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EDITORIAL

The first record of a village of Strete was 821 years ago and it is 781 years since the name was changed to the current spelling (and whilst we are looking at dates, it is 179 years since St Michaels was 'built'; the tower being much older).

The next months will see some changes. By early May the result of the General, District and Parish Elections should be known. The Parish will lose two councillors who have worked hard for the Parish. Bryan Seymour has served for 16 years, both as Chairman and as a councillor. His guidance and energy has kept the interests of this Parish to the fore. Tony Crawford, the current Chairman, has a similar period of public service, both here and in Somerset. It is for the electorate in the Parish to decide whether any others retire in May. The Reverend John Bell is retiring from his ministry at St Michaels after 14 years, and his last service will be conducted in Strete on the 14th June 2015. Donations towards his retirement may be given to Joan Kendall (see page 3).

The change that I would like to see is the removal of the Gulag fencing across the Kings Arms Car Park and the reopening of the Pub. It is futile to reminisce on how things were, but there was a glorious community in the village 20 years ago when dropping into the Kings Arms on a Friday evening, all the village seemed to be there. Arrangements could be made for games of golf, safari dinner parties, or guidance obtained on who could do what. The brewers maintain that they are still actively searching for a landlord, and have come close to agreeing terms on one occasion, but it

remains closed. The loss of this facility in the Village must affect the letting prospects for holiday accommodation, B & Bs and the Caravan and Camp Sites. The shame is that whilst all efforts are being made to complete the new section of the South West Coastal Path, the commercial opportunity of keeping, feeding and housing the weary traveller is being lost. The full force of the Parish must get behind the efforts to see the Kings Arms open for business.

The numbers on the electoral role have provided a stark reminder of the challenge for the future. There has been a drop of about 5% in the number of electors between the last General Election and now. The change is either because there are a lot of empty properties in the Parish, or there are more properties being occupied by second homers who do not have sufficient interest in this community to register their vote. In the United Kingdom, a resident is entitled to vote in the location of each home that they live in. One can vote in different places in Parish or County elections at the same time. The only exception is that in a General Election each person only has one vote. It is 97 years since universal suffrage was granted although women did not have equal voting rights with men until 1928.

Change is inevitable but not always for the better. All votes count, otherwise apathy rules.

The editor

STRETE CHAPEL NOTES

Jim Carver

Greetings from the Strete Chapel Fellowship.

(As Jim wrote this) Easter was approaching fast and as we look forward to this time we start to think what Easter is all about. The Lord Jesus was obedient to his Father and suffered and died upon the cross at Calvary to save us from our sin, on what is known as Good Friday, but we know that on the third day, Easter Sunday, Jesus arose triumphantly from the grave and over came and conquered death. This event was prophesied and foretold in the book of Isaiah Ch 53, some 600 years before this event took place. Just imagine the surprise on the faces of Mary Magdalene and the other Mary visiting the tomb, only finding the tomb empty with the linen cloths that had been wrapped around the body of Jesus, folded neatly and laid on the stone slab, inside the tomb. Easter is truly a happy time to celebrate, that Jesus is alive and is with his Father in heaven.

The children also look forward to enjoying Easter Eggs at this time of year. I often think back to when I was a young lad, seeing the ladies and young girls wearing their Easter Bonnets as they went to Church on the Easter Sunday morning.

On Good Friday 3rd April 2015 there will be a meeting taking place at the Stoke Fleming Village Hall. Starting at 11.00am with a sit down lunch at approximately 12.30 pm and reconvening for an afternoon session at 2.00 pm The Speaker

will be Mr David Coffey who comes from Torquay All would be very welcome to come and join us in fellowship on Good Friday.

Watch this space!

Some thing to put in you Diaries:

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

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

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

Chapel Outings and Activities:

Monday 6th April 2015 - Old Coach House - Lunch at 12 noon followed by Ten Pin Bowling in Torquay.

Monday 4th May 2014 - Plymouth Barbican - Boat Trip King William Yard & Boat trip to Cornwall

Monday 25th May 2014 - Weston-super-Mare. To see Jim and Pat and have lunch with them at Toogoodies, then a visit to the sea front or a visit to a Garden Centre.

Monday 31st August 2014 - Exmouth B.B.Q. on the beach, swimming and games.

If any body would like to come and join us in any of these Outings then please get in touch with Derek Darch

Visiting Speakers Strete Chapel

During the forth coming Sundays we will be welcoming visiting speakers to take our Sunday Morning Services, and the following will be coming.

5th April	Charles Bancroft
19th April	Adrian Dawe
3rd May	Pam & Ian
10th May	Adrian Dawe
17th May	London City Mission
7th June	Maurice Hockridge
14th June	Adrian Dawe
21st June	Desmond Gahan
5th July	Mark Fox
19th July	Peter Glasgow
2nd August	Charles Bancroft
9th August	Charles Bancroft
16th August	Charles Bancroft
23rd August	Charles Bancroft
30th August	Charles Bancroft
20th September	CHURCH Harvest
Wednesday 22nd April	Meeting with the Slavic Gospel at the Chapel - Time 7.30

We extend to you all a very warm welcome to come and join us in fellowship.

The time of our Morning Family Services is 11.00 am and on the first Sunday of the month, we have a shared lunch after the morning service, followed by Communion

ST MICHAEL'S



Rev. John H. Bell, who has served as our Vicar for 14 years, is retiring in June of this year and we would like to mark this with a presentation to him.

Joan Kendall has volunteered to be the contact for any donations that Parishioners would like to make.

These can be sent to her at 3 Crestfields, Strete, Dartmouth TQ6 0SD or given to her personally.

There will be special services leading up to his retirement as follows:-

31st May United Benefice Service at STRETE 11 a.m

John's last service here at Strete will be 14th June. 11 a.m.

Final Service taken by him will be at Stoke Fleming on

21st June with a Bring and Share Lunch. 11 a.m.

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH

Sunday Services

Sunday 12 April 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion ~ Revd. John Bell

Sunday 19 April 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship Worship Team + Guest
speakers: Jan & Andrea Scott

Sunday 26 April 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion Revd. John Bell

Sunday 3rd May 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday 10th May 11.00 a.m. CHRISTIAN AID WEEK SERVICE

Sunday 17th May 11.00 a.m. ROGATION SERVICE

Sunday 24th May 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 31 May 11.00 a.m. N.B. New time UNITED BENEFICE Joint Service
of Holy Communion with East Allington

Sunday 14th June last service with John Bell as the vicar.

Christians Together in Strete

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

We are reading the New Testament Book of the Acts of the Apostles. Christians of all denominations welcome

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

Monday afternoon meetings are 2.30 pm. – 4.30 pm.

Dates for our fortnightly meetings for the Summer Term 2015

Monday 13th April

Monday 18th May

Monday 8th June

Monday 6th July

No meeting in August

Autumn Term Starts Monday 14 September 2015

For further information
ring Jilly Freeman 770 254

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

Very early on the first Easter morning, whilst it was still dark, Mary Magdalene and some of the other women moved quietly through the sleeping city to the burial ground a short distance away.

Presumably they intended to anoint Jesus with the fragrant spices and ointments they had made on the evening of Good Friday.

They went in fear and grief to the body of the One they had loved and lost.

