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Karen

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We always welcome input from our readers. If you want to send us an article or local information, contact us at poundstockpacket@gmail.com.

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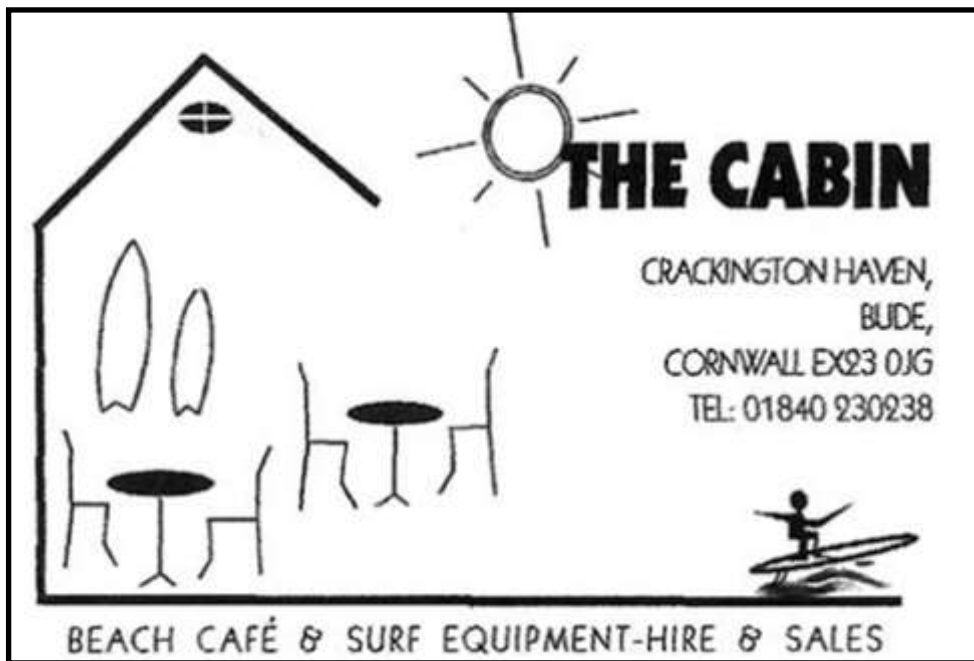
Coronation big breakfast

It all started with Gin and one question, how can we bring the Community together to celebrate the once in a lifetime Royal Celebration; the King's Coronation? Breakfast we thought, a lovely fry up with copious amounts of cups of tea would do our Charlie boy proud. There were other considerations, like Bank Holiday weather! It didn't let us down and poured with rain. Thankfully Vicky had kindly offered the use of Trelawny (again!) and her brilliant husband Steve to be chief pot washer. Thank you Steve!

It was a fantastic morning, the room filled with lots of chatter and laughter. It is always so wonderful to see so many friendly faces. We had a very good turn out and fifty nine breakfasts were enjoyed. Vicky and Nicky, catering pros, managed the kitchen and cooked up the most delicious feast. We had many compliments to pass on to the chefs. Seemingly endless amounts of tea and coffee were brewed and poured by Mary and Kerry. Rachel and Lynda did a sterling job of taking bookings and Lynda organised sittings before jetted off to sunnier shores. Much fun was had by all and we are delighted to announce that a whopping £374.00 was raised for the chosen charity The Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Thank you to everyone who joined in and thank you for your generous donations. What an amazing community we have. Thank you all those that helped with the promotion of the event and to those that volunteered on the day. A big thank you Steve and Vicky for hosting us all at their wonderful home.





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As most will know, our rector and rural dean, Revd David Barnes, is retiring at the end of July. His final service is on Sunday 23 July at St Marwenne's, Marhamchurch, at 10.00 am, followed by a bring and share lunch in the Bray Institute. Everyone will be most welcome.

The post will be advertised promptly and the diocese have made it clear they are keen to fill all vacancies as quickly as possible, so we hope it won't be too long before we are welcoming our new rector. Meanwhile, we are grateful that Revd Mark James and Revd Rob Dickenson, with the help of worship leaders and laypeople, will be holding the fort during the transition.

