cable already in place. The Devon Air Ambulance Trust has inspected the site and drawn up a specification. Councillors wondered if a planning application could be submitted but KG advised she needed an accurate specification for the dimensions of the landing site before this could be done.

The Chair's report was received.

0220/6 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

0349/20/FUL. Landcombe House TQ6 ORH. Retrospective application for a new access driveway using an existing entrance. The blocking up of the existing entrance and the reduction in size of the existing parking area.

Councillors discussed the application and expressed concerns on the impact of the entrance on the AONB. **It was decided to reply with 'See comment'. The comment reads: 'Whilst we agreed to the original planning application on the House, we did not expect this construction entrance as a permanent feature visible from the coastal footpath with a detrimental impact on the AONB'.**

0158/20/ARC. The Kings Arms Strete TQ6 ORW. Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 4 & 5 of listed building consent 0541/19/LBC. **It was resolved to support the application.**

0012/20/HHO. Turnpike Cottage, Vicarage Lane Strete TQ6 ORN. Householder application for alterations and extension and relocation of oil tank. Councillors discussed the plans and how access to the site would be managed. **It was resolved to object on the basis that there was restricted access to the site and no construction management plan in place.**

Additional discussion. **Alkantara Vicarage Lane TQ6 ORN:** parishioner application to access the Village Green/ Tannen Land to move a hot tub onto their property. The agreement between DCC and Strete Parish Council for management of the Village Green by the Parish Council was consulted. This puts an obligation on the Parish Council [under Clause 3.11 of the Management Agreement]: -

'[The parish council] exercise all reasonable endeavours to prevent anything being done on the Land that may be or become a nuisance or annoyance or cause damage to the County Council or owners or occupiers of neighbouring premises.'

It was resolved the Clerk would write to the applicant and their neighbours to consult with and obtain their confirmation that the application would not result in detriment to them as outlined in Clause 3.11.

0220/7 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

NP Report for PC – February 2020

Correspondence with Mr Dixon has been more frequent over the past month. Following Mr Dixon's request for an extension of the examination of the Plan this was submitted to the Examiner and formally agreed until the end of April 2020.

After considering the positive negotiations to date there is an opportunity until the end of April to determine whether a scheme that is satisfactory to Mr Dixon and the NPG looks likely to succeed. It is not unreasonable to expect that this time should be used as productively as possible before a termination of the plan by the Examiner is requested. The Neighbourhood Plan Group would not reject withdrawing the Plan

from the current Examination process if an appropriate scheme to reflect that development can be accommodated within the whole of CFF site without necessarily including all of the land in the built development could be negotiated. This would require consultation with the community and relevant bodies prior to Regulation 15 submission if this circumstance arose. In consideration of this it is suggested that, prior to undertaking any further rewrites of the Policy or consultation on it, that Mr Dixon arranges a viability appraisal to establish whether there is scope for a negotiated scheme that could be agreed.

SHDC confirmed no objection to the site enlargement being proposed as a precursor to the Viability Assessment as well as the Plan having to return to Regulation 15 and undergo further consultation under Regulation 16 followed by a second Examination.

Mr Dixon commented that SNPG actions have forced costs of a viability study upon the Landowner. In addition, Mr Dixon advised that, if his clients agree to proceed with the viability study, they may not necessarily make it available to SNPG or SHDC if they decide to treat it as confidential.

SHDC have suggested the Viability Team at Plymouth contact Mr Dixon in the hope of finding a way forward with Mr Dixon. They will try and facilitate a conversation/solution to the current impasse at no cost. Apparently, we can assess and control their involvement in any event to ensure costs are not incurred at least in the facilitation phase. We can decide after this is if we want to continue with their services.

The Viability Team at Plymouth have spoken to Mr Dixon who has confirmed that a viability study for CFF has been commissioned with an anticipated completion in three weeks. Mr Dixon has agreed to liaise with the Viability Team at Plymouth on the content of the viability study who will assess its validity against recognised processes used in these circumstances. They have details of all correspondence between Strete Estate, SHDC and SNPG and will provide an update on any negotiations that take place.

The NP report was received.

0220/8 UPDATE ON THE SLAPTON LINE & PLACING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

[This has already been covered in 0220/5.](#)

0220/9 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

Greenspace. The contractor has not been able to work under the inclement weather conditions experienced recently. The contractor was still due to visit and do works on rolling the road down at Prideaux Lane [Severns Cottages] after the 'road race' incident. **This was noted.**

Broadband. The Clerk noted that the broadband contract was due to expire in April 2020. **Resolved: The Clerk would look at what was available and report back to the meeting.**

It was noted that the bus shelter needs new guttering.

0220/10 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

KG (Chair) Playpark. This was covered in 0220/5.

LN Transport and Roads. The Clerk read out a report sent in by LN.

' I don't really have anything to report except that it is so good that there has not been a problem, as far as I am aware, during this terrible weather on the Totnes road. I spoke to Philip Knight's assistant today regarding hedge cutting: they have had a problem with the alternator on their tractor but should be doing it soon, and he will pass on the message to Philip. I will let you know about the billing for hedge cutting.'

Councillors briefly discussed the state of the hedges and whether hedge cutting was being done. They also acknowledged the information sent, via the Clerk, to all from DCC Highways which outlined the responsibilities of councils and land owners for drains. Road sweeping was raised again and whether sweeping was being done on the A379 and in the village. RC had circulated some names of contractors who could quote for the work in January.

DR Health and Safety. DR advised he is registered as the snow warden. He has checked the grit bins and needs to check the salt stores are sufficient. DCC will replenish these on request at no cost. The defibrillator is checked regularly. He needs to upload an official post code for GPS and will use that of the Post Office.

IC Rights of Way, tree warden and Strete Gate. IC was absent. KG noted she had kept an eye on Strete Gate in IC's absence.

RC Planning and Neighbourhood Plan. RC had nothing to add.

PH The VAS sign and local transport liaison. PH noted there was nothing to add on the VAS sign. He informed the meeting of a meeting with Stagecoach in Exeter next week and asked for any items for that meeting. For example, the initiative to get a bus service to the Torbay Hospital might be raised. Stagecoach had cited £300k to provide a regular service to Torbay Hospital and the Willows. It was thought the most likely outcome would be an on-demand service to take people to the hospital. PH also asked if there were any concerns with the No 3 bus route which runs through the village to Dartmouth and Plymouth.

GC Village Green. GC picked up on the broken swing gate at the Village Green [raised 0120/10]. He will ask the Ellis's to quote and DR will approach Phil Cruse to see if he can quote for the work. GC also gave an update on the planned works to put in barriers on Prideaux Lane. The Public Rights of Way Warden [Paul McFadden] had asked by email on 13th February that the parish council confirm an agreement on the works and future arrangements on Prideaux Lane. Councillors had seen this email and noted their agreement. **Resolved: The Clerk reply to Paul McFadden to**

confirm the council's acceptance of the terms in his email of 13th February.

Paul McFadden also requested that keys be available to users of the lane. **It was resolved the Clerk would hold a set of keys for users to borrow.** GC also noted the complexities of insurance cover and questioned whether this was always necessary if say a working party was convened to do minor ad hoc works. **Resolved: The Clerk would consult the insurer on whether temporary extra cover was available for working parties to do works in the parish.**

0220/11(a) FINANCE

The Clerk supplied the meeting with a list of cheques for payment.

1695 – Mr J Gilbert. Hedge cutting and clearing the road with a blower £435 plus VAT.	1696- Strete Parish Hall hire January £30.
1697- Clerk salary February £249.	1698 – Kingsbridge Websites annual hosting package of website for Strete £60.
1699 – Information Commissioner's Office annual compliance fee £40. Reimbursement to Clerk for payment on card.	

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

0220/11(b) FINANCE

A monitoring report for the year to January 2020 had been circulated already along with a cashflow projection. The latest projection of 2019/20 to the end of March 2020 gives CR 3,528.23. It was agreed the latest monitoring should be published on the noticeboards. **Resolved the Clerk would provide the monitoring statements for the boards and website.**

0220/11(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £6,361.33CR Current account at 10/02/20, £10,290.59CR Business Reserve account at 10/02/20.

0220/11 (d) FINANCE.

Precept. The budget set for 2020/21 was discussed in detail. A budget that outlined works and activities for 2020/21 put together by RC had been circulated prior to the meeting. PH noted he was struggling to justify the precept of £13,000. RC commented the parish was taking on a number of activities such as the work on buddle holes,

road sweepers and extra gully sucking. DR suggested a programme of works that parish was taking on be published regularly so parishioners could see what was going on. **Resolved: The Clerk update the budget 'in neat' and circulate it.**

Councillors then discussed Climate Change and possible initiatives. These might include mini energy plants for local communities, solar/water-based energy, and the planting of grass rather than trees as grass was known to absorb more carbon than trees. PH had experience of windfarms and community benefit funds from when he lived in Scotland. **Resolved: The Clerk to send round information from her course in January which covered Climate Change.**

0220/12 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence as listed on the agenda was noted.

0220/13 REPORTS

Councillors were asked if there was anything else to add. GC asked if there was any progress on the steps down to the beach. This had been ongoing over 18 months. KG said she would chase RF again on this. GC and RC will get costings for work to reinstate the steps and report back to the meeting. PH asked for Climate Change to be a standing item on the agenda. GC suggested Jeremy Swainston might be a good reference for green initiatives. GC also asked about a donation to the Citizens Advice Bureau [raised 0120/10]. This is budgeted for 2020/21.

0220/14 THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2020 IN STRETE PARISH HALL AT 7.00 PM.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED at 9.25 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Kate Gill (Chair)

Dated: 19 MARCH 2020

ACTION POINTS:

Clerk: to raise an order for the sum advised for the confidential waste disposal; to contact the monumental mason and organise works; to invite the P3 officer to the next meeting on 19th March to make a presentation on the scheme; Re Al-kantara: to write to the applicant and their neighbours to consult with and obtain their confirmation that the application would not result in detriment to them as outlined in Clause 3.11; to look at what was available for Broadband and report back to the meeting; to hold a set of keys for users on Prideaux Lane to borrow; to consult the insurer on whether temporary extra cover was available for working parties to do works in the parish; to provide the monitoring statements for the boards and website; to update the budget 'in neat' and circulate it; to send round information from her course in January which covered Climate Change; to reply to Paul McFadden to confirm the council's acceptance of the terms in his email of 13th February. KG: to chase RF on the matter of the steps at Strete Gate. RC/GC: to obtain costings for work to reinstate the steps at Strete Gate and report back to the council.



The latest on The Kings Arms at Strete

Starting any business is demanding but the last few weeks has thrown even the most experienced business people. When Dave asked us to write something for Stretewise we had a reasonably clear view of things. But then Coronavirus struck. Now there is so much uncertainty but I thought I could start by trying to answer the questions we are most often asked.

What type of pub is it going to be?

We strongly believe it should be more of a village pub and obviously it needs more stability to build momentum. But pubs are changing. We've been looking around the country at the new ways of making village pubs successful. You can't only rely on drinking trade anymore, and the ones that do well play a more central role in the everyday life of the local community. They get used as a meeting place for different groups to come together, and at different times of day. People have mentioned a walking group, a gardeners club, knit and natter, open mike nights, cyclists breakfasts, flower arranging and willow weaving. The list goes on. These are exactly the kind of things we'd love to encourage. Ultimately a good village pub is a place where people feel at home, with a sense of ownership, and are proactive in the way they use it.

What will the basic offer be?

To put an end to this open/close cycle that has gone on, the pub needs to appeal across the board, it needs different income streams, and it needs to have the loyal active support of the locals - as well as making the most of the summer trade. Obviously a good pub for a pint or a glass of wine. Good quality, accessible food, for all age groups. To cater for the different groups mentioned above, we might develop the daytime offer differently, so we might experiment with more of a café offering by day. Tied together by a year round activities' calendar, in a more cosy, relaxed environment, making the most of that beautiful view to the coast and the sea.

What is the current status?

As it stands, the honest answer is: hard to say. We had planned to open for Easter. We had a manger lined up and we were close to making the kitchen operational when the coronavirus struck. Charlie then had to focus on his existing business at Bayards Cove. Then pubs closed across the country. And now we're doing home schooling! I'm not a publican so I'm looking for help and talking to various people. Let's see where we get to in the coming weeks before committing to a timeline. But, if we can get the stars to align, it shouldn't be too long before the pub is open and serving the community.

Children's Hospice SW Events

The 17th annual Dartmouth Art & Craft Weekend takes place on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June from 10am to 4pm daily. An interesting and fun weekend with around 40 artists and craft workers in the beautiful setting of Royal Avenue Gardens in Dartmouth. Children's activities plus entertainment from a wide range of musical and dance performers, with teas, homemade cakes and snacks provided by Children's Hospice volunteers and supporters. Pitches for artists and craft workers to display/sell their work are £70 for the two days; a gazebo will be required.

Contact - Artist bookings: Iain McCall: Tel: 01803 832258, Email: iain.mccall1940@gmail.com General enquiries: Sue Tweed Tel: 01803 770730, Email: tweed833@btinternet.com

All funds raised from all our events will help Children's Hospice South West to provide specialist care and support for over 500 families with life-limited children in the South West – making the most of short and precious lives. For more details of our Friends Group or CHSW, contact Sue Tweed, contact details as above.

Charitable Ladies Events

Stoke Fleming Charitable Ladies' Summer Fair on 11th July. The group meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month (except January and August) to organise three local fundraising events each year. New members from Stoke Fleming and surrounding areas would be most welcome. Contact: Sue Tweed (Secretary) on 01803 770730 or tweed833@btinternet.com for more information.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Schools in the UK are to shut from Friday 20th March until further notice as a response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Schools will close except for looking after the children of keyworkers and vulnerable children. Nurseries, private schools and sixth forms are also being told to follow the guidance to close their doors.

Non-essential travel

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) now advises British people against all non-essential travel worldwide. This advice takes effect immediately and applies initially for a period of 30 days.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to unprecedented international border closures and other restrictions. All countries may restrict travel without notice.



School Term Dates 2020-21 Academic Year

	Mar-2020						
Monday	2	9	16	23	30		
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	31		
Wednesday	4	11	18	25			
Thursday	5	12	19	26			
Friday	6	13	20	27			
Saturday	7	14	21	28			
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29		

	Apr-2020						
	6	13	20	27			
	7	14	21	28			
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5	12	19	26				

	May-2020						
	4	11	18	25			
	5	12	19	26			
	6	13	20	27			
	7	14	21	28			
1	8	15	22	29			
2	9	16	23	30			
3	10	17	24	31			

	Jun-2020						
Monday	1	8	15	22	29		
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30		
Wednesday	3	10	17	24			
Thursday	4	11	18	25			
Friday	5	12	19	26			
Saturday	6	13	20	27			
Sunday	7	14	21	28			

	Jul-2020						
	6	13	20	27			
	7	14	21	28			
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2	9	16	23	30			
3	10	17	24	31			
4	11	18	25	1			
5	12	19	26	2			

	Aug-2020						
	3	10	17	24	31		
	4	11	18	25			
	5	12	19	26			
	6	13	20	27			
	7	14	21	28			
	8	15	22	29			
	9	16	23	30			

	Sep-2020						
Monday	7	14	21	28			
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29		
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30		
Thursday	3	10	17	24			
Friday	4	11	18	25			
Saturday	5	12	19	26			
Sunday	6	13	20	27			

	Oct-2020						
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3	10	17	24	31			
4	11	18	25	1			

	Nov-2020						
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	4	11	18	25			
	5	12	19	26			
	6	13	20	27			
	7	14	21	28			
	8	15	22	29			

	Dec-2020						
Monday	7	14	21	28			
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29		
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30		
Thursday	3	10	17	24	31		
Friday	4	11	18	25			
Saturday	5	12	19	26			
Sunday	6	13	20	27			

	Jan-2021						
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	5	12	19	26			
	6	13	20	27			
	7	14	21	28			
1	8	15	22	29			
2	9	16	23	30			
3	10	17	24	31			

	Feb-2021						
	1	8	15	22			
	2	9	16	23			
	3	10	17	24			
	4	11	18	25			
	5	12	19	26			
	6	13	20	27			
	7	14	21	28			



School Holidays	
Bank Holidays	8
Twilighted Training Days	1
Non-pupil days	4
Occasional days 26th and 27th July	2

