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Liz

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## Around the parish ...

### **Woolstone Manor Farm planning application: a clarification**

I wish to make Packet readers aware that Woolstone Manor Farm had nothing at all to do with the planning application no. PA21/10117 reported in the Parish Council Minutes in the Packet [Issue 113].

A mistake was made by Cornwall Council planning department incorrectly assuming that the application for a slip and slide leisure facility was made by our adjacent self-catering holiday complex with the same postcode. The application was actually made by others without our knowledge. A definite case of two plus two equalling five!

Cornwall Council have since corrected their mistake on the planning portal.

*Malcolm and Liz Wright*

### **Another clarification: the defibrillator at Meadowlands Court**

We've been asked to point out that since this defibrillator is privately owned and sited on the Meadowlands Court development, a gated community with restricted access, it isn't available to the public. The defibrillators at Treskinnick Cross and in Widemouth Bay remain available to everyone.

### **Plant sales – we hope**

Plant sales are planned for 26 April and 7 May, as long as there are enough sellers wanting to take part. Juliotter Garden Club hopes to have a sale at Otterham and St Juliot Hall on 26 April, and Poundstock Gildhouse will be following suit on 7 May, both from 10.00 to 12.30. If you would like to have a table at either of these sales, please contact Alan Green on 01840 261237 as soon as possible. If you are hoping to come and buy, keep an eye out for posters or ring Alan near the time to check whether the event is taking place.

### **Poundstock Gildhouse**

As life opens up and restrictions lift, Poundstock Gildhouse is returning to its usual summer pattern, with the building open to visitors every Wednesday from 20 April, 10.00 to 4.00. Friendly volunteers will be on hand to welcome you, answer your questions about the Gildhouse and provide a cup of tea.

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13 October 1975: Widemouth Church grounds: Mr Rowland cultivates a part of the ground and in return keeps the grass cut. Other people, however, are using his bonfire for their rubbish and Mrs Browne suggested that they be asked to make a contribution to the church for this privilege. This was agreed.

*It is intriguing that the late Mr Rawles was granted a plot for growing flowers, but a little research indicates that Mr Rawles sadly died very shortly after – not before – this entry.*

## Benefice Services for April

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|-----------|--|
| 3         | HC, Bude 9.30; FS, WSM 10.00; EP, Marhamchurch 6 pm  |
| 6 and 20  | HC, Widemouth Bay 10.00  |
| 10        | Palm Sunday: <b>MP, Poundstock 9.30</b> ; HC, Marhamchurch 9.30 and Whitstone 11.15; FS, WSM 10.00       |
| 13 and 27 | HC, Bude 10.00   |
| 15        | Good Friday: Good Friday Liturgy Bude 9.30; Stations of the Cross Marhamchurch and Whitstone, both 11.00 |
| 17        | Easter Sunday: <b>HC, Poundstock 9.30</b> , Bude 9.30, Whitstone 11.15, Marhamchurch 11.15, WSM 11.15    |
| 24        | <b>HC, Poundstock 9.30</b> ; HC, Marhamchurch 9.30; MP, Whitstone 9.30; MP, WSM 10.00; HC, Bude 11.15    |
| 1 May     | HC, Bude 9.30; FS, WSM 10.00; EP Marhamchurch 6 pm   |
| 4 May     | HC, Widemouth 10.00  |

*EP Evening Prayer; FS Family Service; HC Holy Communion: MP Morning Prayer; times are a.m. unless otherwise stated*

*We are sorry the full service rota for May was unavailable when we went to press, but it should follow the same pattern as usual. The rota will be posted in the church porch as soon as it is published.*





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This half term at Jacobstow has been another busy time, full of exciting learning adventures and lots of great memories being made. Our children have continued to demonstrate their thought and care for others by suggesting ways for us to support charities and causes both near and far. We raised well over £1000 for charities before Christmas and now are raising money to support families affected by the events taking place in the Ukraine, with a fundraiser event and cake sale, and to support the Air Ambulance with a fundraiser nearer the end of half term, inspired by Josh, one of our reception children who heard about the great work they do on the news.

