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# Editorial

#### Dear All

May I thank you very much for all the help that you have given me over the years that I edited the magazine. Now, as you know (sadly for me) it is time to pass on the responsibility to the new editor, Dave Jones.

#### **Malcom Hollis**



Malcolm took over as editor of the magazine in December 2011 and has greatly improved the presentation. It has been a pleasure to have worked with him as press secretary for the two organisations that I send articles for publication in Stretewise. He was so good at reminding me that they were due. We thank you Malcolm for all you have done in formatting such a well presented and informative booklet. Joan Kendall

"Thanks for all the wonderful work you have done for Stretewise in the past." **Brenda Range**  I always feel that when I see the number plate "OLLIS" parked in your dive way, that the village is complete and that "all is right with the world" Not only do we know that "Stretewise " will soon be through the letterbox but that we can be confident that Strete Village Day will once more be in the best site possible in the Village. **Martin Sobey** 

#### on behalf of Strete Parish Hall.

Malcolm is a bit of a star and deserves to be in the limelight even if it is only for a brief moment in our wonderful village magazine. Malcolm has professionally crafted in his own quiet unassuming way, each edition of Stretewise. The magazine has grown and evolved during that time. Dave, his successor, will rely on Malcolm for guidance in the early days and I know he is appreciative of Malcolm passing over the finances in a healthy condition (as well as making a generous donation) As Malcolm readily admits, behind any rising celebrity there is usually an unsung hero. In this case, the award must go to Andrea his very supportive (and patient!) wife. So, on behalf of the village, may I thank you for everything you have done. You have worked incredibly hard, kept us informed and brightened up our lives. Thank you.

#### Nick Shepherd

Thank you, Malcolm and Andrea for all the help in the handover of the Stretewise Magazine and I will rely on your guidance and future contributions. David Jones, Stretewise email: stretewise@outlook.com

### Reflections

Looking from the Rectory windows it is so heartening to see and hear all the evidence of Springtime - primroses, trees and bushes greening up, bird song, lighter mornings and evenings. I don't know about you but it fills me with renewed energy, huge thankfulness for the beauty of where we live, a life in which to live it, and a desire to get 'out and about' again.

I expect some of you will know that I've been recuperating across the border in Cornwall, after a nasty fall on ice back in January. Thanks to the skill of surgeons and the brilliant care I received from our wonderful NHS at Torbay Hospital and later over in Cornwall, I am recovering well and pleased to be home. I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the village for their good wishes - it has really helped.

My injury gave me a lot of time to reflect on what had happened and I realised that every cloud does indeed have a silver lining - if I looked hard enough. First thought of many - lots of time with my gorgeous toddler grandson and the privilege of being with a lovely family who looked after me so generously and graciously.

Second thought of many - my accident could have been SO much worse - yes, I had a broken leg but it could have been a head, neck or spinal injury. I read a book by Times correspondent Melanie Reid who fell from her horse and found herself almost totally paralysed in a hospital bed\* Looking around the ward, her fellow tetraplegic patients included one who had slipped on ice.... In a split second lives changed for ever.

Through my relatively minor injury, compared to Melanie's, I've learnt a little about pain and the frustrations of being (temporarily) disabled and people's attitudes to disability being either stared at or ignored in a supermarket when I obviously needed assistance.

I've learnt to be grateful for small improvements and tried to be a 'patient patient '.

I've learnt a lot too about accepting help gracefully and the words of a favourite hymn struck home many times.

'Brother, sister, let me serve you Let me be as Christ to you. Pray that I may have the grace To let you be my servant too'

'The world I fell out of' Melanie Reid (Author) Publisher: Fourth Estate (7 Mar. 2019) London

During what has been a difficult time, I have known God's love and presence in a fresh way and am so thankful for that assurance and for so many loving prayers.

So, no London Marathon 2019 for me but I'm making alternative plans for a local fundraiser for Dementia charities later this year. Watch out for details! Every blessing **Revd Alison** 

#### **St. Michael's Church** Totnes Road Strete Dartmouth The Vicar is Revd. Alison Shaw.

The PCC consists of: Church Wardens Sally Green 01803 712 438 Brenda Range Roy Kendall (Treasurer) Sally Green (Acting Secretary) Martin Sobey (Vice Chairman) Sheila Kingsley Smith (Safeguarding Officer) Susan Sobey, Dorothy Teal, Joan Kendall. The usual pattern of services is: 1st Sunday in the month – 11.00 am Morning Worship. 2nd Sunday in the month – 9.30 am Holy Communion Order 1. 3rd Sunday in the month – 11.00 am Morning Worship. 4th Sunday in the month – 11.00 am Holy Communion Order 1 5th Sunday in the month – 11.00 am United Benefice Holy Communion at any one of the three churches.

#### Services at St. Michael's Church, Strete

2<sup>nd</sup> June Morning Worship 11 a.m. Peter Barker
9<sup>th</sup> June Holy Communion – 9.30 a.m. Rev. Alison Shaw
16<sup>th</sup> June Morning Worship 11 a.m. Peter Barker
23<sup>rd</sup> June Holy Communion 11 a.m. Rev. Alison Shaw
30<sup>th</sup> June United Benefice at East Allington (No at Strete).



# **Strete Chapel Notes**

# Greetings from the Strete Chapel Fellowship.

Our Evangelical chapel is next to the Village shop and has been used by us for worship since the 1960s. The local congregation is augmented by holidaymakers, many of whom are regulars. The Chapel hosts a good mix of speakers during the year who visit to preach and offer communion. We extend to you all a very warm welcome to come and join us in fellowship on all of these occasions. The time of our Morning Family Services is normally 11.00 am. There is also a bible study on Wednesdays and if you are interested please contact Derek on 770256. email: harrisfarm@btconnect.com

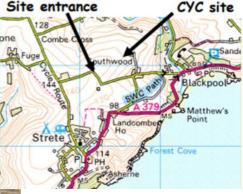


#### Breakfast for men at the Parish Hall

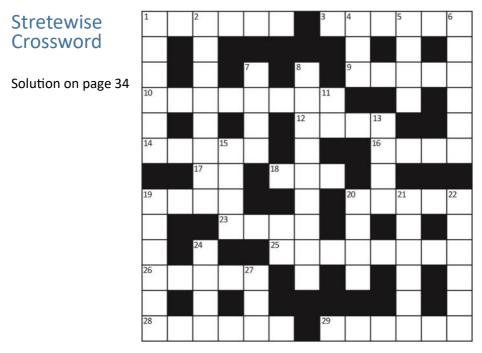
We offer a warm welcome to all men to join a breakfast for men being held from 8 to 9.30 on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at the Hall. There is no charge and it is an opportunity for men in the area to meet together. If you would like more information please ring Derek on 770018.

