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# SCARECROW

COMPETITION

*Who will your  
Scarecrow come as?*



## STRETE VILLAGE DAY

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 12.00-16.30**

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wheelbarrow or with  
a stick to stand upright.)

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# Strete Chapel



Greetings from the fellowship to all in the village!

We are continuing to meet every Sunday at 11am in the chapel building. Since the last edition of Stretewise we have enjoyed Sunday services together with varied speakers and topics as well as a weekly prayer meeting too.

As a chapel it has been a few years since we ran a Sunday school on a Sunday morning but with the help of the Kings Arms pub we have been able to re-establish this work. One of the challenges we face is a lack of distinct space in our building but the Kings Arms have said that we can use a table prior to their opening on a Sunday morning. As this week was so sunny we could make use of the garden and enjoy the views along with our Bible story and craft. If you are interested in your children attending then please get in touch at [stretchapel@gmail.com](mailto:stretchapel@gmail.com).



As part of our Young Searchers group on a Thursday we have looked at the 'I am' statements in the Gospel of John made by Jesus. This has helped us to learn more of Jesus' character and who He is to us. Jesus when on earth was not just a great teacher but our sustenance, hope, light, protector, strength and salvation. If you are wondering about God's nature this is a really great place to start!

We illustrated each statement on a canvas and had fun being creative with our imagery. Come and see them displayed in our chapel.

## YOUNG SEARCHERS

**We continue to meet (term time only) from 5-6pm in the Chapel every Thursday.**

Young Searchers is a Christian children's club based on teaching the Bible through stories, games and craft.

## Church of St. Michael & All Angels. Strete Coast & Country Mission Community

Dear Friends,

It's that wonderful time of year where AGM's (if you chose to) could be attended every day. As the vicar of four parishes and four communities you can imagine how many options I have! As I have gone through my own church AGM's I have lost people from various roles in all the churches.

Now you may be thinking, what a random thing to brag about, but I'm actually quite proud of it, because I have given these people my blessing to step down or back from roles. I have seen many a good-hearted volunteer come to resent the roles they are in, as they don't feel they can give up roles as there's no obvious succession. Even though they personally feel they have served in that role long enough. There are two reasons why I encourage this. Firstly, Jesus calls us to love and respect everyone, not just those outside the church.

So, it's not a good example to take advantage of a person willing to help.

Secondly, sometimes leaving a gap or having a vacancy can allow God to encourage people to step into a new role or even encourage a new way of thinking and working.

Sometimes we are so organized (not me but other people) that we don't actually allow space to be left when in reality space is exactly is needed. So, the question is where in your life do you need to create space? Something only, you can answer for yourself.

There is now a weekly mailing from the Coast & Country Mission Community containing news, services, events and more, if you don't currently receive this but would like to just drop me an email at [revgorton@hotmail.com](mailto:revgorton@hotmail.com) and I will add you to it.



**Matt Gorton,**  
[revgorton@hotmail.com](mailto:revgorton@hotmail.com)



The Village Hall is available to hire for events, clubs and activities. Book through Danni Brien on 07841 505797

## **OPERATION TIGER WEEKEND**

On the morning of 27<sup>th</sup> April, Strete Village Hall hosted a morning of remembrance. Paul Potgieter showed two films:

**EVACUATION and OPERATION TIGER.**

EVACUATION was made several years ago by local man, IAN PHILLIPS, and it followed the lives of some local inhabitants before, during and after the evacuation.

The most poignant part of the next film, OPERATION TIGER, was the long list of names of Americans killed during the exercise.

After the films, Paul and Steve Mutton, answered questions and provided extra facts concerning Operation Tiger.

For the following six weeks after the exercise, all information had to be kept secret so the Germans did not know when and where there might be an invasion, D-Day.

It was a very moving experience to see the films and learn more about the whole operation.

## **STRETE VILLAGE DAY** **Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

Please read the adverts in this magazine for the event and do your bit to make this a very successful, happy day in the Strete Village calendar. Volunteers are always needed so please come forward either at our next Village Day Meeting on THURSDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE at 7.00pm in the Village Hall or contact Penny on [p.g.penhale@hotmail.com](mailto:p.g.penhale@hotmail.com) or 771005

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

For a few years, during the summer months, the Hall was used as a Youth Hostel.

# STRETE VILLAGE DAY

**Strete Village Day Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

**12.00 - 16.30**

**Mewstone Paddock Totnes Road Strete TQ6 0RU**

*Your Help is Needed*

Helping by sharing the running of a stall

Helping with parking and gate receipts

Helping to organise children's games

Helping to erect and dismantle marquees

or baking a cake for the Tea Room

**We are also looking for Sponsors  
and/or offers of Draw Prizes**

The next Strete Village Day planning meeting

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm**

at the Strete Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

Or give your contact details to Penny 771005

email: [p.g.penhale@hotmail.com](mailto:p.g.penhale@hotmail.com)



**EXERCISE TIGER**  
Near this end of Slapton Sands,  
early in the morning of  
27th April 1944,  
over 100 US army personnel  
lost their lives on  
Exercise Tiger while practising  
for the forthcoming landing on  
Utah beach, Normandy  
6th June 1944 (D-Day).  
This preceded the action  
off Portland the following night  
28th of April 1944  
in which 639 US servicemen  
in Convoy T4 were lost to enemy action.  
*May they rest in peace.*

**Unveiling of the Exercise Tiger Memorial Cairn  
Strete Gate, commemorating the loss of over  
100 US personnel during the first Exercise Tiger  
landing on Slapton Sands 06.30 27th April 1944.**





US troops made their first exercise Tiger landings at 6.30 on the 27th April 1944. They came ashore from LSTs/Higgins boats on 'Red Beach' near the middle and end of the Slapton Ley, near Strete Gate.

The morning turned out to be a shambles! There were altered timings, bad communications, live ammunition unbeknown to defenders and those coming ashore and a bombardment from a cruiser and destroyers lying off-shore coinciding with the a landing of troops on the beach that should have been delayed.