After two years of facing so many restrictions in and out of school as a result of Covid 19, we have been so fortunate to be able to relaunch our visits, trips and enrichment activities and help fulfil the first part of our new motto: 'Making Memories'. Our children have enjoyed a visit from Mr Barber from Bradworthy, who brought his planetarium with him to teach us about space. The oohs and aahs emerging from the dome communicated just how much the children were enthralled by this experience. It created a real sense of awe and wonder and linked fabulously with the children's learning. We are really grateful to the team who organised the Farm and Country Days for our Year 3 and 4 children down at Wadebridge County Showground. Although we are such a rural school, we really value every opportunity to embrace this aspect of our community and local context. The range of experiences the children got to experience during this trip were fabulous. Our Songfest Choir represented us superbly at Launceston Town Hall in March, joining forces with other local primary and secondary schools to rejoice in the power of music and singing as part of Songfest 2022.

Our Saturn and Neptune Classes also enjoyed a class trip to the Eden project, packing in as many different aspects of learning and fun as they could during their time exploring the biomes and working with the presenters of the workshops. Our Saturn Class children have really benefited from



being part of the Harmony Project, coordinated by the Eden staff, which has helped them collaborate on a larger project immersing themselves in knowledge about the world's rainforests. Finally, Mr Kim Insull, from Really Wild Learning, came to help excite and intrigue the children with his [contd p. 11]

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## Jacobstow School (continued)

amazing creatures, demonstrating the last part of our motto: 'Nurturing confidence and inspiring ambition for a bright future'. It was fabulous to see some of our children (and staff) change from being a little uncertain when faced with the creatures he brought along, to becoming much more confident. I loved talking to the children after his visit, finding out from them if they had changed their ambitions or whether it had helped them to be even more determined.

In March, we held an Ambitions Day in school, when everyone came in an outfit or with a prop to resemble the job or career they would like to do 'when they grow up'. Our staff – who all love their current jobs – found it hard to think what else they would do but remembered things they were interested in when they were little, from movie star to hockey player, elf, top chef, army medic, midwife, studio photographer, artist, animal photographer and water sports instructor!

Our children have set their hearts on such an array of wonderful ambitions: actors, singers, dancers, authors, journalists, photographers, geologists, opal hunters, palaeontologists, explorers, princesses, doctors, nurses, hairdressers, make-up artists, horse riders, jockeys, scientists, track runners, mechanics, motorbike riders, welders, carpenters, coastguards, dentists, babysitters, ballerinas, Youtubers, Tik-Tokers, police, farmers, archaeologists, rock stars, bakers, tennis stars, poets, forensic scientists, vets, skateboarders, sweet shop owners, footballers ... the list is incredibly long!

We also shared the story of Evonne Goolagong, from an Australian Aboriginal family, who was told she would never achieve her dream of becoming a professional tennis player. She never gave up, practised in secret, persevered and eventually went on to become 12th on the list of all time singles Grand Slam winners – including Wimbledon. She is famous for saying, 'Your dreams when you are young can be the force that keeps you going.' We are certain we have stars of the future in our midst at Jacobstow School and feel privileged that we get to play a part in their hopes, dreams and ambitions.

*Mikaela Rofe, Headteacher, Jacobstow Primary and Pre-school*



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# Ancient Woods and Yellow Flowers



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The woods probably date back to time immemorial. That is a posh way of saying since Richard I came to the throne in 1089. That's a *thousand* years, by heck. But the woods weren't planted when Richard Gare de Lyon (sic) was prancing in France. They have probably been there for 12,000 years. Eye-watering, eh?



Photo courtesy of Brittney Strange,  
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Ancient Woodland is hard to come by, but we have some right on our doorstep. The woods in Millook Valley are ancient woodland. And that's because they are on a steep hill where nobody can build grot. You'll find these woods if you walk upstream, passing Millook Water on your left; go 200 yards further and they are on the hill on your right.

The trees have never been managed by mankind, so nature is boss. The main type is oak, but there is holly and ash and beech. In amongst them are some favourites: honeysuckle winding its way up high; ivy up every tree and in every crevice; dog's mercury which I always thought was ground elder, but isn't; and bluebells.



