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## EDITORIAL

How does the climate affect you? Now I have found little to cheer about the abnormal warm grey weather of October and November; everything aches, all those admonitions to exercise when young have left me with an aching shoulder (cricket), knee (athletics) and back (who knows). Now that we have cold bright sunshine they have all gone away. This year the weather has been unusual, with months of cold weather delaying plants, wet weather in the 'summer season' and then a warm autumn. I had not realised that sparkling wines are made with unripe grapes. No wonder we are so good at producing award winning sparkling wines.

The Music 4 All concert in St Michael's Church (pictures in the middle of the magazine) was a great community effort lead by Martin Sobey who organised the event and great credit should go to all involved. Talking of community events the lunch club is intended to bring people of the Parish together, so if you are on your own or have only recently moved into the village, why not make a date. There are only 14 places left for lunch at the King's Arms on 17 December. To join in email Stretewise or if you do not do email – speak to Rebecca (phone number on left page) who will add your name and copy it to me.

Within this issue there is a review of the traffic monitoring results following the recording of traffic speed within the Village over 10 days in October. The speed of vehicles on the A379 might require some action, but as to what that might be there has been no decision. I

dislike speed bumps and width restrictions, and as there is some doubt over the veracity of the 20 mph speed limit in the Parish, any decision will need careful consideration.

The letters to the editor section has raised the issue of where the next Village Day should be located. The Benefits and Challenges of the two alternative locations are set out in the Centre Pull-Out Section. Those centre four pages give you the voting slip to register your household's opinion, inviting you to volunteer—because a lot of help is needed wherever the event might be held.

It is also time for the renewal of subscriptions. We have been fortunate to be supported by a wide selection of Advertisers, and as a result the subscription remains at £3 per year, which is less than half the cost of production .

Because the majority of the Parish are senior citizens, that brings some challenges; but also a wealth of knowledge and expertise. There is a need to plan for the latter stage in ones' life and to give some thought to ultimate liability to the Exchequer (via Death Duties). It is the consequence of such forethought that enabled Richard and Joan Hacon to be able to donate funds to worthwhile causes, including the recent redecoration of the Church. So as the Christmas Season approaches why not raise a glass (English fermented unripe grape of course) to wish Joan, as well as all our readers, friends and family a Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Best wishes The editor

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## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH STRETE

"Just the worst time of the year / For a journey." T.S. Eliot's poem *Journey of the Magi* will certainly strike a chord with anyone who has suffered any of the dangers, delays, and discomforts which we have almost come to expect when travelling over Christmas and New Year. The 'Magi' were rebranded as the 'Three Kings' (kings are mentioned by the prophet Isaiah in connection with God's light being revealed to the nations; and, of course, kings very much took centre stage in medieval times). The 'Wise Men'/'Kings' may have appeared on cards and in school nativity plays in the run-up to Christmas, but actually they reached Bethlehem some time after Jesus' birth. Of course had they been 'Wise Women' they would no doubt have asked for proper directions and arrived on time, as well as cleaning the stable, helping to deliver the baby, providing a casserole and choosing far more practical gifts!

In the church's calendar the Magi's visit (known as the Epiphany, meaning the 'showing forth' of Christ to the nations) is celebrated on January 6th. The Epiphany season actually continues through January and into February. The wise men persevered and eventually found and worshipped the King they sought. They did not count the cost of their journey or their precious and symbolic gifts:



gold for a king, frankincense for a priest (one who would intercede with God); and myrrh, used for embalming, foreshadowing Jesus' death. We too can offer the Lord our gold and frankincense and myrrh. 'Gold' can stand for all the good things in our lives, not just our material possessions but also our time and abilities and opportunities.

'Frankincense' stands for a sense of awe and mystery, a need for something greater than ourselves, our worship of God. 'Myrrh' represents our pain and suffering, our fear and our distress; that too we can offer to the One who invites those who are heavy laden to lay their burdens on him; 'myrrh' is also the compassion with which I can help to soothe another's pain.

Eliot's grumpy and cynical 'Magus', who omits all mention of the wonder of the star and reports the eventual encounter with baby Jesus merely as "satisfactory", nonetheless admits he "would do it again." We too, in this Epiphany season, can seek our divine King afresh, honouring Him in the 'gifts' we offer to our fellow humans.

Wishing you every blessing in 2016

Peter Barker.

## Jenny Harris

Autumn is a time for joy and celebration. The bountiful goodness of creation, in the fruits of another year, calls us to be extremely grateful.

The golden fields of corn have been harvested and safely gathered in. This is a time for appreciating what is all around us in our countryside.

It is a privilege if we can go out and collect apples, pears and plums. The hedgerows provide us with the blackberries, crab apples, hips and haws, with rowans and sloes. In the field there are mushrooms for those who know what is what. Here is life in abundance.

It is time to give thanks and appreciate the wonder of life and creation. Autumn is a season of rich colours and contrasts. The glory of an Autumn wood is stripped bare, a time of death and promised rebirth. All is caught up in change.

It is time for trust and faith for it is truly the seedtime.

Again and again we learn that dying is necessary for renewal, through breakdown and burial comes new life. Autumn is a time to praise God who makes all things new. It is a wonderful season to take time out and discover the uniqueness of each

## Readers Corner

leaf, and flower. Take to your hearts the words of Fyoder Dostoevsky

*Love all God's creation, the whole and every grain of sand of it. Love every leaf, every ray of God's light. Love the animals, love the plants, love everything. If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things. Once you perceive it, you will begin to comprehend it better every day. And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love.*

Throughout Autumn God has been calling us and challenging us, if we have ears to hear, eyes to see and a heart to respond.

Too often we walk through a world of miracle and wonder, and in our busyness miss the beauty and the gifts God has given us to make.

We need to make the discovery that William Blake invites us to make:

*To see a world in a grain of sand,  
And heaven in a wild flower,  
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand  
And Eternity in an hour.*

Jenny Harris

# STRETE CHAPEL NOTES

*Greetings from the Strete Chapel Fellowship.*

In September the Chapel hosted a coffee morning for Macmillan which saw the village raise over £250. Thanks to all who dropped in for a chat and a cuppa. We plan to put on more coffee mornings in the future.

