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THE POUNDSTOCK PACKET

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Local elections: your vote counts!

Local elections are fast approaching. With the impact of covid people might think that voting this time isn't worth the effort, but nothing could be further from the truth. Your vote matters!

On **Thursday 6 May** elections will be held for our Parish Council (if there are sufficient candidates for seats to be contested), our Cornwall Councillor and the County Police and Crime Commissioner, and to be eligible to vote you must be on the electoral register. Anyone who hasn't registered or has recently moved must have registered by **Monday 19 April**; if in doubt, contact Electoral Services at Cornwall Council. There are various ways to vote: in person, by post or by proxy, where you authorise someone else to vote on your behalf.

If you prefer to vote in person you can do so as usual. There will be precautions in place to keep everyone safe, including a one-way system, arrangements for social distancing and hand sanitiser available. Please wear a mask and if possible bring your own pen. To register for a postal or proxy vote, you will need to apply by **Tuesday 20 April**; all details, and forms to download, can be found on the Cornwall Council website, or you can call 0300 1231 1115.

The parish council is looking for new members (see the Chairman's column on p. 22). This is an important way for people to have a role in parish life and help with the way our local affairs are run. Would you be willing to play a part in local decision-making? To find out more, ask the parish clerk (details on p. 21) for a candidate information pack. But hurry: applications need to be received by Cornwall Council by **Thursday 8 April**.

See p. 23 for more on two candidates for Cornwall Councillor for Poundstock division.

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The deadline for our next edition is 20 May.

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We do our best to deliver to everyone in the parish. If you know of anyone who has been missed, please let us know. Copies of the magazine are available at the Beach House and Wainhouse Country Stores, by post for 50p + postage or via email; please contact us for information.

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Time for a change

No, I'm not talking about the forthcoming elections, but about page sizes and colour versus black and white. From the very first issue until this one, the Packet has appeared in A4 format and has been mainly in black and white. Next time, though, we shall be changing to A5 and full colour.

The choice of A4 was a pragmatic one: we could print and photocopy more easily on A4 when we had to do all that ourselves. Now, though, we are able to use a professional printer in the form of the excellent Parish Magazine Printing so we don't have to keep to such constraints and can concentrate on making your magazine easier to use and more appealing to the eye.

We're quite excited about it, and we think it will be a big improvement.

Tell us what you think. We really hope you'll like it.

Liz

Gildhouse opening this year

After a lot of discussion, the Gildhouse committee have decided that it won't be feasible to run our usual programme of talks this summer and very reluctantly have cancelled all prebooked speakers. We hope we will be able to resume our usual pattern of talks and concerts next year.

However, there is some good news, in that we should be able to begin our usual Wednesday open days from 21 April assuming the government's roadmap remains as it is at present, so why not come down and visit us? The Gildhouse is a unique part of our parish. If you've been before, you'll know it's always worth another look. If you haven't, do come. It isn't far and it's free!

Wednesday openings are from 10 am to 4 pm, and there will always be a friendly volunteer to show you round and answer any questions.

Calling all Cornish speakers

In the course of trying to stick with a new year resolution to learn something new, I discovered that the Welsh phrase for 'raining cats and dogs' translates as 'raining old ladies and sticks', while 'to give up' translates as 'hang the violin in the roof'. I loved both these but I couldn't find out whether there are Cornish equivalents.

All you Cornish speakers, can you help? Or come up with comparable examples? Let the Packet know!

Notes of Spring

After a year of keeping to ourselves, things can get monotonous, but don't close your eyes to the glories of spring. As you walk along the coast path, step out along the road, go out into your garden or just look out of your window, keep an eye or ear open for these:

A blackbird singing

The glow of celandines in flower

A bank of primroses

Raindrops shining on a leaf

Sparrows squabbling

Daisies in the grass

New leaves bursting from tight buds

A shimmer of catkins

Reflections in a puddle

Little lambs and their ewes

The song of a robin

Sunshine on the sea

The sound of the wind in the trees

They all lift the heart and turn a routine walk into a joy. How many can you spot?