June

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

7, 21 HC, WB 10.00

11 MP, Poundstock 9.30, followed by baptism of Fernley Cobbledick; HC, Marhamchurch 9.30, Whitstone 11.15; EP, WSM, 6 pm

14, 28 HC, Bude 10.00

18 HC, Bude 9.30 and WSM 11.15; MP, Marhamchurch 9.30

25 HC, Poundstock 9.30, Marhamchurch 9.30 and Bude 11.15; MP, Whitstone 9.30; MP, WSM 10.00

July

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

5, 19 HC, WB 10.00

9 MP, Poundstock 9.30; HC, Marhamchurch 9.30, Whitstone 11.15; EP, WSM 6 pm

12, 26 HC, Bude 10.00

16 HC, Bude 9.30 and WSM 11.15; MP, Marhamchurch 9.30

23 United service to say goodbye to Revd David, Marhamchurch 10.00, followed by bring and share lunch in the Bray

30 United service, place tbc 10.00

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. If you're not a churchgoer or can't make the service but would like a bit of company, you'll be more than welcome.

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Gone fishing

Many Aussies call Kookaburra the 'Laughing Jackass', which is not very polite considering it is a first cousin of our Kingfisher.



Kingfisher (Photo Stefan Machler)



Kookaburra (photo from Unsplash)

In my book, the loveliest bird in the world. When I was young, I promised myself that if I saw a kingfisher sitting, I wouldn't move until it moved. And thus I spent a good part of my teenage time with a sore bottom perched on a log.

I found a nest once. They make a tunnel in a vertical bank by flinging themselves headlong into the cliff face. Once they have excavated a foothold, they dig and dig for about a yard. Then they hollow out a chamber for egg laying. Feeding is strictly in rotation, so all babies have an equal chance of survival. The nest chamber honks of rotten fish after the babies have flown. The grown-ups do at least two – maybe three – new nests each year.

The Latin name *Alcedo Atthis* translates thus: *Alcedo* = Kingfisher; *Atthis* was a young lady in Greek mythology, a favourite of the poetess Sappho.

The name *Alcedo* comes from Halcyon. For some unknown reason, Halcyon displeased the gods, and was turned into a kingfisher. The gods condemned her to lay her eggs on a nest of fishbones on the sea. The gods were kind enough to grant her fourteen days of peaceful calm weather for her brood – Halcyon days.

But the weather is not always kind. In nasty winter weather with brown rivers, kingfishers sensibly move to the coast. There they can see into shallows and find their dinner. Fish and chips down on the pier.

Christopher Asbury

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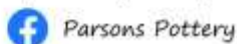
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FROM SQUADRONS TO SATELLITES



'From Squadrons to Satellites' is an exciting new exhibition, curated in conjunction with GCHQ Bude and PK Porthcurno. It will tell the story of the GCHQ site near Morwenstow, from its origins, to

becoming RAF base, Cleave Camp and later GCHQ as we know it today. The exhibition is based on 'Watcher of the Skies' originally at PK Porthcurno, the Museum of Global Communications.



The area known as 'Cleave' stands high on the edge of cliffs at Sharpnose Point. During the 13th Century, a manor house stood on the site, and the land was continually inhabited until it was bought by the Ministry of Defence in 1939. 'Cleave Camp', as it became known, was actively used by the RAF throughout the war. The exhibition will feature the stories of some of the people who were based there, such as Bill Young, with some of his personal artefacts on display.

In 1969, work began to build the Composite Signals Organisation, known as CSO Morwenstow. The site would officially open in 1974, and next year will celebrate its 50th anniversary.



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Bude One-Stop Shop

For those of you not aware, all the One-Stop shops have been closed throughout the county. Bude library say they will do all they can to help anyone with queries, including letting people use library rooms and phones to contact the council

MARHAMCHURCH WI

Upcoming events:

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11th July 2023	Day in the Police Force. Speaker: Steve South

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In 2001, the site was renamed GCHQ Bude and is one of a number of GCHQ's operational locations across the UK including the main headquarters at Cheltenham and also Scarborough, Manchester and London.



From Squadrons to Satellites will include information on the history of GCHQ itself, from its beginnings in 1919 as the Government Code & Cypher School. The exhibition will reveal what it is like to work at the GCHQ Bude site, and the challenges

of maintaining the satellites in extreme weather, such as heavy snow and high winds. Although most of the work carried out at GCHQ remains classified, the exhibition will also shed light on some of the ways in which the organisation supports the community, such as working with schools and community groups and raising money for charity.

