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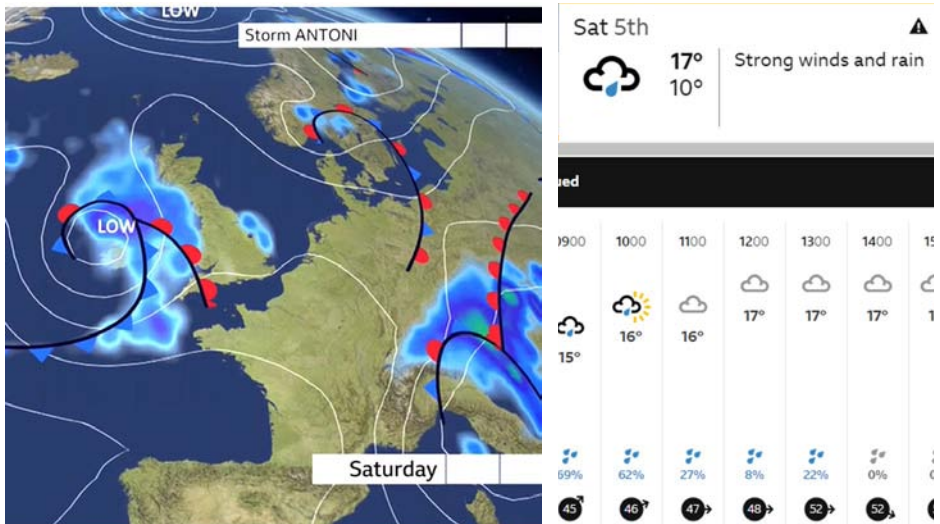
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STRETE VILLAGE DAY

Strete Village Day 5th August 12.00 - 16.30

AT THE STRETE VILLAGE HALL

With great regret and after much discussion about the severe weather forecasted for the weekend, the Village Day Committee decided to move Strete Village Day from Mewstone Paddock to the Village Hall. This meant that certain activities and events sadly had to be cancelled. The decision proved to be a sensible one as the first named storm of the year arrived on Saturday morning with 60mph winds but it did stay dry.



ANTONI and the expected winds arrived but did not stop everyone from having a grand time. Strete Village Day took shelter in the Village Hall and we had a fantastic turnout from locals and visitors. Children were creative, prizes were won, treasure was found and tea, cakes, scones and ice cream enjoyed.



Despite the weather what a fantastic turnout



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The ladies of the Tea Room served up tea, coffee and an amazing array of homemade cakes. A very big thank you to everyone who contributed by baking cakes and scones for village day.



Creative Corner

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The excitement proved too much for some



The Kings Arms Bar Named the "Just Holding Inn"

Well done to everyone involved in Strete Village Day. Despite the howling gales it was a great success. The Kings Arms tent was perhaps the most 'exciting' place to be in the gale force winds...thankfully, the customers were able to keep the tent on the ground with some inventive use of guide ropes, benches, standing places and pure muscle. Drinking in the tent was likened to "Strap Hanging" on the tube

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The bar before the wind threatened to deposit the tent somewhere in the Channel Isles.



Roy getting saucy with his burger.

The charcoal roared in the wind but the burgers and hot dogs were succulent and tasty.

BBQ



South West Maritime Archaeological Group
History from the Sea

Ron Howell fascinated and amazed with his exhibition of historic finds from the depths.

SWMAG are a team of avocational divers and archaeologists with a passion for *History from the Sea*. Our marine archaeological projects range from shipwrecks sunk in the 19th century to Bronze Age sites over 3,000 years old. All members are Licenced for the Maritime Archaeology Code of Practice. Cannon, Moor Sand, Embsay, and the Iron Age Ingot protected wrecks.

Prehistoric Age Salcombe and

Items found in the western

Salcombe Cannon Site
Cannon

Gold Jewellery
A fine collection of gold jewellery, including a gold ring, a gold chain, and a gold bracelet, found at the Salcombe Cannon Site.

Barbary Privateer Ships
A collection of Barbary Privateer Ships, including the *Albatross*, *Albatross*, and *Albatross*.

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Bargains were discovered on the book and bric-a-brac stalls.
Treasure was hunted, ice cream savoured.





The wind blew, **A LOT**, and it rained, **a little**,
but

STRETE VILLAGE DAY

proved to be a very busy, successful and happy occasion.

A HUGE THANK YOU

to all who were involved in enabling it to happen,

**all those who helped on the day
and all who supported the event.**



The people just kept coming which was so good to see.

The hall looked splendid with colourful bunting strewn across the hall and all the tables set out to accommodate the various stalls.

Of which there were many each manned by people from the village. Tea and cake was served throughout the afternoon with a large table groaning with the weight of the many cakes that had been donated for all to eat with their tea. This was a very busy area of the hall.

Outside, having to cope with the great gusts of wind that came, there was a beer tent manned by our local pub, The Kings Arms and also a BBQ serving the usual beef burgers and hot dogs with onions and sauces to add to the food.



Venturing inside there were plenty of stalls to patronise.

A large draw was displayed on a table to be drawn later in the afternoon.

The books sold well and after a slow start ice creams were purchased, a bric-a-brac stall was run by the Chapel, a Pimms stall was doing good trade. Alongside these was a wood turner with his wares to sell, Ron Howell had set out a very informative display on, as a diver, the treasures that he and mates had recovered from ship wrecks off our coast.

For the children Els had a table with craft goodies to use and for purchasing.

Two treasure Hunts were being run by Peter and Karen, one for adults and one for the more mature of us. Alongside them there were two lucky dips again one for the children and one for the adults.

As always there is a painting competition for children to design the cover of the next Stretewise village magazine. Many lovely pictures were produced and the winner had the honour of their picture gracing the front of the next edition of Stretewise.

