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# The Dartmouth Patients Group

The Dartmouth Patients Group is looking for a village representative from Strete. Liane has done this for the past 6 years or so and feels that it is time someone else took over with a fresh view on what the patients at Dartmouth Medical Practice want from the doctors and nurses there. It is not an onerous task – there are only meetings every 2 months, usual time is 6pm and they last for about 1½ - 2 hours. The meetings used to be held at the surgery in the downstairs waiting room, but recently have been held via Zoom – easy to access even if you are not very computer literate. Please contact Liane on 770665 or [john\\_liane@btinternet.com](mailto:john_liane@btinternet.com) and she will give you the details.

With the new health and well being centre being built at last and plans for what should happen next to the old Dartmouth Hospital site, it should be an interesting time to be involved.

**On behalf of everyone in Strete can I thank Liane for her dedication as representative for Strete on the Dartmouth Patients Group over the past six years.**

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## Strete Social Club

It is with great pleasure that I am able to give you a report of the Social Club after such a long enforced break of sixteen months.

It was an extremely hot

afternoon when fifteen ladies met in the newly decorated Parish Hall, with all windows and doors fully open to have their first meeting which was in the form of an afternoon tea.

They were given a warm welcome by our two leaders, Dorothy and Judy, and notified with sadness the loss of members through ladies moving away and sadly by death and brought up to date with the arranged programme for the Autumn term. Tables had been prepared with cloths and fresh hydrangea heads and very pretty butterfly paper napkins.

A number of ladies had baked delicious cakes a variety selection placed on a plate and then on to the tables and cups of tea were served.

It was so lovely to meet with so many of our friends that we hadn't seen for so long and there was a lot of chatter going on catching up on all what had happened during this time. A draw took place and this ended a very happy meeting with chatter still going on after the hall had been vacated.

Our first meeting of the Autumn term will be on **Tuesday 14th September at 2.30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall where a warm welcome will be given to any new members. Further details if required from **770982 : Joan Kendall**



## From the Rectory

As I sit down to write, it is with the expectation that the Prime Minister will announce a delay in the anticipated 'Freedom Day' on June 21st.

There will be anguish, disappointment and anger at the news - so many plans have been rearranged, so many hopes and dreams, especially across the hospitality sector, planning for the time that things could properly 'open up' for the summer. They have been hit so hard and have been so courageous.

On a very personal note, my son's wedding to the lovely Helen will be affected if numbers aren't eased - their witnesses can't travel from Minnesota and many of their friends and family can't attend.

**(GOOD NEWS - IT WILL BE HAPPENING, WITH SOME RESTRICTIONS STILL)**

(I appreciate these are all very 'first world' moans and through the awfulness of this pandemic, unimaginably high numbers of people here and overseas have tragically lost their lives - which makes our little problems and inconveniences fade into insignificance).

But what shall I say ?

I think we need to continue practicing **PATIENCE**; we need to have **HOPE**; we need to show **COMPASSION** and we need to demonstrate **LOVE**.

Let's hope together that this awful disease is brought under control that everyone across the world has access to vaccines quickly that we learn to adjust our behaviours and way of life for the common good, and we continue, as we have been doing in our villages, to live generously, gratefully and responsibly, a reflection of God's love and care for us all.

Every blessing, **Reverend Alison**

## St. Michael's Church

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**The Vicar is Revd. Alison Shaw.**

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Andrea Phillips (Treasurer)

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PCC members- Sheila Kingsley Smith  
and Joan Kendall.



# Wedded Chocolate Bliss Congratulations Mr & Mrs Shaw

The wedding, Saturday 3rd July, was wonderful.  
The weather, the venue - just fabulous  
Best wishes, **Alison**





Greetings from the fellowship to all in the village!

We are continuing to meet every Sunday in our chapel and have enjoyed many wonderful services this year. With the guidelines changing we are now able to resume singing which is an element of worship that has been greatly missed, and we even have a new piano. If you're passing by on a Sunday, you may hear us as the windows will be open! We are no longer operating a booking system but if you do know you want to attend then please let us know in advance if possible. Email us at [stretchapel@gmail.com](mailto:stretchapel@gmail.com) and please keep an eye on the noticeboard for up-to-date information.

As aforementioned singing together as part of our worship to God has not been possible during the pandemic, and whilst we have been able to listen to recorded music it is just not the same. I have read that in the Bible there are over four hundred references to singing and fifty



direct commands to sing (I cannot claim to have counted myself!). Singing is something that unites us, rouses emotion, and allows us to communicate shared beliefs and passions. Think about other places you hear group singing such as sporting events, concerts, and birthday celebrations. It is almost as if we were designed to sing together. This is something Christians do believe and is also reflected in the physiological benefits of singing. Singing can improve breathing, posture, lower stress, provide pain relief and help to sustain the immune system. We hope you will join us on a Sunday in singing praise to our Lord.

**Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.  
Psalm 100 v1-2**



**★ Young Searchers Challenge ★**

Young Searchers is a Christian children's club based on teaching the Bible through stories, games and craft. Keep an eye out for updates! All children in the village are invited to take part in the Stretewise challenge. Please ask your parent/carer to send in the answers by email to [stretchapel@gmail.com](mailto:stretchapel@gmail.com).

**Well done to those who got the answers right to the last set of questions!**

Q. What was the name of the young shepherd who went on to be king who was known for his music?

# Stretewise Crossword

Solution on page 68

**Across:** 1: "One who is awake" in Nepal.

4: Small variety of fowl.

8: To drive back.

9: A bright green fruit.

10: A long, narrow trench or excavation.

13: Dislikes a specified person or thing.

14: Most songbirds belong to this group.

15: A long oven used to produce glassware.

17: A female person or animal.

18: To moor (a ship) in its allotted place.

21: Area between the waist and knees.

22: To search for and collect objects along the seashore.

24: Abstain from. 26: Outdated or old-fashioned.

**Down:** 1: In place of or for someone. 2: Used by hunters to attract other birds or mammals. 3: Several series of six numbers. 5: Capable of being understood or perceived. 6: Natural aptitude or skill. 7: Quiet, gentle, and easily imposed on.

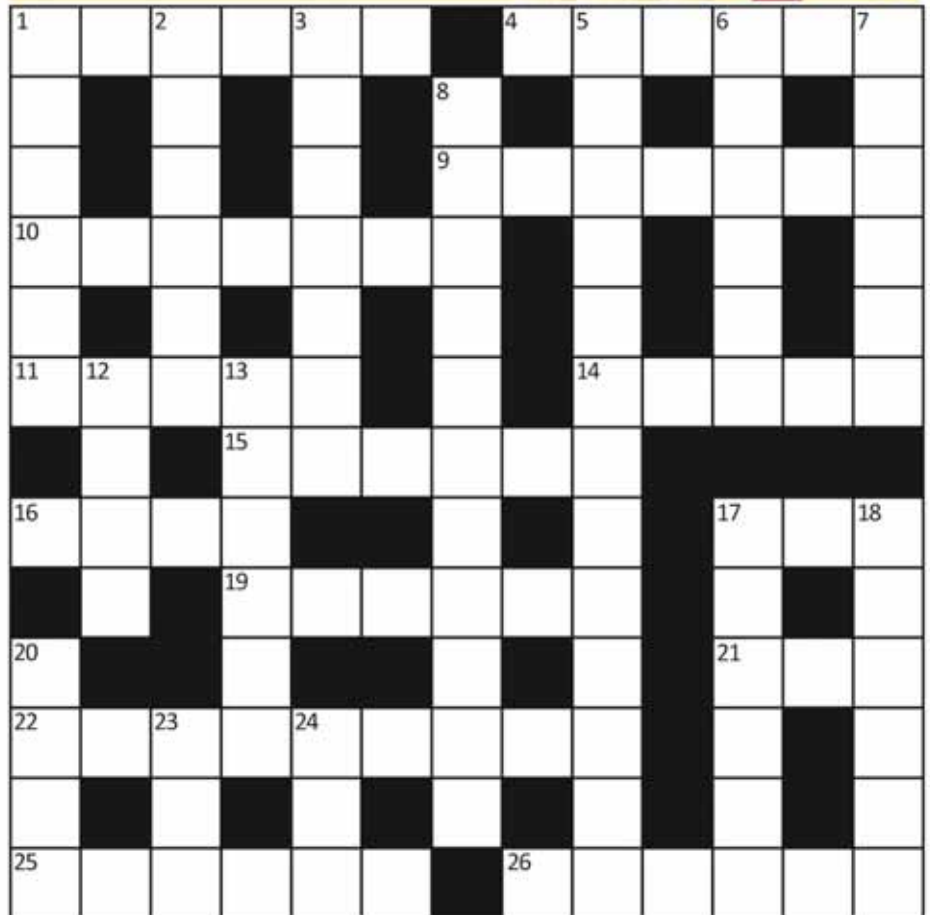
7: Ham aged during a dry-curing process (Italian). 11: A debt to be paid.

12: An acid used as a preservative in pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and food.

17: Divide into two parts of equal size. 18: Revoke or annul a law.

20: A woodwind instrument with a double-reed mouthpiece. 23: A part of a curve.

24: A colour, or the particular degree of light or dark of a colour.



**Groucho Marxism's:** "I find television very educational. Every time someone switches it on I go into another room and read a good book." "A child of five would understand this. Send someone to fetch a child of five." "I won't belong to any organization that would have me as a member."

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Celebrating

# FILES



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Giles was born in Islington, London, on 29th September 1916, the son of a tobacconist and a farmer's daughter. After leaving school at the age of 14 he worked as an office boy for Superads, an advertising agency that commissioned animated films. When Superads closed in 1931, he gained experience in other small film companies before being promoted to an animator in 1935. A near-fatal motorbike accident in 1936 left him blind and partially deaf in his right eye and ear. He began submitting cartoons to newspapers and magazines and became a regular cartoonist in the left-wing *Reynolds News*, including his first series 'Young Ernie'. Giles married Sylvia 'Joan' Clarke, his first cousin, on 14th March 1942 in East Finchley. The following year 1943 he was interviewed for a job on the *Daily Express* and *Sunday Express*. In 1945 he became the *Daily Express's* "War Correspondent Cartoonist" with the 2nd Army, having been rejected for active service due to his motorcycle accident, with other war correspondents he record the Allied Advance. After the war Carl and Joan moved to Witnesham, near Ipswich, Suffolk, where Giles drew his cartoons, sending them to the Express by train or taxi. He never actually sold any of his creations, preferring to donate them to friends or to charitable organisations, like the RNLI, which continues to issue charity Christmas cards created especially for them.

The Express cartoonist Giles sketches as Cromwell tank crewmen work on their vehicles, 1 May 1945. Imperial War Museum



# Meet the family

## Grandma

A hard drinking, mischievous, head of the family. Enjoys gambling especially taking money from the children playing card games. Always wearing her trademark black coat, fox stole, trusty umbrella and handbag.



## Mother

The real matriarch of the family. Hard working, cheerful, takes everything in her stride. Always washing, cooking and serving tea.



## Father

Passionate about boating, football, racing, fishing, betting, and cricket. Will do anything for a quiet life and is often seen lounging in the garden trying to hide from the family.



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Carl Giles drew weekly topical cartoons the majority of which involved the 'Giles Family' depicting how the family responded to issues and events of the day.



**Ernie** The younger son. A smaller version of Father in looks and attitude. Always at the centre of the mischief.



**Larry** ("Stinker"), the mop-haired kid from next door. When not up to mischief himself he can be seen with a camera recording the mischief or embarrassing situations of others.



**Bridget**  
The youngest daughter. Always wearing a gymslip and has never been in any trouble because she never gets caught.



