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Happy New Year everyone! and it is my hope and prayer for all of us that it really is a more positive one.

I do hope you have all had a meaningful Christmas, and – I'm sure you had to make many changes to your Christmas 2020

In the light of worries, even beyond COVID, about the extent of pollution, over-use of plastics, and global climate change that has become very apparent and those wonderful and terrifying programmes from David Attenborough, I've thought differently about Christmas gifts too.



In our family, we gave presents for children in this country who live in poverty and would not have otherwise had a present, because I was conscious that we have far too much and really had no need for any more. We gave some donations to help those overseas to help with planting trees to appease our carbon footprint and counteract the burning and clearing of the rain forests. We sponsored 'Send a Cow' to help those in famines in Africa and through Christian Aid and Embrace the Middle East my family and friends received a card telling them they'd sponsored a goat, a beehive, a pair of fruit trees, a school bag packed with stationery.



For the sake of our children and our children's children, we all have, I believe, to make changes ourselves and to encourage those in commerce and businesses to be pioneering in the areas of recycling and using less plastic. Much, much more needs to be done, and if we all do it walking together though life, it will make a great and necessary difference.

As we come into 2021, hopefully with a new positive attitude about making changes and being more mature in our understanding and responsibility about all life, we can become more active in caring for our planet. COVID is still very much with us, and the restrictions we continue to face, but I hope we've learnt a little about responsibility, gratitude and society.

God's nature is always to provide for us and to forgive us when we get it wrong - that is partly what the celebration of the coming of God in Jesus Christ at Christmas is about. However, Jesus goes on in his life to teach, heal and show us the way of death and resurrection.

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## The South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

### 60 at 60 campaign

We have also decided to raise some funds for Young Carers from South Devon to have some respite days out on the coast next summer. We are asking people to walk the 60 miles of the South West Coast Path in the AONB to celebrate the 60th Anniversary. The timescale is between now and April 2021 and people can do this as individuals or groups, collecting sponsorship for their efforts. Our target is £6000. We as a team are completing the walk and if 40 Parishes donated £25 each we would raise £1000.

Full details can be found here: <http://www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/60at60/>

Many thanks for your support. Kind regards: Lynne Maurer, Adam Davison





## Strete Chapel



Greetings from the fellowship to all in the village!

Like many other groups and organisations we have had a changeable time here at Strete Chapel as a result of the pandemic. We have been blessed to have been able to meet together for most of the latter part of last year and share in communal worship. At present we have made the decision despite the government rules allowing for places of worship to open to close. This decision was made in light of the rising numbers of COVID-19 affected people across the country and to stand with you all in our community to fight the rates of transmission in our area. We are producing a written service and newsletter that if you wish to receive please email [stretchapel@gmail.com](mailto:stretchapel@gmail.com).

We really do miss it when we are unable to meet in person as a fellowship as well as with our friends and family at this time. However, a local tree surgeon has reminded me this week that we can still hug trees! While this is a light hearted take on the current situation it did remind me that we are surrounded by God's beautiful creation that changes with each season and are even more blessed by the part of the world we inhabit. Each day we are able to appreciate this by looking out of our windows or going for a walk. This reminds me that we have a creator God who is ultimately in control and with this in mind I wanted to share the start of psalm 23.



'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.'

### ★ Young Searchers Challenge ★

Young Searchers is a Christian children's club based on teaching the Bible through stories, games and craft. We hope that home schooling is going well. We thought we would set a challenge in Stretewise until we can meet together again. All children in the village are invited to take part. Please ask your parent/carer to send in the answers by email to [stretchapel@gmail.com](mailto:stretchapel@gmail.com).

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

Q. On what day in creation did God create plants and trees?

Q. On what day did God rest?

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Dear Lord, we thank you for the beauty of your creation, its accessibility and its restorative effect on us. We thank you for the hope of a new year and the hope that this will bring change to our current situation. Amen.



# Stretewise Crossword

Solution on page 76

## Across:

1: A colourless pungent liquid acid  
 $C_2H_4O_2$ .

3: A non-metal element.

9: A unit of weight.

10: One qualified to vote.

11: An extra seed covering, typically coloured and hairy or fleshy.

13: A piece of turf cut out of the ground by a golf club.

14: Run slowly while disconnected from a load or out of gear.

15: Produce a sigh relief.

17: International code signal of extreme distress. 18: A drink is taken as an expression of honour or goodwill. 21: Spanish land near water or the coast.

22: Hard but liable to break easily. 23: An Indian musical instrument like a dulcimer.

24: Having removed unwanted plants from an area of ground. 25: A shape that widens progressively towards the end.

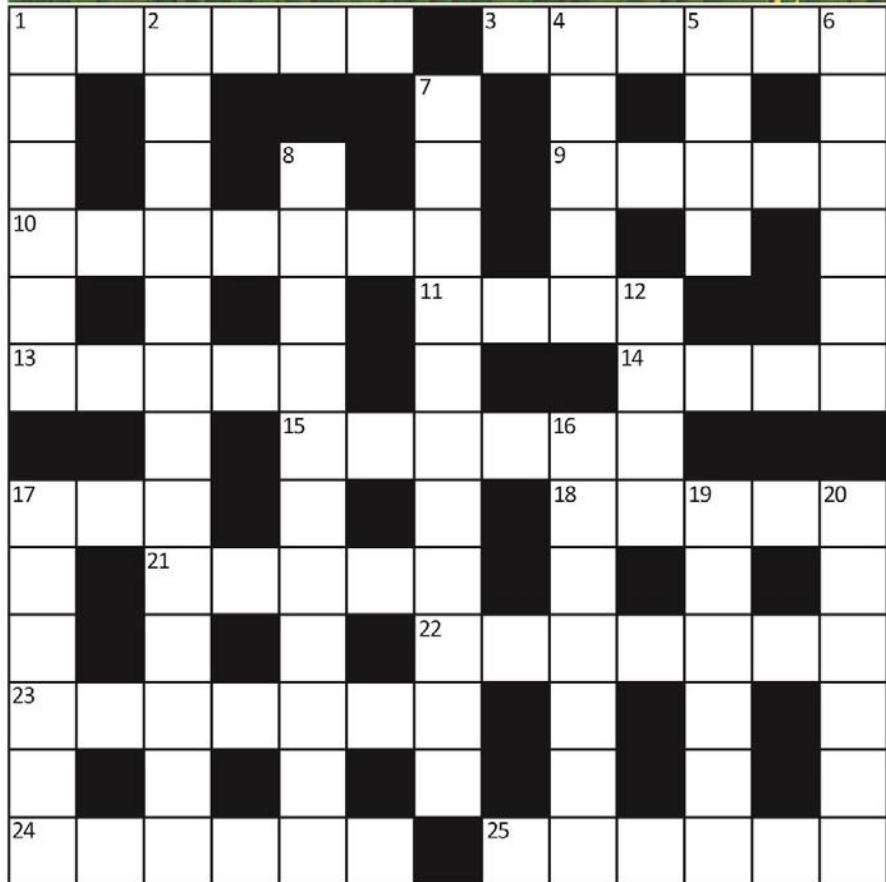
## Down:

1: Rise or move up through the air. 2: Bubbles in a liquid. 4: A sauce made of egg yolks, garlic, salt, and olive oil. 5: A living tissue that makes up the body's skeleton. 6: Provoke or annoy someone. 7: A magical charm or incantation.

8: A medical instrument used in listening to sounds produced within the body.

12: A public open-air swimming pool. 16: To be honest and follow good moral standards. 17: Change rapidly and repeatedly from one position.

19: Paired, branched structures that are made entirely from bone and are shed yearly. 20: Fearful or apprehensive, especially trembling from fear.





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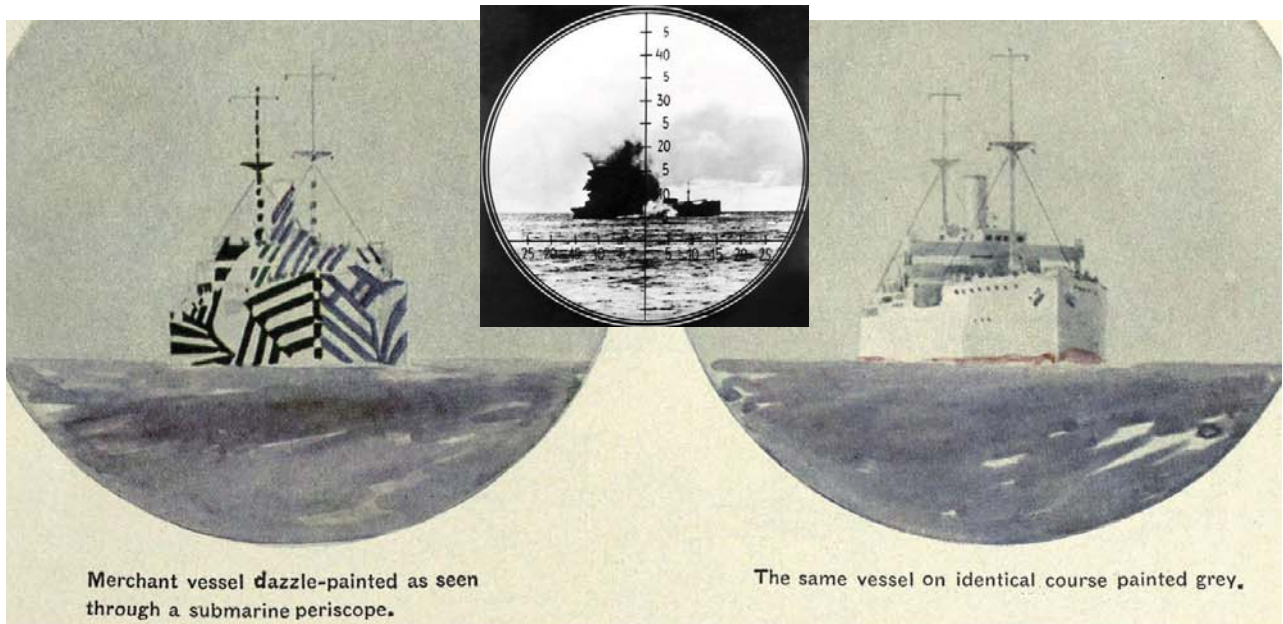
'Dazzle-ships in  
Drydock at Liverpool' by  
Edward Alexander Wadsworth

# RAZZLE IDAZZLE

The world war in 1917 had become a bloody stalemate in France, and a deadly contest at sea. Merchant ship losses to German submarines, 1-in-4 on each trans-Atlantic passage, threatened to starve Great Britain into submission.

In 1917, a young British artist named Norman Wilkinson left the Illustrated London News and joined the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve during World War I. It was Wilkinson who came up with a solution to reduce shipping losses while serving on a Royal Navy patrol ship. His idea was instead of trying to hide a ship, the smoke of a ship's coal-fired engines made that impossible, you drew attention to them in ways that tricked the eye. The Royal Navy had nothing to lose, and agreed to let Wilkinson test out his theory.





Merchant vessel dazzle-painted as seen through a submarine periscope.

The same vessel on identical course painted grey.

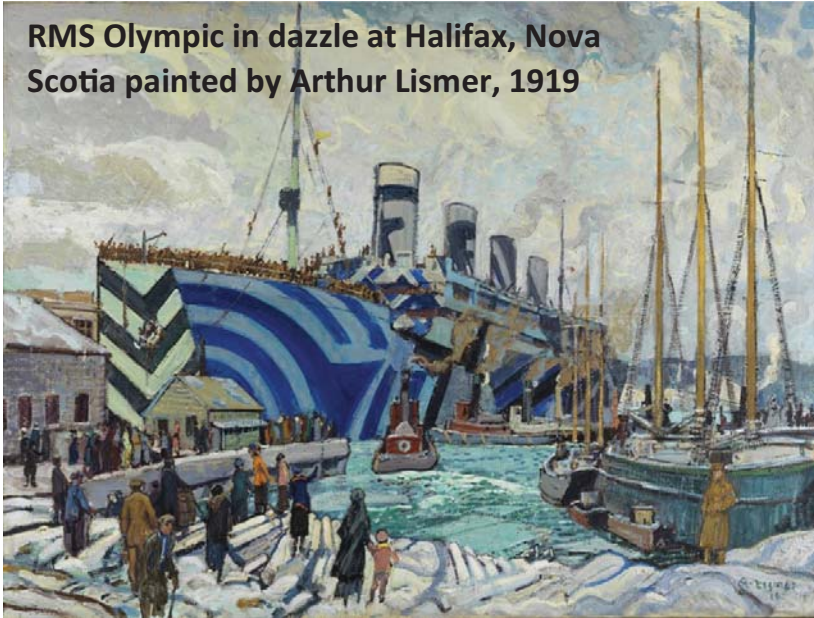
To execute a surprise attack, a U-boat wolf pack captain had to dive and remain almost stationary while a target approached. Being in the right position required good planning and an accurate assessment of the target's course and direction. Razzle Dazzle distorted that assessment, leaving the U-boat well out of the target's path and torpedo range. It distorted a ship's appearance sufficiently for the U-boat commanders to incorrectly predict where to submerge and wait for their prey.

"The primary object of this scheme was not so much to cause the enemy to miss a shot when actually in the firing position, but to mislead him, when the ship was first sighted, as to the correct position to take up." Norman Wilkinson Inventor of the British Dazzle System, 1919.

Each British pattern was unique, and many of the designs were created by women from the Royal Academy of Arts, London. Designs were tested on wooden models, viewed through a periscope in a studio in order to assess how they would work at sea. The United States Navy followed the development of Dazzle in Great Britain with great interest. In March 1918, it established its own program, which built on and expanded the British Dazzle system.