The result was the loss of 110 lives but due to the essential security around D-Day being only five weeks away the fate of these US servicemen, their bodies and identities were carefully spirited away. But there were witnesses and observers even General Eisenhower noted the losses.

Thanks to some four years of research by Teddy Cranmer to establish the facts and campaigning we now have a memorial cairn to acknowledge this tragic loss of life.

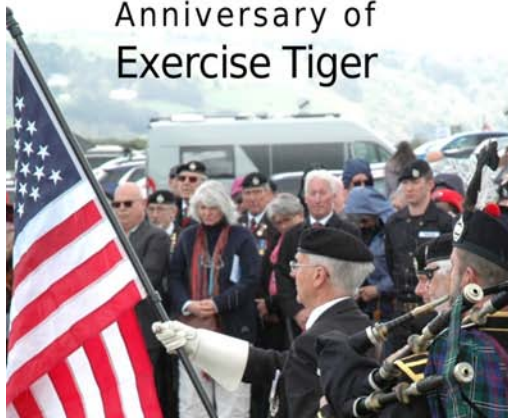
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NQGLKjgPI>



Unfortunately, due to ill health Teddy Cranmer could not attend the dedication of the memorial but his daughter was able to record several heartfelt thanks for his hard work and dedication in making the memorial to the tragic loss of over 100 US service men a reality.



# 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Exercise Tiger



Exercise Tiger was one of the larger exercises that took place in April and May 1944.

The first practice assault at Stretton Gate took place on the morning of 27 April and was marked by an incident involving friendly fire.

The day after the first practice assaults, early on the morning of 28 April, the exercise was blighted when Convoy T-4, consisting of eight LSTs carrying vehicles and combat engineers of the 1st Engineer Special Brigade, was attacked by German E-boats in Lyme Bay.

9 German E-boats attacked the line of LSTs resulting in 749 deaths in total, many men drowned or died of hypothermia in the cold sea while waiting to be rescued.



Laurie Bolton  
Niece, Sgt Louis Archer Bolton  
SPOTLIGHT





**They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the  
sun and in the morning.  
We will remember them.**



To conclude the service a piper circled the tank memorial playing the lament 'Flowers of the forest'



Well, we seemed to have jumped straight from winter to summer and for the pub, with its large garden and great views, that is a good thing. And we have some additional good news.

Our new chef, Elliot, started in May. Elliot has worked at some excellent restaurants, including the popular Rumours in Totnes, and

brings new ideas and a focus on quality. His plan is to change the menu regularly to keep things exciting...- Serin will continue to help out with Sunday dinners which is wonderful as we know he has a legion of fans!

As well as great food, superbly kept ales, and a fine selection of wines and spirits, there continue to be a host of events to entice you to your community pub.

International football takes centre stage when the Euros start on June 16<sup>th</sup> and most big games will be screened live. This time you can support England and Scotland, or even France if you are that way inclined.

Every Wednesday, it is the Pizzas from Artisan, which is proving a great hit, both with the Wednesday's Weekly Quiz goers and a number of people who like to pop along for a drink whilst ordering their authentic Italian pizzas. The quiz starts at 7.30 and there seems to be a different winner each week so it really is a quiz for everybody.

Friday Nights are Special, with the Friday Night Draw every week, followed by alternately the KA Karaoke one week and Bingo the next.

Father's Day is on Sunday 16th June and a roast is in order – and there's a FREE PINT for all the dads who book for Sunday dinner! Please book ahead to avoid disappointment.

The monthly Open Mic Night (20<sup>th</sup> June) goes from strength to strength and we now appear to have a loyal following of players who come on a regular basis, covering a broad range of styles to enjoy, from folk, chart music, rock n'roll, crooning, even a little jazz, but always a good night. We even had some top-notch blues harmonica playing last month.

Thursday 20th also see the monthly intellectuals' salon that is the Book Club.

The newly relaunched Village Lunch was a big success in April and that same format is being repeated this month on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, with an affordable buffet and a chance to meet people from the village and beyond. If you would like to see the menu please call or email Jon on [info@kingsarmsatstrete.com](mailto:info@kingsarmsatstrete.com).

The Spoken Word Night is planned for the evening on Thursday 27th. Poetry, monologues, readings and witty ditties, to amuse, provoke and delight. Local writer Christine Cooke MCs, with top quality contributors, it is sure to be a special night. All readers are welcome so if you'd like to bring something to read you'd be received with open arms.

So, lots and lots going on. Jon and the team hope to see you in the pub soon.

The plan is to open seven days a week in June once there are sufficient front of house staff and we are looking to recruit right now. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please ask them to contact Jon.

To book or ask a question just call on 01803 770027 or pop into the pub.

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Or go to the website [www.kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk](http://www.kingsarmsatstrete.co.uk)

For other enquiries, please contact [info@kingsarmsatstrete](mailto:info@kingsarmsatstrete).

Opening Hours

For now...

Wednesday 5-10pm  
with the Weekly Quiz.

Thursday & Friday.  
12-3pm & 5-10pm

Saturday open all day  
12-10pm

Sunday 12-6pm

Summer Seven  
Day Opening to be  
announced shortly.

# the Kings Arms Community Pub

## What's On in June

### Kitchen Now Open Daily

Bank Holiday Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Third Year Anniversary. BBQ & Live Music. Disco later

Every Wednesday Night Pizzas from Artisan Pizzas & Weekly Quiz Night

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Friday Night Draw. Bingo from 7.30pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Friday Night Draw / Karaoke Night 7.30pm

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Father Day Sunday Roast free pint for Dads

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Open Mic Night 7.30pm (after England game)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Book Club 7pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Friday Night Draw. Bingo 7.30pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Village Lunch 1pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Spoken Word Open Mic Event 7.30pm

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Friday Night Draw / Karaoke Night from 7.30pm

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> First Official Summer BBQ. Live music. BBQ & Beer Festival.