**Ann**  
The eldest daughter, and her babies, the twins, Lawrence and Ralph. The twins' absent father is a G.I.

**Carol**  
Blonde daughter, always seen lounging about reading magazines.



**Lawrence and Ralph**



**Vera**

Meek and frail, frequently ill with a cold, constantly worrying, or clutching a bottle of aspirin!



**Randy (the fish)**



**Attila the Hun (the parrot)**



**George Jr**



**George**

The eldest son of Mother and Father, married to Vera. George could usually be found smoking a pipe and reading a book.



**Natalie (the cat)**



**Butch The dog**

A shaggy Airedale terrier.

**Second dog**

A Border collie.







"Caravan? The caravan came off hours ago." *Daily Express, Sept. 11th, 1951*

Carl and his wife were keen caravanning enthusiasts with their own home made caravan/studio always towed by the trusty Series One Land Rover LRT 140.

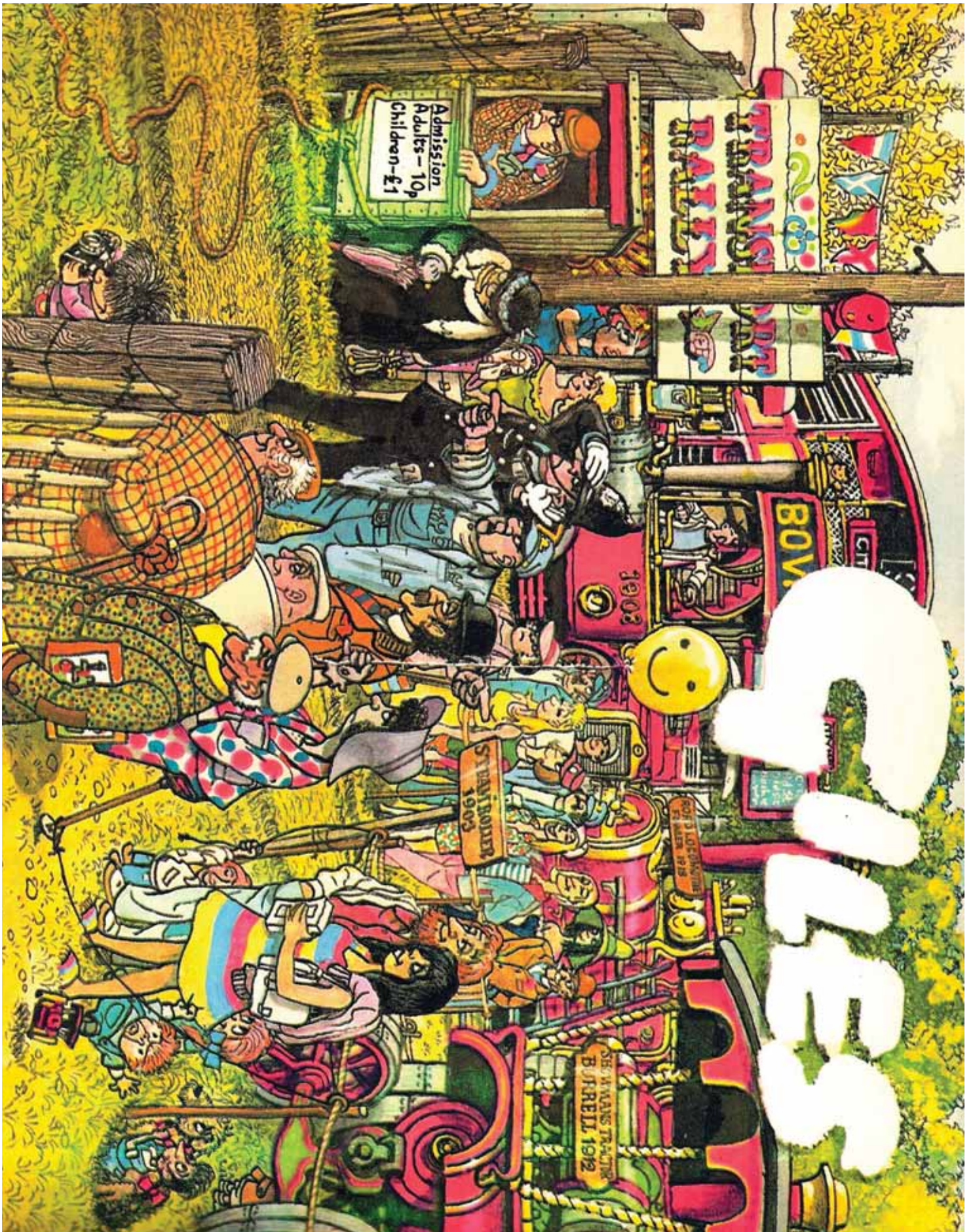
Giles would base many of his cartoons around the riotous adventures, trauma and mischief that could befalling his large cartoon family holidaying on the road. A 30mph limit became permanent in 1956, while in 1958 a raised 40mph limit was



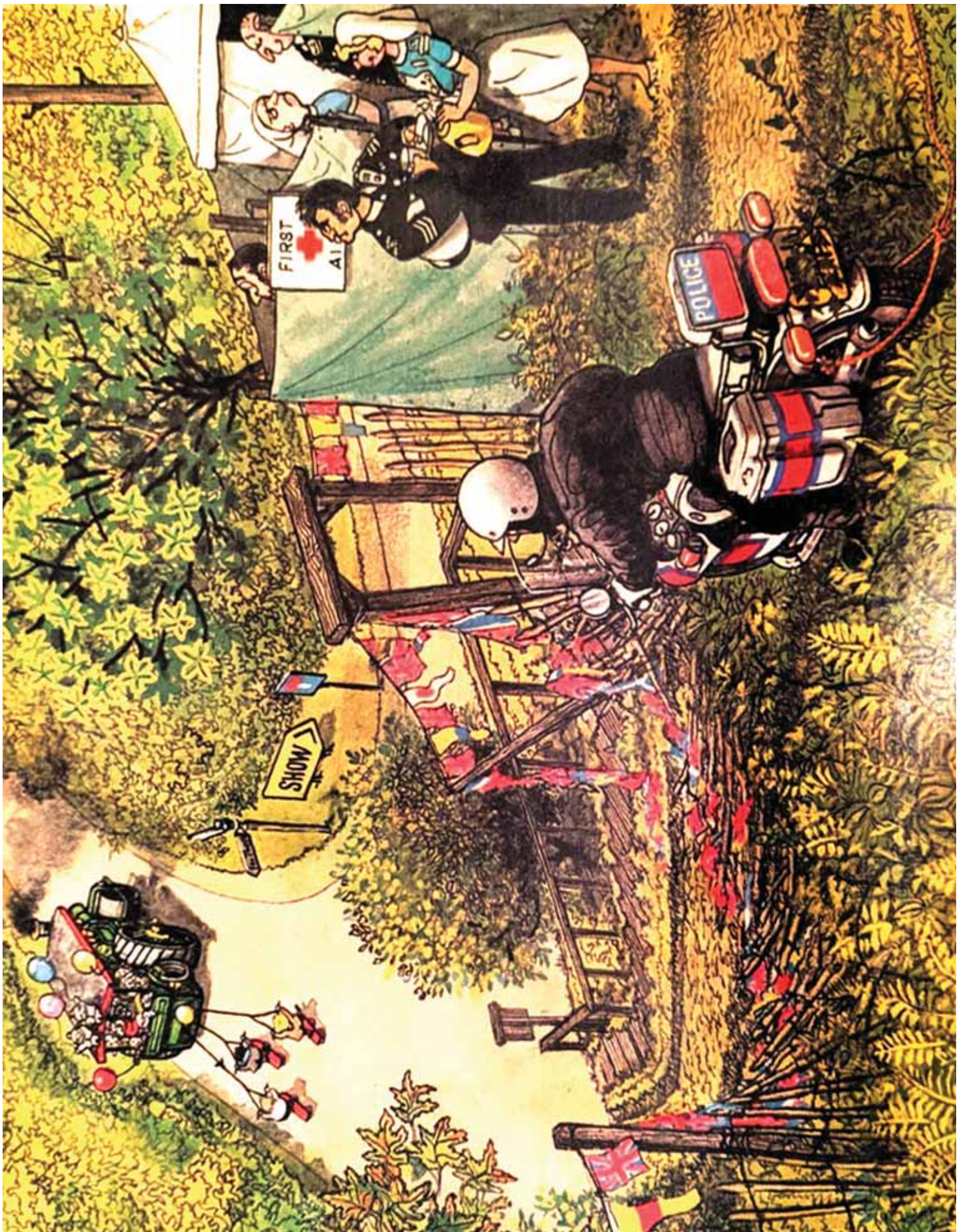
set in place to improve traffic flow. Well before the term staycation was invented the Giles family holidays of the 50's, 60's and 70's were adventures based in the UK.



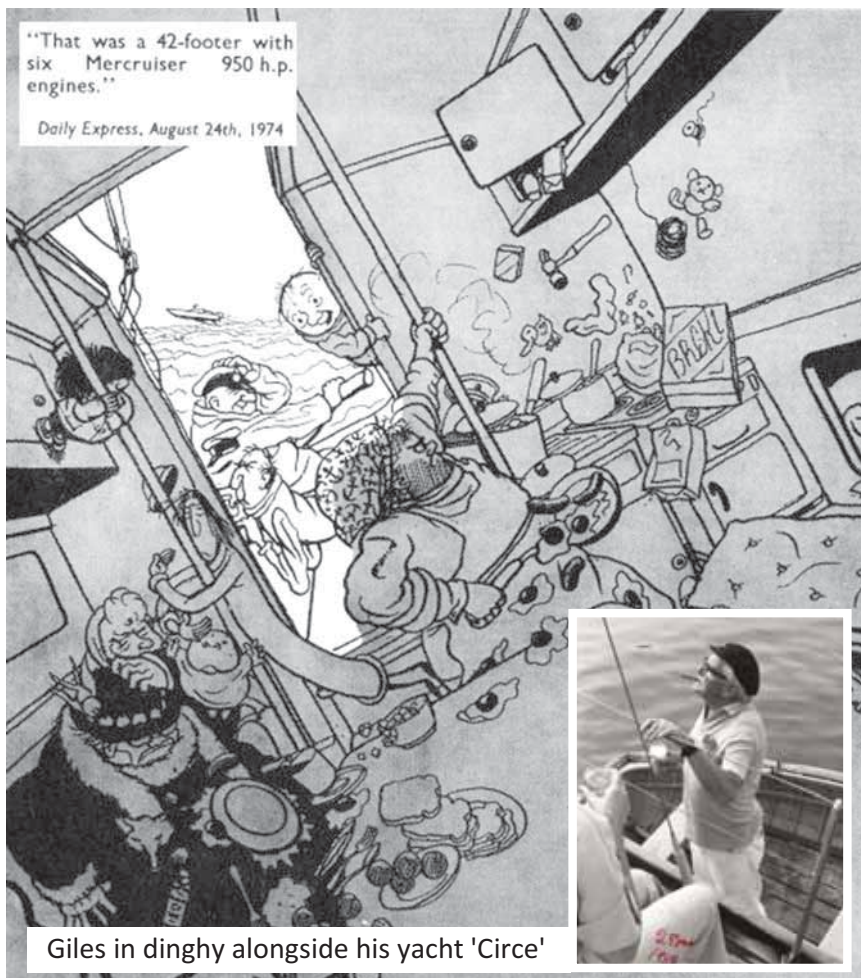
"Anybody seen one that matches this one? Escaped half an hour ago."



