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and a
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Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

There is a full diary of events leading up to Christmas including the Strete Christmas Party in the Parish Hall, St Michael's Church Coffee Morning look out for posters for the venue St Michael's Church Carol Service and St Michael's Church Christmas Day Service. Also included are a list of events from Dartmouth Walk & Talk and The Probus Club.

We also take the opportunity to appreciate and celebrate Andy and Monica's Strete Post Office and Stores, the essential hub of the village, and an artisan Emma, (Emma's Soap) living and work in the village creating hand crafted soaps which are Pure & Natural with no artificial ingredient's.

Emma's Soap, Totnes Cross Garage and Distinctly Living are offering Stretewise readers generous and much appreciated discounts for the festive season, See the promotion codes to take advantage of these discounts.

Inserted in this magazine is a subscription form for 2020 which will be payment for six copies of Stretewise Volume 29. The magazine is run as a non profit venture and your valued support through subscribing helps to pay for print and running costs. Please complete the form and hand your £4 subscription to your distributor or the Strete shop to ensure you receive your 2020 copies of Stretewise. Thank you.

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 to 27 Start Bay Park, Strete, TQ6 0RY. Please include your full contact details with all entries.

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. To enter please email your image to stretewise@outlook.com, or deliver prints to the editor Stretewise Strete Devon TQ6 0RY.

Rule 7. Prints should be no smaller than postcard size, Digital Images should be no smaller than 800KB no larger than



A different sort of Advent calendar

St. Michael's Church

Advent Calendar



Dear friends,

You've been so generous over past years and I hope you'll join in with this again- Instead of opening a window on an Advent calendar and eating a chocolate, we can give an item of food or toiletries each day and place them in a special box at the back of church. Many people in our communities' struggle with purchasing everyday essentials and as Christmas and school holidays approach, it gets even harder. There is a theme each week to what you might give.

Week One (1st - 7th December)

Psalm 51 verse 10

'Create in me a clean heart , O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me'
(Gifts of soap, shower gel, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, toothbrush, shampoo, washing powder, washing up liquid)

Week Two (8th - 14th December)

Psalm 34. verse 8

'Come, taste and see that the Lord is good'
(Gifts of beans, corned beef, tinned tomatoes, tinned tuna, pasta, soup, rice)

Week Three (15th - 21st December)

John 4. verse 14

Jesus said 'whoever drinks of the water I give, will never thirst '
(Gifts of squash, tea, coffee, long life milk, cocoa, drinking chocolate, juices, sugar)
NO ALCOHOL please

Week Four (22nd - 24th December)

Proverbs 16. verse 24

'Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones'
(Gifts of rice pudding, custard, jelly, chocolates, sweets, biscuits, puddings, cake)

Any gifts brought to church will be distributed to our local food banks before Christmas.

Thank you in advance! **Rev'd Alison.**



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.

"The clock has stopped"

St. Michael's Church clock has stopped working. The people who service the clock (who are based in Derbyshire) have been notified and they will get the clock running again as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, the weather forecast does not bode well for the alternative technology.



The Rectory, Stoke Fleming.

Dear friends,

I'd like to share some musings with you. Things I'm going to try this Advent, this Christmas and into 2020. The thoughts come from a couple of vicars who came up with 4 ideas. **WORSHIP FULLY - SPEND LESS - GIVE MORE - LOVE ALL**

To guide themselves, their families and their churches through such a busy, intensive and often stressful time.

So here goes - a radical idea maybe, but for me, and millions across our world, Christmas begins and continues with

WORSHIP

So why not come to one of our Carol services, Christingles and quieter services enjoy the season fully.

SPEND LESS

Across the wealthier parts of our world, mindless consumption really isn't the best way to celebrate Christmas., but spending less doesn't mean spending nothing- we can just be thoughtful about where we spend. And shop local !

GIVE MORE

The best presents celebrate relationships and love and so need loving thought, don't they ? We think about the other person, who they are and what they care about.

LOVE ALL

As the year comes to an end and yet another begins, we could move closer to those in crisis. Can we try to reach out to the poor and hurting of our world ?

I'd be really interested to know what readers think and do ?

**Every blessing, a blessed Advent,
Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all,**

Rev'd Alison

(As we are encouraged into a year long consumer frenzy, merging and overlapping one reason or another to spend. I agree with Malcom Hollis: "My kids keep laughing at my confusion but they won't be laughing at Christmas when there are no eggs under the bonfire")

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. The local congregation is augmented by holidaymakers, many of whom are regulars. We have our annual Christmas Carol service on December 22nd with a short Christmas Day service from 10.15am.

The Chapel hosts 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. The time of our Morning Family Services is normally 11.00 am. There is also a bible study on Wednesdays 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 to 9.30 on Saturday 14th December at the Hall. There is no charge and it is an opportunity for men in the area to meet together and share their stories. This time we will meet and eat and then go to the Naval College for a tour kindly arranged by Nicky Cullen who lives in Strete and is an officer at BRNC. 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.

every Thursday from 6.30-7.30pm

Why not join us at Strete Chapel for...

Young Searchers

Crafts

Stories from the Bible

Sing songs

Quizzes

Play games

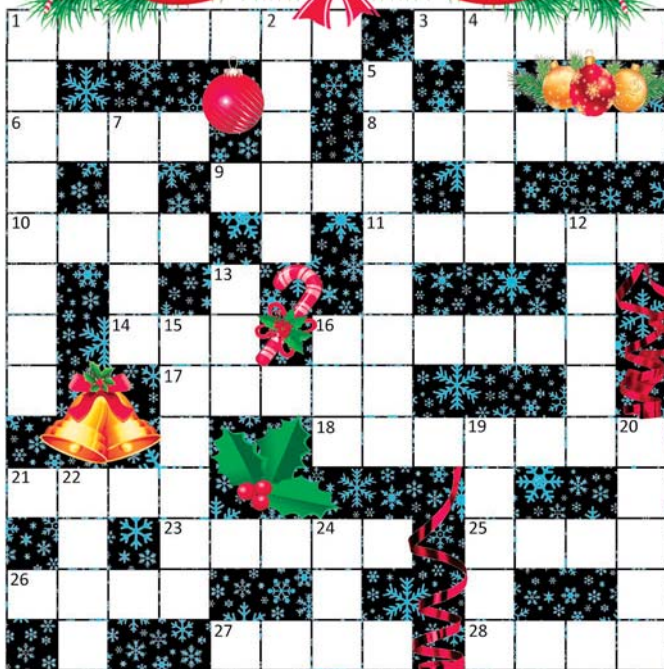
and lots of FUN!

We have a Family Service every Sunday morning at 11am. On the first Sunday in the month the service is followed by lunch. Everyone welcome! If you would like to know more, please contact Gill Harris on 01803 770256

Stretewise Christmas Crossword



Solution on page 68



Across: 1. A hot, mulled punch often associated with Yuletide.

3. Benevolent celestial being. 6. Types of beers brewed using a warm fermentation method.

8. Essential to identify presents. 9. Sit here to ask Santa for presents.

10. There not just for Christmas. 11. Santa's preferred mode of transport.

14. Motor rescue service. 16. Tree decoration. 17. The number of swans a-swimming.

18. Appears not to change. 21. Appears in the sky of the nativity story.

23. A type of monastery used by members of a religious order.

25. Do this to the Christmas pudding and making a special wish.

26. Spoken rather than written. 27. Animal in the nativity scene.

28. Comprises of individual ice crystals that grow while suspended in the atmosphere.

Down: 1. Used to decorate presents. 2. A mixture of sugar with water and egg white.

4. Someone with high or elevated character. 5. A special favour, mercy, or benefit

7. To go or come in. 12. Collections of cartoons that have been produced annually since 1946. 13. The solid form of water. 16. Beverage commonly prepared by pouring hot or boiling water over cured leaves. 19. Needed to organise Christmas.

20. Bedding in the nativity. 22. Pastry based dessert. 24. Before Christmas Day.

Christmas Questions?

1: How many mince pies are sold in the UK annually?

2: The number of Turkeys cooked in the UK every Xmas ?

3: If you gave all the gifts listed in Twelve Days of Christmas, it would equal how many?



As we enter the season of celebration what better time to appreciate our Strete Post Office and Stores.

Andy and Monica's emporium of gastronomic and epicurean delights include a wide selection of produce and goods from the basics to the sublime. There are not many small villages that can boast a shop that can offer anything from saffron for your Paellas, bolts for your garden gate, individual batteries for your watch, a wider range of greetings cards and wrapping papers than larger outlets, quality food and drink and much more.



Andy recommends

Lovage Cordial a secret recipe hailing from Bristol's oldest wine merchant, Phillips of Bristol established in 1739.

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Lovage also known as sea parsley.

The leaves and stem of the lovage plant add an intense celery-like flavour to soups, stews and stocks or pork and poultry dishes.

It can also be used to enhance the flavour of potato dishes.

Jason

Contributed by Malcom Hollis

Jason was an ancient Greek mythological hero and leader of the Argonauts, whose quest for the Golden Fleece featured in Greek literature. But my story is less about Greek heroes than it is about the Royal Naval College at Greenwich. The building was built between 1696 and 1712 to the design of Christopher Wren and was the former seaman's hospital known as Greenwich Hospital and became the Royal Naval College. It was a Royal Navy training establishment between 1873 and 1998, providing courses for naval officers, and was also home to the Royal Navy's staff college, which provided advanced training for officers. The building is Grade 1 listed.