Two days ago on the eve of the Sabbath, the broken body of Jesus was hastily wrapped in a linen cloth and placed in the tomb. The women's lives were changed, they had listened to Jesus's stories and heard crowds call 'Hozanna and Crucify!' They saw his healing miracles, bread broken and wine poured. They watched as he was tortured and killed. Like all people who have lost a loved one they found comfort from one another. Their minds found it hard to absorb the horror of sudden death.

Yet as they moved towards the tomb, they saw that the stone had been rolled away and Jesus's body had gone. They were perplexed, startled, amazed and frightened.

I am sure we would have been the same on that first Easter Day.

The wonder of the Resurrection is not something we can embrace in a moment, we need to receive and understand a little at a time until the joyful message affects the whole of our lives.

READER'S CORNER

Our Easter eggs that we give to one another are symbols of hope and new life and for some people they represent the stone that was rolled away from the tomb.

On Easter Sunday in our church we will celebrate the good news of the Resurrection in one of the Easter hymns

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;

sing to God a hymn of gladness,

sing to God a hymn of praise:

He, who on the cross a victim

for the world's salvation bled,

Jesus Christ, the King of glory,

now is risen from the dead.

Kate McIlhagga of the Iona Community wrote this beautiful Easter Blessing:

How beautiful is the blossom
spilling from the tree,

the hidden primrose

and the bluebell

ringing out the news

He is risen

he is alive

we shall live

for evermore.

May the warmth of His Resurrection touch our hearts and minds as the warmth of the sun blesses our bodies.

May you all have a very joyful and peaceful Easter.

Jenny Harris

Jean Parnell

March and April

In weather lore the saying 'March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb' gives the lie to a popular rhyme about the 'borrowing days' either the last 3 days of March or the first 3 days of April:-

March borrowed from April 3 days and they were ill

The first was snow and sleet, the next was cold and wet

The third was such a freeze, the birds' nests stuck to the trees!....

March is considered to be the first month of Spring with dry, warm weather but it can be a wet, wintry month as it was in 1891 here in the South Hams beginning on the 8th and 9th March. The Great Blizzard, as it came to be known, was relentless, within 2 days drifts of 8 to 12 inches were common. My maternal grandmother often recalled this when we had perhaps a few inches of snow, as her family living at Eastdown used to walk into Strete on top of hedges because hard-packed snow spread across the road from side to side!

Flower of March - Violets - Most Elizabethans called violets "heartsease", many of which are found in meadows and in hedgerows. Violets were associated with innocent unspoilt love, probably because the violet flowers do not produce seeds but they come from unopened self-pollinating flowers later in the year. This is known as Cleistogamy.

In the 19th century large quantities of violets were grown for perfume especially in France on the Riviera, but by the

end of the 19th century 2 German scientists discovered the chemical formula of the violet scent. I remember when I was quite small, elderly people either smelt of Devon Violets or Eau de Cologne!

Flowers of April - Daisies ~ The name daisy comes from the Olde English "daeges-eage" or "day's eye" referring to the way the flowers open and close at certain times of the day, perhaps more noticed by our ancestors as their clocks. The Daisy botanical family also include chrysanthemums which can be grown in greenhouses as well as in the open air. They can be hoodwinked into blooming at any time of the year by decreasing the *amount of light they receive*.

SOME WESTCOUNTRY NEWS 1915

January - In one newspaper it was reported that this year was the centenary of Waterloo and would be a great and glorious year for the world. A quote was "the days of the Crusades have returned; the Allies are the new Crusaders. We shall see commitment, the glories of war and the comforts of peace"!

February - A small village near Truro with only 165 inhabitants sent 24 men into the Navy and the Army. Two other young men offered but they were too young for service.

March - Snow and ice on the roads was causing panic and men of the Royal Garrison Artillery en route for drill had difficulties when a gun jumped a bank and turned over but it was righted without injuries being sustained!

May - Arms workers were slowing production because of heavy drinking so it was decided that new prices be introduced - no 2 penny worth of spirits would be served, ordinary spirits would be raised by 1/6 per pint; good brandy would be 6d per drop or 1/9 per noggin and wines would be sold at not less than 4p per pint!

June - Messrs. Moon & Sons were pleased to exhibit their new range of pianos, the only manufacturers "below Bristol" and was suited to our westcountry climate! (All schools had Moon's pianos for years.)

July - A large number of ladies gathered at Princes Hall, Plymouth in support of the War Hospitals Supply presided over by the MP's wife, Mrs. Waldorf Astor. She was keen to see more ladies in the city helping with sewing at the local depot. Although Plymouth was not a fashionable resort she felt "every woman

should do her best for the soldiers".

September - The King and Queen visited the southwest touring hospitals to chat to wounded soldiers. Members of the public cheered their Royal visitors along the way who were gratified by their happy and kind reception.

October - An unusual vehicle recruiting Royal Volunteer Navy volunteers arrived in Plymouth. It looked like a delivery van with a flag on top but it had a facility for office work and also sleeping accommodation. The vehicle toured for a few days and volunteers could sign on the spot and leave for training at Crystal Palace, London.`

December - With "round-buying" in pubs banished an unusual case came up in a court in Bristol. The offender was fined 9 shillings for buying his wife a drink! The magistrate decided it was a technical offence but if Justices allowed a person to pay for liquor for his wife, the licensee would be in a quandary - how would he know whether it was actually the man's wife! This was the first case of this kind in the country.

I hope you have been free from the flu bugs which have been widespread recently and I wish you a Healthy and Happy Spring to come.

Jean Parnell

Letters to Editor - Heavitree Plays Heavy

Since the demise of the Kings Arms at Strete, Heavitree have decided to erect several signs in the pubs car park, which is adjacent to the A379 in an AONB much to the annoyance of the local residents of Strete. It makes this area look like a crime ridden inner city location. If you look to the other side of the road you get a wonderful panoramic view of Start Bay.

Having researched the company who run this parking activity, Flash Park, they are run by a very shady character who has been reviewed on Watchdog, has received the Dick Turpin Award from the RAC and has recently had court dealings with HMRC. Just the sort of outfit we want in the village of Strete.

South Hams DC have been advised of this situation as it appears to be a breach of planning permission but Heavitree do not seem to believe this. It is becoming more obvious that Heavitrees' hidden agenda for the Kings Arms is a change of use but I'm sure there will be a multitude of objections if this is the case. The MD of Heavitree has been made aware of this but apparently is on annual leave.

This pub used to be the centre of the community before the brewery changed the

layout of the inside to make it into a restaurant/pub which obviously hasn't worked as planned. If you talk to the people of Strete who have lived here for many years they will all confirm this was the downfall of the Kings Arms. Heavitree claim to have interviewed several possible applicants to take on the pub but for various reasons nothing has happened yet. They have also taken the To Let sign down.

The other Heavitree houses in this locality, The Start Bay Inn, The Church House, Stokenham and the Green Dragon prove the point that they can do good business from the locals in the winter as well as an excellent trade in the summer, so why should the Kings Arms be different?

The Kings Arms building frontage is an asset to the village so what is the future? The fight is just starting.