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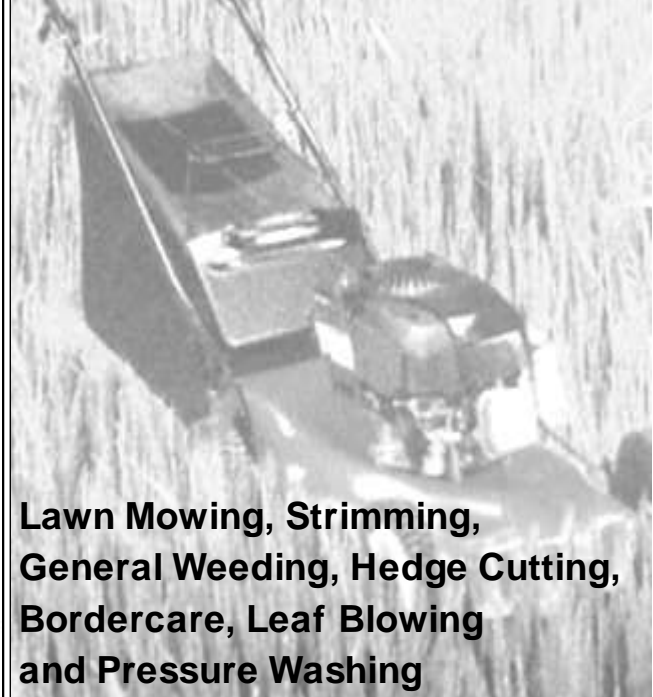
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THE SUN SETS ON CORNISH TIN



Years ago – correction, a heck of a lot of years ago – there was a load of rather bright people near the Persian Gulf in a country called Sumaria. They made campfires and surrounded them with stones. Some stones had copper in them, some had tin. The hot stones melted the copper and tin and lo! out came bronze which is a hard alloy of copper and tin. Later, in a part of Israel called Phoenicia, they used bronze to make handy axes to bop enemies on the head. So effective was the head-bopping that they got really big in the Middle East, built an empire, and needed more bronze.

The Phoenicians asked their neighbours, the Greeks, where they could get more tin; and the Greeks said, ‘Go to the Cassiteride Islands miles away towards the northwest.’

Off sailed the jaunty Phoenicians across the Mediterranean, through the Straits of Gibraltar, turned right and whizzed up the French coast and over the English Channel to Cornwall.

The Cornish people bopped them on the head, but later made peace and sold tin to the Phoenicians and threw in a few tourists and pasties for good measure, and everyone got rich.

And that is one of the reasons why you find so many tin mines in Cornwall.

The most common ore of tin is faithfully called Cassiterite, named after the Greeks’ mysterious islands in the northwest.

Then the Romans started building their massive empire. They needed bronze for minting coins. And they found it in Cornwall. But one day the Romans disappeared in a flurry of fear because barbarians were ransacking their capital city.

Cornish tin found a lot of different uses from tin foil to tin cans. The Cornish tin industry has now declined because of competition from China, Indonesia and Myanmar, but I am happy to say that the legacy, the legends and the romance of Cornish tin survive.

Christopher Asbury

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The Farming Column

Spring is turnout time when we put out the cows and their calves after the winter indoors. They are always happy to be turned out and even the most matronly cows trot along the boundary of their new fields.

There are thirty-four breeds of cattle in the UK, fourteen of which are now rare. The southwest boasts the Devon, first noted in 1580 as coming from Cornwall but later developed on Exmoor, and the South Devon, which hails from the South Hams. They were both dual purpose beasts, supplying both milk and meat.

There is a lot written about methane given off by cattle at the moment, allegedly accounting for 18 per cent of all greenhouse gas emissions. However, what we are not told is that these figures include emissions from processing, transporting the meat and refrigeration, including in supermarkets [Prof. F. Mitloehner, 6.6.19].

A bit about methane: yes, it traps twenty-eight times more heat than CO₂ but it has a lifespan of 10 years as opposed to the long-life pollutant CO₂ which lasts in the atmosphere for 1,000 years. After 10 years methane breaks down, enters the carbon cycle, is absorbed by plants, converted into cellulose and eaten.

I believe the answer is to eat locally produced food that has not been processed, transported long distances or kept for lengthy periods of time in refrigeration. Better still, eat what is in season and is fresh.

