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Notes from the editors

The Poundstock Packet is in safe hands!

In the last edition we made a cry for help to secure the future of the Packet – and you responded. Julie Pawley has taken on responsibility for advertising, and Phyllis Ward will co-ordinate the distribution assisted by Lea Manders and Judy Parsons. The new editorial team is Tania Clegg and Jayne Griffiths, with Sue Burrows continuing to provide content. A massive thank you to Karen Proberts who has been editor for the past year, and is working with Tania and Jayne on handing over the editorial reins. A huge thank you also to Jen Spettigue who has agreed to stay on for a further 12 months as Chair, and Alan Green who is the Treasurer. Contact Jayne or Tania at poundstockpacket@gmail.com if you'd like to help with articles or distribution.

Contributions

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

The deadline for our next edition is 15th July 2024.

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Cattle egret—the sheepish farmer

We've been fortunate this spring to host some Cattle Egrets alongside our neighbour's lake. Cattle Egrets are members of the Heron family along with spoonbills and cranes. They are about 50cm long, white with a wingspan of about 90cm. They are designated amber under the Birds of Conservation Concern List. They are adaptable birds, feeding on a large variety of insects, from ticks to frogs. Cattle egrets are sociable and prefer to nest in colonies.

Cattle egrets have shown one of the greatest range expansions in the world of birds. At the beginning of the 20th century, they were only established in southern Spain, Portugal and North and tropical Africa. Over the next few decades they spread south to South Africa and began to spread north across Europe. They even managed to cross the Atlantic to reach South America, and have dispersed throughout that continent and up into North America, with breeding recorded as far north as Canada.

Only a few decades ago, cattle egrets were still rare visitors to the UK, until a large influx over the winter of 2007/2008 saw over 200 birds recorded here, mostly here in the south-west. This led to the UK's first record of breeding cattle egrets, with at least two pairs nesting in Somerset in the summer of 2008. Since then, they have become an increasingly common sight in the UK and, although still a rare breeding bird here, have nested in several places and look likely to become properly established. We can only hope that they decide Poundstock is a good area to breed in future as they are well known for their symbiotic relationship with livestock. These birds follow grazing cattle and eat the flies and ticks that tend to bother the cattle, so helping the cattle avoid diseases caused by ticks and the movements of foraging livestock also dislodges various insects from the field, which cattle egrets feed on as well.

Cattle egrets are only slightly smaller than a little egret, but with a shorter neck, shorter legs and much more compact body giving them a stockier impression. They also have a shorter, stubbier bill, which is dark in juveniles but quickly turns yellow. Young birds and adults in winter are all white but in the breeding season the adults show bright orange-yellow feathers on the crown, lower back and chest. These brighter feathers can be visible from spring into autumn. The yellow bill also turns a brighter red-orange during the breeding season, and the dark or greyish-yellow legs take on brighter yellow and then pinkish tones.



CHURCHES AND SERVICES FOR JUNE AND JULY 2024

	TIME	SERVICE	CHURCH	Leader
Sun 2 June	9.30 10.00 18.00	Holy Communion All Age Worship Evening Prayer	BH WSM M	RD LWL LWL
Wed 5 June	09:00 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom WB	LWL RD
Sun 9 June	9.30 15.30	Holy Communion Rev David Saunders Licensing	M WSM	RD Bishop+
Wed 12 June	9.00 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom BH	LWL DS/RD?
Sun 16 June	9.30 9.30 11.15	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion	BH M WSM	DS LWL DS
Wed 19 June	9.00 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom WB	DS/LWL DS/RD
Sun 23 June	9.30 9.30 9.30 10.00 11.15	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer Morning Prayer Holy Communion	M P W WSM BH	DS RD LWL LWL DS
Wed 26 June	09.00 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom BH	DS/LWL DS/RD
Sun 30 June	10.30	United Benefice Holy Communion	P	DS
Wed 3 July	09:00 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom BH	DS
Sun 7 July	9.30 10.00 18.00	Holy Communion All Age Worship Evening Prayer	BH WSM .M	DS WL RD
Wed 10 July	9.00 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom BH	DS
Sun 14 July	9.30 9.30 11.15 18.00	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Prayer	M P W WSM	RD WT MM WL