Photo courtesy of Unsplash

But let's go and poke around more *under* the ancient woods. There you have got my favourite flower: the primrose. They are all coming out now as spring is busting out all over.

I get down every spring on my knees and bury my head in a clump of primroses. The scent is impossible to describe. It's my youth, my passport to heaven. Go out this afternoon, and do what I do! Even if people give you funny looks.

*Christopher Asbury*

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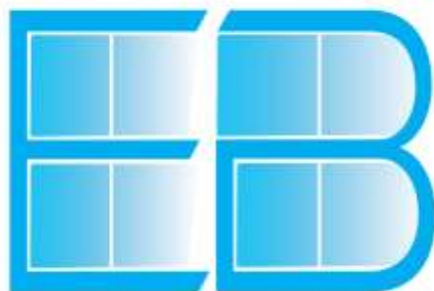
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The Kingdons of Whitstone, a prominent local family, over the years provided clergy for several local parishes, notably Whitstone and Bridgerule. Through the marriage of the Revd William Kingdon and Jane Hawker, sister of the celebrated Parson Hawker of Morwenstow, they were proud of their link to one of the area's most famous clergymen. William and Jane's grandson Reggie, born in 1868, was the fifth and youngest son of Robert Hawker Kingdon, rector of Bridgerule, and his wife Mary Jane. Three of the five boys – Claude, Frank Hawker and Reggie – followed the family tradition of becoming clergymen (Edward became a doctor, working in Holsworthy for many years, while the eldest, Robert junior, died when only 13). As was usual then, they spent their entire careers in single parishes, Claude in Prickwillow, Cambridgeshire (eventually retiring first to St Teath and then to Whitstone), Frank in Bridgerule (until his death at the age of 98) and Reggie, said to be the most robust and healthy of the brothers, in the demanding conditions of the slums of the Isle of Dogs in London's East End.

The story goes that the three clergymen would take their holidays together in Widemouth, planning and writing their sermons for the following year (though whether they all preached the same sermon on the same Sunday or holy day is doubtful). Our Lady and St Anne's was then a private oratory, but it was gladly made available for the brothers to use and many a sermon must have been thought through within its walls.

As a young man Reggie served as chaplain to the troops in the First World War, returning to the Isle of Dogs for more than 30 years as parish priest. He seems to have been a larger-than-life character with a loud voice and a 'thumping' preaching style, but his concern for his people was anything but theatrical and he was much loved. During WWII he was often to be seen in tin hat and cassock, patrolling the air raid shelters and providing endless cups of tea. When he retired to Widemouth in 1948 he continued to play an active part in parish life, serving on the PCC and taking to the pulpit on special occasions like Revel services, until his death in 1955, at the age of 86.

More about the Kingdons at <https://islandhistory.wordpress.com/2015/05/12>.

Answers to brain-teasers: snowdrops, porpoises, reeds, iris, nest, grass, and spring

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2022 has started well for the group with 50 young members enjoying weekly Beaver, Cub and Scout meetings. Members have been enjoying various activities, with plenty of fitness to keep them warm in the dark winter evenings. As the evenings are beginning to pull out, this is allowing for spring walks and Easter fun evenings. This summer sees the return of the Kernow Jamboree, a week-long camp open to our Scouts at Stithians showground. This is a super opportunity for our Scouts with a full six days of activities and evening entertainment.

The new scout hut at Gratton's Farm is well under construction. Still with only committee members and volunteers completing the work on Saturdays, we are slowly but surely making progress. The roof has started to be slated but the wind has hindered progress on this. We are putting our efforts on the outside of the building, with three sides now battened and insulated. The final finish on the outside is wood cladding.



The windows and doors are ordered and will be fitted in April.

Once the outside is completed we will turn our attention to the inside – electrics, plumbing, insulating, plastering, the list is endless, but with sheer determination we will chip away at it and in time have a fabulous facility for our young people.



