

# Parish Magazine

## Ashprington Cornworthy Dittisham

### February 2024

*"I know no greater pleasure than church crawling. It leads you to the remotest and quietest country. It introduces you to the history of England in stone and wood and glass which is always truer than what you read in books."*

Sir John Betjeman, BBC Home Service talk, broadcast 21 July 1948.

*"One's native place is the shell of one's soul and one's church is the kernel of that nut"*

Hilaire Belloc

### *The Most Isolated Parish in Cornwall - Warleggan*

We recently revisited St Bartholomew's Church in Warleggan, the most remote parish in the Diocese of Truro. It consists of some scattered farms, the church, an empty chapel, eleven houses and has a population of 208 souls.

The parish lies on the southern slope of Bodmin Moor and is hard to find and hard to get to. It was only in 1959 that a narrow road was built to link the village with the A30 to the north. To get to Warleggan from the Jamaica Inn we had to follow single track roads over the moor, almost encircling Colliford Lake, and then, after a number of turns, dive down into a steep wooded valley before arriving at the neat little village.

The church is up a narrow track between granite walls which leads to a small car park. It is behind painted iron gates, one of which was invitingly open. We were expecting to see a poor old church with a small and struggling congregation, damp walls, mould and green slime, and a tiny electoral roll.

When we climbed the granite steps into the churchyard we saw



that the church was open and welcoming. The repointing on the low porch was done in lime mortar and the porch was swept. Inside the walls were clean and white, the building well ventilated, and a heater was on beside the organ. The Victorian encaustic tiles were highly polished and there was no smell of dust and decay. Booklets about the history of the church and its most famous incumbent, Revd. Frederick Densham, were on display.

The notice board showed that there are four services a month at St Bartholomew's, the fifth Sunday being at either Mount or St Neot's.

In the neat, circular churchyard there is a wheel headed Celtic cross, probably eighth century, and a path leading to a cemetery extension with a seat. Daffodils in clumps were in flower and there was a little warmth in the sun. Beside the cemetery

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## March Magazine:

Please send articles and notices for the March magazine no later than the 20th of February. Thank you.

### From the Editors .....

Thank you again to Henry for his article describing his bird sightings this year. So many comments and interest shown from readers. Everyone must now be at their windows waiting for the once in a life time sighting - a "lifer" awaits us all.

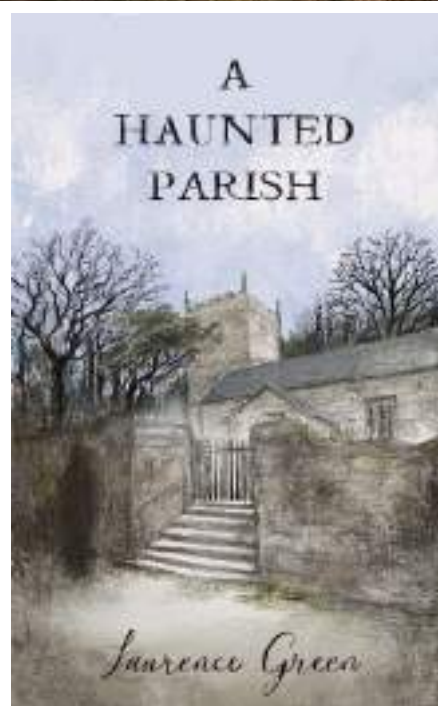
Any articles gratefully received by the editors. This month it will be 16 years of production and the well may start running dry.

extension was a level mowed field with trees planted in memory of the four soldiers from Warleggan who were killed in the Great War. In the corner is a fine timber hut which is a changing room with two spacious and clean toilets, open and ready for use.

It is very encouraging to see that God's ancient house is so well supported and cared for in Cornwall's most remote parish. It is a lesson for us all in these days of cuts and continual austerity that there are people who are determined to keep churches open and running well.

Warleggan is one of five churches in the St Neot's Team. To visit St Bartholomew's Church turn off the road from St Neot's at Mount and head in a northerly direction. Your visit will be well worth it.