CHURCH SERVICES – CONT'D

Wed 17 July	9.00 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom BH	DS
Sun 21 July	9.30, 9.30 9.30 11.15	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Morning Prayer Holy Communion		
Wed 24 July	9.00 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom BH	DS
Sun 28 July	9.30, 9.30 9.30 10.00 11.15	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer Morning Prayer Holy Communion	M P W WSM BH	RD WT MM WL DS
Wed 29 31 July	9.00 10.00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Zoom BH	DS

Central Methodist Church	10.30	Please note that July Services are only assumed and will be confirmed by the new Rector, David Saunders 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.
Marhamchurch Chapel	10.30	
Week St Mary Chapel	11.00	
Coast Family Church - non-denominational	Jacobstow Village Hall	Services 1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Sunday

Key to Churches and Leaders			
Bude Haven	BH	Rev David Saunders	DS
Marhamchurch	M	Rev Rob Dickenson	RD
Poundstock	P	Lay Worship Team	WT
Week St Mary	WSM	Worship Leader	WL
Whitstone	W	Methodist Minster	MM
Widemouth Bay	WB		

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Gildhouse plant sale

The Poundstock Gildhouse held a plant sale on Saturday 18th May. We had more people than previous years and had good weather throughout the morning. Stall holders came from 8 am to display their plants and what a wonderful selection. Sellers were saying what a good day they'd had and all want to be included next year for our annual plant sale. The Gildhouse committee made delicious cakes and teas and coffees were sold. Also the church table had a busy time. We would like on behalf of the team to say a big Thank you to Alan for over seeing it and everyone who supported.



Blue flag & seaside award beaches

Fifteen of Cornwall's stunning beaches have been awarded Blue Flag or Seaside Award status ahead of the summer season.

Seaside Awards are presented to the best beaches in England and celebrate the quality and diversity of our coastline. The coveted Blue Flag is only presented to beaches with water that has achieved the highest classification, as set by the EU Bathing Water Directive, and that have an environmental education programme.

Crooklets and Widemouth Bay have been awarded both Blue Flag and Seaside Award status for 2024. Crackington Haven has received Seaside Award status for 2024

The Blue Flag is an international award managed by Keep Britain Tidy on behalf of the Foundation for Environmental Education. Keep Britain Tidy's Chief Executive, Allison Ogden-Newton OBE said: "Visitors to a beach flying a Blue Flag can be assured the beach will be clean, safe and meet the highest environmental standards, as well as international bathing water quality standards."



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Wroes—a bude institution

Wroes Department Store first opened its doors over a hundred years ago in 1919 when Mrs Wroe opened a ladies gown shop in part of her husband's electrical business at The Strand. The business survived through the Great Depression and the Second World War, and was purchased in 1946 by Chris and Dorothy Ball. They needed to borrow money from family to get started, and were determined to make a success of the business for themselves and their children.



Life was different in the 1940's – all the stock for the shop was delivered to Bude Rail station, and then transferred to the shop in a horse drawn wagon. The shire horses lived in a field which is now The Crescent car-park. All deliveries were in parcels wrapped in brown paper, tied up with string and sealed with sealing wax. Mr Ball insisted that the paper was saved and the string carefully untied, so there was always a big box of paper and string for wrapping goods. He lived by the mantra “take care