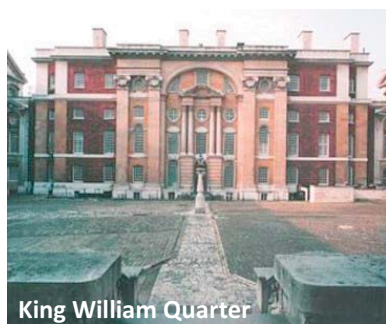


Christopher Wren

The King William Building is a Scheduled Ancient Monument with World Heritage Site status and is situated about a mile from the Greenwich Dome and a short distance from the Cutty Sark. And it was here that life became quite exciting. JASON was one of very few nuclear reactors operating within a major population centre – and undoubtedly the only one installed in a 17th-century building. (Greenwich had declared itself a nuclear free zone, but probably was not aware of the presence of the reactor, which was itself a secret). The reactor was installed in 1962 and was in use until 1996, shortly before the building was sold to the University of Greenwich in 1998 where it is now home to their Business School and the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Its control systems were used to train nuclear submarine officers. Jason had an output of only 10kW maximum power. It had used an enriched-uranium fuel, water moderated and cooled, and graphite reflected system.

It was second hand when installed at RNC in 1962, whoever knew that you could purchase second hand nuclear reactors?

The reactor was housed in concrete cladding on a steel frame. The fuel was 80% enriched uranium, arranged in the form of flat aluminium/uranium alloy plates clad in aluminium. This was the first time that the MoD(N) had completely decommissioned a shore-based reactor. Subsequently the site was handed over for civilian occupancy and unrestricted future use. The first physical stage in the programme called Post-Operational Clear Out, involved disabling the reactor and removing particular operational equipment and was completed by June 1998.



King William Quarter

The rest of the programme consisted of fuel removal, reactor dismantling, waste removal, site survey and clean up and the final radiological clearance of the site by the Environment Agency, which was achieved on 4 November 1999.

Life is curious in what it can throw in your direction.

There will be few of my colleagues (Chartered Surveyors) who have been involved with the decommissioning and removal of a nuclear reactor, but I have glowed (with what I hope was pride) ever since.

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no artificial ingredient's

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wrapped in Organic fair trade cotton

I started making soap out of necessity back in 2010, just could not find anything I was happy to use on mine or my daughters skin. The secret to Emma's Soap is the ingredients, your skin is the largest organ in your body, protecting everything on the inside, this semi permeable organ needs taking care of not fed with chemically laden products, but instead natural oils of the best quality, extra virgin, unrefined, organic oils and butters. Always considering the global environment consequence of production and harvest. Soap without petrochemicals, foaming agents, preservatives, artificial fragrances or even colours. Just a bar of soap that feeds your skin and does not damage the environment.



Emma trades at Totnes Pannier Market most Fridays 9am till 3pm. Its always worth contacting Emma, to see if she will be at the market.

One of the many reason for starting my business was Palm Oil, its in everything, why? because its cheap, however the mass environmental destruction that is cause to grow it far out weighs the cost furthermore in my research the sustainability is completely contrived and its not actually that great for your skin.

Then there was the packaging to consider, another product on the market, more paper, more plastic. How can one present a product beautifully producing zero waste, I chose Organic fair-trade cotton, Organic for the health and safety to the



cotton pickers, fair trade means a fair wage to all producing it, cotton as it can be re-used, everyone needs a rag, patch your jeans, shine your shoes, top jam's and chutneys make a patchwork. just as long as nothing goes into the landfill bin. 2019 in my opinion was a historic year in public mindset, thanks to award winning documentaries, social media, travel and humanitarians like David Attenborough we all learnt about the consequential damage we all individually contribute in our consumerism, many have wanted to make changes, such as the plastic free movement. Consequently I have had an increase in Soap sales as it is becoming common knowledge that all you need is a simple bar of soap, it does everything, I wash my body, face, hair and even our cloths with it.

I am Emma from Emma's Soap, I have lived in Strete for 20 years and I make soap from natural ecological oils with zero landfill waste from the packaging.

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17TH DECEMBER

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ALL WELCOME

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Strete Short Mat Bowling Club

Bryan Seymour, 30 years of dedicated service.

After over 30 years of dedicated service to Strete Short Mat Bowling Club Bryan Seymour is finally taking a well-earned rest.

Bryan, one of the founder members of the club, has in his time taken almost every office with-in the club and has without exaggeration been the mainstay of the club over recent years.

As the current chairman Tony Andrew said at the presentation all of us here tonight owe Bryan a debt of gratitude, as without his continued support and promotion of the club over the years, we would simply not be in existence today.

Bryan is seen below receiving his retirement gift from the chairman surrounded by the members at a recent Monday evening.

Following the presentation Bryan stayed to watch the members on their practice evening and in his normal considerate way also made the tea at half time.

Bryan, who on his day was also a formidable player, will be sorely missed by not only the club, but also by many of the other players around the South hams, as he was well known and respected throughout.



Stretewise - Events

Strete Parish Hall is available to all 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.



Community Insight Survey (2019)

Devon County Council covers a wide range of statutory and public services including adult learning, economic development, highways and traffic management, public health, public rights of way, safeguarding and social care for children and adults, school admissions and support, registrars and recycling centres. The results will be shared across services and used to inform budget decisions and how services are provided in future. They want to know to what extent you agree with the statements in the Survey. If you can't answer a question, leave it blank and move to the next question, but please try to answer as many as you can. Please respond by 22nd December 2019.

Maybe an easier way to find the form would be a help. Yes this really is the web address.

The survey can be filled in online at https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gzehjWjLP0S7S5I_d_1b-3k2zoamfoJKgcKfgFq7GXBUQ0IXOFI1MVIPQkQ3N1Q0NUZPWF1R1VENy4u

An advertisement for a yoga class. The background is a soft-focus image of a person's hand in a yoga mudra. The text is centered and reads: 'NEW VINYASA FLOW YOGA CLASS' at the top, followed by a logo for 'LEANNE ROBERTS YOGA' which features a stylized figure in a yoga pose. Below the logo, it says 'EVERY TUESDAY AT STRETE PARISH HALL', 'STARTING 3RD SEPTEMBER', and '7.15PM - 8.15PM'. At the bottom, it says 'PLEASE MESSAGE ME TO BOOK YOUR SPACE.' and 'WWW.LEANNEROBERTSYOGA.CO.UK'.

Public Transport to Torbay Hospital

Contributed by Tony Crawford

The question of how to get Dartmouth and District walking patients to Torbay Hospital in time for appointments, using the quickest and most convenient form of transport, has been asked by many people over the past twenty-five years to my knowledge, and has not yet been answered.

The best suggestion would be to use the Higher Ferry with either a shuttle bus to link up with the Stage Coach 12 or 12a Brixham to Newton Abbot service, which incidentally is rated one of the best in this Country, and which travels to the outskirts of the Hospital Grounds every ten minutes. or introduce a mini-bus service from The Embankment to Torquay Seafront where the 35c service runs to the main hospital entrance frequently throughout the day.

Something needs to be done urgently as the problem has increased dramatically following the closure of Dartmouth Cottage Hospital, and our long suffering residents having to wait such a long time for any likely replacement!



MARIE CURIE LAUNCHES A NEW DEMENTIA BEFRIENDING SERVICE

Marie Curie are launching a new Dementia Befriending service soon covering South Devon and Torbay and are currently recruiting volunteers. We're looking for friendly and reliable volunteers to support people living with dementia, their families and carers. As a volunteer you will take on a number of simple yet crucial tasks that will make a huge difference, this could be in a family's home, a care home or out in the community. You will provide one-to-one companionship and support, offer a listening ear, and spend time engaging in everyday conversation, activities or hobbies with the person you are supporting. We will provide you with all the training you need so you can take on the role confidently. If you can spare a few hours per week and would like to support someone living with dementia please call 0800 304 7400 to find out more about the role and how to apply.



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With great regret we have lost one of the best restaurants in the area. Great Food and Great Service. Run by Ben and Jackie Handley since March 2008. We thank Ben and Jackie and wish them every success in their future ventures.



Christmas Favourites Solution on page 68

Can you identify these Christmas favourites from the pictures below?



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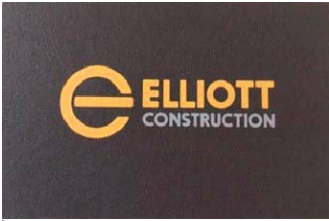
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October - December 2019



Date	Time	Walk level	Location of walk (£=bring money for ferry)	Meeting point
5 th Dec	10.30 or 10.45	3	Stoke Fleming to Blackpool Sands via Pleasant Valley and the SW Coast Path circular	10.30 – no 3 bus from Dartmouth pontoon or 10.45 Deer Park bus stop Stoke Fleming <i>Optional Christmas Lunch after the walk!</i>
12 th Dec	10.00 or 10.20	1 or 2	Paignton to Goodrington via SW Coast Path circular (£)	10.00 – 120 bus from Kingswear Banjo or 10.20 Paignton bus station
19 th Dec	10.30	3	Kingswear circular with estuary and river views (£)	Kingswear railway station
26 th Dec	11.00	1 or 2	Above Old Mill Creek – scenic coastal and river valley views	Dartmouth Leisure Centre, Townstal

Additional Information:

- All walkers are asked to complete a short questionnaire before their first walk, please arrive a few minutes before the walk in order to do this. Light coloured clothing is recommended where walks involve using busy roads.
- Dogs are welcome on the walks. Please clear up after them and ensure they are on a lead at all times.
- Please bring medication with you if required.

For more information about the walks please contact the Dartmouth walks coordinator:
John Salmon on 07570 848446; or email walkandtalk@talktalk.net.

Fancy a change walk&talk

Dartmouth Walk & Talk Coordinator

John Salmon
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We also have walks in....

Ivybridge

Tuesday and Thursday mornings – 10.00a.m.

Kingsbridge

Monday mornings - 9.45a.m.

Wednesday mornings - 10.00a.m.

Wednesday afternoons - 2.00p.m.

Modbury

Tuesday mornings - 10.00am (twice a month)

South Brent

Wednesday mornings – 10.30am

Friday afternoons – 2.30p.m.