On Saturday 5 March the committee opened up the site for people to come and see our efforts. This was well supported by locals and we thank the parish councils who came to see the progress we have made. Special thanks to Launceston & Callington Ploughing Association, for presenting the group with a donation of £503. This was raised through a slide show evening

organised by Terry Jones and a ploughing match organised by Eddie Moore. Thank you to each and every one who has supported us.

*Jill Cole, Treasurer*



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# Local Organisations

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## Scouts and Guides

Cubs: Monday 6.30–8.0 pm (01288 352786)

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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.

## Marhamchurch WI

Marhamchurch Methodist Hall, 2.30 pm, second Tuesday of the month (note change of time to afternoon).

## Jacobstow WI

Jacobstow Parish Hall, 7.30 pm, second Thursday of the month.

## Juliotter Garden Club

Otterham and St Juliot Hall, 7.30 pm, fourth Tuesday of the month.

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# Diary Dates

## April

- 15 Good Friday (for services see p. 7)
- 17 Easter Sunday (for services see p. 7)
- 20 and all following Wednesdays: Gildhouse open to visitors, 10–4
- 23 Plant sale, Otterham and St Juliot Hall, 10–12.30 (but see p. 5)
- 26 Poundstock Annual Parish Meeting, 6.30, Gildhouse  
Juliottter Garden Club, K. Werron, 'Native Hedgerow Medicine', 7.30

## May

- 7 Plant sale, Gildhouse, 10–12.30 (but see p. 5)
- 11 Gildhouse talk, Pete Vicary, 'Bude Lifesaving', 7.30
- 24 Juliottter Garden Club, Roger Hooper, 'Gardening for Wildlife', 7.30
- 31 The Bridge Mill garden open, 10–5 (see p. 15)

## FREE ADVERTISING FOR LOCAL EVENTS

The Packet will always advertise local community and charity events free of charge. As circumstances allow meetings and events to take place, we all hope to get back to a more normal pattern of life with a lot more going on. As ever, we will be delighted to publish the details: just let us know.

Our deadline for the June and July edition is 20 May

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## Defibril lators in the parish

**Widemouth Bay:** next to the Summerhouse (by the church, Leverlake Road); near the top of Long Park Drive by the entrance to Pencarra and Bellair, just below the junction with Edith Walk; at the back of the public toilets just above Widemouth beach. The RNLI lifeguards also have a defibrillator, available at their hut above the beach when they are on duty.

**Treskinnick Cross:** just off the A39, in the old phone box.

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## Jacobstow WI

We started 2022 with a talk on beekeeping by Vanessa Tyler, from the Launceston Beekeeping Group. Bringing a complete hive and all her tools of the trade, Vanessa explained how the hive is assembled, describing the life cycle of the bees and

the necessary interventions of the beekeeper in order to manage them.

With some beautiful photographs and examples, she showed us the products collected from the hives and how these could be used. This was a fascinating talk and one of our

members has since joined the Launceston Beekeeping Group!



Our Annual Meeting was held in March, looking forward to our new programme and membership year starting in April. We also celebrated the continued support of several of our longstanding members, one of whom was presented with a certificate to mark 45 years in Jacobstow WI! She and many of our members joined from other WIs, both local and further afield, so their WI careers span even more years.

We have recently welcomed five new members and with the return of regular meetings, activities and events, we hope this trend continues. One of our mottos is that “**Your WI is what you make it**” so members are encouraged to join in with local and county-wide events, suggest new activities and take part in all that is on offer. If this sounds like an organisation you would like to join, do get in touch. You can email: [jacobstowwi@btinternet.com](mailto:jacobstowwi@btinternet.com) or give Jill a call on 01840 239829.

To commemorate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year, we'll be participating in Jacobstow village activities and serving cream teas at the parish hall on 2 June at 3.30 pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

*Jill Baker*

**Marhamchurch WI** combined fun and exercise with a session of ‘Seated yoga, posture and breathing exercises’ at their February meeting, and also enjoyed a trip to River Life for a spring lunch. They are already planning their Baker Cup entry, on the theme of ‘Rediscovering footpaths’. and are exploring and photographing local paths.