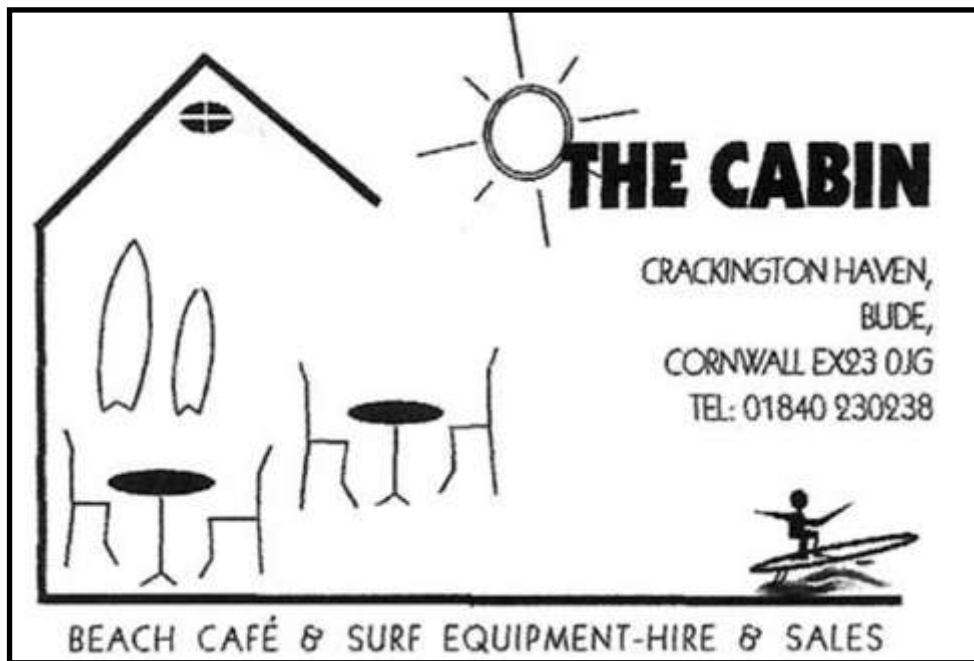
of the pennies and the pounds will take care of themselves”. Rationing was still in place, and the family's ration books were soon raided so new stock could be bought.

In the early 1950's the family took a risk and decided to move the business to 13 Belle Vue, which meant taking out a huge mortgage. The shop in The Strand was turned into a childrenswear shop, and Ladieswear moved to the new premises in Belle Vue. The 1950's saw Bude flourish as a holiday destination with many hotels and B&B's opening up. Holidaymakers wanted to see what local shops could offer.



The 1960's saw a fashion revolution with The Beatles, Mary Quant and the mini-skirt. The shop in The Strand was renamed Jenny's Boutique – aimed at trendy teenagers, and childrenswear moved to the Bellevue shop. For the first time young women stopped dressing like their mothers and had their own style – the mini skirt being a great example. One such skirt was sold for four pounds, nineteen shillings and eleven pence and flew off the shelves, probably every young lady in Bude had one.

Thank you to Jenny Westaway for sharing the story of Wroes. In the next edition we will hear more about how the family business has continued to expand and adapt up to the present day.



dandel ions

Wishes aren't the only thing dandelions are good for. How many of these did you know?

- The 3 phases of a dandelion represent the sun, moon and stars. The yellow flower represents the sun, the white puff ball represents the moon and the dispersing seeds represent the stars.
- The name dandelion comes from French *dent-de-lion*, meaning "lion's tooth" because of the pointy shape of its leaves.
- They can be used to tell the time of day and the even the weather! Their yellow flowers close at dusk and when rain is approaching.
- Everything from the flower to the leaves, all the way down to the roots, is edible and surprisingly delicious
- Where did we get the idea of making a wish on dandelions? The story goes, if you blew all of the seeds of a dandelion at once, the person you loved would love you back.



Spotlight on Stephen Blake

Stephen became Chair of the Parish Council in late 2022, and leads a strong team of 8 Councillors, together with the Clerk. Each Councillor has their own areas of responsibility in a cabinet style - with an emphasis on getting things done.

There are 212 local Councils in Cornwall, including Town and Parish Councils, under the Cornwall Unitary Authority. They are responsible for issues within the parish boundary such as maintaining paths, maintaining cemeteries and litter bins. For example, recently Poundstock Parish has taken ownership of the Widemouth toilet block – and has the power to respond to maintenance needs directly, without having to ask permission from Cornwall Council.



A key project that the Parish is working on is the development of a Community Hall. In a survey and door-to-door knock, there was overwhelming support for a new Hall. To some this may seem like an overambitious plan – but there already is a key plan and timescales.

The Parish secured a grant to pay for architects to draw up concept plans for small, medium and large options together with broad costings. The options will be presented to the Parish Council at a meeting that parishioners are encouraged to attend (date to be confirmed). Planning Permission needs to be submitted by 30 November 2024 so things will move quickly. If the plans are approved, the Parish will seek funding probably from Lottery Grants. This will be added to the sum that was ringfenced from the sale of the old village Hall site. The Council does not want to borrow money – so the size of the Hall will be dependent on what funds are available. It's likely that work would begin early 2026, hopefully with the Hall being available for use at the end of that year.

