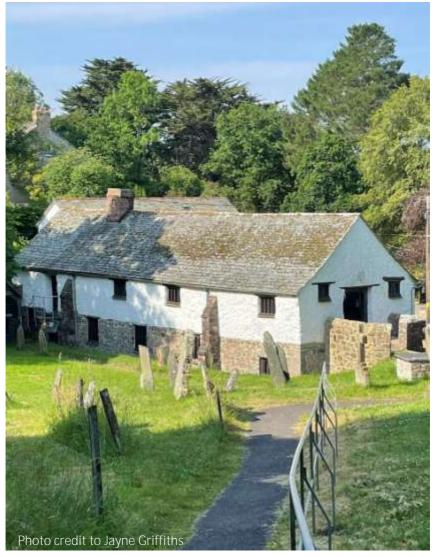
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Notes from the editors

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Poundstock Packet. Thank you for a record number of articles and contributions in this edition. Don't miss the writeup on The Commotion Time play (p 17), the article from the Parish Council (p 13), and the second instalment on Wroes Department Store (p 7).

For the future, we would like to freshen up and have some new ideas for content, ideas include: local music/artists; local food/restaurants/Cornish recipes; surfing/boating/swimming; upcoming events or reviews of recent events.

If you have any content to share please let Tania and Jayne have your suggestions poundstockpacket@gmail.com

Enjoy your summer - best wishes Tania and Jayne

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 September 2024.

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Mal e Voice Choir Fills Poundstock Church

Poundstock church was filled for a concert on Saturday 6th July. Launceston male voice choir and their musical director Jonathan Mann delighted the audience with four renditions on the church organ. David Saunders, the new vicar, for the area did a grand job in the welcome he gave to all, and at the end with the blessing.



There was a fabulous supper all laid out

beautifully by the committee in the Gildhouse after. A most enjoyable evening had by one and all. Jayne Griffiths

Making Space for Sand

The recent meeting at the Beach House, Widemouth, was very well attended with views of about how to deal with climate change and potential sea rises.

The aim of the Making Space for Sand Project is to encourage the more sustainable use and development of the coastal fringe to allow for a more natural, ecosystem approach to coastal management where traditional coastal protection is no longer practical given the very high costs, in line with government policy for "managed retreat".

Suggestions for a Resilience Plan for Widemouth included:

Car Park – To let dunes form over part of the lower car park. To adapt the higher car park by stabilising the ground and possibly making a picnic area at the back and to prevent local farmers from removing sand.

To create information boards to make the general public aware of erosion and nature around them.

To maintain the stream to prevent flooding of properties (being careful of recently colonising water voles).

To maintain the two existing ponds created by Tim Dingle and are still doing their job.

It was decided to create teams to work with the help of the Making Space for Sand Team to further explore these potential solutions as well as other related ideas.

Many thanks to Beth and Mike for providing the refreshments and venue.



Sue Burrows

CHURCHES AND SERVICES FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2024

Church Timetable

August			September		
4.8.2024 Sunday	09.30 10.00 18.00	BH WSM	1.9.2024 Sunday	09.30 10.00 18.00	BH WSM M
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28.8.2024 Wednesday	09.00 10.00	Zoom WB	Wednesday	10.00	WB
			29.9.2024 Sunday	Benefice	e TBA

Key to Churches

Bude Haven	BH	Please note everyone is invited to coffee at the Gildhouse after Poundstock Services .	
Marhamchurch	м		
Poundstock	Р	Central Methodist Church	10.30
Week St Mary	WSM	Marhamchurch Chapel	10.30
Whitstone	w	Week St Mary Chapel	11.00
Widemouth Bay	WB	Coast Family Church non-denominationalJacobstow Hall - 1 st , 3 & 5 th Sunday	

Wroes - A Bude Institution (Part 2)

In the last edition, we left the story of Wroes Department Store in the 1970's, when it had been opened for more than fifty years.

Chris Ball and Jenny Westaway were about to get more involved in running the business as their parents stepped aside. Chris had married and he and Gladys decided that Bude was the place to settle and raise a family. Chris had achieved a first class degree from the London School of Economics, and also a the University of California, so was able to bring his financial expertise to Wroes – to modernise it to meet the demands of an ever competitive retail market.

The Belle Vue premises were expanded and Jenny's Boutique was moved into one of the new units. The old premises in the Strand were changed into a smart boutique called Focus, catering for the original Jenny's customers who were now in their 30's.

