

# Morwenstow Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 at 7.00pm in the Community Centre

**1. Attendance and Welcome** The meeting was chaired by Jonathan Hobbs, Morwenstow Parish Council Chairman, who welcomed everyone. Also present were: Cllrs. Ken Boundy, Susan Braund, John Colwill, Roy Francis, Julie Phipps, Hilary Rogers and Shorne Tilbey. Paul Ford, Margaret Boundy, Elaine Miles, Colin Ingram, Kingsley Bryant, Colin Tape, Judith Ingram, David Savage, Jim Hurlles, Peter Westlake, Ginnie Painter and Susan Joyner (Clerk).

**2. Apologies for absence** were received from: Cllrs. Benjamin Richards and Richard Savage, PCSO C Krolik, David Miles, Carol Nesham, Linda Tilbey and Sandra Rowland.

**Absent without apology:** C Cllr. Paula Dolphin.

**3. Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting** were agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

## **4. Report sent from PCSO Christopher Krolik of Devon & Cornwall Police**

Firstly please accept my sincere apologies for not being able to attend tonight. If there are any questions and concerns please do get in contact with myself or any of the team and local police on methods below.

### **Crime overview**

There have been 5 crimes recorded to have taken place within the Morwenstow area within the last year. Whilst I cannot go into much detail at all these crime consist of the below

<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Type of Crime</b>
1	Sexual offence
1	Communications offence (sending threatening communications)
2	assault
1	Criminal damage
<b>Total 5 crimes</b>	

This is clearly very low, especially when putting into perspective that for a year when Bude has about 800 recorded offences for the past year.

The number of calls to police from Morwenstow has also been very low.

Morwenstow continues to be an extremely safe place to live (as is Bude), but I would greatly encourage contact with Police if there are concerns of a policing nature. This helps us develop a picture and depth of understanding of concerns the public have.

### **Previous concern**

A previous concern was raised about the spraying of chemicals. We (myself and a Specialised wild life Police Officer) have visited the site multiple times and spoken with persons concerned, other agency's have also been involved and are happy at this time the situation has been resolved. At present there is no further intervention we can do and we will monitor the situation. Clearly if there are further concerns this will be reviewed. If there are further concerns please contact us via 101 non urgent or 999 if urgent, depending upon the severity.

### **Devon and Cornwall alert**

As previously stated in last meeting please do encourage everyone to sign up to this. A great, easy FREE method of us being able to communicate with you about things that are of a specific interest to you. Please see attached document for this. I am told this system can be used to give information to police also.

Please also view our website where we publish our local priorities and actions we have taken. Currently our priorities are Anti-social behaviour in Bude town centre and a concern of child sexual exploitation. See the website for more details.

### **Ways to contact the police are**

**999** in emergency (when you believe you need an officer to attend quickly)

**101** non urgent (passing of non urgent information, or to make police aware of a non urgent concern)

**Website:** <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/>

This provides a way of contacting local neighbourhood police and reporting a crime that has happened. This can be the preferred option of contact for concerns that are able to wait for a period of time as you can inform us at your convenience and do not have to wait on the phone.

## **5. Address from Paul Ford of Cornwall Air Ambulance**

My Name is Paul Ford and I am a retired Company Director originally from London, now very happily retired in Cornwall with my wife and living near Launceston. I have been a volunteer with the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust for 5 years and previous to that I was a Trustee and volunteer with Wiltshire Air Ambulance so have a wealth of knowledge about this life saving service.

Cornwall Air Ambulance was the first Air Ambulance service in the Country. The service started flying in 1987 and since then has flown more than 28,000 missions. The service operates 365 days per year, is available for 12 hours per day from 07:30 until 19:30 and has night flying capability. The Air Ambulance is able to land anywhere, pre-lit landing sites are not required. The Air Ambulance operates with one pilot, two critical care paramedics, trained to a much higher level than land paramedics, and some days there is also a doctor aboard.

The Air Ambulance attended 1,103 emergencies in 2018 and on average goes out at least 3 times a day. The busiest time was December-January when there are lots of accidents in the home. From January to April this year the crew have carried out 93 missions. When we can't fly we use the RRV (rapid response vehicle). 999 calls go through to the South West Ambulance call centre and are prioritised into red, amber or green categories. It Takes 3 minutes from the call being received to being airborne.