Collections of Giles's cartoons have been produced annually since 1946. Until his death in 1995, Giles selected which cartoons would be in the annual. Always full of humorous details from the booby trapped shooting stick to the subtle entry pricing which discouraged children. Every annual unfolded to reveal a comic punchline connected to the front cover subject.



A rope attached from the ticket box office to the police motorbike which is about to take off in pursuit of the stolen traction engine. **Larry** (aka "Stinker") as always waiting to capture the impending mayhem with his camera. Each annual included a celebrity introductions. Celebrities included Sir Malcolm Sargent, Jim Clark, Sean Connery and Frank Sinatra.



Carl and Joan started married life in a rented cottage in the village of Tuddenham, on the outskirts of Ipswich and finally settled in Hillbrow Farm, near Wivesham, in 1946. Carl was a big fan the social local pubs and various Ipswich pubs including the The Plough, The Woolpack, the Butt and Oyster at Pin Mill, the Wivesham Barley Mow and the Tuddenham Fountain regarded him as a regular.

Reoccurring themes of for Giles cartons include sailing - Giles was a great

sailing fanatic and was President of Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club for a great many years. Around the clubhouse are a large number of Giles` cartoons, which he created, specially drawn for various club functions. He was a regular visitor to the Earls Court Boat Show and would often characterise the humorous side of purchasing boats. In 1984, he was made Life-President of the Royal Lifeboat Institute, every year he would create and donate Christmas themed cartoons depicting the RLNI which were printed as Christmas cards to raise funds. The cards he created are still very popular raising thousands of pounds every year.





"He spent all his holiday painting the name on his boat—I hadn't the heart to tell him."

*Daily Express, April 12th, 1966*



In 1990 he was awarded Senior Fellowship of the Royal Collage of Art. April 2000 Giles was voted "Britain's Favourite Cartoonist of the 20th Century" A bronze statue depicting Giles' most beloved characters was unveiled in 1993 by actor Warren Mitchell, two years before the cartoonist died. The statue is positioned so that Grandma is looking up at the studio window of the former East Suffolk House, Giles Circus, Ipswich, where Giles used to work.



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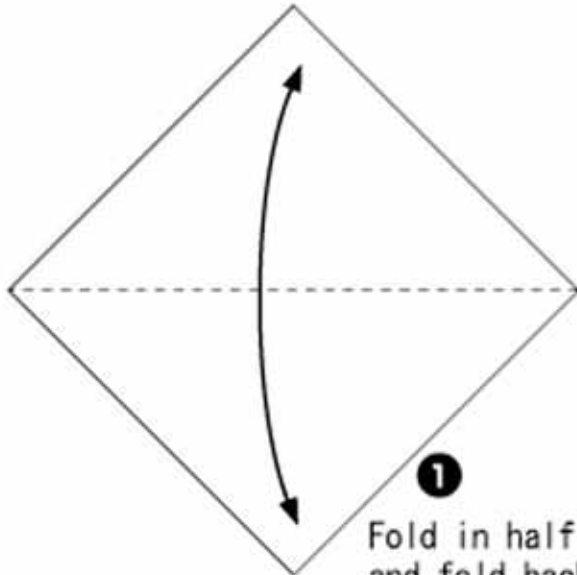
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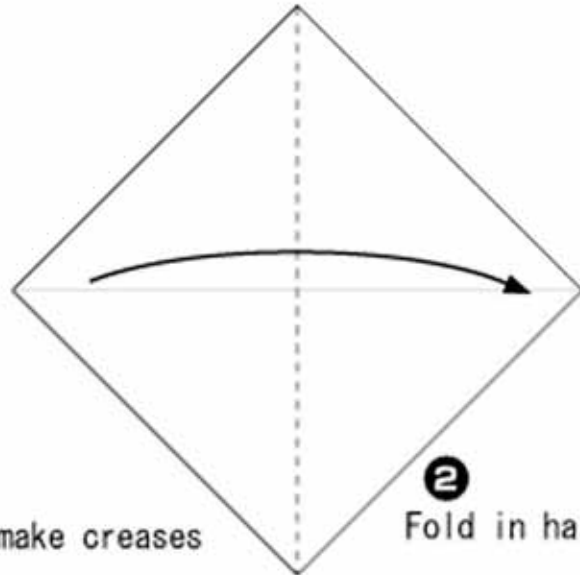
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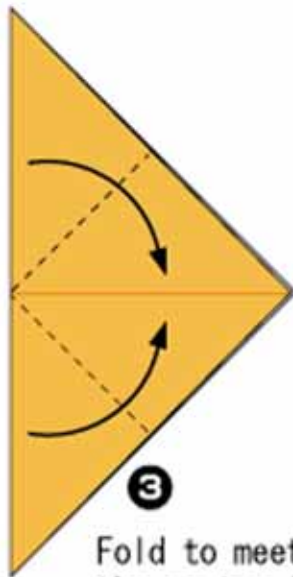
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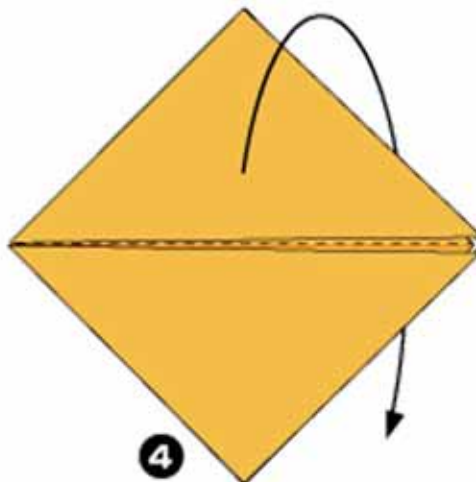
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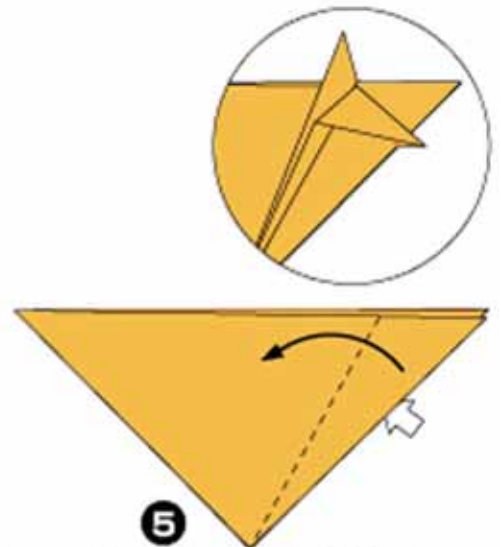
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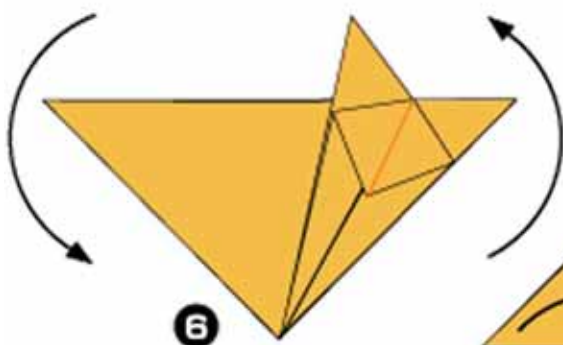
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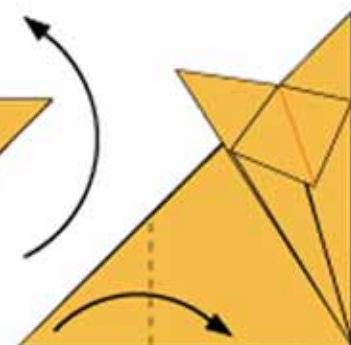
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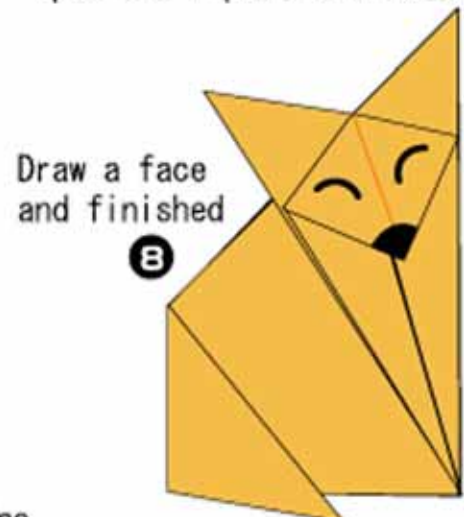
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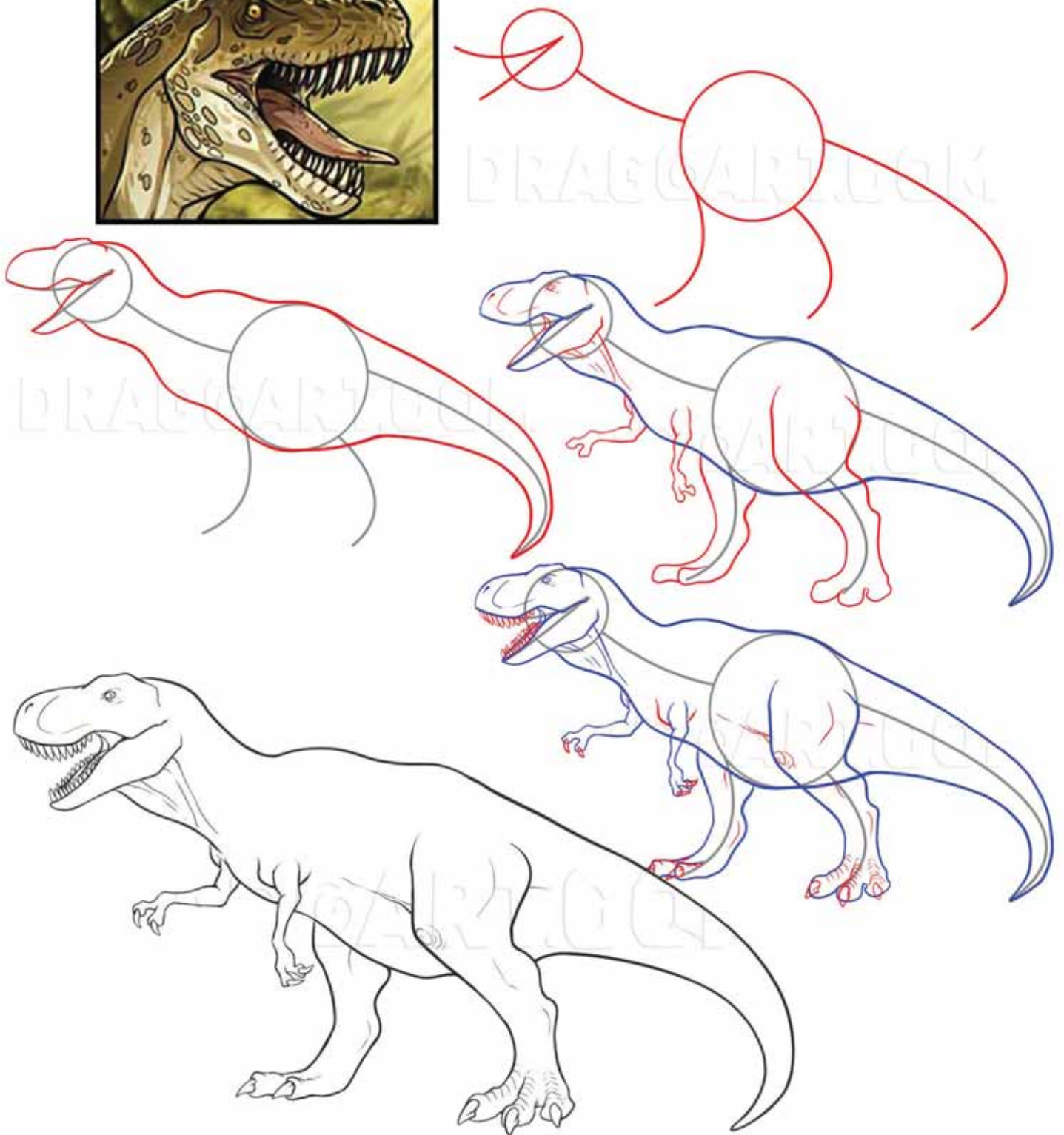
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*It is with great saddeness  
we hear of the passing of*  
**Professor Malcolm Hollis**  
*1994 - 2021*



A message of thanks from Andrea Hollis: Thank you so much to all our lovely friends and neighbours in Strete who have sent messages and cards which give me and our family such a lot of comfort at this sad time. Flying the flag at half-mast on the day of Malcolm's funeral was a very touching gesture and I will treasure and look after the Bay Tree sent by The Parish Council in his memory.

I read out the following at his funeral:

Malcolm and I met at his cousin's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday party 57 years ago – a party I almost didn't go to but how glad I am that I did otherwise I would have missed out on a life with someone very special.

We started out near Malcolm's home town of Southport but he was ambitious and London was where he wanted to be. First to a small flat in Lyall Mews West when Saturday evenings would see us walking to theatre land, starting a theatre visiting habit to which our trunk load of theatre programmes bears testimony and which probably sowed the seed for Richard's future profession. Richard's imminent arrival in Sept. 1969 prompted a move to Streatham where we have been ever since, Malcolm was always one for pushing the boundaries and I think it's fair to say he had a huge influence on the surveying profession. He was a very keen photographer but also enjoyed his time in front of the camera appearing on several TV programmes as a spokesman for the profession, the highlight of which was hiding in a cupboard with Esther Rantzen when she was presenting 'That's Life' waiting to jump out at some miscreant .

Lecturing and external examining took him all over the UK and beyond and I was lucky enough to accompany him. Annual field trips with his Reading students and colleagues were always tremendous fun and our own holidays took us first to Devon with huge family gatherings and lots of sandwich making, then Europe and Egypt. The Caribbean was a firm favourite with just the two of us and, somewhat to our surprise, we rather enjoyed cruising – the Hurtigruten post boat through the Norwegian ffiords and up to the Russian border, a Baltic cruise to St. Petersburg and the last one on the Danube. Our later trips have been to the USA to visit R&G and their lovely families, once even arriving in style on the Q.Mary.

Cricket was Malcolm's first love followed by sailing and skiing when we had so many memorable adventures on the water and the slopes. Golf came into the mix, too, and he was a life-long supporter of Liverpool Football Club.

Our house in Devon has been a sanctuary for the last 25 years and Malcolm busily engaged in Village Life – the Parish Council, editing the village magazine and hosting Village Day in our garden. We are all very touched that the Village flag will be flying at half-mast today.



The last few years haven't been kind to him health-wise but he was always making plans for the future. The latest was to have been a trip round England in September which sadly won't now be taking place.

He was immensely proud of our 3 children; he loved watching Richard perform and was pleased that Gavin's career is as a university lecturer, something he enjoyed so much himself. I am so thankful that he managed to facetime Richard and Gavin the day before he died but he will have been so sorry not to have had a last cuddle with Tricia.

I am grateful that our last full summer together was such a sunny one and we spent hours in our garden where a kind neighbour has said how lovely it was to hear us giggling together.

Life had its ups and downs but we had such a lot of fun along the way.

Thank you my love ..



The family asks that, if so moved and in lieu of flowers, celebrators of Malcolm's life donate either to the British Lung Foundation ([blf.org.uk](http://blf.org.uk)) or Lionheart ([lionheart.org.uk](http://lionheart.org.uk)) in support or RISC members who are enduring hardships.

# STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)  
HELD AT STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021 AT 5.30 PM

**PRESENT:** Cllr Kate Gill (KG) (retiring Chairman); Cllr Peter Hales (PH) (elected Chairman); Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); Cllr Louise Newman (LN); Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC); Cllr David Rothwell (DR); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC); Mrs. Helen Darch {Clerk}; one parishioner on Zoom.

## **0521/1 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2021/22**

KG was eligible to stand again in accordance with Standing Order 5f and offered to stand. PH also offered to stand and was duly elected on a count of four votes cast against three votes. PH was elected Chairman for the year 2021/22. All were in agreement. KG was thanked for her sterling work as chairman over her years in office. Councillors briefly discussed the appointment of a vice-chairman. **Resolved The Clerk will research this and report to the next meeting.**

## **0521/2 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

PH duly signed his declaration of acceptance as Chairman **which was received by the Clerk** and took the remainder of the meeting.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

A parishioner was due to attend on Zoom but was delayed and spoke later.

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The County Councillor, Julian Brazil {JB} was due to attend the Strete Annual Parish meeting at 7pm.

## **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The District Councillor, Richard Foss {RF} was due to attend the Strete Annual Parish meeting at 7pm.

## **0521/3 APOLOGIES – none received.**

## **0521/4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 29 April 2021**

The above minutes were AGREED as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

## **0521/5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Parish Councillors were invited to declare any unregistered or other interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. **None were declared.**

## **0521/6 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS**

**Planning applications consulted on.**

**1366/21/HHO.** Householder application for proposed new porch, alterations to driveway and replacement windows. 1 Crestfields, Hynetown Road Strete TQ6 OSD.

**Resolved to support with no comment.**

**Other planning matters**

**2 Crestfields.** Councillors discussed the recent recommendation for refusal by planners. There was disappointment especially as the applicant had been diligent in seeking advice from the Council and South Hams District Council [SHDC] in drawing up her plans. **Resolved PH would speak to RF on this and write to SHDC Planning to complain.**

**Blindwells.** RC had written to planners for the third time to request further information. A response is awaited.

**Covenants on properties. Resolved councillors would not comment on [restrictive] covenants in connection with planning applications.** These were a separate matter from the Council's role in planning matters as a planning consultee, with planning decisions made by SHDC. **Resolved the standard letter to neighbours in connection with planning applications would be updated for this as below.**

*Some Planning Applications may also have Restrictive Covenants attached to the property. SHDC Planning would only deal with planning matters as any Restrictive Covenants are a separate issue that would require separate legal advice. The Parish Council can only recommend that you seek legal advice if you consider Restrictive Covenants are applicable to the planning application.*

**The meeting was closed for a parishioner to speak.** The parishioner spoke **on planning application 0435/21/HHO** as the applicant and explained what was in the revised application. He had spoken with neighbours and intended to draw up a construction management plan for the works which are planned to start in January 2022. The works addressed the need to replace for instance the worn-out roof. Glazing had been modified and issues to do with windows and the house boundary were addressed.

Councillors remarked the new application appeared similar to the one submitted in March 2020 which was turned down so asked if the applicant was confident this time it would be approved.

**he parishioner then left the meeting and the meeting was reopened.**

**Applications.**

**0435/21/HHO.** Readvertisement (Revised plans received). Householder application for demolition of single storey north-eastern wing and replacement with new two-storey extension and landscaping works (resubmission of 0012/21/HHO). Primrose Cottage, Vicarage Lane, Strete TQ6 0RN. Councillors discussed the application.

**It was resolved to object with grounds as below.**

- 1.A comprehensive Construction Management Plan must be approved prior to the commencement of any construction works;
- 2.Nuisance of construction works to neighbours and potential damage to Vicarage Lane infrastructure and surface;
- 3.The 3D plans submitted with the application include timber cladding in front of the windows below the ridge of the roof on both existing and proposed south facing sides of the property. This should be made a condition as it is not included on any of the other plans and is not present on the already updated section of the property; This will reduce light exposure from the property to comply with Policy SNP5: Tranquillity and Dark Skies in Strete Neighbourhood Plan which has recently been adopted;
- 4.A Councillor reviewed the previous application raised in February 2020 for the same property. Ref 0012/20/HHO. It appears from a comparison of the two sets of plans there is little difference between them other than the new ones are from another architect.
- 5.The Council referred to the SHDC decision notice dated 10/03/2020 in which the application was refused. The reasons given for refusal then would seem to apply today;
- 6.The applicant advised at a Zoom meeting with the Council in March 2021 that these refusal points had been discussed with SHDC Planning Dept and addressed in this new application.
- 7.JLP Policies DEV23, DEV25, DEV1, DEV20, DEV19, TTV29, DEV2, DEV8, DEV10 are referred to in the refusal notice.

**0521/7(a) FINANCE**

Two cheques were listed for payment on the agenda, invoices circulated before the meeting and invoices approved for payment at the meeting. An additional payment was added to the list and an invoice circulated prior to the meeting.

1769 - Clerk salary for May £261.	1770 - Greenspace contract grass cutting for February, March and April £407.60.
1771 – Helen Solomon Ltd. Payroll for Clerk March 2020 to March 2021 inclusive £52 plus VAT.	

**It was proposed and AGREED by all present to authorise the payments as enumerated above.**

#### **0521/7(b) FINANCE**

The Clerk presented the monitoring statements for May 2021. **It was resolved the monitoring statements would be put on the website.**

#### **0521/7(c) FINANCE**

Cash at bank – £14,367.72CR Current account at 07/05/21, £10,298.24CR Business Reserve account at 07/05/21.

#### **0521/7(d) FINANCE**

**Councillors received and agreed** the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement 2020/21) and Section 2 (Accounting Statements 2020/21). These were signed by PH as chairman.

#### **0521/7(e) FINANCE**

**Councillors noted the dates for the public inspection of the 2020/21 accounts as 14<sup>th</sup> June to 23<sup>rd</sup> July inclusive.**

#### **0521/7(f) FINANCE**

**Insurance renewal 2021/22 for general insurance cover.** Two quotes were received. The existing insurer BHIB quoted £336.83 under a new three-year agreement to 1st June 2024. This was unchanged from last year. As in past years this quote covers a round-sum value of assets at around £180,000 and other specific covers of £21.35m listed in their schedule. Zurich quoted £554.85 for covers based on the 2020/21 asset register [£88,231] and comparative covers of £33.35m as listed. The Clerk asked Zurich to explain the level of their covers which are £12m greater than BHIB. Zurich replied they could not match the BHIB quote at this time. **On the basis of adequate cover for assets and [on past history] other risks it was resolved to renew the general insurance cover for the parish at the lower quote of £336.83 received from BHIB Insurance Brokers.**

#### **0521/7(g) FINANCE**

**Councillors approved** the offer to gift the used neighbourhood plan banners (quoted cost of £673.73) to the Parish Hall for future use in the parish. The signage would have little resale value or future use to the Council. It was noted the Clerk would pay £10 toward salvage wood from one banner for own use.

#### **0521/7(h) FINANCE**

A parishioner emailed RC on 11<sup>th</sup> May to offer a number of benches and Sadolin for their upkeep. There may be a cost for the benches and the parishioner has suggested £100 for the Sadolin. **Councillors noted the kind offer but resolved not to accept. The Clerk to write to the parishioner who had made the offer and with regret decline.**

**The report was received.**

#### **0521/8 TO CONFIRM PARISH REPRESENTATIVES**

**PH requested this was held over to the June meeting.**

He circulated a list of suggested responsibilities for later discussion

**0521/9 TO CONFIRM PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

**PH requested this was held over to the June meeting.** A list of responsibilities would be circulated to councillors before the next meeting for discussion at the June meeting.

**0521/10 TO RECEIVE THE MEETING DATES FOR THE COMING YEAR. In Strete Parish Hall at 7pm.**

17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

19<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (if necessary)

16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

18<sup>th</sup> November 2021

16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (if necessary)

20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

17<sup>th</sup> February 2022

17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 Annual Parish Meeting

19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

**0521/11 CLERK'S REPORT**

**Report submitted before the meeting.**

**a. Police.** *The Clerk is the councillor advocate for Strete and has regular updates on Police and Crime Commissioner events such as Facebook appearances by senior police and the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Clerk also receives information from the Police on Devon and Cornwall Alerts. This email alerts subscribers on matters such as missing people, local crime and police plans for the Devon area. There has been little contact with individual local police though Jon Croft [Dartmouth police] has just started regular monthly catch-ups on Teams with local parishes. The Clerk sent some concerns to Jon Croft – vis the provision of beach marshals and more regular local PCSO visits on 13<sup>th</sup> May and he has promised to chase these up. There is also an occasional report from the Rural Crime newsletter.*

**b. Poo bins.** The Clerk has arranged to meet with Helen Hardwicke on 10<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the siting of a new poo-bin down at the field on the Totnes Road. The visit will also deal with a request from a parishioner for extra bins.

**c. Coronavirus updates.** We have reached Step 3 of the roadmap and all being well will enter Step 4 on 21<sup>st</sup> June. <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

There were 5 cases in the week to 13<sup>th</sup> May. The number of positive cases in the



South Hams since the start of the pandemic is 1,699 at 18<sup>th</sup> May. Deaths remain at 51 to that date. Daily summary | Chillington, Torcross & Stoke Fleming (data.gov.uk) On a better note in **England** 36,811,405 people had been given a first dose by the end of 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021. 20,546,452 people had been given a second dose by that date.

**d. To note** carry forward of business to June to include discussion of financial regulations, online banking, procurement policy and update on contracts.

**The report was received.**

## **0521/12 CHAIR'S REPORT**

**Report submitted by the outgoing Chairman before the meeting.**

**Chair's Report Strete Parish Council 20.05.21. Coronavirus** – So far so good; although the rate of infection has risen in the South Hams it hasn't risen dramatically. I just hope the Indian variant isn't with us here.

**Strete Gate.** Since the recent lifting of restrictions there have been many more people taking advantage of the beach at Strete Gate and motorhomes have been aiming to park up in the car park in the evenings. Strict monitoring of the beach and car park will be essential.

**Slapton Line - As usual I declare an interest on this subject.** 'Aires' at Memorial and Torcross Car Parks have become dominant in questions I have been asked by many local people. Hardly a day has gone past in the last fortnight when someone hasn't asked me about it or told me how ridiculous the idea is. Most of those people have businesses.

Firstly - we must consider the sites. Both the Memorial Car Park and Torcross are in the AONB and adjacent to an SSSI. The Memorial Car Park itself is vulnerable. You only have to walk along the edge of the tarmac to see how it is being destroyed by movement in the car park itself with the shingle running out down the beach; the tarmac is then breaking off and in turn the shingle is at the mercy of the waves.

Secondly – if cars are being replaced by motorhomes, that reduces the footfall. It prevents families including the older generations from enjoying the benefits of the views and access to the sea with their families with a picnic after which they are then likely to visit a café for ice-cream, a restaurant or shop to make other purchases.

At Torcross there will not be spaces for the usual coaches full of people if motorhomes have taken their places - thus less spending!

Thirdly – as a campsite owner I am fully aware of my safety responsibilities. All camping units must be 6 metres apart. Motorhomes have cooking facilities on board – thus there is a risk of fire. Therefore, other vehicles such as cars must park at a safe distance not as closely as they would in a carpark. I attach a separate document on **fire safety outdoors**. Fourthly – I'm not aware of any chemical disposal points for

motorhome owners to use other than those on existing campsites. We do not need any more human excrement being left in the public domain near pathways!!!!!!Lastly – I'm not against the idea in principle there are some very suitable sites for 'Aires' in towns in the South Hams. A great deal more thought needs to be used before any further action takes place at all. **Stay safe everyone!!**

**The Chair's report was received.**

### **0521/13 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**A report was submitted prior to the meeting.**

#### **Neighbourhood Plan Report – May 2021**

Strete Neighbourhood Plan received resounding support from residents in the referendum held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. There are 418 residents who are registered to vote in the Parish of which 263 voted on the day. This represents a community turnout of 63%. 222 of 263 voted to accept Strete Neighbourhood Plan. This equates to 85% of those who voted on the day. The target was 50% to ensure the Plan became part of SHDC development policy. A point worth noting is that 222 votes to accept the Plan represents 53% of the total number of residents who are registered to vote in the Parish.

The Parish Council wishes to thank volunteers from the community, SHDC Neighbourhood Plan team and Lee Bray, our policy consultant, for their help and support over the last six years in preparing and developing the Neighbourhood Plan for Strete. The majority of residents in Strete have shown their support to protect the environment in which we all live and to retain the character of the village for future generations.

Although it was not possible to reach agreement with Strete Estate for 17 homes in Cox's Farm Fields, the Plan welcomes proposals for small housing development sites that are at a scale in keeping with the special qualities of the village and the AONB. The Plan will be formally presented to SHDC Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at which time the Plan's policies will become part of SHDC development policy for development sites in Strete. **The NP report was received.**

### **0521/14 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.**

**KG Playpark.** GC mentioned the mole infestation in the playpark. It was felt this was less of an issue now mating season is over. However, the molehills are a potential hazard. **Resolved IC to look into this.**

**LN Transport and Roads.** The sweeping of the roads has taken place and makes the edges look much better. We are still waiting for a visit by Lisa Edmonds to resolve a number of issues, including speeding. The same problems exist with the surface of Vicarage Lane and the road down to Fuge.

**DR Health and Safety.** I have registered my availability to be the snow warden for the next winter with the highways department, and continue to check and monitor the Defibrillator and send monthly details to the south west ambulance service. On the home front there is nothing else to report.

**IC Rights of Way, tree warden and Strete Gate. Rights of Way.** There is a padlock missing on Prideaux Lane. Councillors discussed who might have this. **It was resolved to approach Mark Wall in case he had it as a keyholder.** All other footpaths/bridleways do not seem to have any major problems.

**Strete Gate.** Nothing new to report. **Tree warden.** The three rescued ash trees are now leafing happily. Unfortunately, the two stumps at the top of the carpark appear to have Ash dieback.

**RC Planning and Neighbourhood Plan.** RC had nothing in addition to report.

**PH (Chair). VAS Monitoring.** Operation continues at the Totnes Road site. Strimming of the foliage growth in front of the sensor 'flight path' has been requested from Greenspace.

**Local transport liaison.** Nothing to report.

**Climate Change Emergency – see below.**

**Strete Residents EV Survey – Outstanding Actions.** Updates in bold.

1. Maintain a watching brief on the development of the public charging infrastructure in the local towns of Kingsbridge, Totnes and Dartmouth. **I notice that two chargers are in the process of being installed in the car park of the Dart Marina Hotel in Dartmouth. I suspect that this may be at the behest of the Hotel (in which they may be for guest use only) and not to be confused with the two public units to be installed by DCC in Mayor's Avenue car park, which are running late**

**It remains the case that there is no SHDC or DCC strategy for the provision of public charge points in rural villages across the South Hams, beyond encouraging Parish Councils to bid for match funded grants.**

2. Maintain a watching brief on the availability of grant monies to support rural charging infrastructure. **Status – ongoing. No further progress**

3. Suggest to Strete Community Pub Limited that a business case for the acquisition of a public fast Charging Unit should be carried out, with a view to it being located in the Kings Arms car park and operated as a revenue stream for the pub. The business case should take into account the benefit of any future grant subsidies which might be announced which would help to make the venture viable (no subsidy is currently available). **Status – No change, although apparently the sale of Rose Cottage is believed to have fallen through.**

4. Share our survey and results with local neighbouring Parishes and look for synergies in approach. **Status – Next joint meeting with Slapton planned for June 23rd**

5. Provide a facilitation service to offer a conversation between prospective BEV purchasers and existing owners, with the aim of providing education about electric vehicles allaying fears about investing in this new technology. **Status – available upon request (PH)**

6. On a wider Climate Emergency point, carry out similar resident surveys aimed at raising the awareness of the availability of new technologies with grant subsidies, for example the phase-out of oil and gas fired boiler systems and their replacement with ground and air source heat exchangers, the widespread availability of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) schemes for heating and power and the availability of home insulation schemes. The PC could play a major role in assisting DCC and SHDC to achieve the aims of their Climate Challenge Declaration. **Nothing to report, other than the Green Homes Grant scheme has ended and has not yet been replaced with any other form of incentive scheme for residents.**

**Parish Benches and picnic table maintenance.** Awaiting contractor action Nothing further to report.

**GC Village Green.** The grass is being cut regularly. Greenspace are now leaving 60cms uncut around the hedge sides of the village green. They are also limiting regular cutting on the wide verge on Dartmouth Road to a narrow band each side of the footpath; this is to encourage wild flowers and insects. They have been asked to cut in front of the VAR machine. As Prideaux Lane is still too rough for the big grass cutter, they will keep the path clear using a strimmer. GC also mentioned the query on the contract raised by Greenspace. He will be meeting them next Tuesday with the Clerk to discuss this.

One of the keyholders for the barriers in Prideaux Lane has not replaced the padlock at the Start Bay Park end. If we cannot find the padlock we will have to consider buying a new one that is a match to the original to avoid having to have a second set of keys. Keyholders have been contacted. **Reports were received.**

#### **0521/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

This has been forwarded to Councillors as it was received. Anthony Mangnall MP had written to congratulate the Council on the success of the Neighbourhood Plan referendum. The Council wrote to the SHDC Corporate Director for Strategic Finance on 12<sup>th</sup> May in response to her recent letter on council tax; in particular on the state of the roads. Devon County Council Meg Booth, the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste, was still to respond on Council tax and JB had been asked if he could chase.

**0521/16 OTHER BUSINESSs None was raised.**

**0521/17 THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021 AT 7.00 PM. THE VENUE IS LIKELY TO BE IN THE PARISH HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED. THE MEETING WAS CLOSED at 6. 50 p.m.**

Signed: Cllr Peter Hales (Chair) Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021

# PROBUS CLUB OF STOKE FLEMING AND DISTRICT

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*The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming and District are delighted to announce that following the lock down period of the Coronavirus 19 pandemic they are celebrating the lifting of the restrictions by kicking-off with their programme from August onwards as below.*



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We do however continue in strength and maintain an interesting and varied selection of carefully chosen speakers and our existing membership enjoy meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the Stoke Lodge Hotel. The first meeting in the month being 10.30am for coffee, 11.00 am the speaker and 12.30pm lunch. The second 10.30am coffee and speaker at 11.00am.

**This year we will continue to meet during August - and our programme until January 2022 is as follows:**

<b>August 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lunch</b>	JOHN WIBBERLEY "Trees for All"
<b>August 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee</b>	PAUL YOUNG "Attack on the World Trade Centre"
<b>September 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lunch</b>	DAVID HINCHLIFFE "Tinpot and the Spy"
<b>September 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Coffee</b>	NORMAN MAUDESLEY "Walking in the Footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia"
<b>October 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lunch</b>	DAVID TAYLOR "Chemistry is Good for You"
<b>October 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee</b>	MEMBERS Past, Present, Future
<b>November 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lunch</b>	MIKE RENDELL "Royal Shenanigans of the Georgian Era"
<b>November 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>LADIES' LUNCH</b>	MAGGIE DUFFY "Devon – Historical & Hysterical"
<b>December 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lunch</b>	JIM REDMAN "Albert, Harold & Others"
<b>January 14<sup>th</sup></b>		No meeting due to holidays of Stoke Lodge Hotel
<b>January 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lunch</b>	DAVID WILLS "Megalithic Gobekli-Tepe A Technologically Important Discovery

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## **EVENTS**

When you read this we shall have held our first event, the Coffee Morning, since 24th January, 2020! The weather will have been glorious, the company so friendly, and the stalls, coffee and teas amazing. If the Hall has made some money, that will be a bonus but was not the aim: we really wanted people in the village, and visitors, to have had a good, social time. This has been missing for so long now we have almost forgotten how to enjoy ourselves!

**Our next two events are: (1) VILLAGE BBQ and JAZZ BAND  
SATURDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER  
4.00 - 8.00(ish)**

**(2) QUIZ and SUPPER  
FRIDAY, 15th OCTOBER  
(time to be decided)**

**Tickets for both events will be on sale closer to the time, but please come and support the Hall: we need you!**

This brings me on to the next part of my entry for this edition. The Hall is a village asset and over the last year much work has been put into modernising and freshening up the place. However, this will be of no use unless we achieve a greater footfall bringing in more money for the Hall's upkeep. We need your help in deciding ways that this could be achieved.

What activities would interest you eg Table tennis, Bridge, Pool, Darts, Knitting/Sewing; classes in Photography, Computer skills, First Aid, Mindfulness, etc. Would you be willing to organise any of these? How about Children's Parties, Wedding Receptions, Christening Parties? Are you an expert at IT skills as we could really do with some help in modernising our way of advertising and even having our own website.

Don't forget the saying

**"USE IT OR LOSE IT"!**

**PLEASE, PLEASE let me know your thoughts.**

**Penny (Chairman of Strete Parish Hall Committee) 771005**

**p.g.penhale@hotmail.com**



# walk&talk

Dartmouth Thursday walks  
July - September 2021



Date	Time	Walk level	Location of walk (£=bring money for ferry)	Meeting point
29 <sup>th</sup> Jul	10.30	3 +	Froward Point Kingswear (£)	Kingswear railway station
5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00 or 10.15	2	Broadsands Beach to Brixham via golf course and The Grove (£)	10.00 – 120 bus from Kingswear Banjo or 10.15 Broadsands/Churston Library
12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.15	2	Blackpool Sands via Venn Lane	Dartmouth Leisure Centre, Townstal Return from Blackpool Sands on no 3 bus
19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00 or 10.10	2	Churston Station to Churston Library via Elberry Cove (£)	10.00 – 120 bus from Kingswear Banjo or 10.10 Churston Bridge by the station
26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	09.25 or 10.10	1	Dart riverside and Dartington Cider Press circular	09.25 – 92 bus from Dartmouth Pontoon or 10.10 Totnes railway station (Plymouth side)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	10.00 or 10.10	3	Churston Greenway circular walk (£)	10.00 – 120 bus from the Banjo Kingswear or 10.10 Churston Bridge by the station
9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30	3	Kingswear circular with estuary and river views (£)	Kingswear railway station
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30	3	Dittisham & the Dart Valley Trail	Sandquay Wood car park, Old Mill Lane, Townstal
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	10.30	3	Long Wood circular (£)	The Bandstand, Royal Avenue Gardens
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.15	3	Little Dartmouth via the Diamond Jubilee Way and Swannaton Road	Dartmouth Castle car park

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### Additional Information:

- Please wear suitable clothing (layers are best) and comfortable, supportive footwear.
- Light coloured clothing is recommended where walks involve using busy roads.
- Dogs are welcome on the walks. Please clear up after them and ensure they are on a lead at all times.
- Please bring a bottle of water on warm days.
- Please bring medication with you if required.

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**1st August 1740:** 'Rule Britannia' sung for the first time in public, in Thomas Arne's 'Masque Alfred'.

**3rd August 1926:** Britain's first set of electric traffic lights appear on the streets of London.

**3rd August 1492:** Christopher Columbus left Spain with his fleet of three ships, the Santa Maria, the Pinta and the Niña, to sail across the Atlantic to America.

**7th August 1840:** An Act of Parliament prohibited the employment of children under 16 as chimney sweeps.

**10th August 1675:** King Charles II lays the foundation stone of the Royal Observatory in Greenwich.

**17th August 1978:** Three American balloonists made the first crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in a hot air balloon. Ben Abruzzo, Larry Newman and Max Anderson took six days to complete the flight .

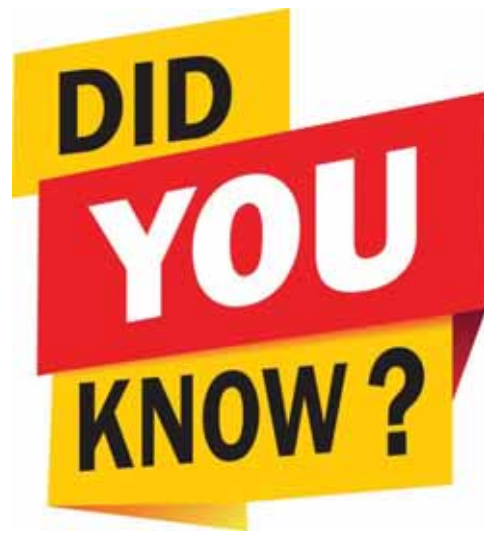
**21st August 1920:** Christopher Robin Milne, son of A.A. Milne author of "Winnie the Pooh" .

**22nd August 1485:** Richard III becomes the last English king to die in battle, killed at Bosworth Field.

**25th August 1609:** The Italian astronomer and philosopher Galileo Galilei demonstrated his new creation the telescope.

**26th August 1346:** The English army of Edward III defeats the French at the Battle of Crecy.

**31st August 1900:** Coca Cola is sold for the first time in Britain.



**1st September 1159:** The death of the only English Pope Adrian IV (Nicholas Breakspere).

**2nd September 1666:** The Great Fire of London begins in Pudding Lane and rages for 5 days, but kills only 9 people.

**7th September 1533:** Birth of Queen Elizabeth I, daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn.

**10th September 1897:** A 25-year-old London taxi driver named George Smith becomes the first person ever arrested for drunk driving.

**12th September 1940:** A collection of prehistoric cave paintings are discovered near Montignac, France.

**15th September 1830:** MP William Huskisson becomes the first rail fatality at the opening of the Liverpool Manchester Railway.

**22nd September 1735:** Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole moves in to 10 Downing Street.

**28th September 1745:** 'God Save the King' is sung for the first time at London's Drury Lane Theatre.

**29th September 1758:** Birth of Horatio Nelson.

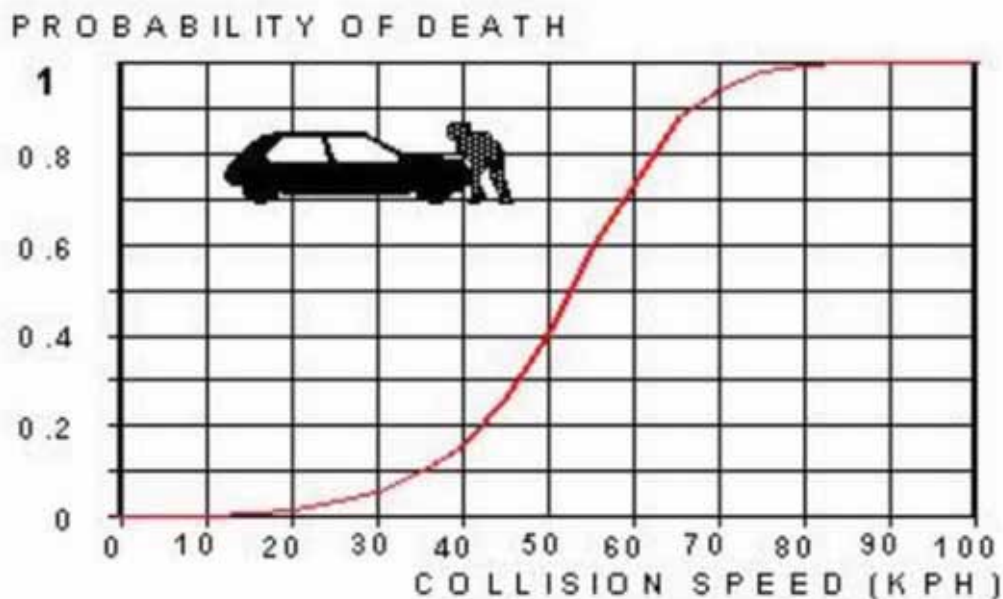
## Speeding in the Village

Recently the Parish Council has been discussing complaints about speeding vehicles in the village. We thought it would be worth reminding everyone that the main reason why we have a 20mph zone throughout Strete, apart from the narrow lanes and tight turns, is simply because there are very likely to be pedestrians walking in the road where there is no room for a footpath and there is therefore a greater risk of collision. We have reproduced below from official advice a few words about the difference in the extent in injuries to be expected in collisions between cars and pedestrians at different speeds:-

Pedestrians, cyclists and moped riders have a large risk of severe injury when colliding with a motor vehicle. The difference in mass is huge and the collision energy is mainly absorbed by the lighter 'object'. In addition, pedestrians, cyclists and moped riders are completely unprotected: no iron framework, no seatbelts, and no airbags to absorb part of the energy. For a collision between a car and a pedestrian, the following relationship between speed and survival chance was established Ashton and Mackay (1979) [21].

Car Speed	% fatally injured pedestrians
20 mph (32kph)	5
30 mph (48kph)	45
40mph (64kph)	85

And as a graph the probability of fatal injury for a pedestrian colliding with a vehicle looks like this (source: Pasanen, 1991):



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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC) HELD AT STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021 AT 7.00 PM

### PRESENT

Cllr Peter Hales (PH) (Chairman); Cllr Kate Gill (KG); Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); Cllr Louise Newman (LN); Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC); Cllr David Rothwell (DR); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC); Cllr Richard Foss, District Councillor, Allington & Strete Ward (RF); Mrs. Helen Darch {Clerk}; one parishioner in person by invitation.

### PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Edwards spoke on Tallis Rock which is listed as a planning application for consultation. He explained there were three elements to the new design. These were first of all to replace the conservatory which is damaged, with an entrance hall with less glass. Second, to open up the utility room for a multi-generational space. Finally, to extend the kitchen to make more of the view. The roof would be colored green to blend in with its environment. He observed he was very keen to maintain the right balance between the historical and modern elements of the house.

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillor, Julian Brazil {JB} did not attend and so his report was not given.

### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

RF outlined problems with the new waste collection system brought about by a significant increase in domestic waste over the past year, a shortage of HGV drivers and problems with the new routes. The corollary of these problems is uncollected waste in parts of the village which creates health issues and unsightliness. An update from SHDC was promised in the next week. *This was received on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June.*

***<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/8014/Council-Receives-Contractor-s-Recycling-Recovery-Plan>***

In summary, SHDC required the contractor to get up to date with all missed collections. **This was expected to be sorted by mid-July.** Then the contractor was to ensure all residents were moved onto the new recycling service as they are contracted to do and **this is expected before the end of 2021.**

In the interim, 26,000 residents will continue to have their recycling sorted at the kerbside into the new vehicles. 11,000 residents will have their recycling collected in a different vehicle and it will be sorted at a local sorting facility. 8,000 residents will remain on the clear and blue sack system for the time being.

All residents are being asked to continue to separate their recycling following the instructions, regardless of which vehicle arrives on your collection day. This will ensure that recycling is separated and ready to be sorted at the kerbside as soon as the new service resumes. The Council will also directly contact all of those people who have been impacted the most with further information about what to do now. Residents should continue to contact RF with any problems on the contract.

**cllr.Richard.Foss@southhams.gov.uk**

GC reminded RF that a police report was still owed for the recent District Council email stating their policy on wild camping.

IC reminded RF that work was yet to start on the replacement steps down at Strete Gate. RF would speak with Dan Field tomorrow.

RF concluded by reminding all that there was funding available for tree planting under Climate Change and biodiversity. **The report was received.**

**0621/1 APOLOGIES** – Cllr Julian Brazil, County Councillor, Kingsbridge Division (JB).

**0621/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 20 May 2021**

The above minutes were AGREED as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

**0621/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Parish Councillors were invited to declare any unregistered or other interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. **LN declared an interest in the Asherne Lodge planning application.**

**0621/4 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS**

**Planning applications consulted on. To discuss and respond to South Hams District Council on**

**1518/21/HHO. Householder application for new annex extension with associated landscaping. Blue Horizons, Strete, TQ6 0RH.** Councillors discussed plans to cut back a tree at the side of the planned works. The neighbour was happy with this. IC felt this tree was likely to have bats roosting. The ecology report considered bats but did not mention the tree. Revised drawings were being drafted since the original application to incorporate less window space in the annex and for the roof line to match the existing roof. **Resolved: the response to state there would be no particular objection provided the revised drawings incorporated the changes mentioned and works complied with these. Also, to confirm if the tree is taken back there is no impact on bats.**

**1624/21/HHO Householder application for demolition of existing entrance conservatory and creation of new entrance extension, addition of garden room extension and dayroom extension and internal and landscaping works. Tallis Rock, Vicarage Lane Strete TQ6 0RN.** Councillors discussed the plans. RC felt soft lighting would mitigate any issues with glare and was in support given this comment. Other councillors expressed concern over whether the modern nature of the new works was sympathetic to the existing Victorian building. Overall councillors felt they could NOT support given their concerns over this. **Resolved to object on the grounds the modern design is NOT sympathetic to the existing structure.**

**0647/21/FUL Construction of a stone-finished carpark. Asherne Lodge, Strete TQ6 0RW.** LN abstained from voting but explained the plans. These were to put a stone-finished carpark at one corner of the field adjacent to Asherne Lodge to keep cars off the road. **Resolved: to support [one abstention].**

**Other planning matters. Blindwells.** RC explained SHDC planners had replied this week to say they were awaiting legal advice next week on the validity of a principal residency condition. RC observed only one of the three houses on the plot should be available to be a second home.

**Strete Lodge.** RC had visited the back of the property when leafletting and noted building activity. He has contacted RF to request an enforcement visit as there is no live planning application for the property.

**Old Vicarage.** KG said some neighbours wondered whether the building works were higher than permitted under the plans. **Resolved RC to email the builder and request him to demonstrate to the Parish Council that the construction, and in particular the ridge height, is in accordance with the agreed, published and approved drawings. In addition to ask whether SHDC planners had visited the site to confirm this.**

#### **0621/5 PARISH REPRESENTATIVES AND ROLES**

PH recirculated a list of suggested roles for discussion. **Resolved:**

Playpark champion - IC

Road maintenance, litter and Farmers Hedges – RC for maintenance and LN for hedges and litter.

Transport – LN to deal with Stagecoach and PH as substitute.

Health & Safety, Defibrillator & training -DR

Rights of way, tree warden and Strete Gate - IC

Planning & Neighbourhood Plan -RC

VAS monitoring and local bus transport liaison -PH

Village Green & Green Maintenance and Prideaux Lane - GC

Slapton Line Partnership Representative – KG and GC

Car Parks & Campervans - GC

Liaison with Slapton PC -PH

Sustainability and Environmental champion – PH to ask a parishioner who has an interest in the matter.

Sweeping, and Cleanliness - RC

Social Care Champion – GC

Dartmouth Caring -GC

Clerk Welfare Champion -LN

Kings Arms ACV & Loan Liaison -DR

Strete Parish Hall - DR

St Michaels Church Liaison -Clerk

## **0621/6 PARISH COUNCIL TARGETS FOR 2021/22**

**PH circulated a list of targets and projects before the meeting.**

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Resolved</b>
1	Night Landing Site for Air Ambulance.	Operational by May '22	KG to contact Devon Air Ambulance to visit Modbury site.
2	Enhanced vehicle Speed Control measures in the village.	Operational by May '22	Ongoing discussion with DCC.
3	Raise Awareness of Green Grants for domestic heating, insulation etc.	When grants are available	Drop-in event in Village Hall as COVID rules permit. CAB to talk on green grants.
4	Secure electric vehicle public charging facility in the village.	Operational by May '22	Need a volunteer.
5	Identify sites for tree planting in the village.	Plant trees in winter 21/22	The PC to identify sites around the village to enhance green sustainability. Also, a site(s) to be identified where a Platinum Jubilee commemorative tree might be planted.
6	Agree and sign up to an Action Statement on the Climate Change Emergency.	August 21 Meeting	Ongoing.

## 0621/7 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Standing Orders [5e] provide for a Vice Chairman to be appointed and like the Chairman they must be appointed annually. They act as the substitute for the Chairman in their absence [Standing Order 3]. **Resolved RC to be Vice Chairman for 2021/22. The Vice Chairman does not have to make a formal declaration of acceptance of office.**

## 0621/8 UPDATES ON STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

Road safety issues were discussed and a response to the recent correspondence and telephone call between the Clerk and Lisa Edmonds [LE]. **Resolved: The Clerk to respond to LE and confirm Strete PC would like the rumble strip by Manor Farm renewed and the speed roundels repainted. The Clerk to confirm with LE a new SCARF survey to be done. The Clerk to contact DCC Traffic [Chris Rook] to progress traffic issues. The Clerk to speak to Blackawton PC regarding the adoption of a lengths man to maintain the roads.**

## 0621/9(a) FINANCE

Eight cheques were listed for payment on the agenda, invoices circulated before the meeting and invoices approved for payment at the meeting. An additional payment of £50 to Stretewise was added at the meeting.

1772 – Clerk salary June £261.	1773 – Savills (UK) Ltd Client A/c re Execs of Mr CML Toll & Execs of Mrs CML Toll annual rent £1.
1774 – Clerk reimbursement of card payment for annual insurance. As approved 0521/7. £336.83.	1775 – Terry Hallet’s Gardening Services. Playpark cuts/strims Sept 2020 to May 2021 inc. £315.
1776 – Brooking Hire Limited. Sweeper May 2021. £350 plus VAT.	1777 – Strete Parish Hall hire 2 meetings 20 <sup>th</sup> May £40.
1778 – Greenspace TWO grass cuts May and ONE cut June 2021. £305.70.	1779 – Clerk expenses claim July 2020 to May 2021. £148.34.
1780 – Stretewise £50 grant approved under 0621/9(d).	

**It was proposed and AGREED by all present to authorise the payments as enumerated above.**

## 0621/9(b) FINANCE

The Clerk presented the monitoring statements for June 2021. **It was resolved the monitoring statements would be put on the website.**

## 0621/9(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £13,330.93CR Current account at 08/06/21, £10,298.32CR Business Reserve account at 08/06/21

## **0621/9(d) FINANCE**

**It was resolved to approve a grant of £50 to Stretewise for its work in the Village.** GC requested that the Parish Council consider a donation of £50 each to Dartmouth Caring and The Citizens Advice Bureaux toward their work in Strete. **Resolved: The Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with expenditure: three grants of £50, one each for Dartmouth Caring and The Citizens Advice Bureaux and to Stretewise as above.**

## **0621/10 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS**

A discussion on contracts was carried over to the July meeting.

## **0621/11 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**A report was submitted prior to the meeting.**

### **Neighbourhood Plan Report – June 2021**

No sooner has the NP been made when a drafting error has been observed on the map for Policy SNP6 on page 16 of the Plan. This shows the pub car park as being outside of the revised settlement boundary instead of inside.

Unfortunately, this was not picked up during desk top publishing.

Duncan (SHDC) has advised this is not difficult to resolve although it does have to go through a process to correct the error. Duncan has helped by providing appropriate wording for necessary procedural requirements.

An amendment map has been prepared for inclusion with the wording agreed with Duncan that will be acceptable to the Examiner. Details of the wording for the Amendment and an Amendment Map has been circulated to members and, for this to move forward, approval of Parish Council members is required.

*Email to councillors 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

*Dear All,*

*It has come to my attention that a drafting error has occurred on the map for Policy SNP6 on page 16 of the Plan. (See attached SNP6 map and amendment map). This shows the pub car park as being outside of the revised settlement boundary instead of inside. Unfortunately, I failed to pick this up during desk top publishing.*

*I have spoken to Duncan who has advised this is not difficult to resolve although it does have to go through a process to correct the error.*

*Duncan has helped by providing appropriate wording for necessary procedural requirements. The attached amendment map requires some additional work for it to be acceptable to the Examiner. I will arrange to address this over the next week or so. Meanwhile for this to move forward with Duncan I am required to obtain the approval of Parish Council members and confirm this to him.*

*If you could reply by return, please, I can inform Duncan accordingly.*

*Many thanks. Regards, Ralph*

**Resolved: to accept and approve the amendment. The vote was unanimous. The information on the amendment was circulated on email [above] prior to the meeting and councillors confirmed their acceptance by email to be carried forward to this meeting. The NP report was received.**

## **0621/12 CLERK'S REPORT**

### **Report submitted before the meeting.**

The fixed asset register to 31/3/21 was circulated in April and discussed at this meeting. RC asked a question on asset write-offs and the Clerk confirmed the Samsung Galaxy tablet had been written off in 2020/21. **Resolved: to receive the fixed asset register.**

**Financial regulations.** The contract limits have been amended with the Internal Auditor's agreement to reflect a tiered approach to contracts, and levels of activity which are up to £500, £500 - £5,000 and over £5,000 [Financial regulation 8.2.1].

**Resolved to update with the agreed limits and circulate for approval at July's meeting.**

**Grants.** The Clerk circulated a list of grants available for many of the Council initiatives. This list will be added to. The Rural Funding Digest lists a number of other grants that may be of interest to include broadband vouchers and funding toward climate change <https://www.rsnonline.org.uk/rural-funding-digest-june-2021>.

<b>Grant</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Terms</b>
ORCS	Electric vehicle charge points	75% upfront capital cost. Procurement and installation. 25% remainder on completion.
HMCE	Highways works	£1,000 already received from 2020/1 bid. 2021/22 can also be bid for. it includes any highways activity such as cleaning, sweeping and drains.
District Councillor -locality fund	Any eligible local activity	Sustainable Community Locality Fund. Minimum £100 bid, maximum £2,000 [shared six parishes]. Apply to RF.
	Summer signage	£250 grant toward local business opening up plus £25 to use local trades.
County Councillor – locality budget	Any eligible local activity	Locality budget. Up to £10,000 but shared between parishes.
	Potholes fund	Annual fund available through the County Councillor.



**Coronavirus updates.** The number of positive cases in the South Hams since the start of the pandemic is 1,759 up from 1,699 at 18<sup>th</sup> May. Deaths remain unchanged from May at 51 to that date. [Daily summary | Chillington, Torcross & Stoke Fleming \(data.gov.uk\)](#) On a better note **in England 41,831,056** people had been given a first dose by the end of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021. **30, 209,707** people had been given a second dose by that date. [Vaccinations | Coronavirus in the UK \(data.gov.uk\)](#). **For note.** **To note** carry forward of business to July to include approval of financial regulations, online banking, procurement policy and update on contracts. **The report was received.**

## 0621/13 CHAIR'S REPORT

**Report submitted before the meeting.**

**Tour of Britain Devon Stage.** The Devon stage of this important cycle race is due to take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September (the week after the August Bank Holiday), and the Strete area will feature on the route from Sherford to Exeter with a hill climb section up from Blackpool Sands to the village, and sprints at Torcross. We have a perfect opportunity to showcase our lovely village.