**Support your community pub.**

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On the 27th May we are belatedly celebrating three years of community ownership of our village pub and we hope as many of our supporters as possible will be able to come and enjoy the party from noon.

Having just passed our financial year end, we are pleased to share some provisional figures with you. Despite a 13.5% increase in over-

heads, we've reduced our overall losses from £50k to £47k. This achievement is really great news, and is down to tighter management of staff costs, reducing waste, and introducing regular events such as quiz nights, open mic, spoken word, and bingo, all of which have helped to increase sales. We continue to work hard to increase trade and bolster profits.

However, there is a general downturn in the hospitality industry causing many pubs, cafes and restaurants to close, and coupled with the cost of living crisis, and increased staff and energy costs, the Kings Arms will require additional funding for the foreseeable future to underwrite expected losses of around £40k-£50k annually. In order to meet the inevitable shortfall, we are launching a multi-pronged fundraising effort to ensure the future of our pub.

The village wants to keep the pub open - it is important to most for many different reasons - so we are introducing a subscription scheme. We believe this is a fair way of sharing the cost and, hopefully, an affordable means to contribute. There will be three subscription levels: 'Bronze' at £10, 'Silver' at £20, and 'Gold' at £30 per month. There is no minimum commitment, and direct debits can be cancelled at any time. (These payment levels are on par with many other commonly-used subscription services such as Netflix and Spotify, and publications such as Gardeners World and many newspapers; and the more premium subscription services like SKYSports or Naked Wines.) Instinctively, you may expect that the different levels should afford different levels of privilege, but that would cause unintended consequences in running the scheme, it would detract from the benefits to the pub, and it is not what this scheme is about. Multiples of relatively small monthly payments, with people paying what they can reasonably afford, will help keep the pub afloat, keeping this essential part of village life alive.

We will be making a registration form available shortly with a direct debit mandate, and we hope that you'll seriously consider registering to help secure the ongoing success of our village local.

Secondly, we will be running several fundraising campaigns throughout the year with high value prizes. This will enable us to target fundraising from a much wider audience and spread the load beyond the village. With this in mind, we are actively seeking a willing volunteer to help manage and coordinate this crucial element of fundraising.

This need not be a permanent committee role if that suits the person concerned. If anyone is keen to get involved we would very much like to hear from you.

As before, we will, of course, approach local benefactors and businesses, for whom preserving the pub within the village is important.

We feel it's only right to be open and honest with everyone who has an interest in keeping the Kings Arms open. We understand that many of you have already contributed a considerable amount. The committee has worked tirelessly to ensure sound management of the business, but in the face of the brutal economic reality facing pubs in rural areas we have no other option but to raise additional funds to offset inevitable trading losses. If we don't, we fear that the pub might close before our 4th anniversary. Imagine the village without it!

The Kings Arms serves as a gathering place where friends and family come together. Our pub hosts local events, and provides a warm, welcoming atmosphere that is integral to the fabric of our village life. It is a place where people can connect, unwind, and feel a sense of belonging. The absence of our lovely pub would create a void that would be deeply felt.

So we hope you'll join us in celebrating our 3rd anniversary and crucially, consider contributing further to preserve this essential part of our village life, ensuring that The Kings Arms can continue to provide a place of warmth, camaraderie, and sense of community.

Tim Fowler  
Interim Chair  
SCPL



*"Keep it open for future generations"*

# PIRATICAL INSTRUCTION



# SPINNING SOME OLD YARNS







# Beacon Lighting Ceremony

**Manor Farm Beacon Site**

Ram Roast, Side Dishes plus Dessert  
with Live Music from 6.00pm  
(bring your own alcohol)

**Beacon Lighting Ceremony 9.15pm**

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# Nottingham Catchfly Project

from The Habitat Group

The Habitat Group is a collection of people from different parishes in the South Hams who are concerned by the loss of our local biodiversity, but are convinced that we can help turn it around by creating wildlife friendly habitats. Whether it is a garden, a verge, a field or a window box, if we simply refrain from using pesticides and make our patch welcoming to wildlife, then nature quickly starts to move back in.

We're working on our own gardens and fields and spreading ideas as far and as wide as we can of how we can reverse that loss. Whether it's planting wildflowers, making ponds, feeding birds, creating log piles or simply not mowing our lawn so often, it's all helping to turn the tide.

Our mission statement is "To improve the biodiversity of our parish and the surrounding areas through the gradual development of a variety of sustainable habitats" and that says it in a nutshell.

If you'd like to join the Habitat Group please email our coordinator John on:

**[jsanightingale@gmail.com](mailto:jsanightingale@gmail.com)**



Some of you may remember that last year The Habitat group were encouraging us all to plant the beautiful, night-flowering Nottingham Catchfly in our gardens. The idea springs from the Devon Local Nature Partnership, which has drawn up a list of threatened plants and animals which it is thought we in Devon might have some chance of helping survive. The UK is, believe it or not, one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world and although that thought is depressing and a little overwhelming, there are small things we can all do. Here is a link to the fascinating document on these species if you'd like to take a read: **<https://www.devonlnp.org.uk/joint-initiatives/special-species/>**

It has been recently discovered that moths may well be as important, or even more important than bees as pollinators. The plan lists several moths but we are chiefly concerned here with the White Spot moth for whom Nottingham Catchfly is the sole food plant. The White Spot moth is on the verge of extinction in the UK but Devon is one of the areas where small populations are thought to cling on.

Nottingham Catchfly plants need care in their first year (chiefly they don't want to be

thugged out by other lush Devon vegetation) but once the root system is established - perhaps in a large pot at first - they can be easily divided and shared around to make a good size patch. If you have plants, now is the time to divide them and spread them around or share them with friends. If not, they are readily available as 'plugs' from various wildflower seed companies such as Landlife Wildflowers and others.

For those plant enthusiasts who want to know more, the Bladder Campion is from the same *Silene* family and similarly a very important moth plant, less endangered but still in need of our protection.

Even if we don't entice the shy Whitespot moth to Blackawton and South Hams, many other beneficial and interesting insects love the Catchfly and you too will enjoy its delicate scent on a warm summer night. [suehadow@gmail.com](mailto:suehadow@gmail.com)

### White Spot *Hadena albimacula*

A very local species, occurring on shingle beaches and chalk or limestone sea-cliffs on the south coast of England. The adults are on the wing in June and July, and are attracted to light as well as certain flowers.

The larval foodplant is Nottingham catchfly (*Silene nutans*), the caterpillars feeding on the seeds at night, and descending to hide amongst the shingle during the day.

Nottingham Catchfly is easily recognizable by its white, deeply split petals and its tufted growth habit. In bright sunshine, the petals look rolled up and withered.

Only in the evening and at night do they spread out. It has a hyacinth scent that attracts moths. It benefits from grazing. The common name Nottingham catchfly commemorates the former occurrence of *S. nutans* on the walls of Nottingham Castle, and the species was chosen to represent the unitary authority of Nottingham as its county flower.





## STRETE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th APRIL, 2024 IN

#### STRETE VILLAGE HALL

#### PRESENT COUNCILLORS:

Peter Hales (Chairman), Helen Darch (HD), Ian Cumberlidge (IC), Ralph Clark (RC), Graham Campbell (GC), Cllr Kate Gill (KG), Cllr Julian Brazil (JB) attended the Annual Parish Meeting and delivered his report

Also in attendance: Hannah Iles (HI), Parish Clerk

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Laurel Lawford (LL)

#### DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

**Nothing in addition to report provided for Annual Village Meeting.**

#### COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

**Nothing in addition to report provided for Annual Village Meeting.**

#### OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

One member of the public present at the meeting. Exited meeting after discussion on item 3. Planning and Planning Matters closed.

#### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON MARCH 21ST, 2024

These were agreed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Declaration from Helen Darch for item 3.

#### 3. PLANNING AND PLANNING MATTERS

##### 0957/24/FUL Full Planning Application

Homer Park, Strete TQ6 0SJ

**Description:** Agricultural Roof over an outside feeding area 29.00 x 12.18m

##### 0958/24/FUL Full Planning Application

Homer Park, Strete TQ6 0SJ

**Description:** Agricultural Roof over an outside feeding area 29.00 x 12.18m max (9.14m min)

##### 0959/24/FUL Full Planning Application

Homer Park, Strete TQ6 0SJ

**Description:** Farmyard Manure Store 18.28 x 18.28m

##### 0960/24/FUL Full Planning Application

Homer Park, Strete TQ6 0SJ

**Description:** Roof over existing Farmyard Manure Store 18.28 x 9.45m

The member of the public had advised that the Environment agency had been invited to the farm and came to advise on actions required to avoid slurry, which were for rainwater to go into a soakaway and for open yards to be covered. The planning applications contain measures to address the issues. There were no comments or objections from councillors, who resolved to support the four

**Action: Clerk to upload comments onto SHDC planning portal – support.**

**Clerk to contact SHDC Planning Officer Responsible regarding enforcement issue on approved planning application that is ongoing on construction with risk of retrospective planning.**

#### **4. FINANCE**

Figures to be updated at the meeting (end of financial year):-

a) Current Account Balance £5,864.60

b) Reserve Account £11,841.69

Councillors debated whether the reserve account should be transferred to Lloyds and NatWest account closed to ease transfers between accounts when required. To be actioned by HD/HI when time permits.

c) Monitoring/Spend to-date.

No payments/receipts since start of new financial year. Only debits on account were payments approved at March meeting and clerks March wages.

e) To approve payment of the following cheques/ bank transfers. Invoices have previously been circulated.

Strete Village Hall Rent+ WIFI £47.50

The Play Inspection Company Ltd £306.00

DALC subscription £197.95

Clerk's wages (exact amount TBC) £346.70

RC noted the DALC price increase.

All payments were approved. HD made payments by bank transfer. Clerk to confirm exact wage amount on receipt of pay slip from payroll administrator.

**Actions: Clerk to contact Lloyds about process of opening a new reserve account when time permits.**

#### **5. s106 LAND MATTERS**

Clerk to send evidence and request final payment from SHDC. This item is now closed and will be removed from the May agenda.

#### **6. PLAYPARK MAINTENANCE**

New playpark inspection report received. C Ellis adjusted roundabout after the inspection. IC has tested out the roundabout. HD has added the roundabout to the asset register. Greenspace mowed grass today. Greenspace had not been instructed to mow the grass and SPC were awaiting a new contract price before making an agreement. Price provided today is £50 per cut, which is approximately 30% less than current contractor. Councillors agreed that GC will instruct Greenspace and contact previous contractor to terminate contract. No evidence of mole hills. Price provided to vibration role football pitch area is £350.00. SPC agreed to the price and agreed that GC will instruct Greenspace to go ahead and roll the area.

**Action: Insurance policy to be reviewed in May. Clerk to check that new equipment is covered.**

#### **7. ROAD SAFETY**

Locality budget approval process discussed. Programme of work would need to be created and then submitted to Julian Brazil.

## **8. SLAPTON LINE PARTNERSHIP**

No new meetings have been announced. (Note :- Devon Highways representatives attended the Annual Parish Meeting to explain the approach to improving back-road connectivity between local Parishes in the event of a breach of the road over Slapton Line.

## **9. CYCLICAL DRAINAGE WORKS.**

IC reported that 3 out of 14 buddle holes have been cleared by County. They should all be done more frequently than annually, and it again raises the question about the extent of the work programme that Highways is providing.

PH reported that SPC cannot expect cyclical maintenance budget from DCC, the offer made in 22/23 financial year has been withdrawn.