The helicopter takes 12 minutes to reach anywhere in mainland Cornwall and 30 minutes to reach the Isles of Scilly. The patient will be taken to where they will receive the best treatment for their condition, not necessarily to the closest hospital. The major Trauma Hospital is Derriford in Plymouth, Children can be taken to Bristol Children's Hospital (55 minutes journey time) and burns patients are taken to Swansea (45 minutes journey time). The craft carries specialist kit; a Lucas Chest Compressor, 12 point monitor & Defibrillator, Ultra Sound Unit, plus other life saving Kit.

Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust has launched an appeal to raise funds for a new helicopter. The new Helicopter will cost £7.5 Million, we have saved £5 Million and have to raise the remaining £2.5 Million by April 2020. Currently the total raised stands at £1.310 Million. We are holding lots of fund-raising events, including balls and auctions. The new AW-169 Helicopter will arrive April 1st 2020 it will be more powerful, fly faster and stay in the air longer thus giving a better life saving service for the people of Cornwall.

Do check our website [www.cornwallairambulance.org](http://www.cornwallairambulance.org) or follow us on Facebook and get involved with raising funds for this important life saving charity. Remember - we get no Government or Lottery funding it's paid for by the good people of Cornwall.

Paul offered to take questions:

Q: Does the service receive any Government funding at all?

A: No, but it does receive a concession on aviation fuel duty.

Q: Who decides whether it was the Air Ambulance from Devon or Cornwall that was sent to each call?

A: This is decided by the South West Ambulance call centre.

Q: What happens between the hours of 19.30pm and 7.30am?

A: A normal land ambulance attends.

Q: C A A has 2 helicopters at present but is fund-raising for just 1 new one?

A: Only 1 is used at present, the other is for emergencies and the new one will be much more efficient and only one will be required.

The Chairman thanked Paul for his talk and confirmed that the Air Ambulance was vital to a community such as ours. He then presented him with a cheque for £350.00 on behalf of the people of Morwenstow.

## **6. Reports from Community groups and organisations**

### **Art Group report from Margaret Boundy**

The Art Group is a small but very friendly group of 6 full time members. We drink a lot of coffee and meet on the second Monday of the month from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm in the Community Centre. The painting of a butterfly on the wall of the meeting room was done by one of our members and we hope to have more on display soon. We also have crafters, knitters and embroiderers at our meetings. Everyone is most welcome to come along and give us a try, even men!

### **Badminton Group report given by Elaine Miles**

Another enjoyable year for badminton with both club nights and league games.

We entered 1 mixed team, 2 medley team and 1 men's. All teams had competitive games with the man's team coming runners up in division 2, narrowly missing out on promotion. Sadly our medley A team struggled in division 1 after winning division 2 last year. However, back in division 2 next season should bode well for better results. Both the mixed

team and medley B team had a mixed bag of results but enjoyed their games. Hoping to enter another mixed team next season.

This years North Devon tournament we had 2 pairings getting to the final with David and Elaine coming runners up in the restricted mixed and Dave Boundy and Dave Miles runners up in the over 40's.

We currently have a membership of approximately 17 with club nights averaging 6-8. Unlike the league club nights are very relaxed and sociable with mixed ability and enjoyed by all. We are looking forward to the new season and will always welcome new members whatever their ability.

### **Community Centre report from Colin Ingram**

Mr Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen Good evening.

#### **Refurbishment Programme**

**Kitchen Project** – There were a few finishing jobs to complete in the kitchen, mainly wall painting and general cleaning. All of which I am happy to say was completed. We have also added a few extras like new glasses, crockery and a trolley.

**Next Projects** – We are now in the first stages of planning our next projects.

Firstly, we are also looking to install an Induction Loop and possibly a PA System in the Hall. For those with hearing problems this should be of great benefit plus the added bonus of a good Public Address system for use at any function. Also we are considering changes to the front access and toilet area of the Community Centre and perhaps another better access into the Hall for functions and events, this may mean increasing the footprint of the Community Centre with the permission of the Parish Council, of course. We have requested input from our Committee Members and Parishioners of Morwenstow via Hamlets for ideas and suggestions towards improvements.