One of our members, Derek Darch flew to Serbia in November to visit two missionaries Dragan and Danijela whom we sponsor. They work among the Roma community as Romany themselves and their work takes them throughout Serbia and even as far as Finland.

We support other missionaries abroad in a number of destinations including Angola and Bulgaria. The Chapel also sponsors UK organisations such as the London City Mission and SSASRA and speakers from these organisations visit during the year.

## **Chapel 50th anniversary celebrations**

On the 21st October 2016 the Chapel will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

When the Strete Methodist Chapel closed the Chapel was purchased from the Methodist Church on the 21 October 1966.

This will be a great day of celebration and more details will be given nearer the time.

## **Chapel Outings and Activities:**

Our next series of outings will take place in the New Year over the bank holidays.

If anybody would like to come and join us on any of these outings then please get in touch with Derek Darch

## **December services**

We are hosting a carol service just before Christmas and will be enjoying a short Christmas Day service on the 25th starting slightly earlier at 10.15am

We extend to you all a very warm welcome to come and join us in fellowship on all of these occasions. The time of our Morning Family Services is 11.00 am.



We also wish everyone a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

# Christians Together in Strete

A time of fellowship, prayer and Bible Study for Christians of all denominations in the village and those who would like to know more about the Christian faith.

We are reading the New Testament Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Christians of all denominations welcome

Venue: Audrey Clarke's home –  
Strete Lodge on the main A379

Monday afternoon meetings are  
2.30 pm. – 4.30 pm fortnightly.  
Refreshments provided

**Dates for our fortnightly meetings  
for the Autumn Term 2015**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Spring Term starts  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
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The Adoration of the Magi: Detail of the carving from the cathedral of St Lazare in Autun, France, (which was built between 1120 and 1146).

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# Your Parish Council

Between the 16th to the 26th October the police made checks on the speed of traffic in two places in the Parish that the Parish Council had identified as being of concern, or where concerns had been raised that vehicles were travelling too quickly. The places identified were, on the A379 on the bend where Vicarage Lane comes out, and on Totnes Road around the junction with Start Bay Park.

We had been warned that the perception of speed is greater in the narrow lanes, leading to an assumption that vehicles were travelling faster than was the case.

On the A379, the police record shows over the 10 day period 1,780 vehicles had passed of which 58 (0.5%) were travelling at or below the speed limit and 558 (31%) vehicles were travelling in excess of 31mph. 14 vehicles (0.75%) were travelling at over 41mph which is double the speed limit.

The data for the evening (6pm to midnight) saw 572 vehicles pass, of which 7 (1%) vehicles were travelling in excess of 41mph. In that period over 230 (40%) vehicles went through at speeds in excess of 26mph and 167 (29%) vehicles were travelling in excess of 31mph. 19 (3%) vehicles travelled through in compliance with the stated speed limit of 20mph in that ten day period.

The peak times for speeding were between 7am and 9am, and in the evening, between 4pm and 6pm.

The second test site was in Totnes Road at the junction with the entrance into Start Bay Park.

753 vehicles went past the monitoring site over the ten days of which 130 (17%) were travelling at or below the speed limit. Over the ten day period only 2 vehicles were moving at over 40mph and 226 (30%) were travelling in excess of 26mph in this 20mph speed limited zone. 140 (19%) vehicles passed that location at speeds over 31mph.

The peak time for traffic at this location was between 8.00 and 9.00am (10%) and in the afternoon (9%) between 4.00 and 5.00pm.

In the 12 hour period between 7.00am and 7.00pm 668 vehicles (89% of the total traffic over the 10 days) was recorded, with 105 vehicles (16%) travelling at or below the speed limit and 310 vehicles (46%) moving at more than 26mph and 108 (16%) travelling at over 31mph.

The peak time for speeding was between 8 and 9am and 5 to 6pm, but the general level of traffic between 9.00 am and 6.00pm was constant at between 50 and 76 vehicles per hour.

The views of the Parish are always welcome, and whether it is to do with the Neighbourhood Plan which is being progressed or where repairs or changes should be considered, please let us know.

The Parish Council will display copies of the minutes on the two notice boards up and until the new website is in operation. The minutes will continue to be included in full in Stretewise.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Malcolm Hollis (Chair Parish Council)

## Melro De Smithies Wood (Blackbird Wood in Portuguese)



Trudy Andrews  
(with Pam Wills)  
receiving an oak  
tree which was  
donated by Lus-  
combe and Maye  
and planted in  
Melro de Smith-  
ies Wood in  
2014

The wood was established in 1991 by the late John and Nan Smithies in the field they owned.

Mr and Mrs Smithies planted the woods as a place of quiet enjoyment for the residents and visitors to enjoy and also preserve it as a habitat for birds butterflies and other wild life

In 1997 a Charitable Trust was set up to "Maintain and Manage" the wood. It is stocked with native trees including oak ash cherry sweet chestnut and smaller bushes hazel dog rose etc

A professional Tree Surgeon is employed to do any necessary work. In 2004 a plastic mesh, which allows vegetation to grow through it for natural look, was laid

to allow access for wheelchairs, push-chairs and make it easier for the elderly to walk around.

In 2005 the wood was entered in the Devon County Show, Devon Woodland Competition and was awarded Bronze Merit in the class. In 2014 Luscombe Maye celebrated 125yrs trading and presented the village with an oak tree which was planted in a prominent place in the wood.

As the wood is for birds, butterflies and wild life the vegetation is not cut every year; only approximately a 2m wide path is kept down to allow people to walk around the wood.



Buildings on what is now the car park for the King's Arms which were destroyed during the Second World War

During WW11 the village meeting room was burnt down, the site was sold to Heavitree Brewery and is now the pub car park.

In the late 1940s Mrs Robinson who lived in the village bought a Nissen hut and land, in memory of her late husband Capt Pearson for the use of the parish.