Totnes

Monday and Wednesday mornings – 11.00a.m

Levels explained

Level 1

Up to 30 minutes. Suitable for those who do little or no physical activity at all. Using mostly flat, hard surfaced paths with no steep hills or steps, is suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

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Strete Social Club 8th October, contributed by Joan Kendall

The rain stopped just in time for the ladies of the social club to come to the Parish Hall for their fortnightly meeting.

One of our leaders was refreshed after her recent holiday to the Italian Lakes and started the meeting with the usual business. This quickly dealt with our speaker for the afternoon was introduced, Barry Morris of Stoke Fleming who had come along equipped with means of showing us some of his wonderful photographs. I feel if he had had a title it could have been 'Past and Present' as he started the afternoon with a disc, he had made of the damage done to Slapton Line in the storm of 2001. Very interesting was how he had traced the memorial which had been dismantled and taken away, to the Council Yard in Kingsbridge and was allowed to take photographs of it in pieces. (He is the only person that has any photographic record of this, not even the council had the foresight to record this piece of our history and tribute to the villagers who were evacuated for the training on Slapton Beach). Now to the past, another disc was shown of all the old photographs Barry has collected of the various villages in the area. Some of the buildings no longer existing but many still stand and living in them today, some just the same, others have had slight changes.

This was of great interest both to Pam who has lived in Strete all her life and other 'locals' but much appreciated by those who have moved into our village and could see the history of the villages around us. What a change not a car in sight, now as we drive through our area cars parked along the roadside everywhere. We then went to Bowringsleigh, a large house at West Alvington, Kingsbridge to see the grounds of this wonderful mansion, once owned by Miss Ilbert, where Barry had gone to a Fete held in the grounds to raise money for the Children's Hospice.

During our usual cups of tea another disc was put on for us to watch the tree festival held last year at St. Peter's, Stoke Fleming.

Prior to his talk Barry passed around a leather wallet with the Darmouth Crest inscribed on the front, and never been used, for us to guess who this had been presented to. It was now time for us to guess, no one came up with the answer, so Barry said how it was presented to his Uncle who had served in the first world war by the Council of Dartmouth.

His aunt had passed this onto him with the medals belonging to his uncle., again which had never worn. Uncle never ever said that he had been awarded medals for his part in the war. This wallet is much treasured by Barry.

Judy thanked Barry for a very interesting afternoon.



Strete Social Club 22nd October, contributed by Joan Kendall

Our meeting was held in the Parish Hall with Dorothy taking the meeting and dealing with a small amount of business, including distributing the menu for us to select our choice when we hold our Christmas Lunch on 3rd December.

We were treated to a very nice afternoon when Shirley, one of our members, gave us a talk on stitching and embroidery, on display were a variety of cushions that she had made all showing different methods of her craft.

Judy did the vote of thanks after which we enjoyed a short social time whilst tea and biscuits were served.

Visitors are most welcome.



Strete Social Club 5th November, contributed by Joan Kendall

After all the wet and windy weather, it was lovely for us to have a bright but coldish day to walk to our alternate weekly meeting of the Social Club.

Members have been very good at returning their choice of food for our Christmas Luncheon at the New Inn, Hallwell on 3rd December which we are looking forward to. As usual Dorothy dealt with any business and then welcomed our speaker for the afternoon, who had filled in for us at very short notice, Sally Mutton, who lives in the village and runs her business one of which is beauty.

First of all, we were asked if we knew what Reiki is, sadly only one person in the room had heard of it. Reiki is traditional Natural Healing. Sally has just started out and has passed part 1 and nearly completed part 2 of the qualification.

After telling us a little about this method she, with our permission, carried out a ten-minute Chakra Balance Meditation.

All sat on our chairs, closed eyes and relaxed hands, a tape of very relaxing music was playing in the background and a voice was taking us through various points in our body and relating to certain colours. You could have heard a pin drop. On completion of the exercise the room came alive again and one of our members volunteered to let Sally demonstrate on her what she does. Sally also uses this practice on animals to help them with any problems of pain they may have. Judy gave the vote of thanks.



During our social time with our usual tea and biscuits served by Sally Green and Shirley, Joan Kendall read a new poem which she had come across written by Pam Ayres about a Satnav. As always with Pam's poems very amusing.

Our meetings are open to all and you would be made most welcome.

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Engaging Rural Micros

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- a business insight report at the end of the project.
- information on the trial outcomes and future support.
- an invitation to an event at the end of the project, which will be a great networking opportunity for local businesses.

The trial will be based in rural areas of Devon (outside of settlements with a population over 10,000).

If you are a micro business owner, freelancer or sole trader, sign up online at www.engagingruralmicros.com or contact engagingruralmicros@devon.gov.uk before the end of December 2019.

This project is being run by Devon County Council, who has won government funding via **Innovate UK**:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/innovate-uk>

*statistics excluding Exeter

Strete Social Club 19th November, contributed by Joan Kendall

As we were let down by our speaker at the last minute, our Leader had brought along the game of beetle (beetle drive) for us to play.



Seated at tables of four the game began with the frantic shaking of a dice to try to start our beetle with a six to give us the body, this was followed by other numbers representing various parts of the beetle's body and when one person completed their beetle the game stopped.

One of the tables seemed to have all the luck with a member on their table shouting beetle several times. We had about six rounds of this. The total number of points then added up and a prize given to the lady with the highest number.



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The Christmas cracker was invented by London-based confectioner and baker Tom Smith (1823 – 1869) who set up shop in Goswell Road, Clerkenwell in the 1840s. Smith initially produced wedding cakes and sweets. On a trip to Paris he discovered the French 'bon bon', a sugared almond wrapped in a twist of tissue paper. Bonbons proved a hit at Christmas time and to encourage year-round sales, Smith added a small love motto inside the wrapper. The product was a limited success until Tom Smith devised a way to make the cracker “pop” when pulled apart. Inspiration to add the explosive 'pop' was supposedly the outcome of Smith observing the crackling sound of his log fire.



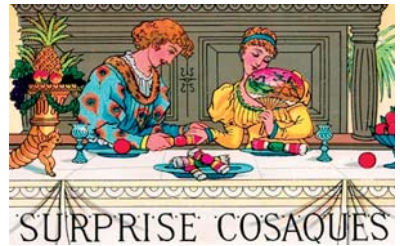
Smith followed up this inspiration with the idea of incorporating a friction activated chemical explosion using the chemical silver fulminate, a compound discovered by the English chemist Edward Charles Howard (1774 – 1816) Smith patented his first cracker device in 1847 and perfected the mechanism in the 1860s. It used two strips of paper layered together, with silver fulminate painted on one and an abrasive surface on the other, when pulled, friction created a small explosion.

Tom Smith Crackers were granted their first Royal Warrant in 1906, and today the Tom Smith brand owned by IG Design Group UK Ltd is still the official supplier of Christmas crackers to the Royal Household .

Crackers for Christmas

Crackers were originally called 'cosaques' and were thought to be named after the 'Cossack' soldiers who had a reputation for riding on their horses and firing guns into the air!

After Tom Smith's death, the expanding cracker business was taken over by his three sons, Tom, Walter and Henry. Walter introduced the hats into crackers and travelling around the world always on the lookout for new ideas for novelties to put in the crackers.



Workers pose with the largest Christmas cracker ever made, at Tom Smith & Co. 1980s



And who could forget the jokes?

Why is a Christmas pudding like the Atlantic Ocean?

Because it is full of currants.

What do snowmen wear on their heads?
Ice caps!

Why couldn't the skeleton go to the Christmas Party?

Because he had no body to go with!

What's yellow and dangerous?
Shark-infested custard!

What wobbles and flies?
A Jelly-copter!

What do snowmen have for breakfast?
Snowflakes

Why are Christmas trees very bad at knitting?

Because they always drop their needles

What do you call a train loaded with toffee?

A chew chew train

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?
A mince spy!

Why did Santa go to the doctor?
Because of his bad "elf"!

What did the sea say to Santa?
Nothing! It just waved!

Crackers for Christmas

Step 1: First enlarge the template opposite on a printer or photocopier to A4. On a sheet of light card attach the template and wrapping paper (face down)



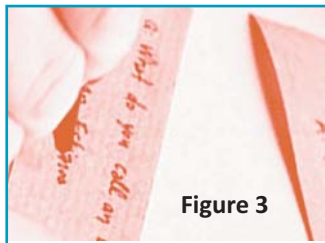
Step 2: Cut out the card and wrapping paper following the template guide. (carefully cut out the two rows of rhombus holes). Remove the template and fold the wrapping paper and card as **Figure 1** folding the rhombus shape inwards and crease well.



Step 3: Fold the two ends of the snapper and glue them down inside the cracker as **Figure 2**.



Step 4: When the snappers are firmly glued in place, fill your crackers with all your selection of novelties, paper hats and jokes. **Figure 3**.



Step 5: When all the crackers are full, roll them up. Close them securely by tucking the central tab into the cut-out slot.