Jenny had decided to work abroad, and in 1973 came home from Saudi Arabia intending to start a new job in the oil industry in Libya. Sadly their father was not well and Chris and Gladys had just had their third child, so Chris asked Jenny to stay on. It was supposed to be temporary but Jenny ended up staying in the business until she retired in 2006.

The 1970's saw huge change in retail, with many large retail groups opening branches in every town. Wroes joined AIM (Associated Independent Marketing) which created unheard of opportunities to smaller retailers. Not only bulk buying opportunities, but also the ability to seek advice from other members trading across the UK. It became clear that to survive, the business had to diversify so Wroes introduced a menswear section, linen, cookshop and outdoor section – turning Wroes into the department store you see today. They also opened branches in Wadebridge, Holsworthy (later closed) and Launceston.

In the 1990's Jenny's nephew Ronney joined the business, followed by his brother Derrick. This ensured the family business was in capable hands. At the turn of the millenium Wroes undertook a massive building project including creating the café area, which is still one of the busiest sections. Ronney's wife Andrea joined the business, and suffice to say Wroes is still flourishing, thanks not only to the Ball family's hard work, but also the loyalty of staff including Jean Mead and Nancy Brook both long-time Poundstock residents.

Thank you to Jenny Westaway for sharing the story of Wroes.

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Over the last few weeks there have been "works" on the beach. On the website it is stated that "Vodaphone has landed 2Africa, the world's largest subsea system. It will bring faster, more reliable internet connections to billions of people globally, from the important UK cable hub of Bude, Cornwall"

There have been a number of diggers which made a "runway" access to the beach and then dug a trench for the cable. You can see the reinforced cable on the seaward side of the back digger.

All has been cleared and the runway returned to a seawall. Although the seawall may not be as good as before according to purists.



Sue Burrows

The Storm Tower Exhibition

'The Storm Tower' is the latest exhibition to open at The Castle Heritage Centre. The exhibition tells the story of the much loved Storm Tower, at Compass point, its history and the reasons behind the recent move. The tower was built in 1835 by Sir Thomas Acland, the 10th Baronet. Initially as an ornamental addition to his land, the tower soon became a vital look out for the Coastguard.

During the late 20th century, the advancement of climate change and coastal erosion, once again put the tower at risk. In 2023, the tower was moved, brick by brick, to its current position.

The Storm Tower exhibition includes information about the Acland family and their importance in Bude. Community engagement is at the heart of the project, and the exhibition also showcases a film made by Year 8 children from Budehaven Community School, complete with puppets. There are

interactive elements for children too, such as building your own Storm Tower out of wooden bricks.

There is something for everyone at the Storm Tower exhibition, and displays compliment the many other excellent exhibitions on display at The Castle Heritage Centre, free entry, 7 days a week.





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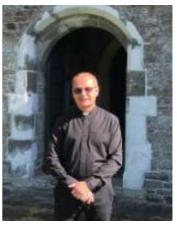




Reverend David Saunders

On the 9th June I was inducted and installed as Rector with oversight ministry for the benefice. For me, this is my first role as an incumbent.

My background is certainly not traditional; working for 40 years in the insurance industry and rarely stepping into a church except for baptisms, weddings or funerals of friends and loved ones. It took a life changing event in 2013 to lead to my wife (Dianne) and I stepping into a church to join the congregation for the first time and question 'What is life all about?'.



We spent our early life building our family,

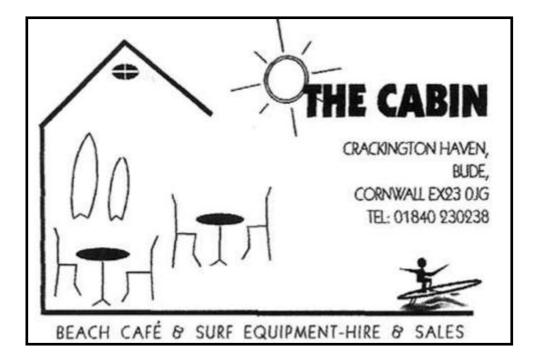
chasing promotions; success was measured in terms of possessions and wealth. But I was never fulfilled in my role; there was always something missing. Stepping into All Saints' church in Berkshire was an experience that changed our lives. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit was awake in us and growing.