Another addition to the exhibition will be the remarkable story of Geoffrey Perry, a physics teacher from Kettering, who retired to Bude during the 1980's. It will tell the fascinating history of how he and fellow students were able to track Russian satellites during the 1960's, using only short – wave radio equipment.

The exhibition will open from 16th July, at The Castle Heritage Centre, Bude.



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2023 Gil dhouse programme

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We have a great programme of events and talks coming up. Do support us and put these dates in your diary:

14 th June	7.30pm	Mrs.Toni JH Martin MBE talk: Life in the Army a female perspective
9 th July	7.30pm	Concert in the Parish church with the Stowford Meadow singers with supper to follow. In aid of the parish church and Gildhouse
19 th July	7.30pm	Paul Randell Talk: Wild Life on Bodmin Moor
13 th Aug	2.00pm	Cream Tea 2pm to 4pm
26 th , 27 th , 28 th Aug		Ed Fox here again with a Tudor Re-enactment fun for all
13 th Sept	7.30pm	Katrina Werren Talk: Herbal Medicines, back to our Roots
11 th Oct	7.30pm	Friends Evening
28 th & 29 th Oct		Pumpkin festival and craft fair

The talks cost £2.50 which includes tea and biscuits. Everyone is really welcome.

BLUE FLAG AWARD & SEASIDE AWARD 2023

Widemouth Bay has again received the two highest accolades in beach care, facilities and bathing water quality, making it one of the top beach destinations in the UK. The iconic Blue Flags are an international quality mark for beaches and there to reassure visitors and locals alike that Cornwall's key areas are clean, safe and recommended for boosting tourism, business and helping inspire return visits.

Blue Flags and Seaside Awards are only awarded to coastal destinations that boast the highest qualities of water, facilities, safety, keep clean programmes, environmental education and management.

A big thank you all members of the Widemouth Task Force with your daily upkeep of our village and beaches and also to..

RNLI	BDMLR rescue team
Poundstock Parish Council	Biffa
Keep Britain Tidy	Bude Marine Group

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Widemouth successfully receiving the prestigious Blue Flag award and The Seaside Award is something we are all extremely proud of and it couldn't be achieved without the hard work of the WTF volunteers, Widemouth residents and the backing of local businesses.

I'd like to thank you all for the support and everyone else involved in helping to keep Widemouth a special place and somewhere we can all enjoy.

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Poundstock Post Office

Still based in the old shop at Cornish Coasts Caravan and Camping Park on the A39. Open Mondays and Thursdays, 9.00–1.00 (ask at the new shop). The following are accurate to the best of our knowledge, but check before you go (contact details below or p. 21).

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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)

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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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Poundstock Gildhouse

You can hire the Gildhouse for events from meetings to parties and wedding receptions. Call 01288 341537 or visit www.poundstockgildhouse.co.uk.

Diary Dates

JUNE

14 Gildhouse talk, 'Life in the Army'

JULY

9 Stowford Meadow Singers concert, St Winwaloe's Church and Poundstock Gildhouse, 7.30

19 Gildhouse talk, 'Wildlife on Bodmin Moor'

30 Cream tea in aid of the Poundstock Packet, Poundstock Gildhouse, 2.30 to 5pm

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. But we don't 'just know' what's happening – you have to tell us!

Our deadline for the August and September edition is 20 July.

DON'T FORGET: TELL THE PACKET!

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

Poundstock Parish Council

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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. At present, council meetings take place at 7 pm on the last Thursday evening of each month at Poundstock Gildhouse.



Poundstock Neighbourhood Plan Committee

Chairman: Matthew Blows

Vice Chair: Brenda Alison

Secretary: Lyn Smith

Members: Sara Beckett, Stephen Blake, Robbie Pearce, Barry Rogers, Nicky Vereker, Phyllis Ward, Steve Haynes, Rachel Roberts

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In April we went to West Balsdon Farm at Whitstone for a long overdue visit to Cornish Farmhouse Bacon. It was well worth the wait as we enjoyed a walking tour of the facilities, suitably dressed in the most fetching blue protective clothing. We followed the route taken by the pigs from field to plate and ended our visit with - of course - a Bacon Butty! We were impressed with the scale of the operation and that the processed meats are supplied to so many butchers, farmshops and catering outlets locally and across Cornwall and parts of Devon.



