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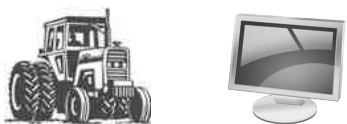
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MAGAZINE ENTRY DATES

The last date for entries to the Magazine is **22nd of the month**
Please get your copy to the editor or the shop, preferably on disc or as
e-mail. Handwritten pieces are fine too but if you use a computer,
please help by producing paperless words!!

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**QUIZ NIGHT
Week St Mary
Parish Hall**

**Friday 24th January
7.30pm**

Teams of up to 6, £5 per person

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Margaret Johns
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Front Cover Translation: Live long and prosper

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Saturday January 18th

TAMAR R & R see p2

Friday January 24th

QUIZ NIGHT Parish Hall see p1

Friday February 14th

Valentines Pop-Up Restaurant see p33

Saturday August 9th

Safari Supper

Saturday September 20th

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Saturday October 25th

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Meeting is Friday 24th January

@2:00pm at the home of Sue & Rob Isherwood
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Everyone most welcome for tea, coffee, biscuit or cake and an opportunity for a chat.

As ever, transport can easily be arranged but will people please book with

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ADVENTURE CHURCH

Week St Mary Adventure Church meets every Tuesday
during Term time. We meet in and around Week St Mary
Church at 4:30pm and enjoy a bible or moral story and prayer
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must also attend please).

Lesley Booker 01288-341221

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Thought for the Month

January is the perfect time to reset, recharge
and renew your focus on what really matters.

Jeanette Turner

Patricia Kathleen Amy Booker nee Adams

27th Dec 1930 - 6th Dec 2024

Pat Booker whose birthday was announced in our
last magazine didn't quite make it. She died on the
6th of December.

She would have been **94** on the 27th.

A celebration of her long life will take place in
St Mary's Church on

Thursday the 2nd of January at 2:30.

An opportunity to gather, chat and exchange
memories will follow the service in Church where
refreshments will be available.

Bob & Lesley, Wendy & John and our extended
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WEEK ST MARY CHAPEL



Chapel Services for **January 2025**

- Sun 5th 10:30 Morning Worship led by the Worship Team
- Sun 12th 10:30 Morning Worship led by the Worship Team
- Sun 19th 10:30 Shared informal worship led by members.
- Sun 26th 18:30 Cafe Church. Covenant Service led by Rev Steve Swann



Services at St Mary's Church

January 2025

- Sun 5th 10:00 All Age Worship
- Sun 12th 18:00 Evening Prayer
- Sun 19th 11:15 Holy Communion
- Sun 26th 10:00 Morning Prayer

Every Wednesday @ 8:30am there will be a zoom service of Morning Prayer
Full details are available via achurchnearyou.com

Celebrations this Month



Ronnie Samuel Walpole

A Very Happy 6th Birthday on the 1st

Bob Booker

A Very Happy Birthday on the 12th

Charlotte Sandercock

A Very Happy 15th Birthday on the 13th

Reuben John Woolf

A Very Happy 10th Birthday on the 29th

Any Birthdays or Anniversaries always welcome.

THANK YOU

Brenda would like to say a very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who came to her party and for all her gifts and cards she received. It was lovely to see you all.

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I was impressed on the professionalism of the content of the missive, it was obviously put together using an AI system.

The speed of development in AI is also impressive as scammers have become very skilled at Deepfake presentations using your data profiles stolen from BT, Amazon, Google, Microsoft, Apple and many others (including Banks and financial institutions) but scam emails are common place these days and users are becoming complacent when receiving them and many are left on email servers.

Billions of scam emails are sent out every day and like telephone calls from loft insulation companies they are a nuisance, but they shouldn't be ignored or accepted as part of one of life's carbuncles. They should be deleted and cleared from your history files and caches, emails containing smart cookies can self-spawn and continue to monitor your activity without you knowing it.

The problem with AI is that it is not yet smart enough to discriminate between a truth and a lie, the person who could write such a program would become very rich indeed. So, for the time being AI remains a plaything and a scammers best friend. It can replicate a voice and facial features; it can be written to trick you into handing over cash and remember very personal facts about you and your family can be stolen for future scams, and believe me there will be plenty.

If you are asked to supply money to a loved one, ask them to relate a safe word, phrase or saying which you've previously arranged with them, the wrong answer will indicate a scammer.