*Laurence Green*



# Clergy Letter

My wife tells me that I am prone to occasional flashes of romance. I have written a poem or two to her, or surprised her with some flowers from time to time. Sometimes, I even give her a kiss without her asking! When it comes to Valentine cards, in our 31 years of marriage, I don't think I've missed a year... but please don't quote me in her hearing!

We don't usually go out for dinner on Valentine's day but in any case, this year I won't be able to wine and dine my lovely wife because Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. So I will be marking her forehead in ash instead!

Seriously though, the coincidence of the dates this year is a really helpful reminder to us that although Lent is a solemn period of self-reflection, a time of honest 'facing up' to those parts of ourselves that we don't often let others see and a time for curbing the many appetites that, when unchecked, can bring self-destruction, Lent is also a period for remembering that we are deeply loved, warts and all. The pre-cursor to Jesus's 40 days in the wilderness was the voice from heaven at his baptism, '**You are my son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased**' and the temptations he faced in the desert were the subtle whispers designed to undermine his confidence and trust in his identity as a beloved child of God.

So, as we face into this season and the wild beasts that roam within each of us, let's do it remembering that we are deeply loved and known, not just for who we are becoming, but for who we already are. *Rev'd. Chris Martin*



Rev'd Chris Martin (Associate Priest, Stoke Gabriel)

On Wednesday 11th October 2023, the Bishop of Plymouth licensed Rev'd Chris Martin as Associate Priest to assist the Team Rector by providing a focused ministry to the parish. Together with his wife, Tina, Chris resides in Stoke Gabriel Vicarage, leads worship and is the pastoral leader of the parish.

Rev'd Chris was previously the Team Rector of 12 parishes centered on Lyme Regis titled the Golden Cap Team Ministry. Rev'd Chris is now the second "house for duty" priest in the Totnes Team. Welcome to Devon.



## GIVE A TENT FOR LENT

### Shelterbox Appeal

**Soup lunch in Ashprington Village Hall**

**Wednesday 14 February 12:30pm.**

**Mark Valentine's day and Ash Wednesday with a healthy donation to this appeal as we aim to raise £425 during Lent for a family sized life-saving tent.**

Please let us know if you are able to attend so that we can provide enough for all. Please ring or email: Jill (732109 [feetfirstjill@googlemail.com](mailto:feetfirstjill@googlemail.com)) or

Kathi (732437 [kcgreen67@gmail.com](mailto:kcgreen67@gmail.com))



# News for the Three Villages

## Willow Workshops



Round Sculptured Bird Nests Saturday 17th February 10am - 1pm  
Cornworthy Village Hall

Learn how to weave a willow ball around a mossy frame to create a hanging bird nest/house. Ideal for nesting birds and winter sleepovers!  
All materials and tools provided, however bring a pair of secateurs if you have them.  
Suitable for children 8+ with adult or unaccompanied adults. No previous experience needed.  
£35 per nest - £10 deposit to secure your place, balance on the day.



Garden Plant Supports Saturday 23rd March 10am - 1pm  
Cornworthy Workshop  
or  
Saturday 13th April 10am - 1pm  
Cornworthy Village Hall

Weave a willow obelisk for your sweat peas, runner beans or just a sculptured piece for your garden or allotment.  
All materials provided, please bring a banana box or similar for your former and a pair of secateurs. Some formers available but if you bring your own box you can use it again to make another at home.  
£40 per structure with a £10 deposit to secure your place.

For further information or booking email [vivienne\\_turner@icloud.com](mailto:vivienne_turner@icloud.com)

## Local group wins a Wild About Devon Award

A local conservation organisation known as the Habitat Group, which draws its members from the villages around Dartmouth, has won a 'Wild About Devon' Award given by Devon County Council. These awards are designed to celebrate work done to conserve and promote local wildlife.