All parts of cattle were used and should be again, but I think we'll need to find alternative uses for some bits. For example, the dried and stretched testicle cord from the bull was prized for the pulleys of grandfather clocks or as lashes for cattle drovers; I can't think of a use now but perhaps you have an idea. The following was from a housekeeper's book in 1700 about using a gall. I wonder what they could be used for nowadays?

3 lb of yellow soap, sliced into a jar with one bullock's gall and one pint of water. Set it in the brick oven after the bread is drawn [or simmer on the stove] till all is melted, cool, and shape into balls for the cleaning of carpets and rugs. A spoonful of household ammonia, and a few drops of oil of cloves, beaten in as it cools, improves the colour reviving properties of the soap, and leaves a refreshing smell in the room, which discourages moth.



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St Winwaloe, Poundstock

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Easter services

We very much hope that it will be possible to have a 'real' service in one of our churches on Easter Sunday. This service will also be available via Zoom for those who prefer to join in from home or are unable to attend. Details of Easter and other Holy Week services will be available nearer the time from the rector or Lesley Booker.

Meanwhile our usual services are still suspended and we continue with Zoom services every Sunday and Wednesday morning; everyone is most welcome to join in. You will need an invitation, which is automatically sent out to all those on the email list; if you aren't on the list but would like to be, please contact Lesley at lesleybooker@gmail.com.

St Winwaloe's Churchyard

Anyone walking through our beautiful churchyard recently will have noticed the splendid new gate on the west side of the church. Despite regular maintenance, the old gate had reached the end of its time, with joints badly rotten and coming apart, and it was definitely time for a new one.

Philip Marshall of Treskinnick Cross has made the new gate in memory of his parents, Eileen and William Marshall, whose grave in the churchyard is close by. The materials were provided by the Parish Council. The PCC would like to thank both Phil and the Parish Council very much for the new gate.

Repairs are also in hand for the box tomb in memory of Henry Stacey, to the left of the path as you walk down the hill, where ivy and decaying mortar have compromised the structure of the brickwork. A local contractor will rebuild and repair it, but meanwhile it is taped off for safety reasons.

The churchyard was closed in the early 1980s because all the available space had been used. When this happens, responsibility for the churchyard is normally transferred to the local council, who then become responsible for maintenance. In our case, of course, this is Poundstock Parish Council. They arrange mowing and other annual tasks, and have also provided the parish cemetery, in Vicarage Lane, for burials within the parish. The PCC sometimes encounter confusion regarding this: the situation is that burial within the churchyard is not possible because it is closed, but is available within the parish cemetery. If you have any queries about this or need more information, the parish clerk is the person to contact (details on p. 21).



Poundstock Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

This will be held on Wednesday 21 April at 2.30 via Zoom. Everyone who lives within Poundstock parish is entitled to attend, but only those on the Poundstock church electoral roll are eligible to vote. At this meeting, churchwardens and the PCC are elected. For more information or Zoom details, please contact the PCC secretary, Liz Jones, at jones@maves.co.uk or on 01288 361147.



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Kids' page

Welcome to the Kids' page!

What is Cassiterite?

Cassiterite is the ore of tin.



If you go further into Cornwall, you can find old tin mines on the cliffs. Tin mining used to be important in Cornwall. Think of Pol-dark. But now China, Uganda and Indonesia mine it more cheaply. The old tin mines look like those in this picture. Find out more, by reading my article on p. 5 of this issue of the Packet.



Christopher Asbury

...And Older

A COVID MOMENT:

I OPENED THE WINDOW AND IN FLEW eNZA.

ACETONE

You have met acetone in the chemistry lab. Here is a story about acetone.

Before World War I they used to fire bullets and shells using gunpowder, but it had a dangerous by-product: thick black smoke. You could easily spot where the gun was because of the puff of smoke. 'Bang-bang, you're dead, but so am I.'

In WWI they developed cordite, which was almost smokeless. This was great for keeping artillery hidden amongst trees, and wonderful news for snipers. 'Bang-bang, you're dead, but I'm fine.'