As Christmas looms ever closer, your guard may be down and you could be easily duped in believing all kinds of stories or excuses, the scammers are well versed in hard luck, sob stories and get rich quick schemes so don't be fooled, you may truly regret giving, forgiving or being charitable.

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**Pact launches in Cornwall to unite
parents in delaying childhood
Smartphone ownership.**

A quarter of 3 and 4 year olds now own their own Smartphone according to data from Ofcom and by the age of 12 it rises to 95% of children. Designed to be addictive Smartphones encourage children to use them regularly and parents can then find their child has excessive screen habits leading to poor sleep patterns, less time to play with friends, exposure to harmful content and poor mental health.

In February 2024 a couple of parents decided to make a pledge to delay getting their child a Smartphone believing that childhood is too short to be spent on a Smartphone. Initially they set up a Whatsapp group to bring like minded parents together, it quickly spread and now there is a Smartphone Free Childhood Whatsapp community in every area of the UK, including an active community in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Peer pressure is strong on the issue and parents feel compelled to buy one for their child so they aren't left out. With this in mind Smartphone Free Childhood launched a pact in September 2024 which allows families to pledge to delay getting their

child a Smartphone until 14; the age recommended by Mental Health Professionals. Parents can then see the results of the pact which are anonymous but detail the results by the school name and year group which reassures a child that they will not be the only one without a Smartphone. The movement is gaining momentum and Virgin Media/O2 have reported their sales of non-Smartphones or basic/retro style mobile phones have doubled in the last year as parents are choosing these for their children instead.

Jo, a parent from mid Cornwall described how the pact had helped her "No one in my child's school had signed the pact so my school didn't appear on the results, I signed as the first person for my child's school and then told other parents at school about it. Now lots of other families have signed too so it's been helpful for my child."

Since the pact launch, parents of over 870 children in half of the schools across the region from the Five Islands Academy on the Isles of Scilly to Sir Robert Geoffrey's school near Saltash have signed the pact to delay.

If interested please look at
www.parentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk

how did you get here? No boat can get here unless he gets lost."

"The captain replied in the night we saw fire and we thought it was a burning boat. We thought that you used the fire in order for us to find you."

The man cried, fell on his knees and asked God for forgiveness. Got into the boat and went home and was reunited with his family.

Have you, like the man in the story, ever cursed God when life hasn't gone the way you hoped it would, or thought it should?

The Bible says, **Many are the plans of a person's heart but it is the Lord's purposes that prevail. Proverbs chapter 3 verses 5 to 6.**

Revd David

WEEK ST MARY BONAVENTURES WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Next Meeting on **THURSDAY 9th January**

7:00 for 7:30pm in the Methodist Chapel School Rooms

The speaker will be **AI** from **Trigon Farm**
who will be talking about
"All things Vegetarian"
as it will be **No Meat January.**

All Members and Lady Guests Welcome
We look forward to seeing you!



Ruminations from the Rectory

The Boat Trip

A man was sailing in his yacht. He had been out on the ocean for a number of days, when unexpectedly his boat began to sink. He only managed to survive by clinging to a floating object. He was blown and buffeted by strong winds, and eventually he landed on a deserted island where no people or animals lived, just a few insects.

He managed to build a small box made of straw. He stayed there for several days eating fruits and fishing. He began to get used to his new life of suffering and loneliness. Eventually he lost all hope of ever being rescued and seeing his family again. Every night he lit a fire in front of his house to warm himself.

One evening as usual he lit the fire. He stayed there for a long time until he dozed off. Late in the night he was awakened by an overwhelming heat. His straw hut had caught fire. In his anger he cried out accusing and blaming God, shouting, "Oh God what have I done to you to hurt me so, you separated me from my family to bring me to this deserted island and now you let my hut burn. Why are you so hard on me it is better to die because I am tired of living in this suffering."

At dawn, he saw a small boat coming towards him. When the boat landed, he ran straight for the Captain and said to him in astonishment, "Captain



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Week St Mary Bonaventures Women's Institute - December Meeting

What started as a hobby has led to worldwide travel and TV stardom! This is what we learned from our own WI member, Judith Taylor, at our December meeting. Having a longtime love of flowers, in the 80's she attended Christmas flower arranging classes in Bude and then joined Launceston Flower Club - soon becoming a committee member. This was followed in the early 90's with Judith obtaining her City & Guilds certificate at Duchy College. All Flower Clubs belong to the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies (NAFAS) which organizes all the local, regional, and national competitions and are participants in international events.