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## From the Garden Club: Sweet Peas



You just can't do without sweet peas. They fill the house with their classic perfume and, although the blooms don't last long, grown properly they are so prolific there's always more to pick. Best time to sow was late last year, of course, but it's not too late to start them off now. Should you soak the seed before sowing? Some say that this does more harm than good, though others swear that it helps them germinate. I've never soaked. Nor chipped the seed, but if you want to try this, they do say you should concentrate on blue and maroon varieties which are more hard-seeded than other types. Aim for a point opposite the eye of the seed and either nick the seed coat with a sharp knife or rub it with a file or coarse sandpaper.

If you want to grow plants singly up canes, cordon style, sow seed singly in tubes of compost – I use a tray of ancient root-trainers, and the insides of loo rolls are also ideal. If your sights are set lower, poke 3-5 seeds in a 3in pot of compost, water them and cover them with a pane of glass and also newspaper, which keeps out the light until the seeds have germinated. I'm not looking for exhibition blooms, just lots of well-scented flowers to pick. So I work on the principle that sweet peas need to grow hard, and set the seeds on shelves in our unheated greenhouse. Whip off the newspaper as soon as you see the first shoots. This depends on the amount of warmth the seeds get, but it may happen after only a week. If you are germinating the seeds on a windowsill in the house, put the pots outside when you see the first shoots. If you keep them inside, the plants will grow weak and spindly. Pinch out the tops of the plants when they are about 4in high. You are aiming for strong bushy plants so you may even have to pinch them out again. Plant them in the spring before the roots hang out too far from the bottom of the pot. By this time, there should be fat new shoots sprouting from the main stem. Just plant the whole pot together, and support them with netting, brushwood or canes. It's easier to get the supports in before you plant rather than after. I make a tepee just like the one I grow my runner beans on.

There is one other thing that needs seeing to now: the ground where they are to grow. Sweet peas, for all their delicate old-lady, pink and mauve looks have appetites like sumo wrestlers. They need muck. Make sure there is plenty under the place where they will be growing. And if you pick as they flower they will go on flowering their socks off all summer long.

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The James Webb Telescope continues on its path to becoming a focused observatory. The team has successfully worked through the second and third out of seven total phases of mirror alignment. With the completion of these phases, called Segment Alignment and Image Stacking, the team will now begin making smaller adjustments to the positions of Webb's mirrors. After moving what were 18 scattered dots of starlight into Webb's signature hexagonal formation, the team refined each mirror segment's image by making minor adjustments, while also changing the alignment of Webb's secondary mirror. The completion of this process, Segment Alignment, was a key step prior to overlapping the light from all the mirrors so that they can work in unison. Once Segment



Full-scale model of the JWT at NASA Goddard (© NASA)

Alignment was achieved, the focused dots reflected by each mirror were then stacked on top of each other, delivering photons of light from each segment to the same location on NIRCam's sensor. During this process, called Image Stacking, the team activated sets of six mirrors at a time and commanded them to re-point their light to overlap, until all dots of starlight overlapped with each other. Although Image Stacking put all the light from a star in one place on NIRCam's detector, the mirror segments are still acting as 18 small telescopes rather than one big one. The segments now need to be lined up to each other with an accuracy smaller than the wavelength of the light.

All this is taking place 1 million miles from Earth, with the telescope's team in constant communication with it. Their dedication deserves our admiration, and our hopes that the final images will be truly astonishing!

*Bill Turnill*



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## A LEGAL VIEW: WHAT'S POLISH FOR 'CORBLIMEY'?

A high percentage of the population have not got Wills in place. With a Will, life is made easy for everyone. A Will eliminates the game of chance. It provides certainty. Money and wealth goes where the maker of the will intends it to go. Without it, there can be many and quite severe unintended consequences.

**Genealogist:** With no Will, it is necessary to follow the intestacy rules. These set out the pecking order for those who might stand to benefit. Sometimes it is necessary for professionals like myself to engage genealogists to carry out detailed research into family trees. This ensures accuracy and eliminates risks. They can trace virtually anyone and know how to navigate their way round the most complex of cases, usually involving a strong international element. I have come across two recent, interesting cases which indicate what can happen when no Will is in place, and both have their roots in Poland.