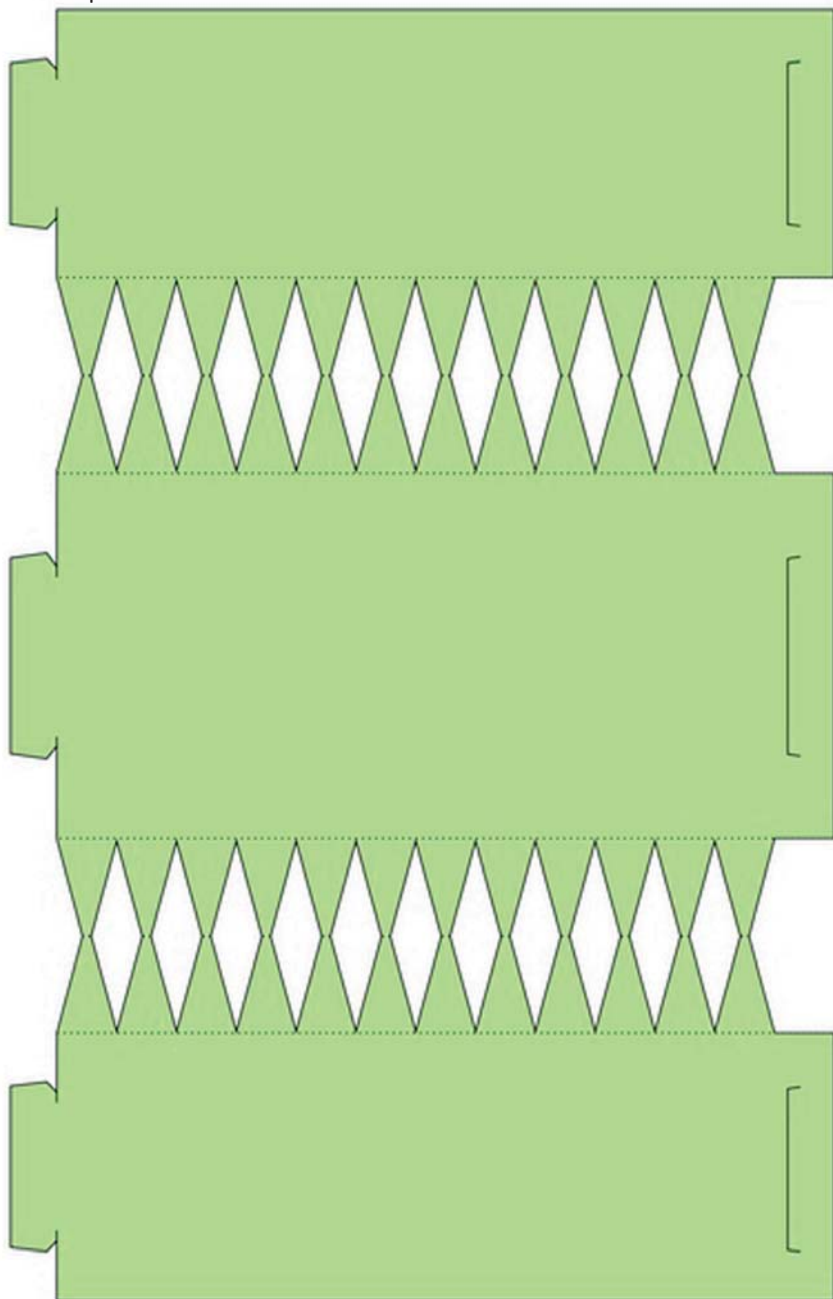
Step 6: Tie the two ends of the cracker with some twine or ribbon.

Figure 4.



Crackers for Christmas

Cracker template





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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

HELD IN STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2019 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 Peter Hales (PH); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC); Cllr Julian Brazil, County Councillor, Kingsbridge Division (JB); Cllr Richard Foss, District Councillor, Allington & Strete Ward (RF) (arrived later); Mrs. Helen Darch – Clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended the meeting.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There is a proposed road closure at Asherne Lodge on the A379 around Christmas. This would probably not be an issue with local people who would be able to divert by Hynetown Road. LN informed the meeting that the closure was to carry out essential drainage works and it is South West Water who decides when to carry out works. Another road closure is taking place in Frogmore in December 2019. Also, to carry out works to drainage and the diversion here is around Totnes Cross.

The recent government budget settlement has seen more funds offered toward education and for Adult social care. However, the means of generating extra monies is through permitted increases in Council Tax rather than Central government grants.

The Slapton Line Partnership [SLP] held six drop-in sessions and longer exhibitions in local libraries during the summer to present their proposals for when the Slapton Line [Line] eventually goes and isn't repaired. JB commented there needs to be preparation for an eventual loss of the road when alternative routes will be used instead. This is the message that needs to be promoted along with support for local business. A possible future for the road as a tourist destination with a focus on nature and outdoor activities was mooted. Car parking would need to be offered at either end of the Line to take up the lost spaces on the Line. One option to build a bridge across the Ley had been discussed in the past but is expensive and requires piles to be driven into the soft soil. IC asked if funding had been sought from the EU and if the proposal had been costed. JB confirmed a study had been done by Plymouth University which put the cost as around £100m.

In the past one suggestion had been to construct a private bridge and levy a toll but that idea had been dropped. Even if cost was not a factor, the idea of building a bridge has now been discounted.

It is possible technology may catch up in time to provide another solution (RC).

The report was received.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The response to the Planning Inspector on Blindwells [3400/18/FUL] was not followed up properly by SHDC. The decision of the Inspector was not known. *Subsequent to the meeting the Inspector issued a ruling in favour of the appellant.*

IC raised the TPO on Blindwells [983] which is still temporary [ends 17th October 2019]. RF said he would support him on this. PH asked about the two applications for Blindwells. The first [3400/18/FUL] is at appeal and the second [1561/19/FUL] had been turned down by SHDC. RF explained that the second application did not comply with the new Joint Local Plan (JLP) [adopted in March 2019]. Also, weight should be given to the location in the AONB and the requirement in this respect [in the National Planning Policy Framework [NPPF]] for a development to be 'conserving or enhancing' [Sections 15 and 16 of the Framework] which this development did not meet.

RF commented on how much weight should be given to the JLP and NPPF in the AONB area.

The multiple planning application at Bowden submitted late July [2304/19/FUL to 2322/19/FUL] was raised. LN provided some feedback from the applicant in response to the Council's comments lodged on the planning portal. Councillor's noted these but still wondered about the width of the road and JB noted Blackawton PC had raised this too.

GC asked about bus routes to Torbay Hospital as the current combination of buses meant long delays and multiple connections. He was concerned at the lack of public transport at the moment to hospitals and he wondered if DCC would support bus routes. JB stated the County Council can offer some financial support but as the routes are privately-owned it is only possible to advise operators on the timetables and routes. If routes are to change this must go to public consultation. The problem is not one that affects many people but it has a big impact on those who rely on public transport.

The report was received.

JB then left the meeting.

0919/1 APOLOGIES – none were received.

0919/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 18 JULY 2019

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

0919/3 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.**

0919/4 CLERK'S REPORT

Playpark and insurance. The Clerk had spoken with BHIB about the proposal by SHDC in their letter to the Council of 6th August to pass on responsibility for insurance and risk assessment on the playpark to the Council. The service provided by SHDC for £200 plus VAT p.a. includes weekly visits by an officer to inspect the site and two visits by the insurer to review the site mainly the equipment which is owned and insured by the Council. The current year [to 31st March 2020] will continue with inspections by SHDC and a bill, falling due, to the Council for £200 plus VAT. BHIB advised they wouldn't increase the premium as it stood at this time but would want assurances that the site is being inspected weekly to assess risk. **Resolved: The Clerk will approach BHIB to ask their advice on what sort of risk assessment would be acceptable to comply with current insurance cover.**

Pub and Asset of Community Value. The Clerk approached SHDC about the renewal of the Asset of Community Value application and they advised to start preparing a new application with a view to submitting it early in the new year. The form on the website is the same one used for the original application; the main difference is now the pub is in current community use whereas last time it was vacant. As last time the Council as nominating organisation needs to collect evidence of community support, funding and an operations/business plan. There is a template for community support from last time which just needs updating for current circumstances. As the canvassing could take some time we may want to start canvassing soon. **Resolved: The Clerk would send around the updated community forms to all councillors for comment.**

TPO. The Clerk emailed South Hams TPO this week to remind them about the temporary TPO [no 983] [effective until 17th October] which may be made permanent to remind them to respond. There is a new [temporary] TPO [no 996] on Land to the South East of Vicarage Lane which the Parish needs to comment on by 16th October and so at this meeting. The application had been emailed to councillors earlier this week. New homeowners will receive a letter on the protected trees in the village as a matter of course. **Resolved: to support as served.**

Coastal footpath sign. One of the Coastal footpath signs [at the corner opposite Weetwood House] was blown down around the 11th August. This was reported to the Clerk who had approached Coastal Access – Jane Beech who passed this on to DCC Rights of Way team on 28th August. The sign has been inspected and it's safe away from the road and does its job though it has been uprooted.

RF then left the meeting.

Pay award. Every year the Clerk goes incrementally up the NJC pay scale. This starts at SCP 5 and after a year goes to SCP 6. The Clerk is presently on SCP 5 At £9.77/hr and would move up to SCP 6 at £9.96/hr or £249.00 per month effective from 1st September. **Resolved: to agree the pay rise with effect from 1st September 2019.**

Introduction to Local Council Administration [ILCA] course. The Clerk reported she had taken and passed the ILCA course during the holidays. This is an introductory level 2 NVQ course on local government.

The report was received.

0919/5 CHAIR'S REPORT

19th September 2019

Slapton Line. There was nothing more to report than in July.

Strete Gate. This has been quiet though some large motorhomes have parked up there but not really an issue.

Playpark. The Localities Officer sends regular emails but the attachments are impossible to read so we have got her to list them in an email.

VAS sign. This is working well.

TPOs. We need to keep an eye on what is happening with the trees in the AONB.

RC raised the recent email from a dogwalker who had encountered activity on the beach at Strete Gate and felt intimidated by [some] people there. Is it possible to do anything about this? An email had been sent round to all councillors in August, advice received and the correspondent replied to. Councillors discussed a number of options that included signs to respect the area but previous signs had been removed. It was felt keeping an eye on the area could help so that it was known the Strete Gate area was 'managed'.

The Chair's report was received.

0919/6 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

Two planning applications had been received after the agenda date and will be considered at the next meeting as they are in time. These are 2900/19/VAR Application for variation of condition 2 of planning permission 2031/18/FUL Lower Court Barns Strete, and 2859/19/HHO Householder application for erection of single-storey rear extension, alterations to first-floor windows, addition of bay window to south-west elevation, removal of chimney stack and alterations to garden walls. Landcombe House Strete TQ6 0RH. **Resolved the Clerk will download documents and send these to councillors.**

0919/7 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

NP Report for PC – August & September 2019

A meeting took place on 6th August 2019 in Strete Parish Hall.

.This was chaired by Duncan Smith of SHDC with Mr C. Dixon and Mr J. Smith (representing Strete Estate), and members of the Steering Group for Strete Neighbourhood Plan in attendance.

The purpose of this meeting was to review the comments raised by Mr Dixon in respect of the following policies in the NP together with the objective of trying to find some common ground that might lead to CFF becoming part of SNP.

POLICY SNP8: HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SITE AT COX'S FARM FIELDS

And

POLICY SNP9: PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT

It was suggested that the focus in respect of second homes should be on Policy SNP8 Housing Development Site at Cox's Farm Field.

Viability is at the heart of the concerns expressed, and the question is whether the proposed changes from Mr Dixon were appropriate in order to enhance and assure the site's viability.

Members of the Steering Group representing the community acknowledge that a reasonable profit from the sale of CFF for development is the objective of Strete Estate.

Without the evidence of a viability assessment for the development of 17 houses, including 5 affordable homes and the following community aspirations: -

1: a car park for up to 20 cars; and

2: a link road from the A379 to The Plat through the site to include footpath links
a reduction in house prices affecting the viability of the site as a result of the second home policy cannot reasonably be determined.

Any housing development proposal in CFF has to be treated with extreme sensitivity in accordance with all the regulation guidelines that have been incorporated into the NP as well as the wishes of the majority in the community.

Mr Dixon expressed concern that members should not attempt to design a housing scheme or be allowed to veto a scheme that might be submitted by a potential developer.

It was explained that the NP has been developed after significant consultation with SHDC, Historic and Natural England, other regulatory bodies and the community to ascertain how a sizeable housing development on open space in the centre of the village could meet all the regulatory requirements as well as add to the character and sustainability of the village.

It is essential that the examiner's approval incorporates the vision put forward in the NP.

Duncan Smith suggested a letter be sent to the landowners of CFF enquiring if they would be willing to consider releasing the land at a reduced value as this would assist in making policy SNP8 more viable. Duncan Smith advised this suggestion has proven

to be successful in other communities. A letter was prepared in accordance with this suggestion and submitted to the executors of Strete Estate and the landowners (Mr Toll) via Mr Dixon on 9th September 2019.

LN noted concerning the Neighbourhood plan (NP) that Jeremy Smith was in contact with The Strete Estate but as the Tolls were away this could be a while as well as there being probate on the estate. RC reminded all that the examiner had suspended the examination of the NP for six months at the meeting in June 2019 and responses would need to be chased up.

The NP report was received.

0919/8 UPDATE ON THE SLAPTON LINE, PLACING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL & PROVISION OF EXTRA PARKING ALONG THE SLAPTON LINE

The Slapton Line had been discussed earlier. KG asked if Strete PC is willing to take over the maintenance of the Slapton Monument [Progress Report Slapton Monument August 2019 in email 30th August 2019 refers]. **Resolved: Strete Parish Council to take over the responsibility for the Monument subject to obtaining grants and sharing costs with the other two parishes of Slapton and Stokenham.**

The report was received.

0919/9 ACCESS TO THE BEACH FROM THE PUBLIC TOILETS

Whilst the steps have been out of operation people have been making their own routes onto the beach. IC commented there was no progress with SHDC on the repair of the steps. **Resolved: to keep this matter on the agenda. KG to email RF regarding the steps as he was going to look into this.**

0919/10 VILLAGE PUMP

IC had not been able to make further progress but will attend to the pointing.

The report was received.

0919/11 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

Greenspace. GC had spoken with the contractor and come to an agreement that the Council would only be invoiced for what had actually been done. He was concerned that work was not being done but being billed for under the contract schedule and asked that the contractor send notification every time he had performed work in the parish. It was also discussed briefly whether there was a need for 18 cuts a year and whether the contract should be adjusted to 12 cuts per year which at £101.90/cut would be £1,222.80. **Resolved: that the latest invoice number 1225 be paid on account in the sum of £305.70 for three cuts which GC was happy had been performed. Cheque 1672 was then issued for this sum and added to the list of cheques agreed and paid. That GC meet with the contractor to resolve the outstanding balance of £305.70 [three other cuts] on this invoice.**

Subsequent to the meeting, GC spoke with the contractor and emailed all to confirm that one more cut and thus payment had been agreed in the sum of £101.90.

The Clerk then emailed the contractor to agree a credit note for the balance on invoice 1225 of £305.70 to clear the debt and to add the additional amount agreed of £101.90 to the September bill.

WIFI. RC asked the Clerk the terms of the WIFI contract which are 12 months at £20/month. **Resolved: The Clerk to review the contract for WIFI coming up to the anniversary in April 2020.**

0919/12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

KG (Chair) Playpark. Reported on in 0919/5.

LN Transport and Roads. LN has contacted the farmer [Mark Wall] who maintains the hedge from Camellia House down to the A379 to request he cut it and he has promised to do so. GC reminded all of the correspondence over the summer expressing concern over the speed of tractors driven by contractors on Hynetown Road. LN offered to discuss the matter with the farmer [Adrian Dayment]. **Resolved: LN to speak with Adrian Dayment on the matter of contractors and their speed.**

Since the meeting LN has spoken with Adrian Dayment on this matter.

DR Health and Safety. The defibrillator is on order and paperwork is expected. The agreement is a lease for £1,800 plus VAT. This payment is now required to be upfront and delivery thereafter in six to eight weeks. **Resolved: to accept the lumpsum payment which can be funded from reserves subject to receipt of an invoice and paperwork.**

DR has been requested to resolve the matter of the location of the WIFI and its location in the Hall. **Resolved: The Clerk contact the contractor [Steve from Actionwest] to revisit and relocate the WIFI. This can be funded from the savings on the original contract.**

Since the meeting the Clerk has contacted Steve and corresponded with the Hall Committee to confirm where the WIFI should be located.

IC Rights of Way, tree warden and Strete Gate. Rights of Way are fine at the moment and being well-used. The steps on the coastal path are too wide and people are walking around them.

Tree warden. Two TPOs are in progress at the moment. One was agreed tonight [see 0919/4]. The matter of the Ash reported last time had not been resolved.

Strete Gate: the steps are still awaited as mentioned already [0919/9]. The dog bin is still at Manor Farm awaiting installation. Phil Cruse was suggested to do this originally. **Resolved: KG and IC to deal with the installation of the dog bin.**

Resolved: The buddle holes need to be cleared and IC will submit an expense claim for work done.

RC Planning and Neighbourhood Plan. RC keeps an eye on all planning and there is nothing new.

PH The VAS sign and local transport liaison. The VAS is now working well and the battery needs to be kept charged. PH had attended the Stagecoach Southwest Annual Stakeholder conference on 27th July. Stagecoach see that no commercial return is possible on sparsely used hospital routes, unless there is an appropriate subsidy of some sort and thought other community transport options would be preferable for journeys.

GC Village Green. Daisy’s Dog Food had produced two signs for dog fouling. One is on the Village Green and the other is a spare in case of wind damage. The Council would pay for both signs. Bags for dog fouling would be provided. **Resolved: GC to arrange with Daisy’s Dog Food to submit an invoice for the cost of the signs.**

0919/13(a) FINANCE

The Clerk supplied the meeting with a list of cheques for payment. It was noted the upfront payment for the defibrillator would need to be taken from reserves. A late cheque 1672 was added to the list on the agenda as noted in Minute 0919/11.

1667 – Lee Bray expenses £125.00	1668 – Strete Parish Hall hires for July and August £40.00
1669 – Clerk salary August £244.25	1670 – Clerk salary September £244.25
1671 – Ralph Clark printing costs NP £19.98 plus VAT	1672 – Greenspace invoice 1225 paid on account £305.70

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

0919/13(b) FINANCE

A monitoring report for the year to September 2019 had been circulated already along with a cashflow projection. The latest projection of 2019/20 to the end of October gives CR 8,685.10 to include the second half precept of £6k. 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.**

0919/13(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £6,559.32 CR Current account at 10/09/19, £10,281.91 CR Business Reserve account at 10/09/19.

0919/13 (d) FINANCE. Draft financial regulations.

It was agreed to carry forward the discussion on these to the next meeting.

0919/13 (e) FINANCE. Defibrillator.

This was discussed and agreed under 0919/12.

0919/13 (f) FINANCE

The correspondence from SHDC on the withdrawal of Council Tax Support Grant by 2021/22 was noted.

Resolved: The Clerk write to SHDC as requested to acknowledge the withdrawal of the grant worth £277 in 2019/20 and £138 in 2020/21.

0919/14 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence as listed on the agenda was noted. PH informed the meeting that the Social Club had applied for a grant under the South Devon CCG small grants scheme. GC noted the proposed Health and Wellbeing Centre did not in reality have a facility for beds as the two beds allocated were in a care home but could not be guaranteed. He also reminded the meeting of the deadline for responses to the Fire and Rescue service consultation. A letter from the Honorary Treasurer of St Michael's Parish Church concerning an inscription on the War memorial was received on the 19th September and circulated to all councillors. The request concerned a Sapper James Gordon who passed away in January 1919 and was missed off the War memorial. A quote had been asked for by the Honorary Treasurer and was awaited.

Resolved: The Clerk contact the Honorary Treasurer of St Michael's to confirm the history of Sapper James Gordon and name on the inscription and to obtain a cost for the works. *Since the meeting the Clerk has met with the Honorary Treasurer, obtained photographs of the grave site, and confirmation that it is maintained by the War Graves Commission. A quotation on cost is awaited.*

0919/15 REPORTS

Councillors were asked if there was anything else to add. RC referred to a request received in August by a local company to advertise on the parish website. Councillors noted the Council could not endorse any advertising. Also, a rate needed to be agreed. **Resolved: RC contact Ian Judge to ask what he would recommend.**

LN advised she would organise another litter pick in the car park after half term most likely a Monday or Friday daytime.