Having become an Area Demonstrator, she progressed to Area Judge. This was all alongside continuing to compete either as an individual and as part of the Devon & Cornwall Group at local and National Shows. She also carried out demonstrations both in this country and abroad, her first one taking place in Spain. Next step up was being asked to represent Devon & Cornwall with a friend at the World Show being held in Glasgow where they won a 3rd prize. She then moved on to become a national judge, joined the national committee and, after 7 years, ended as Chair. This led to becoming a judge at the World Show in Boston, USA. She was also asked to go to Barbados to train judges there and had the pleasure of returning and working with some of the people that she had trained. On holiday in India she stepped in to judge at the World Show when another judge had to pull out.

Other high spots in her career included taking part in a flower festival at Canterbury Cathedral in 1998 with the Devon & Cornwall Group where they had to work from 8pm to 8am; in 2006 competing in a competition for the TV production The

commitment to the club was unwavering. Without Mike's efforts year in year out we would not be here now. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude and we wish him all the very best for the future in his move to Newquay to be nearer his daughter. Going forward, Paddy Fay has taken on the role as Chairman, bringing a fresh vision to the club as we look to further develop in the coming years.

Fundraising

At the start of the season, we formed a new fundraising team for the club. Since then, we've held a race night, a children's disco, a bag pack at Morrisons superstore, a reindeer-naming competition and sold multiple cups of tea, coffee and slices of cake from the cosy tea shed next to the football pitch in the village. All have been well supported by our wonderful community, including the provision of raffle items and sponsors for kits, match balls, hoarding and horses for race night.



We wish to extend a huge thank you to everyone involved for their support. We had substantial, unexpected deficit in funds this year, and so more than ever fundraising is essential for the club's future growth and success – recently receiving our **England FA Accreditation** for a second consecutive season being a significant example of this.

Watch this space for updates on further events and individual team progress through 2025! If there's anything you'd like to see hosted, please drop us a line on weekstmaryfc@gmail.com.

Wishing you a very happy new year.
Week St Mary FC Committee



Football Club Mid-Season Update Dec 2024

The start of the 2024/25 season marked the 25th consecutive season of competitive football here in Week St Mary. From the days of humble beginnings where we played in foraged kit and changed in the parish hall, the club is now unrecognisable in its current form as we've moved forward and raised standards in terms of both our administration and football operations, at times having two men's teams, a ladies team and since 2009, multiple youth teams.



In 2011, we put together a mammoth volunteer effort to construct the main pitch that will serve the village as a community asset for generations to come. We've won cups, several league promotions and bought people together to have fun and make lasting friendships. However, unfortunately at our AGM in July we had to say goodbye to our Secretary of 26 years, and for many of those years also our Chairman, Mike Caesar-Gordon. Mike, along with a small team of like-minded people, had the vision of taking the older members of the youth club at the time and forming a team to give them a purpose and an extra-curricular activity within our small rural parish. There was not a job Mike wouldn't do, everything he did was without question and his



Village Show where she came 1st at a heat in Montacute House and 2nd in the final which was held at Highgrove House; doing arrangements 3 times at Westminster Abbey for Remembrance Day, Commonwealth Day and a flower festival. In the SW she has helped decorate Cathedrals, Abbeys and National Trust Houses as well as travelling all over the country.

The pinnacle of her career was her involvement at the Chelsea Flower Show where she was coordinator between the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) and NAFAS for their Spring Shows and Chelsea. In 2010 she was part of the Devon and Cornwall team representing NAFAS at Chelsea. It took 1 year to fund raise and prepare. Philip Warren kindly lent them his cold store so that they could work on their 18 ft square model throughout the year. At the show they were allowed to work on their display from Thursday to Sunday with judging on Monday and open to the public from Tuesday to Saturday – a total of 11 days working from 8am to 8pm. One year she appeared on TV with Adam Frost who was doing a piece to camera on the various flower displays. It was all obviously worth it as she showed us the Medals she had won at various shows!