**Web Site Progress** – As we hoped the web site is starting to be used more especially as a tool for marketing and it's also proving useful for advertising events and general management functions. I think we will see further progress soon with Booking Forms and other Policy Documents ready for downloads when necessary. A big thank you to our webmaster for doing all the techie bits.

#### **Fund-raising during 2019:**

Morwenstow Calendars for 2020 – the standard of the photographs seems to improve every year, and with this year being the best so far, in my opinion.

Morwenstow Jute Bags on sale now and selling fast, get one while you can, although more bags have now been ordered, they can now be spotted by many of the eco-friendly shoppers in North Cornwall.

Dan Britton's Ceilidh Band on November 16<sup>th</sup> keep the date for your diary.

Quiz Night in September

Big Breakfasts

Lunches and probably many other things I have missed out.

#### **Issues**

Well that is most of the good news. However.

A few weeks ago the Committee gathered for the Annual Spring clean on the Centre, that included the kitchen, hall, toilets the furniture. As normal everyone was here and generally having a great evening, it is always very rewarding to see people enjoying themselves so much, but seriously it is very rewarding to see people proud of the Community Centre.

Unfortunately, 24 hours later the Centre had been hired for an 18<sup>th</sup> party. This resulted in several issues; breakages including a clock, window hinges, coat hooks and a door handle. There was also broken glass and a general mess all round outside. If this had been a 'one off' problem we could probably have lived with it but unfortunately this is the second incident in six months.

This has resulted in a review of the Hire Terms and Conditions and Hire Forms, especially where parties for 18 and under are concerned. The normal users of the Community Centre will not be affected by any changes, they are our regular supporters of the CC, apart from which I don't think there is any danger of them running amok – not too many under 18 year old.

We obviously don't want to stop people using the Community Centre, it is here to be used, but not abused. We also don't want the Centre to become know as a place where youngsters can party and have free run of the place, there is always the danger of a mindless few creating a bad name for genuine users of the Centre.

People hiring the Centre should:

Show some respect for the Building, contents and the surrounding area. Plus, they should also realise this is part of a community with neighbours who don't necessarily want to be awake until the small hours of the morning.

Colin was asked if the Community Centre took a deposit when taking bookings. He replied that they did now. Jim Hurlles said that the Community Centre would be welcome to put a stand up on Festival Day to sell the jute bags. Colin thanked him on behalf of the committee.

### **Football Club report from Kingsley Bryant**

At last a good season, weather-wise, has meant that our adult teams both completed their fixtures by early May. Happy days!!

- Our first team had an excellent season finishing runners-up in Division 1 of the East Cornwall Premier League and reaching the semi-finals of the League Cup. The league title was in doubt right up to our last match, a narrow defeat to the eventual champions, St. Stephen. Nevertheless, congratulations are due to the manager, Dean Davis, and all the players for performing above expectations.
- Our reserve team started the season well, with five league wins before Christmas, but fell away during the second half of the season. Eventually finishing ninth in the Intermediate Two Division of the North Devon League, they comfortably avoided relegation.

The Youth Section has continued to flourish with more youngsters than ever on our books. Lisa Cornish and her dedicated band of coaches and volunteers must be congratulated for the superb job they do.

Its been another successful year with the youth football, we've had around 150 children playing football this season, with teams at under 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15s.

All the teams seem to have gone from strength to strength this season, saving some of their best football until the end of the season.

We had 4 teams down at Plymouth Argyle this year and they were recognised as the outstanding team for attitude and sportsmanship both on and off the pitch. Our under 9s narrowly losing out in the plate final 2-1.

Our under 12s reached the final of the plate and put in a good performance against an unbeaten Fremington side who were just too strong on the day.

The under 14s went one better winning the plate against a team in the higher league a week after securing the plate in the Bideford tournament for the second year running.

Finally, on the playing front, we have started "walking football" for the Over 50's. What started out almost as a joke, has rapidly gained popularity throughout the country and is becoming very competitive. We are a long way from having an invincible team, but will soon be playing friendly matches against other teams in the south west.