I was both baptised and confirmed in 2013; at the time, the rector told me I would be standing where he was and leading a congregation in time. Fast forward to my discernment at Ely, acceptance into training for ordination at Rippon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford, and appointment as Assistant Curate for All Saints' Church at Ascot Heath, much has happened over the last 11 years.

So, why Cornwall and The Bude Coast and country benefice? Following God's call, we embarked on a fresh start in life, selling our home and renting for a while. We knew we were being led to look elsewhere in the country, but had no idea it would be Cornwall, until one day we were led to a plot of land near North Petherwin. From the moment we saw it, we knew this was where we were meant to be. Over the years, since building our family home, we have been welcomed by the people of Cornwall and have been blown away by the communities here and have seen the hardship of rural life through the seasons and the challenges faced.

I am very much looking forward to ministering and being a permanent part of the benefice, meeting you all in this new chapter. If you see me out and about, please come and say hello.

Revd David Saunders.



Bude Choral Society

Bude Choral Society will be starting to learn a new choral work on Wednesday September 4th. We always welcome new singers in all voice parts. There are no auditions, but you are welcome to come along and audition us a couple of times before you decide whether or not to join. The ability to sight-read is helpful, but not essential. Should you decide to join us, there is a termly subscription, currently £40, which covers music hire as well as all rehearsal costs. If you receive benefits our treasurer can accommodate you, we don't want lack of funds to stop anyone from joining in and enjoying being part of Bude Choral Society.

Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 7.15 - 9.15pm in the Parkhouse Centre, in Bude. The new term will start on Wednesday September 4th, so you could try us out then when we will be starting to learn Bach, Vivaldi and Cimarosa for our performance on November 30th, 2024. Hope you can try us out :)

For more information please visit our website. www.budechoral.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BudeChoralSociety

A NEW HALL FOR POUNDSTOCK

Poundstock Parish Council has revealed the three provisional designs for a potential new community hall. The concept designs reflect differing needs with each one being larger and offering greater capacity and more services reflecting a range of possible uses and activities such as community group meetings, fairs, small exhibitions, weddings, business events, social events etc.

Announcing the new designs by Truro architects Laurence Associates, Poundstock Parish Council Chair, Stephen Blake, said: "Poundstock is a large rural Parish that lacks a focal point such as a High Street, village green or even a village pub. "Poundstock did have a village hall that was very popular but this was condemned as structurally unsafe some years ago and the site was greatly reduced in size when the A39 was widened."

"PPC have located a new potential site just a few hundred yards away from the old hall which offers scope both for a new hall and a wide range of outdoor activities such as fetes, car boot sales, wedding marquees etc as well as ample parking. In addition there will be plenty of space for a playground as well as a safe place for older children to play football etc."

There will now be a consultation period with the parish where the designs will be widely publicised, including on the Parish Council website, and a public meeting in early September where residents will be able to study detailed plans and ask questions regarding the proposals.

The Parish Council can only facilitate the wishes of the Parish, not make arbitrary decisions. What this means in practice is that residents will be asked which of the three designs they prefer or even if they want a new parish hall. Likewise, the purchase of the site for the new hall also has to have Parish approval.



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A NEW HALL FOR POUNDSTOCK-cont.

"Although the Council has a considerable sum set aside for this project, if the community agree that the hall should go ahead then we will still need additional funding. This will take the form of a grant application as the Council believe strongly that we should not be seeking a loan and burdening tax payers with interest charges."



The Parish Council have already sought preplanning advice from Cornwall Council for a hall in the preferred location and comments from the planners were very encouraging. However, it was pointed out that as part of the scheme, the Parish

Council would need to provide a footpath from Bangors Cross to the entrance of the new hall site. It is only a distance of around 200 metres and would provide safe access for all. Fortunately, there is a wide grass verge which would accommodate a footpath.

Cllr. Blake concluded, "The designs are intended to provide a clean, modern look that blends into the landscape while providing a useful venue for the whole community. By incorporating the latest technology such as heat pumps and solar panels, it is intended that the new hall will be carbon neutral with no impact on the environment with the added benefit of low running costs. It is an exciting project that I believe will benefit the parish for the next 100 years."

Local residents will find more details on the Parish Council website (poundstock pc.gov.uk) and are encouraged to email (clerk@poundstock-

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'THE COMMOTION TIME' PLAY READ THROUGH

Poundstock residents were treated to an exclusive first read-through of a play written by local playwright Sarah Dickenson on 26 June. "The Commotion Time" is set in the turbulent years 1547-1549, and the scene is our very own Gildhouse.