Four Trustees were appointed to look after the hut. In 1952 the Parish Hall was opened and the Nissen hut was only used by the youth club. In the 1980s the hut was in need of a lot of work done, as there was not enough money to carry out the work the

Trustees decided to sell the hut and land. The proceeds from the sale to be used:

'for such charitable purpose in the parish as the Trustees may at their absolute discretion decide',

Any organization wishing to apply should write to

Capt Pearson Memorial Trust,  
2 Asherne Cottage  
Strete TQ6 0RP.

The application must be for the benefit of the parish and not for an individual.

## Letters to the editor

From Velma Crossman Dartmouth  
Joint Organiser Strete Social Cub  
The Editor,  
Stretewise

13<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of the Strete Social Club, Mr Litster's letter about Village day was discussed and I was asked (as a Joint Organizer of the Club) to make comments on Mr Lister's criticism of the location and of our Parish Hall.

The problem of location was very largely one of logistics. I believe that the organizers gave a lot of thought to the location prior to the decision to use our hall: the labour force needed to repeat Village Day in last year's location was simply not available so the venue had to be one where those helping could cope with the enormous amount of work involved.

Not all comments were negative; there exists a group who felt that the compactness of the venue had decided advantages.

If last year's venue were available next year and a volunteer force (to include Mr Litster?) were available to solve the logistical problems perhaps the venue would be changed again.

I don't know how long Mr Litster has resided in the village or how much he has contributed to village life but Strete does not have a Village Hall, it has a Parish Hall. Over the years a group of people have devoted an enormous amount of time and energy fund raising to improve its facilities. To describe it as an ugly soulless building is just too extreme a criticism: it compares well with most of the local village/parish halls with similar populations. As for the field being "certainly the best Village Day location Strete had ever had" many would hold the view that the paddock of Winter Cottage would be a strong claimant for that title.

*The debate over the most suitable location for Village Day for 2016 is now open for your input. There is a form for you to vote as to the preferred location.*

*Irrespective of the eventual location there will be a need for volunteers to set up Village Day—and to clear up afterwards—as well as to run the various attractions for young and old. Editor*

**Have your say - use the voting slip in the centre of this Magazine**

## Response from Stuart Litster

Dear Editor,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to respond to Velma Crossman's letter. Judging by the defensive tone of Velma's letter, written on behalf of the Strete Social Club, it appears I may have ruffled a few feathers and caused some offence. This was never my intention and I apologise if that is how my original letter has been interpreted.

I do not wish to enter into a protracted rebuttal of the points raised in Velma's letter, potentially exacerbating seemingly bruised feelings and leading to an on-going letter writing campaign. Time possibly better spent drumming up a labour force.

I confess I did not know there was a manpower problem. We have a similar problem with the Strete Horticultural Show, particularly getting entrants and have had to resort to arm twisting, pleading and subjecting friends to a three line whip. Since manpower appears to be the main stumbling block to a better venue, perhaps some thought could be given to how enthusiasm could be generated amongst the bulk of the village, who play no part in the event, to volunteer and also attend? Parents with young families, of which there are many in the village, could be specifically targeted as there was there was nothing for the children this year; in past years as free entertainment there was a magician, Punch and Judy, singing people falling off a hay cart, rural pursuits, children's races, and the beagles. There was also a greasy pole, swings, golf games, toss the hay bale, welly wanging, exhibitions of rural activity, sheep shearing, petting animals, tractor displays, hay bales etc etc. Not only would this encourage local people to attend, it would also bring in many more visitors from neighbouring towns and villages boosting not only income but also Strete's reputation as one of South Ham's most beautiful coastal villages.



2014



2015

## Letters to the editor

Regarding Kate Gill's piece in October/November Stretewise. The seine boat was only used when the mackerel were 'playing' (playing is a term used when there is a shoal of fish jumping up and down in the water leaving a bubbly rough look on the top of the water, like a rough sea) and it would take at least four people to man the boat and the nets. The net was always in the stern, if it was in the bow the boat would have sunk with the weight of stones and the net as the boat was always launched bow first. My father would "pay out" the net and, in later years, Arthur Yal-land and/or Jack Hyne would row. Very often I would be on shore holding the rope and start pulling in once the net hit the water hoping someone would come along, and give me a hand!

I can remember one time, when we caught over a thousand mackerel. A trench was dug on the beach just above the high tide mark, and we carried the fishing baskets and tipped them into the trench. They were covered lightly with sand, by the time we finished and I got home it was 1.30am. (Unfortunately this does not happen now as the trawlers trawl in so close to shore now, you even have a job to catch a fish by rod). In the morning my father (who had a 4wheel drive army lorry) loaded the mackerel onto the lorry and took them to Brixham Fish Market.

If there was only some bait wanted for crab pots, my father would use his 14ft boat with the small seine net; they had two nets, the long one for the seine boat and the short one they could use in either boat.

A bit more about the fishing in my childhood days: half the men in the village would go fishing and one man, Mr. Bert Foale, would go down to Underdown, top of the cliffs where the coastal path now goes, and the men would all dash down to the beach and launch the seine boat. This would be weekends and evenings as all the men were working during the day. When the fish were caught, people would come down on the beach and buy them for as little as 6p in old money a fish and also the men who had transport would take a box of fish to one of the villages, Blackawton, Stoke Fleming, etc. and sell them.

I hope people enjoy reading about what used to happen the village.

Regards—Pam Wills





St. Michael's Church

# CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

At the

## Laughing Monk

(by kind invitation of Ben and Jackie)

**Saturday 5th December**

**10.30 - 12.00**

**Grand Christmas Raffle**

**And various stalls**

## Poet's Corner

### Memories

I am writing this on Remembrance Sunday. Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have added to the toll of war casualties and consequently Remembrance Day services are continuing to be well attended even though personal memories of those falling in the First World War are inevitably diluted by time. Memories of fathers and grandfathers who fought in the Second World War are continuing to renew thoughts of lost loved ones.