To make cordite they needed acetone, and loads of it. Acetone usually came from wood which they imported from the USA. And the wood stopped coming because of the U-boats. A chemist called Chaim Weizmann found a way to make acetone using conkers. Thousands of schoolkids throughout the country went out and collected conkers, packed them up and sent them to a secret address. From there they were sent to the factories to make acetone to help win the war.



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Wow, well here we are, still in lockdown and unable to meet face-to-face a year after we were first told to stay at home. Although there were times when Girl Guiding did say we could meet face-to-face and even indoors, as a collective group of units Rainbows, Brownies and Guides decided that even with social distancing it would not be within everyone's best interest to do so. So here we are still meeting on Zoom. We are managing to keep the interest of our girls (the Brownies have even managed to double in size!) and have completed many different activities, a favourite being cooking!

We even managed a virtual sleepover, where we were joined by Tregadillett Rangers so had girls aged 5–18 (along with leaders). The sleepover was in celebration of World Thinking Day, which is 22 February, where Girl Guides take time to think about other members from all over the world. We took part in an event called World Thinking Day @ Home, where all the activities were planned by Girl Guiding South West England (which covers Cornwall in the west to Berkshire in the east); in total over 6,200 members took part in the event. During the event, we met on Zoom regularly to see what everyone had been doing. The event was based

on the five countries that have a Girl Guiding World Centre – Switzerland, India, Africa, Mexico and England (London). We started each country with a virtual tour of the World Centre and then took part in activities from that country – such as paper cutting and making a traditional bread from Switzerland, Bollywood dancing and making a peacock (the national bird) from India, African dancing and milk bottle elephants from Africa, making cactus bunting and Mexican godseyes from Mexico and from London making a London underground sign from felt and having an afternoon tea. We ended the sleepover with everyone renewing their promise together, with one Brownie saying her promise for the first time. A great weekend was had by all, but all agreed we are eager to meet in person again.

Louise Cowling



2nd Bude (Jacobstow) Scout Group

This is a busy and exciting year for 2nd Bude (Jacobstow) Scout Group as we are celebrating our 50th year. Over the past 50 years the group has provided many young people with countless skills, activities and challenges, all carried out by our dedicated team of leaders. We are now striving to keep the group going for the next 50 years.

This current lockdown has moved our Scouting group onto Zoom meetings. Robert Medland (Group Scout Leader) is currently running a Scout evening and a combined Beaver/Cub evening. These Zoom meetings include quizzes, scavenger hunts and knot challenges. Wonderful to see our young members being able to engage with each other in these lighthearted challenges.

Our detailed planning application for the new Scout hut located at Rosecare has been submitted to Cornwall Council and an outcome is expected in early March 2021. Once planning has been approved and building regulations completed, we aim to start the ground works later in the spring. We have an ambitious target of completing the hut this year. This target can only be met with your help. Due to the continuing Covid restrictions we are clearly in no situation to have any fundraising events. The Co-op through their 'Local Community Fund' are supporting us. All Co-op members can choose '2nd Bude (Jacobstow) Scout Group' as their given cause.

We have created a Facebook page dedicated to the new hut, '2nd Bude Jacobstow Scout Cub and Beaver Hut Supporters'. This site will allow us to keep people updated on the project.

Times for us all are challenging but we are determined to keep this project moving. Later in the year we hope to have a celebration to mark our 50th year with present and past members.

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Our Night Sky in April 2021

By the middle of the month, Mars will still be a prominent feature in the Southern and Western sky, and the winter constellations will still be with us until they set about 2300, so make the most of them. On the 15th the Moon will be between the V of Taurus and the Pleiades, a very pretty sight in binoculars. Saturn and Jupiter will be greeting early risers in the South East, but will soon be lost as dawn breaks.

Mars was the target for three space missions last month, but by far the most audacious was NASA's robotic lander, Perseverance. The video of its descent through the Martian atmosphere and the subsequent lowering of the craft from the hovering rocket-powered Skycrane was one of the most astonishing feats of ingenuity I have ever witnessed, and this was the second time it has been successfully attempted.



