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## NOTES FROM EDITOR

We really do want to continue with the Packet as a lot of people rely on it to keep in touch with what is going on in the Parish. We hope you find it useful too. We have asked for help in previous editions but this really is the final call for help.

If you are able to help, please see contact details on the front page. We have kept in details below regarding contributions and advertising as we are hopeful some people will step forward to help.

Thank you to Paul Crum for the picture of the rainbow on the front page

## CONTRIBUTIONS

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

**Assuming we get some help with production of the Packet, the deadline for our next edition is 18 May 2024**

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## JULIOTTER GARDEN CLUB – THE HUMBLE SPUD

The February speaker was John Walker on 'The Humble Spud'. It was not a practical session on how to grow potatoes and the talk was subtitled 'the potato, its family, a social and economic history'. The potato is part of the Solanaceae family commonly known as the nightshade family. Solanaceae are poisonous due to their content of tropane alkaloids but next to cereals it is the most important group of plants for economic production. The talk was broken down into sections looking at examples of the Solanaceae family under the headings Flowers/Ornamentals, Poisons/Weeds and the Useful Ones.

Examples under the Flowers/Ornamentals heading included the Chilean Potato Tree and the Kangaroo Apple. Some are annuals some perennials. There are also evergreen including *Vesta foetida* (Chilean Box Thorn) although it is smelly (or as described by the RHS 'ill scented'). We were also shown examples of *Datura* and *Brugmansia* both of which have large trumpet shaped flowers.

Under the Poison/Weed category John looked at Henbane and thorn apple (*Datura stramonium*). Both are poisonous with Thorn Apple containing scopolamine (Devil's Breath) which can cause disorientation and hallucinations and is known as the truth drug. Scopolamine does have medicinal uses most notably in travel sickness pills. We also saw pictures of Woody Nightshade (red berries) and Deadly Nightshade (black berries) and Mandrake. Useful Solanaceae include Tomatoes, Aubergine, Capsicum Peppers, Potato, Nicotiana, Huckleberry, Tree Tomato, Cape Gooseberry and Gojiberry.

Whilst we usually grow potatoes from tubers it is possible to grow from seed. John advised that potatoes are lower in calories and higher in vitamin C than pasta and rice. John then gave a brief history of the potato from its origins in South America. It was brought to Europe by the Spanish and initially used as animal feed. Potatoes became popularised for human consumption by the Frenchman Antoine Augustin Parmentier. The potato was introduced to England by Sir Francis Drake and introduced to Ireland by Sir Walter Raleigh. The peaty soil in Ireland was good for growing potatoes and all was well until late blight struck. Blight affected all of Europe but had its major impact in Ireland where it led to famine.

The rise of fish and chip shops in England at the time of the industrial revolution led to a large increase in potato use in England. In terms of world production in 2021, this was 376 million tonnes. The largest producer was China with 94 million tonnes with the UK at 15th with 5.3 million tonnes. The average consumption in the UK is 92.3 kg per person per annum. Maris Piper, whilst susceptible to slugs, is the most popular variety in the UK at 13.5% and is the preferred potato for chip shops. The King Edward which dates to 1933 is a good universal use variety but is susceptible to blight. The most widely grown potato in the world and used by Mc Donalds is the Russet Burbank.



# CHURCHES AND SERVICES FOR APRIL AND MAY 2024

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	Leader
Wed 3 April	09:00 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom BH	WL RD
Sun 7 April	09.30 10.00 18.00	Holy Communion All Age Worship Evening Prayer	BH WSM M	RD LWL LWL
Wed 10 April	09.00 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom WB	MJ MJ
Sun 14 April	09.30 09.30 11.15 18.00	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evensong	BH P W WSM	MJ WL MJ LWL
Wed 17 April	09.00 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom BH	MJ MJ
Sun 21 April	09.30 09.30 11.15	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion	BH M WSM	MJ WL MJ
Wed 25 April	09.00 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom WB	MJ MJ
Sun 28 April	09.30 09.30 09.30 10.00 11.15	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer Morning Prayer Holy Communion	M P W WSM BH	RD MJ LW LWL MJ
Wed 1 May	09:00 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom BH	MJ MJ
Sun 5 May	09.30 10.00 18.00	Holy Communion All Age Worship Evening Prayer	BH WSM M	RD LWL LWL
Wed 8 May	09.00 10.00	Morning Prayer  Holy Communion	Zoom BH	MJ MJ
Thurs 9 May	10.00	Holy Communion	BH	RD
Sun 12 May	09.30 09.30 11.15 18.00	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer	M P W WSM	MJ LWL MJ LWL
Wed 15 May	09.00 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom BH	MJ MJ