The event is free for spectators, and we must expect that this will be a busy day and here will be many people looking to spectate on the route. We must also expect that there will be some road closures and disruption to traffic for a few hours – details and timings of the 'rolling roadblock' are awaited. The organisers are also looking for volunteer stewards on the day. This is the current route being proposed. **Resolved the Clerk write to the Tour of Britain and thank them for getting in touch. RC to contact DCC Highways to work out arrangements for roads.**

**The Village to be notified on the upcoming event.**



**Concerns about dog poo in the field opposite Manor farm.** The farmer Philip Knight has made the Parish Council aware that he is extremely concerned about the discovery of quantities of dog poo in his field opposite Manor Farm. He has pregnant cattle and is concerned that ingestion might cause them to abort. He has erected warning signs and has asked that walkers keep to the marked footpath. The PC has already proposed the location of an additional poo bin near this location and has been discussing the matter with SHDC. Longer term, the possibility of relocating the public right of way to avoid the dangers of walking the narrow part of the lane are being explored. **Resolved: Clerk to chase Paul McFadden the Rights of Way Officer on the relocation of the public right of way.**

**Concerns in Stretewise concerning the future of Slapton Line.** In a recent edition of Stretewise magazine, an anonymous comment was published regarding the desirability of ensuring that the integrity of the A379 route across Slapton Lay is maintained. Concern was raised regarding the access and transport arrangements which would become necessary in the event that the line should be lost in a storm. The Parish Council is a member of the Slapton Line Partnership [SLP], but the organisation has been quiet during the pandemic and has yet to get back to full speed. The PC will redouble its efforts to make such concerns from residents known and heard at the SLP forum.

**Waste Collections.** The PC has become aware of a few instances of missed collections in the village which have resulted from the introduction of new waste collection arrangements by a new SHDC contractor. We have passed these instances to our District Councillor Richard Foss for action. We are told that teething troubles are continuing to be experienced due to an underestimation of the necessary resources by the contractor and difficulties in recruiting HGV drivers. **Resolved: Clerk to forward the SHDC circular when it arrives to concerned villagers.**

**Coronavirus Pandemic.** The final 'unlocking' of the pandemic measures is to be delayed in England by 4 weeks until 19th July, to allow the vaccination of a further 9 million people. This is a bitter blow for the hospitality and holiday businesses in our community, especially with the co-incidence with the Euro football tournament. However, in the week 3rd to 9th June there were 15 confirmed cases in the South Hams, which is a steep increase from the 5 reported the previous week. 25- to 29-year-olds are currently being invited for vaccination across Devon, with an extension to anyone over 18 expected shortly.

**Speeding in the Village.** A number of residents and Parish Councillors have witnessed speeding incidents in the village, which seem to be on the increase, particularly on the approach from the Totnes Road. We have been discussing the issue with Devon Highways to find out if anything can be done to help improve behaviours. The reduced number of journeys resulting from lockdown have caused us to conclude that the main perpetrators are local and live in the village, or are familiar with

the road and drive it frequently.

Despite the continued use of the 20mph electronic speed detection device at the 20mph signs at the entrance to the village, it is the case that familiarity breeds contempt, and it seems that the limit is widely ignored. This is unfortunate, because the difference in pedestrian survivability at 20mph compared with 30mph is tangible and real, and a moment's thought by most drivers should result in compliance. Response from the County has been disappointing so far, but The Parish Council will continue to campaign for improvements and education of drivers.

**Local transport liaison.** Nothing to report. **The Chair's report was received.**

#### **0621/14 CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY**

Item carried forward.

#### **0621/15 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.**

**KG Playpark.** Play Park as April/May 2021. All is fine at the Play Park. It is looking lovely – well maintained – many thanks. Unfortunately, our resident moles are still having some jolly springtime parties. We shall have to take steps fairly soon to smooth out the ground. IC confirmed he had cleared down and raked the molehills last week.

**Slapton Line Partnership.** Nothing new to report.

**Dog Poo Bin.** I have contacted Malcolm and Andrea Hollis. They are happy to have the new green bin placed up front of the STRETE/20mph sign next to the recycle banks.

**LN Transport and Roads** There is a lot to discuss on the roads following Lisa's email. Some verges have been cut to help site lines. There is a small amount of Japanese knotweed on the Matt's Point bend. Bicycles went through very fast on Sunday as part of the Triathlon. We should find out who was organising it as there were no Marshalls.

**DR Health and Safety.** DR continues to check and monitor the Defibrillator and send monthly details to the South West Ambulance Service. On the home front there is nothing else to report.

**IC Rights of Way, tree warden and Strete Gate. Rights of Way.** The footpath subject, of which a small portion that has been in our 'radar' lately, (i.e., Totnes Road to Fuge farm) has been dealt with temporarily, but there are ongoing discussions regarding extra signage etc with SHDC and the farmer concerned. The lock on the Prideaux Lane vehicle-prevention post, I gather, has not yet 'turned up'. Other footpaths seem OK, but I have heard of a few 'grumbles' regarding the coastal path from the village to Strete gate. I will expand upon that, if necessary, at the Meeting.

**Trees.** Little to report regarding trees within the parish, except that, after a drought-like Spring, trees are making up for lost time, and growing like 'blazes'.! Even a lot of Ash trees that reckoned to be suffering with Ash die-back..Good to see.!

**Strete Gate**, as before, is starting to suffer from a massive influx of visitors, of which there are some who treat the area with respect, and sadly, an increasing number of those that DON'T...!! I have received quite a few 'moans & groans' regarding the car park. The main comments are about the car park being "Closed" at night, and several fishermen that like to 'night-fish', have received parking tickets. There have been MANY people parking at night, and camping on the beach. One morning, there were 24 tents pitched...!! Admittedly, these folks were probably just enjoying the lovely weather, and surroundings, but, long-term, it doesn't bode-well for the area as a 'SSSI'. (Oh, yes...and it is against the Law...!!) There has been NO sign, as yet, of any work to re-instate the access steps to the beach from the car park. IC observed the risers on the footpath steps from opposite Hynetown Road to the beach were too large.

**RC Planning and Neighbourhood Plan.** A report was given in 0621/11.

**PH (Chair).** A report was given above in 0621/10.

**GC Village Green. Greenspace contract.** A discussion with Greenspace confirmed the continuation of the current contract until the next financial year. In November 2021 onwards we need to discuss a new contract. Greenspace accidentally damaged a bench and table with his machine. As this belongs to the Captain Pearson Memorial Trust, Pam Wills has arranged the repair. Greenspace are now allowing grass on the wide Dartmouth Rd verge to grow to allow more flowers to flourish and around the hedgerow on the village field. No complaints yet!! **We have to instruct DCC to take that verge off their cutting list.**

**Prideaux Lane.** We still have no lock on Prideaux Lane barrier at the Start Bay Park end. Further, the post with metal spike that was put in place to prevent vehicles squeezing past the barrier has been sheared off. We are no nearer knowing who is abusing this simple barrier.

**Dartmouth Caring.** After a discussion with Nick Hindmarsh at Dartmouth Caring he reported back to me that they have supported 77 parishioners from Strete over the past year, more than 20% of parishioners. A wide range of support, from dementia support, counselling, end of life care, to shopping, lifts to appointments, prescriptions, befriending, etc. has been provided. This is of note for our apparently well-off village, and we owe a debt of gratitude to this basically voluntary organisation amongst others for helping fill in the many holes in our welfare state. I would suggest we make a regular donation to support Dartmouth Caring and find time to discuss the issue in the near future.

**Citizens Advice [CA]** are preparing an estimate of their contacts with people in our ward. A new CA system will soon make it much easier for people to link to live adviser support from their own computers as well as through the available booth at Townstal Community Hall on Fridays and soon the TQ6 Community Hub in Dartmouth.

I have approached CA about the possibility of one of their specialist independent advisers doing a presentation in Strete on energy efficiency in the home, fitting of new more green and economical heating systems and solar energy production. They are keen to do this now that Covid is not so much of an obstacle, but have to wait until their current funding is reviewed this summer. More to follow. **Reports were received.**

#### **0621/16 CORRESPONDENCE**

This has been forwarded to Councillors as it was received. The MP had written to Councils to notify them of a proposed name change for the constituency from 'Totnes' to 'South Devon' and to respond to the Boundary Commission if in support. **Resolved to support the change of name and reply as requested.**

The Council is owed a response to its letter of 12<sup>th</sup> May on council tax; in particular on the state of the roads from the SHDC Corporate Director for Strategic Finance. The Council is owed a response to its letter of 11<sup>th</sup> March to Devon County Council Meg Booth, the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste, on Council tax.

#### **0621/17 OTHER BUSINESS**

**Resolved the Clerk to find out how to get the signs down at the corner by the Shop advertising The Laughing Monk and the caravan site removed.**

DR confirmed works on the Laughing Monk site are to move a wall forward by around 1.5 metres.

**0621/18 THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021 AT 7.00 PM. THE VENUE IS LIKELY TO BE IN THE PARISH HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED. THE MEETING WAS CLOSED** at 9. 38 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Peter Hales (Chair) Dated: 15<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021

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### **A response from Scot Miller**

I'm not a mechanic but then a lot of people in the village know this.

My name is Scott Miller and I live in Hyne Town.

**I'd like to apologize to The Residents of the Plat.**

I do my best not to cause problems when I occasionally park the truck up in the village. I have been working in breakdown/recovery for about 18 months and although I try not to, I have parked in the Plat previously and nothing had been said to me. This also included the truck with 2 cars on. I am very approachable and would rather have had the resident who was upset just ask me to move the truck.

Yours sincerely **Scott Miller.**

# Stretewise Crossword - Answers

**Across** 1: Buddha 4: Bantam 8: Repulse 9: Avocado 10: Fosse 13: Hater 14: Oscine  
15: Lehr 16: Aster 18: Berths 20: Lap 21: Beachcomb 24: Eschew 25: Feudal

**Down** 1: Behalf 2: Decoys 3: Hexades 5: Apprehensible 6: Talent 7: Meeker  
10: Prosciutto 12: Sorbic 17: Halved 18: Repeal 20: Oboe 23: Arc 24: Hue

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<b>August 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lunch</b>	JOHN WIBBERLEY "Trees for All"
<b>August 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee</b>	PAUL YOUNG "Attack on the World Trade Centre"
<b>September 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lunch</b>	DAVID HINCHLIFFE "Tinpot and the Spy"
<b>September 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Coffee</b>	NORMAN MAUDESLEY "Walking in the Footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia"
<b>October 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lunch</b>	DAVID TAYLOR "Chemistry is Good for You"
<b>October 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee</b>	MEMBERS Past, Present, Future
<b>November 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lunch</b>	MIKE RENDELL "Royal Shenanigans of the Georgian Era"
<b>November 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>LADIES' LUNCH</b>	MAGGIE DUFFY "Devon – Historical & Hysterical"
<b>December 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lunch</b>	JIM REDMAN "Albert, Harold & Others"
<b>January 14<sup>th</sup></b>		No meeting due to holidays of Stoke Lodge Hotel
<b>January 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lunch</b>	DAVID WILLS "Megalithic Gobekli-Tepe A Technologically Important Discovery

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