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We can take advantage of lesser prices but to get there takes the difference in price.

When asked why, we are told it's because we live on a limb, different suppliers when ordered or that we don't use enough to make deliveries viable.

If they can't get us this sort of fuel now, how are the powers that be going to supply all the electricity for electric vehicles from a few extra windmills.

What a conundrum!

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.

The deadline for our next edition is 18 November 2023.

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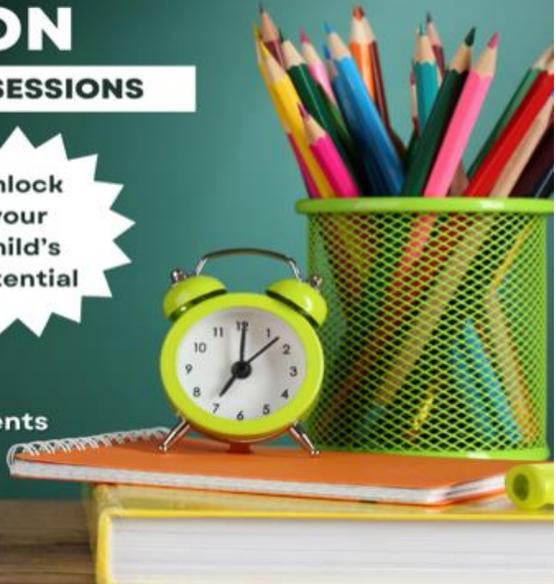
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October

1 11.15-Gift Day/HC BH; 10.00 Family-WSM; 18.00 ES-M
2 19.00 Harvest W
4 9.00 Zoom MP; 10.00 HC BH
8 9.30 HC M; 9.30 MP P; 11.15 HC W; 18.00 EP WSM
11 9.00 MP Zoom; 10.00 HC WB
14 12-14.00 Harvest Lunch M
15 9.30 Harvest MP M; 11.15 Harvest HC BH; 11.15 HC WSM
18 9.00 MP Zoom; 10.00 HC BH
22 9.30 HC P; 10.00 HC M; 10.00 MP WSM; 11.15 HC BH; 9.30 MP W
25 9.00 MP Zoom, MP WB
25 10.30 Messy Church, St Michaels
29 10.00 United Benefice HC W
29 16.00 Messy Church Bible Buddies, Crackington Haven Institute

November

1 9.00 MP Zoom; 10.00 HC BH
2 12.00 All Souls BH; 19.00 All Souls WSM
5 9.30 HC BH; 10.00 FS WSM; 18.00 ES M
8 9.00 MP Zoom; 10.00 HC WB
12 9.30 MP + Remembrance P; 10.45 Rem Mem WSM, B & W
15 9.00 MP Zoom; 10.00 HC BH
19 9.30 HC BH; 9.30 MP M; 11.15 HC WSM
22 9.00 MP Zoom; 10.00 HC WB
26 9.30 HC P; 9.30 HC M; 10.00 MP WSM; 11.15 HC BH; 9.30 MP W
29 9.00 Zoom; 10.00 HC BH

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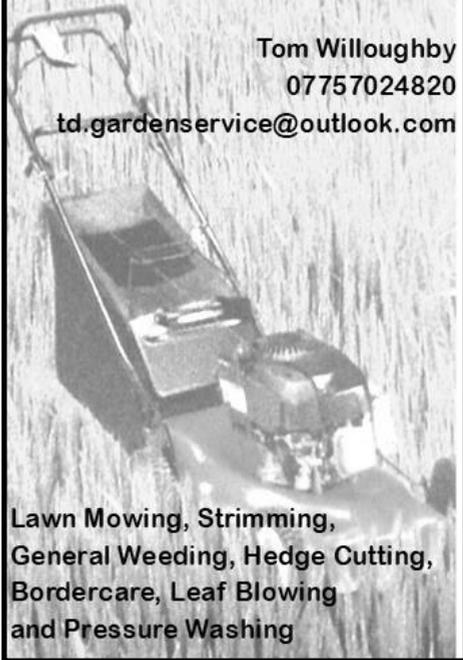
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We have more stalls than ever this year. From fudge to cider and jewellery, ceramics, wood turning, stained glass and pizzas. Why not start your Christmas shopping early?

Refreshments will be served all day, there will be soup and delicious homemade cakes.

Try your hand at pumpkin carving, prize for the best child/adult and heaviest pumpkin (all entries to be in by 11.00 on the Saturday).