## CHURCH SERVICES – CONT'D

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	Leader
Sun 19 May	09.30	Holy Communion	BH	BH
	09.30	Morning Prayer	P	LWL
	09.30	Morning Prayer	M	LWL
	11.15	Holy Communion	WSM	MJ
Wed 22 May	09.00	Morning Prayer	Zoom	MJ
	10.00	Holy Communion	BH	MJ
Sun 26 May	09.30	Holy Communion	M	RD
	09.30	Holy Communion	P	MJ
	09.30	Morning Prayer	W	LWL
	10.00	Morning Prayer	WSM	LWL
	11.15	Holy Communion	BH	MJ
Wed 29 May	09.00	Morning Prayer	Zoom	LWL
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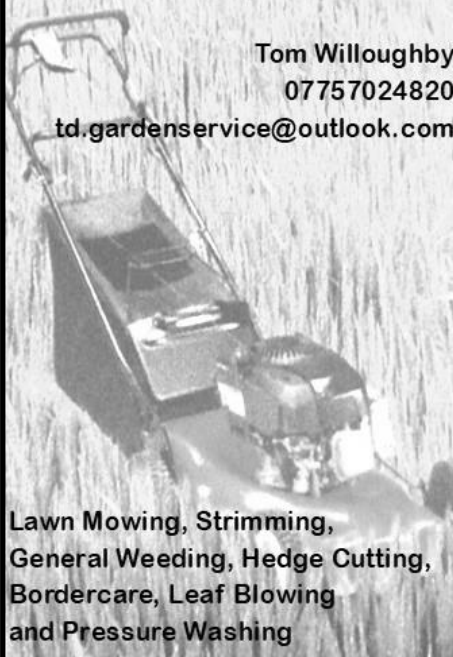
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I first became a birdwatcher at school when I was sixteen....No, not a twitcher....Twitchers are a senseless blot on society. They gather to catch sight of rare birds and tick them off on a list; then they go away and show off for a couple of days until the next rare bird turns up somewhere in the British Isles.

I have digressed...I became a birdwatcher and spotted some Blue Tits nesting in the soft bark of a Wellingtonia Tree. The parents fed their family with a prodigious number of caterpillars. The morning came for the chicks to have flying lessons. Flying lessons were scheduled for 6am; and the weather was foul. no weather was going to stop the flying instructors. The babies were pushed out onto a small branch and kicked off. All seven flew and crashed into the long grass. They panicked as a weasel took one chick. They had to fly back to Mum and Dad, so necessity was the mother of invention.



When they got back to the nest, there was no tea break; they had to go again and were pushed off into the wind and rain. Six went, and six returned. I counted them out, and I counted them back in. Thereafter it was all plain sailing.



If you are of a certain age (and I am), you will remember milkmen. Milkmen delivered milk to every house; each bottle had a foil top. This was heaven for the blue tit in winter who would sit on the top of the bottle, peck a hole in it and drink until full. This practice has died out since plastic and supermarkets have ruled the world.

I am a little bit scared of Latin names, but the Blue Tit's name, translated into English, means 'Blue Blue'. Which just about sums it up, except for the yellow on his chest. A charming little bird which ought to be on the logo of at least one milk supplier.