The identified site is along the A39 just past the Bangors crossroads. It's hoped the Hall will become a unifying focal point for the parish – we are unusual in that we are a fairly spread out parish without a natural hub. Of course, the success of the Hall will very much depend on local people organising and attending events – so it's up to all of us to help to make it work.

As well as direct responsibility for local amenities, local councils have a very important role in collating local views and feeding these back to Cornwall Council. Local planning applications are discussed at every parish meeting, from small scale individual developments to large scale housing and commercial developments. In recent times nothing has been more controversial than the planned Crematorium. At that meeting the number of public attendees was so great, they had to spill out of the Gildhouse into the graveyard.

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In I love with trees—Pat Thorne

A word about the work of trees and why they are a precious part of our landscape. They store carbon, both above and below the ground. Through photosynthesis, they take in carbon dioxide and give out oxygen so they reduce pollution in the air we breathe. That's why they call the Amazon rainforest the lungs of the world. Trees suck up rainwater, stabilise the ground, prevent flooding and help to regulate air temperature.

Ancient woodland in particular supports more species than any other land-based habitat in the UK. Moths, birds, bats, dormice, butterflies, fungi – they all depend on woodlands, trees and hedges to feed, breed and thrive. At the end of its growing life, the tree gives us wood for fence posts, beautiful furniture and building materials; branches are chipped and pressed to make manufactured boards for flooring, and flat-pack furniture, plus pulp to make paper and cardboard. Bark and other parts left over are used as wood fuel, chippings for playgrounds and mulch for gardens. Even the sawdust and wood shavings, are put to use as animal bedding or pressed into wood pellets for fuel to make sure nothing is wasted. Beautiful, strong and renewable; wood is an extraordinary natural material with endless uses.

Most of all, think of the pleasure trees give at all seasons of the year. I'm always just a tad uneasy in a landscape with no trees, and I love the deep, thickly wooded valleys of North Cornwall. To walk in an ancient wood is to experience something of the reverent silence of a cathedral – those soaring columns that draw the eye upwards, the peace and beauty of these long-lived, tall plants with single stems.

I've tried to make sure there is year-round interest in my garden by planting trees with interesting bark or brilliant colour. I love the Himalayan birch Greyswood Ghost and dogwood Winter Fire to give a sparkling display during the dark days of winter. Then, in early spring, the new leaves of Japanese maple Orange Glow lends an even warmer contrasting note. Perhaps my best recommendation however, is the sweet gum Liquidambar Worplesdon – it has a most appealing habit of growing its branches close to the ground so that the canopy in full leaf covers the entire tree. In autumn its leaves turn slowly from green and gold to orange, and then red, . Liquidambar is my favourite tree, and I have something close to love for it. We all have room for a tree in our gardens, or can sponsor a tree, or can join the Woodland Trust to protect our ancient woodlands. Our ancestors planted trees for us; we owe it to our children and their children to plant trees for them.



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‘COMMOTION TIMES’ by sarah dickenson

For several years, renowned writer and dramaturg, Sarah Dickenson from North Cornwall, has been writing a play called ‘Commotion Times’, about the Poundstock Gildhouse and the Prayer Book Rebellion of 1549.

The Prayer Book Rebellion was caused by the religious changes implemented by the new king, Edward VI. The last straw for the people of Cornwall was the introduction of the Prayer Book in 1549 which was written in English. In response, there was outright rebellion and several battles were fought in the South West. The Rebellion was crushed with great brutality. Over 5,500 people died during the rebellion and in 1549 Poundstock’s vicar, Simon Morton, a prominent figure in the Rebellion, was hung, drawn and quartered and a new vicar put in his place.

‘Commotion Times’ is set in February 1547, soon after the death of Henry VIII. On the Cornwall/Devon border, the people of Poundstock are looking forward to completing their biggest ever community project: the Gildhouse, a state-of-the-art building for brewing, fundraising and feasting. But there are dangerous clouds on the horizon as the authorities in Exeter force through an array of reforms set to drive division into the heart of the community.