After she finished her talk, as it was the December meeting, members had plenty of time to look at Judith's various memorabilia and ask her questions whilst enjoying all the Christmas treats that had been provided by the members themselves – including some delicious non-alcoholic wine!

In the photograph below, Judith is shown proudly showing her RHS Gold Medal to fellow WI member Jane Libby.

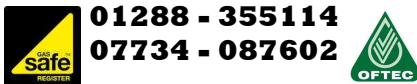
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Suzanne Cochrane – black printer ink	£ 39.85
WSM Parish Hall – 4 of 4 payments	£ 500.00 (CB Fund)
Cornwall ALC Limited – CiLCA course 2025 (part share)	£ 144.00
Trevor Hamlyn – materials for skate ramp	£ 331.84
EDF Energy – toilets	£ 20.00
EDF Energy – playing field	£ 33.89
Harley Friend – Back Lane	£ 102.00
Play Inspection Company – playing field inspection	£ 300.00
David Martin – Fasthosts annual website charge	£ 126.11

13b To note income

Reserve account interest (November)	£ 23.32
CB Fund interest (November)	£ 5.22
Equitix solar fund money 2024	£1,822.03
Week St Mary Football Club – electric bill money	£ 33.89

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

14 Items for January 2, 2025 meeting at 19.30

Football club lease; path project; email addresses.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Suzanne Cleave - 07853-298595 wsmclerk@gmail.com

representative attending a future parish council meeting. Currently waiting on them providing dates they are available.

8 Playing field inspection

The playing field inspection has been received. The clerk will forward a copy to the football club so they can see the recommendations around the club area. Some remedial work has been carried out on the skate ramp to bring it up to standard. Thanks were extended to Cllr Hamlyn for doing this. Any other points raised in the report will be looked at by Cllr Hamlyn.

9 Spraying

It was agreed to take Jamie Sachs up on his offer to do a spray as early in the new year as possible

10 Community Benefit Fund wording

Cllr Richardson has looked into the wording regarding the Community Benefit Fund and the ability to grant money for running costs. He could not find anything in the literature that would stop the parish council from doing so. Cllr Chopak said CALC has a document that was prepared, which she will forward to the clerk, although she did say it was a grey area. This will be placed on a future agenda.

13 **Accounts**

Balances November 27, 2024

Current account	£ 6,296.56
Reserve account	£21,766.12
Community Benefit Fund	£ 4,875.19

13a **To approve accounts for payment including:**

Suzanne Cochrane – Salary November (inc HMRC PAYE)	As per contract
Cornwall Pension Fund (November)	As per contract
Suzanne Cochrane (mileage)	£ 32.40
Jamie Sachs – toilets	£ 120.00
Jamie Sachs – Greens	£ 75.00
Trevor Hamlyn – materials to repair fence	£ 142.80



The date of the next regular meeting is **Thursday 9th January at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start** which will be held in the **Methodist School Room**.

For details of our next speaker see page 35

For more information about our WI, please contact our Secretary, Roberta Jones, on 07788-548875

roberta.jones20@gmail.com

Adventure Church



14th January 2025 resume regular meets

We welcome all children (preferably at least 4 years old) and at least one parent or carer per family at 4.30pm at WSM Church, where we have a story and adventurous or crafty activity (depending on the weather), a prayer and a shared meal - all for £1.50 per child.

Contact Lesley on **01288-341221** for details or join our Facebook Group *week st mary adventure church* for further details. We usually communicate through FB Messenger.

PLEASE NOTE RUBBISH CHANGES

THE NORMAL FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR

RUBBISH & FOOD WASTE ON

FRIDAY 3rd January

WILL BE COLLECTED ON

Saturday 4th January

AS PER THE CORNWALL COUNCIL LEAFLET

AND WEB PAGE.