The Habitat Group has a number of schemes on the go that attracted the attention of the award judges, chief among them was their ambitious project to bring water voles back to this corner of Devon. The Habitat Group did their first release of 200 voles into the River Gara in Blackawton last September. A survey in December showed that it had been successful and the voles had made themselves well at home. There will be a second release in spring, this time further downstream towards Slapton. In total the group will release 800 water voles along the river to be sure to establish a strong population again..

One of the group's latest projects is to encourage people to have 'hedgehog highways' through their gardens. Hedgehogs roam up to 3 miles a night, hoovering up garden pests such as beetles, slugs and millipedes. "It only takes a hole in your fence the size of a CD case" explained Habitat Group member Ros Neale, "and soon you'll spot them coming in at night to scoff the insects in your garden before moving on to do the same in your neighbour's patch".

If anyone is interested in the Habitat Group's work, or would like to help, information about what they're up to can be found at [www.habitatgroup.org.uk](http://www.habitatgroup.org.uk)



## Up the Creek, Tuckenhay Regatta Saturday 14th September

**Couples workshop: Saturday 17th Feb, 10am-3pm**

**Led by Chris Grimshaw at Sharpham Barton, Totnes TQ9 7DX**

Valentine's day, on the 14th February, is traditionally a time when we focus on couple relationships with special treats such as flowers and a dinner. Why not, in addition, treat yo selves to a couples workshop !!

Well you may ask what is a couples workshop? It is a special time as a couple where you can focus on enhancing the quality of your relationship through learning about how relationships work, and giving you some skills to enable you to make better choices. At the end of the day it is the choices you make that determine whether you have a good, mediocre, or poor relationship. In practice we can all have relationships!

The workshop is led by Chris Grimshaw, who has 25 years' experience leading workshop for couples all over the country. There is coffee/tea on arrival and a light lunch served. We finish at 3pm. There is no fee but donations are welcome to go towards the upkeep of St David's Church at Ashprington, where as a grade one listed building, needs constant renovation work.

*If you wish to attend or find out more about the day please contact Chris Grimshaw [info@sharphambarton.co.uk](mailto:info@sharphambarton.co.uk) or 07968172552*



**ASHPRINGTON & CORNWORTHY HORTICULTURAL SHOW**  
**SATURDAY 10 AUGUST 2024 CORNWORTHY VILLAGE HALL 2.15pm – 4pm**

**SCHEDULE:**

**VEGETABLE CLASSES**

1. Potatoes (coloured) 3
2. Potatoes (white) 3
3. Onions (from sets) 3
4. Carrots 3
5. Shallots 5
6. Lettuce 1
7. The most misshapen vegetable 1
8. Heaviest Marrow 1
9. Courgettes (not exceeding 6") 3
10. Runner Beans 6
11. Longest Runner Bean 1
12. French Beans 6
13. Cucumber 2
14. Tomatoes 5
15. Tomatoes (cherry) 5
16. Beetroot 3
17. Leeks 3
18. 6 different vegetables in seed tray (15"x 9.5").  
No flowers attached
19. 3 different vegetables in seed tray (15"x 9.5")
20. The Heaviest Potato 1
21. 3 Matched sticks of Rhubarb (same variety)
- 22 Longest Chilli 1

**FRUIT CLASSES**

23. Plums 6
24. Apples 3
25. Raspberries 6
26. Any other fruit 2
27. 4 different fruits on a plate

**FLOWER CLASSES**

28. Specimen Rose in a vase
29. Vase of 3 Annuals, all different (grown from seed)
30. Vase of 5 Perennials (all different)
31. Vase of 5 Asters
32. Vase of 3 Gladioli
33. Vase of 5 Dahlias
34. 3 stems of Fuchsia
35. 6 stems annual Sweet Peas
36. 6 stems perennial Sweet Peas
37. 1 Hydrangea (single bloom, mop head)
38. 1 Hydrangea (single bloom, lace cap)
39. 1 stem flowering shrub (not to exceed 2ft)
40. 1 flowering pot plant (not to exceed 2ftx2ftx2ft).  
Home grown

**FLORAL ART**

41. A container of seed heads from trees & gardens  
(not to exceed 12"wide x12"high)
42. An arrangement in a mug
43. An arrangement in a shoe