It was inspiring to hear the play come to life, read by local residents including Poundstock's former vicar (and Sarah's Dad)

Robin who eloquently read the part of Father Simon Morton.

The play starts in Michaelmas (September) 1546, as the foundations are laid for the Gildhouse. Every feast day the villagers gather together to celebrate, and the sales from the bakehouse and brewhouse help fund the next stage of building.

Over the next three years there are many threats to the community, most notably that the young King Edward VI, advised by his Protectors, intends to strip the church of its Popish assets and outlaw the long-held traditional processions and celebrations.

What follows is a story of intrigue, corruption and betrayal – with individuals making difficult decisions as to which side they are on. There are tender love stories woven through the play, and a good dose of humour to balance the dark days of the 1549 uprising that saw so many men perish.

"The idea for the play came about when the Gildhouse was renovated 20 years ago, and I've been working on it ever since." Sarah said. "This is such an exciting day and I'm so happy to be here with people who are so important to me, especially my Mum and Dad."

The Commotion Time is currently in rehearsal and will open at Exeter Northcott Theatre October 18-23 2024. Jen Spettigue is arranging a bus trip to see the play. It will be £50 approx. including bus fare and ticket for the theatre. If you'd like to go, please contact Jen direct.



Jayne Griffiths



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Poundstock's two pop-up libraries, in St Winwaloe's and Our Lady and St Anne's, are available when the churches are open (all day, every day). A wide choice of books can be borrowed or bought, with all proceeds going to charity. Poundstock Post Office

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Marhamchurch WI

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

Jacobstow WI

Jacobstow Parish Hall, 7.30 pm, second Thursday of the month.

Jul iotter Garden Cl ub

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Diary Dates

Events at the Gil dhouse 4th August Cream Tea 2.30pm 9th August Quiz and Pop-up pub 7.30pm 18th August Cream Tea 2.30pm 25-26th August 10.00-4.00 Ed Fox and Friends, Tudor re-enactment 11th September Disappeared Bude, Adrian Abbott 7.30pm August Camelford Show cancelled Music at Cobweb, Boscastle every Saturday night 1st The Hound of the Baskervilles Ebbingford Manor 7.30pm 3rd Crackington Carnival and Fete 4th The Wind in the Willows The Castle Lawn 5pm 7th Doctor Dolittle Ebbingford Manor 6.30pm 8th Okehampton Show 9th The Secret Garden The Falcon Hotel 6.30pm 10th The Merry Wives of Windsor The Falcon Hotel 6.30pm 10th Cats Protection League Bazaar - Parkhouse, 11am 11th Bude Food Festival 13th Love Riot Ebbingford Manor 7pm 13-16th Plymouth Fireworks Competition 16th Boscastle Boys at Napoleon, Boscastle commemorating the Floods 16-18th Rosemoor Flower Show 18th Dog Show Dizzard in aid of Boscastle and Crackington Gig Club 20th The Secret Diary of Henry VIII Ebbingford Manor 6.30pm 22th Twelfth Night and A Midsummer Night's Dream The Castle Lawn 6.30pm 22th Holsworthy & Stratton Show 23-26th Bude Lifeboat Weekend 27-30th Jazz Festival, Bude 31st Widemouth Bay Summer Fete (Church Garden Leverlake Rd) 2.00-4.00pm September 4th re-start Choir Minstrels, Canworthy Water 7.30pm 12-14th Calender Girls HATs Holsworthy 7.30pm 21th Golf Day at Launceston Golf Club in aid of Town Band October 6th Divertimento Concert at Minstrels, 3pm

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The parish council website carries agendas, full minutes and other documents, as well as information about the Neighbourhood Development Plan and the parish cemetery. At present, council meetings take place at 7 pm on first and third Wednesday of each month at Poundstock Gildhouse.



POUNDSTOCK PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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Marhamchurch wi



Better weather and the much anticipated visit of Helen Collier from King's Hill Florist, meant an almost full house at Marhamchurch WI's June meeting.

Helen had bought a selection of flowers from a local supermarket to show members how to transform ordinary bunches of flowers into a special gift.