Ian R Coates



AMAZON

Until now I have had a positive view of Amazon. However, on looking to buy a piece of equipment I went to the internet to check on prices. Having identified the specific equipment I entered that into the internet search engine and up Pops Amazon 'Low prices on *the item*'. The prices of the same item ranged from £964.41 down to £590.90 including VAT with an entry by the makers at £1,267. Upon checking with the manufacturers, the price was £300 and the VAT was not applicable in the circumstances that pertained. Double the cost (and more) is not what I expected when I searched for the market price using Amazon.

MH

PI DAY

March 14 2015 or 3.14.15 (as the Americans would write) - In fact to correct the actual number of Pi (relationship of diameter to the circumference) it should come the following year. But on Broadway and in London 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night time' will simplify the number.

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Housing Need Survey for Parish of Strete 2015

The outcome of this survey managed and operated by South Hams District Council should be available for the Parish Council Meeting on 16 April (after the Annual Meeting that precedes).

The outcome will give up-to-date information and will probably be used in the compilation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Stretewise Delivery Team

Brenda Range (Hynetown Road), Liane Baldock (Matts Point), Colleen Seymour (Crestways and Crestfield), **Vacant** – Totnes Road South and Vicarage Lane), Joan Kendall (the Platt and Hyne Town Estate), **Vacant** (Start Bay Park), Chris Burne (Dartmouth Road East), John and Shirley Goldring (Village Centre and Dartmouth Road West), David Wall (Burlestone), Andrea Hollis (Upper Totnes Road) Malcolm Hollis Strete Gate / email).

Are there any Volunteers to help fill the vacancies to deliver around 30 magazines 6 times a year or to cover for holidays ?

2014 Photographer of the year



The entries received as of the end of March (the extended deadline for the 2014 entries) were special and resulted in the judges having a hard time in making a decision.

Torcross featured in some of the entries, with the ducks and nosy seagulls failing to read the notices that suggest they should not be fed, and the water of the Dart was picked up in views of Dartmouth from the road leading in from Little Dartmouth, as well as sea view from our own Corniche—the A379.

Two pictures vied for First Place and the judges took a long time making their decision but Carole Wills Picture of the Frog has been picked as the 2014 winner of the Stretewise Photographic Competition.



Winner—FROG

By Carole Wills

Second and Highly Commended

‘Tim Feeding the seagulls’

by Lucia Aucott

Highly Commended

Mr & Mrs. Mallard at Torcross

Food Bank by Tony Crawford



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BLACKAWTON WAR MEMORIAL

Where is it ? Whose names are on it ? Where did they live ? What did they do ?

Where did they die ? Are you related?

BLACKAWTON IN 1840

Who owned the land ? Who owned the houses ? Who rented the farms ?

If you're interested, come along to

Blackawton Village Hall

1030 - 1230

Saturday 25 April 2015

when James Mussen (War Memorial) and Gareth James (1840 Tithe Map) can give you all the answers

Contact Bob Harvey

on <clyston@waitrose.com> or 712-662

for more details and to book a place

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

as this is open to all history societies in Devon so places are limited

10.00-10.30 Arrival at Blackawton Village Hall; Registration and refreshments

10.30-10.40 Introduction and Welcome: Alison Denham, Chair, Blackawton and Strete History Group and Phil Planel, Chair, Devon History Society

1040-11.20 Tithe Map Apportionments
Gareth James Gareth has collated the Apportionments for Blackawton and Strete into a format which allows detailed examination of aspects of local history which are not initially apparent. This could be applicable to other parishes which seek to dig deeper.

1120-12.00 The War Memorials in Blackawton and Strete James Mussen

James has undertaken substantial research on the background and service of the people named on the two memorials and brought this together in an attractive book which could be an example for other parishes

1200 Excursion: BaSH has laid on a trip by minibus at noon to visit the coastal sites between Dartmouth and Torcross which were used by troops practicing for D-Day.
12.45 Arrive at Strete Parish Hall

12.45 Mediaeval Lunch Kate Gill

Surprisingly Mediaeval food was more sophisticated than most of us expect. We will sample various dishes with Kate explaining all the details. There will be vegetarian options, and a souvenir menu.

14.15-15.15 The Evacuation David Stranack

In November 1943 the residents of 30,000 acres around Blackawton and Strete were given six weeks notice to evacuate. No argument. There was a war on. 180 farmers had to sell or move their animals, and 750 families had to move out with all their furniture and belongings.

David Stranack will introduce this session and show a film taken from contemporary archive material. Some local residents who experienced the evacuation will then give their recollections and answer questions on the immediate and long term effects.

15.15-15.45 Refreshments at Strete Parish Hall with opportunity to view the displays and examine BaSH publications.

15.45 Minibuses return to Blackawton

BOOKING ESSENTIAL 01803 712 662

Election 2015

On the 7th May there will be three elections taking place on the same day, for the first time for 32 years. The details of who will stand in the Parliamentary, District and Parish elections will not be known until the 9th April, a few days after the delayed distribution of Stretewise.

Parish (7 seats)

The current Parish councillors will remain in office until 11th May 2015, four days after the election. A poll will only happen if there are more nominations than the seven seats that are available. If so it will be on 7 May alongside the Parliamentary and District elections.

If there are fewer nominations than seats and a quorum is reached i.e. at least 3 nominations, the Parish Council will be able to co-opt to fill the remaining seats. This usually happens at the first meeting after 7 May which will be 21st May.

District elections (20 seats)

South Hams have reduced the number of representatives and in May all 20 seats will be up for election. Those in Strete will be voting for their district Councillor in a new Ward that includes Buckland Tout Saints, Charleston, East Allington, Frogmore and Sherford, Slapton and Strete.

Parliament

Prospective Candidates and the five political parties were contacted to ask if they would like to set out their key objectives for the readers of Stretewise. Each candidate has responded, and their comments and statements are set out on the next pages. At the present time the Liberal Democrats, Green, UKIP, Labour and Conservative parties are contesting the seat. It is possible that other candidates may come forward by the time of the deadline for nominations in a few days time.

Similar invitations were extended to each of the parties in relation to the election of a Councillor for the new 'Allington and Strete' Ward. None have responded.

Candidates for the Parish Council have also held back from confirming their intentions. There will be at least two vacancies following the declaration of Tony Crawford and Bryan Seymour not to seek re-election. Those who are believed to be standing include Kate Gill (Vice Chairman) Ian Cumberlidge, David Rothwell Harry Fenton and M. Hollis.

The contribution of the Parliamentary candidates are set out on the following pages in Alphabetical order of each Candidates' Surname

The 2015 GENERAL ELECTION



Julian Brazil (Liberal Democrat)

Julian Brazil lives in East Prawle near Kingsbridge. He is a Councillor for the local area and works part-time helping with the accounts for a number of local businesses. He has an honours degree in Zoology from Bristol University.

Before becoming involved in politics, Julian worked in the family printing business and also set up his own Desk Top Publishing company. He qualified as a science teacher from Exeter University and did his training at Kingsbridge and South Dartmoor Community Colleges. He has also taught as a supply teacher at Dartmouth Community College.

Julian has an excellent reputation as a local councillor. He is well known for campaigning and supporting his local communities. He is a vociferous supporter of affordable housing for local people and counts the fight for the houses at East Portlemouth as his greatest political success thus far.