#### **Children's club Thursday evenings**

We also run a children's club at the Chapel on Thursday evenings from 6.30 which is attended by children from the village and their friends. During the summer school holidays we host two sets of camps on one of our members' farms. During late July/ August an additional service at 6.30pm usually conducted by the Christian Camps at Southwood Farm.



The camps aim to provide a friendly Christian atmosphere to promote spiritual growth and an understanding of what it means to be a Christian. On site there is great non-stop activities, or just relax and enjoy the view!



Across: 1. Affectionate hug. 3. Boats on the water. 9. Having consumed food 10. A person who presides over a meeting. 12. Midday. 14. A kingdom.

16. Symbol. 17. A negative answer. 18. Solid form water. 19. Type of deer.

- 20. FM radio station. 23. Campsite Manor ..... 25. Style of art.
- 27. Land adjoining or near the sea. 28. Evening sky.

29. Seven of these for seven bothers.

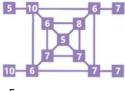
Down: 1. To agree. 2. A collection of computer information. 4. An enemy.

5. Used for animal feed. 6. Used in the manufacturing of leather.

7. A small drink of 8. Cove between Strete and Blackpool Sands.

11. Opposite to yes. 13. Dial three of these in an emergency.

- 15. Bread shaped and baked 19. Used to play on a bridge over a river.
- 20. Rows of these on a beach. 21. The storm having passed.
- 22. Town on the banks of the river Dart. 24. Young deer in its first year.
- 27. Device on which a ball is placed to be hit or kicked.



Start at the centre and collect another four numbers by following the lines, taking care not to retrace your steps. Add all five numbers together.

Which route gives you the lowest score?



#### Exercise Tiger 75th Anniversary 28th April 1944

On the afternoon of April 27, 1944 thousands of men boarded Eight LSTs (Landing Ship Tanks) at Plymouth (LSTs 58, 496, 511, 515, 531) and Brixham (LSTs 289, 499, 507).

They were embarking on a full-dress rehearsal for D-Day on the beach at Slapton Sands, Devon. Slapton Sands had been chosen because of its similarity to Utah Beach, Normandy the intended D-Day target for these troops.

The flotilla never heard the warnings of German E-Boat activity in the area due to an error made regarding the radio frequency the ships were given to inform them of enemy activity in the Channel. The ships formed convoy as they made their way back to Slapton Sands. Just after 2:00 a.m. on April 28th in Lyme Bay four German E-Boats on a patrol and armed with torpedoes attacked the convoy. 639 soldiers and sailors lost their lives in this tragedy.

Tragically, several hundreds of men had been previously put ashore on the beaches as part of Exercise Tiger before their appointed time and live shells from the bombardment caused carnage among them. The tragedy was compounded when the attacks by E-boats claimed further lives.

The memorial parade included serving members of the Royal Tank Regiment, family members of those who lost their lives and survivors of the tragedy. A service was led by Padre John Richards and speeches made by Admiral David Manero and Laurie Bolton from California on behalf of the relatives of those whose lives were lost.







### Exercise Tiger 75th Anniversary

Before the military exercise could begin, villages surrounding Slapton Sands had to be evacuated, involving the clearance of 30,000 acres and 3,000 men, women and children by the end of 1943. On November 4th 1943 the chairman of Devon County Council, Sir John Daw, received a call from the War Cabinet. He was told that the parishes behind Slapton beach were to be evacuated by 20th December. It included the villages of Torcross, Slapton, Strete, Blackawton, East Allington, Sherford, Stokenham and Chillington. Notices calling the public to meetings which told them to clear the area in under six weeks. Nothing was to be left, apart from empty buildings and churches. Compensation payments were made and damage to properties paid for. In October 1944, families returned their villages.

Splendid household gifts were received from the Canadian and American Red Cross. The Slapton Line Partnership 'The returning residents received gifts sent by American and Canadian Red Cross which typically included a 6-8 cup Lovatts teapot, a patchwork quilt per bed, a kettle, 2 dinner plates, a sweeping brush and broom, a scrubbing brush, a galvanised bucket, a thick doormat and a picture of the King and Queen'.

Pam Wills, 85, from Strete Devon, was just 10 when her family was evacuated before the exercise began. She said: "The US soldiers came over and talked to us, they gave us sweets and comics, but they then suddenly disappeared." "We didn't know Exercise Tiger had taken place, but my father, who was in the Royal Observer Corps watching for enemy aircraft, saw ambulances going to and from Slapton Sands,"



On 24th June 1954 a monument was presented by the United States Army in gratitude to the people of the South Hams. Representing the United States was Lieutenant General John Lee and also present was Sir John Daw, chairman of Devon County Council who had the task of seeing through the evacuation order.