The mission is not only seeking signs of habitable conditions on Mars in the ancient past, but also searching for signs of past microbial life itself. The Mars Perseverance Rover introduces a drill that can collect core samples of the most promising rocks and soils and set them aside in a 'cache' on the surface of Mars. These will then be collected later in the decade by an ESA mission, and returned to Earth for closer examination. Other tasks include testing a method for producing oxygen from the Martian atmosphere, identifying other resources (such as subsurface water), improving landing techniques, and characterising weather, dust and other potential environmental conditions that could affect future astronauts living and working on Mars. The Rover also carries a helicopter which will attempt to fly in the thin Martian atmosphere, and thus prove the feasibility of using airborne surveying to assist the Rover in its exploration. I do urge you to go to the NASA website to see some of the brilliant videos they have published. I hope to keep you up to date with some of the findings.

Bill Turnill

The Hidden Epidemic

Victims of financial scams are losing £4,000 on average to criminals impersonating institutions. Described by a former fraud investigator as an 'epidemic within the pandemic', we see the number of victims doubling in the lockdown periods. HMRC, the NHS and Royal Mail are among the bodies most impersonated by fraudsters. I am sure we have all at some stage received the fake emails, texts and phone calls. UK Finance has revealed that the number of impersonation scams, where fraudsters contact potential victims pretending to be of a trusted authority, doubled in 2020 to 39,360 cases. Bank accounts were hit to the tune of £150.3 million, meaning victims suffered an average loss of £4,000.

Experts warn that fraud is the most likely crime from which we will become a victim.

My advice is to look at websites which offer help and advice. One I particularly recommend is the Age UK website, which has wonderful information guides and fact sheets. Their 'avoiding scams' guide gives the following useful tips:

Don't open emails or attachments from someone you don't know.

Your bank will never call you and ask for your PIN number or for you to give your card to a courier.

With doorstep callers remember: **Stop, lock, chain, check.**

Avoid pension scams by getting independent advice before making decisions.

Don't believe letters or phone calls claiming you have won a fortune if you haven't entered a lottery or a prize draw. You can't have won it.

Don't be embarrassed to hang up, say no or ask someone to leave.

These scams are indeed a plague on society, and I do hope that no readers of this magazine will have fallen victim. Take obvious precautions, and hopefully you will escape these awful fraudsters.

John Busby

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Despite the changes to rules and routines as a result of some of the Covid-19 restrictions and advice for schools, we have still been able to pack in an awful lot of learning, fun and excitement at Jacobstow Primary School and pre School. We welcomed our new Reception intake into the school, joining together our nursery and Reception children for the first time

in one large area, which has enabled us to open our nursery full time during the school day and week. We are really excited that our nursery numbers have been growing and that we have been able to welcome a lot of new families to our school community. We still have some spaces available for 2–4 year olds if you are looking for a wonderful family feel pre school.

Sadly, at the start of this term, despite staff being raring to go and having great topics planned out and classroom displays prepared, we were put into a further national lockdown which meant that our staff team had to very quickly regroup and put together a home learning pack for all of our children. We are so proud of how well our children have engaged with the home learning tasks with wonderful encouragement from their parents. They amaze us each and every day with their resilience, positivity, creativity and hard work. As a school, we have been so lucky to have had such kindness, support and understanding shown by our parents and families as we have had to make changes to our usual routines, communications and events. However, throughout all of the changes, the adaptations and the traditions which we have had to rethink we have had the inspiration of our independent, enthusiastic and bubbly children who have kept us all going and given us the inspiration to think of new ways to try and deliver the best experiences we can. Coming up this half term in the lead-up to Easter are some Easter crafts, an Easter bonnet virtual parade, more weird and wonderful weekly celebration assemblies via Zoom and an exciting whole school topic of the Tudors which is designed to support families working together and reduce the workload and pressure placed upon our children and parents.

Mikaela Rofe, headteacher



WHAT WE DO!

Hi-5TalkTimeCafe was founded in January 2017 by three grandparents with personal experience of children with additional needs. In October 2019 we moved to the former Methodist Church at Bangors, Poundstock.

It is a safe, caring, friendly café and support group run by volunteers for parents, grandparents and carers. They can bring their pre-school children with additional needs or just pop in themselves if children are at school or nursery, to enjoy some precious 'Their Time' to chat, share, laugh or cry over a cuppa, homemade cakes and light lunches.