On a sad note, Mark Jenkin will be stepping down as our main Groundsman after many many years. The job he has done during that time, with help from Terry and Paul, can only be described as phenomenal. Despite adverts in Hamlets, we are yet to find a replacement. We will also be losing Dean Davis who, after a superb season, will be stepping down as first team manager, and Hilary Rogers, who has been our laundress for more years than most can remember. We wish all three a very happy "retirement" and they will be very hard acts to follow.

We have again retained our FA Charter Standard Club status, the benchmark for stable and well-run clubs, and we are proud to be one of the first local clubs to have achieved it many years ago. We continue to have excellent working relationships with Cornwall FA and the Leagues we participate in and, whereas there will always be challenges, we have a good framework for further development.

The financial management of the club remains sound and we are able to maintain a healthy bank balance, due in large part to our successful fund-raising activities and ability to attract as many sponsors as we can reasonably accommodate. An example is the increasing popularity of our annual Family Fun Day which attracts a large crowd of players and spectators every year. The recent one on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, saw 38 teams entering, meaning about 200 children playing football and spectators estimated to be around 800/900 people.

We are fiercely proud of the infrastructure we have built at the club, and of the fact that, despite being a relatively small community, the name of Morwenstow is known far and wide within the football community. We look forward to next season with much optimism.

The date for the Club's AGM is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 7.30pm in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to attend.

And finally, of course, we held the club's Annual Dinner at Holsworthy Golf Club on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, where the season was celebrated in customary fashion.

### **Men's Institute report from Colin Tape**

The club has just completed the Winter leagues and what a season we have had!

A skittles team went through to Holsworthy and narrowly lost in the final of one of the cup competitions. The billiard team finished runner up in the league, they lost the first place by just one point, but they then went on to win the cup team trophy by a clear two points. The snooker team for the first time became champions when they beat the social club in the last game of the season. This season saw three new skittles players join us and three new snooker players.

At a committee meeting it was proposed to look into the possibility of a new unisex/disabled toilet and our thanks go to Shorne Tilbey who offered to draw up the plans free of charge, apply for planning permission and look into grant funding.

Our annual Sunday Lunch was held on March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Community Centre and was a huge success with 135 lunches served. Many thanks to everyone that helped. There is a great community spirit in Morwenstow.

I am proud to say that the club is running well and that we are one of a very few clubs that are open every day and evening. New members are always welcome and coaching is available.

### **Morwenstow Society report from Judith Ingram**

This is a brief resume of our 2018/2019 season.

We have had yet another interesting year with speakers and outings as varied as ever.

We began the season last September with a visit to the historic remains of Okehampton Castle, followed by a look at the town Archive and a quick visit to the Museum of Dartmoor Life.

Before Christmas we held a Member's Evening in October, followed in November, by a fascinating and passionate talk by James Marshall, a thatcher from Kilkhampton. December saw us at the Bush Inn for our Christmas get together.

We had a real treat in January when the speaker was Rupert Kirkwood who talked about his kayaking exploits around the Cornish coastline. His wildlife photography was quite amazing with many slides showing of his close encounters with all sorts of marine life

Deb Rosser came to talk to us in February and told us all about her involvement in 'A Greener Bude' project. Deb is a real pioneer into all things green and has been the main instigator into many environmental projects in the area.

Our March meeting was once again a topic close to home with Arthur Bryant doing Part II of his story as a youth and adult in the area. Arthur has a wonderful memory so recalled many interesting snippets about growing up and his years in the building trade with Fred May, his time on the Parish Council and his undertaker's business.

Sadly, our membership is down again this year. We would love to see some of our new residents to the Parish so please pop along to any of our meetings beginning next September, you'll always be welcome. Our programmes are advertised in Hamlets and on the Parish notice boards.

### **Morwenstow United Charities report from David Savage**

The charity is one of the earliest on record and was set up in 1655 with two donations, £5.00 and 40 shillings from two benefactors of the Parish to benefit the poor of Morwenstow. Grants can only be made at the trustees discretion, not by application. Thanks to Alan Rowland and Ken Boundy for keeping the charity going for the past few years. The current Chairman is Reverend Richard Ward-Smith and Ken Boundy and David Savage are trustees, Alan Rowland having resigned last year. There are restrictions on where the funds can be invested and the terms of the charity state that the capital can't be spent, only the interest. It is not easy to identify who is a 'deserving member' of the Parish and for the last few years a small donation has been given towards the Senior Citizen's Party.