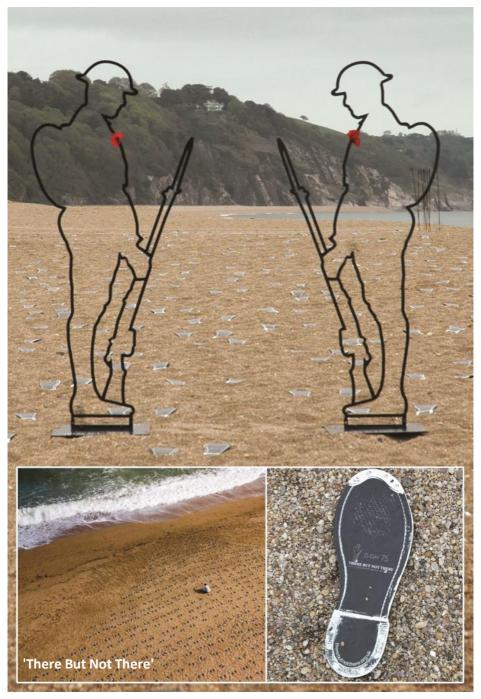
### Exercise Tiger 75th Anniversary

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of Exercise Tiger, in which 749 US troops were killed, an art installation called 'There But Not There' was laid on the beach at Slapton Sands. Hundreds of US servicemen who died in the World War Two disaster while rehearsing the D-Day landings were remembered in the art installation. The commemorative boot prints and special plaques made by veterans to represent each of the 22.763 British and Commonwealth servicemen and women who were killed on D-Day and during the Battle of Normandy in the summer of 1944 will go on sale. Artist Martin Barraud hopes the boot prints will help raise money for employment projects for veterans. Artist Martin Barraud and his team lay down 749 foot prints in the sand one for every life lost during the exercise.

Mr Barraud said: "We're hoping the public will get behind our D-Day 75 campaign by purchasing their own boot prints to mark the great sacrifice of our WW2 heroes, in particular those who helped kick-start the liberation of Europe with the invasion of Normandy on D-Day."

Mr Barraud also designed last year's There But Not There campaign, which placed silhouettes of "Tommy" troops across the UK to commemorate World War One. "Last year our Tommy campaign captured the hearts of the nation, whilst giving a substantial boost to the mental health and wellbeing of veterans across the UK," he said.







### Strete Village Day Saturday 3rd August 12.00pm

Preparations for this year's Strete Village Day 2019 are well underway with an enthusiastic and well attended gathering for the first two planning meetings. We are fortunate again this year to be using The Mewstone paddock for the Village Day venue and offer a very big thank you on behalf of everyone involved to Andrea and Malcolm Hollis for their generous hospitality in accommodating the Village Day events in the paddock.

Music at this year's Village Day will be provided by a four-piece strolling band. Entrance fee paid at the gate, £1.50 for adults, children free. There will be ample free parking in the Paddock. Dogs are always welcome especially when they join in the fun and show their agility.

The Slapton Field Study Centre and The Devon Wildlife Trust who are working nationally to promote wildlife conservation will also be in attendance.

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# 'Kids Get Creative'

This year's Village Day will include a 'Creative Kid's Competition' made up of three categories, create a miniature garden, create a LEGO model or a character made from fruit and vegetables. The entries will be judged on the day.



Saturday 3rd August doms. 12:00pm Mewstone Paddock Totnes Road Strete TQ6 ORU

Entries are to be no bigger than 30cm x 30cm x 30cm. Your creations are to be submitted to the competition tent by 12.30pm on the day. Prizes will be awarded to 6yrs and under and 7yrs to 10yrs. The winning entries will be announced at 1.30pm on the day. No more than one entry in each category. All entries will need to be collected and taken home at the end of the day. Planning for the usual excellent Village Day 'Tea Rooms' are well in hand and we are looking for bakers to contribute an array of cakes, scones and biscuits. If you can contribute by baking donations for the Village Day 'Tea Room' then please deliver to Sara at Magnolia Cottage or Juliet at Sea Barton in Vicarage Lane by Thursday 1st August.



Baker's your help is needed to provide Cakes, Scones and Biscuits for the Vilage Day 'Tea Room' If you are willing to help contribute please contact: stretewise@outlook.com or leave your contact details with Monica and Andy at the shop.

We will also have Medieval Stocks this year so start to think which favourite relative you would like to lock helplessly in the stocks and throw cold wet sponges at them. Pitches are available for Car Boot sales £6 per car and Trade Stalls £10 per stall. To book a pitch contact: manorfarmstrete@hotmail.co.uk

Everyone is invited to the Village Day planning meetings at the Parish Hall. Your ideas and commitment to help will ensure we have another enjoyable and memorable Strete Village Day on the 3rd August 2019.







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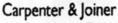
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#### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC) HELD IN STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2019 AT 7.00 PM

#### PRESENT

Cllr Kate Gill, Chairman (KG); Cllr Ralph Clark (RC); Cllr David Rothwell (DR); Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC); Cllr Louise Newman (LN); Cllr John Vallance (JV); Mrs. Helen Darch – Clerk

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public attended the meeting.

#### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no County Councillor report.

#### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no District Councillor report.

APOLOGIES – Cllr Richard Foss, District Councillor, Allington & Strete Ward (RF); Cllr Julian Brazil, County Councillor, Kingsbridge Division (JB); Cllr Mark Hanson (MH)

#### 0419/2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2019

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

#### 0419/3 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.** 

#### 0419/4 CLERK'S REPORT

WIFI. Since the last meeting the Clerk contacted Actionwest and arranged for WIFI to be installed in the Hall. The hub is in the kitchen and the password will be given out tonight. There still needs to be decided security of the Hub. Cost per emails with Actionwest 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 of £418 inc VAT. The Clerk has taken out a contract with '3' at £20/month unlimited broadband and will pay the bills monthly and claim back the cost. Anything incurred above this by users will be also billed.

The Parish Hall Committee chairman has corresponded with the Council on the matter of the aerial. His email raised concerns over the aerial which had been installed and the costs of the WIFI and who would pay for these. The Clerk explained events leading up to the installation of the WIFI. She also explained it had been funded by a SLCF grant to £500 and the ongoing broadband costs would be paid by the Clerk and reclaimed from the Parish Council.

Resolved: The Clerk write to the Chairman of the Parish Hall on his concerns raised. Annual Parish meeting. A few people have asked the Clerk when this will take place this year. The Clerk had been advised by the SLCC and DALC in her election training not to hold an Annual Parish Meeting [APM] during the election purdah period. This advice had been circulated to councillors in March 2019. Councillors discussed when to hold a meeting and it was decided to settle on either of 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May for the first meeting of the new council and the APM.