The war poets have undoubtedly reminded us of the horrors of wars and I would like to take you back a further hundred years to the Peninsular war when the nation's great hero, General Sir Arthur Wellesley, chased Napoleon's armies from Spain and Portugal. I cannot think of a 'war poet' from that period but Robert Southey, who spent time in Spain and Portugal, wrote the definitive account of that war. His report on the death of Wellesley's predecessor was used by a poet who time has forgotten but whose first line of the following is as famous as any.

### Footnote

Sir John's grave is marked by a tomb erected by none other than his adversary, Marshal Ney. An honourable gesture even if the inscription merely reads 'John Moore, leader of the British armies, slain in battle 1809'

## Roger Sinnott

### The Burial of Sir John Moore at Corunna

Charles Wolfe

Not a drum was heard, not a funeral  
note,

As his corpse to the rampart we hur-  
ried ;

Not a soldier discharged his farewell shot

O'er the grave where our Hero we bur-  
ied.

We buried him darkly at dead of night,

The sods with our bayonets turning ;

By the struggling moonbeam's misty  
light

And the lantern dimly burning.

No useless coffin enclosed his breast,

Not in sheet or in shroud we wound  
him ;

But he lay like a Warrior taking his rest

With his martial cloak around him.

Few and short were the prayers we said,

And we spoke not a word of sorrow ;

But we steadfastly gaz'd on the face that  
was dead,

And we bitterly thought of the morrow.

We thought as we hollow'd his narrow  
bed

And smooth'd down his lonely pillow,

That the Foe and the Stranger would  
tread o'er his head,

And we far away on the billow!



Lightly they talk of the Spirit that's gone  
And o'er his cold ashes upbraid him,--  
But little he'll reck, if they let him sleep  
on

In the grave where a Briton has laid  
him.

But half of our heavy task was done  
When the clock struck the hour for re-  
tiring ;  
And we heard the distant and random  
gun  
That the foe was sullenly firing.

Slowly and sadly we laid him down,  
From the field of his fame fresh and  
gory ;  
We carved not a line, and we raised not  
a stone--  
But we left him alone with his glory.

Charles Wolfe was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and was curate of Donoghmore in County Down. He had no first hand experience of war and this poem, his only one of note, paints a somewhat romantic picture. Nevertheless the burial was no doubt a reflection of the fate of many thousands in the Peninsular War who lie in unmarked graves and are long forgotten. We can be comforted that in subsequent wars the dead have been buried more honourably in marked graves which assist in our remembering them.

Sir John Moore should perhaps be remembered for his military achievements as was Wellesley. He was let down by Spanish promises and no doubt Wellesley learnt by Sir John's misjudgements. He was driven from Madrid but fought a dogged rearguard action before covering the successful evacuation of his troops at Corunna during which he was fatally wounded. He lived to see the French driven off. Sir John had always wished that if he were killed he should be interred on the field of battle. He was accordingly buried on the ramparts of the old citadel of Corunna at midnight on 16<sup>th</sup> January 1809.

We remember the Duke of Wellington, as Wellesley is better known. He is interred in the Crypt of St Pauls. Such honour was accorded to war heroes. But time is such that we no longer grieve for our greatest warrior and successful statesman.

So, we have now had our yearly Remembrance Services, removed our poppies, and most of us will forget for another year. No doubt the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Wars will eventually fade from memories and, like the Peninsular War, be consigned to the dusty pages of history.

Roger Sinnott



The pictures are of the Lunch Club on 19 November. 40 people were there which is around the maximum that the King's Arms can take.

The next Lunch Club will be on 17 December, and although the menu is still to be announced there are 26 people who have confirmed.

**WINTER HOURS** - With immediate effect we will be open as follows until the spring:

Monday 6pm - 11pm Tuesday 12pm - 2pm & 6pm - 11pm

Wednesday 12pm - 2pm & 6pm - 11pm Thursday 12pm - 2pm & 6pm - 11pm Friday 12pm - 2pm & 6pm - 11pm; Saturday OPEN ALL DAY. Sunday 12pm - 8pm

Please note that all bookings will be honoured during this time.

**Restaurant hours will be: Monday 6pm to 9pm;**

**Tuesday to Saturday 12 - 2pm and 6pm - 9pm and**

**Sunday 12 - 6pm .**



A packed Lunch Club in the King's Arms on 19 November 2015 (see also cover )



## JEAN PARNELL

## NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

... “November’s sky is chill and drear

November’s leaf is red and sear”....

(Sir Walter Scott 1771 -1832)

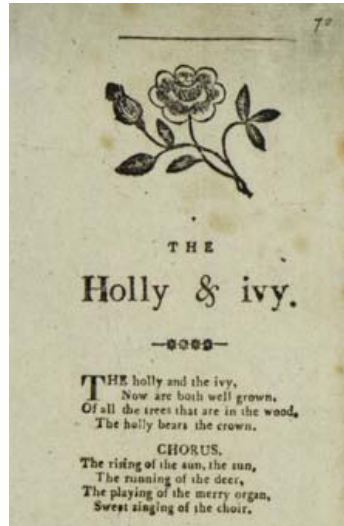


### Flower of November - Chrysanthemum

Some flower we call daisies are ox-eye, marguerite, painted daisy but technically they are chrysanthemums. The name is from the Greek Chrysos (gold) and Anthus (flower).

Marguerites may have been named from “margaretes” (pearl) or from the name Margaret. Margaret of Anjou, wife of Henry VI who, in 1445 succeeded to the thrones of England and France, it is said she had daisies embroidered on her personal banner. Henry was supposed to have been saintly and ineffectual but Margaret was ruthless and most ambitious to obtain the throne for her son. In the end both Henry and their son died and Margaret was exiled to France.

The Chinese chrysanthemums had been cultivated in Chinese gardens for over 2,500 years before it came to the West. In the 19th century John Reeves, a tea inspector for the East India Company in China sent home flowers - chrysanthemums and botanical drawings from Chinese artists.