44. An arrangement of foliage (max. 18" high).  
No flowers

**DOMESTIC**

All entries in the domestic classes to be home made

45. Jar of Fruit Jam (any variety)
  46. Jar of Marmalade
  47. Jar of Fruit Jelly (any variety)
  48. Jar of Chutney (any variety)
  49. 6 Cheese Straws (recipe will be provided)
  50. Lemon Drizzle Cake (recipe will be provided)
  51. Quiche (recipe will be provided)
  52. A 2lb Wholemeal Tin Loaf (own recipe)
- Classes 49 to 52 to be exhibited on a standard  
cardboard plate

53. A box of 6 cleaned matched eggs (one egg will be  
broken for judging)
54. Bottle of home-made Cider
55. Bottle of home-made flavoured Gin

**CHILDREN'S CLASSES**

All entries must be child's own work

***7 years and under:***

56. A Painted Pebble (max 4")
57. A Vegetable Animal
58. A Pizza Face

***8-11 years:***

59. A Painted Pebble (max 4")
60. A Vegetable Animal
61. A Pizza Face

***12-15 years:***

62. A Painted Pebble (max 4")
63. A Vegetable Animal
64. A Pizza Face

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Unmounted prints only, max 7"x5". Oversized photos  
will be disqualified

65. Celebrating Devon's Wildlife & Biodiversity
66. A digitally enhanced photo
67. My Garden
68. A Stunning Selfie

**HANDICRAFTS**

69. A Painted Pebble (max 4")
70. A Hand Made Greeting Card (max A5),  
not commercial kit
71. A Hand Made Toy, any medium (max 12"x12"x12")

**SUSTAINABILITY**

72. A scoop of your own home-made compost in  
a sealed clear plastic bag
73. A display illustrating gardening for wildlife (max A4)

# Ashprington News



St David's Church continues to flourish and quietly grow, thanks to a faithful and dedicated congregation. We welcome our new curate Revd. Frances French who preached on the Third Sunday of Advent on Jesus' first miracle at the wedding at Caana and the place of women in St John's Gospel.

We now look forward to Candlemas and Lent. Candlemas is the green shoot of spring, and not just because a groundhog in Pennsylvania called Punxatawny Phil might see his shadow and say so! Candlemas looks forward to spring and Lent, which is early this year. As otherwise stated, Ash Wednesday will be on February 14th this year. Following closely will be St David's Day on the 1st of March.

Just as the season of Advent should prepare us for Christmas, Lent will prepare us for Easter, when Jesus rose from the grave and made himself known to the Apostles.

We came into 2023 with a war, now we came into 2024 with two wars... The Ukrainian flag is being repaired and will go back up above the tower as soon as the present spate of foul weather passes. It is a reminder that all is not well in a world torn apart by mindless and stupid wars.

There will be a wedding at St David's in September which we all look forward to. Kathi and I were prepared and married here in September 1971. It was so long ago that I can hardly remember it... But it is a great place to be married. A beautiful church and people watching who are glad for the happy couple.

Easter is early this year on the 31st of March. So Mothering Sunday is on the 10th of March. Hopefully the daffodils will be ready. *Laurence Green*

## Sunday February 11th St David's Church, Ashprington

### Community Gathering

led by Chris Grimshaw

All Welcome

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee/tea

11:15 - 12:15 Community singing with the  
Community Choir, readings, silence, prayers.

12:15 Community Lunch in the church.

### Theme: Building the Community (part 1)

How can the church, as one of the key centres in the  
village contribute to a more united and happy  
community?