#### Resolved: that the date of the first council meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting would be one or other of the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> May subject to availability.

Since this the Clerk confirmed with Andrea Phillips that the Hall is free on the 16<sup>th</sup> May from 5pm to do swearing in, a council meeting from 5.45pm which the public may attend and then the Annual Parish Meeting from 7pm.

**Elections.** The parish elections are uncontested so only the District will be contested this time. However, ALL councillors need to sign declarations of acceptance of office and complete a register of interests which can take place before the first meeting of the new council on 16<sup>th</sup> May at 5.45pm. Any councillors who cannot attend the first meeting of the new council agrees sign their paperwork before the next meeting. The Clerk has to be present at this as responsible officer.

We also have European elections to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

**VAS Machine**. The Clerk confirmed that there was paperwork that the previous Clerk had received with the machine and there is a warranty for 12 months from title which is when payment is made. In the case of the sign this was 10<sup>th</sup> July when it cleared. RC offered to contact Westcotec to ascertain warranty and seek resolution.

Resolved: RC to contact Westcotec to confirm the machine was still in warranty and resolve the matter.

**Grants and funds**. Since the last meeting the Council has received the first instalment of the precept and the CTSG of £277.

External audit. An email earlier this week set out the arrangements for signing Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR [Annual Governance and Accountability Return]. This must be completed before 1<sup>st</sup> July. The internal audit has been completed and signed off by Nick Shepherd. He also reviewed Sections 1 and 2 and gave his approval on these. Then the public exercise will start and members of the parish [electorate] can inspect the accounts. The guidance given on this recommends between 17<sup>th</sup> June and 26<sup>th</sup> July. The external auditor for smaller authorities is PKF Littlejohn. KG as Chairman signed and dated Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR.

Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR were signed at the meeting. The dates for exercise of public rights by the electorate were confirmed as between 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The Clerk will publicise the rights on the noticeboards and these will also appear on the website.

**Greenspace contract.** Greenspace has still not billed since January for the work done. An amount for the unbilled works to the end of March plus suggested contract payments in April and May has been lodged. IC confirmed the cuts had been done.

Since the meeting the Clerk contacted Greenspace and received correct bills for January to April 2019 inclusive.

#### The report was received.

#### 0419/5 CHAIR'S REPORT

Slapton Line. This is still ongoing. I have had contact with Alan Denbigh who tells me that Slapton PC are intending to apply for planning permission to move the memorial onto the public footpath on Sands Road. I am very unhappy about this and I am not the only one. If the road is to be destroyed by the sea it seems pointless to put it where no one has access other than through the village of Slapton which already has parking issues.

**Strete Gate.** I have at last been able to ascertain who is responsible for the fencing off of the path to the beach opposite the car park and toilets. It is Helen Hardwicke. There has not been time to contact her since I obtained the information.

**Play Park.** We have recently been congratulated by visitors to the village on the ongoing maintenance which includes fence swings, equipment in general and well-kept grass. Thank you to all those who have contributed.

**Planning.** This found me at Follaton House defending our PC's decision to object to the proposed three houses on the Blindwells plot. Our decision was upheld by the SHDC planning committee by a majority of 8 to 4.

WIFI. The installation has become something which we as a PC have been forced into installing rather swiftly. My apologies to those who feel upset. At the last Parish Hall meeting things were still ongoing as I said. Circumstances managed to overcome us.

**Tree preservation.** An order has been applied for/placed to protect the trees on Blindwells land.

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

#### 0419/6 PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

**[1093/19/LBC]** Listed building consent for renovation of telephone kiosk, K6 telephone box in Strete.

# Decision: there was unanimous support for the application.

**[0642/19/HHO]** Householder application for proposed siting of replacement oil storage tank. Moortosea, Totnes Road. **Decision: there was unanimous support for the application.** 

To consider the following readvertisment (revised plan and amended description):

**[0540/19/FUL]** The Kings Arms. Full planning application for internal and

external alterations to existing roof/ windows/doors, formation of 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear extension including rooftop balcony. **Decision: there was unanimous support for the application.** 

**[0541/19/LBC]** The Kings Arms. Listed building consent application for internal & external alterations to existing roof/ windows/doors, formation of 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear extension including rooftop balcony. **Decision: there was unanimous support for the application.** 

To report back on Development Committee Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April on [3400/18/ FUL] Blindwells, Hynetown Road Strete. This was reported at 0419/5 and there was nothing to add.

#### 0419/7 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

#### NP Report for PC – April 2019

The Neighbourhood Plan examiner, Mrs Deborah McCann BSc, DipArchCon, MRICS, MRTPI who lives in North Huish, South Brent, has all the NP documents and is currently reading through them.

Based on other NP groups experiences the examiner should respond to Strete NP with any questions, queries, etc.; approximately one month after receiving everything.

With Easter, May Day and Spring Bank Holiday taking us through to the end of May this may take longer.

The impact of the 'Blindwells' planning application for three properties being refused by SHDC Planning Committee should give a huge boost to those in the community supporting the NP. This site is located in an area designated as 'Low Density' in the NP and the examiner will be informed of this decision. As the NP is now with the Examiner it carries over 50% weight in planning decisions.

The decision to refuse this planning application should help strengthen the weight of the NP but it will still be dependent upon the community voting to accept it in a referendum.

Once the examiner has completed the necessary checks a date for the referendum can be agreed. One month before the agreed referendum date, advertising can begin with public notices, etc.

The examination and referendum period is likely to be another two months before it is complete.

The 'My Community' website advises that notification of any new grant funding for 2019/20 is delayed until 01/05/2019.

#### The NP report was received.

#### 0419/8 UPDATE ON THE SLAPTON LINE, PLACING OF THE WAR MEMORI-AL & PROVISION OF EXTRA PARKING ALONG THE SLAPTON LINE

KG noted that SHDC are planning to hand back the middle car park on the Line [Monument car park] to The Whitley Trust so there will be no council support here if the handover goes ahead. RC brought up the £44,380 award recently made from the Coastal Revival Fund to the Slapton Line Partnership [SLP] to relocate the Monument and renovate the tank memorial. He thought SHDC and DCC would manage the site. KG observed the latest SLP minutes had not been published so she could not confirm what the SLP meeting had agreed regarding the resiting of the Monument. She has contacted Alan Denbigh to get the minutes published. However, it is likely to be on a field next to the footpath up Sands Road. It is certain the Monument will not be moved until after the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D Day on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019. IC wondered where people would park as Slapton did not have much carparking available. RC wondered if it was worth approaching Slapton PC but KG thought Alan Denbigh was a better contact.

The Clerk then read from the Slapton PC website minutes [February 2019 to April 2019 inc] concerning the planning application for the Monument which RF had referred to in his report in February 2019. Strete PC needed a plan for where the Monument should be moved to include carparking and access which might make Slapton PC more receptive to our proposals [RC]. KG replied that the SLP know of Strete PC's idea to move the Monument to the Strete Gate carpark site. Councillors wondered who was the best contact at the Field centre regarding Strete Gate and a couple of contacts were put forward: Andy Pratt [Head of Centre] and Lee Dennison.

KG then suggested a joint meeting of the parishes commemorated on the Monument: Blackawton, Chillington, East Allington, Sherford, Slapton, Stokenham, Strete and Torcross and outlying areas.

# Resolved: The Clerk was asked to write out to these parishes with Strete PC's

proposals on resiting the Monument. The Clerk to ask her contacts regarding the visit of the US representatives to the Tiger commemorations.

Conversation moved on to Strete Gate and the carpark and steps. LN wondered if contact had been made with Savills but KG said not yet. It was noted the agencies involved with the management of the site [Strete Estate, SHDC, DCC, Ley Centre and Natural England].

Resolved: KG to approach SHDC Helen Hardwicke to take up the replacement of the steps to the beach.

#### 0419/9 ACCESS TO THE BEACH FROM THE PUBLIC TOILETS

The management of the site by SHDC had been taken over by Helen Hardwicke. Her line manager is Luke Rees.

Resolved that IC to make contact with Luke Rees at SHDC to discuss repair of the steps and Savills as agent for the landowner if necessary.

#### 0419/10 VILLAGE PUMP

No action since the last meeting.

#### 0419/11 UPDATE ON CONTRACTS

# The Clerk reported on the WIFI in 0419/4.

**Insurance.** The Clerk noted that the renewal is due by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019. The current insurer is BHIB but others would be looked at before making a decision.

#### 0419/12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

KG (Chair) Playpark. Reported on in 0419/5.

LN Transport and Roads. A number of minor issues such as buddleia in the road on the A379 but this was cut back. Also, ivv was growing on the bus shelter and may need to be stripped back. A parishioner had emailed Lisa Edmonds and cc'd LN on the deterioration of the Fuge/ Gara Mill Roads requesting any funds from the leftover Line works [£600,000] and the Community Enhancement Fund of £100,000. County councillor report in Minutes 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 and earlier refer to these funds. Lisa Edmonds is the best contact for this. IC had unblocked a few buddle holes. Another litter pick is planned down at Pilchards Cove and maybe the mule can be used to transport the litter back up the beach.

Resolved: LN to arrange another litter pick.

**DR Health and Safety.** There was nothing to report.

IC Rights of Way, tree warden and Strete Gate. Rights of Way okay at Prideaux Lane and Landcombe. Tree warden. A notification of a Tree Preservation Order had been emailed to the Clerk for the trees at Blindwells. Councillors discussed this. It was resolved [6 in favour] to support the confirmation as served. RC declared an interest and did not vote.

**Strete Gate: had already been discussed.** There was doughnutting taking place at the middle carpark.

**RC Planning and Neighbourhood Plan.** Nothing more to add.

JV Village Green. Nothing more to add.

**MH The VAS sign.** This has already been discussed at 0419/4.

#### 0419/13(a) FINANCE

The Clerk supplied the meeting with a list of cheques for payment

1642 – Kings- bridge websites for item put on website £10.00	1643 – Strete Parish Hall hire for March 2019 £30.00
1644 – DALC membership for Strete Parish Council £113.78 plus VAT	1645 – DALC Elections training course for Clerk £33.49 plus VAT
1646 – Annual grant to St Michael's Parish Church £200.00	1647 – Clerk salary April £244.25

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

#### 0419/13(b) FINANCE

A monitoring report for the first month of the new year [y/e 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020] had been circulated already along with a cashflow projection. The latest projection to the end of May is CR6,540.52. this includes the receipt of the first half precept of £6,000 for the year and the CTSG [Council Tax Support Grant] of £277. RC wondered now the fencing works had taken place in the previous year whether we needed the £4,400 against the playpark. However, the funding of the fencing works in the previous year [which had been budgeted for in 2019/20 but paid in 2018/19] had been covered by a transfer of £4,000 from the Reserve Account which might be repaid from the £4,400 to make the Reserve account back to £14,273.23. Or else a smaller repayment could be made and the budget reduced to say £2,400. It was resolved to adjust the budget accordingly, make a smaller repayment to the Reserve Account and leave £2,400 in the budget for the Playpark. Budgets would be revisited in [say] three months.

Resolved the Clerk would make the adjustments as above and provide the monitoring statements for the website. KG was happy to visit NatWest Paignton with the Clerk again to arrange a temporary transfer of funds back to the Reserve Account to make it back to £12,273.

#### 0419/13(c) FINANCE

Cash at bank – £9,961.05CR Current account at 12/04/19, £10,273.23CR Business Reserve account at 12/04/19.

#### 0419/14 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence as listed was noted and a late addition received on 18<sup>th</sup> April from Dartmouth Town Council which is an invitation to the Chairman and Guest to attend the 75<sup>th</sup> D Day commemoration on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in Dartmouth. Also, an email had been passed on by LN from a parishioner concerning the Fuge Road and funding available [discussed in 0419/12].

#### Resolved: The Clerk will reply to confirm attendance at the D Day commemoration.

#### 0419/15 REPORTS

Councillors were asked if there was anything else to add. IC will look at 3 or 4 more buddle holes and commented on the poor state of some of them. RC has spoken to Phil Cruse re: installing dog bin and posts at Strete Gate. Phil has agreed to undertake the works. IC to contact Phil to discuss actual location requirements on site, etc.

#### 0419/16 THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 16 MAY 2019 IN STRETE PARISH HALL AT 5.45 PM.

This will be the first meeting of the new council. The main Annual Parish Meeting is at 7pm on the same night.

The Meeting Was Closed at 9.05 p.m.

Cllr Kate Gill (Chair)

# The secret seaside gardens of Blackpool, South Devon.

Open every day from April to the end of September 10am to 4pm, subject to weather conditions. For further information, or to leave a message, please telephone 01803 771801. Entry charges to Blackpool Gardens are £3.00 per adult – children are free. https://www.blackpoolsands.co.uk/ gardens.htm

# Information

#### **Cost Trap Numbers**

'If you see a missed call from an 0845 or 0843 number, ignoring it may not be enough. There's a clever new scam in town and it's costing people £300'.

Have you had a call to your mobile phone that rings once and then drops. You can see who called so the temptation is to ring back and see what they wanted. Don't. If you get a missed call from a 07 or 08 number and ring back it could cost you a lot of money. You might even get a text message from your mobile provider warning you that your phone is being blocked due to high usage. The bill can be for hundreds of pounds.

The phone provider will tell you that you called the number back. Not only that, but your call lasted between 3 and 12 hours. And it's rung up a bill that can be as much as £375 for a call to an 0845 number.

Vodafone customers may be more at risk, but the mobile phone provider says it is an industry wide scam. Mobile phones watchdog Ofcom is investigating.

The numbers appear to be linked to 0845 and 0843 numbers owned by claims management firms. Just calling back will cost £42. Among the numbers that are known to cause these problems are 07677847913 and 084339771923 but sadly they are not the only ones.

contributed by Malcolm Hollis

### Strete Social Club

The ladies of the social club enjoyed a complete change from their usual gathering in the Parish Hall, when they met at Gardentime for a tea and look around the centre. Staff at Gardentime had put together tables so the club could all enjoy their afternoon sitting together. This was a very informal afternoon but just to keep us amused Dorothy had brought along a quiz, which a friend from Dartmouth Flower Club had put together,



all answers were of flowers and plants, one part in the form of anagrams and the other in crossword clue formation. Some worked in pairs, others in threes and some even braved it on their own.

The winners were Joan and Chris who were presented with two very nice plants to take home as their prize.

Our next meeting will now be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June in the Parish Hall when Sally Mutton will be our speaker at 2.30 p.m. All ladies welcome to join us.

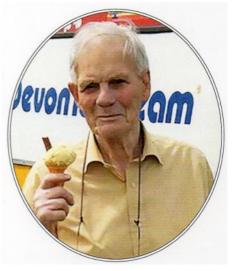
#### In fond memory of Michael Toll 7th August 1930 - 4th May 2019 'A Steward' 'A Country Gentleman' 'A Man of Strete'

Family relatives and friends gathered together at St Michaels Church to pay their respects to Charles Michael Limbrey Toll (Michael) 11.00 am Tuesday 21st May 2019. A very moving Eulogy was given by his son Bryan who recalled many stories of his father's life in Strete. A poem was also read by his son Peter 'Crossing the Bar'.

### A Village Tribute to Michael

#### Read at the memorial service by Kate Gill

My immediate memory of Michael is a personal one. He was a caring, thoughtful, kind hearted, public spirited, generous but private man. I consider myself privileged to have been welcomed with open arms to share in the excitement of an historical search in his home. In the year 2011 members of BaSH were busy researching the origins of Strete farms. At the same time Michael was searching deep in his historical archives trunk to find documents on Strete Estate and the Manorial Titles. I was fortunate enough to be able to visit



Michael and Celia at their home in Exmouth to enjoy their company and share lunches with them during our joint search. We dug deep in the trunk and one of the most precious items from my perspective was a map of the village of Strete/Street drawn in Indian ink on hand made paper and colour washed. It was bound with light green silk ribbon and was extremely fragile. It was dated 1816. I was able to take photographs of it and chose one particular picture to illustrate the farms of old Strete for our BaSH book. Helpfully, property belonging to the Manor of Strete was given numbers and buildings of consequence were painted in rose pink. Property owned by other people had the name of the owner inscribed on that particular bit of map. This same map proved useful again recently – it would appear that once upon a time the Strete Estate owned the land which is now the car park of our local hostelry. However, at the time of the evacuation in 1943 it belonged to Heavitree Brewery. This land was the home of the Smithy, a cottage, the Women's Institute and the Reading Rooms/Boys Club. This set of buildings was destroyed on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 1944 by a fire caused by the American troops during the evacuation of the area for the practice for the Normandy Landings.

Consequently Strete no longer had a public secular building; this meant that all the public functions of the village had to find a temporary home. The Parish Council found a temporary home at Coleridge Place others in the School Room, moving around as necessary. The realisation that Strete really needed a Parish Hall had prompted fund raising before the evacuation – this amounted to around £200 to £300. The need for the Hall had now become immediate.

The hall was projected to cost approximately £4,000.

In 1947 fund raising events started in earnest and on the advice of the Charity Commissioners two trustees were appointed.

A committee was formed to organise - research - fund raise - and obtain publicity for the provision of a Parish Hall.

As a result of the destruction of the buildings; compensation was also sought from various sources. £950 was given by the Admiralty. £340 was received from Heavitree Brewery. The Carnegie Trust offered £1,000. In 1949 Strete Parish Hall Committee secured a £2,300 grant from the Board of Education towards the cost – this enabled an immediate starting date.

Our Strete Parish Hall was opened by Mrs Bryan Toll on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1951 exactly seven years to the day that the original buildings were destroyed.

The present Parish Hall building was built on land which was a generous gift by Bryan Toll; Michael's father; grandfather of Bryan and Peter.

Thank you so much to our Toll Family owners of the Strete Estate and keepers of the Manorial Titles.

In my research I have closely scrutinised the minute books of Strete Parish Council. Kingsbridge Museum archives have also enabled our two local newspapers the Dartmouth Chronicle and the Kingsbridge Gazette to come under close scrutiny, without all three there would have been no accurate tribute.

Not quite being of an age where I actually remember the origins of the Parish Hall, only the excitement of the opening; I again had to resort to some research – perhaps in his honour - we might call it 'doing a Michael'.

"When I was three years old my father applied for tenancy of one of Michaels father's farms, Lower Burlestone in the parish of Strete. Not coming from a farming family Mr Toll senior took a big gamble in giving my father the chance to start his farming career. We moving Plymouth we spent seven happy years at Burlestone. When Mr Toll Senior died Michael took over running of the estate. By then we had moved to West Coombe. However, my family still retained some grazing land to the back of Strete. As the years past Mr and Mrs Toll needed help in their house at Diptford and asked if I would help them out. I spent many happy years helping them We both enjoyed horse racing and country life giving us lots to talk about. Latterly they moved to Exmouth but always kept in touch. Michael Toll loved Strete and it was lovely to have his funeral dedication in the village church." *Anita Mc Coy - Start Bay Park* 

### Letter of condolence

#### Mr Michael Toll

On behalf of Strete Parish Hall Committee, I am writing to extend our condolences to the Toll Family on the passing of Mr Michael Toll. The Parish Hall stands on the site of land which was donated to the Parish by his father, Mr Bryan Toll.

The Hall was opened in 1951 and continues to be the centre of activity for Strete Parish. It promotes weekly social activity from Short Mat Bowls to Stretch Club as well as being the official centre for Government elections and Council business.

The Committee which has representatives from most social activities in the Parish is responsible for maintenance of the Hall, which we achieve by promoting major monthly events such as fashion shows, table top sales, games nights, and similar events. We also promote Strete Village Day which is held on the first Saturday of August each year; it is invariably a great success.

We are very proud of the Hall in Strete and most of our participants are aware that it only exists as a result of the generosity of your family.

We look forward to meeting you all on May 21st but wish it could have been in happier circumstances. The name of Toll has warm significance in Strete and we are confident that it will remain so.

Yours sincerely

#### **Martin Sobey**

Chairman Strete Parish Hall Committee.

#### Crossing the Bar BY ALFRED, LORD TENNSON

Sunset and evening star And one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning of the bar,

When I put out to sea, But such a tide as moving seems asleep, Too full for sound and foam, When that which drew from out the boundless deep Turns again home. Twilight and evening bell, And after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell, When I embark; For though from out our bourne of Time and Place The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crossed the bar.

A tree will be planted In momory of Michael in the Parish Hall a gift for our Parish Hall of Michael. from Strete Parish and it's people. gardens in memory

Donations in memory of Michael will be given to: **Exeter Hospice Care**, Searle House, Dryden Road, Exeter EX2 5JJ Or c/o Hallett & Perring Totnes, Devon TQ9 5SS

### Local Elections 2019 Results District Council Ward: Allington and Strete

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes
ELLIS, Suzanne	Green Party Candidate	155
FOSS, Richard John	The Conservative Party Candidate	443
LAWFORD, Laurel Maria Jasmine	Liberal Democrat	395
MCILVEN, Peter Ernest	Labour Party	42

Ballots issued: 1043 Rejected ballots: 8 Turnout: 44.12% RICHARD JOHN FOSS was duly elected.

### District Council Ward: Blackawton and Stoke Fleming

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes
MATTHEWS David John	Labour Party	55
RAKE, Simon John	Liberal Democrat	391
REEVE, Helen Emily May	The Conservative Party Candidate	395

Ballots issued: 857 Rejected ballots: 9 Turnout: 44.99% HELEN EMILY MAY REEVE was duly elected.

### Stretewise Jargon Buster

**PDF:** (Adobe Acrobat) The *Portable Document Format* is a file format developed by Adobe to present documents, including all text formatting and images, independent of the application software, hardware, and operating systems.

**TIFF:** Tagged Image File Format. Large images files uncompressed. **JPEG**: Joint Photographic Experts Group. JPEG files are images that can be compressed to store a lot of information in a small-size file.

**GIF**: Graphic Interchange Format. This format compresses images but the compression is lossless (no detail is lost in the compression ) but has a limited colour range.

**Wi-Fi:** is the name of a popular wireless networking technology that uses radio waves to provide wireless high-speed Internet and network connections.

**GPS**: Stands for 'Global Positioning System'. This satellite-based global navigation system is the technology behind Google Maps, Google street view and other location-based applications.

**SMS:** Stands for short message service and is also called texting or text messaging. SMS messages or 'texts' are usually sent from one mobile phone to another.

**Pixel:** The term "pixel" is short for "Picture Element." These small little dots are what make up the images on computer displays, whether they are flat-screen (LCD) or tube (CRT) monitors. The screen is divided up into a matrix of thousands or even millions of pixels.

**RGB:** (red, green, and blue) refers to a system for representing the colours to be used on a computer display.

**CMYK:** "Cyan Magenta Yellow Black." These are the four basic colours used for printing colour images in papers and magazines etc.

### Stretewise Crossword - Answers

Across: 1. Cuddle. 3. Afloat. 9. Eaten. 10. Chairman. 12. Noon. 14. Realm.
16. Icon. 17. No. 18. Ice. 19. Sika. 20. Heart. 23. Farm. 25. Abstract
27. Coast. 28. Sunset. 29. Brides.
Down: 1. Concur. 2. Databank. 4. Foe. 5. Oats. 6. Tannin.
7. Dram. 8. Landcombe. 11. No. 13. Nine. 15. Loaf. 19. Sticks. 20. Huts.
21. Abated. 22. Totnes. 24. Fawn. 27. Tee.