### December - Holly.

“The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,  
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown”  
(Christmas Carol - Anon)

Years ago at Christmas the tree was usually a holly branch cut from the hedge-row, then decorated. Hanging holly in the house was supposed to protect the occupants from witchcraft and other misfortunes. It was unlucky to bring holly into the house before Christmas Eve and it was always removed on Twelfth Night, never earlier.

These are a few Christmas “boxes” donated between 1643 and 1941 in Devon as found in a book “Christmases in Devon” by Todd Gray.

1643 - Christmas provisions at Tawstock Court included cloves, liquorice, ginger, cinnamon and a 6lb jar of almonds.

1792 - 60 schoolchildren were treated to a Christmas dinner at Honiton

1816 - 500 pounds of beef and mutton were distributed to the poor of Alphington, Exeter.

1827 - 2 days after Christmas firewood was distributed among the poor of Bickton.

1828 - On Christmas Eve the rector of St. Edmund’s parish in Exeter gave a dinner, including roast beef, plum puddings, a pint of ale and a penny loaf, at the Anchor Inn for 31 of the eldest and poorest residents.

1833 - At Castle Hill in Filleigh, Countess Fortescue provided clothing for 200 poor people.

1855 - £10 was distributed among Brixham’s fishermen and fishermen’s widows.

1894 - At the West of England Eye Infirmary Christmas dinner included roast turkey boiled ham, plum pudding and fruit.

1930 - 420 parcels were given to the poor at Bideford

1941 - A party was held at Gittisham, E. Devon for all the London evacuees.

As our Church has had some redeco-rating done recently I felt this may be slightly relevant!

### **A Religious Reckoning**

The following bill was presented for the renovation of a Church painting, reported in an American newspaper in 1921. Some Bill!

To:-	Dollars
Correcting Ten Commandments	6.25
Varnishing Pontius Pilate, putting in new front tooth	1.80
Putting new tail on rooster of St. Peter and mending his coat	4.05
Touching up and re-gilding Guardian Angel	3.60
Taking spots off son of Tobias	0.90
Washing servants of High Priest and putting carmine on his cheeks	1.40

## JEAN PARNELL

## NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Renewing Heaven, adjusting stars and cleaning moon	9.00	This little Christmas Greeting was written in the late 1800's by a Mr. Toogood, a Devonian:
Putting rings in Sarah's eyes	1.35	"A Merry Christmas to all who are dear
Touching up Purgatory and renewing Lost Souls	4.20	And may happiness come with a bright New Year
Brightening up Flames of Hell, putting new left Horn of Devil and Cleaning his tail.	14.00	Old loves be renewed , old friends brought more near
Two hours doing different jobs for the damned	3.00	All faces be smiling and none shed a tear" ....
Putting new sandals on Abraham and restoring lost tails and horns to his flocks.	6.40	I am certain we all agree with this gentleman's feelings at this time of year and hope that these continue in the New Year fo 2016,
Cleaning Balaam's donkey, putting new shoes on him	2.10	
Putting new shirt on Jonah, new ropes on the vessel and enlarging the whale's mouth	2.65	A happy, peaceful and healthy time for everyone wherever you may be.
Putting new leaves on Adam and Eve	0.35	Best Wishes,
TOTAL	61.00	Jean Parnell.

(Please accept my apology if you think this disrespectful )

### Footnote

The anonymous broadsheet (extract shown on Page 19) is believe to be the first printed version of the Carol ( published by H Wadsworth around 1814). There are variations in the word from that recognised today—these include typos—'the playing of the merry groan' which may have been a comment on my singing . Ed





Music 4 All in St Michael's Church on 21st November raised funds for the upkeep of the church and for Barnabas Fund for Refugees

David Heywood who compered the evening and Martin Sobey who organised the event

The choir flexes their knees to bemoan the lot of a policeman.





David Oldbury (Director of Music) together with Liz Ferguson who played two pieces by Debussy.



Joan Kendall rendered the Mad Hatter with her reading of Alice in Wonderland





## PULL OUT SECTION

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## **Where should Village Day be located in 2016?**

In the period since 1990 ( a period of 26 years) Village Day has taken place in four different locations, on Manor Farm, courtesy of Kate Gill on 18 occasions; In the Parish Hall and the roadway outside on at least 3 occasions; at Winter Cottage courtesy of Velma and Hugh Crossman on one occasion and at Mewstone on one occasion whilst the paddock has been used for parking since around 1996. One year in this period there was no Village Day.

The purpose of Village Day has been much debated. There are those who see its prime function as being a money raising exercise to provide funds for the Parish Hall whilst others believe that its primary function should be to bring the community together and have a good time, and as a secondary function, to raise money. Since 2002 Village Day was managed as a separate entity to the Parish Hall, and was funded separately and not by the Parish Hall. This was achieved when Brian Smalley donated funds to assist in the set up of the event.

If the aim is to raise money—then the event should be capable of attracting visitors (and their money) year on year. To that end there needs to be entertainment provided, especially for children (without this many holiday makers will leave early), and ample parking.

The entertainment provided in recent years has included a magician, Punch and Judy, greasy pole, golf game, swing boats, children's races, (Farm animals and petting area) and the Naval College's beagles. This does not aim to be a complete list.

It is very clear that to operate Village Day requires manpower. A Village Day in open ground will also be vulnerable if we have bad weather. The Parish Hall has a kitchen and is a better location for teas and cakes which, whilst not the main function of Village Day, has been a major contributor. We are all getting older and to set up such an event on an open site does require the work of many hands.

**Do we have the volunteers? Will you help? If so add your name and**

# VILLAGE DAY 2016

The Parish Hall Committee have decided to seek the opinion of the people of Strete as to where they would prefer **VILLAGE DAY 2016** to be held.