*Christopher Asbury*

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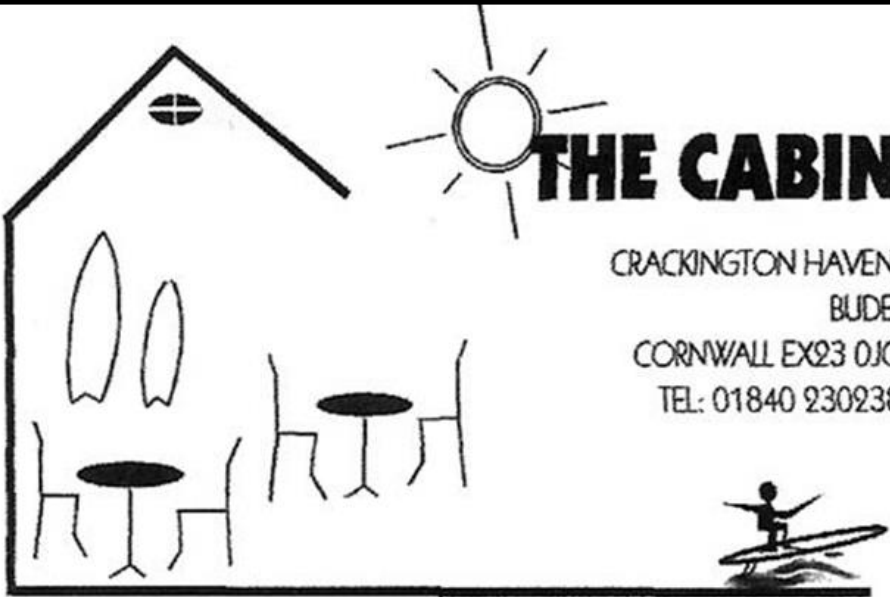
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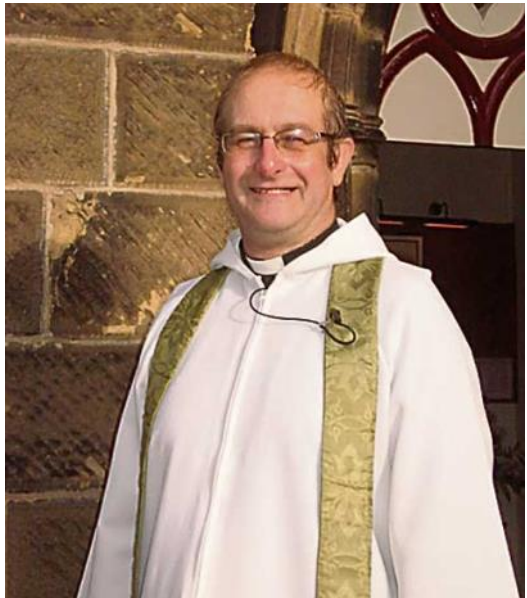
# REMEMBERING FATHER DAVID BARNES

David Keith Barnes' life began in Derbyshire. He was born in Chesterfield and grew up with his two siblings, sister Kathleen and brother Michael. It is difficult to separate David's life from his soulmate Jean's. Growing up in the same area, they both attended the same schools - including Sunday school. Playing in the same brass bands, David played the trombone and Jean the tenor horn. They were both involved in the same cricket team, David played and Jean made the teas.

Upon leaving school, David and Jean took on their first jobs at Chesterfield Tube Co, David training as an engineering draughtsman. There was one difference, although faith was important to Jean at that time, it held little significance for David. This was all to change after they married. A new, evangelical priest arrived at their local church after a string of priests who had held a more Catholic inclination. David was (until this time) an occasional attender, but with the arrival of the new priest and a good friend who was a lay reader, David was drawn more deeply into the church and became a committed and faithful believer. In 1976, David moved companies from Tube Co to the Coal Board and married the love of his life, Jean. Not long after this, David and Jean started their family with the birth of their first two children - Jennie and Stephanie.

Feeling drawn to a new life, David and family moved to Manchester where Jean and David joined a local Anglo-Catholic congregation. It was here that David felt the call to go into the priesthood. They moved to Lincoln for his training and he served his curacy at St James & St Saviour's Church in Shaw, Manchester, where the arrival of his son Tim and daughter Hannah completed the family.

David's first post, upon completion of his curacy, was at St Ann's, Rochdale. This was also where he first found his passion for amateur dramatics. He was then appointed Rector of St Mary's and St George's in Honley & Brockholes, Huddersfield. He remained there for 12 happy years, seeing the church grow in number and in involvement with the community. You would often find him in the Con Club with his best friend Clive putting the world to rights. He also oversaw some re-ordering of the inside of the church, something which he was proud to have achieved.