Julian has consistently won at local elections - a recent result was reported in the local press thus:

‘Cllr Brazil went on to win his County Council seat against a national rising tide of Conservatism. The voters had dared to assert their independence. It seemed

that that they liked the idea of a representative who is not afraid to stand up for them against the ever-growing (and infuriating) forces of red tape.’ (Kingsbridge & Salcombe Gazette 2013)

His main areas of interest are health, education and, as a former chairman of the Green Liberal Democrats, the environment.

He captains the East Prawle cricket team and plays darts and euchre for the Pigs Nose Inn.



Gill Coombs (Green Party)

I’m standing for election in Totnes because I want to help bring about long overdue change in local, national and European politics. This election offers a once in a lifetime opportunity! My work is coaching, team building and leadership development for organisations. I also have a private coaching practice. I’m author of *Hearing our Calling*, a book about finding the right work. I live in Staverton with my partner Peter; we’re active in the community and committed to supporting local businesses. I have an MSc in Holistic Science from Schumacher College, Dartington, which gave me a comprehensive understanding of climate

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change, social justice, land use, biodiversity, employment, education and much more. I love walking, singing and ceilidhs!

If I'm elected, I'll work hard for Small business and resilient local economies; Free access to NHS healthcare; Less pressured, more rounded education; Sustainable, affordable homes ; Access to healthy, nutritious food ; An end to factory farming and other animal abuses ;Protection of wild places, ecosystems and biodiversity; Fairer distribution of wealth, land and resources; Action on climate change that threatens our coast, our rail link and our future.



Justin Haque (UKIP)

A national voice for our local issues. That includes a complete renegotiation of the UK's fishing rights and ownership, a law that has remained unchallenged since 1983. A better deal for small famers & an overhaul of the farming subsidies that currently favour large farms and therefore, their supermarket customers and not British small farmers of which there are still many. Free primary cover health service coupled to an overhaul of the

fragmented NHS. A cancellation of student tuition fees to be paid for by cancelling HS2. A reclassification of the old-aged definition and pension allowance. In short, the list is long but the people effected by the last fifteen years of Government is terrible and needs addressing.



Nicky Williams, Labour Candidate

I live with my two children and partner in Plymouth and work for a wildlife company raising funds for the RSPB and Woodland Trust. I was a Councillor for Honicknowle Ward in Plymouth with Cabinet responsibility for Children's Services and Transformation.

I have served as a Board Member of the Local Government Association advising Ministers on policy issues relating to children and young people and was a Board Member of Plymouth Community Homes. I also ran as the Labour Candidate for Devon & Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner in 2012.

I am determined to improve the standard of living for families and children in South Devon, with a package of policies to tackle the low-wage economy, the

The 2015 General Election CANDIDATES

cost of childcare and exorbitant cost of housing, all of which effect many people in the Constituency. Labour will raise the minimum wage to £8 by 2020 and ban damaging zero-hour contracts. We will also guarantee a job or training for all young people out of work for a year. Working families will benefit from the extension of free childcare for under-fives as well as the provision of wrap-around care in primary schools from 8am to 6pm. We will cap energy prices and focus on building sustainable homes in small developments that local people can afford to rent and buy.

There's work to do to improve public transport and access to services including an improved rail link into the South West, and to expand work opportunities for young people, including increasing the number of apprenticeships to match the number of university places. A Labour Government will also protect our NHS and provide extra investment so that we have more doctors, nurses and home care workers.

Totnes constituency has a proud history and it can have an even better future with more people in work, better paid jobs, more affordable housing, better transport and an NHS that has the resources and time to care.



**Dr Sarah Wollaston MP
(Conservative)**

I appreciate Streetwise giving me the opportunity to provide a comment for the March edition:

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to represent our wonderful part of South Devon in Parliament for the past five years.

I hope to be able to continue but whoever is elected on May 7th will need to bang the drum for the 17.6% of the population who live in rural areas and to remind Westminster to look outside the M25... preferably facing South West!

NEW FOOTPATH PROGRESS—A FLYING VISIT



The temporary access—or acceleration zone



Alarm and reaction as I speed by

THE FOOTPATH

The new section of the South Coast Footpath has progressed. I went to meet the site manager and have a look at how it is progressing. I started from the Village end, and ambled through the fenced section and, having negotiated the new gates, stood at the top of the temporary path down to where the new wall was being constructed. It was here that gravity took over.

The gravel surface of the path was providing insufficient grip and I felt myself slip. To catch my balance I moved forward, quickly. Whilst that addressed the first problem, the surface was unstable enough to add a further problem—stopping. I tried to trot slowly assuming that the ground would begin to become a better base for a grip, but my first attempt developed into a triple salchow with lift. This sliding jump added speed to my decent.

There was now no option but to drop into a geriatric jog, with each step trying to gain sufficient friction to decelerate. As the slope steepened and the gravel slid, I found myself achieving an acceptable run,

were that to have been my intention. By now there was no option but to accept that I would slow up once I reached a rise in the ground. Sadly—that seemed not to happen before Torcross. My chance of stopping for a casual conversation and update with the builders slid by, rather like me, although I was able to achieve a casual wave in their direction as I sped passed.

The section around the quarry has not been finished, although the path will be on the other side of the wall. On this side there are some trees and bushes which I fondly assumed would provide a nice soft surface for my eager embrace, to arrest my decent. I was aware of the workforce taking note of my passage and one of the stone masons collapsed behind the wall with strange shoulder movements. So diverting was this reaction to my impressions of a loping run, that my descent was stopped by a vertical surface.

I apologise for the pictures of the wall being built not being of the usual quality .

The editor

BUDGET FACTS (courtesy of Henley Business School)

Income Tax	2015/16	Band	2014/15	Band
Savings starting rate*	0%	0-1,000	10%	1-2,880
Basic rate	20%	0 -31,785	20%	0 -31,865
Higher rate	40%	31,786 - 150,000	40%	31,866 -150,000
Additional rate	45%	Over £150k	45%	Over £150k
Discretionary trusts	45%		45%	
Dividends	32.5/42.5%		32.5/42.5%	
Income Tax allowances		2015/16	2014/15	2013/14
		£	£	£
Personal*		10,600	10,000	9,440
- aged 66-75		10,600	10,500	10,500
- aged 76 and over		10,660	10,660	10,660
Married couple				
- aged 76 and over		8,355	8,165	7,915

*From 2012/13 reduce personal allowance by £1 for every £2 of income over £100,000

Inheritance Tax (Main exemptions Marriage Gifts £5000 parent, £2500 for grandparent, £2500 for party and £1000 other)

Nil rate band £325,000 for transfers after 6.4.09 [fixed until end of 2014/15 tax year]

Death Rate 40%

Reduced rate for charitable donors 36% (from 6.4.11)

Chargeable lifetime Transfers @ 50% death rate

Tapering relief, Transfers within 7 years of death

Years before death	0-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7
% of death rate as relief	nil	20	40	60	80

Exempt—Annual Gifts of £3000, small gifts of up to £250 ; marriage gifts of £5000

Corporation Tax	profits :	y/e 31.03.16	y/e 31.03.15
Small companies rate*	£0 -300,000	na	20%
Effective marginal rate	£300,000- 1,500,000	na	21.25%
Marginal rate fraction		na	1/400
Full rate*	Over £1.5m	20%	21%