1. In and around the Parish Hall (as it was in 2015)
2. In Mewstone Paddock attached to Andrea and Malcolm's home (which was the venue in 2014)

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Alice, Charlotte an Ellen delivered an energetic 'Three little Maids'



Frank Robinson discussed and played the trombone



The evening closed with a rousing rendition of Rule Britannia with Val Phillips and flag waving from the whole audience







The Policemen whose 'lot was not a happy one' were supported by the men in the audience who were similarly helmeted and truncheoned. The audience getting ready for more enjoyment





## LOCAL NEWS

### Success for Beaches

All 17 beaches in the South Hams district have met new European standards for bathing water quality, with 10 of those rated excellent. The new standards set by the recent European Union's Bathing Water Directive, replace current water testing regulations first introduced in 1976. From November 2015, bathing waters are classified as either excellent, good, sufficient or poor, with the water quality standards for the new classifications being much higher than those of the original bathing waters standards.

### **Important information for households and businesses with septic tanks and small sewage treatment plants**

If you have a septic tank or small sewage treatment plant, by law you must comply with the 'general binding rules' by ensuring your system is maintained properly and does not cause pollution. Extra protection is in place in areas designated as environmentally sensitive, where people may need to apply for a permit.

Cesspits/cesspools are different because the raw sewage is stored in a sealed tank, rather than being treated and discharged, which means they are not covered by the general binding rules. They must be emptied when full and must not be allowed to overflow or leak. In January 2015, new rules were introduced that simplify the way septic tanks and small sewage treatment plants are regulated in England, protecting the environment and improving water quality.

- Have your system emptied by a registered waste carrier regularly (at least once a year unless the manufacturer says otherwise) to ensure it doesn't cause pollution
- Maintain your system regularly, getting any faults or problems fixed immediately
- You are limited to discharging a maximum of 2,000 litres of treated sewage per day into the ground or 5,000 litres of treated sewage per day to flowing water. If you discharge more you will need a permit. Calculate how much your system is discharging at [www.gov.uk/small-sewage-rules](http://www.gov.uk/small-sewage-rules)

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Liane about it, either by phone or by*

### **Stretewise Delivery Team**

Brenda Range (Hynetown Road), Liane Baldock ( Matts Point) , Colleen Seymour (Crestways and Crestfield), Heather Robinson (Vicarage Lane), Joan Kendall (Hyne Town Estate ), Pauline Pearce (The Platt) Rosemarie Stevens ( Start Bay Park ), Chris Burne (Dartmouth Road East), Shirley Goldring (Village Centre and Dartmouth Road West ), David Wall (Burlestone) , Andrea Hollis ( Upper Totnes Road ) Malcolm Hollis Strete Gate + email ).

Are there any Volunteers to cover for deliverers who might be on holiday?

## STRETE PARISH COUNCIL 17 SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENTATION BY Sgt. D. Green re. Community Speedwatch, Sgt. Ian Simons, Sgt. Green has been involved in setting up two community Speedwatch groups in nearby Parishes.

Establishing whether there is a speeding problem in the Parish is the first objective. Speeding in rural communities can be helped by having a Speedwatch group but it is often the case that the appearance of speed in the narrow lanes is faster than it actually is.

The first process is to measure the speed of the traffic through the Parish. This is done using lasers at the road side at sites perceived by the Parish Council to be a problem.

Traffic calming is a possibility but that is a matter for Highways.

Speedwatch is carried out by a group of volunteers from the Parish who are vetted, trained and equipped to carry out the monitoring. When a car is registered as speeding the registration number is recorded and this is reported to the Police who then write to the driver. If a second offence occurs, the Police will visit the driver. In the event of a third offence being recorded, the registration number of the car is recorded on the national Police data base and that data would be used in any subsequent prosecution.

cution.

There is a problem with 20mph limits in that they may not have been legally compliant when they were set up and until their legality is established prosecution for exceeding the limit cannot go ahead.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – None  
**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT** – Cllr. R. Foss

- The District Council has been approached about what they propose to do about the refugee situation. Until the government provides guidelines, the DC cannot act.
- T18 – Progress is being made but it is slow. Some departments are working well but planning is still struggling due to lack of staff.
- The cost of the transformation was estimated at 4.5 million and after 2 years there would be an overall saving. The projections as to cost are proving very accurate.
- The Locality Officer is coming to Strete on the 28th September and will be in the village shop between 10.30am and 1pm. Parishioners are encouraged to raise their concerns or queries.
- The Parish Council was urged to support a Speedwatch initiative.

- Hedgerows – DEFRA has changed to a new system in that hedge trimming can now not be carried out until the end of August.
- Finally, congratulations to the Parish on achieving the opening of the Coast Path and the Kings Arms.
- Clerk has taken over responsibility for PAYE saving the PC approximately £100 pa.
- Members are unaware if a bid was made for the TAP fund. Clerk to check.

## 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PRESENT: Malcolm Hollis (Chairman) , Ian Cumberlidge , Harry Fenton, Kate Gill (Vice-Chairman), Louise Newman, Ralph Clark and David Rothwell

In attendance : Cllr. R. Foss, S. Winstanley (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES – Cllr. J. Brazil

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 16th July and 13th August 2015 It was proposed seconded and **resolved** that the Chair should sign the Minutes as a true and correct record .

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – L. Newman in application 2010/15/F, personal.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

- The Clerk's email address is strete-clerk@gmail.com
- A decision about a new waste bin was discussed and it was agreed an enlarged bin by the bus stop was the best option.

- A suggested budget was considered and agreed.
- The Locality Officer will be at the Post Office from 10.30am to 1pm on 28th September . It was suggested that he be asked, during his visit, whether there is any help from SHDC with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- The Coastguard has asked for a grant towards the provision of plastic bollards to close the Slapton Line at Strete in the event of severe storms.

6 PLANNING:

To consider the following application: 54/1848/15/F – SX837468 adjacent to The Crest, Hynetown Road, Strete, TQ6 0RS - Erection of 3 no. bedroom chalet bungalow with detached garage Following discussion it was resolved to recommend support 54/1156/15/F Falloden, Strete TQ60RS Demolition and erection of replacement house



Following discussion it was resolved to recommend no objection

54/1935/15 Sea Cliff, Strete, Dartmouth, TQ6 ORR Non material amendment to planning consent (change cladding materials to garage doors and rain screen panels on upper ground/entrance level). Following discussion it was resolved to recommend no objection

54/2010/15/F – Sea Cliff, Strete TQ6 ORR Ground mounted solar array and oil storage tank. Following discussion it was resolved to recommend no objection

7. TO discuss the playpark and provision of goal posts.

- Examples of goal posts were circulated. Further investigation is needed and Members will be circulated if any more examples are available. Some urgency was emphasised.
- An email had been received from Helen Hardwicke, the Mobile Locality Officer who is now inspecting the playpark. She had made several suggestions and it was agreed quotations would be sought for the work required.