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# WILD THINGS

Even the commonest wild flowers are disappearing from the countryside according to a recent survey by wild flower charity Plantlife. Cornfields full of scarlet pimpernel or poppies are increasingly rare. Meadowland flowers have also suffered from intensive farming, especially over-grazing. And Plantlife also reported the absence of common flowers in broadleaved woodlands. These include wood anemone, bluebell, herb robert, bugle, lords and ladies, red campion, lesser celandine, primrose, foxglove, golden saxifrage and traveller's joy.



These are some of Britain's best-loved and most familiar wild flowers, and to find a wood that doesn't have a single one of them would be remarkable at any time; yet to find over seven per cent of woods in the UK not just bare of foxgloves, but absolutely everything else in the list shows that woodlands, like cornfields, are in deep botanical trouble. And that's something that is often hard to credit, living as we do in a gloriously unspoilt corner of the country. Because it's a fact that our lanes, hedgerows and woodlands here in North Cornwall are positively heaving with wildlife. I think you could probably count hundreds of different species of plants at almost any time in the growing season. You only have to walk these quiet little lanes - starting in late January with drifts of snowdrops and the early native British daffodil narcissus obularis.



From March the show intensifies with a sensational show of celandines, primroses, and violets, followed by stitchwort, wild garlic and bluebells. By May the hedges are full of Queen Anne's lace, campion and the curls of male fern and harts tongue.

It's the complete illustration of biodiversity and one of the reasons why this precious landscape is also host to a myriad of other living creatures: moles, voles, mice, rats, stoats, badgers, deer, foxes, rabbits, buzzards and songbirds. I think it helps if we all make a space in our gardens for a few more wild plants. After all, every single thing we grow started life as a wild plant (or weed as we like to call them) and some wild forms are just as desirable as their more modern cultivated cousins.

As long as we keep in control of the real thugs like hogweed, nettles, thistles and dock, why not allow a little room for speedwell, self-heal and buttercups? Nature doesn't like bare earth, some lovely indigenous thing will come along to fill the gap; and it doesn't have to be tugged out just because we didn't buy it from the garden centre.

*Pat Thorne*

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## IN MEMORIAM: EVAN DURBIN

Every drowning is a tragedy. But 75 years ago last September someone in the prime of his life died by drowning on Strangles beach whose death was a tragedy not only for his friends and family but also, arguably, for British politics. That man was Evan Durbin. Few people have heard of him today but many people in the late 1940s regarded him as the most able and appealing of the rising generation of moderate Labour politicians. If he had lived he might have gone on to become Labour leader in 1955, instead of his friend Hugh Gaitskell, and then perhaps Prime Minister instead of Harold Wilson when Labour won the 1964 election.

He was almost a local west country boy, born in Bideford in 1906, the son of a Baptist minister. He was educated at Heles School, Exeter, and Taunton School, before going to New College, Oxford. He became a lecturer in economics at the London School of Economics in the 1930s and during the war was personal assistant to deputy PM, Clement Attlee, during which time he wrote his most famous book *The Politics of Democratic Socialism*. In 1945 he was elected Labour MP for Edmonton in North London and was part of a group of rising stars around Hugh Dalton, the Chancellor, which included Richard Crossman and George Brown. He briefly held a junior ministerial position in the Ministry of Works.

There is some mystery surrounding the circumstances of his death, on September 3rd 1948, and if any older readers can recall the event or have any news reports from the time please do contact the Packet. Most reports state that he drowned at Strangles after saving one of his daughters, though other reports state that he drowned at Crackington Haven and that there were two girls involved (the other girl perhaps being the daughter of his political agent who is thought to have been on holiday with him). Also holidaying nearby with his family was a man named John Bowlby, a psychiatrist who went on to establish the still influential school of attachment theory, who was Durbin's best friend and was shattered by his friend's death. Durbin lives on not only as a 'what might have been' footnote in post-war British politics but in Bowlby's ideas about the stages of grief.