Having removed all greenery, Helen tied the bouquet and rewrapped using pretty tissue paper. The group were shown how to fold the tissue paper and cellophane so that the flowers are in a water bubble. Once the cellophane is tied around the bouquet the water can be poured into the centre of it.

Finally placed in a box and with ribbons, Helen had elevated £15 worth of supermarket flowers into a gift to be proud of. Helen creates bouquets and floral tributes using flowers from a local supplier, meaning they are long lasting beautiful creations, as members who've received flowers from Kings Hill Florists can confirm.

Helen was thanked for her time and for the tips she passed on.

Since the weather was less "Summer" and more Autumn Marhamchurch WI retreated to the Sunday school room for its annual barbecue.

Members enjoyed Moore's sausages and burgers expertly cooked by Dawn MacDonald. There were salad accompaniments and a refreshing and tasty fruit punch all rounded off with a selection of sweets provide by the committee.

As well as the refreshments members enjoyed solving dingbats, games of shove ha'penny and the raffle for the chance of the whole afternoon at no expense! But mostly the day had been won of camaraderie and laughter.

August's meeting will feature guest speaker, Cornish-Kiwi Life Coach Tessa Sillifant. Visitors always welcome.





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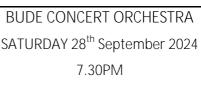
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Minstrels Choir

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Jacobstow guiding news

A busy summer term, with lots of outdoor activities - enjoying this fabulous summer! Luckily Guides Motto is Be Prepared so we still ventured out despite the weather! A midsummer walk up Roughtor was so cold we needed woolly hats - in June!

All the sections, Brownies, Rainbows and Guides have enjoyed an evening with the RNLI - learning water safety and what this amazing organisation do for us.

We played games, did quizzes and learned about the History of Saving Lives at sea, and we made Mugs to celebrate 200 Years of the RNLI - in September we are planning a fundraiser to support this great charity

Brownies enjoyed working on their pollinator

badge, learning how important it is to protect these creatures and their environment. They planted bee friendly flowers, visited a local Apiary and imagined a world without Bees - which was very sad.

Rainbows Brownies and guides all had a great last evening of term, joining with our friends in the Launceston District For a summer's evening on Widemouth Sands, for once the sun shone and we had a great evening.

Guides are planning a camp during the holidays watch this space for update on our summer adventure.

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. Contact **01840 230006** for more information.



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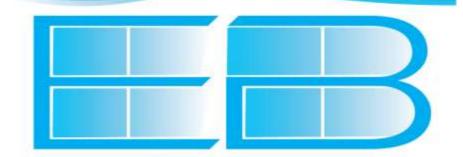
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August & September Night Sky

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In September, Saturn will be rising in the East about 8pm followed by Jupiter and Mars at about 11pm. Saturn will be setting at about 5am whilst Mars and Jupiter will still be visible until day break. All of these planets will be brilliant objects throughout the night, with Jupiter being particularly prominent. We welcome Orion rising in the East at about 2am.

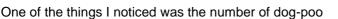
Gravitational waves are travelling ripples in time and space. Space time is rather like a rubber sheet. Massive objects like neutron stars and orbiting binary stars, or especially black holes, can deform this sheet of space time; A gravitational wave is a ripple in that sheet, and that ripple travels with the speed of light; it carries energy, it carries momentum. and it can carry information about the objects that produced it. We have built a gravitational wave detector so that we can read those waves, and, use them to understand the objects that produced them. The detectors are the space telescopes – the James Webb, and the Euclid whose detectors combine information to provide a 3 dimensional view of the Universe, stretching back to the Big Bang. Since they use Infra Red, they are able to penetrate the dust clouds that normally prevent telescopes seeing beyond them

Meanwhile, the Chinese have returned a sample of dust excavated near a crater on the far side of the Moon; the amount of water in the sample will indicate how suitable the site would be for a permanent manned base.

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I CAN'T FAECE IT

I can hardly remember how many dogs I've had. Only when we were first married did we have no dog, and then Puffin came along and I rediscovered the countryside.



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bags hanging off trees. In those days the plastic didn't decompose, so they hung there for ever. Nowadays, most bags decompose. But it takes time, and there are *still* people hanging filled bags off hedgerows or leaving them on the ground. I have talked with people about this, and they say, "Oh, I always pick it up later." But they don't realise the effect those bags have on others. Pick it up and put it in one of the bins specially for dog-poo!