As bellies empty, society fractures and the Gildhouse’s key is taken away, the people take action in the only way left to them; marching to Exeter in their thousands to challenge the king and finally be heard.

Sarah has been applying for funds from the Arts Council to bring the play and workshops to the Gildhouse, but unfortunately hasn’t been successful - there’s only a 20% success rate at the moment. Hopefully she can reapply and be successful at a later date as her plans are incredible. She wants to bring workshops, readings and a film about the Gildhouse and Poundstock.

On Wednesday 26th June - The Commotion Time Creative Team will be coming to the Gildhouse and will run a workshop in the morning where anyone can come along and read the play and give feedback. This will coincide with the 475th Anniversary of the Rebellion. The Gildhouse will be open from 9 am and drinks and light refreshments will be available throughout the day.



‘Commotion Times’ is being staged at the Exeter Northcott Theatre from 15th to 23rd October.



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Marhamchurch WI

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

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Diary Dates

June

- 1 June Bude Climate Festival
- 6-8 June Royal Cornwall, Wadebridge
- 8 June D-Day 80 years St Nonna's Church Altarnun, 10-5
- 8th June to 21st July Concerts at The Wyldes— see www.thewyldescornwall.com
- 12 June Life on the Radio Waves, Phil Williams-Gildhouse 7.30
- 19 June Miracle Theatre, Badock Gardens, Holsworthy
- 22 June Launceston Horse Trials
- 22 June Bude Concert Orchestra Bude Methodist Church
- 25 June St Juliotter Garden Club
- 29/30 June Holsworthy Vintage Rally
- 29 June Probably a Reading of the Play at the Gildhouse

July

- 3 July Sherlock & Watson, Norton Barton, Launcells-6.30
- 5 July Pride & Prejudice, The Falcon-6.30
- 6 July Launceston Male Voice Choir in Poundstock Church 7.30
- 12 July Trenow Garden Show
- 13 July Liskeard Show
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- 14 July The Barn Sessions at Crooklets Beach Cafe 3-5pm
- 19 July The Barn Sessions at Crackington Institute 7pm
- 19 July The Gondoliers, Ebbingford Manor-6.30
- 20 July Bude Sea Shanty Shindig, Ebbingford Manor 4-9pm
- 26 July Olympics
- 27 July Finds at the Castle, Bude
- 26 The Stowes Boscastle Farm Shop
- 26 July St Genny Horticultural Show
- 26 July Simon & Garfunkel Tribute, Ebbingford Manor-7pm
- 27 July David Bowie Tribute, Ebbingford Manor-7pm
- 29 July The Pantaloons, Ebbingford Manor-6.30pm
- 29 July Woolseery Show
- 30 July St Juliotter Garden Club

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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

Vice Chair: Brenda Alison

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Contact: email: ndp-sg@poundstock-pc.gov.uk or by post to:
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On 14th April, members completed a Beach Clean at Widemouth Bay and afterwards enjoyed some well earned refreshments at the Café. Unfortunately, the increased parking charges of £4.60 restricted the Group to an hour for litter picking and an hour for coffee!



In May, a lovely afternoon was had by all. After the welcome, members sang Jerusalem which was followed by WI business and discussion about this year's chosen Resolution which is:

Dental Health Matters.

There is a chronic shortage of NHS Dentists and people are suffering health issues as a result. The WI is calling for more Government investment in the training and retention of dentists and a review of the current inadequate NHS contracts to ensure everyone can access an NHS dentist wherever they live.

Afterwards there was a Beetle Drive, played in pairs which was a great laugh. Thank you to Pat Rowland for her delicious biscuits at teatime.

Forthcoming meetings:

Tue 11th June Talk by Helen from Bude Blooms

Tue 9th July BBQ & Games Afternoon at the Sunday School Room

Marhamchurch WI meets at 2.30pm on 2nd Tuesday of the month at Marhamchurch Methodist Sunday School Room.