*David Goodhart, Millook*



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# DIARY DATES

## APRIL

- 07 April Pirate Day at RNLI Summerleaze Car Park 11.00-15.00  
11 April History Tour Manor House, Pengenna 11.00  
12 April Pasty & Cider with The Countrymen, Poundstock Gildhouse 19.30  
13 April Big Dog Bogie Band, Crooklets 13.00  
27 April Big Dog Bogie Band, Marhamchurch, Bullers 21.00  
20 April Forage Days £33 workshop "Tending the Wild Inside" 10.00-13.00  
20 April Book to Home a Hen – freshstartforhens.co.uk  
20 April Abba Tribute, Parkhouse Centre 20.00  
23 April Juliotter Garden Club - Ben Ruscombe-King, head gardener at Endsleigh  
27 April Rewind 60s,70s,80s Falcon Hotel 20.00-00.00  
27 April Juliotter Garden Club - Plant Sale 10.00-14.00  
27 April Bingo at Jacobstow New Scout Hut 19.30  
29 April Old Cornwall "The Old Hotels and Garages of Bude" 19.00

## MAY

- 04-05 May Werrington Hill Climb  
06 May Clovelly Car Show 10.00-16.00  
06 May Marhamchurch Food Fair  
08 May Bob Rae Sewing B Finalist, Gildhouse 19.30  
11 May Bude Methodist Church trio 19.00  
16-18 May Devon County Show  
18 May Plant sale, Poundstock Gildhouse 10.00-12.30  
18 May Stratton Heritage Walk Ian Saltern 13.30  
24-26 May Kindred Spirits Festival Waterloo Farm, North Petherwin  
26 May Bike Show, Bideford Quay 12.00  
26 May Lowtide band at Cornish Coasts Farmshop & Café 17.00 – call or pop in for details  
28 May Juliotter Garden Club - Franca Westaway Gardening By The Moon

## JUNE

- 01 June Bude Climate Festival, Bude Castle  
08 June The Wyldes Underworld  
06-08 June Royal Cornwall Show Wadebridge. Age UK are offering a coach trip on 8<sup>th</sup> June £14.75

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For details of how to apply to be co-opted to the Parish Council, please see the website or contact the Clerk

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 first and third Wednesday of each month at Poundstock Gildhouse.



## Poundstock Neighbourhood Plan Committee

Chairman: Matthew Blows

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# ST WINWALOE CHURCH CARVINGS

A little item came up on Twitter recently about Poundstock Church Screen. This was carved by the Pinwill sisters, probably Violet and was when the church was fairly “high” and it was popular to “separate” clergy and congregation and the church was called St Neots.

The carving is in front of the Lady Chapel. There is a “story”. First there's a huntsman and hound, then hound, then doe on her own followed by a stag dragging a plough. Roughly the legend tells of how St Neot helped a doe being hunted and in return five stags helped him to plough some fields.

St Winwaloe was the original name of the church and returned to this name in the 1970s.



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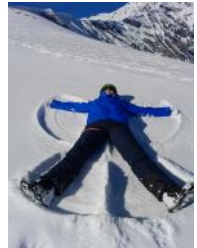
An Amazing adventure!

The culmination of 2 years planning and a years fundraising, Jacobstow and Tregadillett Guides (Launceston District) 14 Guides and 7 Adults headed off to Switzerland for half term. The journey there took 24 hrs of coach, plane, bus, train, another train bus and finally hike up the mountain to Our Chalet - made it!



A 24 hour rest day and then it was full on, days of cross country skiing, Sledging, Hiking, snow tubing and games, whilst in the evenings we met our international sisters in Guiding from Sri Lanka, Argentina, Australia, Malawi, Nigeria, the Philippines and other parts of the UK.

We enjoyed a Swiss evening, and an international evening where we were very definitely the Cornish Contingent, NOT the English! We found out so much about other cultures and traditions, some odd superstitions in



the Philippines and some amazing traditional dancing from Malawi, (very different from the Floral dance) we played new games, learned new campfire songs and survived an eventful evening of activities which included a yoga session....which as perfect after all that hiking!

So many firsts, first flight for some, first skiing, first deep snow (up to our knees in places) first time meeting guides from around the world, first time climbing a mountain, first time singing in Swiss German, first time trying new food.