**8. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS** – To discuss Prideaux Lane and management of overhanging trees.

The signs in Vicarage Lane and Hynetown Road are invisible because of hedgerow growth.

Taking over the work done by DCC was discussed. Clerk to discover what DCC will do and what are the implications of taking over the work.

The Clerk pointed that overgrowth of hedges and of overhanging trees is the responsibility of the landowner and trees should be trimmed to a height of 5m.

**9. PHONE BOX** – To consider taking over the phone box and whether it could be used for a defibrillator.

Following discussion it was agreed to reconsider during next year.

**10. STANDING ORDRS.** To adopt updated Standing Orders and consider where Minutes should be displayed.

Postponed until next meeting.

**11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Report by R. Clark on the Neighbourhood Plan and to consider quote for printing.

- The Plan has to be registered and a grant applied for.
- At the Open days 80 people attended the first day and 50 people the second day.
- The newsletter was circulated to

every household in the Parish.

- The SHDC Plan currently has no requirement for housing in Strete but this may come up for reconsideration.
- The Neighbourhood Plan needs to be progressed as soon as possible and it is hoped to produce a draft document by February 2016.
- The Steering Group will consist of 4 Members of the PC and 8 volunteers and will be supported by working groups.
- The printing costs were agreed.

**12. PARISH WEBSITE.** To discuss the website, management, intent and requirement.~

It was agreed the website needed updating. A quote for £1200 to produce a website similar to that of Stoke Fleming. The Clerk advised that it was necessary to obtain further quotes. It was agreed the company who quoted could be invited to the next meeting so that some basic requirements for a website could be defined.

**13. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

- a) Planning and Neighbourhood Plan - R. Clark - as above.

b) Security – D. Rothwell .

Defibrillator – As above.

Slapton Line – closure – it was agreed that the Budget include £300 for emergency closure.

Agreed a proposal is put to the PC next meeting as to whether the PC goes ahead with a plan to replace the defibrillator. Contact with Hynetown House will be made as to whether the cost could be shared.

c) Village Green + budget review – H. Fenton

J. Gilbert has cut verges.

A new gate post is required and an estimate of £80 has been received.

A new wooden sign is needed but these are very expensive. R. Clark to obtain quote.

d) **Play Park** – K. Gill – as above

e) **Tree Warden** – I. Cumberlidge – Nothing to report except that a tree came down at Strete Gate causing the road to be closed.

Footpaths and bridleways – Complaints about the new coastal footpath, the surface and the steps. Also it is felt more hand rails are needed.

Clerk to report.

f) Transport – L. Newman

T. Crawford attended a transport meeting in Dartmouth. Several members resigned and it may be that the group will be taken over by Dartmouth Town Council.

There were problems with the park & ride in the week after the bank holiday.

There has been an increase in the cost of the parking permit but not with the park & ride add on.

The No. 3 bus has failed to turn up on some occasions. Clerk to report.

The ticket machine at Strete Gate car park has not worked for much of the summer.

#### **14. FINANCE**

a) To approve payment of the following cheques:

1342 – £139.50 - I. Cumberlidge – Grass cutting

1343 - £168.54 – S. Winstanley - Clerk's salary (July)

1344 - £168.34 - S. Winstanley - Clerk's salary (Aug)

1345 - £30.00 - DALC – Training for M. Hollis

1346 - £40 – Hawthorn Accounting – PAYE

1347 - £223.17 – A.Phillips – Clerk's salary (Aug)

1348 – 100.00 – T. Hallett – Grass cutting and strimming (June)

1349 - £364.00 – C. Ellis – Grass cutting and strimming and ground works

1350 - £35.00 – S. Winstanley – To reimburse DALC for literature

1351 - £210.18 – S. Winstanley – Clerk's salary (Sept)

1352 - £136.60 – HMRC -

1353 - £75.00 - Strete Parish Hall (Hire of Hall) 12/13/27 August, 2015

1354 - ££120 - Grant Thornton (Audit)

Resolved

b) Cash at bank – Current A/c  
£12,069.18 – Business Reserve A/c -  
£10,259.34

15.**CONTRACT** – To confirm appointment of Clerk on Local Government pay scale LC1 – SCP 22.

16.It was resolved to appoint the Clerk as above.

16. CORRESPONDENCE -

Letter from Parish Hall Committee – requesting a Member of the PC be a representative on the Parish Hall Committee. It was agreed K. Gill would be the PC representative.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –  
15th October 2015 – Strete Parish Hall at 7pm.

## STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 15 OCTOBER 2015

**PUBLIC FORUM** – 4 members of the public attended.

The very poor broadband speed was highlighted and considered unacceptable.

The flooding by the turning to Bowden is a problem.

**PRESENTATION** BY Matt Barrow of Devon C.C. – Update on high speed fibre optic broadband in Strete

Matt meets BT and others each week to determine what progress has been made in meeting the installation targets of HSFO in the county.

Matt provided a useful update and, from information provided to him from BT, confirmed that Strete is due to be linked to HSFO in November 2015.

He informed the meeting that properties within 700 metres of the 'New Green Box' should receive speeds of 24mbs (if they take up a new contract to receive new service)

This will reduce, the further away from the 'box' you are, but should be significantly improved from what we are all receiving at present. However, to receive this it will be necessary to sign up to a

new contract with your provider. It might be worth checking with your provider what speeds you can expect to achieve to ensure you are not having to pay for something you are not getting.

He also advised that those within 500metres or so of the ne box and having old aluminium cable should not receive a reduced performance.