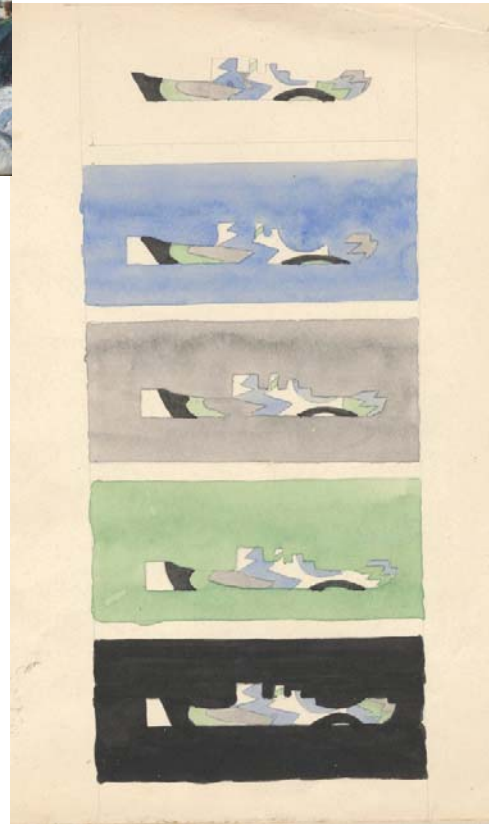
RMS Olympic in dazzle at Halifax, Nova Scotia painted by Arthur Lismer, 1919



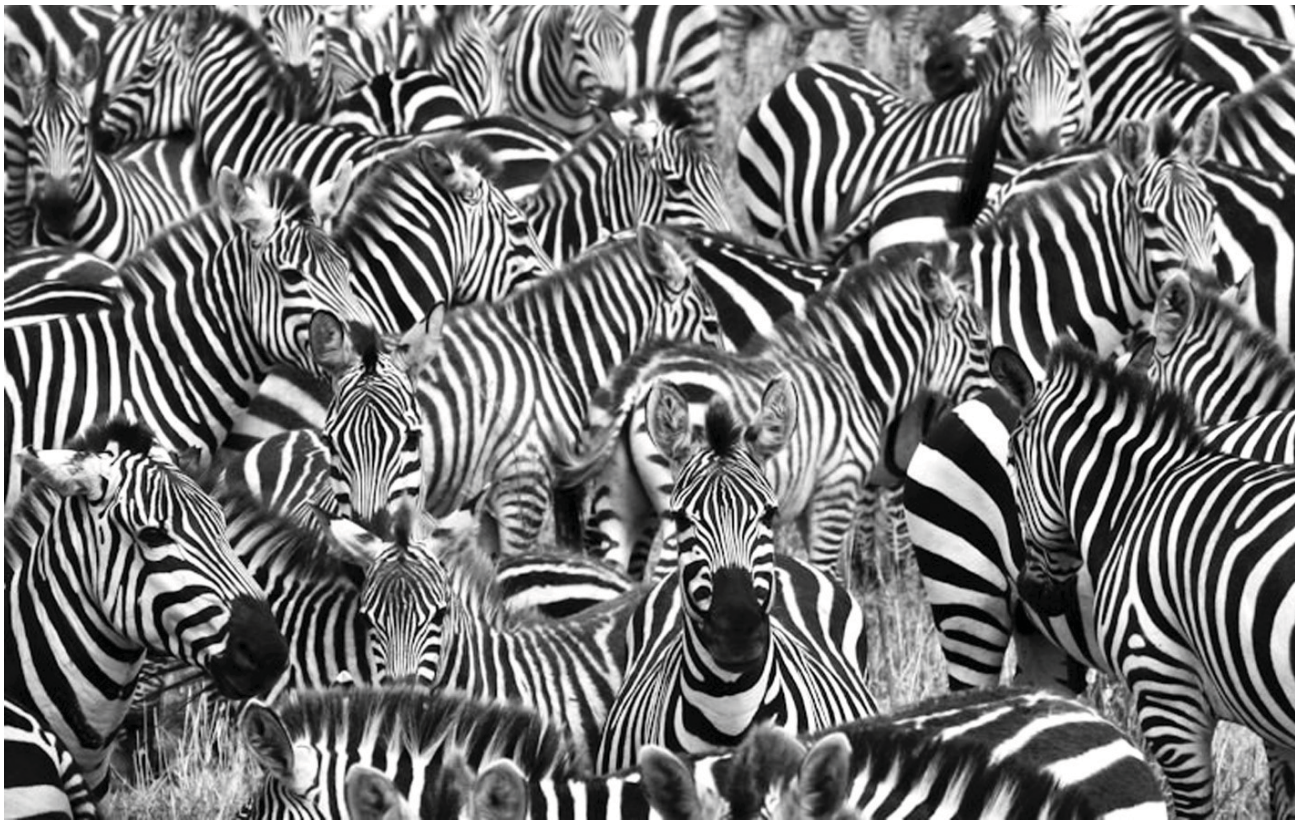
The American version was dubbed "Razzle Dazzle" after the work of Abbott Thayer. Applied to thousands of ships built during the war and combined with developing anti-submarine measures, Razzle Dazzle helped reverse the tide of

the U-boat war to break the stalemate in Europe. Dazzle's effectiveness was however highly uncertain at the time of the First World War, but it was nonetheless adopted both in the UK and North America. In 1918, the Admiralty analysed shipping losses, but was unable to draw clear conclusions. Dazzle ships had been attacked in 1.47% of sailings, compared to 1.12% for uncamouflaged ships suggesting increased visibility, but as Wilkinson had argued, dazzle was not attempting to make ships hard to see.

After the Second World War, the universal adoption of radar made traditional camouflage generally less effective, and led to development of stealth ships, a form of radar camouflage.







The evolution of the zebra's two-tone coat has intrigued scientists for over 150 years. Zebras traveling in large herds, in which they stay very close to one another. It is highly unlikely a large gathering of zebras would be able to escape a lion's notice, but their stripes help them use this large size to their advantage. When the zebras keep together as a big group, the pattern of zebra's stripes blend in with the stripes of the zebras around it. This is confusing to the lion, who sees a large, moving, striped mass instead of many individual zebras.

New researchers from the University of Bristol and UC Davis, California, USA, have added evidence to the theory that band white stripes may be there to stop flies from landing on the creatures. Researchers did an experiment in which they put zebra-patterned coats on to the horses. Fewer horse flies landed on the horses wearing the stripy coats. The researchers now think the stripes dazzle the flies so they can't land properly.







On March 12, 1919, the Chelsea Arts Club held a costume party, called a Dazzle Ball, at Royal Albert Hall in London.

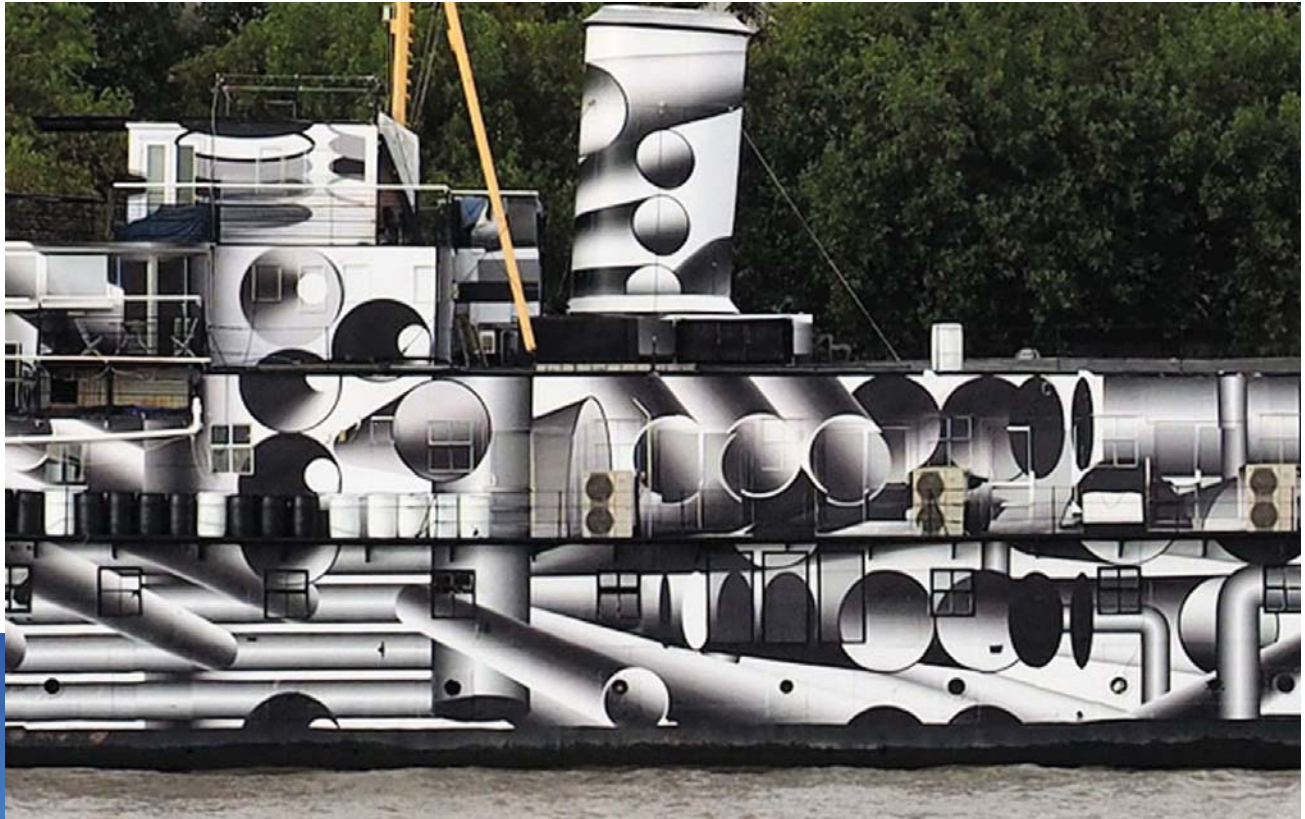


The newest things in bathing suits brighten the beach at Margate, England. The "dazzle" designs of gayest hue defeat the usual purpose of camouflage, that of promoting low visibility.

New York Tribune (June 15, 1919), p. 4.



HMS President covered in dazzle camouflage on the River Thames, London by German artist, Tobias Rehberger. Completed in July 2014, the WW1 warship HMS President on the Thames was repainted in 'dazzle camouflage,' as part of **14-18 NOW**, the official cultural programme to commemorate the centenary of the First World War .



The 'Dazzle' artform continues to be revived through it's original application on ships but also luxury yachts and fashion.



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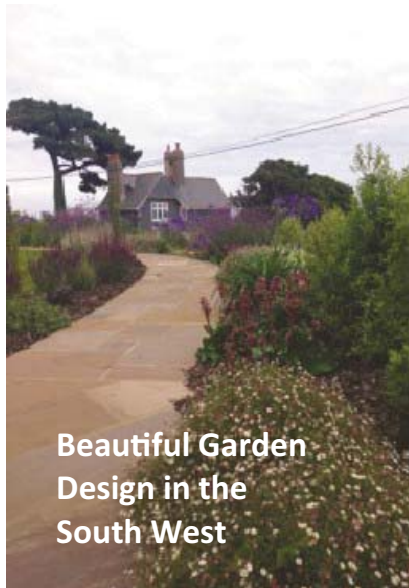
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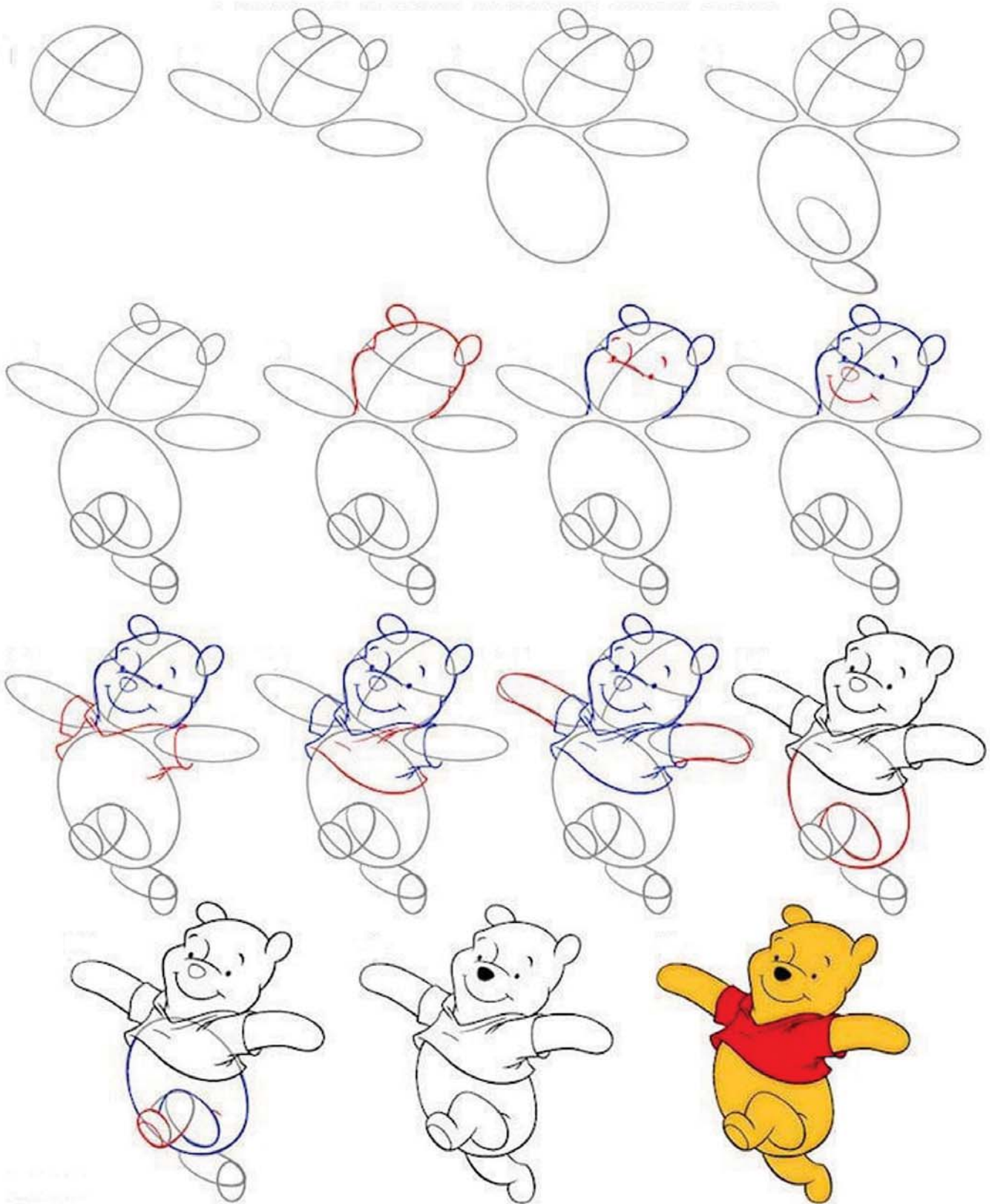
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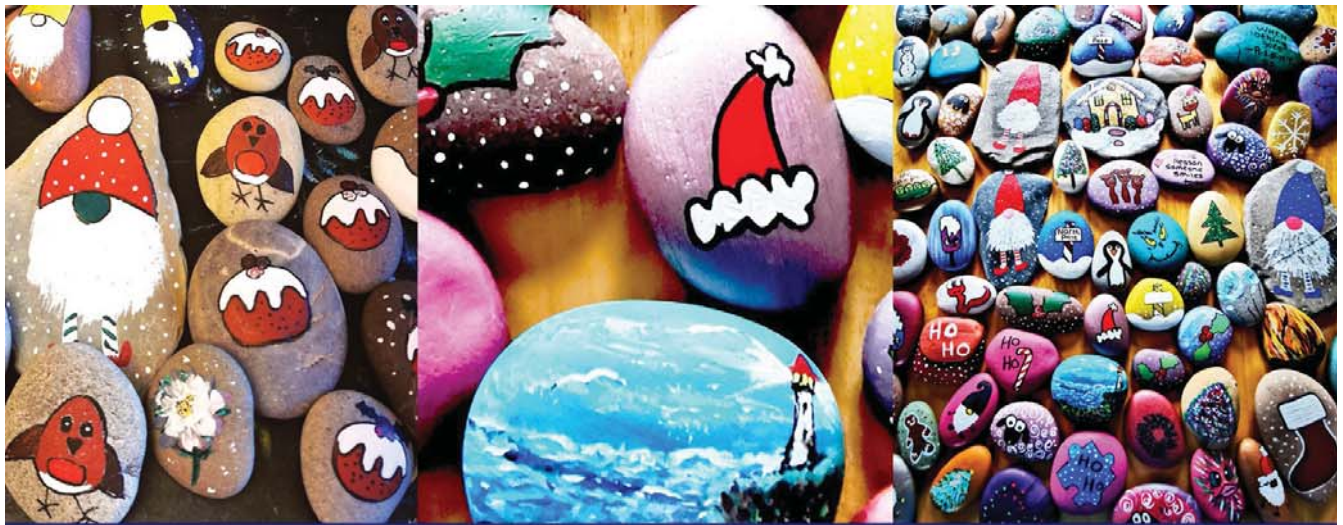
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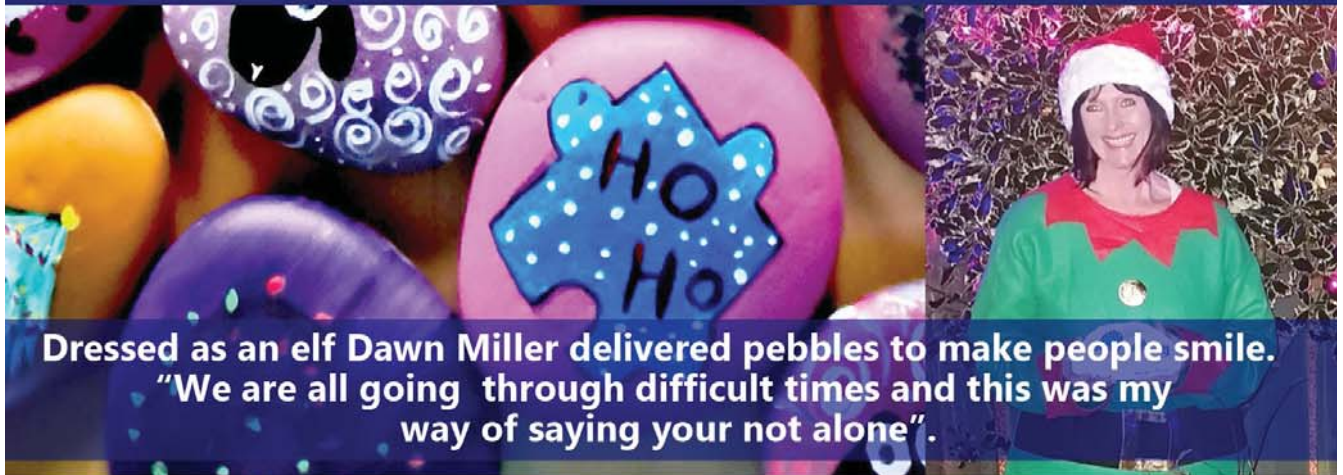
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Dressed as an elf Dawn Miller delivered pebbles to make people smile. "We are all going through difficult times and this was my way of saying your not alone".