We all had an amazing time, thank you to Mary and Emma who planned it, all our amazing Guide parents who supported the girls and raised the funds to enable us to go and the Guides who were one and all Absolutely Fabulous!



Despite a challenging journey home all the guides were discussing ... "Next time we go can we....?"

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# NEWS OF CLERGY CHANGES

## St Winwaloe's, Poundstock, and Our Lady and St Anne's, Widemouth Bay

### 28 January 2024: Revd David Saunders

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Dates are still to be confirmed, but David hopes to be moving to Cornwall at the beginning of June.

### 17 March 2024: Revd Mark James

The Bishop of Crediton is pleased to announce that, subject to the completion of the statutory formalities, the Revd Mark James has been appointed as Rector of the Bradworthy Benefice in the Diocese of Exeter.

Mark will be moving to North Devon with his wife Helen, and daughters Phoebe and Bethany.

Mark is excited to be following God's call to ministry in rural North Devon and is looking forward to living and ministering in the Bradworthy Benefice.

The licencing will take place on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm, at St John the Baptist, Bradworthy, by Bishop Jackie, Bishop of Crediton.

## ST GENNYS' & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SHOW

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## 2ND BUDE (JACOBSTOW) SCOUT GROUP

Our first Scouting meeting in the new year was a birthday celebration for our Cub leader Daphne.



What a super evening with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, family and friends joining Daphne to celebrate her big day with party games and cake. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are back meeting weekly with its usual varied activities. The Scouts have the opportunity to complete the 'Camel Run' in March where they walk through the evening and into the night doing challenges along the route. Again, the Scouts in April can complete the coast 2 coast challenges and the Beavers will have the chance to join fellow Beavers on a Beaver Day all happening at Lanhydrock, Bodmin.

As for the Scout hut work has been and is on going. I am delighted to say on the 17th of February our electrician 'Marcus' completed all the wiring and testing. On Monday 19th February our oldest Cub 'Alex' had the honour of switching on the lights. What a delight and difference this makes to the running of the groups and a huge milestone for the team. We thank Marcus for his tireless work to complete the job.



We are now on the final jobs within the hut, I am relieved to say the vast majority of the painting is complete. The kitchen is fully fitted just the upstand and the hatch doors to be fitted. Next steps within the hut include the fitting of the flooring, blinds, disabled toilet, sinks, storage cupboards and shelving. We are currently waiting on funding for these.

Bringing water on to site is our next big expenditure and one we are now working on. When the weather improves the outside area can be landscaped and the end will be in site. To keep the fundraising going we are holding a 'Bingo Evening' on Sat 27th April, 7pm for eyes down at 7.30pm at the New Scout Hut, Rosecare, EX23 0BE. Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of bingo, raffle and refreshments.

*Thank you, Jill*



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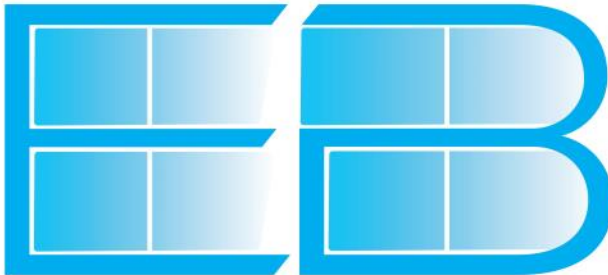
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## REMEMBERING FATHER DAVID BARNES CONT'D

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David enjoyed other activities too. He reignited his love for cricket, joining the Manchester diocese team during his time at St Ann's, Rochdale. This continued for many years until he was no longer able to play. As David moved on, he continued to be involved in amateur dramatics societies alongside his children, playing his part well and enjoying being on stage. He also had a love of golf, becoming a member of 'The Point' in Polzeath with his son Tim. David was an avid pool player and played as part of the Brendon Arms team since he moved to Cornwall.