**from 1.4.15 all company profits taxed at 20% - SCR abolished*

Stamp Duty Land Tax

Residential property*	rate	Commercial property	rate
Below £125,000	Nil	Below £150,000	Nil
£125-£250k	2%	£150-250k	1%
£250-925k	5%	£250-500k	3%
£925k - £1.5m	10%	Over £500k	4%
Over £1.5m	12%		

**From 4.12.14 residential rates operate on a band basis. Commercial property remains taxable on a total value basis.*

Leases (over £150k NPV, £175k for residential) 1% of NPV over life of lease (from 1.12.03), Shares and securities (any value) ½% ('Stamp duty')

Capital Gains Tax Rates	2015/16	2014/15
Individuals	18%	18%
Individuals (top rate IT payers)*	28%	28%
All trusts, from 6.4.08	28%	28%
Annual exemptions	£	£
Individuals and executors	11,100	11,000
Trusts for disabled	11,100	11,000
other trusts	5,550	5,500

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THE NEW FOOTPATH—clearing the Bombs

On 18th February I walked down the old footpath to look at the progress on the new alignment. Approaching from Old Hill, the footpath route from Strete Gate up to the A379, Andrea and I met and chatted with the men who were undertaking the clearing of this route of Ordnance and unspent shells.

They had found a substantial amount of mainly US rocketry which are the left-overs from the live-firing during the D-Day practice landings made by those U S Troops who occupied all or part of this and 8 other local Parishes from November 1943 to June 1944.

Whilst we were learning from their description and explanation about the various bits of metal they had found - the motor sections, propulsion unit, shrapnel from the shafts of exploded rockets - they were digging up and exposing a long, slender tube with the remains of fins at the top. There was discussion as to whether it was a section of a drainpipe—which it obviously was not.

A short while later and the area was cordoned off, HM Coast Guard were stopping traffic on the A379 as it left 'the Line' or the village through the 'Narrows'. The explosion, as the Royal Navy Bomb Disposal Squad sorted out yet another piece of live WW2 Debris, was noticeable, and the hole remains. So the new Coastal Footpath should be clear.

Oh, and those brave souls, Chris and his colleague who had been removing live ammunition from this 20thC War Zone, they were off to Angola to seek out and remove unexploded landmines, bombs and mortar shells from a 21st C War Zone. We should remember their contribution.



Editor

THE KINGs ARMS— HAVE YOUR SAY

The presence of a pub in the Village provides valuable support for the holiday trade. Those letting holiday flats find that their customers prefer for there to be a relaxed low cost food supplier so that family can all have a holiday, and the Bed and Breakfast businesses, which do not provide evening meals, have a clientele that expects there to be facilities within walking distance.

We are fortunate to have The Laughing Monk, but I doubt that many people would eat there every night. Most visitors should have this restaurant in their plans for at least one meal during their stay, but if there is not a readily available and economical meal supplier within easy reach, we stand to lose that business for the holiday trade in this village.

The pub was a valuable contributor to village life 20 years ago. It was a place where one could meet the village community, arrange golf matches, get recommendations for those who could help with repairs or problems, arrange meals together or dinner parties.

We are less of a community without it.

We have to raise ourselves and challenge both the fencing monstrosity, that Gulag enclosure within the Village Heart that does not welcome visitors to our part of Devon. There is a chance that the Brewery will try and develop the site, spinning off the cottage, the car park, building on the 'garden and garage opposite' and splitting up the pub into residential units. If that happens the pub will be lost forever.

Pubs are not only about drinking, they provide toilets for the passer by, food for the hungry, coffee, tea or soft drinks for the weary and thirsty, and beers, wines and spirits for the customers. Most of all a pub is the heart of a village, with the church, chapel and its people.

So, who will stand up to prevent this loss, this damage to our commerce and community.

The date of a public meeting will be confirmed soon but 14 April at 7.30 in the Parish Hall is probable.



Remnants unearthed from the new footpath - propulsion outlet on the left.





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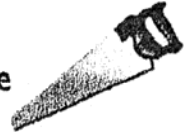
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Gone are the days of an open cauldron set on a tripod over an open fire, or a spit roasted beast in front of a massive hearth – gone is the day of the 'Lidstone' range that needed a black-leading every day at dawn. Thankfully!

Our world keeps on evolving – we now have time for recreation. We now have gadgetry to help us. The food world talks about 'food science', 'molecular gastronomy', 'sous vide' and 'spherification'.

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Edible Food Wrappings

However before getting carried away by a puff of 'edible' smoke let's look at more down to earth natural wrappings! So far

KATE GILL



I've come up with about three dozen. Some are familiar everyday foods put to a different use, others are more distant in their sourcing and belong to other cultures. They are all edible.

Let's start with a few natural shaped protein ones – animal bladders, intestines, squid and duck necks, now the flat ones – cawl, bacon, ham, slices of beef, chicken, fish and omelette. Now a few vegetable ones! Shaped vegetables include tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins, aubergines and flat vegetables which include myriads of leaves, processed seaweed, and vegetable strings, to name but a few.

Now enter the shaped and flat wrappings we make ourselves from plain carbohydrates, flour and the like and sweet ones made from sugar confections.

So what is the purpose of a food wrap, container or cover?

Simply put; it basically holds it altogether as a vehicle to get the food safely from the plate to the mouth if using fingers only. However that denies the sophistication of the nutritious, mesmerizingly beautiful and tasty food we consume and enjoy.

For our first trip down the wrapping road we will look in detail at the two most common savoury ones in our Western world.

Batter and intestines! I hear you say ‘whatever’?

First – batter! Of which there are many types! This includes several sorts of fish bar batter, plus Tempura and Yorkshire pudding batter. Battered sausages (double wrapped) from the chip shop or Toad in the Hole cooked at home. Then there is fish, as in fish and chips and any other tasty morsel that needs to be protected from burning when being deep fried, including the dreaded Mars Bar so loved in Scotland and the delicious sophisticated canapé ‘Kromeski’ (another time).

Our second - sausages and all their varieties! For pure container you can’t beat the intestine. Sourced from pigs and sheep; bladders and large intestines are also used for haggis and black and white/hog’s pudding.

They are also now made synthetically from processed collagen.

Let’s look a little more closely – at the other practical considerations:-

1. Protection of the food inside from burning as in batter. This also adds flavour and calorific food value. Mostly eaten hot!
2. Pure container from sheep and pig intestines.
3. Ease of eating. Pastry, flatbreads, pasta, wafers, wontons and rice paper these also add flavour and calorific value but add eye appeal as well as ease of eating, and some can be eaten cold.

4. Taste. As in Brandy Baskets to which add all the above plus mouth feel.

5. Decoration. This includes chocolate enrobing and caramel/spun sugar cages. Anticipation – it creates the desire to eat, stimulating saliva production and therefore aiding digestion.

6. Arguably here we could include ‘Aroma’ but should it come first or last on our basic list? The moment we start to cook we create aromas. They wrap the atmosphere, are all encompassing, stimulate our taste buds but intangible – back to our edible puff of smoke. I leave you to decide.

Enough! Now we get practical. A step nearer the recipes!

We have natural wraps, subdivided into animal and vegetable and we have manmade ones which are based mainly on carbohydrates.

We are going to take a closer look at the two most common ones already mentioned – batter and intestines.

Fish Bar Batter.

Flour and Water

The most simple one is flour and water batter. Take 1 cup of flour and a 1/2 teaspoon of salt then beat in 2 cups of water. Set aside to rest for 30 minutes before using.

Beer Batter

Beer of course adds flavour and also extra crunch.

Take ¾ cup of flour, add ½ tsp salt and gently whisk in 1 cup of your favourite

beer. This batter must be used straight away.

Yeast Batter.

As I recall when a student much fuss was made about making and using this batter. This is the recipe – I confess I have not made it since – if yeasty stuff is your bag ‘have a go’. I never seem to have the time!

On fish this creates a thick bread-like crust:-Take 1 tsp active dry yeast and stir it into $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of warm water – set aside to let it ‘sponge’, about 10 minutes. Stir in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour until smooth. Cover with cling film and put somewhere warm to rise. Usual yeast rules apply – leave to rise until doubled in size, then it’s ready to use.

Tempura Batter

Before you embark on making this have ready everything else you need. Prep’d veg, prawns and your preheated deep frying oil.

Take 100g cornflour, 150g plain flour and 10g baking powder, mix them all together in a bowl, gently stir in enough chilled sparkling water to create a coating consistency. Do not over stir and its ok if there are a few floury lumps in it. Use immediately.

The recipe for Yorkshire Pudding batter is below

Frying Indeed I would be remiss if I didn’t include the niceties of deep frying here.

Frying battered fish requires a precise heat. Too cool and the food absorbs too much oil/dripping, too hot can produce a burnt and bitter tasting batter leaving the inner batter and fish soggy and uncooked - 185°C/360°F is round about the mark.

Please also drain on absorbent/kitchen paper to remove excess oil and keep warm prior to serving.

Intestines/casings for sausages

As a small girl in Strete when my parents first moved here – Manor Farm had its own slaughterhouse and butchers shop. My father was a master butcher and a slaughter man as well as a farmer. I was an inquisitive child and as a consequence I was brought up knowing a huge amount about meat production - breeding, birthing, rearing, fattening and of course butchery of the meat everyone took for granted.

Meat at that point was ‘on ration’ for ‘pence’, so it was strictly controlled by Government regulations. Animals were killed at a central slaughterhouse and delivered to individual butchers shops. I remembering my father make sausages and hogs pudding. It was fascinating to see him prep the skins and feed them onto the nozzle of the machine. He would start the motor and the sausage meat was pushed out of the nozzle into the skins. He dexterously controlled the rate of fill so the casings weren’t over filled. This allowed him the ‘give’ so he could make the traditional three link skeins.

Some of us are lucky enough to have 'the gadget' to make sausages. At this point I would have loved to have been able to hand down the recipe my father used, sadly I'm not able to as I simply don't have it. Sufficient to say the best sausages are made from twice minced pure meat, not 'reclaimed animal protein miscellanea' blitzed to oblivion. There are now food regulations stating how much of that 'stuff' can be used.

To our pure meat, seasoning with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper is added with real flavourings – caramelised onions or sage and onion or sage and apple for pork. Your chosen protein could be lamb, beef, venison, chicken or game and the additions endless – wine, garlic, parsley or chilli whatever takes your fancy.

Please note there is no addition of rusk/starch which is normally used as a filler to make purchased sausages more affordable!! That's not to say you can't add some if you want to.

Now let's double wrap the sausages!

Toad in the Hole

Allow two good sized quality sausages per person. Recipe for 4 people.

Preheat oven to 400°F/200°C/Reg. 6

8 sausages

1 tab veg oil

Yorkshire pudding batter recipe:-

8 ozs/225 g plain flour

4 eggs

8 fl ozs/250 mls milk

Sea salt to taste

Ground black pepper to taste

Method

Put the oil and sausages singly into the baking pan/dish, and then into the pre-heated oven to cook for about 10-15 minutes.

Meanwhile make the batter – put the flour, eggs, pepper, salt and half the milk into a bowl and whisk until smooth and lump free. (This will make it light and airy.)

Carefully stirring, add the rest of the milk until a smooth flowing consistency is obtained.

Take the sausages out of the oven and carefully pour the batter mixture over. Caution the baking dish will be very hot!!!

Return to the oven and cook for a further 30-35 minutes. The batter will rise and become golden brown. Typically there will be a high golden rim around the outside of the sausages and some golden batter in the middle – the rest of the batter will be soft, gooey and yummy. Eat while the Toad in the Hole is still hot.

Serve as a light lunch with some salad – or go the whole hog and make onion gravy and serve with roasted crushed new potatoes and a selection of green vegetables. Whatever you do; get tucked in and enjoy a comforting hearty economical meal.

Kate Gill

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Strete Social Club.

It was good to be back after the Christmas break. Janice Varnam presided over the meeting and after wishing us all a Happy New Year and our usual round of 'anything to say', where we keep each other informed of interesting happenings in our life or warn each other of any unsavoury happenings that are going on in and

around our local towns and villages, we enjoyed several rounds of Janice and Velma's variation of Bingo. Cups of tea were served by two of our ladies with the most delicious biscuits brought by another member who had been inundated with boxes for Christmas.

Joan Kendall

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PRESENT Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC) Cllr Kate Gill, Vice-Chairman (KG) Cllr Malcolm Hollis (MH) Cllr David Rothwell (DR) Cllr Bryan Seymour (BS) Cllr Julian Brazil, County Councillor, Kingsbridge & Stokenham Ward (JB) Cllr Richard Foss, District Councillor, Skerries Ward (RF) Mrs Andrea Phillips – Clerk
One member of the public

OPEN FORUM In the Chairman's absence, Vice-Chairman (KG) took the meeting. No items were raised.

APOLOGIES Cllr Tony Crawford, Chairman (TC), Cllr Jeff Scanlan (JS)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None were declared.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2014 The above minutes were AGREED as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT JB reported that DCC were busy with budget preparation v the need to maintain services with a further £49m budget cut. Rural services have been cut so much, there's not much left to look at. Highway maintenance will decrease as will verge cutting, no refilling of grit bins etc.

£1.7m will be cut from subsidies given to bus companies, for example the diversion of the 93 bus from the Slapton Line up into Slapton village is subsidised by DCC. Social care services are also likely to be cut. JB stressed that if the PC were aware of anyone struggling due to cuts, they should make DCC aware as they do hold contingency funding. BS commented that SHDC seem to be using inferior recycling bags which are not good, JB replied that District councillors were not asked about change of design, but as they have proved unpopular, it is possible the handles may be reintroduced. Also Cllrs made both JB and RF aware that changes to the the annual residents' parking permits were deeply unpopular with locals as they penalised visits to Dartmouth during the summer months. Traders would lose out as would SDHC as fewer permits would be purchased. They are to pass on comments. KG reported that the previously deemed 'contaminated' shingle had now been moved as part of the shifting of shingle along Slapton Line to Torcross. JB replied that the contractor had been instructed to move 250,000 tons of shingle and unfortunately these piles were moved first.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT RF reported that following the district council elections in May, there will be 31 councillors being elected in place of the current 40 members and more training will be undertaken. In 2010, the government grant to SHDC was £5.5m, by 2020 this is expected to be £0 and it is budget time at Follaton House also. Council tax

can rise by up to 1.9% but if 2 % or more; there will need to be a referendum. Therefore the recommendation is for a 1.9% increase. JB feels that DCC funding will be frozen. The police are considering 1.9% increase also. SHDC parking charges have not risen for 5 years. The T18 improvements are on track and by 2018 the total of £3.3m savings will have been made by this process. The clerk asked if Heavitree breweries had made any pre-planning advances to SHDC concerning the future of the Kings Arms Public House, RF said they had not and he would keep the parish advised of any such moves. The advertising of the separate self-contained flat within the pub was discussed and agreed that it should be considered a breach of planning as the residential permission should be reserved for a landlord. SHDC will be alerted to this. Heavitree Breweries have stated to various parishioners who have made enquiries as to the tenancy that the building would definitely not be reopened as a pub.