**Action: Clerk to speak to clerk at Blackawton about how they are funding lengthsman's duties.**

## **10. OTHER ONGOING MATTERS IF NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE**

None

## **13. CLERK'S REPORT**

Invitations were sent out for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Requests for contributions to hedge cutting costs sent to residents, nearly half of the payments requested have been received to date.

Mandate sent to Lloyds Bank requesting access to view the current account online, Helen Darch is kindly downloading the bank statements in the interim.

I attended the Stokenham Parish Meeting on Tuesday 16th April. Gill Claydon kindly provided some advice for clerking this evening's meeting. Roger English provided a comprehensive summary of the work of the Slapton Line Partnership to date and provided sound reasoning for the current twin track approach. Suggestions made by the public for alternates such as a bridge across the back of the ley were made by highways believed that the funding required would not be granted. The Stokenham Parish Council Meeting strongly advised that Port Lane should be added as an alternate route to the road on which Stokenham Area Primary School is located. Concerns were raised over HGVs using the routes and questions were raised over how large vehicles access could be restricted without impacting use by agricultural vehicles.

SHDC have requested proof of payment for the invoices from Yates, C Ellis and the playpark inspector. The invoice for the playpark inspection will be approved and paid at the SPC meeting and then bank statements can be submitted. On receipt SHDC will release the remaining grant funds.

His Majesty's portrait was delivered to the village hall for display.

Brendan Spokes of Strete Estate was not able to attend the APM but has kindly accepted our invitation to present to the council at the July meeting. Nick Hindmarsh of Dartmouth Caring will also be attending a future meeting to discuss the organisations work.

**Hannah Iles**

**Strete Parish Clerk**

**April 2024**

## **14. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

**Peter Hales provided the Strete Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report– 2023/24 for the Annual Parish Meeting**



## **15. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.**

### **Ralph Clark PC Report – April 2024**

#### **Planning**

Rose Cottage next to the Kings Arms has submitted a planning application to convert the barn attached to the property into living accommodation. Not yet approved.

#### **The Kings Arms**

There is still no regular staff for the kitchen which has resulted in no food offer being available other than when Serin Aubrey is available as part of his committee member role.

#### **Strete Village Hall**

Discussions are continuing to utilise the lottery grant awarded to improve the paving at the village hall as part of planned safety improvements.

Although Strete Village Day is a long way off in August, monthly meetings have started to discuss and agree the content for the event and to ensure there is sufficient support available on the day.

Various organisations in the village are invited to attend these meetings as funds raised on the day will be shared with some of those organisations who are able to put forward beneficial proposals for Strete community. This is an important fund-raising event for the Village Hall.

#### **Village Sweeping and Road Works**

Norns Lane to Blackpool Sands road works, previously notified as taking place in March, has been postponed until April sometime. Formal date notification to be advised.

Despite several requests for dialogue to obtain annual funding from Devon CC to enable Strete PC to undertake the highway deficiencies in the parish – there has been limited response.

Pothole and general surface on the A379 (Priority Road) at the junction with Totnes Road (outside the Post Office and Shop) has seen nothing happen after repeated instances of uploading this to the Devon CC 'Report a Problem' website. This is a Category 1 defect that should be actioned for repair in 7-days.

As a result, pothole repairs are still hit and miss and everyone is encouraged to report them on Devon Highways 'Report a Problem' website <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/>

There is hope that Devon CC will actively progress the need to protect Slapton Line whilst at the same time pursuing the need to improve the infrastructure of three-mile lane to effectively and efficiently manage road user movements as traffic volumes increase. This will take time!!

Added: sign at Strete Gate not fully visible due to vegetation. VAS machine not visible due to campervan permanent parked blocking visibility. Councillors to review option for re-siting. Attempts have been made to contact van owner to ask that it is moved but no response. Official letter to be written on grounds that blocking visibility of VAS is anti-social. Previous chef at Kings Arm and chef who use to work at Seahorse in Dartmouth have agreed to come as a guest chef.

#### **Graham Campbell -April 2024**

The village field is in generally good condition. There is an ongoing problem with an animal digging up clumps of turf. It seems most likely that this is a dog, but we have no information about whose dog. It could be a badger, though I had thought that all local badgers had been eliminated by the cull. There is a small bit of damage to one of the picnic tables – not structural but annoying. I think filler and a touch up with wood stain is the best solution. A parishioner has suggested the ivy should be removed from the old well. There are mixed feelings about this as ivy is a great source of food for birds in the winter period. To discuss.

We met the grass cutting contractor at the playpark to look at the state of the grass.

He will quote for cutting the grass as part of his current contract, and his new machine is ideal for the job. He notes that the moles would need to be removed first and then he will quote also to roll the grass to eliminate much of the uneven quality of the surface that parishioners have remarked on. We need to decide on who removes the moles.

This would be an additional cost for rolling and mole catching.

The new roundabout was inspected and a few adjustments were recommended and were made by the Ellis family.

I note that the new path in Blackbird wood is easy to walk on, but the broken gatepost remains broken and the gate is very difficult for people to open and shut. The Trust has plans to do that but after 18months of being broken this is not a priority it seems.

#### **Ian Cumberlidge PC Report – March 2024**

Apologies for "skidding in on rubber heels".. Have gone from being "laid up with leg probs" to running around to "catch up"....!!

Have just 'got off the phone ' talking to Teddy Cranmer re 'Cairn', but I rang him to see how he is 'doing'.. He seems remarkably "Chipper" & fairly "full of beans"..! He was very appreciative of Strete PC's support, and asked me to pass on his "Thanks".

The Play area is being cut as I bash the Keyboard, and I can report that the roundabout has been 'quite a hit' and has been used a lot..! The various necessary repairs to equipment are ongoing, and I should pick up the replacement safety bars for climbing apparatus within the hour..!

Added: Checked footpaths and bridleways and most have dried out. Strete Gate busy with large campers on corner, almost blocking access. IC will speak to Brendan Spokes about adding additional post to protect the cairn.