David and Jean always had dogs throughout their marriage, beginning with Scamp straight after their honeymoon, then Scamp's daughter Skippy. This was followed by a rescue pub dog called Leo. The trouble with Leo was he continually needed rescuing from beer, or rather glasses of beer had to be rescued from being drunk by him. After Leo, the love of Weimaraners began. Firstly, with Jean's dog Rufus, followed by the rescue Harley and more recently Dusty, of course not forgetting the Dachshund, Charlie.

David also loved holidays but hated flying. For many years, holidays were restricted to Scotland, the Lake District and Cornwall. Then for their 25th wedding anniversary, David faced his fear and flew abroad for the first of many overseas holidays, which were to include the Greek and Spanish Islands.

David's appointment in Huddersfield came to an end when David saw a small advertisement for a post in Bude. Travelling over half the length of England to explore further, he met the parishioners of the four churches in the Bude Cluster. By the time he arrived home again, he had already accepted the post. This was a significant move for both David, and particularly Jean, who left her own work to follow David to Cornwall. In Cornwall, David oversaw the legal formation of the North Kernow Benefice from the four churches of Bude, Stratton, Launcells and Marhamchurch. As Rural Dean, he oversaw further reorganisation and a move to Week St Mary, where he became Rector, taking on the churches of Whitstone & Poundstock (including Widemouth Bay) alongside Bude and Marhamchurch.

David retired last July with a farewell service in a packed church, well-loved by his parishioners and well-supported during his time here. Cornwall is also where David became a grandfather for the first time, he loved spending time with his grandchild Teddy, who kept him on his toes. David enjoyed a fun-packed Christmas and winter holiday with his family before his unexpected death.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

## EXCERPTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

### **Ordinary meeting of Poundstock Parish Council held 18<sup>TH</sup> January 2024**

Present: Cllrs. Stephen Blake, Steve Haynes, Michelle Carter, Max Faulkner, Eric Harris, Pamela Idelson, Tom O'Sullivan, Jeremy Petherick, Graeme Swatton and the Clerk. Apologies: None, all present

Public Participation: Neil Edwards on behalf of Cornwall Rural Housing Association (CRHA) gave a presentation on the potential development of Buttercup Fields in Poundstock for local needs

Planning Matters: PA23/09427 Proposed: single storey rear and side extension to dwelling, external material changes, proposed swimming pool and raised patio area Location: Swallows Nest, Crescent Close, Widemouth Bay RESOLVED to OBJECT due to loss of biodiversity, drainage issues, boundary fence height and scale incompatibility. PA23/10180 Agricultural Storage and Bee Keeping Equipment Store without compliance of condition 2 in relation to decision notice PA21/04399 dated 13/07/ "Turks Head Field" Treskinnick Cross Bude Cornwall RESOLVED - No Objection

#### Agenda items to discuss and resolve a course of action and associated expenditure:

(a) To approve request from parishioner for a Copy of solicitor and barrister advice relating to Crematorium PA21/01480, including all emails to/from any solicitor(s) and/or barrister(s) referencing 'PA21/01480' or 'Crematorium' between 18.11.22 and 01.03.23' (Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan). RESOLVED to defer pending a response from the ICO. 021/24 b) Reference PA23/06490 (Whalesborough) that the Council writes to Cllr. Chopak to request that she exercise her constitutional right to have the application determined at Planning Committee (Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan). Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan proposed the motion as given, the motion failed due to a lack of a seconder. 022/24 (c) To agree to write to Cornwall Council to express concern regarding the ongoing poor performance of South West Water in terms of Pollution incidents (Cllr. Tom O'Sullivan) Motion withdrawn

### **Ordinary meeting of Poundstock Parish Council held 7<sup>TH</sup> February 2024**

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

Planning Matters: Consultee comment for PA24/00002/NDP –Marhamchurch Neighbourhood Development Plan, Marhamchurch, Cornwall, Marhamchurch Parish Council PA24/00002/NDP RESOLVED - No Objection

#### Agenda items to discuss and resolve a course of action and associated expenditure:

To consider the next steps for a new hall for Poundstock. Following discussion, Cllr Stephen Blake proposed engaging the Architect's whose quote was previously received, Cllr. Steve Haynes seconded. Cllrs. Stephen Blake, Steve Haynes and Michell Carter voted for the motion. Cllrs. Max Faulkner, Eric Harris, Tom O'Sullivan and Graeme Swatton voted against, motion failed (3-4). 052/24 After careful consideration, it was agreed to that obtaining additional quotes from other architects would be in the best interest of the project

## EXCERPTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

### **Ordinary meeting of Poundstock Parish Council held 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024**

Present: Cllrs. Stephen Blake, Steve Haynes, Max Faulkner, Eric Harris, Tom O'Sullivan, Graeme Swatton and the Clerk. Apologies: Cllrs. Michelle Carter and Jeremy Petherick. Cllr Pamela Idelson was absent.