To celebrate her daughter Pippa's launch of a new business 'PIPFIT'. Trudy Rothwell put her culinary skills to great effect to produce a festive celebration cake. Including masked and social distancing penguins working out.

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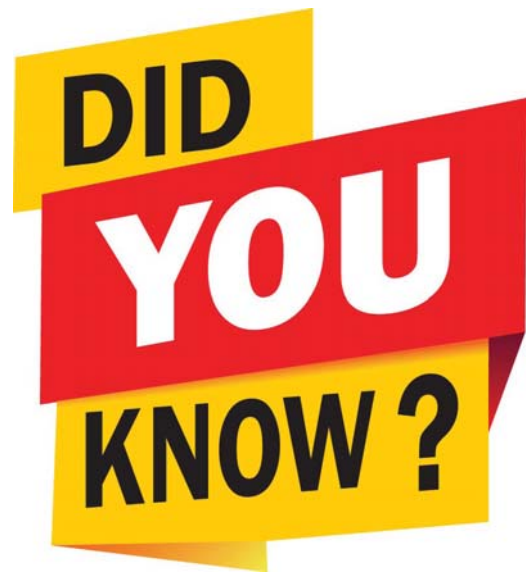
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- ❖ Instant coffee was invented in 1901.
- ❖ Women blink twice as much as men.
- ❖ Germany borders 9 other countries.
- ❖ The original design of Monopoly was circular.
- ❖ The oldest known vegetable is the pea.
- ❖ Almonds are members of the peach family.
- ❖ The human body of a 70 kg person contains 0.2mg of gold.
- ❖ Everyone has a unique tongue print.
- ❖ The bones of a pigeon weigh less than its feathers.
- ❖ A chameleons tongue is twice the length of its body.
- ❖ 1 out of every 8 letters written is an e.
- ❖ You use 72 different muscles while speaking.
- ❖ Your right lung takes in more air than your left.
- ❖ The average lifespan of a squirrel is 9 years.



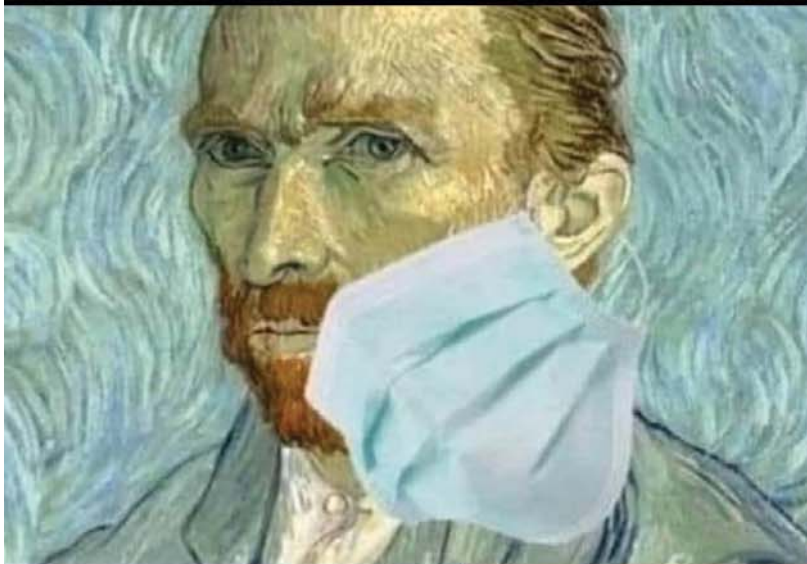
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- ❖ "I took out a loan to pay for an exorcism. If I don't pay it back, I'm going to get repossessed" - Olaf Falafel
  - ❖ "I'm not a fan of the new pound coin, but then again, I hate all change" - Ken Cheng.
  - ❖ "I went to a pub quiz in Liverpool, had a few drinks so wasn't much use. Just for a laugh I wrote The Beatles or Steven Gerrard for every answer... came second" - Will Duggan.
  - ❖ "I heard a rumour that Cadbury is bringing out an oriental chocolate bar. Could be a Chinese Wispa." - Rob Auton.
  - ❖ "British people are like coconuts. Hard on the outside but sweet once you crack us. Also often found full of alcohol and holding an umbrella".
  - ❖ "I was buying a dishwasher online, so I searched by price lowest to highest – the top result was a sponge".
  - ❖ "I met this bloke with a didgeridoo and he was playing Dancing Queen on it. I thought, 'that's Abba-riginal.'" - Tim Vine.








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# STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

HELD ON ZOOM ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 AT 6.30 PM

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## PRESENT

Cllr Kate Gill (KG) (Chairman); Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); Cllr Louise Newman (LN); Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC); Cllr David Rothwell (DR); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC); Cllr Peter Hales (PH); Cllr Richard Foss, District Councillor, Allington & Strete Ward (RF); Cllr Julian Brazil, County Councillor, Kingsbridge Division (JB); Mr Steven Mullineaux South Hams District Council; 1 member of the public.

## PRESENTATION AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION BY STEVEN MULLINEAUX SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Steve [SM] introduced himself as Director of Customer Service Delivery South Hams DC [SHDC] and West Devon DC. He wanted to talk about what had happened in the summer and how we could go forward with matters to hopefully prevent some re-occurrence of the problems encountered in 2020.

**Need for toilets at Slapton.** SM went back over the reasons for removing the toilets at the memorial carpark. The storm in 2018 had washed away the carpark and left the septic tanks below the toilets in a dangerous position. Officers didn't want to replace the toilets but Cllrs Foss, Brazil and Baldry requested they look at costing options along with a risk assessment and report back to members. Then members can decide whether it is viable to instal toilets on that land. SM explained the project had only just started and he doubted it would be priority such that it was resolved before next summer. But the priority attached was very much down to members.

**Car parking in general and issues faced in the summer.** SM admitted SHDC had been caught out by a number of unexpected occurrences. First of all, the number of people who turned up and what he termed 'change of behaviour we had from some of those visitors.' These were not 'traditional visitors' to the South Hams.

Secondly SHDC operates a 9-5 service Monday to Friday normally though of course litter and emergency services operate all days of the week. Members have requested a seven-day-a-week, with extended hours service for enforcement, and patrols early in the morning and later at night. A plan will go to Council and Executive in December. This covers operations starting at February half term in 2021 to Easter,



onward to the end of September and ending October half-term. It is proposed a seven-day-a-week service starting February 2021 and with extended hours of operation as summer arrives from 6am to 8pm. This should see enhanced capacity for enforcement and visibility of officers.

**Barrier on the middle car park and problems with camper vans.** A report is going to the Executive on 3<sup>rd</sup> December setting out carparking charges. The carpark at Tor-cross will be 'closed' overnight ie from 10pm to 6am so all three carparks on the Line will have the same closing hours and are completely closed overnight. But barriers won't be used. SHDC can then ticket anyone who parks overnight in any of the three carparks because they would be parking illegally. It should bring clarity as currently carparks can be open overnight but no camping is allowed.

SHDC is also looking at a strategy around camper vans. Maybe campervan bays will be allocated with a distinct policy on charging for them. Members will decide on whether campervans should be allowed, the charges applied or whether they should be banned from the three carparks on the Line. SM reckons a policy will be in place by the main summer period.

**Litterbin collections.** SM admitted SHDC had not expected the number of tourists who appeared in the spring/summer. For example, one weekend in August 2020 saw 4 times the amount of rubbish collected to the equivalent weekend in 2019. This came from people eating out more, taking out more. SHDC had struggled to collect all the rubbish from the increased number of visitors. SHDC will be consulting with the contractor [FCC] to redesign the summer season at least from Easter to be more flexible with collections and dealing with rubbish. SHDC expect summer 2021 to be as busy as 2020.

**SM took questions.** GC updated all on the meeting he/IC had with Slapton PC on 11<sup>th</sup> November. Slapton PC noted the smaller campervans which can still enter the centre carpark because they are smaller than the barrier usually don't have hygiene facilities. They won't move as they don't want to lose their space so toilets are needed in the centre carpark for these campervans.

SM explained enforcement covers carparking and littering. Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) could also be used. These are put in place to enforce against undesirable behaviours. Under a PSPO, SHDC could use immediate enforcement against people particularly groups who drink or behave badly or camp overnight and the police would be called on. At the moment there is little SHDC can do apart from seek an order to evict. The process to adopt a PSPO involves the three Parishes who are affected and needs a public consultation with the local community. If they are in favour then the order can be applied for. **Action: Strete PC to confirm with SM that they want to go ahead with this and SM to arrange a conference call between the Parishes, RF, JB to get agreement.**

RF asked that overnight fishermen will still be permitted to use the beaches individually at discretion and in larger groups so long as they obtain a permit.

SM said confirmed the scheme would be run inhouse without private security contractors as council officers had been trained up on enforcement. So, carpark enforcement, localities and environmental protection will all be trained up and available for enforcement duties. He also noted normally enforcement officers would not work after 8pm but if there is an issue then officers can be used at other times. The effect might not be immediate but a problem would see increased patrols for the next few days/weeks. IC noted that individuals may not be unruly but the sheer number camping and on an SSSI were causing problems for the environment. SM confirmed if the PSPO was in place, signs would be put up and this would add to the deterrence.

RF asked if the SLP had been consulted as they have plans to recruit an Adaptations Manager. SM has a meeting with representatives of the SLP next week. RF noted the SLP, SHDC and Parishes need to be coordinated on this.

PH asked if there was any plan to put in a manned carpark for the anticipated [increased] numbers of camper vans. This would be equivalent to an AIRE in France where onsite facilities would be offered. SM said this was an option but the problem is where it would be located and if one carpark was dedicated to campervans this would be full all summer and reduce the space for other visitors parking. IC thought it didn't matter as long as all paid.

GC thought people would just ignore carpark restrictions of say 8pm and park all night. He also wondered if ticketing would work if the owner of a car wasn't present when the ticket was issued. He asked about the detail of how a PSPO would work and who to report large beach parties to after 8pm and if this reoccurred?

SM replied the Police do have powers to enforce under PSPOs so they would be a key consultee. They would have a say over what they would be prepared to provide under the PSPO. He also explained SHDC took note of the message that they had not helped the Parishes with the beach problems for a number of years and now they are trying to remedy that. He did caution though that their powers [SHDC] are limited and cannot cover blatant offenders. He couldn't promise the coordinated approach with a PSPO across the three Parishes would end all problems but it would help and this represented steps toward solving the problems encountered in 2020.

LN expressed thanks to SM for dealing with this. She mentioned Friday and Saturday were the worst times. SM replied that the South Hams had a vast coastline and though resources are limited patrols could be arranged to cover certain areas at certain times. In the summer SHDC had concentrated their efforts on Bigbury where there was considerable noise and littering. This had been effective but problems then occurred elsewhere. It is also a fact that SHDC oversees a long area of coastline



and unfortunately its resources are limited.

RC thought it would be a good idea to have a reporting facility on SHDC website to log incidents. **Resolved: SM to act on this and put in place a logging facility for public to report incidents and track trends.**

**Memorial.** The SHDC engineer had contacted the SLP, Alan Denbigh, who confirmed no active work was being undertaken to move the memorial. The current strategy is to wait and see what happens with the coastline. They will act when a trigger point is reached; at present they are not intending to move it in 2021/22. KG confirmed she had spoken with Alan Denbigh and the [capital] funds to do the works are being carried forward to 2021/22 and work won't start to take place until at least March 2021.

RF brought up the draft arrangements to fund the maintenance of the memorial which had been briefly discussed by the SLP before lockdown. The memorial was being moved onto Field Studies Centre land at Strete Gate. Each of the Parishes named on the memorial would be asked to contribute toward upkeep. He observed someone would have to take responsibility for the upkeep after the memorial was relocated. KG stated Strete PC had agreed to look after the arrangements for maintenance provided the other Parishes made contribution but a legal document needed to be drawn up to govern the arrangements on maintenance.

RC asked if there was a design layout and plans for the new site. There will need to be some landscaping to allow for visitors especially in the picnic area. RF informed him that Peter Chamberlain had drawn up plans and presented them to the last SLP.

**Resolved: SM to ask Alan Denbigh for the plans when he meets with him next week. SM, RF and JB to find out latest on the monument and to report back to Strete PC.**

PH noted that Strete PC had not seen any plans at all and he wanted that minuted. Until the PC has seen the plans, they can't comment on whether this is suitable or not. This was the same situation as six months ago.

**Liaison with the Police and Crime Commissioner [PCC] to arrange beach marshals.**

The PCC had allocated funds to beach marshals in 2020 but it had all gone to the major resorts and none to South Hams. SM didn't think the funding would be repeated in 2021/22.

**Strete Estate Probate.** SM has also embarked on a review of the leases held along the Line many of which are long term. SHDC estates team will provide a breakdown of the various leases for what is covered and not covered and what legal issues could arise. **Resolved: SM to report back on the Strete Estate probate and lease review.**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

No Parishioners wished to speak.

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Devon is back in lockdown. Devon County Council [DCC] leads any response to outbreaks of COVID-19 which means they coordinate the response and get information on cases in Devon. Devon has more cases this time. JB gets informed when there is a spike of three or more cases. There was an outbreak in Kingsbridge a couple of weeks ago but nothing else. He noted the cases of COVID in our area are very low. There were a couple of cases at Stokenham School but that's been contained and a few at Kingsbridge Academy. He didn't know about Dartmouth Academy. Plymouth and Torbay do have more cases and they are more densely populated. He offered hope that as we are outside and sparsely populated, we should be okay for Christmas. He mentioned two road closures planned: Stokenham in the middle of January for a month; just below Carehouse Cross where there was a landslip. Then Strete by The Old Byre in early December for a week. JB will speak to the contractor [Keir] and will share on Facebook on the local Facebook page for Strete 'Strete South Hams TQ6' what's going on. RC thought it was night-time work. **The report was received.**

## **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

RF noted rubbish collection in this area had been 'mucked up' by the contractor [FCC] and SM and the two councillors were chasing this up. Routes have been changed in preparation for the new system which comes in next Spring. This has caused problems with rubbish collection. KG asked about the collection of brown bins and recycling. She noted the bins were being emptied but the recycling was being left often for days. RF explained the new contractor has reorganised teams into two streams. One does 'brown' and the other does 'black' so the information drivers used to pass on is not shared between teams. The best way to report is to go to the 'Waste' section of the SHDC website and report on there. If problems continue then to contact RF who will sort it out.

Officers at SHDC have been diverted onto COVID-19 issues and not a lot else is going on. There had been problems with IT and emails not getting through but the hope is once the Council changes to [Microsoft] Teams things should improve. JB observed the normal 'day to day' has pretty much stopped. But not being able to meet face to face was a problem. Communication suffered because of this.

**The report was received.**

**1120/1        APOLOGIES – None.**

**1120/2        MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15 October 2020**

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

**1120/3        DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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



## 1120/4 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

### 3524/20/FUL Application for landscaping works to provide improved access. The Old Vicarage and Slide House, Hynetown Road, Strete TQ6 0RS.