*"The purpose of religion is not to explain God or to  
please God, but to help us meet some of our most  
basic human needs"..H. Kushner*

It is not good that man should be alone. Genesis 2:18

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Invite you to an Open Meeting

At 8pm in Ashprington Village Hall

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

## A Police Surgeons Lot and the History of Police Surgeons.

A talk by Dr. Peter Moore

Suggested donation £3

All Welcome



# RETURN OF THE **QUIZ NIGHT!**

**7.30pm Thursday 29th February 2024**  
**The Durant Arms, Ashprington**

**Teams of 4-6** with entry at **£5 per head**,  
raffle tickets at £1 per strip, plus a meat /  
veggie chilli at extra cost. All payments in  
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Tuckenhay Defibrillator Appeal Fund.**



Please email [ashtuckdefib@gmail.com](mailto:ashtuckdefib@gmail.com) or call  
01803 732057 to secure your team table ASAP.



# Dittisham News

## Dittisham Village News

I know we always talk about the weather but January started off so wet and miserable and then the end of the month was dry but oh so cold! Amazingly the snowdrops and primroses begin to peek through every year and even the daffodils seem to be early this year. What will February bring?

In January the clubs held at the Village Hall returned and the birthday of Robbie Burns was celebrated at the Red Lion, with haggis and a piper. The Ceilidh in the Village Hall is on Saturday 3rd February with a live band, caller and choice of pasties. On 17th February there's the highly competitive Regatta Village Quiz taking place in the Village Hall from 7.00pm. Look out for the posters around the village advertising an Art Auction and Dinner in Aid of Child Victims of War with all proceeds going to UNICEF. It takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday 9th March 7.00pm, with a preview of the Art on Friday 8th March from 5.00 until 7.00pm.

For their January meeting The Dittisham WI had an interesting talk by Stained Glass Artist Inka Gabriel. On 14th February it's a talk by Kayaker Rupert Kirkwood entitled 'Up the Creek' and guests, including men, are warmly invited!

Don't forget the West Dart Bus runs all through the Winter to Dartmouth weekly, Newton Abbot and The Willows, monthly. Look out for the fliers and posters and "use it or lose it". It can also be hired and seats 16. The Higher Ferry will be closed for maintenance from Monday 29th January and back in service on Monday 19th February.

The winners of the January Draw of the Dittisham Village Hall 100 Club were: £50 Mrs L A Thompson, £30 Mrs C Smart, £20 Mrs J Williams. A huge thank you to all those who have paid their subscriptions to support the 100 Club for 2024, and this helps to keep our Village Hall going. *Nicky Mouldsdale*

**DINNER AND ART AUCTION**  
**In aid of Child Victims of War**  
All proceeds to UNICEF



**Dress to impress**

To be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 7pm

(Previews starting at the venue, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 5-7 pm when tickets can also be made.)

Dittisham Village Hall

Book an individual ticket or book a table

Tickets £25 each

**POETRY PERFORMANCE by MATT HARVEY**

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Contact Martin 07809 727333 or  
Caroline or Simon 0780 414067

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**Dittisham**  
**Village Quiz**



**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**7 for 7.30 start in the Village Hall**

**Wine, bottled beer, soft drinks and nibbles**

**£3 per person or £24 per table of 8**

**To book email [richardbond@dittishamparish.co.uk](mailto:richardbond@dittishamparish.co.uk)**

**or phone/text 07813 171773**

**In aid of Dittisham Regatta**

# Dittisham WI

At their January meeting the ladies of Dittisham WI were treated to an excellent talk and demonstration by Ditsum artist Inka Gabriel.

Inka had set out the tools and materials that she uses for creating the beautiful glass items that she has been making for many a year. She showed us how to cut the glass and invited anyone to have a go – some took up the challenge and were successful – with straight lines; cutting curves was rather more difficult!

Inka then showed us how she made her famous tea light holders: after cutting the glass to shape, choosing the decorative items to be included, and fixing them into one of the glass sides, the edges of the sides and base of the tea light were carefully covered with copper foil – it looked so easy! These were then soldered together. I apologies for this very crude description of Inka's demonstration. You had to be there to appreciate her skill!

As well as the tea lights, she makes the most beautiful contemporary lamps. Using opaque white glass every lamp is unique as the different coloured glass, natural and/or manmade materials used are different and determine the final design of the lamp even though the basic shape and designs are the same. Slate, shells, pebbles, magic lantern slide, stones and coloured glass are just a few of the materials that she uses to decorate the lamps.