Each year in May, WIs discuss and vote upon the chosen Resolution prior to the national Annual Meeting.

This year's Resolution is:

Clean rivers for people and wildlife - the proposal relies upon the same legislation that has improved water quality at coastal beaches, by seeking to promote applications for designated bathing sites on appropriate stretches of rivers. Legally, designated bathing waters must be regularly monitored for pollution and this is seen as a way to increase monitoring along our rivers. Water quality has received much media attention and publicity recently and is often in our local news. A 2022 Environmental Audit Committee Report recommended that water companies in England should designate a stretch of each river for bathing as a way to drive the clean-up of rivers and Surfers Against Sewage have set a goal for 200 inland bathing waters to be recognised. The Rivers Trust is also encouraging volunteers to help monitor water quality as part of their Citizen Science Project.

Looking ahead:

8th June - The Landscape and Wildlife of Bodmin Moor

1st July - Craft Day

13th July - Budeful Jewellery

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Our Night Sky in June and July

June 2023

Venus will be setting in the North West about midnight in the middle of the month, while Saturn will be rising in the East about 0200, followed by Jupiter about 0300.

Shining like a brilliant beacon amidst a sea of galaxies, Arp 220 lights up the night sky in the latest view from NASA's James Webb Space Telescope. Actually two spiral galaxies in the process of merging, Arp 220 glows brightest in infrared light, making it an ideal target for Webb. It is an ultra-luminous infrared galaxy (ULIRG) with a luminosity of more than a trillion suns. In comparison, our Milky Way galaxy has a much more modest luminosity of about ten billion suns.

Located 250 million light-years away, It is the nearest ULIRG and the brightest of the three galactic mergers closest to Earth. The collision of the two spiral galaxies began about 700 million years ago. It sparked an enormous burst of star formation. About 200 huge star clusters reside in a packed, dusty region about 5,000 light-years across (about 5 percent of the Milky Way's diameter).

On the outskirts of this merger, Webb reveals faint tidal tails, or material drawn off the galaxies by gravity,. Organic material represented in reddish-orange appears in streams and filaments across Arp 220. The existence of organic material elsewhere in the Universe is always exciting, since life as we know it, requires organic material to form, as well as water.

The James Webb telescope has been extraordinarily successful since its launch, and I do urge you to view some of the outstanding images it has sent back, delving further back into the history of the Universe than any other telescope before it. We are so fortunate to live in such exciting astronomical and cosmological times.

July 2023

Venus and Mars will be setting at about 10 pm, while Saturn rises in the south east about midnight followed by Jupiter at about 0200 in the east. These two will be our companion bright planets throughout the coming nights, rising earlier each month.

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Our Night Sky, continued

It started as an unremarkable flicker in the night sky. But closer observations revealed that astronomers had captured the largest cosmic explosion ever witnessed, an event thought to have been triggered by a giant cloud of gas being gobbled up by a super-massive black hole.

The flare-up, traced to 8bn light years away, is more than 10 times brighter than any known supernova and has so far lasted more than three years, making it the most energetic explosion on record. Scientists have estimated that it's a fireball 100 times the size of the solar system with a brightness about 2trillion times the Sun's. In three years, this event has released about 100 times as much energy as the Sun will in its 10bn-year lifetime.

Scientists believe that the explosion is the result of a vast cloud of gas, possibly thousands of times larger than our Sun, plunging into a super-massive black hole. The cloud of gas may have originated from the large dusty "doughnut" that typically surrounds black holes – although it is not clear what may have knocked it off course from its orbit and down the cosmic sinkhole.

This is not the brightest phenomenon ever witnessed. A brighter gamma-ray burst was spotted last year, but this event lasted only minutes. By contrast, the new event is still going strong, meaning the overall energy release is far greater.

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A FEW WORDS FROM CHRISTOPHER...

I promise this is the last word on the Coronation. I went to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in Hyde Park in my pram. And now, some 70 years later, it rained as hard, but I didn't go to Hyde Park again. I did, however, join in the celebrations. Charles III, like Edward VII, has ascended the throne late in life. He will, nevertheless, preside over change. Let us fervently hope Poundstock does not change too much.