#### **Kate Gill PC Report – March 2024**

Nothing to report

#### **Helen Darch PC Report – April 2024**

1. Hannah and I will deal with the year end for inspection by Bob - this will need to go to the next meeting in May and the relevant paper [AGAR] to be agreed. I suggest the other two parts of the AGAR can also go to the May meeting. Hannah and I to get together and get this done [thankyou Hannah].

2. Planning on the agenda - i will have to recuse as I am neighbour/live on the farm mentioned in the application.

#### **16. CORRESPONDENCE**

Post: Emails: have been circulated as normal.

#### **17. DATE OF THE NEXT**

**MEETING: Thursday 16th May 2024 at approx. 7.00 pm in the Village Hall**



# STRETE VILLAGE DAY

## Bake for Village Day



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The marquee is up and ready to shelter you from the winter weather

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# New Tourism Venture for Dartmouth

## Get Ready to EXPLORE DARTMOUTH!

We are delighted to announce that tourism for Dartmouth has a fresh start. Earlier this year Dartmouth & District Chamber of Commerce proposed a solution to Dartmouth Town Council in relation to the future of the Visitor Centre. From 1st May 2024, a new



Community Interest Company takes on The Engine House on Mayors Avenue and will be running the Visitor Centre, managing the online marketing of the Town and providing a range of services for local businesses.

This new CIC is The Dartmouth Tourism and Business Hub, trading as Dartmouth Hub. With the support of the Dartmouth & District Chamber of Commerce, Dartmouth Town Council and South Hams District Council this new CIC is keen to reflect the needs of businesses, residents and visitors alike, in order to support the local economy by generating revenue and creating opportunities for businesses to flourish. Over the coming weeks the new team will work with the Visitor Centre volunteers to build on the existing offer and evolve the visitor experience, including the showcasing of local businesses.

In addition, a new brand is being launched as the Official Dartmouth Tourism Brand: **Explore Dartmouth**. This new brand, endorsed and supported by Dartmouth Town Council and Dartmouth & District Chamber of Commerce, is part of providing a clear change in direction for the Town's tourism offering. This will fully reflect the **natural beauty and character of Dartmouth and the breadth and depth of experiences available** here.

Danni Pinnington, a Director of Dartmouth Hub, commented that "we are already working on **how Dartmouth will best be marketed online**, so that our Town presents a strong and vibrant case to persuade visitors to spend time and money here throughout the year".

Laura Campbell, a Director of Dartmouth Hub, added "Key to the success of this is strengthening the commercial partnerships within our tourism eco-system, and **keeping the money paid by town businesses in the town to help to fund future tourism activities.**"

Jo Hinde, a Director of Dartmouth Hub, explained that "with many of our local businesses dependent upon the visitor economy, the services provided by the Dartmouth Hub, in conjunction with the work of the Chamber of Commerce, will **support businesses and help the local economy to thrive.**"

These are exciting times for Dartmouth and the Dartmouth Hub invites **the support of everyone in the community** to make the most of the opportunity.





## About The Dartmouth Tourism and Business Hub:

Set up in April 2024, the objectives of the Hub are:

- to realise Dartmouth’s full potential as a vibrant destination and community and develop the year-round visitor economy
- to market Dartmouth’s unique visitor offering to the world credibly and effectively
- to curate an enterprising and engaging visitor experience
- to promote tourism and hospitality as a career for life and support the local businesses

The new CIC will generate income, to be retained in the town, through three levels

1	Visitor Centre - Gifts, maps, books etc. and showcasing “Made in Dartmouth” products, visual advertising, tour guide programme
2	Online destination marketing – through the website and social media, supported by local businesses and managed by a team based at the hub
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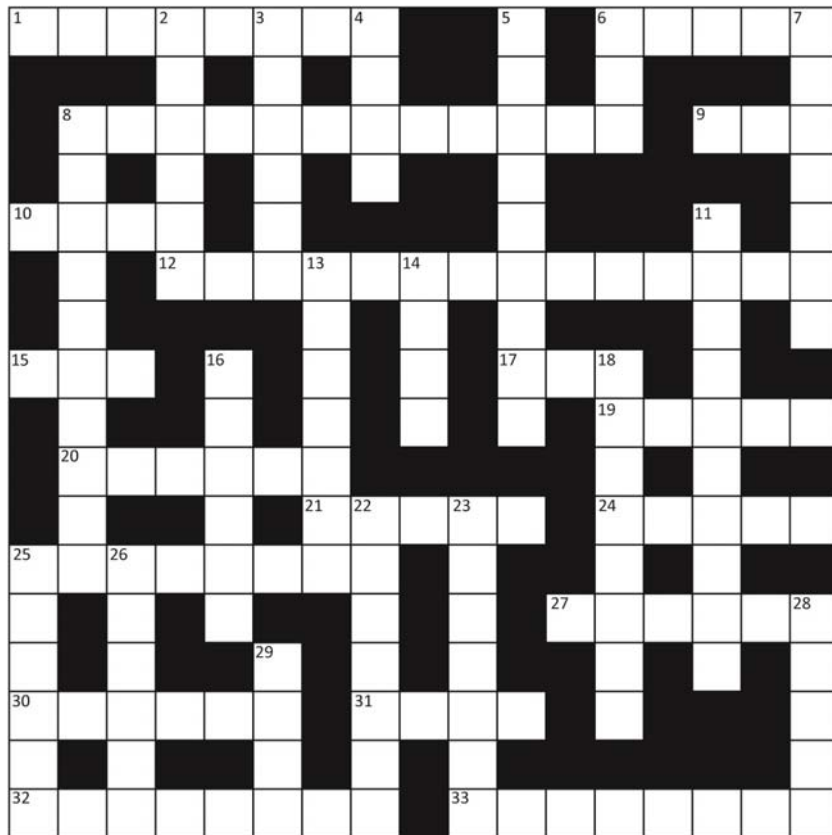
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# Stretwise Crossword