The trustees are trying to find a way to raise the profile of the charity, to make more Parishioners aware of it and perhaps leave a bequest in their will.

### **Pantomime Group report from Jim Hurles**

Unfortunately, as you will be aware, there was no pantomime last year as we just couldn't get enough people that were interested in taking part. This was especially sad as over the years Morwenstow has had many amazing productions.

We are hoping to redress this next year and will be holding a meeting next week for all those who want to be involved in any way. If we don't get enough people that want to act we will tailor the panto to the number of people we have. Maybe with the writing of a dedicated Morwenstow pantomime and perhaps the art group might like to help with painting some of the scenery?

The group is financially sound and have everything required except the people. There has been a pantomime in Morwenstow for over 30 years and we want it to continue. Please come along to the meeting or if you can't make the meeting but want to be involved, please give me a ring.

#### **Patronal Festival Organisation report from David Savage**

This year the 24<sup>th</sup> falls on a Monday which will be the Patronal Day with the other events taking place the previous week. These events will help to subsidise the Festival Day which is non profit making. On the Thursday night, the 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a quiz in the marquee and on the Friday night, the 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be a 'Poets, pasties and pints' event in the pub. On the evening of Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> the Bencoolen Wreckers will be performing in the pub. Monday the 24<sup>th</sup>, Festival Day, the school children will process from Church, accompanied by the band, to the field for sports and games. Teas will be served in the marquee. There will be a bouncy castle, the Clovelly Gig Club will be there again as will the bungee run. In the evening there will be a barbecue, morris dancing and Mark Ben-Wilson singing in the pub.

The full programme will be in the June Hamlets. This is a great community event, come along to any or all of the events, especially on the Monday, and support the future of the Festival.

#### **St Mark's School report from Carol Nesham read by David Savage**

With significant funding from the diocese, we have been able to upgrade the fire detection system and we are applying for funds to renew parts of the roof in the Summer holidays.

The rest of the building remains in good repair and the grounds really come into their own in the Summer Term- the sight of the children enjoying playtime on the field is a great one- the red/white/blue uniforms look amazing against the green backdrop and makes us all realise how lucky we are.

There have been some governing body changes this year and we continue to have a strong team. We are in the very fortunate position of having sufficient governors. New members include Jill Johns (returning to the role), Sharon Roberts and Natasha Ellerington and Nick Crooks as parent governors. Matt Payne has become joint Co-chair, sharing the role with Maria Baston.

Our staff team is talented and dedicated. Lucy Clark has returned from maternity leave and Katy Zoefitg has returned to us, following Chloe Ryan leaving. Our current focus is on re-energising the curriculum- we are working hard on this and will be using new plans in September. Our team of fantastic teaching assistants continues to be a great asset. Pre-school continues to thrive and send us plenty of children! We are over-subscribed and are taking as many as we can.

Funding is slightly better for the coming year. We were in very straightened circumstances last year, along with other schools. The PTA give great support and the budget is managed very carefully.

We have had some successful community links this year through Jenny Vanstone and Alan Rowland enabling pupils to visit Lundy Island and help with Community Centre improvement projects. We hope to see more of this next year.

#### **St Morwenna PCC report from Shorne Tilbey**

We continue to welcome all to our Church in Morwenstow over the year since we all last met.

All the usual church events have been well attended e.g.: Easter Sunday and Good Friday, 77 attended, Sea Service, 50 attended, Harvest Festival, 25 plus attended with a further 38 attending the midweek service, Pet Service, 32 attended with 24 pets, Remembrance Sunday, almost full capacity, Patronal Festival, well attended by adults and children. Over Christmas 76 attended and 71 attended the Carol Service.

We are looking forward to the Flower Festival this weekend, the theme this year being hobbies displayed in flowers. Thank you to all those who will be entering exhibits and to all those that will at the Church assisting welcoming the visitors over the weekend.

Another popular annual event is the blessing of the sea at Duckpool and we look forward to meeting up with friends from all local churches and chapels. The service is led by the Bude Town Band and we are grateful to them giving their time at such a demanding time in their summer schedule. The service will take place in August, actual date is to be confirmed.