- having had looked at Football Association information. It was proposed that the parish council requests that the Football Association / independent advisor visits the playing field to give guidance over the goals.
- 2 Football club lease
Cllr Slade said the current lease has four years to run. She has spoken to a solicitor for advice on the renewal. A football club representative said if they are to apply for grants, they need a long-term lease. An ideal term would be 15 years. It was agreed to form a working group (Cllrs Richardson, Slade and Bolt) to look at the existing lease to see if any changes need to be made. This will be placed on the January agenda
 - 3 War memorial
Cllr Slade said she had spoken with Sarah Wickett, who has said she would be happy to be responsible for the war memorial and will see if there is any money available for its upkeep.
 - 4 Bude and Stratton Town Council skatepark
The parish council received correspondence from Bude & Stratton Town Council regarding its skatepark, with a request for funding. The clerk will reply to say thank you for the letter, but there are no funds available currently.
 - 5 Defibrillator
The new defibrillator has been delivered and is waiting for installation. Thanks were extended to Cllr Chopak for bringing the offer to the council's attention.
 - 6 Location of parish council meetings
After a suggestion at the October meeting that the parish council meets at the parish hall, clarification was sought from CALC, who said meetings could be held there provided the bar was closed. Cllr Johns said the hall costs £700 a month to run, so it would not be able to offer a venue for free. It was proposed that meetings remain at the Chapel. This can be reviewed at a later stage.
 - 7 South West Water
The clerk has spoken to South West Water with a view of a

problem with the yellow lines near the pub will be looked at to see how they can overcome this. During the visit, Oliver Jones saw that some services could not get through there. The parish council would be updated as and when.

10 Correspondence including (all relevant emails forwarded):

The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Council Affordable Housing newsletter; confirmation of the December Community Area Partnership meeting; Cornwall Council finance briefing slides; Cornwall Council budget stakeholder online event information; Cornwall farmers' rally photos and interview.

11 Community Infrastructure Levy and Community Benefit Fund applications

* Football Club – goalposts – this application will be deferred until the goal situation is sorted.

* Parish Council – defibrillator. Councillors voted in favour of granting the £750 to purchase a new defibrillator for the village.

12 Agenda items

1 Football club goals

Cllr Slade said the parish council is supportive of the football club and realises that the club has lots of teams, so needs more room. The playing field inspection in 2022 raised that the goal on the upper playing field was too close to the playing field. The parish council went back to them to see how this could be overcome, with the suggestion that if the goal was moved 30ft, it would pose less risk. There were conversations with the football club in March 2023 about possible portable goals on the upper field, but the council has not heard anything back. After suspending Standing Orders, a football club representative said that portable goals can only be used on astroturf. He also queried the figures,

Week St Mary Parish Hall

2024 Grand Christmas Draw

1st — £75 Mark Slade

2nd — £50 - 0140 - in the room winner

3rd — £25 Shop Voucher Eric Barriball

4th — Mark Slade

Plus 27 other winners

The Craft Group will resume their 2025

season on January 14th in the Methodist

School Room at 2:00pm

Lunch Club



Week St Mary Church Lunch Club will meet again on **Wednesday**

January 15th at 12:00 noon

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so that we know how many to cater for.



Week St Mary Crib Service held at St Mary's Church on Christmas Eve

The 2025 Crib Gift Service was a little different this year as we had adults taking many of the main character parts.

It was a joy to see families taking part and enjoying themselves so much. The children still attracted lots of 'ah's' as they paraded to their place in the Crib scene and Joseph still had a go at dropping the baby even though he was old enough to know better!

Our 'Star' this year was Charlotte who 26 years ago was our



first baby Jesus and Nieve celebrated her 15th birthday by performing as the Angel Gabriel.

Thank you to Evie and Jonathon Grieves and their not-so -



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WITHDRAWN

PA24/07696 – Works to trees in a Conservation Area (TCA) T1 Ash tree – remove to ground level (ash dieback) and T2 Oak tree – reduce approximately one metre. 14 Ashbury Grove, Week St Mary DECIDED NOT TO MAKE A TPO (TCA apps)

8c **Planning - to note**
None.

9 **Portfolio Reports:
Playground**
No report

Highways, Footpaths & Greens

Cllr Hamlyn reported an incident on the lower green in which it is believed a lorry turned and ripped out a couple of kerbs. This was reported and dealt with by Cornwall Council. A culvert at the bottom of Stewarts Road dropped and was reported and dealt with. Cllr Hamlyn has also reported a number of pot holes.

A meeting was held recently with Cllrs Slade, Richardson and Hamlyn, along with Cllr Chopak, Oliver Jones and resident Tamsin Fay. Cllr Richardson reported that the 20mph speed limit will start with a consultation process next year (parish council then public), which might address some concerns. Several flashing speed indicator signs are coming to the end of their four-year life. These are then available for anyone to pitch for. He said Cllr Chopak has put in for three. If successful, Cornwall Council will deal with the installation and their management would fall with the parish council. Data can be collected and downloaded. They are looking to start some speed monitoring on the Launceston road. The

baby Jesus, Elijah. This is the first year for 26 when there has not been a real Baby Jesus - take note parents - we need one for next year!