- Across:** 1. Cured leg of pork with sea salt from Italy (5-3). 6. Concentrated stock, especially of game or fish. 8. When starts to develop a characteristic brown colour and nutty flavour. 9. Small hard seeds in a fruit . 10. Worn around the waist when wearing a kimono. 12. County famous for a sauce. 15. Distilled alcoholic drink flavoured with juniper. 17. A fruit with a hard shell. 19. A useful or valuable thing . 20. A small strip or cube of fatty bacon. 21. Deprive or free (someone) of weapons. 24. A variety of spring wheat that's typically ground into semolina. 25. Large American food production and distribution company (3-5). 27. Biscuit made from rolled oats (3-3). 30. Thick traditional Norwegian pancakes. 31. Japanese green tea. 32. A bitter-sweet flavoured macaroon. 33. Traditionally an Italian bacon made of pork belly meat.
- Down:** 2. A large cucurbit . 3. A basket or box containing food. 4. Germinated cereal grain that has been dried with heat. 5. Red pepper sauce manufacturer (2 -7). 6. Inverted flowers, not fruit. 7. Brand of preserves manufactured in a village in Essex. 8. A shell shape of the pasta. 11. A classic Italian vegetable soup. 13. A large hairy, brown nut. 14. A large bag made of a strong material. 16. Small, finger sized, peppers. 18. Chicken marinated in yogurt and spices and roasted. 22. A cocktail, made of equal parts gin, vermouth rosso, and Campari. 23. part of the rose flower that contains the rose plant seeds. 25. Tuberos, herbaceous perennial plant. 26. Various types of spring rolls from Indonesia. 28. Sweet braided bread which originated in the Jewish communities of Poland. 29. A form of written command in the name of a court.

# Creative Corner

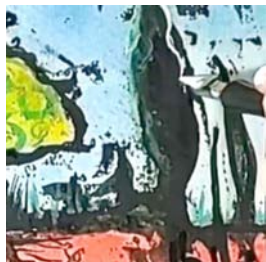
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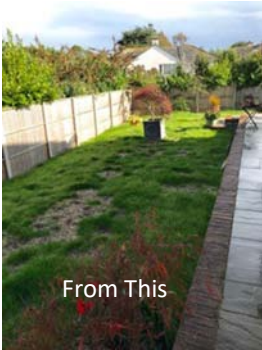
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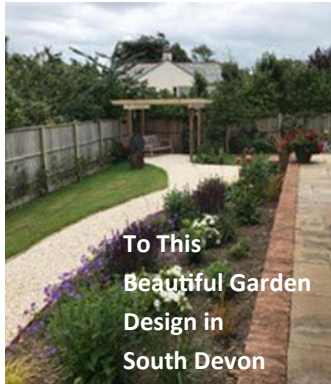
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# “CREATURES OF THE NIGHT”

Glow Worms and Bats

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This is the time of year to spot them.



I'm no expert, but I thought it would be interesting to monitor, in an informal way, any sightings of bats and glow worms within or close to Strete village.

If the subject interests you please contact me, Steve Smith, on 07968 276153 or at

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# Strete Social Club

## STRETE SOCIAL CLUB PROGRAMME 2024

Meetings are usually held in Strete Village Hall on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30PM  
Everyone very welcome to come along!

April	2nd	Easter Tea Party
	16th	Aid To Ukraine - Mary Burden
	30th	Ladies Fashion But Not as You Would Know it - Penny Penhale
May	14th	Spoken Words - Christine Cooke
	28th	Magician - Jude Coram
June	11th	Afternoon Tea Outing
	25th	A Tourist Talks Travel - Brenda Loosemore

**2nd April:** Another foul afternoon weather wise despite which we had a good attendance at our meeting which was in the form of a quiz and tea.

Colleen and Irene had put on a spread of cakes to serve with our tea.

The tables looked splendid with various coloured check table cloths edged with Australian cross stitch with a small glass bowl of Easter eggs in the centre.

A large table was decorated with a small tree on which artificial eggs were hung and the cakes displayed.

Karen had no business to deal with so she asked Heather to put to us the quiz on proverbs.

This was done by each individual table the winners being Faye, Sandie, Rita and Lianne.

Joan and Dorothy then served cups of tea and members chose their cake

Derek as usual ran the draw which followed the Easter bonnet competition which Heather won with Derek a very close second. Both the hats' Heathers was a straw one on top of which sat little chicks. Derek sported an Australian hat complete with corks and again knitted chicken perched on the top. Colleen and Irene were given bunches of tulips thanking them for putting on such a lovely tea.



*Strete Social Club* **16th April:** On one of the few lovely SUNNY days the members of the social club met for their fortnightly meeting. Karen was taking the meeting on her own as co leader Lisa was unable to come. Several apologies were given but there was still a good attendance.

Karen introduced our speaker for the afternoon, Mary Burdon the President Elect of Dartmouth Rotary, which does have lady members, who spoke to us, illustrated with slides of her journey to Ukraine, under the banner of 'Aid for Ukraine'

An email arrived in her mail box requesting drivers for Ukraine After a while she read it more thoroughly and the contents appealed to her.

Aged in her 70s she volunteered to drive with one other person over to the Ukraine border with a car containing sleeping bags, warms clothes, boots etc, But NO DRUGS.

She thoroughly searched the route and it would not be going anywhere near the troubled area. Her and co-driver went from Bristol to Poland and then to the border. The 'Pick up for Peace' was formed by Scottish Farmers who sold cheap or gave the vehicles. The journey ran non stop with each driver taking in turns while the other one slept for 20 hours. On arrival in Poland, she shared a hotel room with another female driver of the 39 in the convoy. They had a blue light police escort for the last part of their journey, but could not have their mobile phones, for security reasons.

In the basement of the hotel was the bomb shelter, not a bit like the ones we see here, in fact quite luxurious. Fortunately, they did not have to use this.

When they reached their destination, they handed over the contents and, if I recall correctly, most of the vehicles to the Military.