The bell ringers have been busy entering various competitions and enjoying visiting other church towers on their annual tour of churches in both Devon and Cornwall. We have attracted two new ringers from within the Parish and wish well with their ringing. Thanks to Arthur Bryant for his continued leadership as our Tower Captain, and Kingsley Bryant for his assistance when Arthur has been unable to attend.

We oversaw five funerals, gratefully down from ten last year, with five weddings being held, and importantly, three baptisms. The coming year looks to be on the brighter side for weddings and christenings and I am pleased to report that Rev. Richard has been on top form over the past year and to date shows no change in his much loved services. I would also like to thank Rev. Richard for the time he gives to his pastoral work within the community. His dedication is much appreciated by those he ministers to. Worship Leader Richard Painter continues to support Rev. Richard with two services per month at Morwenstow and Kilkhampton.

We have been working closely with the Diocese in the formation of The Northern Cluster of Churches; Morwenstow, Kilkhampton, Stratton, Poughill and Launcells. At the beginning of May we placed an advertisement for a Priest in Charge for our new cluster, to assist Rev. Richard. Interviews are due to be held in July and we are hopeful of having a Priest in place by September.

We continue to improve the fabric of the Church and graveyard under the direction of our much valued Church Wardens, Richard Painter and Margaret Inch. Through donations and legacies we have been able to carry out internal refurbishments and to re-lay the churchyard footpaths and provide an extended access and car turning area for the less mobile members of our congregation.

I would finally like to thank all the members of the PCC for their time and assistance working for 'Team Morwenstow' and special thanks to Hilary Rogers for her kind donation of a fantastic new alter cloth in fond memory of her daughter, Alison.

We look forward to working with our fellows from our local Chapels and welcome you all to the various services throughout the coming year.

#### **Shop Chapel report sent by Dawn Leighfield**

Membership remains at similar levels to last year. The Sunday Club is thriving with eighteen children, when they all attend. This last year Kieran Miles had been a brilliant addition to the Sunday Club team and the children and Sunday Club leaders have welcomed his help and support. Services are shared with Woodford Chapel. We now hold more 'Locally arranged' services and in Shop these generally feature music with the Merrytones along with readings and recitations from the congregation. Thanks to Joyce and Christine, after each service now tea and coffee is offered.

The monthly Luncheon Club that is held on the third Tuesday is well supported. Children from St Mark's come along to help in term time and this is greatly appreciated by diners and helpers. At the April Luncheon Club there was a talk given by a Cornwall Air Ambulance volunteer and we were pleased to present them with a cheque for £250.00. The pancake morning was well attended, with funds being raised for St Mark's. The annual fund raiser of the Community Sunday Lunch was successful.

After countless years of top service David Harper is retiring as our Treasurer and so we are looking for his successor. The Secretary duties are being shared by the members until Stuart is able to take the job back on.

For the coming year, the Chapel is considering nominating a specific charity, such as the Air Ambulance, in addition to the fund raising needed for its own sustainability and financial obligations.

All of us at Shop Chapel would like to thank the Community for their ongoing support. Also, of course, everyone is welcome to any of our services, we would love to see you. Specific details are on the Chapel noticeboard and in Hamlets.

#### **Short Mat Bowls Club report from Peter Westlake**

Our summer league team didn't do well last year mainly because of a lack of available players. This year we didn't enter a team so if we rejoin next year we will be in the lower division making it easier for our newcomers to compete.

In the winter league our afternoon team gained promotion to second division. Our evening team came joint second in the second division. We had two players joining us last autumn which helped with team selection.

The club is financially sound and we hope to be purchasing a new three mat roller with the help of a grant we applied for. In the last month we have had 4 new players join us and if they stay will be good for the club.

We are holding trial sessions in the summer on Tuesday evenings in the Community Centre. Like anyone else we welcome new faces and hope more people will join the club.

### **Women's Institute report read by Hilary Rogers**

This year has again been interesting and good fun. We currently have eighteen members, the same number as last year.