RC commented on a hedge which is griselinea and if it is 1.8m above the wall then this is too high and thought this could impede vision onto the main road. IC thought if the bank was behind the wall and at ground height this wouldn't have the same impact on the sight line.

PH thought **this observation could be included as a comment.** As the effect is to improve the existing layout, he would support the application. IC noted this was the only scheme that could accommodate two separate entrances ie Old Vicarage and the Slide house. **Resolved: to support the application with comments as above.**

### 1120/5(a) FINANCE

Five cheques were listed for payment and invoices sent to all Councillors before the meeting. An additional cheque, 1747, was added to the list of payments at the meeting and approved.

1742 – Clerk salary November £271. This is £261 pay plus £10 catch up on pay rise Sept and Oct.	1743 – Mr P. Cruse works to bus shelter £309. Paid by Clerk so reimbursement to the Clerk.
1744 – £25 donation toward The Royal British Legion for a wreath on Remembrance Sunday.	1745 – Greenspace August to October cuts plus rolling path Prideaux Lane £455.70.
1746 – South Hams District Council Printing Neighbourhood Plan maps. £18.75 plus VAT.	1747 – Mr J Gilbert. Hedge trimming plus blower on the roads. £445 plus VAT.

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

### 1120/5(b) FINANCE

A monitoring report for 2020/21 had been circulated already along with a cashflow projection to the end of December 2020 of CR6,208.41. **Resolved the monitoring statements would be put on the website.**

### 1120/5(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £11,107.66CR Current account at 06/11/20, £10,297.73CR Business Reserve account at 06/11/20.

### 1120/5(d) FINANCE

To consider setting the precept for 2021/22. **Resolved: the Parish council set the precept on December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

## **1120/6 CLERK'S REPORT**

**The Clerk was not at the meeting so her report was held over.**

## **1120/7 CHAIR'S REPORT**

**Report submitted before the meeting. Chairs Report Strete Parish Council**

**19.11.20**

Coronavirus. Lockdown again. The government slogan: HANDS, FACE, SPACE. I prefer RISK ASSESS and STAY ALERT.

Strete Gate and Slapton Line. The summer season has ended, thankfully with no major mishaps but it has however left a lot of very serious questions which need answering. The height barrier in the Memorial Car Park has caused some interesting events at both Torcross and Strete Gate.

Slapton Line Partnership. The last email I received from Alan Denbigh was on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2020 and there was to have been a meeting between 4<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March. Covid-19 prevented any further progress.

The proposed agenda would have included the following: -

- Monument movement update  
Adaptation Project update
- Points arising from briefing meeting with new MP, Anthony Mangnall (scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – I have proposed a small group to attend: Peter Chamberlain, Dan Field, Cllr Richard Foss and self)
- Slapton Traffic Survey progress
- Rock armour maintenance
- Coastal erosion update

It didn't take place so everything has been delayed. I have spoken recently with Alan Denbigh and Peter Chamberlain. Discussions have taken place about the maintenance of the area on which the Memorial will be placed at Strete Gate and it is hoped that all the Parishes and Villages who are mentioned on the Memorial will make a financial contribution towards the cost. It has been agreed in principle that Strete will manage the work as it will be in our Parish. The finances of the Field Centre are not in good condition and they are anxious that a legal agreement is made between all the interested parties.

There are other issues to consider such as the provision of a larger car park to cope with the extra cars. I spoke with Charles Dixon on this recently and as he is still dealing with probate and the Strete Estate he is not yet in a position to broker any agreements. One piece of good news is that the [capital] finance to move the Memorial is available to transfer to 2021/22 financial year.

Play Park. Pictures from the localities officer are now available to identify items of particular interest. Ian and I will do an assessment for repairs. We will then be able



to put together a list of small items needing attention. There does not seem to be anything major on the horizon at the moment. The grass is being cut and the moles are still active. STAY SAFE EVERYONE. **The Chair's report was received.**

## **1120/8 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

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

### **Neighbourhood Plan Report – November 2020**

The Revised Strete Neighbourhood Plan proceeded to Regulation 16 for the regulation statutory six-week consultation on Monday 19/10/2020. This will end on Monday 30/11/2020.

A letter drop to each household in the Parish was completed on 4<sup>th</sup> November informing members of the community of the consultation period and the steps to be taken should anyone wish to comment. Thanks to all volunteers for distributing on 04/11/2020, one day before government lockdown was imposed.

It is hoped that examination can commence soon after. Deborah McCann is expected to remain as the Examiner.

### **Other Planning Matters**

There have been a number of proposed amendments to planning regulations in response to COVID-19. These have the potential to have an impact on the delivery of the JLP and will need to be carefully monitored and considered going forward.

### **Permitted Development Rights**

On 1 October 2020, the government introduced the amended permitted development rights which details what does and doesn't need planning permission. The new rights permit the construction of additional storeys on existing residential or commercial premises and the demolition and re-development of free-standing building blocks of flats without the requirement for planning permission.

### **Use Classes**

On 1 September 2020, the government updated the Use Classes - categorising land and buildings for different uses, specifying which needs planning permission or not. The amendments introduce a new class system which provides more flexibility to change between the different classes. Recent reports from parliament indicate these have been objected to by several MPs and that the housing minister is re-visiting the proposals as a result. **The NP report was received.**

## **1120/9 UPDATES: STRETE GATE, ELECTRONIC VEHICLE SURVEY, PLAYPARK WORKS AND PLANTING OF MEMORIAL TREE.**

**Reports were submitted prior to the meeting.**

**Strete Gate. This has been discussed fully above.**

**Playpark works. Reported in 1120/7 above.** RC asked what the last report from the localities officer said needs to be done. KG commented the report initially did not

include photographs. KG noted that the localities officer 'road-tested' the equipment when the playpark was reopened in July. IC observed the benches had deteriorated. GC has wire brushed everything except the big climbing apparatus so he hadn't been able to treat the wood. **KG suggested the three councillors liaise to discuss what should be done.**

**Planting of the memorial tree.** DR noted a bird cherry tree had been chosen. A tree is being looked for and the location has been broadly sited.

**The electronic vehicle [EV] survey.** PH circulated the report on Thursday morning after the deadline for responses. Recommendation 4 of the report was that the charging point be in the Pub Carpark. RC said he wondered [though he wasn't speaking for the Pub management committee] if the Council would lead on any application for grant funding but the management committee would put the money in. PH noted the grant funding was only available for public land and the pub carpark wouldn't qualify as it was private land. He thought other subsidies would be available in the next few months and it might be worthwhile waiting to see what become available. He did think the council could provide the lead on this once the criteria to qualify opened up to private charging points.

RC then referred to Recommendation 7 on the report which covered sources of heating. He wondered if the Parish council could provide advice to Parishioners on sources of heating under the climate change emergency. This is an area where plans to address the climate emergency could be progressed and assist where sources of heating were being phased out: for instance, gas boilers will be redundant after 2023. LN observed that other sources of heating depended on where the building was and how well insulated it was. For instance, an air source heat pump would work better in a well-insulated building.

PH also explained about a solar panel/battery storage collective purchasing scheme being run by DCC. They are using technical expertise and market leverage to broker deals with suppliers on behalf of householders. Under the scheme buyers sign up [around 500] and DCC conducts an auction with accredited suppliers to get the best price. GC noted a scheme exists for people on benefits or disability allowance with a supply for free.

A proposal by a Parishioner to plant a tree to commemorate the platinum jubilee was mentioned. **Resolved: IC to speak with the Parishioner who wanted to have a tree planted across from the Skerries. Reports were received.**

#### **1120/10 DISCUSSION ON ROAD SPEED AND ROAD SAFETY IN THE VILLAGE.**

The Clerk emailed the Highways officer after the last meeting to discuss a number of related issues to do with speed in the Village. She had circulated her email to the Highways officer to all councillors. RC thought the rumble strip/ cattle grid by Manor Farm should be replaced to slow people down but KG said Lisa Edmonds had



informed her these would not be replaced. RC couldn't see why not as speeding still happened but it was suggested the speed limit signs 20/40 could be moved so the 40 was out beyond Southwood. **Resolved to address various speed issues including the email from the Clerk with the Highways officer.**

#### **1120/11 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS**

RC mentioned the November sweeping in the Village which he believed was successful. PH wanted to talk about benches and wondered why it wasn't on the agenda. At the time of the meeting one quote was still outstanding and another was to be revised. **Resolved to carry over until all three quotes had been received.**

#### **1120/12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

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

**KG (Chair) Playpark. Reported in 1120/7 and 1120/9.**

**LN Transport and Roads.** The hedges in the village have mostly been cut, including Vicarage Lane. Outside the village the farmers have not cut the Totnes Road yet. I have been to see Philip Knight and spoke to Kevin who said they would be cut after they had finished a particular job.

**DR Health and Safety.** DR had nothing to report.

**IC Rights of Way, tree warden and Strete Gate. IC reported verbally. Tree warden:** A number of trees at Strete Gate had been cut down at the corner opposite the iron gate. Maybe the Strete Estate had been recommended that ash dieback was a problem and so trees could be felled. One of the trees was a pine and it was leaning toward the road so this is most likely down to safety. On the other side of the road on the corner some ash trees have been removed and this is probably precautionary on the part of Strete Estate. Remaining ash trees are away from the road and so not a risk from that respect. Strete Gate has seen tyre burning going on. There have been quite a few people down there over lockdown using the paths and beach.

RC mentioned activity behind the pub carpark by the substation. Councillors thought it was being done by the Strete Estate but not what it was. It appears to be clearance and tree maintenance. **IC said he would look into it.**

**RC Planning and Neighbourhood Plan.** RC thought the Clerk would follow up the Landcombe enforcement [October minutes refer] which he clarified referred to the entrance way on the A379. *Since the meeting the applicants have emailed to give their contacts should the Council want to discuss any issues.* He also wondered if hardcore could be used to fill the holes in the passing bay on the Totnes Road. Maybe IC could move the materials [from the junction with the Totnes Road] out to the pothole, dump it and compact it. IC replied that the land belongs to Mr Sutton-Scott-Tucker. **Resolved: The Clerk to write to the landowner to ask what they would**

**like to do about it and if they had any objection to the suggestion of the Parish council.** Finally, RC mentioned Rose Cottage next to the Pub is up for sale at £225,000. Councillors discussed this briefly and what powers Parish councils have to borrow money to invest in property and whether they would have to seek a mandate from the Parish. **Resolved: The Clerk look into the powers Parish councils have to take out loans for property investment and report back.**

**PH The VAS sign and local transport liaison. VAS Monitoring.** On 6th November the position of the VAS unit was changed back to the mounting at the 20mph speed warning sign on Totnes Road, as agreed at the discussion at the October meeting. Operation continues.

**Local transport liaison** Nothing new to report. The **Residents' Electric Vehicle survey** was distributed to all Strete households on 2nd November for return by 18th. Responses were analysed and a synopsis provided ready for discussion at the November meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November. **A full report is on the website.** The survey recommended the Council provide £1,250 in the budget for 2021/22. Councillors wondered if the timing of the survey and its proposals had been too soon for 2021/22 but on the other hand it might be a government scheme would be announced shortly and it would be useful to have money available to take advantage. **Resolved to carry forward the £1,250 to December and budget-setting. This item was also discussed under 1120/9.**

**Parish Benches and picnic tables.** Three quotes have now been requested for discussion and action at the November meeting. **This was held over until the December meeting.**

**GC Village Green.** The final grass cutting of the year is being done this week. Greenspace have done some flattening of Prideaux lane so that they can now cut it again. The Contractor continues to be a little unreliable but he is £50 a time cheaper than the only viable alternative.

One of the barriers at Start Bay Park end of Prideaux lane is being bypassed but not by those who need to use it who have labelled keys. GC put in two wooden posts to restrict this but they were taken out and might have to install something that is more resistant!! **Reports were received.**

### **1120/13            CORRESPONDENCE**

**Minor Injuries Unit.** GC had circulated an open letter to the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust, Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust and copied to the NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group on the subject of the closure of Minor injury Units in rural Devon. GC asked if the council would support this or individual councillors in their own capacity. RC suggested the Parish council send this to the local MP and respond to the letter as well. **Resolved GC to add the Parish to the list of supporters. GC to write to Anthony Mangnall MP.**

**1120/14 OTHER BUSINESS**

LN and GC mentioned a problem with a resident of Start Bay Park where water runs down the road, but doesn't drain away in front of his house. **Resolved: The Clerk advise on whom to contact to sort the problem out.**

RC asked about the Village Day Account and an update from KG on the recommendations in the report from Nick Shepherd [Appendix A minutes 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020]. She informed all that she had the forms from Lloyds to remove dormancy from the account. All the signatories have to complete the paperwork and then would send this back to reactivate the account. RC asked about the other recommendations and whether these would be reported back to the council. KG said yes once the account was active again.

**1120/15 THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.00 PM. THE VENUE IS LIKELY TO BE ON ZOOM UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED. THE MEETING WAS CLOSED at 8.00 p.m.**

Signed: Cllr Kate Gill (Chair) Dated: 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020



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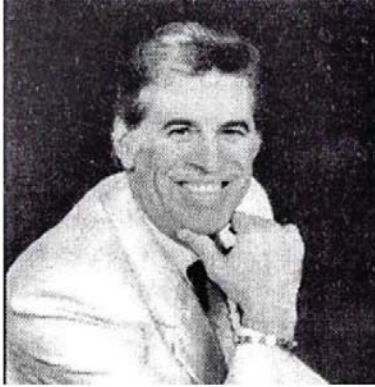


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# A VERY LUCKY FIND

## APRIL 1995

We were itching to get back to our 'Protected Wreck' site in the Erme Estuary, it had seemed ages since we had dived the area, and in fact it had been almost a year. Whilst the technical boys in the guise of 'Sonadyne' had been mapping the Estuary underwater we had done a bit of work on the 'Gossamer' a sister ship of the 'Cutty Sark' lost off Prawle Point, and had been fairly successful in our efforts, finding plenty of nice artefacts which are now housed in the local Salcombe Maritime Museum. However there was a lot of work to catch up on in the Erme and a few targets to have a look at.



As in the previous year, the early months of 1995 consisted of gales and heavy rain, and heavy rain is bad news if you wish to dive the Erme, the underwater visibility can go down to nil due to rainwater washing down mud and silt from nearby Dartmoor, however the weekend of the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 1995 looked favourable even though the West Country had a lot of rain the previous week, but not enough to spoil the anticipation of the first dive of the year. The forecast looked good and the Devon moles informed us in land locked Northampton that the underwater visibility was gin clear, so myself, Mick Kightley, Mick Palmer, and big Mick Evans set out on what was to turn out to be a life changing weekend.

As usual we stayed at our second home, Burleigh Farm in Marlborough, the home of Doris Baker who looked after us for well over three years, always assured of a warm welcome, a cup of tea at all hours with a home made cake thrown in, as well as Doris her daughter Alison and husband Barry took care of the other half of the team when they were down at their lovely bungalow just up the narrow road that leads down to Hope Cove. We could not wished for a better set up.

We arrived early enough that memorable weekend to have a pint or two, or three, after the long journey from Northampton at 'The New Inn' in the village of Marlborough situated between the towns of Kingsbridge and Salcombe. Well into the beer and garlic mushrooms we were joined by local team members Dave Illingworth and his wife Sue, and Neville Oldham, both ex. East Cheshire BSAC members who had relocated to South Devon. Neville and Dave had worked together on local wrecks, especially pursuing Neville's dream, trying to find the remains of an Armada vessel lost off Hope Cove.



Mouth of the Erme River,  
and Mary's Rock.