Before their departure at the hotel for their home-ward journey they held an auction between all the drivers to raise money for the cause with a Ukrainian flag signed by all the drivers which raised £2000 plus various other prizes given by some of the drivers e.g. stay in their castle in Scotland, a guitar altogether they raised £20,000



The pick up they drove they did bring back as her co driver wanted to go again with incubators for babies which he had been given from a hospital here in England.

She was thanked by Joan and a box went around for anyone wishing to put something in it for the cause. Asked if she would do it again, she said YES.

As usual we held our draw and was served tea and biscuits.

## Strete Social Club

**30th April:** With Karen on holiday, it fell upon Lisa to Chair our fortnightly meeting.

Business was short with one good thing being announced that the Community Pub has a new Chef starting on 1st May.



As our planned speaker had been in hospital and is not fully recovered, we were pleased that Heather had arranged a quiz for us. She began by telling us of how she visited a local sweet shop and took the names of the variety of sweets on sale. She was asked if she was going to buy anything and she felt obliged to purchase some dolly mixtures.

The answers to the quiz were all names of sweets. We were all racking our brains going through all the sweets we could remember with the eventual winners gaining 15 out of twenty consisting of Rita, Moira, Janet who got 'surprize surprize' a reward of Chocolate peppermint cream chocolates.

Our afternoon ended with the usual tea and most delicious biscuits served by Angela and Sandie plus a few more helpers.

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## Strete Social Club

**14th May:** We met for our fortnightly meeting in the Village Hall with Karen and Lisa leading the meeting.

There was very little business so our speaker for the afternoon was welcomed back, her previous visit was to speak and demonstrate spinning, this time she came to tell us of

her love of the spoken word. Since about the age of four she had been writing little poems, one of which when her father dies and she looked in his wallet, there was the poem she wrote and gave to him and that age, he had carried it around with him throughout his life.

She regularly comes to our local pub taking an evening when she not only reads her work but invites other to take part.

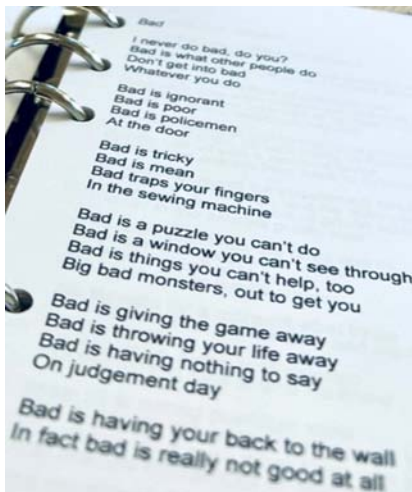
Several members contributed to the afternoon reading pieces that either they or members of their family had written, some read their favourite poem, it was a very good response. Lisa had even put a little information in AI and a composition of our social club came back which she read to us.

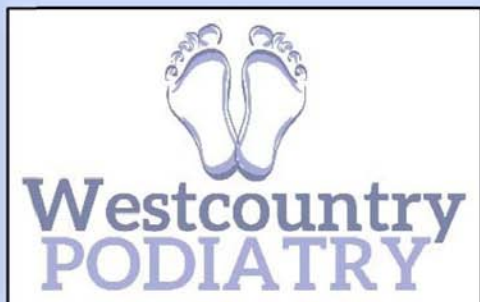
She was thanked by Lisa.

Not only did we enjoy our usual cups of tea and biscuits served by Chris and Carol who had made delicious homemade meringues either vanilla or salted caramel.

Derek as usual looked after the draw.

A very relaxed and entertaining afternoon came to a close.



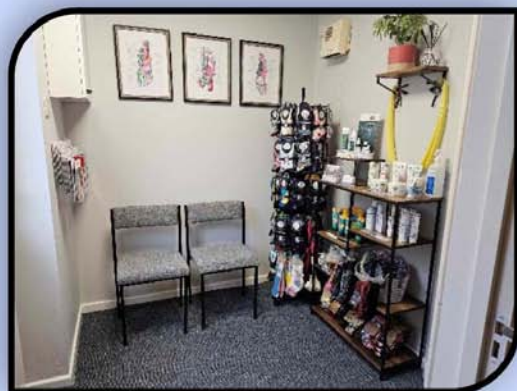
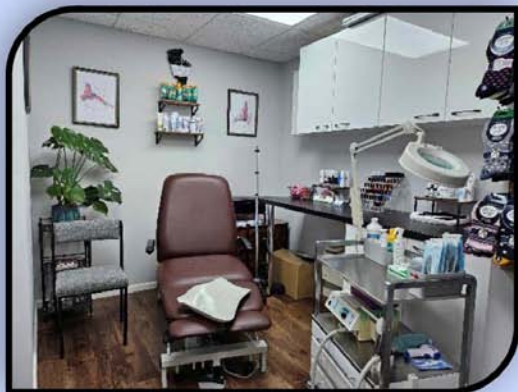


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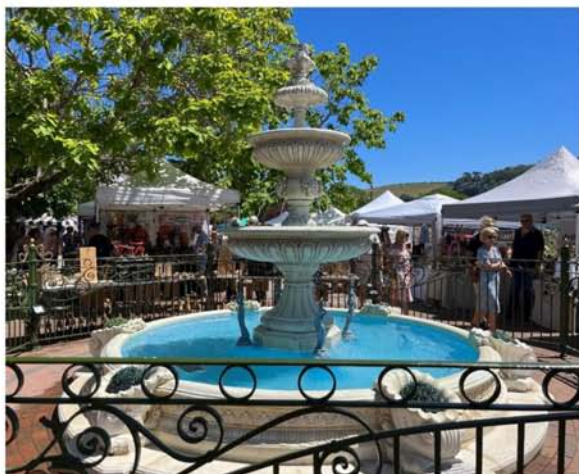
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## The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming and District

*Where friendliness matters above all else*

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

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## The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming and District

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**Wednesday 10th July 2024**

beginning at 10.30am

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