0919/16 THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2019 IN STRETE PARISH HALL AT 7.00 PM.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED at 9.45 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Kate Gill (Chair)

Dated: 17 OCTOBER 2019

ACTION POINTS:

Clerk: to approach BHIB to ask their advice on what sort of risk assessment would be acceptable to comply with current insurance cover; to send around the updated community forms to all councillors for comment; to download planning documents and send these to councillors; to ensure the WIFI contract would be reviewed coming up to the anniversary in March 2020; to provide the monitoring statements for the boards and website; to write to SHDC as requested to note the withdrawal of the grant worth £277 in 2019/20 and £138 in 2020/21; to contact the Honorary Treasurer of St Michael's to confirm the history of James Gordon and name on the

inscription and to obtain a cost for the works; the Clerk contact the contractor [Steve from Actionwest] to revisit and relocate the WIFI.

KG: To email RF regarding the steps at Strete Gate as he was going to look into this.

KG and IC: to deal with the installation of the dog bin.

IC: to arrange clearing out of the buddle holes and to submit an expense claim for work done.

GC: to meet with the contractor [Greenspace] to resolve the outstanding balance of £305.70 [three other cuts] on invoice 1225; to arrange with Daisy's Dog Food to submit an invoice for the cost of the signs.

LN: to speak with Adrian Dayment on the matter of contractors and their speed.

RC: to contact Ian Judge regarding advertising on the parish website to ask what he would recommend.



A Very Big Thank You to the delivery team

Brenda Range, Liane Baldock, Colleen Seymour, Heather Robinson, Joan Kendall, Pauline Pearce, Chris Burne, Shirley and John Goldring, Rosemarie Stevens, David Wall, Lynne Swainston Trudy Rothwell and not forgetting Monica and Andy and the team at the Strete Post Office and Stores.

Please forgive me if I have left anyone out.



In fond memory of Bernard Rowland

15th August 1925 — 26th September 2019

It is with fond memory that we remember the Strete Conservative Branch President and Treasurer Bernard Rowland who passed away on 26th September 2019.

Bernard was very highly regarded in South Devon and was probably the longest serving Conservative Branch Member. A former (Bevin Boy) who served in the Hotel Trade, he retired to Strete and later Stoke Fleming many years ago, and he will be sadly missed by all that knew him.

Tony Crawford,
Chairman Strete Conservative Branch

TV License Scam

Free TV Licences, funded by the Government, for all over 75s will come to an end in June 2020. This means that all over 75 licence holders under the current scheme will be issued a free over 75 licence for less than 12 months.

From 1 June 2020, there will be a new scheme. Under the new scheme, anyone aged 75 or over who receives Pension Credit will still be eligible for a free TV Licence which the BBC will pay for. Households where there is no one aged 75 or over that receives Pension Credit will need to buy a licence if one is needed.

Heather Robinson received an official letter a month ago from the TV licensing authority informing her that she has a TV license until the end of May 2020. This is what she expected and know she would need to pay after that date.

Here is a **WARNING** of what is undoubtedly a **SCAM**.

Heather received an email first of all stating her TV license is covered until:

You're now covered until 11/18/2019*

Heather know differently.

(Plus any UK company would not use that date format) It continued:

We are sorry to let you know that the TV license could not be automatically renewed. Something's gone wrong with your payments. As we couldn't take the latest payment from your bank account, this amount will also need to be paid when you set up your new Direct Debt.

Update your Direct Debt >> this a link to an on-line form asking for your bank details. It continued: **Remember, if you don't keep up your payments, we may be forced to cancel your license or pass your details to a debt collection agency.. To change your license or pass your payment method, have a look at all your options. So, all you need to do is make sure there's enough money in your account. Or, if you prefer to pay the missed amount now, you can sign in online and pay using your debit or credit card. While you're signed in, please make sure we have your correct bank details.**

The address: directdebit-home@tvlicensing-support.co.uk

[<noreplyhometvdirectlicenses@telenet.be>](mailto:noreplyhometvdirectlicenses@telenet.be)

The .BE domain extension is a ccTLD (country code top level domain) and the internet country code for Belgium.

Well done Heather for your awareness of the Scam and giving everyone the chance to be fore warned of what is a fraud aimed at the most vulnerable in society.

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC) HELD IN STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2019 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 Peter Hales (PH); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC); Cllr Julian Brazil, County Councillor, Kingsbridge Division (JB) (arrived later); Mrs. Helen Darch – Clerk; three members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Three members of the public attended the meeting. Mr. M Hildyard, publican of the Kings Arms Strete, spoke on the matter of the draft Asset of Community Value application which had been minuted in the July and September 2019 minutes. A general discussion followed on the reasons for the application and the particular circumstances of the pub. Councillors expressed concern if the pub was to close and what this would mean in the village. Suggestions were made about how villagers might be encouraged to visit the pub and how it might be used in the community to include a centre for the community to meet. Councillors noted they already encouraged visitors to go to the pub when they came to Strete.

Mrs. H Kenny and partner spoke on the application for planning permission [2859/19/HHO] Landcombe House. A site visit had taken place earlier that day and councilors had raised during the visit the new site entrance through the wall down on the A379 [toward Blackpool Sands] and the need for planning permission. *This had also been addressed with SHDC planners earlier and they confirmed planning permission was required. Since the meeting road safety signs have been erected at the site entrance.*

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

JB observed there is an acceptance that the Slapton Line [Line] might eventually go and contingency plans are being made. For instance, to increase car parking at Strete Gate and to encourage local business. However daily commuters are beginning to use other routes. KG noted the Strete Estate would have to give permission for more land to be used for the carpark.

Devon County Council [DCC] has declared a Climate Change Emergency with a citizen's assembly of experts and interested individuals on the panel. The aim is to draw up an action plan but the assembly is at a very early stage.

The report was received

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

JB spoke on behalf of RF who was absent. The successful planning appeal on Blindwells [3400/18/FUL] was discussed. JB felt the planning inspector simply came to a different conclusion to South Hams District Council [SHDC] on the reasons for refusal they gave. The tardy response by SHDC wasn't helpful but the Inspector had included the district council's comments in his ruling. However, JB also was of the opinion the neighborhood plan was not far enough advanced to carry the weight it might have if it had been adopted. The Inspector also needed facts on the number of second and holiday homes in the parish.

RC responded that he had spoken with Duncan Smith at SHDC who felt SHDC had not emphasized the Strete Neighborhood Plan [SNP] sufficiently and it was at inspection stage so far enough along to be part of the review evidence. Also, the issues raised by the complainant were not in the SNP. The draft plan does have evidence on second homes. It [the plan] also identifies the site as low density so two homes rather than three were preferred. The appeal ruling had not referred to the recommendations of the parish council that two rather than three houses were acceptable on the site. JB asked if the planning department had contacted the parish on this matter and the points raised here and was told no. He suggested the parish council might write to SHDC to complain. To take the appeal process further would mean taking a legal route which is costly and would have to be met out of parish funds.

GC asked about the outcome of the fire service consultation. JB said the consultation was between the Full Council and the Cabinet where it would be decided upon before being passed back to Council for debate.

The report was received. Resolved: to write to SHDC to complain about the Blindwells' appeal.

JB then left the meeting.

1019/1 APOLOGIES – Cllr Richard Foss, District Councillor, Allington & Strete Ward (RF).

1019/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2019

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

1019/3 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.**

1019/4 CLERK'S REPORT

Playpark and insurance. The Clerk spoke again with BHIB about the proposal by SHDC to pass on responsibility for insurance and risk assessment on the playpark to the council. As part of that conversation BHIB was emailed a copy of the reports done by both Allianz and the localities officer so they could get an idea of what level of risk was entailed.

BHIB rang back on the 16th October and advised that an annual inspection be performed using a ROSPA qualified inspector. Weekly inspections could be done by councillors if they took notes and photographs of the condition of the play equipment to give evidence of a survey being done. The insurer suggested we take our cue on key areas from the ‘professional’ ROSPA report. We could adopt the Localities Officer’s template and use that. They also sent guidance on risk management and playground loss inspection.

The insurer also confirmed that no increase in the premium would be forthcoming solely from the council taking on inspection duties. **Resolved: The Clerk would circulate the guidance sent by BHIB for information.**

Pub and Asset of Community Value. The Clerk had previously circulated a draft canvas letter for comment. Resolved: this will be passed to parishioners to complete and this will be part of the submission to SHDC to retain the Pub on The Asset of Community Value list. Councillors observed that the listing protects the pub as an asset for the whole village. **Resolved: The Clerk would circulate the letter for parishioners to complete as part of the evidence for support for the retention of listing. The publican would be consulted as well during the process.**

Sapper James Gordon. The Clerk had spoken with Roy Kendall about the history and price for an inscription. James Gordon is buried in the churchyard and his grave is maintained by the War Graves Commission though it is a family plot. Roy rang on Wednesday evening to say the mason hadn’t given a price yet and any works wouldn’t happen before Remembrance Sunday. **The report was noted.**

WIFI. The Clerk has spoken with members of the Parish Hall committee on this and sent info to them on what can be achieved. Steve from Actionwest is waiting for instructions. It may require a cable to be extended or just a plug point. Once its final home is known it can be moved provided it is within 5 metres of the aerial. There is still £242 of the grant left. **Resolved: The Clerk will contact Actionwest to agree a date to come and do the remedial works.**

Membership of SLCC. Every year the Clerk renews a membership with the Society of Local Council Clerks. This year the membership [based on salary] is £76 for the year.

Resolved: to approve payment of the membership of £76 for the Clerk.

Meeting at Follaton House 3rd October on code of conduct. The Clerk and Chairman had attended a training course on governance and standards. **Resolved: [The Clerk would circulate the handouts from the training course to all.](#)**

SLP Meeting 1st October. The Clerk attended the meeting on behalf of Kate. Alan Denbigh has sent round a statement of policy for the Line.