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS ON OUTSIDE BODIES To receive reports from councillors on their attendance at meetings or reports: None to report.

TREE WARDEN REPORT Some trees have suffered from wind damage lately and small amounts of detritus have fallen but nothing more serious within the parish.

PARISH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
Traffic & Highways: (JS) - the clerk notified DCC of two seriously flooded areas

last week and both were dealt with literally within an hour or two which was very good service and much appreciated.

Litter Bins, Street Litter: (DR) no items to report.

Play Park: (KG) report to be c/f. The Clerk approached Playdale to request a visit and subsequent quote for repairs which will give an idea of likely costs over a period of time. If repairs are not made, then SHDC are considering the removal of the larger apparatus on safety matters. The cost of this visit will be £95 plus VAT which the PC agreed to. Clerk to organise.

Public Rights of Way: (IC) – all OK.

Strete Sands, Strete Gate, Pilchard's Cove: (IC & KG) DCC wrote to report the work done at the picnic site at Strete Gate and suggested the PC writes to Chris Watkins, DCC Traffic Team Manager to ask about the no parking sign seen at Hillhead, Clerk to write.

Tannen Land (Community Area) & Dog Waste Bin: (BS) – all Ok.

Milestones & benches: (MH) Matts Point is overgrown, the others not as bad. Benches need spring maintenance, to be done in March.

PC Website www.strete.org.uk & PC email clerk@strete.org.uk : (Editor – Clerk) – no items to report.

PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

New applications to be considered by the PC at this meeting:

54/3179/14/F Way Park Cottage, Hynetown Road, Strete, TQ6 0RS - Householder application for alterations to property including new balconies and replacing doors and windows. Case Officer – Clare Stewart. Following discussion, as the property has previously been inspected no visit was necessary and councillors present were unanimous in raising no objections.

Applications brought forward from a previous meeting: None

SHDC DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED

Applications GRANTED by SHDC:

54/2746/14/F Owls Barn, 20 The Plat, Strete, TW6 0SE – householder application for replacement balcony and construction of porch (resubmission of 54/0251/14/F). Planning Officer – Kelly Grunnill.

54/2284/14/F 16 The Plat, Strete – householder application for addition of adjoining vertical window to roof window. Planning Officer – Clare Stewart.

Applications REFUSED: None received, Applications WITHDRAWN, None received.

FINANCE The Clerk supplied the Chairman with the bank balances as follows:

Current Ac opening bal	£13,498.03
Strete Parish Hall – hall hire	£19.00
Andrea Phillips – Clerk’s salary	£217.53
John Gilbert - grasscutting cheque cancelled	£240.00
Poppy Appeal - donation	£30.00
Dartmouth & Totnes	
Ring & Ride - donation	£25.00
South Hams CAB- donation	£25.00
WRVS - donation	£25.00

St Michaels Church – donation towards churchyard upkeep	£200.00
Total	£ 781.53

Closing balance	£12,716.50
Petty Cash opening bal	£23.01

i. To acknowledge receipt of Christmas Tree money – with grateful thanks to Andrew and Monica in the Post Office for once again kindly organising the collection tin, an amount of £40 was duly handed over. The tree is gratefully donated free of charge by Simon Matthews of Landcombe Construction and erected by Cllr Cumberlidge, monies collected go towards replacement lights and electricity kindly facilitated by Mel Heganbarth. The parish are very grateful for all input.

ii. To discuss the annual precept for financial year April 2015 – March 2016. Following a full discussion it was agreed that as the PC still has an outstanding pledge of £2,500 towards the new stretch of coastal footpath, (which is currently under construction), likely costs involving repair and maintenance of play apparatus in the children’s play park, likely repair or replacement of the fence running alongside the public footpath leading to the play park and the unknown costs in possible devolvement of parish maintenance items, a rise of 5% was proposed, seconded and agreed 4:1 against. The clerk is to request the parish Lengthsman to attend Church Hill and for the mechanical sweeper to do the various roadsides.

Petty Cash closing balance	£63.01
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Reserve Account opening bal - unchanged £10,253.39

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

POINTS OF INFORMATION

The following items will be available in the mail bag to be circulated.

- Clerks & Councils Direct – publication
- Healthwatch Voices – winter newsletter
- South Hams Society Events 2015 - newsletter

CORRESPONDENCE None received

REPORTS

The proposed wording for a replacement sign on the Tannen Land was discussed along with byelaws. Before any final

wording is agreed, MH is to check the legal process of creating byelaws as the PC doesn't own the land.

It has been noticed that there appears to be a gradual change in the colour of street light bulbs from the yellow lights to a white LED type bulb which has lower running costs.

The defib training is to be agreed for a Monday evening in March, DR is to fix date with SWAT and MH will advertise in StreteWise.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2015 IN STRETE PARISH HALL 7.30PM.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED at 8.50 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Tony Crawford,
Chairman (TC) Dated: 19 February 2015

Defibrillator Training 16 March 2015



Justin Sharples (above) and Steve Matthews who came over from Cornwall



STRETE PARISH COUNCIL February 2015

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STRETE PARISH COUNCIL (PC) HELD IN STRETE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT Cllr Tony Crawford, Chairman (TC), Cllr Ian Cumberlidge (IC), Cllr Kate Gill, Vice-Chairman (KG), Cllr Malcolm Hollis (MH), Cllr David Rothwell (DR), Cllr Jeff Scanlan (JS), Cllr Bryan Seymour (BS)
Cllr Richard Foss, District Councillor, Skerries Ward (RF), Three members of the public

OPEN FORUM The date and timing of the issue of cards from SDHC regarding the Housing Needs Survey was raised. MH Reported that owing to a personal indisposition of the officer dealing with the matter at South Hams, the cards that should have been sent out in early February had been delayed. MH had been advised that they would go out this week.