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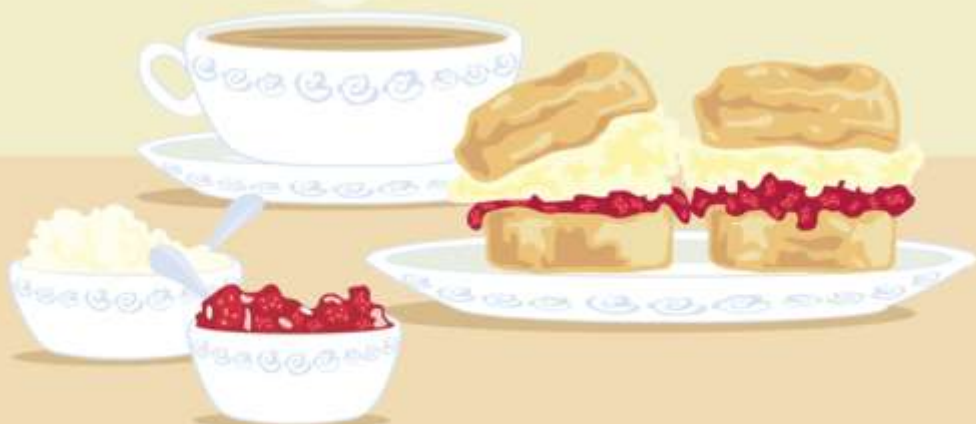
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Rainbows

Rainbows have been busy this spring with lots of science - questions and practical experiments about gases "why do lights go out when you put a Jar over the flame. -and why do the flames last longer when the jar is bigger?" "What gas helps Flames "Breath"

What happens when you mix vinegar and bicarbonate of soda? What is produced and what's it called ?



Brownies

Brownies have been considering Pollinators, working on the United Nations food and Agriculture Youth Pollinators Badge, considering what pollinators are (We've learned it's not just about the Bees!) where they live, what they do and their importance to us. We've made bee hotels, visited a local hive and planted seeds to grow pollinator friendly flowers, as well as tasting foods which the pollinators enable.

Guides

The Guides are thinking about survival, and have been adventuring about the parish, thinking about water and working out how they would survive if there was no fresh water available.

We collected water samples, and then filtered them in different ways , using different materials we had some interesting results, but we are not sure we would drink it without boiling and water purification tablets!



Guiding is about pushing your boundaries and trying new things, and we certainly did that! We are open to all girls of any faith, background or ability, we'd love to see you. **My Contact Number is 01840 230006**



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Spotlight on Stephen Blake ... **CONT'D**

The Council meets each fortnight in the Gildhouse – the meeting dates, agendas and minutes are published on the Parish website ***Poundstock-pc.gov.uk***. All parishioners are encouraged to attend any meeting – why not go along and see how local decisions are made?

Each Council is encouraged to write a neighbourhood plan to highlight the issues facing the local area. Poundstock Parish sent out a questionnaire in November 2022 which had a fantastic response rate. The responses were collated into 7 key policy intentions which aim to keep the natural beauty and character of the area, whilst recognising the need for housing and business developments that meet local needs. The Council is drafting a Plan which will be the blueprint to meet these needs in a balanced way. When it is drafted, everyone in the Parish will be encouraged to comment and make suggestions.

Affordable housing is one of the perennial issues facing most communities in Cornwall. Although provision of affordable housing is often a planning requirement – what does this mean in reality? Often providing a few smaller properties for sale at the end of the building development – but there is no way of ensuring those properties go to meet local need. And it doesn't help those people who can't afford to buy. The Parish Council itself doesn't have the power to provide housing stock but needs to work with other organisations e.g. Housing Associations and the Council. Recently all local Councils were asked to join the Community Area Panel. Let's hope the collective voices will get the message across to Cornwall Council and the Government – something needs to be done urgently to address the severe housing need.

Stephen comes from a background in journalism and owned his own publishing company. He is a man of action and wants to get things done – not just talk about issues. He is passionate about the local area and is proud to be working with a dedicated group of parish councillors whose only goal is to do the right thing for the community. In his spare time Stephen loves to travel in his motorhome, with his partner Angela and adorable Bichon/Chihuahua cross called Betsy!

There are currently two vacancies on the parish council, so if you are passionate about Poundstock why not go along to a meeting and put yourself forward?

Editors note: We want Spotlight on: to be a regular feature of the Packet.

Let's get to know our neighbours a bit better! So let us know if you would like to nominate a local character (or yourself) for a feature article.