The Gifts so generously given for the Women's Refuge in Truro will be delivered by Stephen and Micheline Smith soon after Christmas and the cash collection amounting to nearly £200 will be sent to the Salvation Army Christmas appeal as usual.

Thank you to all who took part or helped in any way and also to Neil Humpage who made our new stable which was populated with the Crib Figures during the service.



Lesley Booker



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stead is dropping passengers off on the main road. This has caused some problems with older passengers. It was agreed for the clerk to write a letter to Nicky that can be passed on to the bus company.

- 3 **To note councillors present**
Cllrs C Slade (chair); I Richardson (vice chair); T Hamlyn; L Stephens; R Shipton; R Bolt; M Johns and S May. Also in attendance: Cllr N Chopak; S Cleave, clerk, and six members of the public.
- 4 **To receive apologies for absence with reasons**
Cllr S Gubbin – prior commitment.
- 5 **To receive Declarations of Interest and approve Dispen-sations**
None.
- 6 **To approve the minutes of:**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, November 7, 2024.
- 7 **To receive clerk’s report on matters arising**
The clerk’s report was noted.
- 8 **Planning**
Any late applications received will be discussed under this section
- 8a **To discuss and make a consultee comment on application:**
None.
- 8b **Decisions**
The following planning decisions were noted:
PA24/06829 – Conversion of butchery and office to resi-dential dwelling. Swannacott, Week St Mary.

**Week St. Mary Parish Council
held on Tuesday, December 3rd 2024**

- 1 **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this – on matters on the agenda only)
Discussions included the football goals on the upper playing field and the football club lease. One member of the public picked out a few points from previous minutes. Another resident spoke about the lease and said it was important to have one as it is impossible to get grants with a short time of tenure on a lease. He said the field was purchased, not to facilitate the football club, but to allow space for a community centre should it ever be built.

- 2 **To receive County Councillor Nicky Chopak’s report on matters arising**
Cllr Chopak said she had received an email from Oliver Jones of Highways to say a radar deployment has been requested on the approach from North Park. This will take place post 2025. He asked for the proposal of three locations. With regards to the parking situation at Parsonage Green, Oliver urged people to report it to parking enforcement on a regular basis. Any alterations at this location will be added to a future Traffic Regulation Order. Cllr Chopak said there were still a few issues around waste and recycling but hopefully these will settle by Christmas. Since she last attended the parish council meeting, there have been two full meetings of Cornwall Council. At one there was a vote of no confidence in the leader, which failed. She reminded councillors that there will be an election in May. She hoped all councillors will continue beyond May, as if the parish council needs to have an election it would cost in the region of £2,000 to £3,000. The next Community Area Partnership meeting will be held on Monday virtually, with the focus being on transport. She said there has been some concern about local buses, with the bus from Jacobstow that goes to Launceston no longer stopping right outside Tesco, but in-



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	6 Meet & Eat see p39	7 WSMPG see p41	8	9 WI meet see p15 & 35	10	11 LEGO Café see p7	12 Evening Prayer 18:00 see p38
	13 HMMC see p40	14 WSMPG see p41 Adventure Church see p16 & 40	15 Lunch Club see p17	16 Coffee Morning MSR 10:30 to 12:00 noon	17	18 TAMAR R&R see p2	19 Holy Communion 11:15 see p38
	20	21 WSMPG see p41 Adventure Church see p16 & 40	22	23	24 CAMEO see p41 QUIZ NIGHT see p1	25	26 Morning Prayer 10:00 see p38 Café Church see p38
	27 HMMC see p40	28 WSMPG see p41 Adventure Church see p16 & 40	29	30 Coffee Morning MSR 10:30 to 12:00 noon	31	<p>Regular items appear as these symbols on the calendar - PH is Parish Hall, MSR is Methodist School Room, WSMPG is the Play Group,</p>  COFFEE MORNING  MEETING  Rubbish & Food Waste  MOBILE LIBRARY  Recycling & Food Waste  Craft Group	