The report was received.

1019/5 CHAIR’S REPORT

17th October 2019

Slapton Line. A great deal has been discussed since our last meeting – not least the public notice in the Dartmouth Chronicle.

A notice and plan had appeared in the Dartmouth Chronicle in September concerning the Stopping up of the A379 and an application to Newton Abbot Magistrates Court on 18th November 2019 to approve an order to stop up the redundant highway. The Clerk and Chairman made enquiries of Highways and obtained an explanation. This explanation, a copy of the draft order and suitable explanatory plans were posted on the noticeboards and website on 8th October.

I have been in contact with DCC regarding it. It is a legal requirement to enable DCC to return the road – no longer used- to The Whitley Trust on whose land the now shingle bit of road belongs. We did take the new bit from them to replace it. There is no need for anyone to be alarmed: the new bit of Slapton Line is not about to be shut. There was an SLP meeting on the 1st October. I was unable to attend and Helen kindly took my place.

Strete Gate. This has been a busy corner of the world. DCC has employed workmen to clear the proposed site for the War memorial's new home. I have taken pictures of the completed work – it looks fabulous. Last week I stopped by when I spotted two gentlemen from DCC wearing high viz clothes doing a topographical survey of the site to be told by them that Ian had already stopped by. He told them to expect a visit from me- yes quite right!

Playpark. We have another report from Helen Hardwicke which has some photographs but not all. We also have a report from Allianz part of which says the goal net needs attention. This will be put in hand with your approval. **Approval was sought under 1019/12.**

VAS sign. This is working well. Thankyou Peter.

AONB. There was a meeting of the AONB at Stokeley last week which I attended on your behalf. One exciting and interesting item to come up was the probable upgrading of AONBs to National Park status thus giving them more importance and more financial support.

Monterey Pine on Hynetown Road. The Pinus Radiata which is planted adjacent to the road outside Robin Hill and First Field has had its lower branches cut off. It is a very large tree to have been planted in that position. They grow rapidly and their trunks become very large with their roots travelling not far below the surface of the ground. This is likely to cause road disturbance in the not too far distant future.

The Chair's report was received.

1019/7 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

NP Report for PC – October 2019

No response has been received to the letter sent to Strete Estate and the landowners (Mr Toll) of CFF via Mr Dixon on 9th September 2019 enquiring if they would be willing to consider the suggestion to release the land at a reduced value that could assist in making housing development as detailed in policy SNP8 more viable.

A follow up letter is proposed at the beginning of November that will include advising Strete Estate that the Examiner has been updated on where we are with our

negotiations with the owners.

We have until 10th December when the Examiner's SNP suspension date expires. It is expected that the Examiner will do everything necessary to ensure the Plan is not abandoned or discarded as the evidence base is fine. SNP will have a shelf life of up to 5 years once made.

Together with Duncan Smith of SHDC I am researching grant funding possibilities that may be available to assist the viability concerns expressed. Nothing positive has been forthcoming to date.

Blindwells appeal decision.

Although Strete NP has reached Examination and the Examiner's reasons for the suspension are not pertinent to the appeal the Inspector's decision to attach "little weight" to Strete NP is, at the very least, disappointing.

Unfortunately, an appeal against the Inspectorate's decision is not permitted. This can only be overruled by the judiciary and that would require significant funds to cover the costs.

The NP report was received.

1019/8 UPDATE ON THE SLAPTON LINE, PLACING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL & PROVISION OF EXTRA PARKING ALONG THE SLAPTON LINE

[The Slapton Line had been discussed earlier. IC commented there is no extra room on the Line for carparking. Extra parking is needed at Stokeley and Strete Gate. RC noted access needed to be improved into the car park at Strete Gate preferably before the Line goes.](#)

1019/9 ACCESS TO THE BEACH FROM THE PUBLIC TOILETS

Whilst the steps have been out of operation people have been making their own routes onto the beach. IC commented there was no progress with SHDC on the repair of the steps. **Resolved: to keep this matter on the agenda. KG to email RF regarding the steps as he was going to look into this.**

1019/10 VILLAGE PUMP

IC had inspected the pump today, it is stable, and matters are in hand. [The report was received.](#)

1019/11 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

Greenspace. No bills had been received for August or September at the committee date. GC and the Clerk have both requested updates from Greenspace. GC reckoned there had been two additional cuts [one each for September and October] to add to the cut carried over from August. This makes three cuts at £101.90 each or £305.70 owed for work done. **Resolved: The Clerk will make provision for the works done by Greenspace from August to date in the accounts.**

1019/12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

KG (Chair) Playpark. The Allianz report seen by KG and the Clerk listed goal net fittings as missing. **Resolved: take a photograph of the net fittings and contact contractors to include Peter Tanner to get a quote.**

LN Transport and Roads. The 20-mile and hour sign was the wrong way around out of the village but has now been corrected. The hedge from Camellia House down to the A379 is still uncut. **Resolved: The Clerk to write to Mark Wall to request the hedge from Camellia house to the A379 be cut. Also, in the letter to advise that hedge cutting duties could be taken over by the existing contractor but recharged by the council to Mark Wall.**

LN had spoken with Adrian Dayment on the matter of speed and farm vehicles. Councillors were split on whether the drivers had slowed down since last month.

A parishioner had emailed LN on the potholes down at Fuge and as far as (up to) Snails Castle. Some had been mended but the road was in a poor state generally. IC asked for copies of this correspondence.

Since the meeting KG has been down the route and recorded the state of the road.

DR Health and Safety. The defibrillator is now expected within the next six to eight weeks.

DR confirmed the new location of the WIFI in the Hall. **Resolved: as above [1019/4].**

Since the meeting the Clerk has contacted Steve and corresponded with the Hall Committee to confirm where the WIFI should be located.

IC Rights of Way, tree warden and Strete Gate. Rights of Way are fine at the moment and being well-used.

Tree warden. The trees on the Tannen Land are being monitored. The Clerk passed TPO 983 [Trees at Blindwells] to IC which is now final but amended from the original application. **IC to confirm he is happy with the final TPO.**

Strete Gate. The little road sweeper had been round but unfortunately leaves had fallen since then. Fires are being lit with pine needles and this fire damages the surface of the tarmac.

RC Planning and Neighbourhood Plan. RC noted the property at the Old Vicarage is unkempt and brambles are growing. KG replied that the new owner had now cut back the hedges. No 1 Crestway is an empty house and a number of local people are unhappy. *Correspondence had taken place in August between RC, KG and SHDC on this matter.*

There is national funding now available to do up empty properties. The SHDC website also offers advice on unoccupied properties. <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3551/Empty-Homes>.

PH The VAS sign and local transport liaison.

The VAS is now working well but could it be moved? It was decided not to move it though LN is unhappy at the speed of traffic on the A379 around Asherne House. KG had brought up the possibility of moving the 40-mile and 20-mile an hour signs with Lisa Edmonds but this would require a new road traffic order. Two current 20/30/40 speed limit orders are in existence from 2003 and 2017.

RC brought up the congestion at Start Bay Park where cars are parking on the main road and causing traffic blind spots.

This is a potential hazard to drivers and pedestrians.

PH informed the meeting that there had been no transport liaison meeting since the last report.

GC Village Green. Dartmouth Town Council has a campaign to get the No 12 bus from Kingswear to start in Dartmouth and cross the river then proceed [as the No 13] to Torbay Hospital. The local television broadcasters are interested and representatives of Stagecoach had attended the meeting too. The initiative is probably not cost-effective so it would have to be subsidised by Devon County Council. RC commented that Age UK had a successful campaign to review the patient transport system and the information is on the village website.

1019/13(a) FINANCE

The Clerk supplied the meeting with a list of cheques for payment. Three late cheques 1680, 1681 and 1682 were added to the list on the agenda. Cheque 1680 for annual membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks was agreed under minute 1019/4. Cheques 1681 and 1682 were agreed under minute 0919/12

1673 – John Gilbert hedge cutting £60 plus VAT.	1674 – South Western Ambulance Service defibrillator £1,800 plus VAT.
1675 – Kingsbridge Websites domain fee [2 years] £25.	1676 – Clerk salary October £253.75.
1677 –Strete Parish Hall hire £30.	1678 –PKF Littlejohn LLP external audit fee £200 plus VAT.
1679 –SHDC Annual insurance and inspection fee for Hyne Town Play Area £200 plus VAT.	1680 - Society of Local Council Clerks annual membership for Clerk £76.
1681- Daisy's Dog Food £52.77 for signs at the Village Green.	1682 - Mr Ian Cumberlidge – expenses toward buddle hole Clearing £250.

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

1019/13(b) FINANCE

A monitoring report for the year to October 2019 had been circulated already along with a cashflow projection. The latest projection of 2019/20 to the end of October gives CR 6,658.65. 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. The Clerk offered to draft a budget for discussion next month. GC would provide an updated estimate of the Greenspace contract.**

1019/13(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £11,616.15 CR Current account at 08/10/19, £10,283.66 CR Business Reserve account at 08/10/19.

1019/13 (d) FINANCE.

Draft financial regulations. It was felt these were too detailed for a small parish as Strete. **Resolved: The Clerk would consult with the SLCC to agree a short-form version suitable to a small parish.**

1019/13 (e) FINANCE.

The Local Government Finance Settlement 2020-21 Technical Consultation. Parish councils were asked if they had any comment on government proposals to defer the opportunity for electors to call a referendum on parish precept setting. The government will keep this under review subject to levels of annual increase in town and parish precepts. **Resolved: no comment.**

1019/14 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence as listed on the agenda was noted. The Parish Church had written to request a grant of £220 and to include this in the budget process next month. GC reminded councillors that the offer of two beds contained in the Health and Wellbeing Centre circular was subject to existing occupancy as the beds were not dedicated to hospital use. **Resolved: The Clerk write to the Honorary Treasurer of St Michael's to confirm receipt of the grant letter and confirm its inclusion in the budget setting for 2020/21.**

1019/15 REPORTS

Councillors were asked if there was anything else to add. IC wants councillors to monitor the works that take place at Landcombe House especially as a planning application is needed for the temporary works access. SHDC planners had confirmed this in an email of 17th October. He wondered if a TPO should be raised for the trees on the site especially the Tulip tree. The application needs to be scrutinised to confirm this tree is protected.