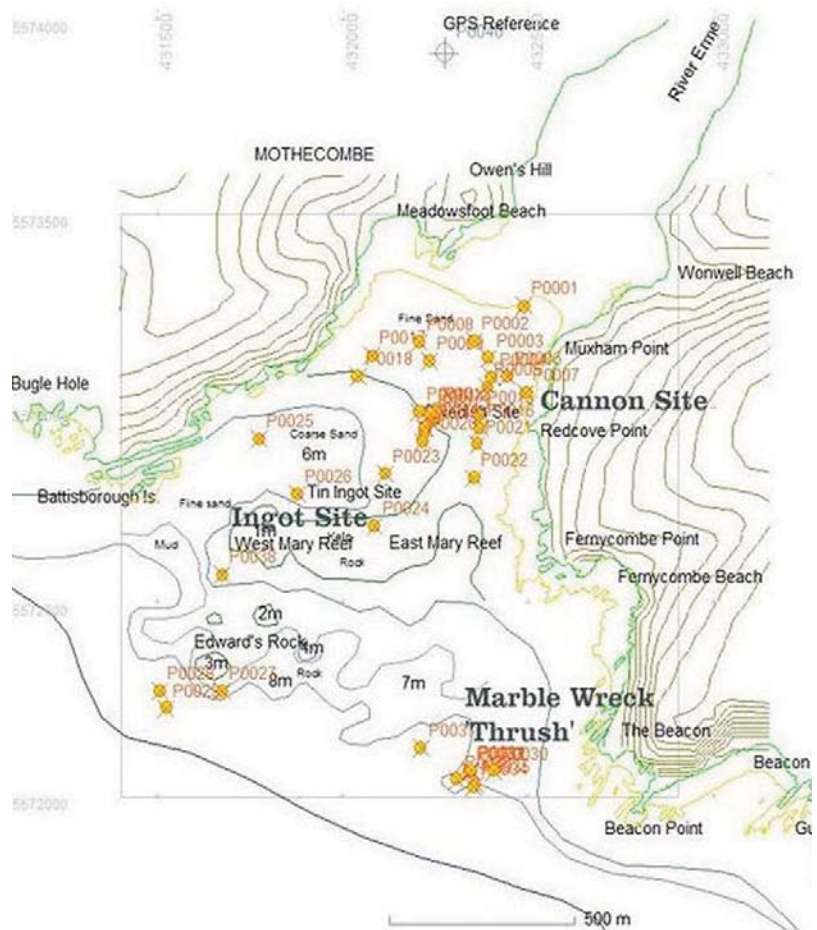


Our plan, discussed as usual in the pub was to launch at Hope Cove and visit the Erme Estuary, dive the reef and do a bit of surveying and digging in the many gullies off the main gully. The following day we were due a visit from 'Rangemaster' the Sonardyne trials vessel, they would re-locate the magnetometer targets for us to dive on, and we were helpless without those marks. And so after kicking out time at the New Inn it was back to the farm house for a good nights sleep.

Saturday morning arrived, the weather was dull and overcast but with little wind. We decided it was a go for the Erme and we headed off to Hope Cove to put the RIB in the water. As usual we were the only ones at the slip and we noticed that there was a heavy ground swell, but as it was high water we had no problem launching the boat from the top of the slipway, recovering from the beach later on would be a problem we thought collectively.

Soon we were heading east in a fast forming sea mist, we kept Burgh Island in sight on our starboard side and hugged the coast until we approached the familiar rocks that formed the entrance to the Erme Estuary. It soon became apparent that we would not be diving the reef due to the heavy surf crashing over the top of the rocks, in fact unbeknown to us at the time, two fishermen further down the coast, were being swept to their deaths from rocks, because of this heavy swell.

We therefore decided to try the French Galleon site inside the reef; it had been some time that we had searched the seabed of the main site. Mick Kightley & Mick Evans were the first pair in and as they were kitting up we could see that the underwater visibility was pretty poor, however in they went, and in no time they surfaced saying it was like a "bloody coal mine" and hopeless, so it was back in the boat to discuss plan 'B'. We had two options, one, to sit it out till low water and try to dive the 'Ingot Site' in the shelter of the Reef, and two, travel some 20 km to see what the conditions were like on the 'Gossamer Site' at East Prawle.



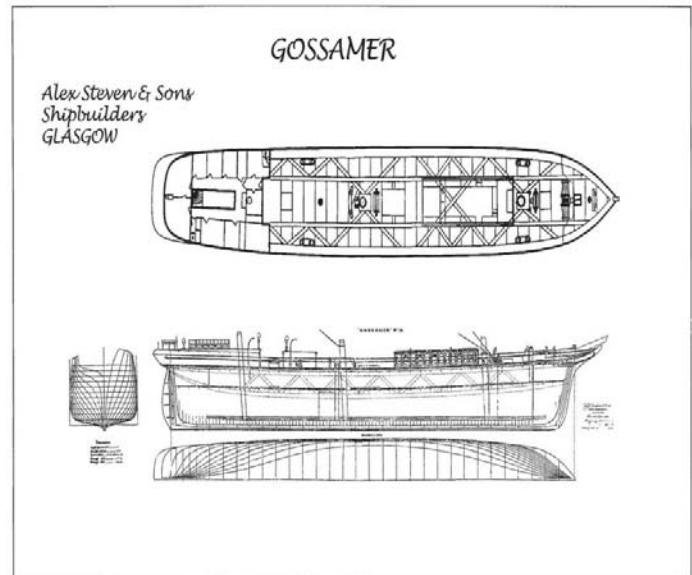
We chose the latter as we could not gamble that the underwater vis. would be any better at low water, so we took the long ride back to Hope Cove to drop off a diver to take the truck and boat trailer to Salcombe as the fuel tanks would not last the return journey. As we neared Hope Cove we could see that we would have a problem dropping a diver off due to the heavy surf crashing upon the beach, myself and Mick Kightley had some years previously been turned over in heavy surf and were not eager to repeat the experience. So we turned about and headed off to Salcombe. Once there a diver caught a taxi to Hope Cove still fully kitted in his dive suit to recover the truck and trailer, to enable us to operate for the rest of the day out of Salcombe. Crossing over the

Salcombe Bar that Saturday afternoon we turned to port towards distant Prawle Point, the sea was choppy but not uncomfortable, as we approached Prawle we realised that diving would also be out on the Gossamer wreck site so we opted to look at a site we had discussed in the pub the night before. Neville had told us of a “boring cannon site” that had a green plastic marker buoy tied to it, and it would be worth a look at if diving was out round the corner. As it happened the sea conditions

were favourable in the area of this cannon site, so we turned round to look for the green buoy off the Gara Rock. I remember saying during discussions about this cannon site that, “no site is boring if it has cannon, and it was worth a good look around”.

Myself and Mick Kightley were the first pair in, we agreed we would take down a distance line each, and go our separate ways from the base of the anchor line to have a general look around. I landed on the bottom at 19 metres just after Mick, the underwater visibility very good, I could see Mick’s line snaking off to the right so I went in the opposite direction down a gully, I saw plenty to get me excited and I left my line on the bottom marking several items worth looking at the next day. Back in the boat I was pleased that Mick had felt the same way, he had also marked an area. The other pair confirmed that it was worth a second look.

At night we hit ‘The Fortesque’ at Salcombe, Mick had seen more cannon than I had and the other pair had found an anchor, so a dive plan was discussed, we were to be joined by Neville and Dave during the day in their boats, and so the stage was set for an event that was to change all of our lives and the history of NW Europe, but that was in the future.



As usual Northampton BSAC were the only ones about having had a 0730 breakfast, the slipway was deserted as was Salcombe as we made our way down the estuary to the open sea, once over the famous Salcombe Bar we turned to port pointing our bow towards Prawle Point. Reaching some quarter of a mile from the shore off Deckler's Cliff we tied up to the small green buoy, the ground swell rolling in but surface conditions good for diving. Mick Evans and myself soon kitted up, the plan of action in our heads as we descended to the sea bed.

I landed with a gentle bounce on the sea bed, silt clouding up around me, disturbed by my intrusion, a small crab turned sideways, its claw raised to fend off any attack, I looked around and up, my buddy appeared in the greenie gloom, descending upside down on the anchor line, a trail of bubbles heading for the surface marking his descent towards me. Kneeling side by side we checked our instruments and each other, I tied my safety line to the bottom of the anchor line we had just come down, the underwater visibility a good six metres. As the dive leader I did a 360 degree sweep and chose a gully to my right to explore, I tapped my buddy on his hood, I pointed out the direction I was heading and gestured to him to follow me a few metres behind. Our plan, discussed in the pub the night before, was for me to tie off my line on any interesting objects, and my buddy would then investigate them.

I started off, pulling myself along the bottom trying to avoid kicking up the silt with my fins, a cuttle fish darted across me, disturbed at the sight of what was to him the equivalent of a Polaris Submarine. To my left the gully walls sloped steeply upwards, to my right another gully disappeared into the gloom, I will go down there later I thought, it looks interesting. A Wrasse hovered close to me; side fins beating rapidly in reverse ready to make a quick getaway, turning, he almost beckoned me to follow him into the narrow gully.





I looked back, no sign of Mike my buddy, but a tapping noise alerted me to his presence behind me. I entered the gully and immediately my second sight trained by years of diving alerted me to a change on the sea bed, something that was out of context with its surroundings, crud I thought, concretion formed by man made materials coming into contact with the chemicals in the seawater, I resisted taking a look at it and formed a loop with my line around the object so Mike could investigate it, I carried on down the gully the Wrasse still observing me from a distance. I had gone some 10 metres into this gully, one of five I could have gone down at the start of the dive, when I was alerted once again by my inner alarm bell, I literally jumped and stopped, what was that I thought, I looked around me, looked at the slate like sea bed, and could not see anything obvious. I saw something, I know I did, I told myself, so I went backwards to retrace my steps so to speak, gently fanning the thin layer of sand covering the rock with my hand, then I saw it, and I immediately knew why my body alerted by my inner alarm had stopped so suddenly. Our team over the years have found almost every type of metal and material from shipwreck, we have even found diamonds and mercury, so we tend to form a mental picture in our mind of the colour that certain objects have underwater, crud or concretion a rusty colour, bronze and brass a green colour, silver and pewter, black, mercury silver, so spotting anything will trigger off Adrenalin, I was just about to experience that in abundance.

Gold holds its colour even if it has been on the seabed for thousands of years; unless it is close to, or touching another metal, then it will be tainted. So what was peeping at me in a deep fissure of the slate like rock was yellow, I knew it was gold, I had found gold coins before, but this was not a coin, my heart started to race. A probing finger from my very worn and holey glove failed to dislodge it, so I reached down to my lower right leg to unsheathe my knife. The rock was very fragile and split very easily, my now shaking hand placed the knife blade deep into the crack and pressure applied upwards, the object popped out in a cloud of silt and broken rock splinters. Looking downwards the cloudy disturbed fine silt gradually dispersed, and revealed lying on its side a bright finger of gold. My guide and new found friend the Wrasse darted in and grabbed a lug worm that had been living its days in a golden palace, but I was in no fit state to admire the antics of a fish, my adrenalin was reaching dangerous levels in my excitement.

I picked it up and looked at it, "bloody hell" I thought, gold, trying to come to terms with the obvious, but what is it. My inner self told me, put it in your glove, your very worn and holey glove and see if there is any more lying around. One wave of the hand over the wreckage of the broken rock, revealed in the ensuing cloud a thin yellow line, what the hell, I thought as I plunged excitedly towards it, my fingers teasing it out, Jesus a coin, and there was another one, my heart was in my mouth, I noted the Arabic or Islamic lettering on the coin but I had to get a grip of myself, I was 60 feet down, there was a lot to think about.



It was April of 1995, I had been diving for twenty years and before that training with the Royal Navy, but nothing in the training manuals had prepared me for the experience I was having, and not many divers had experienced the joy of finding gold in abundance.

I started to calm down, I put the coins with the ingot on top of a safe looking rock, we usually carry a small bag for objects that we find, but it was just my luck that I had left it behind. I looked around, probed with my knife, and again more yellow, this time it had a shape, gold jewellery, "oh bloody hell", swearing again as I spotted two more coins, my heart started to race again as I saw a gold nugget a few inches from the coins, I then stopped, how, I do not know, but I had to, a look at my air content gauge told me I had a few minutes to get my act together. I remember thinking that there was enough gold around to start a gold rush, in Devon, nobody finds gold like this on a boring cannon site, but my main thought was fulfilling a dream I have had since boyhood reading shipwreck books, a dream that was half-way to being achieved, the other half was to crack the surface holding a fistful of gold jewellery in the air to my mates in the boat, but that was soon to come.

Where did I put the gold I asked myself, retrieving it, I stuffed it safely in my very worn and damaged gloves, I had find my buddy who I could hear banging away oblivious to the drama unfolding in front of him. Above all calm down, I have a bloody fortune in my gloves I thought, is it safe, how am I going to manage going up the line with my hands forming a tight fists, but there is no way I am going to drop this lot, all these thoughts going on in my head.

I swam to Mike, thumped him on his head with my fist, he jumped, startled out of his concentration on a meaningless lump of metal, I stared into his face mask, I looked down to my fists, he followed, I opened my hand, his face was a picture, his eyes told me he had seen the equivalent of Liz Hurley naked. Follow me I gestured, aware of my air getting low. Stop, you, pointing with my fist, search this area, me, pointing to my chest, I am going up, giving him the low air sign, and with that I was on my way to the surface live out my dream.

I hooked my right arm around the anchor line aware that I had to be able to get to my air dump valve with my protruding thumb, if I couldn't I would have hit the surface like a rocket as the air expanded in my enclosed dry suit as I got shallower, that

could have killed me. I got to six metres and did a minute stop to allow the nitrogen bubbles collected in my blood to disperse, as I had gone over my safe no stop time on the bottom I had to prevent what are known as the Bends. I managed to control myself on the line, as I could not grip it was difficult, but no way was I going to lose any of the gold jammed in my holey gloves.

I was watching the plankton drifting quite quickly by as I hung at 45 degrees from the anchor line by my elbow, I thought about the lads in the boat above when suddenly one of the divers flashed by waving, I tried to stop him on his way down, but his fins slowly disappeared into the depths, you cannot use sign language with hands bunched into fists. That left Mick Palmer in our boat, Sue Illingworth as a spectator in their boat and thankfully she had a camera, Mick Kightley on the bottom by himself in another area, Dave Illingworth halfway to what, and big Mick Evans hopefully digging out more gold. Not the boatload of my dreams, but at least a haven to dump the gold from my aching arms and fists.

I cracked the surface, my arm still hooked round the anchor line, I had a four metre swim with a running current to get to the side of the boat, normally the short distance could be made in running water by pulling yourself along the line to the grab lines on the boat, but with useless hands it was going to be difficult. I could be in trouble fighting the tide run, and if was not careful I could drift off towards Prawle Point, with my fingers useless I could not operate my valves normally to give me buoyancy on the surface, but there was no way I was going to chance loosing the gold clenched in my fists, no way.

I spat out my demand valve, screamed out to Mick on the boat for help, he looked shocked, I think he was having a few nods, I let go of the line, turned on my back and went for it, finning for all I was worth towards the boat hoping Mick would grab me to



Mick would grab me to stop me overshooting, my gold laden fists across my chest.

Once at the boat breathing hard from my violent finning I turned towards the tubes and Mick. "For Christ's sake grab hold of me" I shouted desperately as I draped my arms over the tubes, peel back my gloves. He did, and out poured the gold, clattering into the bottom of the boat, his face a picture, it was a moment we will never forget, or indeed ever experience again, or that is what we thought at the time.