Although they are not currently featured on her website - [inkalights.com](http://inkalights.com) – beautiful glass Christmas decorations are made by Inka. The angel is just one example.



*Christmas Angel*



*Tea light*

Inka Gabriel is a maker of contemporary lights based in the South Hams. Her lamps are kept in white glass with clear simple lines with the inclusion of natural and manmade materials which determine her designs. All her lights are set on wooden bases and come in a range of different sizes. Although she does repeat her designs, none of the lights are ever the same either through change of colour, used material or size.

Inka Gabriel is a member of the Somerset Guild of Craftsmen.

# Cornworthy News



I imagine we are all settling back into our own normalities. However it feels very grey after such a colourful and well celebrated Christmas when all the churches in the Team have looked so beautifully decked out. Just the crib remains awaiting the visit of the three kings!

Our Carol Service and Carol Singing around the village raised a total of £600 for our two charities. The Children's Hospice South West and The Children's Society. Thank you to everyone who participated by singing and giving; it was a tremendous success. Our usual service of Village Worship on Christmas Day drew 80 people and collected approximately £250 towards the upkeep of St Peter's. Thank you everyone.

**As we move into the New Year our next observation in the Church Calendar is the Season of Lent commencing with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday 14th February. We will celebrate Ash Wednesday this year with St David's Ashprington at 11:30 am. See below for details of the lunch to follow.**

We reflect on our seriously troubled world; God is to be found and known above all in the midst of human actions which seek to surmount and suppress suffering. That is why ... "never before in human history has God's presence been so tangibly real as now." (Bishop Peter Forster)

*We wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.*

*Caroline & Paula*



## GIVE A TENT FOR LENT

**Shelterbox Appeal  
for Cornworthy and Ashprington.  
Soup lunch in Ashprington Village Hall  
Wednesday 14 February 12:30pm.**

**Mark Valentine's day and Ash Wednesday with  
a healthy donation to this appeal as we aim to raise  
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Please let us know if you are able to attend so that we can provide enough for all. Please ring or email: Caroline (732626 [fachney@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fachney@hotmail.co.uk)) or

Paula (732828 [paulaspitman@gmail.com](mailto:paulaspitman@gmail.com))

**Ash Wednesday service in Ashprington St David's at 11:30am  
All Welcome.**



# Our Motoring Correspondent

It's funny how a seemingly innocent meeting with a total stranger can lead to such common ground and an understanding of all things to do with classic cars.

And so it was that this week the electric utilities firm sent their engineer to my home, tasked with a simple fuse box upgrade. In passing, he had noted my Goodwood Revival sticker on the back window of my car. 'You into your classics then?' ..... he asked politely. 'I might be' I replied.

Well, out it all came and yes, I am fully into classic cars and have been for more time than I care to remember. 'How about you?' .... I enquired, returning the courteous inquiry.

It turns out this man is seriously into his American cars with no less than a 1965 Ford Mustang Fastback to his name under renovation. Without holding him up from his next job, we talked about my 1968 Mustang Fastback and the film which made these cars so famous. None other than Bullitt with Steve McQueen, featuring the universally accredited best cinematic car chase ever. Mustangs made their debut in 1964 and took the USA sportscar world by storm. They are still stunning to this day.

There is a golden rule with defining a classic car today and it goes like this. If it was deemed great on introduction it will probably be a true classic today. Think Jaguar XK120 (1948) Citroen DS (1955) Mini (1959) Jaguar EType (1961). All of these, including the Mustang, had the public in absolute awe as they were revealed at their respective motor shows. In the case of the Citroen, nothing

like it had been seen before and it was like something from the future. Over 12000 orders were placed on the first day alone at the Paris Motor Show.

My new found classic car aficionado's next electrical work assignment was coming up so we kept things brief but it just highlighted how many classic car collectors there are out there and in every walk of life. My other realisation was one of deep sadness at having sold my Mustang some years ago after a memorable trip home across the Pyrenees, having bought it in Madrid. But you cannot keep them all even though it pains me to know these magnificent steeds are now worth up to £50000 in the right spec.

The statistics indicate there are over 1.5 million registered classic cars in the UK and that the classic car industry is worth a staggering 2 billion £UK to the economy each year.

So is it any wonder we inevitably will cross paths with other fellow enthusiasts from time to time? I just did not expect to do so across my electric meter.



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# **Cornworthy Village Hall presents**



## **"ALL HANDS ON DECK"**

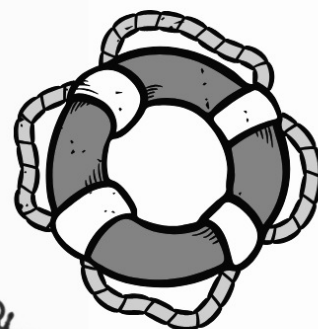
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**7.30pm Saturday 24 February**

**Tickets £12**

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**Licensed Bar (Cash only)**

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## Ashprington Parish Council



January 4th. 2024 at 7.30 pm held in Ashprington Village Hall. Present; Cllr Rogers {Chair}, Cllr S. Paterson, Cllr K. Throgmorton, Cllr. Thompson, Cllr S. Greaves., County Cllr J. Hawkins, Also present: Michael Read, Clerk. The

Council was addressed by Stephen Grove of Bob the Bus. Stephen asked if anything could be done to encourage a greater uptake of the service. There are 35 volunteer drivers but more would be welcome. The organisation has three buses and is in financial health. A new bus is ordered for May. There is also a Travel Club and private hire option. Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda. Cllr Rogers Planning Application 3731/23/FUL Apologies: M. Pearey, Tree Warden, P Macey, P3 Co Ordinator, Cllr L. Stocks, Cllr T. Green, District, Cllr J. McKay, Matters arising War Memorial: The War Memorial is to be uncovered as hopefully "curing" is now complete. Lengthsman's Output: There is ongoing concern about the costs of employing the Lengthsman due to the unseasonably wet weather causing remedial work to the drains and buddle holes. The Lengthsman has been requested not to do any more work unless advised by Cllr Rogers. Cllr Rogers has resisted employing him over recent weeks due to the affect on the Council Budget and has been doing remedial work himself for which the Council is most grateful. Clerks Salary: The Council considered the Clerk's salary for the coming year and in his absence from the room, proposed an increase of £1 per hour inline with the recent award made to Local Council Clerks. The Council voted unanimously to award the increase. Precept Setting for 2024/2025: The Chair, Clerk and Cllr. Thompson met on January 2nd to consider the level of precept need to be set for the next financial year and to review this year's income and expenditure. This year the Parish is likely to produce a small surplus. It is the view of the "sub-committee" that the precept will need to be increased next year by 13.8% to £14,086, an increase of £1500. The Council faces a bill for the Parish Council Elections of over £1000 which will need to be paid in 2024/2025. It is thought prudent to budget for more maintenance next year {+£400} and an increase of £1 per hour on the Clerk's salary. This would mean that an average Band D Council Taxpayer would pay £54.87 re annum or just over £1 per week to cover the Council's costs. This compares to £49.03 for the current year. A vote was put to the whole Council who approved the recommendation. Tree Warden Report: Nothing to report. However an additional Tree Warden for the parish has been appointed by Thelma Rumsey and will take office soon. Planning: 3731/23/FUL Land at SX 805 583. Livestock Building and engineering works. Support {Cllr Rogers left the room} 2850/23/LBC Bow Bridge House. Replacement windows. Permission Granted SHDC. 4053/23/ARC Steps Cottage. Application for approval of details reserved by conditions. Support 4096/23/TCA Tuckenhay House. Remove Ash Tree affected by Ash Dieback. Support. 3163/23/FUL The Old Schoolhouse. Conversion of dilapidated barn into games room – Permission Granted SHDC. 27873/23/HHO 10 Orchard Terrace. Rear extension & Pitch roof to front porch. Conditional Approval SHDC. Other Business/Councillors Areas of Responsibility. Basic Principles of Engaging a Supplier/Contractor Cllrs Throgmorton and Greaves have drawn up a form which will assist with the engagement of contractors/suppliers which was presented for scrutiny in its first draft form. Website: Cllr Paterson will be reviewing the content and presentation of our website.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm. Next Council meeting will be on Thursday February 1st, 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Michael Read Ashprington Clerk [spooks49@michaelread.plus.com](mailto:spooks49@michaelread.plus.com). Tel. 01803 732047.