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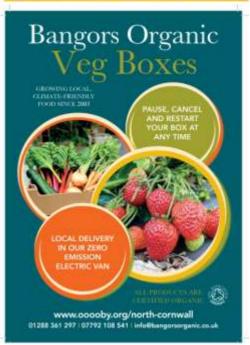
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2nd bude (j acobstow) scout group

at the beach, nature walks & sports. A rather wet & cold evening was had at Trengune with our Cubs & Scouts taking part in our annual slip & slide & river run.

Our Beavers, Cubs & Scouts have been enjoying the lighter evenings with various

* On the weekend of the Sat 29th June. 10 Cubs took part in the 'Cub Challenge', a 15

mile walk with one night camping at Lanhydrock. All our Cubs completed the walk, a super achievement all receiving a certificate & badge.

* On a Tuesday evening in June. 280 ducks were released into Tregune river. for our fundraising 'duck race' followed by a BBQ. A successful well supported evening was had, raising £419.

* On Sunday 7th July members attended a 'North Cornwall District Fun Day' at Camel Creek, a great day was had by all.

* On Sat 3rd Aug our Beavers, Cubs & Scouts will be taking part in St Genny's Carnival.

As for the hut, we are almost at the finish line, 12th July was our 1st day with running hot & cold water & flushing toilets, which is an absolute delight & a massive achievement for us. This project has taken 3 years to construct, with numerous hours of hard work and constant fundraising. The hut will with stand the test of time & benefit many generations of scouting.

By the time you are reading this article we will have had our 'hut opening ceremony'. Hopefully some of you reading this will have joined us in our celebrations. The opening ceremony also is the last event before the start of the autumn term. Giving our Leaders & team a well-earned break.

Scouting will restart in September & our annual 'Tractor Rally' will once again take place in September (date to be confirmed).

New members are always welcome -Beavers 6-8 years of age (Wed 5.30pm-6.30pm), Cubs 8-10 years of age (Mon 6.30pm-8pm) & Scouts 10-13 years of age (Tue 6.30pm-8pm). For further details please contact Robert Medland robert.medland1988@gmail.com / 07842084971.









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Speed Watch

There is now a Speed Watch team operating in Widemouth Bay. The volunteers are working with Devon and Cornwall Police with the hope that fatal and serious collisions can be reduced- by 50% by 2030 and eventually to Zero.

Sadly 28,000 people are killed or seriously injured every year in the UK. Research has shown that speed is a major contributory factor. Driving even a small amount above the speed limit increases the risk of causing a crash.

Volunteers are highly visible as an encouragement for drivers to be aware of speed limits. Registered users of cars the group record exceeding the speed limit are contacted by letter. Repeat offenders are contacted by the police. In Widemouth we are a small group at present but would



welcome more volunteers. The group has received all its equipment and high -vis jackets from Devon and Cornwall Police and training in using the speed gun.

There is a short test to be completed online and then you are ready to go. If you are interested please contact Rachel at r.roberts12@btinternet.com. Or chat to one of the volunteers- Joan Gleisinger, Phyllis Ward or Maureen Brock. Speed watch sessions are about an hour at a time and decided by the group, At present we have one site- on Marine Drive- but hopefully more can be approved.

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

On 26 June Cornish Arts Group O-Region attended the Gildhouse to hear from local residents about what it means to live in Bude. They asked some intriguing questions – such as "If you got a tattoo of Bude what would it be?" and "What does the word community mean to you".

The initiative is part of a project to find the essence of living in five Cornish communities – Bude, Isles of Scilly, Launceston, Penzance and Redruth. They are looking for stories past and present, maybe even some juicy gossip.

This material will inspire stories, music and film to be created by a collective of local writers, and will be incorporated into the White Horse Show based on the White Horse of Zennor, a novel by Michael Morpurgo. This family orientated show will premier in Redruth in early 2025 and will showcase music, puppetry, film and audio. For more information and to get involved contact Simon Harvey Creative Director at www.o-region.co.uk

Poundstock Parish Council – Summary 1 May 2024

<u>Attendees</u>: Cllrs Stephen Blake, Michelle Carter, Eric Harris, Pamela Idelson, Tom O'Sullivan, and the Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Steve Haynes. Absences Cllr Graeme Swatton

Public Participation

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the unsightly signage alongside the A39 at Bude Meadows, the issue has already been reported to the County Councillor for action.