Keep a look out for possible road works as Openreach may start upgrading the cable between Stoke Fleming Exchange and Strete.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr. J. Brazil

From now on the County Council is required to accept green waste from highway cutting which they would have carried out in the past. It can now be taken to the recycling centre and there will be no charge though notice should be given to the centre.

The Boundary Review of Devon has been delayed.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT** – Cllr. R. Foss

Members were encouraged to claim the current TAP fund alloca-

tion and to apply for the fund for next year.

There is an urgent need to complete Neighbourhood Plans.

Daniel Taylor, the Locality Officer, came to the village which has resulted in the village being swept and being put in touch with the Matt Barrow who came to explain broadband as above.

A complaint was made about a lack of collection of communal waste for three weeks. Cllr. Foss will chase up.

**Present** Malcolm Hollis (Chairman) , Kate Gill (Vice-Chairman) Louise Newman, Ralph Clark In attendance : Cllr. R. Foss, Cllr. Brazil, S. Winstanley (Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES** – Ian Cumberlidge (prior engagement), Harry Fenton (holiday), David Rothwell (work commitments)

## **2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 17th September 2015**

It was proposed seconded and resolved that the Chair should sign the Minutes as a true and correct record .

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the na-

ture and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. There were no Declarations.

## **4. CLERK'S REPORT**

The support of the Parish Council was sought while the Clerk undertakes the work to obtain the Certificate in Local Council Administration. This was agreed.

Hedge cutting – Members were urged to make arrangements for hedge cutting to take place very early in the New Year.

The Parish Council needs to adopt Financial Regulations – a draft **PRESENT**: will be circulated shortly.

## **5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Congratulations to R. Clark and K. Gill who organized the new goal posts and to Mark Hanson for the removal and erection.

Remembrance Sunday – the Chair has been asked to lay a wreath at the War Memorial. Members agreed that the PC should bear the cost of £29.80.

Village Green Sign. Quotes were examined and it was agreed the Chair should order.

Toxicara – the Environmental Health Officer advised that if the Village Green is used for dog walking it is probably not suitable for community events. If the Village

Green is used for community events good hand washing facilities should be provided.

Thanks to Ralph Clark for organizing the broadband presentation.

Coastguard have not had a meeting to discuss the bollards for closing the A379 in the event of severe weather. The estimated cost for the bollards is £412.72.

Defibrillator – DR to report next meeting.

Website – Three quotes have been received. It was agreed R. Clark will try and arrange for Kingsbridge Websites to make a presentation in the pub (because of the absence of Broadband service in Parish Hall).

Coleridge Association meeting:

- a presentation by the Fire Service Prevention Officer was interesting and highlighted that the vulnerable need to be identified. Free fire/carbon monoxide alarms can be provided.
- the Police are facing substantial cutbacks. Dartmouth Station is closing. Strete has had three crimes since June.

It was agreed the Chair sign the contract of employment for the Clerk.

6 PLANNING: Decision: 53/1365/15/F – Forest Cove Cottage, TQ6 ORW - approved

7. **Update** on the provision of goal posts and to receive quotes for playpark fence.

Goal posts – as above.

Playpark fence – two more quotes are required, one estimate had been received.

Playpark – it was agreed SHDC be asked to carry out the work detailed in the maintenance report

**8. STANDING ORDERS.** To adopt updated Standing Orders and consider where Minutes should be displayed. Resolved

**9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – Report by R. Clark on the Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan has to be registered and a grant applied for.

A designated area now registered with SHDC and we have a 4 week consultation period.

The PC has registered with the Ordnance Survey (PSMA).

Grant allocation has not yet been applied for.

The Steering Group met on Monday 12th October and 17 attended. Draft minutes will be circulated.

There are 5 Parish Council Members and 12 volunteers.

**10. PARISH WEBSITE.** To discuss the website, management, intent and requirement.

As per Chair’s report.

**11. COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS**

- a) Planning and Neighbourhood Plan - R. Clark - as above.
- b) Security – No report
- c) Village Green + budget review – as above
- d) Play Park – K. Gill – as above – goal post being enjoyed already.
- e) Tree Warden – No report
- f) Transport – L. Newman

The late bus service has been removed because it is not used.

**12. FINANCE**

a) To approve payment of the following cheques:

1355 – £116.64 – R. Clark –( to reimburse for banner costs)

1356 - £3535.09 – Playdale (play equipment)

1357 - £85.93 – R. Clark (to reimburse for Kingfisher printing)

1358 - £393.55 - R. Clark (to reimburse for goal posts Net World Sports)

1359 - £182.49 – S. Winstanley (Oct)

1360 - £72.00 – Portway Connections (domain renewal)

b) To approve grant for Music for All concert - £100 agreed Resolved

c) Cash at bank – £26,025.03 (including 2nd Precept payment £4328)

The Clerk provided copy of the accounts – next meeting it will be necessary to consider the Precept.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 19th November 2015 – Strete Parish Hall at 7pm.**

Signed .....

Chair





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**Talk Dartmouth** Jonathan Dimpleby talks on The Battle of the Atlantic at The Flavel on Saturday December 5th at 3pm. To celebrate Dartmouth Community Bookshop's 4th birthday. **Tickets £10**

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## DEVON SCHOOL TERM DATES

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**PLEASE NOTE CHANGED TIUMES OF Weekday STAGECOACH WINTER ERVICES**

**Bus times with asterix only school holidays, if in brackets only school days**

#### Strete to Dartmouth

8.25 9.38 10.42 11.37 12.37 13.37 14.43 15.37\* (16.18) 16.37 17.37 18.37 19.37

#### Dartmouth to Strete

6.20 6.50 **7.30** 9.15 10.20 11.20 12.20 13.20 14.20 15.30 17.15 and 18.15

#### Strete to Kingsbridge

6.42 7.12 7.54 9.39 10.44 11.44 12.44 13.44 14.44 15.55 17.39 18.39

#### Kingsbridge to Strete

7.48 8.55 10.05 11.00 12.00 13.00 14.00 15.00\* (15.37) 16.00 17.00 18.00 19.00

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