We are also much more than a café for our families. It's a non-judgmental safe place of sharing and friendships, not a playgroup, but a cosy environment to be enjoyed. The children can explore and have fun with the many sensory toys and equipment. Our Information 'Hub' covers specific needs support and advice or help that is available ... a good Signposting provision.

NO Additional Needs diagnosis or referral is required!

OUR VISION POST COVID!

We have a five-year business plan for growth and have already been supported by the National Lottery and been given a Cornwall Rural Community Fund Together for Families grant prior to Covid lockdown, funds for a specific new long-term cooking project for parents and their children.

Our vision is to continue in the main church room and develop an entire new kitchen space and café with doors opening out onto the garden from the room. A sensory room will be provided in the small 'vestry' and a unique safely fenced sensory garden and play area to the A39 side of building.

CAN YOU HELP US?

We are looking for volunteers and trustees, particularly with skills in finance/business, social media/PR and fundraising, to help us develop our business plan and expand to support more families in our community and the wider area.

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Jacobstow WI

We're usually busy at this time of year preparing for WI competitions as part of the summer shows, but with the Holsworthy and Stratton Show now cancelled and the Royal Cornwall Show postponed until September, it is a little quieter! The shows are always a great opportunity to meet with other local WI members and to admire the competition displays of art, craft and floral art.

May is our Resolutions month when each year we consider and vote for new WI campaigns to be taken forward. Nationally, the WI is in its 101st year of campaigning on issues that are important to women and their communities, and the organisation is often at the forefront of raising awareness of the current big issues including everything from cervical screening and improving bus services to climate change and microplastics in the sea. Last year two proposed campaigns were supported by more than 70 per cent of members across the UK and both are being taken forward:



- The 'Make A Match' campaign aims to promote greater understanding of stem cell donation and encourage registration to donate life-saving stem cell transplants.
- The campaign 'End Modern Slavery' seeks to raise awareness of modern slavery in the UK, and calls for better support to victims and action to eradicate the problem.

Members continue to keep in touch and are kept informed through our monthly newsletter. Joining with other WIs across the country, there have been online meetings, classes and training courses on offer to members. There's been a lot of crafting going on too:



We plan to hold outdoor meetings and walks in small groups once the weather and restrictions permit! Our Annual Meeting may also be held outside to enable us to gather, vote and review the way forward with as many members as possible.

Jill Baker

The proposed Atlantic View Crematorium

In our December/January*** issue we reported on the pre-application plans for a crematorium based within Poundstock. Plans have now been submitted for full building approval for a crematorium on the seaward side of the A39. The application was validated on 10 March and 21 days allotted for comments from the public. As of 27 March, over 180 comments had been lodged on the Cornwall Planning website, the overwhelming majority of them objecting to the proposal.

The most commonly raised objections were: the crematorium would be within a holiday area, which is emphatically not an appropriate place for a crematorium; there would be a detrimental effect on local businesses, particularly those directly involved in the holiday and hospitality industries; the 'catchment area' of the proposed site is inappropriate, given that half of it consists of the Atlantic Ocean; traffic along the A39 and through Widemouth Bay would be increased, with a corresponding rise in the danger of accidents; there would be an adverse effect on the local ecology, including the nearby AONB; proposals to soften the site by planting trees and shrubs are unrealistic given the difficulty of establishing these in a salt-laden windy environment.

Those writing in favour of the development felt that: a crematorium was needed locally and that this would be a suitable location; the plans were designed to minimise local impact; the A39 has the capacity to cope with increased traffic; local hospitality businesses could benefit from increased business.

The plans will now be considered by Cornwall Council Planning Department and a decision given within the next 13 weeks.



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Extracts from draft minutes of the meeting of Poundstock Parish Council held 23 February 2021

Present: Cllrs Steve Pawley, Alison Rowland, Brenda Alison, Brian Furse, Pamela Idelson, Revd Ben Lillie and Robbie Pearce, County Councillor Nicky Chopak, clerk Lynn Pluess and nine members of the public.

Apologies from: Cllrs Kerensa Cobbledick, Paul Curtis, Colin Gilbert.

A member of the public spoke with concerns about the closure of Bangors Church and Hall.