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2nd bude (jacobstow) scout group

Seven Scouts in March took part in the district 'Camel Run', a night hike with challenges along the route. Due to the very wet weather we have been experiencing the route was challenging with 8 inches



of

mud in some areas & heavy rain.

The Scouts did us proud & came 3rd out of 12 scouting groups. A massive achievement in the most challenging of conditions.

Thankfully conditions had improved when 5 Beavers took part in the 'Beaver Challenge' at Lanhydrock. The Beavers had an enjoyable day walking 6 miles.



Our Cubs will have the opportunity to take part in the 'Cub Challenge' a 15 mile walk with camping for one night, in June at Lanhydrock.

Weekly meetings in all 3 groups are making the most of the lighter evenings with many activities being enjoyed outside.

Sat 27th April, we held a fundraising 'Bingo evening', this was well supported & raised a total of £632.80 going towards the hut & opening ceremony. As for the hut we are continuing to make progress, I am delighted to say the flooring is down & what a difference it has made to the hut. We have recently secured funding & we are now able to purchase disable toilet facilities, sinks, water heater.



The team spent a day on site & a majority of the landscaping has been completed. A wooden shed has been constructed, this will house the equipment needed for the borehole & allow us to bring water into the hut. Shelving within the hut cupboard has been put up.

To keep the funds coming in, we are holding a 'duck race' on the river at Trengune on Tuesday 18th June.

Plans are now being made for our 'opening ceremony' on Saturday 20th July between 2pm-4pm. More details to follow.

No mow may

I want to make a point in this article; so if you aren't keen on opinions, close your eyes!

Roads are for cars. But the verges - you know, those roadside edges full of empty lager cans, burger packaging, syringes and fag packets. Here the flowers try to live and multiply; and so, here the mice try to thrive; and so, here the kestrels try to make a living. So why do our councils waste money cutting the flowers and killing all the animals? Vision for vehicles is important, I grant you, so I compromise here.



If councils abide by the general rules about vision, that is fine, But I have seen verges cut for long distances. This wastes money and destroys the flowers, so the flowers and the mice disappear, and so do the kestrels. At least the cutters get rid of some of the fag packets.

Birds live only to make new birds. This is why they nest. They can only do that if there is enough food to give their young. Once the verges are cut, the food disappears.

I rest my case, m'lud.

Oh, and another thing: hands up anyone who leaves a patch of lawn to grow wild. This is so much better than having a manicured grass with no weeds or flowers. They are great for bowling and croquet, but not much else. Children love wildness, so stop mowing!

There, I've made my points and some enemies – Sorry! Next time it's dog poo.

Christopher Asbury

Forget-me-nots

Did you know that the middles of forget-me-nots change colour so the bees will know not to visit as the flowers are nectarless!

Why do forget-me-not centres change from yellow to white?

Many flowers attract bees and insects by being yellow, forget-me-nots go one step further and change their central colour from yellow to white so the bees don't need to visit as the nectar has already been collected.



Our night sky in june

Saturn will be rising in the East about 0300, and Mars about 0400. Jupiter will be lost in the early morning sunrise. The constellation Ursa Major, known as the Great Bear or more commonly, the Plough, can be seen throughout the night orbiting the northern sky. The two left hand stars are known as the pointers, because they point to Polaris, the star closest to the North polar axis.

There are two important fact finding missions aimed at finding water on the Moon:- Peregrine Ion Trap Mass Spectrometer which will be onboard Peregrine Mission One. The mission is aimed at studying lunar water cycles and see if water could be extracted from the polar crater in future. This is important, since the rim of the crater is in almost constant daylight, making it the ideal place to have a permanent manned base

The scope of the project Softserve is to “advance [the] development of extreme environment landing pad technologies and enable safer lunar landings.” The work will involve the creation of a large number of digital simulations of the construction process on the Moon, taking into account the peculiarities and properties of the soil.

I hope to keep you informed of how successful these missions are.

Bill Turnhill

El elephant grass

Just a quick thank you from us at Creathorne farm for being understanding about the late night noise while we were harvesting the elephant grass (miscanthus). As you will all know it has been a very wet season which made harvesting very challenging.