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Here are a few pictures from the 2022 festival



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GILDHOUSE CREAM TEA

Cream Teas were again on in the Gildhouse. This time it was on the 13th August and donations were towards the upkeep of the Tudor Gildhouse. As you can see from the picture of the car park, it was well attended even though the weather was not brilliant and they managed to raise a total of £653.55. Again a big thank you to all the helpers and everyone that visited.



POUNDSTOCK BELL RINGERS

The Poundstock Church Bellringers had an excellent evening visiting St Materiana, Tintagel. Delicious Fish and Chips were bought from Tintagel and eaten outside the church in the evening sun.



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 December and January edition is 18th November.

DON'T FORGET: TELL THE PACKET!

DEFIBRILLATORS IN THE PARISH

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

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GARDENING IN POUNDSTOCK

October, already. It's been a very strange year in the garden and as I write this one of our magnolias is in flower and others have flower buds ready to burst. (Normal flowering is between February and June). Bulbs are beginning to appear and a friend saw a crocus in flower last week at The Garden House near Yelverton. That's the climate emergency for us. It has been a miserable summer of washed-out events and sun-deprived vegetables, then September arrived and gave us some of the best weather since June by which time our runner beans, from which we have had a fantastic crop, have given up the ghost. The first long autumn swells are rolling in off the Atlantic ocean and calm is returning as summer visitors leave.



Despite the weather we opened our garden to a couple of gardening clubs and raised over £500 for The Cornwall Air Ambulance. A big thank you to all our friends and neighbours who helped and made highly-praised cream teas.

A cold spring and a very dry June, followed by a wet dull and cool summer have left sun- and heat-loving crops struggling. However our cucumbers and tomatoes growing in the poly-tunnel have been quite happy and have produced very acceptable crops (but nowhere near other years). But the sun has tried to lift the temperature and light-levels over the recent past so it may drive a late rally for the tomatoes, boosting flavour and allowing yields close to previous years. The warm nights we have been enjoying are generating a burst of growth in the basil too – some of them are small trees and we have made enough pesto to last us until next summer.

The winter squash ripened well ahead of schedule and have been harvested so that the sun will the skins, dry the stalks, sealing the fruit and allowing them to store through to next summer. The UK is on the climate boundary for squash, and for most other members of the lush, largely tropical curcubit family. Butternut squash, in particular, struggles to ripen and develop its full flavour in Cornwall so we now grow more reliable

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varieties like 'Crown Prince', 'Golden Hubbard' and 'Uchiki-Kuri' (onion squash). We were unable to give them the amount of water they needed because of the hosepipe ban.

Despite everything I have said about the weather we have had our best ever crop of sweetcorn – in fact our first crop – since we moved to Cornwall. The wind normally flattens them before they are able to produce cobs. This year we grew a variety called 'Earliking' which is an early maturing variety with stocky plants which is ideal in exposed areas. Each plant produced at least one sweet, juicy cob. Once again we didn't give enough water because of the hosepipe ban.

Both the sweet peppers and the chilli peppers have produced (and are still producing) many fruits. A warming and simple stew of onion, sweetcorn, peppers (both sorts) and tomatoes is one of our favourites at this time of year (served with French or runner beans). But I'm not writing a cookery column as well.

Jobs for October/November: plant spring bulbs; lift tender plants and store them for winter; sweep up any fallen leaves that harbour fungal spores and provide ideal hiding places for slugs and snails, make leaf mould; cut back perennial plants that have died down, alternatively leave the dead foliage in place to shelter friendly wildlife during the winter; plant or move shrubs and conifers whilst the soil is still warm; plant autumn onion and shallot sets; plant garlic cloves; plus so many other things!

The Old Composter

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DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

- 1st to 6th A Journey of Garments from Tony Rea BBC Finalist at Bude Castle
- 1st Rotary Club Great Atlantic Walk
- 2nd Jubilee Club, Enys Gardens, Falmouth
- 7th Scout Dog Show 14.30 at Jacobstow Scout Hut
- 11th Friends evening at Gildhouse, Poundstock 19.30
- 11th Tavistock Goose Fair
- 24th Have a Wonderful Winter Garden Mike Stevens Juliotter Garden Club 19.30
- 27th Orpheus Male Voice Choir King Arthur's Great Hall, Tintagel 19.30
- 28th Christmas Craft Fair St Stephens Hall Launceston 10.00-14.00
- 28th/29th Pumpkin Craft and Food Fair 10.00-16.00 Gildhouse, Poundstock
- 30th Old Cornwall Talk by Robert Palmer on World War at Davidstow Airfield 19.00

NOVEMBER

- 11th Comedy Horror at Crackington Institute 19.30
- 18th/19th November Cornish Winter Fair at Showground, Wadebridge
- 26th The Great Cornish Market at Showground, Wadebridge

DECEMBER

- 4th Old Cornwall Cornish Carols at Bude Methodist Church 19.00
- 3rd December Christmas Fayre at The Castle 11.00-16.00

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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 the last Thursday evening of each month at Poundstock Gildhouse.



Poundstock Neighbourhood Plan Committee

Chairman: Matthew Blows

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Secretary: Lyn Smith

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

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Mr Len Davies revealed that the Citizen of the Year is Mr Jeremy Ward and Rev James presented the sash and trophy to him. In his speech, Jeremy said that this village was a fine example of community co-operation and had a large number of young people compared to some other communities. There was a fine selection of Fancy Dress entrants.

The Revel Fair was well attended and the Dog Show run by Angela O'Connor was very well supported. Tea was served in the grand Marquee which was provided by Alan Colwill and a number of popular games and competitions fitted inside as well.

Boscastle Border Morris danced in the field to entertain and the bar was open all afternoon whilst a children's Bouncy Castle was provided by Launceston Bouncy Castles. In the evening Tom Wickett produced a great Barbecue and Devil Rain provided music in the marquee. A large crowd danced the night away despite the increasing rain outside!



The Church and Chapel would like to thank all those who helped in whatever way to make the event another huge success and are very grateful to all the local businesses who supported the day with donations of their sponsorship, goods and services. Church and chapel will share the proceeds as usual and a donation has been given to the Parish Hall towards their new boiler.

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The weather held good for the annual Fete held on 26th August at the Church Garden. It was well attended and everyone was very generous. We were able to send £702.50 to the Air Ambulance and £100 to Our Lady and St Anne's church.

Results of the Competitions

126 sweets were in the jar

358 grams of pasta

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Sarah Jones won "Guess the Sweets" and donated her prize to the Kitty, many thanks.

In no particular order, heart felt thanks go to :

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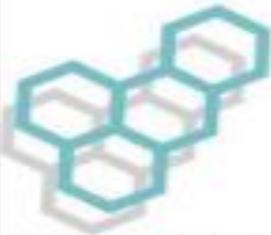
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October:

Saturn will be rising in the South East shortly after sunset, and will be visible throughout the night. Its rings are still visible but are closing to their minimum angle as viewed from Earth, so make the most of them if you have a telescope. Jupiter will be rising about 8pm and will dominate the southern sky throughout the night. It is a fine object in a telescope, showing the cloud bands and the red spot, if your telescope is powerful enough. You should also be able to watch the “dance” of the Galilean moons round the planet, which change their position visibly throughout the night. Venus will be rising in the East about 4am, and will rival Jupiter in her brightness. A great sight for the early risers.

I wonder how many of you watched the extraordinary achievement of the Indian low-budget Moon lander in August. The soft touch down next to the rim of a crater at the south pole was amazing, and the delivery of the robotic explorer which has already started its exploration, should provide information as to the feasibility of setting up a manned base sometime in the future.

November:

Saturn will be setting about midnight in the middle of the month, while Jupiter will be bright in the southern sky until it sets at about 6.30 am. Meanwhile, brilliant Venus will be rising in the east at about 5 am, and will remain visible until the Sun rises about 8.30. Orion and the winter constellations will rise in the east at about 10pm.

We have been overwhelmed with fascinating astronomical news recently. The brilliantly successful soft landing by India on the Moon near the South pole followed by the robotic explorer trundling over the surface. However, the Minus 250 degree night temperatures seem to have affected its electronics, and India has so far been unable to wake it up. The Russian attempt days before failed.

The successful return of the largest asteroid sample ever to be recovered marks the culmination of a seven-year journey in which a robotic spacecraft Osiris-Rex was sent to scout out the asteroid Bennu, scoop up samples of its pebbles and dust, and then return them to Earth. These types of samples are a treasure for scientific analysis for years and years to come, for our children and our grandchildren and for people who haven't even been born.

I will try to keep you informed of any scientific releases.

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HERBAL MEDICINES, BACK TO OUR ROOTS

On 13th September, Katrina Werren gave a fascinating talk at the Gild-house on Herbal Medicines, Back to Our Roots.