A number of entries came forward for the children's fancy dress, with a very young baby, in Mum's Arms entering dressed as a pig farmer, he slept throughout the whole of the judging. The winner was a very good costume as a hedgehog. This was judged by Samantha, a new resident of Strete and Andrea whose premises we usually use for our village day.

Nigel was an excellent compare, visiting each stall to broadcast their wares and generally keeping the afternoon going. Thanking at the close of the afternoon all who had helped in any way.

The grand draw took place and the great array of prizes slowly were claimed by the lucky winners.

Nick was our photographer and we will have a lovely photographic recollection of what turned out to be a wonderful village day. **Thank you Joan Kendall for your report.**





Strete Chapel



Greetings from the fellowship to all in the village!

We are continuing to meet every Sunday at 11am in the chapel building. All are welcome. Please put the date for our harvest service in your diary, details are below. Also, we would like to thank all who helped to make Strete Village day a success.

HARVEST

Thanksgiving Service



Strete Chapel

Sunday 1st October

11.am

(Followed by lunch at the Parish Hall
R.S.V.P. if possible 01803 770256)

Speaker Mr Chris Murray
Of Pennywell Farm

This summertime we have been blessed as a chapel with many interesting speakers and visiting holiday makers joining with us to worship on a Sunday morning.

When you become a Christian one of the amazing things is the relationships you build with other Christians and the welcome you receive wherever you are in the world when attending church. Often we use the language of being part of a church family and this is because through our belief in Jesus Christ we are all connected. The Bible tells us... **'you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.'** Ephesians 2 19-20



As a chapel we would like to warmly welcome the Rev Matt Gorton and his family to the area. The inauguration service held at St Andrews Church on 1st August 2023 was very much enjoyed by all and we all look forward to getting to know the Rev Matt Gorton.

★ Young Searchers ★

Young Searchers is a Christian children's club based on teaching the Bible through stories, games and craft. We will be meeting again every Thursday from 14th September (term time only) from 6-7pm in the chapel. All are welcome!

We hope that you are enjoying the holidays and are having fun despite the wet weather. Here are a couple a jokes about the rain to make you laugh!

Why did the umbrella go to the doctor? It was feeling slightly under the weather.

What do you call a pile of coins in the rain? Climate change

St. Michael's Church



On Sunday morning, following the very successful village day at the hall, residents got together at Saint Michael's to sing some of their favourite hymns. The person who selected the hymn provided some background as to its history and why it meant so much to them. In some cases, it was because of their wonderful rousing tune but in others, it was the beauty and meaning of the words. A hymn was specifically attributed to the memory of Sue Sobey by her husband Martin who was formerly a resident of Strete and regular church member. Unfortunately due to the bad weather, he couldn't personally attend. We were lucky enough to have some members of our village choir to support the singing and as always, organist Bob Barsby wowed us with his wonderful playing. In between the hymns, we had some lovely poems. Kerris read Abou Ben Adhem which she has memorised since the age of 10. At the end of the service, Roy Kendall on behalf of everyone, wished our former churchwarden Vincent Dingley and Richard every happiness in their new home.



They will both be greatly missed. Our grateful thanks go out to all those who contributed and made this wonderful service possible, especially to Jenny Harris who was the Leader.

Strete Social Club

AUTUMN PROGRAMME 2023

Meetings are usually held in Strete Parish Hall on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30PM		
September	5th	Slides of Strete - Ron Howell
	19th	Red Cross
October	3rd	Dartmouth Green Partnership - Stevie Rogers
	17th	Cruising Without Jane MacDonald - Ian Gray
	31st	To Be Confirmed
November	14th	Acupuncture - Emily Hutchings
	28th	Making Drink Coasters - Lesley Staffin
December	5th	Xmas Lunch
	12th	Wine and Mince Pies

30th MAY 2023: Dorothy Teal, Joint Organiser, welcomed everyone to our end of May meeting on a glorious summer afternoon. Members were led by Karen in singing belated Happy Birthday greetings to Dorothy.

She introduced Diane Riddell to talk about the National Trust property at Coleton Fishacre. Diane clearly loves being a Volunteer Guide having happily helped for the last 10 years after a chance meeting walking with the Property Manager. Her enthusiasm for the story of the house and gardens was infectious.

Coleton Fishacre was the country retreat of Rupert and Lady Dorothy D'Oyly Carte. Rupert inherited a considerable business empire from his father Richard who had made his fortune as a Victorian theatre impresario promoting the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. The business empire included the d'Oyly Carte Opera Company, the Savoy Theatre and the Savoy Hotel Group.

To escape business pressures, they loved sailing and as they passed Dartmouth Cove in 1924, he told his wife they would build a holiday home there. The house was built in 1925-26 by the architect Oswald Milne who had trained under Lutyens.

The exterior was inspired by the Arts and Crafts Movement with the interior Art Deco in design, elegant and simple

with stunning views from many of the rooms. The house was built from stone from a quarry in the garden itself. A train track was installed to move the stone along the garden. The house became a relaxing country retreat and Lady Dorothy was passionate about the creating a colourful garden with a variety of exotic flora and fauna.

However, family happiness did not last. They were beset by tragedy losing their only son Michael in a sports car accident in 1932. Sir Rupert and Lady Dorothy grew apart.



Following Rupert's death in 1949 their only daughter Bridget took over the business. She sold the house to Rowland Smith in 1949 who enjoyed it until 1982 changing it very little as they loved Art Deco. They then rented it out from 1982 until 1998 when it was sold to the National Trust.