Christopher Asbury

MARHAMCHURCH FOOD Fair 2023

Marhamchurch Food Fair was held on Monday 1st May. Thankfully the weather was beautiful and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Many families attended and there was a grand variety of stalls, ranging from the Electric Bakery to Robbie's Mushroom Farm. A beautiful plant stall, Sue's Jam and Chutneys, cider to be tasted, as well as magnificent cheeses and honey, and of course pasties, to mention just a few of the wonderful stalls.

A live band was there to be listened to, while enjoying a pasty or sausage roll and in the Bray Institute was Jacky's Cakes, so many varieties and flavours to please everyone, and local ladies providing welcome cream teas.

In the Methodist Hall the Art Group produced a wonderful display, again something for everyone to look at and to buy.



2nd bude (jacobstow) scout group

Our Beavers, Cubs & Scouts are enjoying the lighter, warmer evenings with a variety of different activities. The Beavers are busy growing vegetables, cooking on a campfire, nature walk & many more outdoor activities. The term will end with 'wide games'. The Cubs are busy doing athletics, fire lighting, naturalist work & cooking. The Scouts will be pioneering, raft building & testing of the rafts, beach visit & garden party. The Cubs & Scouts will finish the term with the annual slippery slide & river run.



On Sat 18th March 7 Scouts (+ 2 adults) took part in the annual 'Camel Run', a 12 mile walk & along the route were 9 checkpoints. At each checkpoint the team had to complete a challenge. The team completed the walk at 4am & managed a few hours sleep. After a day of building at the hut on Sat 22nd April it was transformed into a 'Bingo Hall' for a Bingo evening & a total of £737.50 was raised towards the new scout hut.

The weekend of Fri 28th April to Sun 30th April, 2 teams ('are we there yet' & 'wrong direction') took part in the Scout Coast 2 Coast challenge. A total of 13 Scouts & 3 adults completed the 34 mile walk over two days, camping at Nine Ashes, Bodmin. They started on Sat morning at Par beach to Nine Ashes & the following morning from Nine Ashes to Port Issac. Despite the hard going due to the wet conditions under foot ever scout completed the walk which is a super achievement.

On Sat 29th April the Beavers took part in the 'Beavers Challenge' down at Nine Ashes. Completing a 5 mile walk with different activities along the route.

The Cubs now have a opportunity to take part in the 'Cub Challenge' in June. A 13 mile walk over 2 days with camping for one night. On the 1st week in July all 3 groups will be taking part in a sponsored bike ride, with money raised going towards the new scout hut.



On Saturday 13th May, the main hall of the hut was finally completely cover in plaster board by our dedicated team. We still have some areas to plaster board in the entrance & this can then be skimmed. Once skimming is completed, we will then be painting, fitting the kitchen, doors & skirting boards. Our priority now is to raise funds for the electricity connection, fingers crossed by the winter months this will be completed.

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Annual Parish Meeting held on 27 April 2023 at 6.30 in the Gildhouse

Present: Stephen Blake (chair), Michelle Carter, Max Faulkner, Eric Harris, Steve Haynes, Pamela Idelson, Tom O'Sullivan, the clerk. Apologies: Jeremy Petherick.

Chairman's report: We are now holding fortnightly Parish Council meetings and significant progress is being made with the new community centre. We've identified suitable sites and are applying for outline planning permission to see if they are viable. Architects are being briefed to produce a visual idea of what the centre could look like, with the possibility of grant funding being progressed.

Negotiations are ongoing with Cornwall Council to purchase the public toilets in Widemouth Bay once several issues have been sorted out. Cornwall Council is being extremely fair and reasonable with all the issues that have been raised.

For a better understanding of planning law and regulations we have engaged a firm of planning consultants, to be used when greater support is needed.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is progressing very well and our thanks go to Matthew Blows and the Steering Group for the enormous amount of work that has been done. We are hoping to submit the final draft for approval, first to the parish and then to Cornwall Council.

I believe the next year will be an exciting one with lots of news and developments and significant progress.

Poundstock Ward Member's report: Thank you to the Parish Councillors who do a sterling job, on a voluntary basis, in sometimes very difficult and stressful circumstances. And thank you to the community of Poundstock. There have been some difficult issues to deal with over the past year, specifically the Crematorium.