Planning applications: PA21/00315, land south of 3 Swelle Cottages EX23 0DW, extension and conversion of garage into self-contained holiday let, Mr and Mrs Faulkner; resolved to object. PA21/00930, Coppathorne EX23 0DD, conversion of ground floor garage space to studio holiday let, Mr H. Smith and Ms A. Rowland, resolved to object. PA21/00358 Woolstone Mill EX23 0NB, construction of extension to form garden room, Mr and Mrs Coston, resolved to support. PA21/00845, land east of Rubers Coombe, Combe Lane, Widemouth Bay, construction of a new dwelling house, Mr and Mrs Snell, resolved to object. PA21/00956, 1 Bramble Close, Widemouth Bay EX23 0PJ, single storey extension to the front and two storey extension to the side, raising roof to provide additional accommodation at first floor level and increase size of balcony, Mr and Mrs Gray, resolved to support. PA21/01042, Surf House, Madeira Drive, Widemouth Bay EX23 0AJ, proposed extension and remodelling with room in roof space, Mr John Pearson, resolved to support.

Sea-Changers Coastal Fountain Fund 2021: Resolved to make an application for funding.

Civil Enforcement Training: Cornwall Cllr Nicky Chopak advised training could be undertaken by volunteers to assist with dogs on beaches, fly tipping, poor parking, etc., and Cornwall Council can arrange training for those interested. There is a charge of £100 per person to ensure proper training is given and to cover legal obligations.

Cemetery bench: Resolved to site a fourth bench in the cemetery. Cllrs Alison and Lillie will review conditions.

Ward Member report Cllr Nicky Chopak: Cornwall Council has approved a 4.99% increase in the council tax, 3% towards adult social care. The double yellow lines in Widemouth Bay are now fully installed and the posts removed. Although illegal parking is now enforceable there are still problems with parking on the verge at Black Rock.

Chairman's report: Please see p. 22.

Bangors Chapel: Application for the community right to bid was submitted to Cornwall Council on 3 February.

New parish council website: A new website is under construction.

Public toilets Widemouth Bay: Following lengthy discussion and in consideration of legal advice it was resolved to make a formal request to Cornwall Council to extend the Tenancy at Will for 12 months with a view to purchase, and to set up a working group with interested parties tasked to investigate all possibilities and provide direct feedback.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.52.

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Parish Council Chairman's Report

I am pleased to welcome the Rev. Ben Lillie and Rob Pearce to the Parish Council. I am certain that they will bring fresh ideas to our deliberations.

The NDP Steering Group has reconvened under the chairmanship of Matthew Blows, and I know that he is determined to complete the work and bring the project to a satisfactory conclusion. Our thanks are due to Cllr Alison Rowland who led the Steering Group from its inception, and dealt ably with the initial problems and uncertainties.



The Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the proposed crematorium is still to take place at the time of writing. A lot of strong feeling has been expressed both for and against, and whatever final decision is made by Cornwall Council I sincerely hope that it will not divide the Parish in the long term.

The future of a Community Hall is once more in the forefront following the planning application to develop the Bangors Chapel site. The application to have the chapel registered as a Public Asset is still ongoing and meanwhile the planning application has been withdrawn. It would be sensible to wait until the status of the chapel has been settled before the Parish Council takes the matter any further as the solution is far from simple.

We are aware of issues in Widemouth regarding seasonal flooding, sewage overflow and an unstable electricity supply, which are of considerable concern as development increases in the area. The matter has been raised with Cornwall Council a number of times but the planners seem reluctant to take any real notice because of a lack of relevant data. Residents can help us and themselves by keeping a record of these problems with dates and full details and passing these on to the Clerk.

Elections for the whole Parish Council will take place on Thursday 6 May, so this is an opportunity to put yourself forward if you feel able to make a positive contribution to the running of the Parish. Completed nominations have to be handed in at Bodmin by 4.00 pm on Thursday 8 April. For more information contact the Parish Clerk (details on page 21).

Steve Pawley, Chairman Poundstock Parish Council

Neighbourhood Development Plan

We are up and running again under a new Chairman and welcome any comments or questions from members of the Parish. We look forward to hearing from you.