**Planning Matters:** Consultee comment: - PA24/00832 High Meadow Poundstock EX23 0EZ - Erection of private domestic garage/store, together with formation of an extension to existing access track - RESOLVED - No objections. PA24/00854 Bangors Methodist Church Vicarage Lane Poundstock EX23 0AU Proposed conversion of existing building into two dwellings without compliance with Condition 2 of decision notice PA23/01782 dated 29.06.2023. RESOLVED - No objections. The following planning applications are to be considered at the next meeting: - PA24/00948 Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for the erection of two dwellings, namely access only, and the demolition of the existing building on site. Land West of Stone Park, Widemouth Bay.

**Agenda items to discuss and resolve a course of action and associated expenditure:** Following discussion, it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the Design Brief for the new hall for Poundstock

**Items for Information:** The severe flooding along the coastal road from the A39 Coppathorne junction to Widemouth Bay, is now causing substantial highway damage, is to be reported to County Highways, emphasising local knowledge on the current drainage network in the area.

### **Ordinary meeting of Poundstock Parish Council held 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Present: Cllrs. Stephen Blake, Michelle Carter, Eric Harris, Tom O'Sullivan, Pamela Idelson, Graeme Swatton and the Clerk. Apologies: Cllrs. Steve Haynes and Max Faulkner.

Cllr. Jeremy Petherick has tendered his resignation from the Council, citing that he no longer resides in the parish

**Planning Matters:** Consultee comment: - PA24/00948 outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for the erection of two dwellings, namely access only, and the demolition of the existing building on site. Land West of Stone Park, Widemouth Bay, Cornwall. RESOLVED - No objections. PA23/09869 Erection of 5 Holiday Lodges, Widemouth Manor Hotel, Widemouth Bay,. RESOLVED - No objections, subject to Highway approval.

**NDP Steering Group to receive reports and authorise any action and expenditure:** - After thorough discussion, it was unanimously RESOLVED for the account holder to continue the subscription to Survey Monkey to ensue the safeguarding of data, with the agreed decision to reimburse the associated costs.



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**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.

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# JACOBSTOW WI



In February, we welcomed Jude Wood, one of the County WI Climate Ambassadors who gave an interesting talk, explaining the current government climate targets and what they mean for all of us.

Coincidentally, it had just been announced that 2023

was the warmest year since global records began and that global warming had exceeded 1.5°C across an entire year for the first time.

Importantly, one of the aims of the Paris Agreement is to keep global warming below 1.5°C in the longer term to avoid escalating impacts across the world.

We shared our own recycling experiences and agreed that the guidance can be confusing, leading each of us to deal differently with some items! Jude inspired us to make greener choices when we shop, saving money in the process.



## JACOBSTOW WI October 1938 - March 2024

Jacobstow WI has served the local community for 85 years and is justly proud of its history and achievements. Unfortunately prior to our AGM in March, we were unable to find sufficient members willing to stand for the Committee and therefore we had to prepare for suspension of the group.

Despite this sad news, the AGM/suspension meeting was well attended and we looked back over our activities of the past year, awarded competition prizes and thanked the Committee for their hard work. Our WI Adviser then conducted a ballot of members and announced that the group would be suspended. Later, members enjoyed refreshments with a glass of bubbly, a tasty spread of food and of course, tea and cake!

The group is now suspended for 3 years. Should there be sufficient interest to re-form the WI within that period, it can be re-launched and continue to operate, but if not, it will be closed.

Cornwall has more than 3,000 WI members and local groups have offered a warm welcome to members from Jacobstow.

We hope you have enjoyed reading about our activities.





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