3 Dartmouth towards Plymouth

MONDAYS to FRIDAYS except Bank Holidays

Service No.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Dartmouth Pontoon	0510	0615	0730	0730	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1715					
Dartmouth Academy	0523	0628	0743	0743	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1545	1728					
Stoke Fleming	0527	0632	0747	0747	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	1549	1732					
Blackpool Sands	0532	0637	0752	0752	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1554	1737					
Strete Kings Arms	0539	0644	0759	0759	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	1601	1744					
Slapton Bridge	0542	0647	0802	0802	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	1604	1747					
Torcross Stores	0547	0652	0807	0807	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	1609	1752					
Carehouse Cross	0551	0656	0811	0811	1011	1111	1211	1311	1411	1511	1613	1756					
Chillington Post Office	0555	0700	0815	0815	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1617	1800					
Frogmore Bridge	0600	0705	0820	0820	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1622	1805					
West Charleton Village Hall	0610	0715	0832	0832	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532	1634	1818					
Kingsbridge Bus Station arr	0836	0836	0836	0836	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1645	1825	1940			
Kingsbridge College when open	0615	0720	0840	0840	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1548	1653	1833	1948			
Kingsbridge Bus Station dep	0623	0728	0848	0848	0956	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1556	1701	1841	1956			
Churchstow Post Office	0631	0736	0856	0856	1003	1103	1203	1303	1403	1503	1603	1708	1848	2003			
Aveton Gifford Post Office	0638	0743	0903	0903	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	1608	1713	1853	2008			
Harraton Cross	0643	0748	0908	0908	1019	1119	1219	1319	1419	1519	1619	1724	1904	2019			
Modbury Post Office	0654	0759	0919	0919	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1625	1730	1910	2025			
Yealton Volunteer Inn	0700	0805	0925	0925	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1735	1915	2030			
Brixton Post Office	0705	0810	0930	0930	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1535	1635	1740	1920	2035			
Elburton Inn	0713	0821	0941	0941	1041	1141	1241	1341	1441	1541	1641	1746	1926	2041			
Plymstock Broadway CoOp	0720	0835	0953	0953	1053	1153	1253	1353	1453	1553	1653	1758	1935	2050			
Morley Arms																	
Plymouth Royal Parade A1																	

school days only

SATURDAYS

Service No.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Dartmouth Pontoon	0510	0730	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1715							
Stoke Fleming	0523	0743	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1545	1728							
Blackpool Sands	0527	0747	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	1549	1732							
Strete Kings Arms	0532	0752	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1554	1737							
Slapton Bridge	0539	0759	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	1601	1744							
Torcross Stores	0542	0802	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	1604	1747							
Carehouse Cross	0547	0807	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	1609	1752							
Chillington Post Office	0551	0811	1011	1111	1211	1311	1411	1511	1613	1756							
Frogmore Bridge	0555	0815	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1617	1800							
West Charleton Village Hall	0600	0820	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1622	1805							
Kingsbridge Bus Station arr	0610	0832	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532	1634	1818							
Kingsbridge Bus Station dep	0615	0840	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1645	1825	1940						
Churchstow Post Office	0623	0848	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1548	1653	1833	1948						
Aveton Gifford Post Office	0631	0856	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1556	1701	1841	1956						
Harraton Cross	0638	0903	1103	1203	1303	1403	1503	1603	1708	1848	2003						
Modbury Post Office	0643	0908	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	1608	1713	1853	2008						
Yealton Volunteer Inn	0654	0919	1119	1219	1319	1419	1519	1619	1724	1904	2019						
Brixton Post Office	0700	0925	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1625	1730	1910	2025						
Elburton Inn	0705	0930	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1735	1915	2030						
Plymstock Broadway CoOp	0713	0941	1141	1241	1341	1441	1541	1641	1746	1926	2041						
Morley Arms	0720	0953	1153	1253	1353	1453	1553	1653	1758	1935	2050						
Plymouth Royal Parade A1																	

SUNDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAYS

Service No.	3	3	3
Dartmouth Pontoon	0915	1445	
Stoke Fleming	0927	1457	
Blackpool Sands	0932	1502	
Strete Kings Arms	0937	1507	
Slapton Bridge	0944	1514	
Torcross Stores	0946	1516	
Carehouse Cross	0951	1521	
Chillington Post Office	0954	1524	
Frogmore Bridge	0958	1528	
West Charleton Village Hall	1004	1534	
Kingsbridge Bus Station arr	1010	1540	