Katrina is a fully trained Medical Herbalist. She spent 4 years at University and over 500 hours of practical clinical experience in London. As the Green Physic is based on a farm, Katrina is lucky to have her own organic medicinal herb garden.



She tries to use mainly native plants and prescribes the herbal plants for their traditional uses but with an eye on the chemical contact. This is why she has a consultation that takes into account symptoms, doctors medications and how they combine.

It was an interesting evening with examples of herbs and a few samples. We had Nettle Cheese Straws after but failed to identify nettle flowers! Then we sampled some tonic.

There was a lot of information to take in but further information can be found on the internet, although an appointment with Katrina could be more beneficial.



2ND BUDE (JACOBSTOW) SCOUT GROUP

Beavers, Cubs & Scouts are back meeting weekly after the summer break. Many activities are planned over the next few months all leading up to Christmas. The Scouts have the opportunity to take part in the 'Annual Winter Camp' In October, 2 nights camping with many activities at Nine Ashes.



On Sunday 3rd Sept, we held our annual 'Tractor Rally'. The sun was shining & we had several tractors of all different models & sizes travelling along our local countryside roads. The afternoon was spent at the Scout Hut with a BBQ. Delighted to say we raised £701.50 all going towards the New Scout Hut.

Forthcoming Fundraising Events:

JOSIE'S DOG SHOW – Sat 7th Oct, 2pm for 2.30pm judging, at the New Scout Hut.

FIREWORKS EVENING – Mon 31st Oct or Wed 1st Nov (date determined by the weather), 6.30pm at Braywood Farm.

CHRISTMAS CAROL/DRAW EVENING – Mon 4th Dec, 6.30pm at the New Scout Hut.

Everyone is welcome to join us, more details will follow & all proceeds go towards the New Scout Hut.



It has been a busy but productive summer in regard to the New Scout Hut. The plaster boarding was completed & skimming was undertaken by a professional team. This was completed by Rob Medland. This then left the mammoth task of painting, the main hall was completed by the time the young people returned, taking 4 coats to achieve the finish needed. We have not quite finished painting the entrance areas, but we have made super progress, all down to our determined team. The kitchen is currently being fitted out, with flooring fitted and in the kitchen, 1 cupboard. Our next major challenge is bringing electric & water into the hut, we are awaiting to hear back on grants as these items both need considerable funds.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting us, Jill

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EXCERPTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Ordinary meeting of Poundstock Parish Council held on 20 July 2023

Present: Cllrs. Stephen Blake, Steve Haynes, Michelle Carter, Eric Harris, Pamela Idelson, Tom O’Sullivan, Jeremy Petherick and the Clerk present.

Public Participation - Matters raised by Members of the Public on an agenda item:

The Chair of the Community Area Partnership Cllr. Barry Jordan was introduced. The Community Area Partnership replaces the old Community Networks, tasked to bring local organisations and people together, to tackle the issues that matter to communities. There are 12 community area partnerships in Cornwall. Funding opportunities are available to properly constituted groups, Cllr. Jordan encouraged people to make contact. Partnership meetings are open to the public and the press, the next CAP Meeting will be held on 11th September 2023, venue to be decided.

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

(a) To receive an update on the progress with Cornwall Council on the Widemouth Bay Toilets, and ongoing repairs to the building. Solicitors response confirmed the key points. The possibility of the PC purchasing the building, demolishing and replacing with unisex cubicles on a lease basis was discussed as an option. RESOLVED to inform Cornwall Council that the PC will not lease but will seriously consider outright purchase with the view to developing the option of leasing unisex cubicles (1 x abs). 324/23 Further RESOLVED for the Chair with the Clerk to investigate the complete package costs to supply, fit and maintain unisex cubicles on the site, unanimous.

b) To receive an update on the sale of the Old Parish Hall. Following discussions and, subject to there being no objections from the family, it was RESOLVED to include the adjacent plot in the sale of the Old Parish Hall with the covenant remaining in place, relisting the auction on the 24 August 2023, unanimous.

Portfolio Reports to receive written reports and authorise any action and expenditure:

PROW – Cllr. Idelson reported Cornwall Council are to begin making repairs on PROW at Wanson. The PROW Bridleway Combe Lane has been reported as being overgrown, this to be investigated.

EXCERPTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Ordinary meeting of Poundstock Parish Council held on 17 August 2023

Present: Cllrs. Stephen Blake, Steve Haynes, Max Faulkner, Eric Harris, Pamela Idelson, Tom O'Sullivan and the Clerk present.

Public Participation - Matters raised by Members of the Public on an agenda item:

A member of the public voiced concern about overnight parking at the Penhalt Viewpoint, Cornwall Councillor Nicky Chopak advised that the site is being monitored

Planning Matters: (a) Planning Applications to discuss and make a consultee comment on the following applications: -

PA23/05864 - Store And Premises Coppatorne Poundstock Bude EX23 0DD Application for certificate of lawfulness for existing use in respect of use of land for agricultural construction and storage purpose - PA23/05864 (Case Officer - Joanna Dawe). RESOLVED to OBJECT

PA23/04788 - Whalesborough Farm Marhamchurch Bude Cornwall EX23 0JD The change of use of land from agriculture to ground mounted agri-voltaic solar array with associated infrastructure and landscaping – PA23/04788 (Case Officer Aimee Williams). RESOLVED to make the following comments (4-1) (1 abs) - PPC objects to this proposal on the grounds that it detracts from the "public visual amenity" of the area due to its elevated position which will dominate the scenery for miles around. This is likely to have a negative impact on the local tourist industry which is a key part of the local area economy. While PPC recognises the need for green energy developments and does not object to this type of development in principle, in this case we feel that the detrimental impact on the area due to its elevated position negates any benefits. Therefore, we respectfully request that this planning application is denied.

To receive written reports and authorise any action:

363/23 (a) Poundstock Ward Member's Report – Generally, there are three planning enforcement officers working across the county. Planning enforcement are currently looking into issues raised in the area, no further report. There is some funding available for highways unspent from previous year which will be discussed at the next CAP meeting, Cllr. Chopak encouraged engagement. She is currently having discussions with Highways for a permanent Radar Detector to discourage speeding along Marine Drive.



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Jacobstow WI

On 10th August, 30 members, past members and guests gathered for Afternoon Tea to celebrate the WI's 85th year in Jacobstow. The Hall was decorated with flowers and bunting and our recently made



cake stands were full of delicious party food for each table.

We enjoyed hearing about the formation of our WI in October 1938 and its first year, at the end of which war was declared. Meetings continued with activities to fundraise for servicemen from the local area and we are proud of the WI's continuous presence in the community ever since. It was lovely to



see everyone to mark this very special occasion.

For our September meeting, we welcomed Alex and Ben from the Electric Bakery in Bude, true artisan bakers who are passionate about local and sustainable produce. Producing bread, pastries, cakes and much more, they now also grow their own heritage grains, mill the flour and supply many of our local stores, farm shops and restaurants. Their success is demonstrated by the long queues seen outside the shop in Petherick Mill as well the number of online orders. We were treated to some delicious samples of their speciality sourdough breads with local cheese and chutney, following which many of us will be joining the queue of regular customers!



Looking ahead:

Oct 12th Talk about Isambard Kingdom Brunel

Oct 22nd 85th Birthday Lunch at Trencreek Farmhouse

Nov 9th Contemporary Handmade Glass Art

If you'd like to join us, why not come along to the next meeting or call Jill on 01840 239829. You can be sure of a warm welcome,

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Have you had ants in your house this year? Yes? Well, you are not alone.

When mankind first built houses, heated them and stored food, there were plenty of beings who wanted to share them, for such dry warm places are rare in nature.

Mankind had a good go at the ants, and is still trying. 2,000 years ago, Horace wrote, "You can drive nature out the front door with a pitchfork, but she'll return through the back door."

When we put ant powder on them, a few die: let's say 100. This leaves another 2,000 or so plus several queens in one nest to repopulate in two or three days: talk about trying to push water uphill! You don't kill nettles by cutting them back; rather you have to find the root, and dig 'em out.



Houses tend to have about 2 types of ant: some who find houseplants or the larder trickle in from outside, and are hardly a nuisance. The other type is worse. They live in the house and build big homes in the foundations. Some people have had the builders in and dug down and ripped out the nests. They replaced the foundations, and they watched the ants reappear when the dust had settled.

Let's move house and let them live! They do a good job scavenging. Most ants will not turn their noses up at bird poo or breadcrumbs. Who needs a cleaner when there's an unpaid worker to do the job?

And I have only talked about ants. What about all the spiders, beetles, flies, rats, mice, mosquitoes and cockroaches?

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