Steering group:

Chairman - Matthew Blows

Vice Chair – Brenda Alison

Secretary – Lyn Smith

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Candidates for Cornwall Councillor at the forthcoming elections

At the time of going to press, we knew of only two candidates who have announced that they will be standing. Here are their statements. Please be aware that this was prepared before the closing date for declarations and there may be other candidates; you can find out more on the Cornwall Council website.

Nicky Chopak

As we look forward to the end of lockdown, the pandemic has touched us all in many ways, but shows as a community we have been strong, united and supportive.

As your Cornwall Councillor, I have been privileged to be part of that support. On 6 May, you have an opportunity to vote in the Cornwall Council Elections. I have chosen to stand again to represent Poundstock.

Over the past eight years I have represented you on issues from planning to housing, transport and health. Health and Adult Social Care continue to one of my main priorities.

I am recognized for championing local issues in a frank and friendly way. I have always attended Parish Council meetings and will continue to do so.

Elections will be different this time and it would sensible to encourage everyone to vote by post, if you don't already.

The pressures on all of us, as we come out of this pandemic, will be huge. I want to ensure your voice continues to be heard at County Hall.

Please contact me nicky chopak@gmail.com, telephone 07810302061 or via Facebook at Nicky Chopak Cornwall Councillor for Poundstock.



Aaron Lynch



The past year has been a tough one, there is no doubt about it. That is why, in May, I am standing for Cornwall Council because I want to make the Poundstock Division the best possible place to live, work and grow up in.

Over the last couple of years Cornwall Council has received record funding from Central Government. Over £500million this financial year alone. How much of that have we seen in this part of Cornwall – what have we got to show for it? Yet, the Liberal Democrats running Cornwall Council can afford to spend £20million on consultants in the last year alone while over 20 members of council staff continue to earn over £100,000 a year. On top of this they continue with their vanity projects and

mad-cap schemes like luxurious trips to France and keeping an office in Brussels, despite the country leaving the European Union. This is all at our expense while our council tax continues to rise by the maximum amount, year on year.

In May, you will get the chance to decide who runs Cornwall Council and who will represent our area. Do we want more of the same, or is it time for change?

Promoted by Jordan Rowse, on behalf of Aaron Lynch, both of North Cornwall Conservative Association, Camelford Conservative Club, Market Place, Camelford, PL32 9PB.

Diary Dates

April

- 2 Good Friday
4 Easter Sunday
21 Gildhouse Wednesday openings begin (conditional)
Poundstock APCM, 2.30 via Zoom (see p. 9)

May

- 6 Election Day (see pp. 1 and 23)

FREE ADVERTISING FOR LOCAL EVENTS

The Packet will always advertise local community and charity events free of charge. As soon as circumstances allow meetings and events to take place, we will be delighted to publish the details: the deadline is 20 May for events in June and July.

Don't forget: tell the Packet!

Defibrillators in the parish

There are three, all in Widemouth Bay. One is next to the Summerhouse (at the church in Leverlake Road), one is near the top of Long Park Drive by the entrance to Pencarra and Bellair, just below the junction with Edith Walk, and the third is at the back of the public toilets just above Widemouth beach. The RNLI lifeguards also have a defibrillator.

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While the churches are closed, Poundstock's two pop-up libraries, in St Winwaloe's and Our Lady and St Anne's, are not available.

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The following details relate to pre-covid meetings. We apologise that with **THINGS BEING SO CHANGEABLE IT'S** impossible for us to give up-to-date information. Please contact each organisation for the current situation.

Scouts and Guides

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Guides: Monday, Jacobstow parish hall
Scouts: Tuesday 6.30–8.0 pm
Beavers: Wednesday 6.0–8.0 pm (07855 001284)
Rainbows, Brownies and Guides: ring Louise on 078 1798 5661 for more information.

Marhamchurch WI

Meets in Marhamchurch Methodist Hall at 7.30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month.

Jacobstow WI

Meets in Jacobstow Parish Hall at 7.30 pm on the second Thursday of the month.

Juliotter Garden Club

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month in Otterham and St Juliot hall at 7.30 pm. More info from Alan on 01566 781559 or Paul on 01840 269178

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Bude Bridge Club

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Whist drives

Whist drives normally held at the Bray, Marhamchurch, on Thursday afternoons are suspended for the moment.

Bangors Chapel Hall

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