We saw Council Tax rise by 4.99%, 2% of which goes on Adult Social Care, which still had to find £64m of savings this year. In the meantime, we have seen some Levelling Up money coming to Cornwall. The £206,000 we have been allocated will be distributed through the new Community Area Partnership; we are now teamed with Camelford, making a total of 24 parishes.

The long-awaited waste and recycling system is on its way, and we are asked to ensure all rubbish/recycling is out by 7.00am as rounds may be changing.

We are also looking forward to the 20mph scheme across the county, which may reduce the speed in our country lanes, so look out for this in the next 18 months.

Housing has become a major issue for this area. Hopefully your parish's Neighbourhood Plan will ensure it will be more difficult to build new houses for holiday lets.

Meeting closed 18.51.

EXCERPTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES (CONT'D)

Ordinary meeting of Poundstock Parish Council held on 27 April 2023

Present: Stephen Blake, Michelle Carter, Max Faulkner, Eric Harris, Steve Haynes, Pamela Idelson, Tom O'Sullivan, the clerk. Apologies: Jeremy Petherick

Planning matters: PA23/02306, land north of Pineapple House, proposed two custom build dwellings, no objection; PA22/10224, Samphire Cottage, Tregole EX23 0EH, alterations and extensions to existing property, to include replacement of existing shed and single storey extension, no objection; PA23/02630, land adjacent to the Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane EX23 0AX, proposed new dwelling, no objection; PA23/02608, Widemouth Bay Caravan Park, siting of 56 holiday lodges (technically static caravans under the 1960 Caravans Act) and associated infrastructure, in place of permanently sited touring caravans, resolved to object on grounds of light pollution, mains sewage overload, loss of space for tourers, unsuitable access road.

Widemouth Bay toilets: resolved to accept the quote received for essential plumbing work.

Old parish hall: Following discussion, it was resolved not to commission an RICS survey but to proceed with the sale of the old parish hall and to appoint Nigel Kivell/NK Estate Agents.

Clerk's report: It was noted CIL monies received can be used for the provision of a new community centre.

Community hall: Resolved that Cllrs Tom O'Sullivan and Michelle Carter discuss the purchase of the land for the community hall with the landowners, subject to planning permission approval.

Meeting closed at 21.03.


The Parish Council also met on 11 May, when the agenda included deciding on the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council and confirming the roles and names of Lead Councillors to the following portfolios: Finance and internal finance control; Planning; Community hall; Widemouth Bay toilets, car park and beach; Cemetery and closed churchyard; Emergency procedures and police advocate; Highways, transport and public rights of way. The following were also due to be decided: membership of the working party on Widemouth Bay toilets; the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group; delegates to the Bude and Camelford Community Area Partnership, the Gildhouse Management Committee and the Poundstock Packet Liaison


The council also met on 25 May, Unfortunately no minutes from either meeting were available as the Packet went to print; they will be posted on the Parish Council website in due course.





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Jacobstow guiding news



Sorry for the hiatus in guiding news, this was down to various reasons – mainly life taking over and a fight with technology over girl guiding's new branding (which I have eventually won!)

All sections have been busy since Christmas completing badges and generally having fun.

The guides have an exciting trip planned for February half term 2024, to visit Our Chalet in Switzerland. Our Chalet is one of 5 girl guiding world centres dotted around the world (London, Switzerland, Africa, Mexico and India). While there they will be doing adventurous winter activities including cross-country skiing, snow shoeing and sledging. They will also get the opportunity to meet with other girl guides from around the world who are also staying at the centre.

As you can imagine this will be an expensive trip to organise and take part in, therefore the unit along with the guides from Tregadillett who we will be joining with for the trip, will be completing a lot of fundraising in the coming months to help with costs. We have made a fantastic start with the Big Breakfast at the parish hall on Good Friday raising nearly £1000 and although at the time of writing the final total is yet to worked out, the sausage sizzle in the Sandpit at Crackington Haven with the band on Coronation day was very well attended so we expect to have done well there as well.

We have spaces in all 3 units – rainbows (aged from 4-7) brownies (aged 7-10) and guides (aged 10-14) so please do get in contact if you have a daughter who would like to join us. Louise the brownie leader, would also really love another adult who is willing to attend our weekly meetings to help her continue to provide all the fun that everyone has during brownies. Please contact her on 07817985661 or jacobstow-brownies@outlook.com if you would like to discuss this further.



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