Planning Matters

PA24/02546 Change of use from holiday let to unfettered dwelling. Salthouse Cottage, Kennacott Court Holiday Cottages, Bude **Resolved** – No objections, supporting the applicant's suggestion that the property would be available to local people, addressing local demand, unanimous.

PA24/00403 – Preapp Land west of Woolstone Farmhouse Poundstock Bude. Pre-application advice for a temporary agricultural workers' dwelling (for a period of five years) and associated works for a market garden including an agricultural pack shed. **Noted** PA24/02786 Extension of general purpose agricultural shed Highway Poundstock. **Resolved** – No objections, unanimous. Public Toilets in Widemouth Bay

Cllr Max Faulkner reported the public toilets are operating efficiently. The Parish Council is requesting quotes for coin operated showers, and for double glazed windows.

Inconsistencies in Cornwall Planning Decisions

The Parish Council resolved to write to the Planning Department outlining the PC's concerns.

Sand Road issues

The Chairman addressed several issues concerning Sand Road. Cornwall Council has issued instructions to the landowners to remove the signage and speed ramps they have installed. The PC will keep an eye on this issue.

Poundstock Parish Council – Summary 15 May 2024

<u>Attendees</u>: Cllrs Stephen Blake, Steve Haynes, Eric Harris, Pamela Idelson, Graeme Swatton and the Clerk.

<u>Apologies</u>: Cllr Michelle Carter, Max Faulkner and Tom O'Sullivan <u>Election of Chair and Vice-Chair</u>

It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Stephen Blake be elected as Chair, and Cllr Michelle Carter be elected as Vice-Chair.

Planning Matters

PA24/03020 – Proposal – change of use of dwelling from managers dwelling to unrestricted residential use dwelling. Higher Widemouth Farm. **Resolved** No objections, unanimous

PA24/02562 – Proposal: Erection of agricultural building for storage purposes, Land South of Little Orchard, Poundstock. **RESOLVED** – No objections, unanimous

Chair's report

Cllr Blake attended the meeting with the leader of Cornwall councillor Linda Taylor in Bude on 13th may raising several key issues. Notably concerns about inefficiencies and inconsistencies in the planning process, highlighting the crematorium application, suggesting members of parish councils be included on the planning committee to improve local representation and efficiency. In light of the concerns raised Cllr Chopak, Ward member, was able to inform the meeting that Cornwall council recently implemented a significant change in the rules governing parish councillors participation in planning committee meetings. While parish councillors will still have the opportunity to speak for three minutes, there's been a notable alteration in that committee members are now barred from posing questions to them effectively not only shutting down conversation and debate but also sidelined invaluable local knowledge, prompting immediate concern among members.

Cllr Blake also highlighted that in the conversation with Linda Taylor, Leader the Council, she admitted the project to elect a Mayor for Cornwall has been shelved.

Poundstock Parish Council – Summary of Ordinary Meeting Minutes 5 June 2024

<u>Attendees</u>: Cllrs Stephen Blake, Max Faulkner, Tom O'Sullivan, and the Clerk. <u>Apologies</u>: Cllr Steve Haynes, Michelle Carter, Eric Harris, Pamela Idelson. <u>Public Participation</u>

A member of the public raised concerns regarding overgrown gorse on a public right of way is obstructing access. Another member of the public spoke about the recent pothole repairs on the hairpin bend at Millook and noted that loose chippings have been left which are dangerous.

Planning Matters

PA24/03465 Proposal: Change of use of existing building from annexed accommodation to 1 Swelle Cottages to self-contained annexe/holiday accommodation. **RESOLVED** No objections

New Hall for Poundstock

The Chair and Vice-Chair held a meeting on site with the architects who will be progressing designs for the new hall.

Concerns about Coombe Lane

It was resolved that Cllr Tom O'Sullivan follow up on the concerns raised.

For further details please see the Parish Council website Www.poundstock-pc.gov.uk

D-Day Commemoration-Lest We Forget

On 6th June 2024 Poundstock Church commemorated the eightieth anniversary of the D-Day landings with a one-hour bell ringing.

In preparation for the D-Day landings and the assault on Pointe du Hoc, American soldiers trained in Bude. Our town was chosen as its tall cliffs and coastline are similar to those the servicemen would encounter in Normandy.

Pictured is the amazing knitted tribute which was displayed at Crescent Post Office, Bude.





Bric a brac & cake stall donations needed. Contact Nicky on 361530.

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