Puzzle from Page 5: Start at the centre and collect another four numbers by following the lines, taking care not to retrace your steps. Add all five numbers together. Which route gives you the lowest score? Answer: 5 + 6 + 8 + 6 + 7 = 32

## Stretewise Recipe

### Courgette Cake - contributed by Louise Jones

Yes courgette cake! This is wonderful moist and flavoursome cake.

#### The ingredients:

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 1/2 cups of sugar
- 2 3 cups of grated courgette
- 3 teaspoons of extract
- 3 cups of plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate soda
- 3 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 1/2 teaspoons of nutmeg
- Dash of ground ginger
- 1 cup of chopped walnuts
- 1 1/2 cups raisins
- Dash of ground cloves

#### Method:

Beat the eggs, oil, sugar and vanilla until well mixed.

Add the courgette.

Combine all the dry ingredients and add to the mixture and blend well.

Add the nuts and raisins.

Pour the mixture into two greased and floured loaf tins and bake at 350F - 180C for 1 - 1 1/2 hours or until a skewer comes out clean.

All the recipes shared and printed in Stretewise will be published in the new website **www.stretewise.co.uk** and can be downloaded or printed as PDF. If you have a favourite recipe that you would like to share please email it to stretewise@outlook.com. Recipes for: Cakes, Scones and Biscuit. Soups, Meat, Vegetarian, Vegan, Desserts, Jams, Chutneys and Pickles, Ice Cream, Bread and Rolls are all welcome.



### Stretewise - Events

**Tunes on the Sands:** The event at Blackpool Sands will take place on the 12-14th July with camping provided. Huge major international acts include THE PROCLAIMERS, WET WET WET, NEWTON FAULKNER, UB40 and KT TUNSTALL. More major headline acts will be getting announced over the lead up to the event. https://tunesonthesands.com/

**Strete Village Day:** Saturday 3rd August 2019, 12.0pm Each year Strete celebrates Village Day. This is a day of events organized by the community of Strete where everyone is invited, locals and visitors, to meet and join in for a day packed with lots to see and do. www.stretewise.co.uk

**Celebrate Start Bay:** Sunday 4th August 2019, starting at the earlier time of 11 until 5 pm Slapton Ley Field Centre. Join us at Slapton Ley Field Centre this year to celebrate the local environment, crafts and people of the Start Bay area showcasing the great outdoors. https://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/slapton/slaptonley.aspx

**Woofstock:** Friday 16th August to Sun 18th August 2019 is a weekend festival of fun for all the family held at Old Stone Farm Dartmouth Devon TQ9 7DG. With dog shows displays and demonstrations including agility, police dogs, obedience and more. Old Stone Farm, Blackawton Devon TQ9 7DG. It is easy to find with ample free parking on site.

**The Kings Arms Strete:** A Coastal Pub and Restaurant with stunning sea views serving good homemade food, real ales and fine wines. Hosts regular quiz nights on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. The winning team gets the top prize money which is made up from the £2 entry fee. Well worth participating. Live Music evenings are also advertised.

**The Tap House:** Stokeley Farm. All new home for the South Hams Brewery, hosting regular Live Music and foody events on the first Saturday of every month. Saturday 1st June: The big-hearted sounds of Rob Hunt. Saturday 6th July: Evani Evangelou. Saturday 3rd August: Matt Sellers. http://www.stokeleyfarmshop.co.uk/events.htm



### for one night only THE STRETE PARISH HALL and the START BAY PERFORMERS present

#### a one act play by Nick Warburton

"Brian is attempting to escape his firm's Christmas party when he is waylaid in the cloakroom by Claire who soon discovers a secret about her unassuming colleague: he likes to sing Doris Day songs. Claire tries to persuade Brian to take part in a talent contest; with her friend Wendy she sets about training Brian to sing in public."

> Tickets will be £8.50 to include cheese and biscuits. Bring your own wine and glasses. Friday 5th July Start 7pm

Tickets will be available from Strete Post Office and Stoke Village Shop.

# Stretewise Recipe

### Cobweb Pudding - contributed by Joan Kendall

I have served this to a friend who say she doesn't like rhubarb but said what a super pudding it was and could not believe that it was made with rhubarb.

#### The ingredients:

1 lb Rhubarb

1 strawberry jelly dissolved in very little water

2 tablespoons strawberry jam

3 eggs

Few drops pink colouring if required.

#### Method:

Wash & Cut Rhubarb into ½" lengths.

Cook slowly until juice begins to flow, increase until a soft pulp. Liquidise for a few seconds

Break Jelly & dissolve with water. Stir into puree and add jam to sweeten.

Add colouring if necessary.

Separate white of egg beat yolks into rhubarb mixture

Whisk egg white until stiff and fold into mixture.

Pour into glass bowl and leave to set.

#### Ingredients for the topping:

¼ pt. double cream

2 level tablespoons redcurrant jelly sieved

8 large strawberries.

#### Method for the topping:

Wisk cream to thicken slightly, spread over surface.

Pipe redcurrant jelly in spiral.

With a skewer draw from centre to outside of dish in four sections, then from outside to centre to make the cobweb design.

Arrange strawberries (with hull left on) around the top.





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Built 1836 Height of Tower 28 m Height above Mean High Water 62 m Automated 1993 Electrified 1959 Lamp LED lantern Character FI (3) 10s Intensity 60,000 candela Range of light 18 NM Sector light range 9NM Fog signal character 1 blast every 30s Fog signal range 1 NM

Lighthouse Visitor Centres contact : visitor.centre@trinityhouse.co.uk Tours takes approximately 45 minutes. Guided tours on the hour at 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00 & 16.00. You may also wish to visit the souvenir shop in the lighthouse offering a selection of Lighthouse gifts, toys and postcards. Advanced booking is not necessary.

Admission prices: Adults: £5.00 Family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children) £14.00 Child (up to 16 years) £3.00

*Please note minimum height restriction of 1.1 metres tall to climb the tower* Start Point Lighthouse Visitor Centre only accepts cash payments.

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