1019/16 THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2019 IN STRETE PARISH HALL AT 7.00 PM.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED at 9.45 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Kate Gill (Chair)

Dated: 21 NOVEMBER 2019

ACTION POINTS:

Clerk: to circulate the guidance sent by BHIB for information; to circulate the letter for parishioners to complete as part of the evidence for support for the retention of listing. The publican would be consulted as well during the process; to contact Actionwest to agree a date to come and do the remedial WIFI works; to circulate the handouts from the governance and standards training course to all; to make provision for works done to date since August by Greenspace in the accounts; to contact

contractors to include Peter Tanner to get a quote on playpark works; to write to Mark Wall to request the hedge from Camellia house to the A379 be cut. Also, in the letter to advise that hedge cutting duties could be taken over by the existing contractor but recharged by the council to Mark Wall; to provide the monitoring statements for the boards and website; to draft a budget for discussion next month; to consult with the SLCC to agree a short-form version of financial regulations suitable to a small parish; to write to the Honorary Treasurer of St Michael's to confirm receipt of the grant letter and confirm its inclusion in the budget setting for 2020/21.

KG: to take a photograph of the goal net fittings in the playpark; to email RF regarding the steps as he was going to look into this.

IC to confirm he is happy with the final TPO number 983.

GC to provide an updated estimate of the Greenspace contract for the budget.

Congratulations to Nick Shepherd

Congratulations to Nick Shepherd our Strete photographer extraordinaire who has scooped first prize in the **South West Coast Path Photographic Competition 2019**.

Nick Shepherd's striking shot taken on the South West Coast Path near Strete, during a blizzard .

The South West Footpath judge Ian Finch said, "I love how other-worldly this image is. Our natural inclination when thinking of the SWCP is the majestic snaking paths and ancient coves within the coastal landscape, but this image stands out from a

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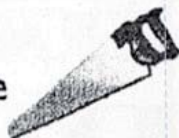
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COCKTAILS AND MOCKTAILS

Tom Collins

60ml gin
30ml lemon juice, freshly squeezed
15ml sugar syrup
Soda water
Lemon slice, to garnish



Method:

To a cocktail shaker filled with ice, add gin, lemon juice and sugar syrup. Shake vigorously until well chilled. Strain into a Collins glass filled with ice and top with soda water. Garnish: slice of lemon and a single maraschino cherry to serve.

Cocktail

Virgin Mary

A Highball glass filled with ice.
Fill glass with tomato juice
1 dash celery salt
1 dash ground black pepper
1 dash Tabasco sauce
2 to 4 dashes Worcestershire sauce
Dash of lemon or lime juice
Celery stick for garnish



Method:

Invert the Highball glasses and press the rims into a saucer filled with salt. Add all the ingredients to a shaker and shake. The drink can also be poured into a glass and not shaken depending on preference. Add some crushed ice. Pour the mocktail into the glass. Garnish the drink with a stick of celery and serve.

Mocktail

Manhattan

2 oz Rye Whiskey
1 oz Sweet vermouth
3 dashes Angostura bitters



Method:

Add all ingredients into a mixing glass with ice and stir. Strain into a Coupe glass. Garnish with a cherry.

Cocktail

Shirley Temple

45ml Grenadine
180ml Ginger Ale
1 Lemon



Method:

Pour grenadine into Collins glass. Add ice. Pour in ginger ale or try it with lemonade. Stir. Garnish with lemon peel.

Mocktail



Mojito

6 sprig fresh mint
3 tbsp. fresh lime juice
2 tsp. superfine sugar
1 cup ice cubes
1/4 cup golden rum
1/2 cup plain club soda
lime wedge



Method:

In cocktail shaker, with wooden spoon, crush mint, lime juice, and sugar. Add ice cubes and golden rum. Shake until well blended. Fill 1 Collins glass with ice cubes. Strain drink into glass and top off with soda. Garnish with mint sprig.

Cocktail

Cosmopolitan

45ml lemon vodka
15ml triple sec
30ml cranberry juice
10ml lime juice
Ice
orange zest, or a lime wedge on the rim of the Martini glass.



Method:

Shake ingredients with ice and strain into a Martini glass. To make the garnish: hold a 3cm round piece of orange zest about 10cm above your Cosmopolitan and wave it over a lit match. Bend the outer edge of the zest in towards the flame so that the orange oils are released, then drop the zest into your drink.

Cocktail



Mojito

2tsp sugar
mint leaves
2 limes wedges
2 lime wedges
150ml lemonade



Method:

Lightly crush 2tsp sugar and some mint leaves together in a measuring jug with a wooden spoon. Stir in the juice of 2 limes and add 2 lime wedges. Add some ice and top up with 150ml lemonade. Moisten the rim of a Collins glass and dip into sugar. Pour the mojito into the glass and serve topped with more mint leaves and a slice of lime.

Mocktail

Rolls Royce

30 ml Cointreau
50 ml Rémy Martin VSOP cognac
20 ml fresh orange juice



Method:

Combine all ingredients in a cocktail shaker. Shake with ice. Strain into a Martini or Coupe glass.

Cocktail

Daiquiri

1 oz lime juice
2 tsp super fine sugar
2 oz white rum
Sliced lime, for serving



Method:

In a cocktail shaker, stir together lime juice and sugar to dissolve. Fill with ice, add rum, and shake until cold. Strain into a Coup and serve with a slice of lime.

Cocktail

COCKTAILS AND MOCKTAILS

Pom Collins

60ml Pomegranate Juice
30ml Soda Water
Pomegranate Seeds
Lime



Method:

Squeeze lime into Tom Collins glass. Add ice. Pour in 60ml pomegranate juice. Add 30ml soda water. Garnish with fresh pomegranate seeds. Stir.

Mocktail

The Grand Margarita

50ml Tequila
35ml Grand Marnier
Squeeze of lime



Method:

Put ice into a cocktail shaker. Add tequila, Grand Marnier and a squeeze of lime. Shake it, before straining it into a glass filled with crushed ice, and garnishing with a lime wheel.

Cocktail

Sidcar

50ml cognac
25ml triple sec
25ml lemon juice
handful of ice
dash of Angostura bitters



Method:

Put a coupe glass in the fridge to chill. Tip all of the ingredients into a cocktail shaker. Shake well, until the outside of the shaker feels cold, then strain the cocktail into the chilled glass. Add the bitters to taste.

Cocktail

Black Russian

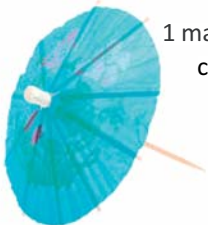
50ml vodka
25ml coffee liqueur
ice
1 maraschino cherry
cola to top up



Method:

Put the vodka and the coffee liqueur into a tumbler filled with ice and stir gently for 30 secs - 1min. Add the cherry and serve. Top with a splash of chilled cola if you prefer a longer drink.

Cocktail



Mocktail Mule

honey
1 half lime
2 ounces fresh lime juice
3 ounces ginger beer



Method:

Make the honey simple syrup: Add equal parts honey and water to a small saucepan and heat until the honey melts completely into the water. Set aside, and let cool. Muddle lime and 1 oz of honey syrup in the bottom of a cocktail shaker. Add the lime juice and shake with the ice. Strain into a glass or copper mug. Top with ginger beer and stir.

Mocktail

Virgin piña colada

1 cup ice
3/4 cup pineapple juice
1/4 cup coconut milk
1/4 cup coconut cream
1 tablespoon white sugar or 1
ice
pineapple slices, for garnish



Method:

In an electric blender, blend all ingredients until smooth. Garnish with fresh pineapple slices.

Mocktail



Mockmosa

2 parts orange juice
3 parts dry sparkling
white grape juice



Method:

Pour the orange juice into a flute glass and then pour the sparkling white grape juice. Optionally, you can garnish with a mint sprig.

Mocktail

Tropical Coconut Rum Punch

500ml pineapple juice
500ml mango juice
250ml Malibu rum



Method:

Put all the ingredients in a jug, mix well and chill. To serve, add ice to glasses, pour over the rum punch and decorate with pineapple & lime skewers.

Cocktail



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Probus Clubs have been in existence for many years and can be found all over the country. Our main aim is to encourage men who have or are, about to retire and enjoy the fruits of their labour to socialise in the congenial and relaxed atmosphere of our home base – the Stoke Lodge Hotel. We are a mixed bunch and if our title suggests in any way that our membership comes solely from those with “professional and business” experience this is certainly not the case. Our members’ background and experience is as wide and diverse as one can imagine. We meet mostly twice a month at the Stoke Lodge Hotel, Stoke Fleming on the second and fourth Wednesdays. The first Wednesday commences with coffee at 10.30am followed by a speaker at 11.00am and then lunch at 12.30pm. The second Wednesday commences with coffee at 10.30am and then the speaker at 11.00am. This November we also look forward to an autumn lunch in the Hotel to which partners are invited.

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



December 11th – Lunch

JIM REDMAN

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January 8th

No meeting

January 22nd - Lunch

JEREMY SACKET

“The World of Real



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28: Snow **Down** 1: Wrapping 2: Icing 4: Noble 5: Blessing 7: Enter 12: Giles
13: Ice 15: Astral 16: Tea 19: Lists 20: Straw 22: Tart 24: Eve
Christmas Questions 1: 370 Million 2: 10 Million 3: 364

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Christmas Holiday: Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January 2020

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23: Chivers Jelly 24: Alka-Seltzer 25: Smarties 26: Only Fools and Horses
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