**No near relatives:** The first case was that of an elderly lady who died intestate in this country, and seemingly had outlived all her nearest relatives. Genealogists were called in to investigate a whole class of blood uncles and aunts and their issue. The lady was born in eastern Poland and the genealogist discovered that some lines of the family had disappeared off the face of the earth.

**Successful search:** Some records were found showing some members of the family had been murdered in the concentration camp at Auschwitz. The worldwide Jewish community, however, has preserved testimony from Holocaust survivors, much of which appears to be available on-line. The genealogists were able to discover seven potential heirs to the old lady's estate. Two of these had avoided being transported to the Auschwitz camp with the help of Oskar Schindler. He was instrumental in saving the lives of 850 Jews. If you have still to see the film *Schindler's List*, I would urge you to do so.

**Polish soldier:** The second case involved an elderly Polish man who had served in the Polish Home Army during World War II. He settled in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, after the war and married an English lady. She died before him, and they had no children. As he had no Will, genealogists were called in to search for any of his surviving siblings, and the search started in Poland, where researchers found that he had been born in Plock. A researcher in Poland checked the local records office and discovered that he had in fact been married before the war, also in Plock. The researcher struck lucky and found that his wife was in fact still alive and still living in Poland. It was also revealed that she had married again twice on the basis that her soldier husband was presumed dead. *[Continued on p. 33]*

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## A Legal View: Continued

**Bigamous marriages:** The researchers satisfied themselves that the old soldier had not in fact divorced his Polish bride. This rendered his marriage to the English lady bigamous. His Polish bride told the researchers that she remarried because she thought he had perished in the war. She had made enquiries and got nowhere and he made no contact with her or with family. The researchers brushed over the fact that two subsequent marriages were also bigamous – why upset her when she was not at fault?

**Unintended consequences:** The good news for her was that as the survivor of her first husband, she became his sole beneficiary. She therefore was able to become the legal owner of all his assets. In this case she suddenly became richer by £250,000. It appears that the shock of this incredible news and unexpected windfall did not see her off. One's hope therefore is that she has been able to enjoy the unintended consequences of her first marriage and of the fact that her first husband had not taken any steps to draw up a Will during his lifetime in England.

*John Busby*

## Planning Permission: How to Comment

**Please note from the 1 April 2022 public comments submitted via email will no longer be accepted.**

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## From the Parish Council Chairman

As I sit here today writing to you, it occurred to me that the world as we know it is a very different place now than it was even a few weeks ago. With the past weeks' events in the Ukraine and the war Russia has unleashed upon them, the whole world has changed, and we are not immune to that event. Our cost of living has been seriously impacted by these events and was already under stress by the effects that Covid had and was still having in our society.

But it also struck me what compassion we have towards others in need. The incredible effort people have gone to, donating whatever they can to the displaced people of the Ukraine. This also included the offer to house some of those that had been displaced. The Ukraine will be in our thoughts and prayers, and should be applauded for their courage and resilience in standing up to the tyrant that is Putin, who has no regard for life, including his own people, and only seeks to expand his own empire for his own selfish needs. I want to say a big thank you to all the local people who have and are helping with the effort to support the Ukrainian people.

On a different note, I have been asked by the police to pass on a message to everyone using heating oil for their homes. Due to the sudden and ridiculous price rise in heating oil, it has become a valuable commodity and as such those people in our society that only care about what they can take for themselves have increased the syphoning of oil from people's tanks. The police recommend that we make sure that tanks are padlocked and if we have any home security that it includes the tank. Keep a regular check on the tank and make it more difficult for a vehicle to pull up close to the tank where they can use a pump to drain fuel. The police have also said that vehicle fuel tanks being syphoned is going up and recommend you stay vigilant, taking precautions wherever you can.

Covid rules across the country have been relaxed and mostly removed, and the government has released their plan of living with Covid; however, the numbers of people with Covid are still very high, and it is still something we should continually bear in mind as we go about our normal lives. Please stay safe.

I would like to thank Matthew Blows, the chairman of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group, and the Group, for hosting a meeting last Saturday at the Gildhouse to update the community on the progress they are making with the plan. It was well attended, and thank you to those that came.

Future meetings of the Parish Council will now be held in the Gildhouse upper room and the dates and agenda will be published in the normal way. To conclude I would like to say that the Parish Council care about the needs and requirements of the parish and are working hard on your behalf to secure those needs. Thank you to all those that continue to support the community; please stay safe and vigilant.

*Robert Gavin, Chairman, Poundstock Parish Council*  
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**Public participation:** members of the public spoke on Bangors Hall and its impending sale, a planning application and the Council's Abusive, Persistent and Vexatious Complaints policy.

Resolved unanimously that Steve Haynes be coopted to the Parish Council.

**Planning applications:** PA22/00663 extension and alterations to 24 Atlantic Close, Widemouth Bay EX23 0AP, resolved to recommend refusal as not in keeping with surrounding properties and not appropriate for the plot size; PA22/01031 Highway, Poundstock EX23 0EG, alterations and extension, no objection; PA22/01320 land east of Bangors Organic, full application for new dwelling, no objection.

Planning decisions are available at [www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications](http://www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications).

**Agenda items: (c) Community Hall:** resolved to appoint Cllrs Tom O'Sullivan, Stephen Blake, Max Faulkner and Eric Harris as committee members to arrange a meeting to finalise the terms of reference to be agreed at the next meeting of the full Council.

**(d) Livestreaming Council meetings:** resolved to suspend in view of technical difficulties.

**(e) Land at Treskinnick Cross:** (i) resolved to give an expression of interest on this being devolved to the Parish Council for building a new community hall; (ii) resolved that Cllr Stephen Blake complete and submit a pre-application on the land at Treskinnick Cross for the building of a new community hall.

**(j) Bude Area Community Networks Highways Scheme:** resolved to submit an expression of interest for a speed reduction to 20mph through Bangors Green, and to submit a second expression of interest for a white line cycle/pedestrian track within the A39 from Treskinnick Cross to Bangors with the aim to expand the route across the network area.

**(k) Public toilets:** resolved to obtain three quotes to repair and/or replace the roof of the public toilets; resolved to obtain quotes for an analysis of the drainage system.

**(l) Public toilets:** resolved to contact the manufacturer regarding repair and ongoing maintenance cost of the three hand dryers. *[Continued on p. 39]*



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**(m) Public toilets:** resolved to investigate grants and costs for a water catchment system.

**Ward Member's Report:** Cornwall Councillor Nicky Chopak reported that Cornwall Council has approved its budget for the coming year, raising council tax bills by 2.99 per cent, which includes a 1 per cent levy to fund adult social care, the Council's biggest area of expenditure. The Council is set to axe around 420 jobs as a result of cuts with significant reduction to the localism team; vital services are being lost. Regarding the Making Space for Sand funding, Cllr Chopak is keen to set up a local working group. She spoke of the children's play equipment donated for the car park in Widemouth Bay and providing benches, one funded through the Community Chest Fund.

**Annual Parish Meeting and next ordinary Parish Council meeting:** the Annual Parish Meeting will be 26 April 2022 at 6.30 pm in the Gildhouse, immediately before the next ordinary Parish Council meeting.

**Meeting closed:** 9.50 pm.

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The parish council website carries agendas, full minutes and other documents, as well as information about the Neighbourhood Development Plan and the parish cemetery. Council meetings are normally held on the fourth Tuesday in the month at 7.00 pm upstairs in the Gildhouse, but check with the clerk before attending.



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Thank you to the brave souls who came to our Public Consultation Event on 12 March, in very wet and blustery conditions. They were treated to an update from the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Matthew Blows. He explained the progress so far, the timeline in the future and the data-logging which has been part of the process to date. It is hoped we might be able to have the document ready for a public referendum by the end of 2023, and that will then be approved by Cornwall Council and will inform future planning decisions in the parish.

Those present were able to ask questions and comment on the progress to date. This was followed by a cream tea and chat with other Steering Group members. We will be holding more of these events as the process continues and your support is vital to validate the plan. We look forward to seeing you!

*Nicky Vereker*

### **Poundstock Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group**

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