3 Plymouth towards Dartmouth

MONDAYS to FRIDAYS except Bank Holidays												
Service No.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Plymouth	0625	0725	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1410	1515	1615	1715	1815
Royal Parade A11	0635	0735	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1420	1525	1625	1725	1825
Sugar Mill	0640	0740	0916	1016	1116	1216	1316	1426	1531	1631	1731	1831
Broadway East	0645	0745	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1431	1536	1636	1736	1836
Elburton Inn	0651	0751	0927	1027	1127	1227	1327	1437	1542	1642	1742	1842
Brixton Post Office	0656	0756	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1442	1547	1647	1747	1847
Yealmpston Post Office	0706	0806	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1453	1558	1658	1758	1858
Modbury Post Office	0711	0811	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1458	1603	1703	1803	1903
Harraton Cross	0718	0818	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1505	1610	1710	1810	1910
Aveton Gifford Post Office	0725	0825	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1512	1617	1717	1817	1917
Churchstow Post Office	0738	0837	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1525	1630	1730	1830	1930
Kingsbridge Bus Station arr	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844
Kingsbridge College when open	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844
Kingsbridge Bus Station dep	0745	0850	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1535	1535	1635	1735	1835
West Charlton Village Hall	0751	0858	1028	1128	1228	1328	1428	1543	1543	1643	1743	1843
Frogmore Bridge	0757	0903	1033	1133	1233	1333	1433	1548	1548	1648	1748	1848
Chillington Post Office	0802	0907	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1552	1552	1652	1752	1852
Carehouse Cross	0808	0911	1041	1141	1241	1341	1441	1556	1556	1656	1756	1856
Torcross Stores	0813	0916	1046	1146	1246	1346	1446	1604	1604	1704	1804	1904
Slapton Turn	0815	0919	1049	1149	1249	1349	1449	1607	1607	1704	1804	1904
Strete Kings Arms	0822	0926	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1614	1614	1711	1811	1911
Blackpool Sands	0827	0931	1101	1201	1301	1401	1501	1619	1619	1716	1816	1916
Stoke Fleming	0832	0935	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1623	1623	1720	1820	1920
Dartmouth Academy	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836
Dartmouth Pontoon	0851	0953	1123	1223	1323	1423	1523	1645	1645	1738	1838	1935

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SATURDAYS												
Service No.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Plymouth	0625	0725	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1410	1515	1615	1715	1815
Royal Parade A11	0635	0735	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1420	1525	1625	1725	1825
Sugar Mill	0640	0740	0916	1016	1116	1216	1316	1426	1531	1631	1731	1831
Broadway East	0645	0745	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1431	1536	1636	1736	1836
Elburton Inn	0651	0751	0927	1027	1127	1227	1327	1437	1542	1642	1742	1842
Brixton Post Office	0656	0756	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1442	1547	1647	1747	1847
Yealmpston Post Office	0706	0806	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1453	1558	1658	1758	1858
Modbury Post Office	0711	0811	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1458	1603	1703	1803	1903
Harraton Cross	0718	0818	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1505	1610	1710	1810	1910
Aveton Gifford Post Office	0725	0825	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1512	1617	1717	1817	1917
Churchstow Post Office	0738	0838	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1525	1630	1730	1830	1930
Kingsbridge Bus Station arr	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844
Kingsbridge Bus Station dep	0745	0850	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1535	1535	1635	1735	1835
West Charlton Village Hall	0751	0858	1028	1128	1228	1328	1428	1543	1543	1643	1743	1843
Frogmore Bridge	0757	0903	1033	1133	1233	1333	1433	1548	1548	1648	1748	1848
Chillington Post Office	0802	0907	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1552	1552	1652	1752	1852
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Dartmouth Academy	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836
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SUNDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAYS

Service No.

Kingsbridge Bus Station dep	1315	1755
West Charlton Village Hall	1321	1801
Frogmore Bridge	1327	1807
Chillington Post Office	1331	1811
Carehouse Cross	1334	1814
Torcross Stores	1339	1819
Slapton Turn	1341	1821
Strete Kings Arms	1348	1828
Blackpool Sands	1353	1833
Stoke Fleming	1358	1838
Dartmouth Pontoon	1410	1850



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Across 1: Deepen 3: Dexter 9: Fjord 10: Abandon 11: Teal 14: Piece 16: Eros

18: Ace 19: Daub 20: Strum 23: Edam 25: Elitist 26: Agile 28: Fennel 29: Pandit

Down 1: Decamp 2: Enrage 4: Elf 5: Troy 6: Radius 7: Idle 8: Enticement 12: Lent

15: Cube 19: Decaff 20: Stigma 21: Reined 22. Mutant 24: Kiln 27: Eve

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