This crop is part of the farms push to become carbon neutral, it is one of the best carbon capture crops in the world and we use it to run biomass boilers to heat the free range poultry units.

Once again, thank you and let's hope we have a nice summer.



Excerpts from Parish Council minutes

Poundstock Parish Council – Summary of Meeting Minutes 17 April 2024

Attendees: Cllrs Stephen Blake, Steve Haynes, Michelle Carter, Eric Harris, Pamela Idelson, Tom O’Sullivan, Graeme Swatton and the Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Max Faulkner

Public Participation

A member of the public raised concerns about the deteriorating footpath between Widemouth Manor and Black Rock; also some trees along the coast road which may be a hazard.

Another resident raised concerns about potholes on the Millook Road.

Planning Matters

PA24/01816 – Alterations and extensions to existing property, to include demolition and replacement of existing shed and single-storey extension.

Location: Samphire Cottage, Tregole, Poundstock.

RESOLVED – No objections, unanimous

The following planning application to be considered at the next meeting:

PA24/02546 Proposal: Change of use from holiday let to unfettered dwelling. Location: Salthouse Cottage, Kennacot Court Holiday Cottages

New Hall for Poundstock

It was unanimously resolved to accept the architects quote for designing the new hall. It was resolved to discuss the next steps for the new hall for Poundstock with the public present.

Gil dhouse tal k by tony rea

On 8th May a good crowd were treated to a delightful talk by Tony Rea, a postman from Bude, about his appearance on the TV program Sewing Bee. After a donation to Tony’s choice of charity we made £73.20. It was a most enjoyable evening finishing with light refreshments.

Making space for sand workshop

Make a note in your diary for the Making Space for Sand workshop session 'Widemouth - Exploring Solutions for a Changing Coastline'

Come along to the workshop to discuss:

- What challenges do we want to address?
- What can we do in the future?
- What will your community resilience and adaptation plan look like?

Tuesday 25th June, 18:00-20:30 at the Beach House.

Please RSVP to AmyR@volunteer Cornwall.org.uk



Our night sky in july

Saturn will be rising in the East at about 0130 and Mars at 0300. Jupiter is still lost in the morning Sunrise. Cygnus, the Swan and the Milky Way will be readily visible overhead.

Using the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), astronomers have seen the first-ever look at the light of ancient stars shining around some of the biggest, brightest and oldest black holes in the universe.

Quasars — galactic cores containing active supermassive black holes — are among the most ancient things in the universe. As dust and gas accelerate toward the quasar's central black hole, the quasar emits such bright radiation — typically a thousand times brighter than the entire Milky Way — that astronomers have a hard time observing the fainter light of stars in the quasar's galaxy. This makes it challenging to study the galaxy's shape and mass.

But for the first time, researchers at MIT have managed to unpick this mixture of signals and detect the faint stellar light from stars in galaxies around some of the oldest quasars in the universe. Their results, published May 6 in The Astrophysical Journal, reveal that, relative to their host galaxies, these ancient supermassive black holes are around 100 times bigger than their counterparts in the nearby universe.

These results were possible thanks to JWST's superior sharpness and resolution. Over 120 hours of telescope time, the team observed six quasars, all estimated to be around 13 billion years old — some of the oldest objects in the universe.

Bill Turnhill

The church of our Lady and st anne, Widemouth bay

The church was built in 1929 as a private oratory and was originally located at the opposite end of the village. There are two conflicting theories regarding whom it was originally built for. One holds that it was created for three priests, Claude, Reginald and Frank Kingdom, whose family were the squires of Whitstone, Bridgerule and Poundstock. The brothers used it as a retreat each summer for writing their sermons for the rest of the year. The other theory contends that it was built for two women, identified as Miss Kirby and Miss Topham, who allowed the three brothers to use it each year.



In the 1930s, Widemouth Bay expanded after rising to popularity as a seaside resort, and in 1940, the lightweight church was moved to its present location, a site which had been acquired by the vicar of Poundstock. The church has a garden, but this contains no headstones. It has a timber summerhouse, which its congregation built in 2006, and which is used as a community meeting-place. The church's modest dimensions earned it a place in Dixe Wills' 2016 book "Tiny Churches."

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