APOLOGIES Cllr Julian Brazil, County Councillor, Kingsbridge & Stokenham Ward (JB), Mrs Andrea Phillips – Clerk

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None declared.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2015 The above minutes were AGREED as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT This was dispensed with in JB's absence.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT RF reported that SHDC has no plans for an increase in Council Tax as a result of the T18 programme introduced in October 2013, as the original investment of £4.85 million is now generating annual recurring revenue savings of £3.8 million. The Programme will be self-financing from the end of year 2 (2015/16) onwards. The creation of a new 'host organisation' will be able to give a whole organisation response to service demands rather than a traditional departmental response. The current proposals, as they have been rolled out, look to produce a profit. RF has some Locality Fund money remaining and asked for confirmation of Strete's proposals for their portion (maintenance of the play park and its equipment). RF advised that SH have almost completed their staff changes – there is a short-

age of suitably qualified applicants for some posts (especially planning) but the recruitment of new enforcement staff will release some of the existing planning staff. At the end of the process the parish councils will be given a point of contact rather than having to contact each department's officers directly. [The Sustainable Community Locality Fund provides each District Councillor with a budget to enable them to support a wide range of projects that meet one of the priorities of the South Hams & West Devon Connect Strategy]

Confirmed that SPC are applying for a 5% increase in the precept.

Questions to RF:

- a. KG query relating to the pub and the report of a possible letting of the accommodation within the main building to a residential tenant remote from any connection to the public house. The Clerk, with the assistance of Roger English, is applying for the premises to be placed on the Community Asset Register. It was also noted that the PC had decided that any action to divide the accommodation of the property should be regarded as a breach of planning policy – and any planning applications to divide the unit should be strongly challenged.
- b. Query as to who has control of

the South West Coast Footpath – the barrier is now impassable to any vehicular access due to a new lock at Strete Gate. This prevents the Coast Guard or an ambulance getting up Old Hill if there is a need to rescue anyone from the cliffs. (The Royal Navy Bomb Disposal team had to carry their equipment up the footpath to the WW2 rocket that was detonated by them on 16 Feb 2015.) Paul McFadden has since been contacted on behalf of SPC to request a key for emergency access.

- c. Shingle repositioning on Slapton Sands is now complete, and minor enabling works to be deconstructed. The aim of the work was to protect the base of the sheet piling at Torcross, as its exposure had resulted in some undermining through wave action.

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS ON OUTSIDE BODIES To receive reports from councillors on their attendance at meetings or reports:

- Coleridge Assn Meeting 18.2.15 – BS. Small representation (only 5 Parishes), possibly because of road closures making access difficult. They looked at the TAP money and how that should be allocated. Brixham PC proposed support for additional care for dementia sufferers. The aim was that those affected could be helped and that early warn-

ing steps taken if driving should not be encouraged, if access to shops needed to be improved. The intention was for local people to meet local needs. Donation to support from Parishes of £50.

Subscriptions due, amount not yet known for this year.

TREE WARDEN REPORT No items to report.

PARISH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- Traffic & Highways: (JS) - BS reported the need to move the smaller grit bin from the top of Start Bay Park to the other end of Hynetown Road, possibly by the Ark (area to be identified) to enable grit to be available for the bends and hill down to the A379. JS to action.

- Litter Bins, Street Litter: (DR) no items to report.

- Play Park: (KG) has a meeting with Playdale contractors to take place on Tuesday 24 Feb at 11.00am. JS hoped to be able to accompany KG. Additional information suggested that competent repairs to the equipment (such as use of marine ply) would suffice. Depending upon the level of quotation – alternative repairs could be considered. (IC Meeting with Tim Pollard) Repairs would have to be carried out to the approval of South Hams/Allianz but the use of the con-

tractor was not essential. The skateboard section needed reinstatement of some fittings, and KG was concerned about the grease nipples on the cone climber which have seized.

- Public Rights of Way: (IC) – generally OK but road to car park at Strete Gate has been prone to flooding.

- Strete Sands, Strete Gate, Pilchard's Cove: (IC & KG) no items to report.

- Tannen Land (Community Area) & Dog Waste Bin: (BS) – waste being removed as requested.

- Milestones & benches: (MH) MH tabled summary details of benches and milestones. Bench to the top of Old Hill has weak, unpegged slats that bend excessively when sat upon. Question on completion of SWCF whether this will get as much use.

MH queried re absence of any report on the Bus shelter (which is owned by SPC). This now to be added into this batch of reports.

- PC Website www.strete.org.uk & PC email clerk@strete.org.uk : (Editor – Clerk) – no items to report.

PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS

New applications to be considered by the PC at this meeting None

Applications brought forward from a

previous meeting: None

SHDC DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED Applications GRANTED by SHDC: • None

Applications REFUSED: None received

Applications WITHDRAWN: None received.

FINANCE The Clerk supplied the Chairman with the bank balances as follows:

Current Acc opening bal	£12,716.50
Strete Parish Hall – hall hire	£19.00
Andrea Phillips – Clerk’s salary	£217.53
1315 SLCC – annual subs	£77.00
	Total
	£ 313.53
Closing bal	£12,402.97
Petty Cash opening bal -	£63.01
Reserve Acc opening bal -	£10,253.39

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

POINTS OF INFORMATION The following items will be available in the mail bag to be circulated. None received

CORRESPONDENCE St Michaels – letter of thanks for donation towards churchyard upkeep

REPORTS Clerk reported that SHDC and DCC have been requested to clear Blackpool Hill, Church Hill roadside and drains.

MH reported damaged section of road

surface on outgoing side of Totnes Road by bench, just prior to 30mph sign.

BS reported that rubbish is regularly being left by the side of the bottle and paper banks at the top of the village.

The facility is being abused: bottles being left in carrier bags hung on handles or left in boxes and bags when the container is full. BS has been clearing these each time but there remains a lot of plastic in the hedges, MH is to remove.

Village Green replacement notice. MH reported that the application and cost of creating a bylaw relating to activity on the land was substantial and recommended that this was not undertaken as it did not represent value for money.

The new sign to read – Strete Village Green This land is owned by Devon CC and managed by Strete Parish Council for the peaceful enjoyment, amenity and recreation of the public. No Camping, cooking or unruly behaviour By Order Strete Parish Council – This was unanimously agreed.

Local Bus Service TC reported as to the risk of the withdrawal of Sunday services between Kingsbridge and Dartmouth (through the village) and of the link service to Slapton. It was agreed that this matter should be pursued because of the commercial affect upon the village for the loss of the service. A meeting is to be held in Dartmouth (12/3) and it is

STRETE PARISH COUNCIL February 2015

hoped there would be representation. It was agreed to unanimously object to any cuts to services.

Report by KG on progress of South West Coast Footpath. There have been three finds of live ordinance along the new section, which have been disposed of by the Royal Navy Bomb Disposal team with the help of the local Coastguard. There have been a substantial amount of discharged rockets and shells found during the checks that have been made. MH had understood from site manager that

the upper part was on target for an April finish, and that the sweeping and removal of ordinance should be completed by the weekend.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2015 IN STRETE PARISH HALL 7.30PM.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED at 8.30 p.m.

Signed: Cllr Tony Crawford,
Chairman (TC)

Dated: 19 March 2015

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Films—Flavel Dartmouth

National Theatre Live The Hard Problem 7.00pm 16 April and 30 April and 2 May at 2.00pm

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VILLAGE DAY STRETE 1 AUGUST

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LIVE 14th May reprised on 28 May

(7.00pm), and 30 May 2.00pm

Clare Teal LIVE 25 April at 20.00hrs

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Strete to Kingsbridge 6.42 7.12 9.30 10.44 12.44 13.44 14.44 15.44 17.39 18.39

Kingsbridge to Strete 8.55 10.05 11.00 12.00 13.00 14.00 15.00 16.00 17.00

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