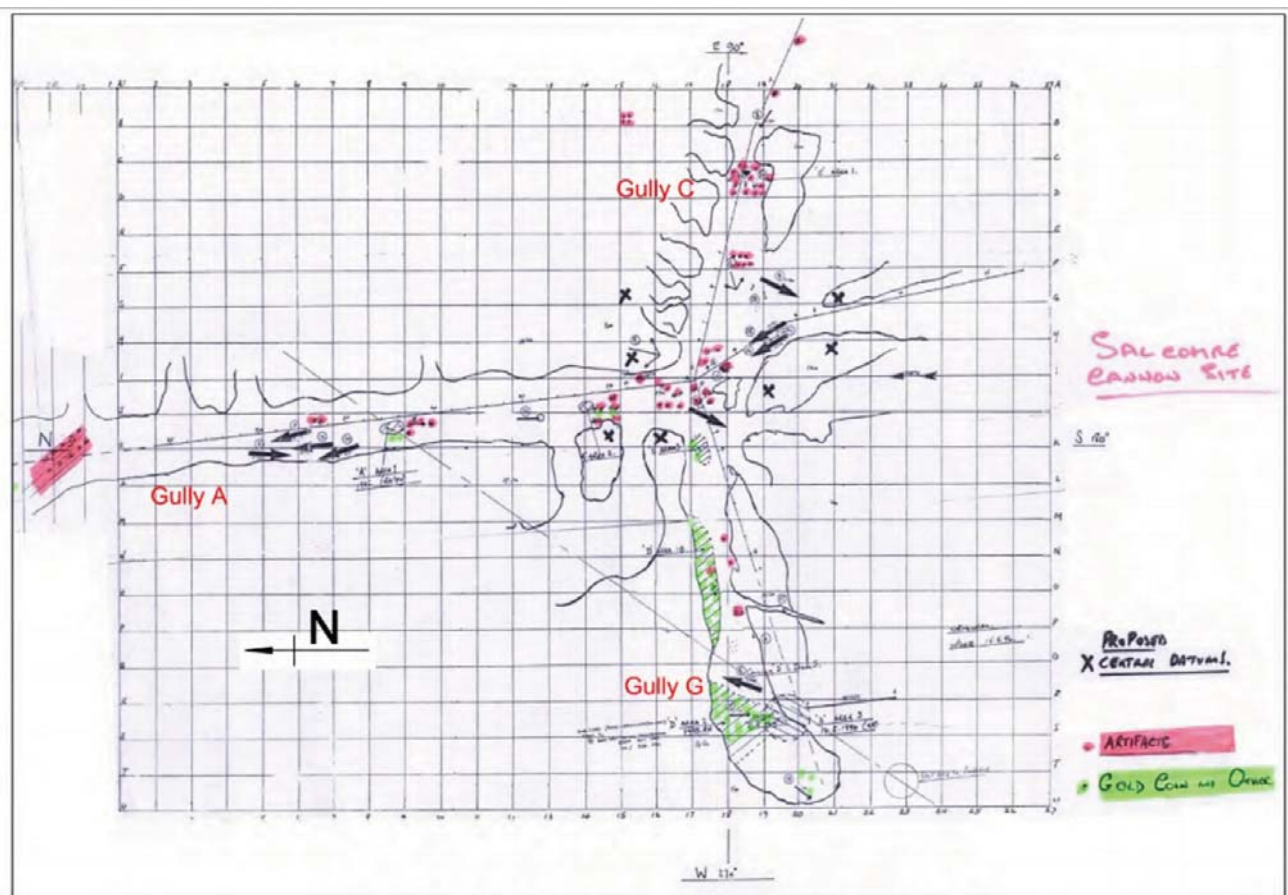
Mike Evans my buddy came up ten minutes later with an equal amount of gold, including a gold nugget the size of a golf ball.

The excitement was infectious and long lasting, when we had cooled down we thought of the problems we were going to face, we knew there was a lot more gold down there, what on earth have we discovered? How were we going to play it? We were well experienced of the effects gold and silver could and would do to people, and we knew that treasure could be trouble, however that was the future, we had the present to think about and that was to celebrate big style.

None of us could forecast the future; it was just as well, in a few months from the gold find I was going to face devastating news, the exact opposite of the elation I had just experienced when finding the first gold. Why me, I thought when told I had a serious cancer some months later. Fortunately I survived and the gold find was just the start of an extraordinary 20 years of diving that “boring cannon site” which has now led to the discovery of potentially the oldest shipwreck in the world and more ‘golden treasure’. However that is another story.

**Ron Howell, Strete**

Secretary, South West Maritime Archaeological Group , 2019



**Salcombe Cannon Wreck - Site Plan**

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# STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

HELD ON ZOOM ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 AT 7.00 PM

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### PRESENT

Cllr Kate Gill (KG) (Chairman); Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); Cllr Louise Newman (LN); Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC); Cllr David Rothwell (DR); Cllr Graham Campbell (GC); Cllr Peter Hales (PH); Cllr Julian Brazil, County Councillor, Kingsbridge Division (JB); Mrs. Helen Darch {Clerk}.

### PUBLIC FORUM

No Parishioners attended.

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Devon County Council (DCC) had an end of year meeting last week and South Hams District Council (SHDC) held one today. JB has tabled a motion about children's Social workers as DCC has a high turnover of children's social workers. This is one reason DCC fails its OFSTED in respect of vulnerable children. DCC is still in Tier 2 so three households can meet up [*at the time of the meeting*]. He observed one reason why DCC is in Tier 2 is a lack of hospital amenities. This includes the Nightingale hospitals where there is a struggle to staff them. The Royal Devon and Exeter hospital is on its highest alert [OPEL 4] as it is close to capacity.

JB also touched on the road closure opposite the Old Byre booked for 23<sup>rd</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March with a diversion route. The works are to instal a new water supply.

*After the meeting JB sent the road closure notice to the Clerk and RC.* JB confirmed this is not a night closure. RC asked who decides if a closure is day or night. JB said we could make representations but DCC and contractors aren't keen on night closures in residential areas. He also appreciated the Hynetown road would be busy that week. The official diversion is round by Totnes Cross. The reason for this route is any lorries that use the A road will not be able to travel via Strete.

GC mentioned the road closure at Stokenham booked to start 11<sup>th</sup> January for around six weeks which the Clerk had passed on that day. The works were to replace a collapsed retaining wall. GC thought the six weeks closure was excessive. JB promised to visit the site on the first day of works and ask for more information. He said it would probably take a week but the contractor needed to build in some leeway. He also suggested the councillors could speak to the contractor as well by way of being parish councillors.



JB forewarned councillors that there will be a series of works along the A379 toward Kingsbridge in March 2021. These include works along the bottom of Coleridge Lane [2 weeks], and extra water at Langholm which might take a week [last house out of Chillington].

RC brought up the potholes on the Totnes Road by Blackwell Cross which DCC Highways averred were not on the highway. The Clerk had asked Stoke Fleming PC if they could deal with it but they said it wasn't on their list. JB confirmed if it wasn't on the highway DCC wouldn't deal with it. He suggested to get some bags of cold tarmac and patch it ourselves. IC offered to have a word with the landowner and see if anything might come out of that.

GC asked for an update on the Public Space Protection Order [PSPO] discussed at the last meeting. The Clerk noted Strete was to confirm with Steve Mullineaux of SHDC that we wanted to go ahead with the PSPO. RC asked what was happening with the Monument and plans to move it. JB had spoken with Alan Denbigh of the Slapton Line Partnership and Peter Chamberlain [DCC Highways engineer] and there was no progress from March. He will pass on any updates to the Clerk. KG confirmed the grant monies [£44k] were still available.

Finally, JB informed all that Richard Foss had family circumstances which meant he was indisposed and JB would be happy to deal with district matters. He then wished everyone a happy Christmas. **The report was received.**

#### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The District Councillor was absent so no report was given.

**1220/1 APOLOGIES** – Cllr Richard Foss, District Councillor, Allington & Strete Ward (RF).

**1220/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19 November 2020**  
The above minutes were AGREED as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

#### **1220/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Parish Councillors were invited to declare any unregistered or other interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. PH declared an interest in Blindwells [2954/20/VAR] if this was to be discussed.

#### **1220/4 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS**

RC updated the meeting on a complaint which had been submitted to SHDC by the Parish Council on the matter of 24 Start Bay Park. SHDC had not responded by a promised date of 30<sup>th</sup> November and RC has reminded them a response is owed. The application for Blindwells [2954/20/VAR], which the Parish Council had objected to, was still undecided and RC would ask JB and RF if they could be involved in any decision on this application.

Councillors were keeping an eye on the application and noted the applicant had resubmitted minor drawings at the request of the planners. RC observed there appeared to be no notes on any discussions between the planning department and the applicant on record. RC suggested the Clerk contact the planners to find out what is going on. **Resolved the Clerk contact Jacqueline Houslander to confirm the status of this application.**

**1220/5(a) FINANCE**

Two cheques were listed for payment and invoices sent to all Councillors before the meeting. An additional cheque, 1750, was added to the list of payments at the meeting and approved.

1748 – Clerk salary December £261.	1749 - Clerk for printer supplies for parish printer £50.98 plus VAT.
1750 – Mr R Clark £36.16 plus VAT for printing and stationery toward Neighbourhood Plan.	

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

**1220/5(b) FINANCE**

A monitoring report for 2020/21 had been circulated already along with a cashflow projection to the end of March 2020 of CR6,333.20. The Clerk brought up changes in the revised budget for the bench contract [now £663 in 2020/21] and Carbon Neutral initiatives of £1,250 taken to 2021/22. IC noted there might be more work on the buddle holes in January and February mainly the Totnes Road. He asked for more budget [£170 left to spend out of £650]. The Clerk suggested unspent monies from the Greenspace contract [£203.80] could be moved to the buddle holes. **Resolved the monitoring statements would be put on the website.**

**1220/5(c) FINANCE**

Cash at bank – £9,537.96CR Current account at 08/12/20, £10,297.82CR Business Reserve account at 08/12/20.

**1220/5(d) FINANCE**

To set the precept for 2021/22. The Clerk outlined underspends in 2020/21 which could be carried forward to the next year so it would be possible to build up cash reserves to the start of 2021/22, requiring a lower precept. **Savings at December 2020** at that point included an underspend on the Greenspace contract [around £200], and on the playpark [possibly £700]. The Climate Emergency budget of £1,250 was put back to 2021/22.

RC thought it wouldn't be popular for the parish to set a high precept. PH reminded councillors that he objected to an increase on the precept last year and also

this year as people are hard up and under pressure. Maybe a cost-of-living increase would do. 1% [CPI/RPI Sept 20] according to the Clerk would give £130 on £13,000. RC thought with COVID the Council had an obligation to act responsibly. The Clerk advised some increase by way of little and often so there was some headroom in case of an emergency. She suggested £500 in her report as a half-way between £13k and £14k as the parish is doing works.

PH thought £10k in reserves was enough as the Council had not drawn on its reserves in 2020/21. The Clerk said the current year was unusual but in normal years the Council would spend more and had drawn on its reserves in recent years. DCC in John Hart's budget briefing on 14<sup>th</sup> December said parishes should take on more duties. RC noted when he joined as a councillor reserves had been over £20k and were spent over time on projects. IC asked about a parish referendum. The Clerk explained that the government revisited this legislation annually and it could be enacted at some point whereby parishioners could vote out a precept if it was too high. IC thought a little increase would be acceptable.

Another option is to seek grant funding especially if the Council is dealing with more highways matters. PH moved for a cost-of-living increase of 1%. LN asked confirmation of what the increase would be in tax-terms. 1% would be £13,130 or £45.78 on a Band D charge payer compared with £44.75 in 2020/21. Councillors voted in favour of £13,130 though IC thought it could be a bit higher. PH asked about the 2021/22 draft budget figure for the Playpark and the Clerk explained what this comprised. **Resolved: The Parish council set the precept for 2021/22 as £13,130 which is an increase of 1% on the precept for 2020/21.**

## **1220/6 CLERK'S REPORT**

**Report submitted before the meeting. Unused bus shelter roofing.** Phil Cruse has some unused roofing from the bus shelter works. **DR confirmed he had the materials in safe storage.**

**Avian flu.** New regulations received November 12<sup>th</sup> from DEFRA through DCC concern keeping poultry birds indoors because of Avian flu. These have been sent to farmers and others to take note. **This was noted.**

**Loan for purchase of Rose Cottage.** In November [Minute 1120/12] RC asked the Council to research financing options for Rose Cottage; for sale by Heavitree for £225,000. It was resolved the Clerk would report back. The Clerk reported that the UK government recently forbade local authorities from borrowing from the PWLB [Public Works Loan Board] for property investment. An article in the Financial Times [25/11/20] gives reasons which include high levels of Council indebtedness and vulnerability to a downturn in the property market. **This was noted.**

**Public Space Protection Order.** It was resolved the Clerk contact Steve Mullineaux to arrange a conference call to put in place a PSPO.



Memorial tree. The Clerk has received correspondence from a parishioner on the Village Green and its status. She passed this on with the Management Agreement to DCC to obtain advice on planting a tree as the landowner. The Clerk and GC are dealing with this. The Clerk asked if there was a particular deadline to obtain a tree and arrange its planting. She was informed this could be flexible but she would continue to chase DCC. **This was noted.**

**Coronavirus updates.** After the last lockdown Devon was placed in Tier 2. The DCC website continues to update and inform on local Coronavirus matters.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/coronavirus-data/>. **The report was received.**

## **1220/7 CHAIR'S REPORT**

**Report submitted before the meeting.** Chair's Report Strete Parish Council  
17.12.20

Coronavirus –The current government slogan remains - HANDS – FACE – SPACE, however with the lifting of lockdown and the freedom to mingle during the Christmas days we are being urged to dare I say it -RISK ASSESS and STAY ALERT. With a Covid variant in our midst it is even more important that we take extra care.

Christmas. Please excuse a personal aside. Half my close family live in Exeter and would normally come to stay with me. This Christmas we will be meeting for Lunch only – for a picnic of festive goodies with extra bits, in our own vehicles. No guesses who is doing the cooking! Even though we are allowed to have 3 households meeting; it makes sense to me that we should stay apart. My daughter is a community psychiatric nurse who might at short notice be called in to work at the Nightingale Hospital. She also has children who attend Exeter College.

The South Hams has been very fortunate to have a very low rate of cases. Please let us all keep it that way!

Strete Gate and Slapton Line. Strete. The kiosk has applied for an events licence which has been granted. It will run from 20<sup>th</sup> Dec through to 27<sup>th</sup> Dec - less Christmas Day. The same Covid rules and regulations will apply to them as any other establishment serving alcohol with food.

Torcross. As you know the weather has been rather wet. It has caused serious problems with the Ley flooding at Torcross. Today the flooding near Prideaux House has been so high that the water has been two thirds across the road. The extra water has backed up so badly that massive tankers have been pumping out the tanks etc in/from the old Torcross Hotel car park. The tankers have been working under the jurisdiction of SWW. The normal solution has not been available i.e., a digger to excavate the shingle from the tunnel; from the Ley to the sea. The reason is the digger has apparently not been able to access the entrance to the tunnel because of the absence of shingle in the right place. The Field Studies Centre/

Council are now organising the unblocking of the tunnel with work starting tomorrow 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Play Park. The moles are seemingly having a big Christmas party! This month we have had the usual inspection by Helen Hardwicke, this time complete with some photographs. I have examined the equipment extra thoroughly. Her photographs mostly show superficial problems with regard to patches of 'soft' wood which require relatively minor attention to preserve the main body of the structure. The large stump of wood – part of the chain walk (at the field end) is wobbly and could simply be removed with the hole filled with earth to match the other end. Some new studs are required for the skate ramp – this again does not require immediate attention – it is simple maintenance. The picnic table also has some minor soft patches on one of the top planks. GC asked if IC, KG and himself would meet to inspect the playpark. **The Clerk offered to send the monthly localities report to GC so he could see what the state of the equipment was. KG then offered to meet with IC and GC to get round and inspect the playpark.**

Kings Arms. Open Wednesday to Saturday 5pm until 9pm Sundays 12 until 4pm. Order at 07742 473 266 or <https://kastrete.touchtakeaway.net> Cards or Cash accepted. Please enquire about Christmas opening times and menu using the above email address or telephone number. The Strete Village Christmas Draw in aid of the Parish Hall will take place at the pub on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020. **The Chair's report was received.**

## **1220/8 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

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

### **Neighbourhood Plan Report – December 2020**

The regulation statutory six-week consultation for the Revised Strete Neighbourhood Plan concluded on Monday 30/11/2020. One comment was raised by a resident in the community who was looking for up to date versions of the SEA/ Environmental Report and the Sustainability Appraisal Report for the Submission Version 2020 of the NP.

As required under the regulations any response to comments that may be required, at this stage of the NP process, is dealt with by SHDC.

SHDC's response to the comment received was as follows: -

'Your comments have been added to the Regulation 16 responses that will be passed to the Examiner who will consider Strete Neighbourhood Plan. As you are aware the Strete NP is currently subject of a second round of Regulation 16 consultation since the NP has been amended to remove the allocation for housing development originally proposed on the Cox's Farm Field site (Policy SNP 8).

Furthermore, the settlement boundary has been redrawn more tightly into the settlement in recognition of the removal of the Cox's Farm Field allocations. Both of these alterations reduce the environmental impact that would result from the NP.

As such it was not considered necessary to revise the SEA or indeed carry out a new SEA since if the NP had originally contained these amendments then a SEA would not have been required.

HRA was not required in any event for the originally submitted NP and is not required for the version currently being consulted upon. Similarly, the amendments included in the current NP reduce any Sustainability issues that may arise from the NP. ‘

It was not, therefore, considered necessary to revisit the sustainability aspects of the NP. On 09/12/2020 SHDC advised that the NP had been submitted for a delegated decision with a request for responses by Wednesday 16/12/2020. Assuming responses are received as requested, SHDC have advised that all applicable documentation will then be forwarded to the Examiner (Deborah McCann) on Thursday 17/12/2020 with a request to start the Examination. It is anticipated that examination will commence soon after the Christmas Holidays in January 2021.

This is two years after the initial examination started.

Email confirmation was received from Duncan Smith at SHDC that the delegated aspect has been passed through and he was sending all the information on to the examiner [Deborah McCann]. RC hopes to hear soon [around Christmas] what the timetable will be. He thought as the examiner had seen most of the plan previously and amendments requested had been included the hope was the plan would be passed through quickly and the recommendation for a referendum. Once the examiner does the recommendation then this confers ‘almost’ 100% weighting in future planning applications. **The NP report was received.**

#### **1220/9            UPDATES ON PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS.**

**No updates were received. Strete Gate, the playpark and the memorial tree are dealt with elsewhere.**

#### **1220/10        UPDATE ON CONTRACTS**

**Report received before the meeting.** PH presented a report on a contract to let for doing works to the benches and picnic tables in the parish. This follows an earlier report into the state of the benches and picnic tables in the parish at the June meeting and subsequent updates. Three quotes had been received as required under financial regulations and details were provided in the report. PH recommended the contract be let to Chris Ellis who had submitted the lowest price and on the basis of the work being completed by the end of April. The total cost quoted of £1,326 including variations would be split equally across two financial years to aid cashflow: booked as 50% in March and 50% in April.

RC asked about the allowance of £200 for the provision of Sadolin added into the cheapest quote. PH explained this was an allowance for the cost of Sadolin stain (consumable) needed to treat the benches. The final cost would depend upon the rate at which the timbers absorbed the material and hence the amount used.



However, the size of the allowance did not change the decision on which contract to approve as the cheapest contract price of £1,326 remained below the next cheapest quote of £1,681. GC confirmed that he would deal with the bench/picnic table in the playpark which was £59.50 in the cheapest quote. IC asked what material was being used on the benches. PH confirmed it was Sadolin [external wood stain]. GC said Sadolin was unsuitable in the playpark because it had a 'slippy' texture. He would use wood preservative instead. **It was resolved to let the contract for works to Chris Ellis in the sum of £1,326 as stated less £59.50 for one bench to be done by GC.**

## **1220/11 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

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

**KG (Chair) Playpark. Reported in 1220/7.**

**LN Transport and Roads.** LN had been away since the end of November so she didn't have a report. Some trees down by Asherne/ Old Byre had been felled. IC had visited the site and reported back. An ash had been taken down from the end of the copse which belonged to Roger Sinnott. According to another tree surgeon the tree had been ailing. IC observed in general ash trees were being taken down as if it were 'open season'. Trees down at Strete Gate were raised again after last month. IC commented that any ash tree that might impinge on the highway down there had been cut down. GC mentioned the number of ash trees being felled at the moment on the highway. LN explained that landowners had to do tree surveys and if trees were brittle [as ash can be] they would have to be cut in case something happened, which led to an insurance claim. The Clerk confirmed that Philip Knight had cut his hedges.

**DR Health and Safety.** All is quiet on the defibrillator front with regular checking of the site and follow up reports logged with S W Ambulance. This is necessary so first responders know the defibrillator is available and where it is. During the next week, DR will visit all the salt bins to access their contents and replace where necessary.

**IC Rights of Way, tree warden and Strete Gate. IC reported verbally. The Rights of Way** are in a good state. Strete Gate carpark has been cleared of growth and brambles ready for the spring. The fence at the carpark which belongs to SHDC has come down in places and it needs to be replaced. IC informed Adrian Dayment of this as he has cows pastured there which could stray into the carpark. IC wondered if the open licence [seven days] at the coffee shop down at Strete Gate was advisable especially under COVID restrictions. KG noted the licence had to comply with the rules for restaurants and takeaways. GC commented that people were being 'COVID-aware' when they queued down there.

**RC Planning and Neighbourhood Plan.** The latest planning proposals in a white paper 'Planning for the Future' were objected to by MPs and the government was now revisiting the drafting of the paper.

**PH The VAS sign and local transport liaison. VAS Monitoring.** Nothing to report. Operation continues at the Totnes Road location. **Local transport liaison.** Bus time-tables have been issued for Christmas and have been published on the website. Nothing new to report.

**Climate Change Emergency. Devon Carbon Plan.** PH attended the webinar launch event for the public consultation stage of the Devon Carbon Plan on 8th December. The Plan will consider the earliest, credible date which should be set for net-zero emissions, together with the recommended ways to get there. All citizens are encouraged to become involved during the public consultation.

At Councillor Hart's budget setting consultation webinar for South Hams on Monday 14th December PH asked what proportion of the 21/22 budget had been assigned towards dealing with Climate Change initiatives. Cllr Hart was unable to give an answer and spoke in generalities about how they had seed-funded the group to develop the Devon Carbon Plan in the current budget, Cllr Hart said he would get back to PH. He also noted SHDC was offering budget monies toward climate change initiatives in 2021/22 and wondered what detail of this was. PH offered to continue to research grant funding toward climate initiatives as there is £1,250 lodged in 2021/22. He observed the Pub could instal a charger but without grant money available at the moment.

**Strete Residents EV Survey.** Results from the survey were analysed and a commentary was distributed to Councillors at the November meeting. The following action items were proposed based upon the responses received:

- 1. Maintain a watching brief on the development of the public charging infrastructure in the local towns of Kingsbridge, Totnes and Dartmouth.** Schemes have been announced but have not yet been implemented. Status – ongoing.
- 2. Maintain a watching brief on the availability of grant monies to support rural charging infrastructure.** Status – ongoing. As discussed in the November meeting it is highly likely that additional public funding will be made available in the coming months for charging infrastructure if national Climate Change targets are to be achieved.
- 3. Insert a provision of £1250 into the Budget for the 2021/22 financial year to fund a public charging facility, with an intention of having it up and running by the end of Q1 2022.** Status – briefly discussed at the November meeting. Timing is crucial - we need to have budgeted funds available to take advantage of grant matching opportunities.
- 4. Suggest to Strete Community Pub Limited that a business case for the acquisition of a public fast Charging Unit should be carried out, with a view to it being located in the Kings Arms car park and operated as a revenue stream for the pub.** The business case should take into account the benefit of any future grant subsidies which might be announced which would help to make the venture viable (no subsi

dy is currently available). Status – ongoing discussion. However, enquiries to date indicate that grant money is not currently available to support this if a revenue stream is to be provided. Continued research required.

**5. Share our survey and results with local neighbouring Parishes and look for synergies in approach.** Status – ongoing.

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

**7. On a wider Climate Emergency point, carry out similar resident surveys aimed at raising the awareness of the availability of new technologies with grant subsidies,** for example the phase-out of oil and gas fired boiler systems and their replacement with ground and air source heat exchangers, the widespread availability of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) schemes for heating and power and the availability of home insulation schemes. The PC could play a major role in assisting DCC and SHDC to achieve the aims of their Climate Challenge Declaration. Status – to be discussed further as part of our response to the climate change emergency. There needs to be wider publicity in the village of the green initiatives being promoted by Devon CC e.g., the recent collective purchasing scheme for Solar photovoltaic panels, and the shift towards heat pumps as a source of home heating, with grants available.

**Parish Benches and picnic tables.** Discussed in 1220/10.

**GC Village Green.** Very little to report. Greenspace are sending a credit note for the cut they missed. They hope to do a final cut for the year as soon as it is dry enough. GC has fixed a substantial post to restrict vehicles from bypassing the barrier in Prideaux Lane. **Reports were received.**

## **1220/12            CORRESPONDENCE**

**Minor Injuries Unit.** GC reported on the outcome of the open letter to the local NHS trusts, local MP and the Clinical Consulting Group (CCG) on the subject of the closure of local minor injuries units [1120/13]. He noted Teignmouth Hospital may be relieved as the CCG had failed to consult adequately. **This was noted.**

## **1220/13            OTHER BUSINESS**

GC informed the meeting the CAB has an energy support system in place accessed by telephone or at Townstal Community Centre on Fridays. This will provide an energy analysis with aid for inefficient energy systems. In the short term the CAB can authorise fuel vouchers. GC asked for this to be communicated. Kingsbridge Foodbank also offer to top up vouchers and charge electricity keys. **This was noted.**

**1220/14            THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00 PM. THE VENUE IS LIKELY TO BE ON ZOOM UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED. THE MEETING WAS CLOSED** at 8.15 p.m.

Signed:            Cllr Kate Gill (Chair) Dated:            21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2021





## How is your To Do List?

The Covid restrictions may have helped you to do a lot of those things that have niggled and should have been completed years ago. Now you may need a little something extra to help you pass the time. Are you interested in the history of our area? Dartmouth Museum is always on the lookout for more members to help when we are able to reopen, but in the meantime you might like to give a bit of help with the admin which continues - though mostly on-line at the moment.

# Dartmouth Museum

The Museum is Accredited to Arts Council standards and, though small, enjoys a high reputation in the South West. We are desperate to recruit a new Treasurer as soon as possible, the current post holder having done an outstanding job for some 6 years and is seeking a break. The main perks are that the task brings you into contact with a lot of history of the area - which goes back a long way and includes a visit by Chaucer - and also free entry to most of the local museums. Above all, when lockdown is finally lifted, you will meet some interesting people who also volunteer for the Museum and you will know that what you are doing makes it possible for the organisation to continue to show off the 20,000 or so items that are owned by two Registered Charities, the Henley Trust being the other. Please consider if you can give a little time each week working from home and help the wider Community. If you are able to do so, please contact David or Carol Lingard on dmhl@msn.com or by telephone on 01803 832105

Jabs are now being offered at more than 200 hospitals sites along with around 800 GP-led services, with another 200 GP-run sites coming online this week. Life-saving coronavirus jabs will begin to be delivered at High Street pharmacies from today (14th January) as the NHS accelerates the biggest vaccination programme in its history.



**Liane and John Baldock reported:** “We had our first Pfizer jabs at Ashburton this week and it was incredibly well organized and no queues – in and out in 25 mins, which included 15 mins sitting waiting to see if we were going to get any adverse reaction”. **Calculate when you are likely to get the vaccine:** <https://www.omnicalculator.com/health/vaccine-queue-uk>



**Devon Air Ambulance (DAA)** have been busier than ever as their mission facts for 2020 show below. Throughout the year the charity were tasked to attend over 1500 incidents across Devon and were, on many occasions, also called to assist across our borders in neighbouring counties.

Of those missions, 590 were to help patients with medical emergencies (those suffering with a medical condition) and 912 trauma-related incidents (accidents and injuries caused by slips, trips, falls, burns and collisions to name just a few). July was DAA's busiest month of the year and Sunday their busiest day of the week. This is thought to be due to many people taking time out for their favourite hobbies and pastimes at the weekend, as well as those carrying out home improvement plans that don't always go as smoothly as intended. It is important to remember that this service is not Government funded and although DAA works together with land ambulance crews at the scene, the charity is not part of the NHS.

DAA is funded by the generosity of the people of Devon. Times have certainly changed from the old way of thinking that the air ambulance simply collects a patient and delivers them quickly to hospital. Today, this service is about highly skilled critical care paramedics and doctors delivering advanced lifesaving treatment and interventions on-scene, stabilising a patient and then transporting them to the hospital which offers the specialist treatment needed to provide the patient with the best possible outcome.

If you would like to help future patients by donating to your local air ambulance, visit their website at [daat.org](http://daat.org)





**It's probably a little late to wish everyone a Happy New Year but let us hope that 2021 will turn out to be better than 2020!**

They found a little **courage**  
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They blended it with **patience**  
And just a spice of **fun**  
They poured in **hope and laughter**  
And then with a sudden twist  
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(By Nekia-Brooke Thomson)

The Hall has been somewhat idle since our last social event which was on 24th January, 2020, when we held a Strete version of Burns Night. We attempted a quiz based on everything Scottish, put together by Jonathan Kendall, David and Trudy served up the traditional haggis, neeps and tatties, Maggie addressed the haggis and we washed it all down with a tot, or two, of whisky: a very pleasant evening was had by all.

### **Then NOTHING!**

All our usual monthly events, classes and clubs had to be cancelled as the Hall was officially closed. Emma, who takes the Stretch Class, managed to hold a few classes between lockdowns but they have had to stop again. Optimistically, we worked towards Village Day only to have to cancel that. Our next project was to be a Christmas Fair but that too went. Finally we decided on a Christmas Grand Draw as a way to bring a bit of Christmas cheer to the village and to, hopefully, provide the Hall with some much needed funds. This proved to be a huge success.

The Hall Committee would like to thank Dave Jones for designing the eye-catching poster; Ralph and Celia Clark for making sure everyone in the village had a copy of this poster; all those who kindly donated prizes, helped to sell the draw tickets and who bought the tickets and Craig for letting us hold the draw in The King's Arms.

Whilst the Hall has been closed it has undergone a really thorough clean, from top to bottom. Some minor internal wall-painting has been done to freshen up the place - this is ongoing. A new back fire-door has been fitted before the major work on the back wall is carried out in the spring. There are still several jobs to be carried out to maintain the Hall and to keep it safe to use and looking good.

**Anyone who is willing to lend a hand would be most welcome.**





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amazing amount  
of £752.00**



We are really, **really** hoping that Strete Village Day will go ahead this year and we have already started planning for it. This event is for the people of the village and for all our visitors so it is hoped that villagers will volunteer to run a stall, help others during the day or to help set-up and clear away. The date has had to change from our usual first Saturday in August because the big dog show, held at the top of Totnes Road, has been booked for that weekend.

**Therefore Strete Village Day will be on Saturday, 31st July, 2021.**

There will be a meeting in the Hall as soon as possible to discuss ideas and take names of volunteers. Meanwhile, if you have any ideas for events, stalls, people to invite, etc please let us know. Contact details are below. We hope to be back to our usual monthly program of events as soon as possible. Don't forget to keep taking cuttings, planting seeds, splitting your perennials, etc for our Plant Sale which should be sometime in May.

**The Parish Hall Committee looks forward to seeing you at our events as soon as we are allowed to re-open.**

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Martin Sobey We should also like to thank Martin for all he has done over the years as Chairman of The Parish Hall Committee. He has had many good ideas to help raise money for the Hall and worked tirelessly to make Village Days successful. We wish him and Susan all the very best in their new life in the Cotswolds.

**Penny**



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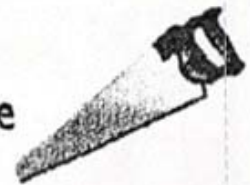
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## The Kings Arms March Update



Let's think this through. We opened on October 16<sup>th</sup> and Devon seemed involved but kind of on the side-lines. Since then: restrictions, then some new restrictions, Lockdown 2, then a move into Tier 2...or was it 1 first, then to Tier 3, then...hold on, don't tell me. Lockdown 3? It will be a quiz question in a few years. Each time there are new rules, new restrictions and new plans. With each set of restrictions, some food and beer stock is inevitably lost. Efficient stock management gets harder. Probably the most difficult times for the hospitality industry since Cromwell decided he'd gone off beer.