The Trust were mainly interested in preserving the coastline but then realised that the resurgence of a love of Art Deco meant the house should be restored and preserved. Fortunately, an article in Country Life in 1930 had photographs which the National Trust used to restore it to how it had been when the D'Oyly Cartes lived there in the spirit of the Jazz Age.

Wallpaper remnants in the loft enabled them to source more from a factory in France where the company still had the original wood-blocks to print it! By 2005 enough funds had been raised to commission a cabinet maker to copy original furniture.



However, the Dining Room is still completely original from 1926, with the drink's cabinet designed by the architect and a purpose-built dining table too vast to have ever been moved! The house comes to life today when visitors play the piano and imagine lavish cocktail parties.

Diane's enthusiastic and entertaining talk reminded all members that they must go back to Coleton Fishacre for another visit. Diane waived a fee but asked for a donation to Rowcroft Hospice. Tea and birthday cupcakes were served by Rita Mansfield and Sandy Clarke ending another enjoyable sociable afternoon.



Strete Social Club 13th June

On a very hot and sticky afternoon members of Strete Social Club had an afternoon trip to Avon Mill Garden Centre.

Several cars transported the group to the venue where we were allocated an area in the outdoor section, under cover, to enjoy a tea of our choice. This varied from savoury scones, cream tea, muffins and cake, along with drinks of tea, coffee and cold ones.

It proved far too hot for some of the members who retreated to enjoy their tea in the cool of the café. Members had time to look around at the various shops which are

there and with such a good selection of plants some members were tempted to purchase them.

It was a very pleasant afternoon arranged by our leader Dorothy.



Strete Social Club 27th June

We welcomed a new member to our meeting today.

After the usual business we were treated to an afternoon by Carol, one of our members, on the making of sugar craft roses.

She had brought along a variety of premade ones which were passed around for us all to see carefully laid out in a couple of sweet containers. (The sort you get at Christmas).

These ranged from very delicate pastel daisy shaped ones of varying sizes and colours to larger roses.

Laid out before her on a table were all the tools that she uses and with the help of Karen who was given the task of rolling out the small pieces of sugar paste and cutting these into tiny circles with a cutter, especially made for the job, proceeded to start the making of a rose, giving us a very comprehensive commentary on what she was doing.

Two of our members relayed on experiences that they had had when one of them was at school learning the art of icing and the other one of what happened to her friends icing cradle that they were doing at a WI lesson on icing decorations.

Members were then invited to have a go. After a long pause one member volunteered to do this. I was that member (Joan) and enjoyed making a very small rosebud.

Along with her she had brought samples of how these very delicate flowers could be made into corsages with the addition of pieces of ribbon. Of course, there were many other ways these would enhance any celebration cake.

We were all very taken with a picture on her iPad

of the wedding cake that she had made and decorated with a variety of coloured roses for the occasion of her brother's wedding.

Carol had kindly made a very beautiful white rose which Dorothy was going to take to Joan Hacon who celebrated her 100th birthday today along with a card signed by us all. Joan was a previous leader of the Social Group.

As usual we all then enjoyed a social time with our tea and biscuits.



Strete Social Club 11th July

Our speaker this afternoon was Pam Wills who was born in Strete and has lived in the same house all her life which is over 90 years.

We had a record attendance of 30 people, including guests, who were keen to hear what Pam had to say about living in our village as a child and throughout her life.

She had sheets of paper on which were photographs, taken from old postcards, of the village how it was and she took us on a verbal guided tour around the centre of the village telling us of the different buildings, what they used to be, how they had changed and who lived in them.

Pam had attended the local village school which sadly closed in the 1960.s Children who

live in the village now attend Stoke Fleming primary school and then go on to senior schools in Dartmouth, Churston and Kingsbridge.

What is now the Church Car Park was the playground for the older children up to the age of 14/15 and the little one's playground was outside the Laughing Monk where the residents now park their cars.

Our village years ago had two builders' businesses in it, a shoemaker, two shops, one now being a residence. We had a baker and of course several farms where no doubt milk could be purchased.

She told us an amusing tale of how in the Churchyard between the Church and the Laughing Monk was the grave of a nineteen-year-old girl. Based in the village around the second world war was Airmen. As they walked by in the evening they would say 'Goodnight' to

this young lady. On one such occasion as this particular airman said it an answer came back 'Goodnight' leaving one very startled and frightened man. (It was reckoned that this came from a courting couple in the doorway of the house next door).

A question time followed and at the end of this session Karen thanked Pam for coming along and speaking to us. She was amazed how much had been remembered.

Derek supervised the draw, tea and biscuits were served by Leanne, Fay, Janet and Rita.



Strete Social Club Members of the social club met for the last club afternoon before our summer break.

There were a lot of apologies but those who braved the very heavy shower enjoyed an afternoon in which we held the annual produce stall with a variety of vegetables, chutneys, jams and various other items. This was manned by Pam and Joan and it raised an excellent amount which will go into the club's general funds.

Dorothy had organised a game of 'guess the amount of glass beads in a coffee jar' everyone had a go a there was a large gap between the lowest and the correct number which was guessed by Carol with 252 Dorothy assured us that on the Sunday afternoon when we had horrendous weather that she had sat and counted every single one.

Selling almost all of the items which had been donated, on a bring and buy basis, it was time for a good chat amongst ourselves. Karen asked for ideas for speakers for the new year and several suggestions came forward including two members who were willing to speak on their experiences running a bed and breakfast and Hotel.

We were treated to the most delicious homemade meringues and biscuits kindly given by Carol. Tea was served by Chris and Carol and finishing the meeting Dorothy, our leader, thanked all for their contributions for the stall and wished us all a pleasant summer break and looked forward to seeing us all at our first meeting of the Autumn Session on **SEPTEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 2.30 p.m.**

A Big Thank You to the Stretewise delivery team:

Brenda Range, Liane Baldock, Colleen Seymour, Heather Robinson, Joan Kendall, Chris Burne, John Goldring, Carol Wills, David Wall and Trudy Rothwell and not forgetting Monica, Andy, Sally at the Strete Post Office and Stores.

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Afternoon Tea at Winter Cottage

We were lucky to have fine weather to enjoy the annual cream tea held in Roger Sinnott's magnificent garden to raise funds for our church. With views stretching from the Daymark in the east to Start Point to the west, it was lovely to have a chat with friends whilst enjoying the delicious scones, jam and cream. Inevitably there were discussions on whether the cream or jam should first be placed on the scone. As a Cornishman I maintained that it was jam first followed by the cream, but I think I was probably outnumbered! We did of course have the traditional draw at the end of the afternoon with popular prizes being produce from Roger's vegetable patch and greenhouse. It was a very enjoyable occasion and thank you to everyone who made this possible. £200 was successfully raised. **Nick Shepherd**



STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 18TH MAY AT 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS:

Peter Hales (Chairman), Ralph Clark (Vice Chairman) Ian Cumberlidge (IC) Graham Campbell (GC),
Kate Gill (KG) Helen Darch (HD) Julian Brazil County Councillor (JB)
Also in attendance: Clerk – Ms Linda Fox .

APOLOGIES:

COUNCILLORS: Laurel Lawford – SHDC Ward Councillor new email address
Clr.Laurel.Lawford@southhams.gov.uk.

A. ELECTION AND DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

It was unanimously AGREED to elect Cllr Peter Hales as Chair and Cllr Ralph Clark as Vice Chair.
They both duly signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

B. DELCARTION OF ACCPETANCE OF OFFICE BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

All Councillors signed and dated a Declaration of Acceptance.

C. NOTIFICATION OF INTEREST

All Councillors signed and dated a Notification of Interest form.

D. THE ELCTORAL COMMISON CANDIATE SPENDING RETURN

Ralph Clark and Helen Darch sent their completed forms direct to SHDC. PH, IC, GC, and KG signed
completed forms and handed them to the Parish Clerk.

E. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

All Councillors signed and dated a GDP declaration.

F. REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMITTES

It was AGREED to amend the representatives on Committees and outside organisations
list as below:

Chairman: Liaison with neighbouring parishes. Liaison with Strete Estates (Spokes family)
Relocation of the Slapton Line Monument

- 1.Focal point for Green Issues - GC
 - 2.VAS maintenance & battery change. Speed monitoring & road safety. - IC
 - 3.Buses and local transport Inc liaison with DCC and Dartmouth Council. - PH
 - 4.Traffic & Highways including pothole reporting & tracking. - RC
 - 5.Roads: hedge trimming and liaison with farmers, local transport & other than buses, plus salt bin top-up. – RC.
- (Re: Litter picking, Louise Newman has agreed to continue organising this).
- 6 Defibrillator including training – David Rothwell to organise this on behalf of the village.
 - 7.Parish Hall Committee and Village Day liaison. - RC
 - 8.Rights of way inspection and maintenance, Tree Warden. - IC
 - 9.Play-park inspection and maintenance arrangements. - IC

10.Planning application focal point, ownership RC

Note - Update of the Strete Neighbourhood Plan. Minimal changes are expected to be required this year, but Ralph will keep a watching brief and the PC will discuss responsibility for updates when change is needed.

11.Road maintenance including sweeping. - RC

12.Kings Arms Pub Committee liaison. – RC

13.Kings Arms preparation and submission of update to Asset of Community Value order- HD

14.Liaison with St Michael’s Parish Church and Strete Chapel. - HD

15.Village Green maintenance and mowing, Prideaux Lane maintenance. -GC

16.Campervan and carpark monitoring including Strete Gate car park. – KC and IC

17.Liaison with social care organisations including Dartmouth Caring, Citizens Advice & Strete Social Club. - GC

18.Slapton Line partnership liaison. – KC and GC

19. Police Strete Council advocate - HD

20.Christmas Tree & Decoration arrangements. - RC

PUBLIC FORUM: The Parish Council meeting was temporarily closed for the Public Forum.

Three Strete residents attended the Public Forum. Mrs Pam Wills, Mrs Kerris Petransky and Mr Paul Petransky. They wished to draw the PC’s attention to planning application **1020/23/FUL** which was listed on the agenda to be discussed by the Parish Council. The intention is to build a double garage. Views were aired by all three residents regarding the suitability of building in the AONB and Conservation Area, the proposed materials to be used, access and the proposed method of drainage.

The residents were thanked for their contributions and views by the Chairman, who stated that they would be taken into account in the discussion of the item by the PC. The Chairman advised the participants that if they wished to object to the proposals, they should do so individually directly to the planning authority via the SHDC website or by letter, irrespective of the outcomes of any discussion by the PC. The Parish Council Meeting was then re-opened.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT: Cllr Julian Brazil reported, noting that as directed by SHDC the word “purdah” is no longer to be used to describe council actions in the period following the announcement of a local election, and such periods are now to be officially known as the **Pre-Election Period**.

JC reported that as previously stated, there is only £9 million additional budget for repair of roads and potholes, of the £180 million estimated to be needed to repair the backlog. The Highways dept have indicated the repair works at Halwell on the A381 will be complete by next Friday 26th May. On the 30th of May extensive highway works will be carried out at Loddiswell and traffic will be re-routed.

Regarding the newly elected Council, JC stated that the plan is to run and manage the Council a different way. The newly elected Council have listened to the Electorate and the way forward is a collaborate approach. All voices to be heard and working in co-operation and with consensus. JC noted that the newly elected Council represents a much younger demographic.

PH raised the issue of possible changes to the 93-bus service if Stagecoach handed back the franchise to DCC in September. He felt that the issue would be of importance to many Parishes along the bus route (including all the ‘Coleridge’ group of Parishes) and felt that there might be a need to rally support from many communities between Dartmouth and Kingsbridge. He asked if there was anything further to report on the matter.

JB replied that Kingsbridge had concerns on their town services to Loddiswell and surrounding villages because of recent similar problems with Tally Ho handing back franchises, and a bus working group was being formed there. Following a subsidy adjustment, Tally Ho had recently agreed to continue some services which had been threatened with withdrawal. JC agreed to discuss the matter of the 93 service again with the Transport dept at DCC and report back.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT : None - the newly elected Councillors Laurel Lawford is looking forward to attending next month's meeting and offered her apologies via JC.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 20th April 2023.

These were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.

There were no such declarations or dispensations made by Councillors at this meeting.

3. PLANNING AND PLANNING MATTERS

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

Reference: **1020/23/FUL**

Proposal: **Erection of double garage**

Site: **Rose Cottage Strete TQ6 0RW**

The application was discussed in depth by the councillors. Their main concern was that this building would be in the ANOB and in the Strete conservation area. The site within the curtilage of the Kings Arms car park is also within the Settlement Boundary in the Strete Neighbourhood Plan. The PC felt that the aesthetic design failed to meet the requirement of architectural and landscape design appropriate to its landscape context. It would therefore have a detrimental effect on the undeveloped and unspoilt character of the village in this location.

The site is highly visible from the public footpath and main route of the A389 village through road, meaning that the impact of the development would be widely felt, as evidenced by the representations made to the PC by members of the public. It is also immediately adjacent to the Village Pump, which is an important preserved artefact to the village from an historic point of view and is listed in the Strete Neighbourhood Plan as a structure of special interest - a fact not even mentioned in the planning application. It was felt that the proposed garage would inappropriately over-whelm the setting in the proposed location.

The proposed new drainage at the back of the property 'is of the French style' and the PC thought it would be totally in-adequate given the amount of water known to come down the bank. The PC noted that Rose Cottage is a second holiday home and not a main residence. RC, as liaison rep for the Kings Arms, explained the recent history of ownership of Rose Cottage and the two car park spaces on the Kings Arms car park. The public house is privately owned (not co-operatively owned), but the pub and car park are operated under the terms of a long lease.

It was also noted that there are trees in close proximity to the proposed site, and there was a debate about where and how building materials would be stored. There also appear to be anomalies on the block plan, which appears to be inaccurate.

In summary the Parish Council agreed to Object to the application.

Action Points: -

1. Clerk to submit an objection via the website on behalf of the PC citing the above issues.
2. HD to try to clarify ownership of the Village Pump land – **ACTION POINT HD/CLERK**

Reference: **1449/23/FUL**
Proposal: **Provision of temporary agricultural worker's dwelling at Cornish Post Farm**
Site: **Land at Sx 830 492 Blackawton**

The Parish had been invited to comment on the application which is for a site adjacent to Strete Parish boundary.

PH undertook to discuss the application with Stoke Fleming PC and report back.

Reference: **1479/23/HHO**
Proposal: **Householder application for renovation of existing property & associated landscape works.**

Site: **Primrose Cottage Strete Vicarage Lane TQ6 0RW.**

PC Comment: The PC noted that this proposal was a modification to a previously approved design which the PC had commented upon and objected to in May 2021 (0435/21/HHO). The application had been subsequently approved by SHDC Planners, but the PC's points of objection had been listened to and dealt with.

With the new proposals, it would appear that the applicant has dropped plans to build a lower floor beneath the older northern wing of the property, and to adopt as far as possible a single floor level throughout. The main objection had previously been related to the ridge line of the property, and the PC had been keen to ensure that it was not elevated as it was felt that this would have a detrimental effect upon neighbouring properties. From inspection of the drawings, it appeared that the previously proposed and approved ridge line would be retained with the new proposal.

The PC felt that because of the tight location and extent of the work, it would still be essential to have a comprehensive Construction Management Plan designating material unloading arrangements, access arrangements, working hours and the minimisation of nuisance to neighbours.

The PC was also concerned about the boundary line with the Village Green, and what the applicant was proposing to install, as it was unclear from the drawings.

After a discussion, the PC resolved to make the above comments on the application via the SHDC planning website.

PH requested RC (in his role of Planning liaison) to write to the resident and ask what their intentions are regarding the boundary with the Village Green. **ACTION POINT Clerk**

4. BLACKPOOL SANDS ALCOCHAL LICENCE.

The application was discussed but no comment was made.

5. Enforcement Matters

PH noted that Enforcement at a Strete property had been on the Enforcement list since July 22 with a status of "Evidence Review" and a target resolution date the last quarter of 2022. The case relates to an alleged unauthorised access.

The PC had not raised the enforcement complaint, but since it was now coming up to twelve months since it was raised, PH requested the Clerk to please approach the responsible SHDC planning officer and request an update on resolution of the issue. **ACTION POINT Clerk**

6. FINANCE

A) The following cheques were raised signed & approved:

Strete Parish Hall - March Hall hire & 50% wi-fi cost	£50.00
DALC affiliation fee	£142.27,
Expenses Litter Picking Tools	£220.50
Greenspace	£1285.0
Insurance BHIP	£376.64

Audit Expense	£27.00
Clerk April Wages by bank transfer	£241.60
HMRC Tax Gateway by transfer April	£60.40

- B) The April bank statement: - Business Res £11,683.00 Current £21,158.00. (Precept and VAT receipts have been credited)
- a. Examination of the Accounts has been completed by Mr Bob Welham, FAR & Annual Governance Statement/Audit has been approved and received.
 - b. Received the Annual Internal Audit Report 2022/223 from independent examiner for the year ended 31st March 2023.
 - c. Received and approved the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement 2022/223)
 - d. Annual Governance and Accountability Return Section 2 Accounting Statements 2022/23.
 - e. These were then signed and dated by the Chairman and the Clerk (Section 1 form) and the Chairman and the Responsible Finance Officer (Section 2 form). These will be uploaded to the website for information.
 - f. **It was resolved to note the dates for the public inspection of accounts as 5th June to 22nd July 2023.** This notification will be uploaded on the website and on the noticeboards to comply with the Transparency Code.
 - g. Councillors have completed and submitted to the Clerk Elections Expenses
 - h. Mark Rowe Street Cleaning contract. After several telephone calls by RC and the Strete Clerk, we have received an email earlier today regarding the two cheques issued last year but not presented to the bank. A request has been made today to cancel these cheques and raise new cheques for next month's PC meeting.
 - i. Change of banking provider, All Councillors agreed that it was Helen's decision alone to decide which to bank would work best. **Action HD**
 - j. Monthly payments/invoices. It was resolved and agreed that Bank Transfer payments as opposed to writing cheques should be the PC's preferred method of payment, which would avoid problems such as non-presentation of cheques by suppliers.
 - k. Where possible future invoice payments would go through via Bank Transfer where the payments have been approved by Councillors at PC monthly meetings. The procedure will remain the same as present, the only difference being the payment will be made via a by bank transfer and not a cheque.
 - l. HD and Clerk to set up a meeting to finalise a procedure to depict Expenditure against Budget. **Action Point Clerk HD/CLERK**

In the interim, the Clerk will email incoming invoices to HD.

7. STRETE VILLAGE DAY PLANNING – 5th AUGUST: Any further updates. PH has offered to manage a Treasure Hunt stall; HD has offered to help on the gate.

8. s106 LAND MATTERS: To discuss the s106 monies and plans for improvements with the Playpark and Village Green. GC stated that replacement of play equipment is very expensive even at the lower end, with typical costs of £4000 per item. His research is continuing. It was agreed that the grass needs to be cut and mowed more frequently. It was agreed that IC would speak to Terry Hallet to cut grass on more regular basis from May to September. Ideally the PC would want a fixed price per visit for every other week. It is believed that Terry operates on a fixed price basis at present.

Playpark: IC met with Simon Smith from SHDC – there are variety of issues in the playpark that need addressing. Work needs to be carried out imminently, from rotten wood replacement to the repair of equipment.

Blackbird Wood update on progress s106 application - no further update were available.

9. SLAPTON LINE PARTNERSHIP: Nothing to report.

10. LITTER PICKING: PH has reached agreement with Penny for space in the Village Hall garage for the newly acquired litter picking tools.

11. ARCHIVING: To be carried forward to the May agenda, for an update on the availability of cabinets ex-Citizens Advice, and a discussion on needs

12. ROAD SAFETY: Update on containers on Totnes Road, currently only one container for glass is in place. **Action Point:** **Strete Clerk** to contact SHDC to fact find the situation and see if two smaller containers are available.

13. OTHER ONGOING MATTERS IF NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

Distribution of emails, HD would receive all finance related emails unless the Clerk thought it pertinent to forward to everyone. Regarding Highways updates on road closures and roadworks, the PC Councillors would be interested in only those in the immediate vicinity of Strete.

Theft of tools from vehicles. There had been two incidents in the village in the past month, and IC had been one of the victims with a chain saw taken from his pick-up truck. In both instances the victims had attempted to report the crimes to the police action line, but after waiting more than of half an hour for a response, both had given up.

The PC requested the Clerk to take up the response issue with the local Police contacts.

14. LAND MATTERS: Cherry tree on rough ground – GC to check the impact of the ground and report back at next month's meeting.

15. CLERK'S REPORT circulated.

16. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT None.

17. COUNCILLORS REPORTS circulated.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

RC. Highways - A Strete resident had sent an email and was very concerned about the Road closure on the A381 at Halwell. RC. stated that correspondence had taken place between Councillors, SHDC and DC, and an explanation of the extent of the works had been received. In short as previously stated. Roadworks on the A381 should be completed by 26th May.

RC. resident Dean Small reported theft of tools from the back of his van which was on his drive. The incident occurred on the May 4 – see [point 13 above.

Thank-you, cards were sent to retiring members Louise Newman and David Rothwell for all their hard work in the previous Parish Council

Email received 18th May from Anne and Roger Seymore objecting to planning application at Rose Cottage.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 15th June 2023 at 7pm the Village Hall.

Signed as a true record.

Peter Hales, Chairman Strete Parish Council

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Summer is here, or so we are told. June was spectacular, July started well but then the rain came, saved by an excellent BBQ with the Boatnotes playing live, and August has been nothing to write home about since. But we are promised a heatwave later in the month and possible into September and those kinds of promises can't be broken...

Each year we hold monthly Summer BBQs with Live Music. The two so far have been excellent, busy and fun, and the final one of the summer is on Saturday 26th August with live music from Chris Thomas.

Into September, the regular events return to the Kings Arms. The Friday Night Big Draw is back on Friday 1st September and each week until Christmas. Also lined up for September is the return of the Monthly Quiz, the Village Lunch, the Music Night as well Fishy Friday with fish specials alongside our normal dinner menu.

Exciting News: we're planning to hold our first Family Film Night on Thursday 7th September with a family favourite being shown on an inflatable screen in the garden. This will be a ticketed event. Look out for details online.

After the arrival of our new pizza oven, Pizzas are now on the menu at the KA. Check out the Pizza Board in the photos. Curry Night is coming back too, with a regular Friday slot between Fishy Fridays each month.

Looking further ahead, we are looking to hold a Silent Disco event in October, one for the kids in the afternoon and one for grown-ups in the evening. There's another entertaining and inspiring Spoken Word Night on Wednesday 11th October, and we hope to rearrange the Bingo Evening for a Wednesday in October or November.

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The Flavel 5.00 p.m. **Simon Drew *Half Artist: Half Wit***

Tuesday 10 October 2023

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Tuesday 14 November 2023

The Flavel 5.00 p.m. **Robert Seymour *Design in the Historic Environment***

Friday 9 February 2024

Stoke Lodge Hotel tbc ***Winter Market Day Lunch***

Tuesday 19 March 2024

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I had a wonderful day exploring Sally Mutton's Garden at Start Bay Park, which she kindly opened up to the public, to raise funds for Prickles in a Pickle's new hospital build. As the name implies, this will be a special hospital based at Stoke Fleming to look after sick and injured hedgehogs, with a view to releasing them back into the wild. It was lovely to see some familiar faces from the village helping with the event. Chris Byrne and Carol Wills were serving tea, coffee, cakes and Pimm's whilst Kerris was at the gate seeing to the admission and raffle tickets. We also had a real live human Prickle in a Pickle, namely Lydia Barnard from the charity itself.

Sally's garden is full of interest. Not only it is full of vegetables and flowers but the whole ethos is based on recycled materials and its friendliness for wildlife. A lot of the materials used have been rescued from the recycling centre at Torr Quarry and the imaginative reuse of industrial containers no longer required by businesses. These materials have been used to make ponds, a 5500-litre storage system, a gravity fed hedgehog feeding station and a 5-star hedgehog hotel. Even old mirrors have been put to good use. At the top of the garden is a specially designed Reiki Garden room where Sally uses the power of reiki to treat humans and dogs. In one of the photos, you can see Sally in her room with her reiki master and mentor, Tereska Star.

After visiting Sally's Garden, I feel sure that many people came away with ideas of how they could make their gardens more interesting and nature friendly. In addition to hear that £452 was raised for their cause, was just great. Well done to all concerned

Nick Shepherd



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
100

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joan has lived in Strete since the mid-1980s with her late husband Richard. She was an active member of St Michael's Parish church and the Strete Social Club until ill health prevented her from attending in person.



100

Joan Hacon celebrated her 100th birthday on June 27th 2023 with her family and friends



HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joan received some lovely gifts and over 40 100th birthday cards (she was surprised they make so many). The most exciting was, of course, the beautiful card from King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

She had a steady flow of friends from the village wishing her well on the day and sharing a piece of cake and a glass of prosecco or a cup of tea or coffee. Joan thanks all who were able to come on the day or in the week leading up to her birthday and will enjoy sharing her chocolates with any future visitors!



St. Michael's Church



The inauguration of Rev Matt Gorton, priest in charge of coast and country mission community. The ceremony to officially install Matt as coast and country Benefice vicar was carried out by Rt Rev a James Grier Bishop of Plymouth. Wife Beth, a teacher at Dartmouth Academy, daughter Sophie and son Josh were in attendance. Members and friends from the four churches attended the ceremony at East Allington from Strete St. Michael's, Stoke Fleming St. Peters, Blackawton St. Michael's. In turn members from each church stood and spoke words of welcome.



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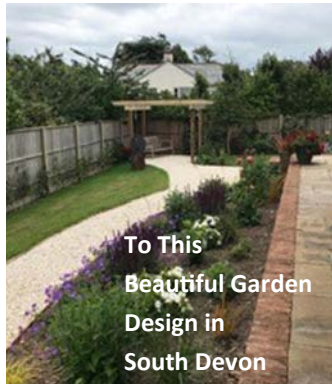
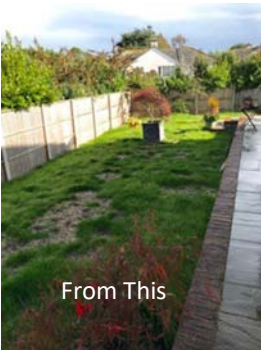
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A Caribbean Holiday

This February Chris and I decided to have a cruise in the Caribbean and escape from the Winter and get some sunshine. We went to Gatwick and stayed in an hotel the night as we were leaving at 10am next morning. We stayed in Tampa for one night and then we were coached the next morning to the ship, the “Norwegian Dawn” known as the “smiley ship” as the logo on the front looks like a grin. Every day it was very warm with a balmy breeze – perfect! The first day we spent at sea so we were able to explore the ship, get our bearings and discover where the restaurants were situated and sit up on deck on loungers and enjoy the sun. We usually had breakfast at the Garden Cafe on deck 12 but for other meals we were able to choose from five restaurants scattered around the ship. There were 7 other fine dining restaurants but you had to book these and pay for them. Most of the guests dressed up (smart casual) for dinner. We made a few friends and the group of us would meet up occasionally to eat or lounge by the pool on the top deck.

The Stardust Theatre had 2 shows every evening and there was music being performed each night in different parts of the ship. By day there was plenty of activities but if we were not on an excursion, we preferred sitting up on desk in the sun, listening to the live music, swimming in the pool and drinking cocktails!

The first island we visited was Grand Cayman which was immaculate, safe, easy to get around and with white sandy beaches. On a booked excursion we went to a turtle wildlife centre, seeing baby and mature turtles which would eventually be released back into the sea. We watched a turtle being checked over and weighed. We stopped at a rum centre where we sampled various rums and I bought John a bottle of rum flavoured with vanilla. The next day was at sea so we went up on deck reading, chatting with friends and enjoying the sunshine until meal times and to the theatre in the evening,

Over the next 3 days our stops were at the Dutch islands, called the ABC islands Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao: Oranjestad, Aruba has incredible white sands and blue seas making this small island a popular destination. In the bustling free port town of Oranjestad ice-cream coloured Dutch colonial buildings, draped in bougainvilleas, oleander and hibiscus are simply picturesque. Chris and I went ashore with two friends from the ship and took in the sights. Our next port of call was Willemstad, Curacao where the famous blue drink is made - Willemstad is the capital. We took a taxi around the island with friends from the ship and stopped at Bon Bini, a liqueur distillery where we sampled the drink, curacao and were surprised to learn that it comes in different colours but obviously the blue is the most popular.



The next day we stopped off at Kralendich, Bonaire where we stepped ashore and wandered round the shops, brightly coloured buildings glowed in the sunshine. Over the last several



decades Bonaire has constantly ranked as one of the finest snorkelling and scuba diving destination in the Caribbean. There seems to be iguanas on every island we visited and some are quite big so did not get too close to them!

Today we are in Castries, St Lucia, which is in the Eastern Caribbean: with a pair of dramatically tapered mountains, the Pitons, on its west coast, its coast is home to volcanic beaches. reef diving sites, luxury resorts and fishing villages. The capital of St Lucia is Castries which is a popular cruise port. French sailors are said to have named the island after Saint Lucy of Syracuse when they were shipwrecked on the island on the Saint's feast day in December 1318 and thereby is the only island named after a woman. We took a taxi ride round the island.

Our next stop is Antigua. The capital, St. Johns, is the largest city of Antigua and Barbuda and is dominated by the impressive white baroque towers of St. John's cathedral. Built in 1845 the cathedral is in its third incarnation as earthquakes destroyed its previous structures in 1683 and 1745. Tourism is now its main economy replacing sugar which dominated from the 18th to the 20th century. Another excursion "Antigua Beach Escape with Lunch" took us to a beach – white sands, swimming and barbecue – idyllic.

The following day took us to St. Thomas where we visited an aquarium and wildlife centre which was involved with conservation. It was fascinating to go into the aquarium and see the number of different fish swimming in the sea. Fish of all shapes and sizes and beautiful colours and sharks too. Iguanas of all sizes were given free range to wander. There was a pool with turtles and we saw dolphins swimming with one of the keepers and a sealion who performed to various commands but the main aim was to conserve and return these animals to their natural habitat. An interesting and fascinating day out. Next day we are in the Dominican Republic and on the island of Catalina which is uninhabited but is a beach resort with beautiful white sands and turquoise sea – just as you imagine the Caribbean to be – paradise. We were tendered in and lazed on loungers and swam in warm seas. The island has no towering resorts just home to hundreds of birds and flowers, groves of mango, cocoa, palm trees which fan out from the island's centre.

Our last port of call was a change to the ship's itinerary and we headed for San Juan, Puerto Rico. The capital, San Juan is an old and colourful town and is known as The Walled City. Old San Juan features colourful Spanish colonial buildings. However, we opted to go on an excursion to the El Yunque Rainforest. Of some interest but a bit disappointing as they were renovating some of the paths in the forest and these were closed. We were unable to really get the feel of the forest. Arriving back to San Juan we had a wander round this fascinating and colourful town but headed back to the ship as we experience our first shower of rain!

Our next two days was spent as sea, relaxing, eating far too much and lots more cocktails – bliss! Back to Tampa and our flight home.

Carole Wills

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The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming and District has been in existence since 1984. It was initiated at the Stoke Lodge Hotel, Stoke Fleming which has been its 'home' ever since. We meet fortnightly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The meetings start at 10.30am with coffee followed by a speaker at 11am and on the first meeting of the month we also have lunch at 12.30pm. The following programme for September - January 2024 is as below:



Lunch/Coffee	Date	Topic Title	Speaker
Lunch	13th September	Sir Walter Raleigh	Phil Badcott
Coffee	27th September	Bioethics and Genetic Engineering	John Bryant
Lunch	11th October	The Machine Gun Corps, aka the Suicide Club	Martin Farrant
Coffee	25th October	The Trials and Tribulations of Running a Small Farm	Janet East
Lunch	8th November	Life as an Airline Pilot	Stewart Lenton
Ladies Lunch & Quiz	22nd November	Christmas Photoquiz	Robert Hesketh
Lunch	6th December	The Solar System	Phil Evans
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Lunch and AGM	24th January	A train Journey in Miniature	Earl Connolly



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A lunch meeting will be held beginning at 10.30am at the Stoke Lodge Hotel, Stoke Fleming on

Wednesday 13th September 2023

The meeting will commence with coffee, followed by a talk by Phil Badcott entitled

Sir Walter Raleigh

Raleigh was a glittering figure whose life straddled the 16th and 17th Centuries. Come and listen in as Phil tells us all about his exploits and eventual demise



After the talk, drinks will be available at the bar. An optional 3-course lunch will be served in the restaurant at about 12.30pm

The club is keen to attract new members and a warm welcome will be given to guests. If you would like to come along and be a guest please contact our Secretary Peter Hales on

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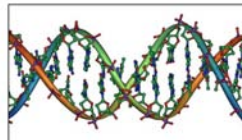
A meeting will be held beginning at 10.30am at the Stoke Lodge Hotel, Stoke Fleming on

Wednesday 27th September 2023

The meeting will commence with coffee, followed by a talk given by Emeritus Professor John Bryant, entitled

Bioethics and Genetic Engineering

Prof. Bryant has had a distinguished academic career in Biological Sciences at the University of Exeter. At the third attempt to re-arrange his visit, we are delighted to welcome him to our club to speak to us about his work



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