The speakers were enjoyable, funny, interesting and exciting. We went kayaking around the south-west coast, visited the Celtic saints of Devon and Cornwall, went back in time to war-time Bude, visited Chile and saw how to make hats and fascinators. We also saw hand-crafted versions of Fabergé eggs, were shown how silk scarves are made and enjoyed some Italian food, all without moving out of our seats in Morwenstow. It was great!

We held our Sunday lunch in November and our Senior Citizen's Christmas party in December, both of which were fun and very successful. The outing for the year was to Rosemoor RHS Gardens where members enjoyed walking around the garden.

Our new wall hanging was put up in the W. I. Hall this year and we paraded our banner at the Church on Remembrance Sunday. Our October show was very well supported by the members who also found time to run a cake stall at the craft fair in the Community Centre in November. So it was a busy year much enjoyed by all the members.

### **Woodford Chapel report from Jonathan Hobbs**

The aim of Woodford Chapel is to provide a place where people, both young and older feel secure, a place to worship, and a place to pray, and a place to find enjoyment and spiritual and pastoral peace.

The numbers attending Chapel have increased and we have an active membership. Our Harvest service and supper were well attended, as was our Christmas candlelit service. The male choir Baseline joined us for the service and we had about 140 people in the congregation. On Good Friday we were pleased to welcome the Tamarside Singers with Colin playing the organ. We carried out 4 full immersion baptisms last year. We hold monthly coffee mornings which are well attended and the proceeds from these are sent to charity. Recently it was the Air Ambulance at Huntshaw Cross. We have also held games evenings, film nights and sausage sizzles, all of which have proved very popular.

Along with our sister chapel at Shop we are pleased to be offering support to the circuit initiative of Bude Beach Pastors based at Summerleaze beach during the holiday period. A big thank you to David for repairing the chapel roof and all those who continue to support us both with money and time.

### **7. Correspondence**

A letter of thanks from Cornwall Air Ambulance for the £350 grant given in 2018 was read out.

### **8. Chairman's annual report**

It has been another busy year for the Council although not always with things that are obvious. There is more and more paperwork and rules and regulations that have to be dealt with. The Annual Audit has been completed with no issues being flagged. The annual inspection of the playpark equipment has also been completed and the inspector praised the Council on the upkeep of the playpark and equipment. I am pleased to report that the broadband has finally been installed in the Community Centre.

Within the Bude Community Network a Highways Group has been formed, of which I am a member, and Cornwall Council have allocated the sum of £250,000. to be spent on highways issues within the Bude CNP area over a 3 year period. One of the first projects to be sanctioned was the purchase of 5 mobile speed activated signs at a cost of £14,000 each. The signs will be shared around the group and we have asked for 3 to be placed in prominent positions around the Parish. We have also submitted an application for yellow lines outside the school to help with traffic and calming and parking issues and this will be started in year 2 of the scheme.

As you can see we have a display of plans showing the proposed bus shelter for Crosstown so please take a look at them and put any comments you may have on the paper alongside the plans. Hopefully, this will be a great Community project.

I would like to thank the Councillors and the Clerk for their support over the last year and for organising the refreshments this evening. I would also like to thank you all for coming and hope you have found it as interesting as I have. It seems that all the organisations are jogging along nicely at the moment, however, it is a little disappointing that so many participants come from outside the Parish. The Football Club in particular must be congratulated on their success.

All in all, Morwenstow is a vibrant Parish and I am privileged to be part of this community. I look forward to seeing and hearing from you all at next year's meeting.



### **9. Any Other Business**

At the 2018 meeting it was mentioned that visitors come to the area for the scenery and the walks but that Coombe Valley, which is very picturesque, is being spoilt by the tractors and trailers and heavy lorries that are using it and damaging the roads and verges. The Matter was discussed at a monthly Parish Council Meeting and the matter was raised with Cornwall Council. Unfortunately there was nothing they were able to help with as it is a public road.

Cllr. Ken Boundy advised that during the last two years Cornwall Council has carried out a number of improvements to the Public Rights of Way in the Parish. There have been two new bridges and two parts of the coast path have been renewed. He suggested that there be a 'walk around the Parish' for people to see these improvements and enjoy some fresh air and companionship at the same time. It was agreed that the walk would be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July and full details would be put in Hamlets.

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm**