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### Jubil ee? What Jubil ee?

Is it just me, or is anyone else disappointed at the lack of Jubilee celebrations in Poundstock? Well done, Widemouth Bay, for organising a community street party, and the bellringers, for organising a ring of Queens (see p. 5).but no one else seems to have made a move Harking back ten years, we had a magnificent Diamond Jubilee beacon and a hog roast at Swell Farm, organised and provided by the Parish Council. Given the current financial situation it's understandable that this isn't possible, but with enough notice surely we could have organised some kind of community event to celebrate this unique milestone and the extraordinary service of our queen. Maybe everyone has their own private plans to commemorate the occasion; I hope so.

### Contributions

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### Around the parish ...

### Congratulations

Many congratulations to Rebecca Larkin and Jonathan Marshall, who were married at St Winwaloe's on 21 May. They are both experts in their own fields: Rebecca is a top international dressage rider, while Jonathan is known for his shows as a horseback falconer. We wish them every happiness in their life together.



### **Queens for the Queen**

St Winwaloe's ringers will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the afternoon of Friday 3 June by ringing a set of West Country call changes appropriately called Queens. All bell ringing changes alter the order in which the bells are rung, but in West Country call changes a conductor calls out the way they should move. While the bells change places in the correct order, each ringer must control the swing of a very heavy chunk of metal high up in the tower. Tricky? Yes, but fascinating, and fun too. If you'd like to find out more, come to our practice night at 7.15 on Tuesdays, when everyone is welcome, complete beginners included. And listen out for Queens on Friday afternoon.

### **Lights over Poundstock**

Did you see a bright green streak in the evening sky on Monday 16 May? The UK Meteor Observation Network confirmed that an exceptionally bright meteor, known as a 'bolide meteor', was spotted at 21.44, travelling from south to north over Dorset and Somerset. Reports came in from as far as Manchester and London – and Poundstock [for once I was in the right place at the right time and looking in the right direction; Ed.]. It was visible for about 6 seconds and then broke up. Experts said it was probably caused by a rock from the main asteroid belt and will have burned up in the earth's atmosphere.

### Poundstock Gildhouse needs a treasurer - could you help?

The Poundstock Gildhouse committee are in need of a treasurer. We need you from September, or before if possible. Also, is anyone interested in becoming involved with our beautiful Tudor church house? Here in Poundstock we are so very lucky to have this amazing building and in such good condition. We would like to thank all who come to support us throughout the year. We look forward to hearing from you. Please call Gail: 01288 341537, or Jen: 01288 361525.





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### Goodbye Poundstock

After 38 years it is time to move on.

Many fond memories will be taken with me: opening to the public as Southfield Farm, with our rare breeds of poultry, goats, sheep and pigs; opening the garden and woodland for charity – the Cornwall Wildlife Trust, the WI; working at Budehaven School, the Gildhouse and St Winwaloe's Church; celebrating births, marriages and sadly the death of Joyce at our home.



So now it's goodbye to friends and acquaintances in Cornwall as I relocate to be with family in Norfolk.

Thanks for the memories,

Peter Marfleet

Peter can be contacted via his daughter, Lynda Shaw, on 07847 362487.

### The JubiLee Club

The Jubilee Club was started in Crackington in about 1977. There is a small annual membership fee - £10 at present - and monthly coach trips to places of interest are organised for a basic amount, with non-members paying £1 extra. A raffle is held on the coach and any money over goes

into a kitty, which goes towards an annual feast. Trips are open to anybody, regardless of age.

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### PLANNING: ONE RESIDENT'S OPINION

Planning application PA21/04301 at Black Rock.

How disappointing that an extra meeting of Poundstock Parish Council to discuss a planning application of such importance to Widemouth was so poorly attended. The meeting, held on Wednesday 18 May, only had three members of the public in attendance and I wonder why the Parish Council wasn't able to spread the word. I only found out the day before, by chance. The application is to go to a planning committee at Cornwall Council on 13 June, details of which will be published a week before at https://democracy.cornwall.gov.uk/ mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=593. The application is for five holiday dwellings with four bedrooms, each with an en-suite, plus a shared storage unit. How will Widemouth cope? The infrastructure is already overloaded. This would be a visually prominent development and would significantly diminish the openness and value to this area, impacting on the southwest coastal path. I recall that no further development was to take place on the sea side of the road and the beautiful area that I call home could soon become like Blackpool unless we speak out. Phyllis Ward

### Widemouth Bay in 1928



Following the article about Father Reggie Kingdon in Packet 114, Messrs Nicholas and David Parsons, great-grandsons of Frank Kingdon, kindly sent us this photo of the brothers on holiday in Widemouth Bay in 1928. It was taken on the top of the hill close to the Beach House with Trelawny in the background – and very little else. What a contrast with Widemouth today.

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### A Jubilee wordsearch

### Can you find the highlighted words?

At the beginning of June we are celebrating the PLATINUM JUBILEE of ELIZABETH ALEXANDRA MARY, QUEEN Elizabeth the SECOND. Her REIGN of SEVENTY YEARS is the longest in our history, exceeding that of her great-great grandmother Queen VICTORIA. Her HEIR is CHARLES, PRINCE of WALES. Her husband, Prince PHILIP, died last year.

The remaining letters spell out an eight-letter word the National Anthem uses to describe Her Majesty.

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### Herring Aids

Why on earth is a herring gull called a herring gull? As far as I know, they don't eat herrings unless the poor fish have died or have been thrown off a trawler. I suspect the word 'herring' is related to the bird's colour: an old English word *har*, meaning grey.

And 'gull' is simply a Celtic word, *gwelan*, meaning seabird. In Brittany (which is Celtic) the standard word for a gull is *goéland*.



Come what may, they are pretty magnificent birds, especially when you get close to them. There is a little red spot on the end of the bill. It is to guide a hungry chick to the source of food.

Yes, they'll eat anything. Herring gulls have a soiled reputation because they scavenge and will take anything they can eat, anywhere, any time. So they swoop down on little kids and pinch their chips and ice creams.



It's not the gulls' fault: it's our fault for handing food to them free of charge. Councils are spending money on ways to get rid of gulls ... Er, sorry: you mend a hole in a dam on the upstream side.

Which brings us to 'gullible'. They are not stupid birds, so why are people gullible if they are easily

fooled? We can only guess. Gulls will eat any old ice cream you tempt them with, so maybe they'll fall for any trick.

Meanwhile, I can hear gulls laughing on the rooftops, and I say, 'Three cheers for the audacious birds!'

Christopher Asbury

### Advance notice of a Concert for Ukraine Friday August 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 2.30 pm St Michael's Church, Bude

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### The Farming Column

I've just finished reading an Elizabeth George novel set in and around Bude and found it really irritating that she refers to plants being in flower in the early spring that I know you never see out together, and this has made me wonder just what we have flowering in our hedges and roadside places at the moment.

I'm no expert but I've seen the nodding bluebells, both Spanish and English, also known as fairy flowers and wild hyacinth. Native bluebells are protected in the UK under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981.

However, the Spanish bluebell was introduced into the UK by the Victorians as a garden plant, but escaped into the wild – it was first noted as growing 'over the garden wall' in 1909. It is likely that this escape occurred from both the disposal of bulbs and through pollination. Our native bluebells have narrow leaves, about 1–1.5cm wide, deep violet-blue (sometimes white), narrow, tubular-bell flowers, with tips that curl back; the flowers are only on one side of the stem and have a distinct droop, a sweet scent and cream-coloured pollen inside.



Spanish bluebells have broad leaves, about 3cm wide, pale blue, white or pink conical-bell flowers, with spreading and open tips; the flowers are all around the stem, which is upright, there is no scent and the pollen is blue or pale green-coloured. They are more vigorous than our native bluebells and out-compete them as well as breeding with them to make a fertile hybrid plant. If you are planting bluebells in your gardens, please consider planting the English variety.

The biennial ragwort is about to flower and will continue until around November. What a quandary that plant causes ... It is poisonous, building up in the liver of animals, including us, until it reaches toxic levels and kills. If you pick it, be sure to wear gloves because the poison can be transferred through the skin to the bloodstream. Yet common ragwort is one of the most frequently visited flowers by butterflies in the UK and more than 200 species of invertebrate have been recorded on it. It is a favoured food of thirty species of bee, beetle and other insects and fungi, including the daisy carpenter bee and the cinnabar moth, whose black and red caterpillars can be seen feeding on the leaves later on.

Once ragwort is on an area of land, it can be really difficult to manage. A single plant can contain thousands of seeds and these can easily disperse into fields. Many farmers take preventative measures to reduce the risk of ragwort spreading on the land they farm, but it is hard to reduce the risk fully as it often grows on less easy to control areas, such as roadside verges. These days, farmers often apply the herbicide glyphosate and experts suggest it is vital that plants and roots are removed before they seed and spread the *(cont. on p. 17)* 



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### The Farming Column (continued)

weed further, or that the rosettes are spot-sprayed with herbicide. However, the use of glyphosate is controversial – the World Health Organisation has published



reports that conclude glyphosate is 'probably carcinogenic' to humans, and the herbicide has been the subject of several court cases around the world relating to cancer. Some conservationists would prefer the affected area to be fenced off and the plants allowed to go to seed.

Ragwort is covered by both the Weeds Act, 1959, and the Ragwort Control Act, 2003, which provides a code of practice for preventing the spread of the plant. However, there's no compulsion in these Acts to remove ragwort, although we may be ordered to do so by local authorities.

I don't want it on my land because I have livestock but I also do want the wildlife it supports. What do you think it is best to do?

Sheepish Farmer

### Spring in North Cornwall

It happens suddenly, almost overnight, the blossoming of the countryside in May. April is often cold and disappointing, and although you can see the leaves in tight bud, although you tell yourself the days are getting longer and it's time to sow your tomato seeds, somehow nature seems to hang back. Then one day in May the bluebells are in their full perfumed glory and the cow parsley and wild garlic dress the woodland borders.

It seems it happened when your back was turned, when you were doing something else so that all this profusion comes as a surprise. Did I ever notice such a variety of green before? Or was it just this year that May in Cornwall seemed so tenderly, touchingly lovely? Shakespeare talked about rough winds shaking the darling buds of May and I certainly shared that feeling when the first gale of the season sent my apple blossom all over the field like confetti. This is the time of the year though, to go walking our ancient little Cornish lanes, peacefully hidden from main roads and traffic. The hedges are full of wild flowers, their numbers testament to the claim that our paths in Cornwall are amongst the oldest man-made constructions still in daily use in Europe.

We are so lucky here in North Cornwall, our quiet and unspoilt countryside invites us to get outside and enjoy the sheltered woodlands of Ludon Valley, or scramble down the cliff path to Bossiney, or enjoy a quiet stroll along the canal at Bude. For May makes everything seem possible again, the world is new again, and a long warm summer really does seem a realistic prospect.

Pat Thorne



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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Bude (Jacobstow) Scout Group

This is a busy time of year for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, enjoying the lighter, warmer evenings. Eleven Scouts recently took part in the Camel Run, a day-long walk with challenges along the way. Our 'Farmers Only' team came 7<sup>th</sup> overall and team 'Kernow' came 3<sup>rd</sup>, a

great achievement. June sees the Scouts participating in the Coast 2 Coast and the Cubs in the Cub Challenge, with lots of walking and camping. At the end of July nine of our Scouts are attending the Kernow Jamboree, a weeklong camp with a full programme of activities: a super opportunity for all.

All our members, along with leaders/committee members, have been busy making 70 decorations from red, white and blue wool to decorate a tree in Cory Close, Wainhouse Corner. This is to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

In July Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be participating in a sponsored bike ride with all funds being raised going towards the new Scout hut.

Other fundraising activities planned are a tractor rally in the summer and Josie's dog show in the autumn. Dates for these are still to be confirmed.

At the new Scout hut, progress is being made. The roof has been fully slated after many challenges from our Cornish weather, and the doors and windows fitted, so the hut is fully watertight. Recently the final finish of wood cladding has been started and is looking fantastic. Once the cladding has been completed and guttering put up, the outside of the hut will be complete. After the first fix electrics have been run, we will be ready to start fitting the insulation on the walls and floor. Thank you as always for everyone's support.

Jill Cole, Treasurer

### And a message from Ruby, Orlando, Tamsin, Sofia and Bethan

We are a group of five Bude Scouts selected to represent Cornwall at the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, August 2023. It happens every four years and is the largest gathering of Scouts n the world: 50,000 Scouts will travel from more countries than are represented at the Olympic Games to live together, share and experience each other's culture as well as take part in a huge range of exciting activities.

The Bude group need to raise £20,000 to help us on our way. Over the coming months we will be working harder than ever to try and raise as much money as we can. Any support that you're able to give us will make such a huge difference – and we would be so grateful. Please support us with a donation on our group page.:www.gofund.me/a3024957. Thank you so much.



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### Diary Dates

### June

- 1 Scouts' Craft Stall at Cornish Coasts; see p. 18
- 2 Jacobstow Jubilee Celebrations: bell ringing, cream teas from 3.30, beacon and BBQ in the evening
- 3 Poundstock Ringers ringing Queens for the queen, 3 pm
- 5 Big Jubilee Community Lunch, Summerleaze Beach, 12-4
- 5 Widemouth Bay Jubilee Street Party, 3 pm, see p. 41
- 8 Gildhouse talk, 'Mongolian Festivals', 7.30 pm
- 9-11 Royal Cornwall Show
- 13 Cancer Café, Neetside Centre, 1.30-4.30; see p. 35
- 18 Bude Concert Orchestra, Summer Serenade; see p. 25
- 28 Juliotter Garden Club, 'Planted containers', Nick Bacon Jul y
- 13 Gildhouse talk, 'The Turning of the Tide', 7.30 pm
- 19 Juliotter Garden Club members only trip to Cartmell House Garden

### 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 August and September edition is 20 July

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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.

### Benefice Services for June

### June

1 and 15 HC, Bude 10.00

5 HC, Bude 9.30; FS, WSM 10.00; EP, Marhamchurch 6 pm

8 and 29 HC. WB 10.00

12 **MP, Poundstock 9.30**; HC, Marhamchurch 9.30 and Whitstone 11.15;

EP, WSM 6 pm

19 HC, Bude 9.30 and Week St Mary 11.15; MP Marhamchurch 11.15

26 **HC, Poundstock 9.30**; HC, Marhamchurch 9.30 and Bude 11.15; MP,

Whitstone 9.30 and WSM 10.00

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

You will be really welcome at any service.

At Poundstock we always enjoy a coffee or tea and a chat in the Gildhouse after the service. Just come along.

We are sorry that the full service rota for July was not available when we went to press, but it should follow this pattern. It will be posted in the church porch as soon as it is published.

### Jacobstow WI



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inspiring women easily found several favourites. The company was started in 2005 by Charlotte Morris, whose passion for making bears has grown into a global business and brings commissions for specially themed bears and characters in every imaginable size and colour. The company was recently featured on TV's Scouting for Toys.

May was resolutions month and this year's selected resolution raises awareness of the under-identification and under-diagnosis of ASD and ADHD in women and girls. We had a good discussion on the subject and the resolution will now be considered at the national Annual Meeting in Liverpool in June. If ratified, it will then be taken forward as a national campaign.



We are pleased to report that the 2008 WI hanging celebrating Jacobstow's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday is once again proudly displayed in the hall along with our latest one from 2019 commemorating Cornwall Federation's Centenary.

On 16 June we'll be welcoming a speaker from the

Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust and on 14 July we'll be learning about some of the capital's hidden gems in a talk entitled 'Secret London'.

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On 7 May the Gildhouse was festooned with a beautiful array of plants, marking the return of the popular Plant Sale. The weather was good and as well as plants, there was tea/coffee, cakes and a tombola.

Many thanks to the plant sellers, buyers and helpers, who made it a very enjoyable morning.

Maria Stopher









### Our programme for this year

Every Wednesday Gildhouse open for visitors 10-4, entry free

8 June Talk, 'Mongolian Festivals', Rosemary Lee, 7.30

13 July Talk, 'The Turning of the Tide', Liz Shakespeare, 7.30

10 August Talk, 'Remarkable SW Women', Terry Faull, 7.30

14 September Talk, 'Old Bude in Pictures', Adrian Abbott, 7.30

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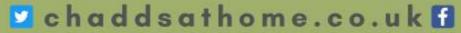
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### Our Night Sky in June 2022

Jupiter will be rising in the East about 0230, followed by Mars, but Venus will be lost in the dawn sky. This is the month of the shortest nights, so you have to be pretty dedicated to wait for a dark sky, which does not last long!

The James Webb telescope has been sending back some astonishing pictures, even before it has fully cooled down its instruments to just short of absolute zero. It will then be able to peer through dust clouds to image what objects lie behind in the infrared part of the spectrum. On 11 March, the Webb team completed the stage of alignment known as 'fine phasing'. At this key stage, every optical parameter that had been checked and tested was performing at, or above, expectations. The team also found no critical issues and no measurable contamination or blockages to Webb's optical path. The observatory is able to gather light from distant objects and deliver it to its instruments without issue.

While the purpose of the first clear image was to focus on the bright star at the centre for alignment evaluation, Webb's optics and NIRCam are so sensitive that the galaxies and stars seen in the background show up. At this stage of Webb's mirror alignment, each of the primary mirror segments was adjusted to produce one unified image of the same star using only the NIRCam instrument.

Although there are months to go before Webb ultimately delivers its new view of the cosmos, achieving this milestone means the team is confident that Webb's first-of-its-kind optical system is working as well as possible.

The next stage is to proceed through the remaining alignment steps before final science instrument preparations, to include the Near-Infrared Spectrograph, Mid-Infrared Instrument, and Near InfraRed Imager and Slitless Spectrograph. In this phase of the process, an algorithm will evaluate the performance of each instrument and then calculate the final corrections needed to achieve a well-aligned telescope across all science instruments. Following this, Webb's final alignment step will begin, and the team will adjust any small residual positioning errors in the mirror segments.

Remember, all this is taking place a million miles from Earth. I never cease to be astonished by the brilliance of the scientists and engineers responsible for this amazing technology.

Bill Turnill

We know that many readers enjoy Bill's column and are fascinated by the extraordinary developments he describes for us. If you would like to read more, Mr Peter Chantrell of Widemouth Bay has a number of astronomy magazines he would be glad to pass on to a good home. Please contact him on 01288 361475.



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### A Legal View: Holiday Homes

The Queen's Speech has come and gone. It contained the usual smorgasbord of Bills to be introduced and what the government is to do next. An interesting proposal for us living in the south west is that the government is to give local authorities 'discretionary powers' to double Council Tax charges on second homes that are furnished but not occupied as a sole or main residence. Councils will be given the power to double Council Tax on other vacant properties after a year. A spokesman said, 'We can't let empty homes sound the death knell for vibrant towns and villages, and it's only fair that all property owners do their bit to support their local area.'

This comes on the back of real anger from many of our local communities on the coast and inland where many properties are unused for most of the year. The statistics show that Cornwall alone has more than 7,000 empty properties, prompting Cornwall Council leader Linda Taylor to say that the tax levy will allow local authorities to raise vital funds. She went on, 'Second homes that stay empty for most of the year are increasingly becoming a real threat to the viability of so many communities across Cornwall.'

The next step which is being considered by our local councils is the introduction of a mandatory register for holiday homes. Devon and Cornwall have suffered summer overcrowding, fuelled by staycationers during the pandemic, and what is described as an 'explosion' of second homes available for rent on websites such as Air BnB and Vrbo. A compulsory registration scheme will require all accommodation providers to log their names, the location of the second home, insurance details and a fire risk assessment, as well as details of the property itself.

Visit Cornwall estimates that about five million holidaymakers travel here each year, and has been looking at ways of cutting numbers for some time.

If these steps are implemented and are seen to have real teeth, it may lead to locals being able to remaining living in the communities in which they have been brought up, and not be pushed out.

John Busby

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### From Age Concern Bude

At a recent meeting of Bude and District Age Concern, the committee felt that we needed to contact the parishes who have people in their area over 50 years of age who may use Age Concern for help with medical transport.

The main aim of our voluntary organisation is to offer help with transport to main hospitals and other local medical providers, i.e medical centres, dentists, chiropodists and opticians. We have a hardworking band of unpaid volunteers running the Age Concern charity shop in the centre of Bude, with the profits being used to help pay towards the transport costs for clients.

At the office at Neetside we have more volunteers under the guidance of the secretary, organising transport for client needs.

It is hoped that if parish councils do a newsletter, they may be kind enough to include the details of our organisation, or maybe there is someone in your parish who may feel that they would like to volunteer their services as a cardriver, helping in the shop or office. We would welcome any volunteers who may have experience in form filling or advice on claiming pension/benefits.

If anyone is interested in any of the above, please contact us at Age Concern, Neetside Community Centre, Bude EX23 8LB, tel. 01288 355007, website www.ageconcernbudedistrict.org.

John Wonnacott, Vice Chairman, Age Concern Bude and District



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The Thorn family were the first photographers of Bude, with the earliest pictures dating to 1856–7. Harry Thorn, at the young age of 17 or 18, somehow learned photography and produced pictures described as being of 'outstanding quality'. He used several different cameras, including a stereoscopic camera that produced a 3D effect. The skills of photography, as they were then, involved taking and developing every shot on site, in the very space where he stood. Prior to this time, there were only paintings of Bude.

One of Harry's most famous images is a portrait of R.S Hawker from Morwenstow. Others became popular postcards, promoting Bude as a holiday destination

Harry's siblings, Sarah and Samuel, also took photographs. Sarah Thorn ran their shop and studio, built on wooden stilts by their father, also Samuel, because of the risk of flooding from the river that now flows now beneath Bencoolen Bridge. The census of 1871 shows the population of Bude to be a mere 914; in 1851 it was even lower, at about 600.

Harry tragically took his own life in 1876, and younger brother Samuel died just a decade or so later, at the age of 34. Sarah and her only daughter, Nellie Terey Thorn, who died in 1938, found help in the form of Jake Harrison, who had answered their advert of employment and went on to marry Nellie. In the early 1900s, the family relocated, adjacent to Blanchminster Square, or what people nowadays call the Triangle, and built another shop: the very place where R.W. Bartrop's Radio and Television Repair Shop would, some years later, bring the first televisual images to the area.

In 1928, the Thorns ceased trading, but the Thorn family still have many glass negatives, as reproduced in David and Stuart Thorns' book, *Thorns of Bude: Pioneers of Photography*. This contains more than 250 reproductions of the photos, beginning in the 1850s and running right up to 1932, covering Tintagel to Clovelly and including events such as the opening of the railway in 1898 and the Sea Pool in 1930. More information about the book can be found at <a href="https://www.thornjewellers.co.uk/copy-of-thorns-of-bude-book-1">www.thornjewellers.co.uk/copy-of-thorns-of-bude-book-1</a>.

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### Excerpts from Parish Council minutes, 26 April 2022

**Present:** Robert Gavin, Tom O'Sullivan, Stephen Blake, Max Faulkner, Brian Furse, Eric Harris, Steve Haynes, Pamela Idelson, Revd Ben Lillie, Gemma Watton; parish clerk; seven members of the public. **Apologies:** none.

**Bude Area Community Network Highways Scheme:** Bangors Green Road Safety to be reviewed in two years; Treskinnick Cross to Box's Shop cycle lane provision to be reviewed in two years.

**Widemouth Bay toilets:** resolved to purchase and install new toilet roll holders at a cost of £438.

Community Hall Committee: resolution unanimously agreed that 'The Parish Council fully supports the Community Hall Committee's objectives to work up appropriate plans for a proposal to establish a Community Hall with credible community engagement being undertaken before any proposal is given final approval'. Cllr O'Sullivan questioned whether the NDP should continue in view of its non-compliance with the terms set by the Council but no motion was put forward. The Chairman thanked the NDP Steering Group for all their hard work.

Child poverty in the area: noted that child poverty here is the third highest in Cornwall and that this is being exacerbated by the current cost of living crisis. The Council agrees that one way to combat this situation is to ensure that all children in our area of Cornwall have at least one decent meal a day. Agreed that the Council will raise this issue at the next Community Network Panel and propose that all members of the Panel urgently pursue a coordinated solution to providing meals during school holidays to children affected by this issue; will ask our Divisional Representatives to discover what funds are available through Cornwall Council to support such an initiative; will commit to urgently work with town and parish councils, Cornwall Council, food banks, secondary and primary schools and faith communities towards an agreed joint provision of meals to affected children during school holiday time.

Chairman's report: no report.

Clerk's report: no report.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group:** NDP chair Matthew Blows spoke about the success of the public engagement event held recently; his presentation will be available on the Parish Council website. A further public consultation is to be held, in June/July if possible.

**Cemetery and closed churchyard:** Cllr Eric Harris has surveyed the trees in the closed churchyard with the contractor, who will provide *(contd on p. 39)* 

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It is hoped this will give a the NDPSG a picture of parishioners' views on what housing is needed in the parish and where future building should take place, so that development and conservation areas can be clearly identified. The results will be collated and should be available in the autumn, when the Group will hold another event in the Gildhouse to report back on the survey's findings.

Please complete the survey and make sure your views are represented. If you don't, we won't know how you want the area to develop – or be preserved as it is – in the future. Should there be new homes? For holidaymakers or for local people? And where? Are there areas where expansion can take place, or others that should be protected? What about provision for new businesses?

It is so important that every single one of us has our say.

### Poundstock Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group

Chairman: Matthew Blows
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### Excerpts from Parish Council minutes, Continued

a quote for dealing with any unsafe trees, to be considered at the next meeting. It was noted that the planting of shrubs and placing of ornaments on the graves in the cemetery are a concern when trimming the area. The terms and conditions of the cemetery were referenced.

**Highways and transport:** Potholes in the parish have been reported to Highways by Cllr Brian Furse.

Meeting closed: 22.02.



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All units are looking forward to lots of meetings outside this term, and currently have spaces. If you have a daughter who would like to join us, please do get in touch with either Louise (07817985661) or Mary (01840 230006).

Louise Cowling

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