Despite all that, on a day-to-day basis, the pub has traded pretty well. Which is a testament to the energy of Craig and his team, the brilliant efforts of volunteers and the determination of local people who have made a tremendous effort to visit or buy a takeaway. It really is a wonder.

I'm writing this in January. The pub is currently closed. January is a very quiet time in these parts for pubs and so the plan was always to close for a couple of weeks. We were primed for as good a Christmas and New Year as we could have hoped for, fully booked and with high hopes. But then, perhaps a little to our surprise, the South Hams was put into Tier 2, and then soon after into the national lockdown. There used to be an ITV gameshow called Gladiators, where contestants were hit with a giant cotton bud whilst standing on a wobbly platform. I'm sure we all feel like that.

In the circumstances it seems prudent to stay closed for longer. In terms of reopening, we desperately want to reopen in some way as soon as it makes sense. But a higher degree of certainty is needed to manage the financial risks.



A toast to the Village Lunch 2020

Which means the committee and Craig will continue to re-view things as the circumstances change.

Despite the stop/start, there were various highlights.

In early December the Village Lunch was re-launched, bringing together people from across the village for an enjoyable lunch and a splash of wine. The takeaway Christmas Dinner was also a success and

something that will no doubt continue as a Kings Arms tradition. And soon after, even being closed could not prevent a successful New Year's Eve, albeit in the guise of takeaway dinners. There was also a takeaway breakfast on New Years Day itself, which helped the chosen few face the year ahead restored and ready.

The closure gives the team time to plan ahead. There is much talk about a bumper year in the South West once lockdown is eased. With the eyes of the world's media on the region for the G7 summit, and international travel restrictions likely to last for some time (plus of course the near certainty of glorious weather....) the pub needs to be ready. A very good summer should make up for the difficult winter.

A lot of thought is being put into improvements, particularly around facilities in the garden to make it function more smoothly. We're also beginning to think about kick-starting the events calendar, which due to the restrictions has been severely curtailed thus far. That will hopefully include events that local people themselves would like to organise: it is these community created meetings and events that will really make this the community hub we all aspire to.

We will also be looking to recruit more staff and improve how volunteers are managed and supported. Volunteers are vital to the success of the pub. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please get in touch with Craig at the email address below.

But for now, it's time to stay safe, get in our daily walks and enjoy the emergence of Spring in this beautiful part of the world.

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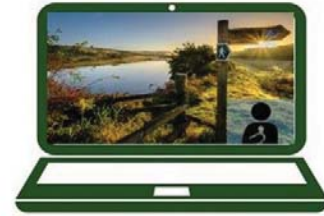
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A series of free informal and informative talks about South Devon AONB from the comfort of your sofa!

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 7pm – 8pm** Tales of the Dart estuary

John Risdon's wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm for this special part of the South Devon AONB always makes his talks fascinating. Find out more about the history of living, working and leisure time on the Dart estuary with John's tales and wonderful archive images.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 7pm – 8pm** A seasonal guide to bird watching in South Devon AONB – Spring

Adam will introduce you to birds you can see around the AONB over the Spring. Find out about migration and the journeys they have taken to get here from far off places and how they are getting ready for the busiest time of the bird year – breeding season. He will also tell you about the magic of the Dawn Chorus and how you can get involved with International Dawn Chorus Day on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 7pm – 8pm** A history of orchards and cidermaking in South Devon

Join Robin Toogood, chair of Orchard Link, for a journey through time looking at the importance of orchards and cider making to our landscape and communities. Find out how Devon became famous for its cider, why there were so many orchards here, why they disappeared and how they are making a comeback more recently.

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# School Term Dates 2020-21 Academic Year

	Sep-2020						
Monday				7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29		
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30		
Thursday	3	10	17	24			
Friday	4	11	18	25			
Saturday	5	12	19	26			
Sunday	6	13	20	27			

	Oct-2020						
1	8	15	22	29			
2	9	16	23	30			
3	10	17	24	31			
4	11	18	25	1			

	Nov-2020						
2	9	16	23	30			
3	10	17	24				
4	11	18	25				
5	12	19	26				
6	13	20	27				
7	14	21	28				
8	15	22	29				

	Dec-2020						
Monday							
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29		
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30		
Thursday	3	10	17	24	31		
Friday	4	11	18	25			
Saturday	5	12	19	26			
Sunday	6	13	20	27			

	Jan-2021						
1	8	15	22	29			
2	9	16	23	30			
3	10	17	24	31			

	Feb-2021						
1	8	15	22				
2	9	16	23				
3	10	17	24				
4	11	18	25				
5	12	19	26				
6	13	20	27				
7	14	21	28				

	Mar-2021						
Monday	1	8	15	22	29		
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30		
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31		
Thursday	4	11	18	25			
Friday	5	12	19	26			
Saturday	6	13	20	27			
Sunday	7	14	21	28			

	Apr-2021						
1	8	15	22	29			
2	9	16	23	30			
3	10	17	24	1			
4	11	18	25	2			

	May-2021						
3	10	17	24	31			
4	11	18	25				
5	12	19	26				
6	13	20	27				
7	14	21	28				
8	15	22	29				
9	16	23	30				

	Jun-2021						
Monday							
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29		
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30		
Thursday	3	10	17	24			
Friday	4	11	18	25			
Saturday	5	12	19	26			
Sunday	6	13	20	27			

	Jul-2021						
1	8	15	22	29			
2	9	16	23	30			
3	10	17	24	31			
4	11	18	25	1			

	Aug-2021						
2	9	16	23	30			
3	10	17	24	31			
4	11	18	25				
5	12	19	26				
6	13	20	27				
7	14	21	28				
8	15	22	29				

School Holidays	8
Bank Holidays	2
Twilighted Training Days	3
Non-pupil days	2
Occasional days 26th and 27th July	2





### 3 Dartmouth towards Plymouth

MONDAYS to FRIDAYS except Bank Holidays												
Service No.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Dartmouth Pontoon	0510	0615	0730	0730	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1715
Dartmouth Academy	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	1540
Stoke Fleming	0523	0628	0743	0743	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1545	1728
Blackpool Sands	0527	0632	0747	0747	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	1549	1732
Strete Kings Arms	0532	0637	0752	0752	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1554	1737
Slapton Bridge	0539	0644	0759	0759	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	1601	1744
Torcross Stores	0542	0647	0802	0802	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	1604	1747
Carehouse Cross	0547	0652	0807	0807	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	1609	1752
Chillington Post Office	0551	0656	0811	0811	1011	1111	1211	1311	1411	1511	1613	1756
Frogmore Bridge	0555	0700	0815	0815	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1617	1800
West Charleton Village Hall	0600	0705	0820	0820	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1622	1805
Kingsbridge Bus Station arr	0610	0715	0832	0832	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532	1634	1818
Kingsbridge College when open	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	1536
Kingsbridge Bus Station dep	0615	0720	0840	0836	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1645
Churchstow Post Office	0623	0728	0848	0848	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1548	1653
Aveton Gifford Post Office	0631	0736	0856	0856	0956	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1556	1701
Harraton Cross	0638	0743	0903	0903	1003	1103	1203	1303	1403	1503	1603	1708
Modbury Post Office	0643	0748	0908	0908	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	1608	1713
Yealmlpton Volunteer Inn	0654	0759	0919	0919	1019	1119	1219	1319	1419	1519	1619	1724
Brixton Post Office	0700	0805	0925	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1625	1730
Elburton Inn	0705	0810	0930	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1735
Plymstock Broadway CoOp	▶	0815	0935	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1535	1635	1740
Morley Arms	0713	0821	0941	0941	1041	1141	1241	1341	1441	1541	1641	1746
Plymouth Royal Parade A1	0720	0835	0953	0953	1053	1153	1253	1353	1453	1553	1653	1758

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SUNDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAYS												
Service No.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Dartmouth Pontoon	0510	0730	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1715		
Stoke Fleming	0523	0743	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1545	1728		
Blackpool Sands	0527	0747	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	1549	1732		
Strete Kings Arms	0532	0752	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1554	1737		
Slapton Bridge	0539	0759	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	1601	1744		
Torcross Stores	0542	0802	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	1604	1747		
Carehouse Cross	0547	0807	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	1609	1752		
Chillington Post Office	0551	0811	1011	1111	1211	1311	1411	1511	1613	1756		
Frogmore Bridge	0555	0815	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1617	1800		
West Charleton Village Hall	0600	0820	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1622	1805		
Kingsbridge Bus Station arr	0610	0832	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532	1634	1818		
Kingsbridge Bus Station dep	0615	0840	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1645	1825	1940	
Churchstow Post Office	0623	0848	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1548	1653	1833	1948	
Aveton Gifford Post Office	0631	0856	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1556	1701	1841	1956	
Harraton Cross	0638	0903	1103	1203	1303	1403	1503	1603	1708	1848	2003	
Modbury Post Office	0643	0908	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	1608	1713	1853	2008	
Yealmlpton Volunteer Inn	0654	0919	1119	1219	1319	1419	1519	1619	1724	1904	2019	
Brixton Post Office	0700	0925	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1625	1730	1910	2025	
Elburton Inn	0705	0930	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1735	1915	2030	
Plymstock Broadway CoOp	▶	0815	0935	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1535	1635	1740
Morley Arms	0713	0941	1141	1241	1341	1441	1541	1641	1746	1926	2041	
Plymouth Royal Parade A1	0720	0953	1153	1253	1353	1453	1553	1653	1758	1935	2050	

SUNDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAYS

Service No.

Dartmouth Pontoon 0915 1445  
 Stoke Fleming 0927 1457  
 Blackpool Sands 0932 1502  
 Strete Kings Arms 0937 1507  
 Slapton Bridge 0944 1514  
 Torcross Stores 0946 1516  
 Carehouse Cross 0951 1521  
 Chillington Post Office 0954 1524  
 Frogmore Bridge 0958 1528  
 West Charleton Village Hall 1004 1534  
 Kingsbridge Bus Station arr 1010 1540





### 3 Plymouth towards Dartmouth

MONDAYS to FRIDAYS except Bank Holidays													
Service No.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Plymouth Royal Parade A11	0625	0725	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1410	1515	1615	1715	1815	1815
Sugar Mill	0635	0735	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1420	1525	1625	1725	1825	1825
Broadway East	0640	0740	0916	1016	1116	1216	1316	1426	1531	1631	1731	1831	1831
Elburton Inn	0645	0745	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1431	1536	1636	1736	1836	1836
Brixton Post Office	0651	0751	0927	1027	1127	1227	1327	1437	1542	1642	1742	1842	1842
Yealmpton Post Office	0656	0756	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1442	1547	1647	1747	1847	1847
Modbury Post Office	0706	0806	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1453	1558	1658	1758	1858	1858
Harraton Cross	0711	0811	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1458	1603	1703	1803	1903	1903
Aveton Gifford Post Office	0718	0818	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1505	1610	1710	1810	1910	1910
Churchstow Post Office	0725	0825	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1512	1617	1717	1817	1917	1917
Kingsbridge Bus Station arr	0738	0837	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1525	1630	1730	1830	1930	1930
Kingsbridge College when open	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	0844	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530
Kingsbridge Bus Station dep	0745	0850	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1535	1635	1735	1835	1835	1835
West Charleton Village Hall	0751	0858	1028	1128	1228	1328	1428	1543	1643	1743	1843	1843	1843
Frogmore Bridge	0757	0903	1033	1133	1233	1333	1433	1548	1648	1748	1848	1848	1848
Chillington Post Office	0802	0907	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1552	1652	1752	1852	1852	1852
Carehouse Cross	0808	0911	1041	1141	1241	1341	1441	1556	1656	1756	1856	1856	1856
Torcross Stores	0813	0916	1046	1146	1246	1346	1446	1604	1704	1804	1904	1904	1904
Slapton Turn	0815	0919	1049	1149	1249	1349	1449	1607	1707	1807	1907	1907	1907
Strete Kings Arms	0822	0926	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1614	1714	1814	1914	1914	1914
Blackpool Sands	0827	0931	1101	1201	1301	1401	1501	1619	1719	1819	1919	1919	1919
Stoke Fleming	0832	0935	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1623	1723	1823	1923	1923	1923
Dartmouth Academy	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	1623	1623	1623	1623	1623
Dartmouth Pontoon	0851	0953	1123	1223	1323	1423	1523	1645	1738	1838	1935	1935	1935

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SATURDAYS													
Service No.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Plymouth Royal Parade A11	0625	0725	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1410	1515	1615	1715	1815	1815
Sugar Mill	0635	0735	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1420	1525	1625	1725	1825	1825
Broadway East	0640	0740	0916	1016	1116	1216	1316	1426	1531	1631	1731	1831	1831
Elburton Inn	0645	0745	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1431	1536	1636	1736	1836	1836
Brixton Post Office	0651	0751	0927	1027	1127	1227	1327	1437	1542	1642	1742	1842	1842
Yealmpton Post Office	0656	0756	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1442	1547	1647	1747	1847	1847
Modbury Post Office	0706	0806	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1453	1558	1658	1758	1858	1858
Harraton Cross	0711	0811	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1458	1603	1703	1803	1903	1903
Aveton Gifford Post Office	0718	0818	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1505	1610	1710	1810	1910	1910
Churchstow Post Office	0725	0825	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1512	1617	1717	1817	1917	1917
Kingsbridge Bus Station arr	0738	0838	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1525	1630	1730	1830	1930	1930
Kingsbridge Bus Station dep	0745	0850	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1535	1635	1735	1835	1835	1835
West Charleton Village Hall	0751	0858	1028	1128	1228	1328	1428	1543	1643	1743	1843	1843	1843
Frogmore Bridge	0757	0903	1033	1133	1233	1333	1433	1548	1648	1748	1848	1848	1848
Chillington Post Office	0802	0907	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1552	1652	1752	1852	1852	1852
Carehouse Cross	0808	0911	1041	1141	1241	1341	1441	1556	1656	1756	1856	1856	1856
Torcross Stores	0813	0916	1046	1146	1246	1346	1446	1604	1704	1804	1904	1904	1904
Slapton Turn	0815	0919	1049	1149	1249	1349	1449	1607	1707	1807	1907	1907	1907
Strete Kings Arms	0822	0926	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1614	1714	1814	1914	1914	1914
Blackpool Sands	0827	0931	1101	1201	1301	1401	1501	1619	1719	1819	1919	1919	1919
Stoke Fleming	0832	0935	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1623	1723	1823	1923	1923	1923
Dartmouth Academy	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	0836	1623	1623	1623	1623	1623
Dartmouth Pontoon	0851	0953	1123	1223	1323	1423	1523	1645	1738	1838	1935	1935	1935

SUNDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAYS

Service No. 3

- 1315 1755 Kingsbridge Bus Station dep
- 1321 1801 West Charleton Village Hall
- 1327 1807 Frogmore Bridge
- 1331 1811 Chillington Post Office
- 1334 1814 Carehouse Cross
- 1339 1819 Torcross Stores
- 1341 1821 Slapton Turn
- 1348 1828 Strete Kings Arms
- 1353 1833 Blackpool Sands
- 1358 1838 Stoke Fleming
- 1410 1850 Dartmouth Pontoon



## Stretewise Crossword - Answers

**Across** 1: Acetic 3: Carbon 9: Ounce 10: Elector 11: Aril 13: Divot 14: Idle  
15: Heaved 17: SOS 18: Toast 21: Costa 22: Brittle 23: Santoor 24: Weeded  
25: Flared

**Down** 1: Ascend 2: Effervescence 4: Aioli 5: Bone 6: Needle 7: Abracadabra  
8: Stethoscope 12: Lido 16: Ethical 17: Seesaw 19: Antler 20: Trepid

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■ BACK ON THE FIELD: Action from Dartmouth's 5-0 win over Salcombe in the sides' first game since March.

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