## Dittisham Parish Council



Notes of the Meeting on Wednesday 3 January 2024 at 7:00 p.m. A

project to create a new Emergency Plan was agreed in principle. The

Report on the successful trial clean of Slippery Lane was noted. The duration of the outcome will be monitored at least monthly. The South West Gaffers request to again have tents and campervans on The Ham during Regatta, 16-19 August 2024, was approved. The Report on the Councillors planning day was received and actions agreed. It was decided that a public meeting is not required before submitting an application to register The Red Lion Inn with the District Council as an Asset of Community Value and to make an application for registration after performing due diligence regarding DPC's freehold responsibilities. DCC Cllr Hawkins reported that DCC will

receive £6.5 million annually from former HS2 funds. A new DCC trial might assist with the completion of a project to install a railing on Jubilees Steps. Cllr Hawkins has attended two meetings with Stagecoach regarding issues with the buses. Please let Cllr Hawkins know if you have problems. Cllr Hawkins has questioned the closing of the Fusion Leisure Centre in Dartmouth on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. The generous donations from Dittisham residents to the Foodbank are much appreciated. An allocation of over £2,000 was made to families who receive free school meals or child tax credits, £10 per primary school age child, which will be repeated later in the year. The Youth Group goes from strength to strength and will be taking children to the pantomime in Plymouth again soon. There is a planning application for a Premier Inn near Venn Lane. SHDC Planning Decisions; 3554/23/ARC Yew Tree Cottage Manor Street Dittisham TQ6 0EX. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 4 (Facing Materials for Retaining Wall) of planning consent 3296/22/HHO. Discharge of Condition Approved. 2536/23/FUL Fairholme, Riverside Road, Dittisham, TQ6 0HS. New 3 bed dwelling & detached garden store with associated carparking & landscaping. Withdrawn. 2209/23/FUL Herongate, Lower Street, Dittisham, TQ6 0HY. Conversion & extension of boathouse for short term holiday let (resubmission of 3628/22/FUL). Withdrawn. New Planning Applications: 4019/23/NMM The Old Rectory Rectory Lane Dittisham TQ6 0HD. Non Material Minor Amendment for addition of velux roof light to first floor to match existing. Support. 3830/23/TCA Mill Creek Cottage, Lower Street, Dittisham, TQ6 0HY. T1-T6: Leylandii/fir trees - Fell trees due to them being vigorous growers & are taking the light from other recently planted trees that are trying to establish themselves, originally planted to quickly establish privacy from neighbours & are no longer required & particularly so if other indigenous trees & shrubs are allowed to grow, these trees kill the ground underneath them & prevent anything else from getting established, are unattractive & overpowering, surrounding deciduous trees/plants would provide a much better vista, more in keeping with the local countryside. Support.

DPC's process to obtain further information about planning applications or arrange a site visit was approved as per the Report with the addition that there must be a minimum of two attendees, and ideally three or more attendees.

Finance: The 2024/25 Budget was approved. The annual Precept will increase by £2,000 to £16,000. Receipt noted: DCC, Locality Budget Grant for the trial clean of the slippery path, £500.00 Payments approved: Trial Clean of Slippery Path, £492.00 Clerk's November expenses reimbursement, £109.70 Line repainting, £900.00 Repair and underpinning southern Ham retaining wall, £880.00 Payment since December meeting noted: Information Commissioner's Office, Compulsory annual fee by direct debit, £35.00 The proposal for work to install a length of concrete ledge, filling in the gap in the ledge which is closest to the car park where the wall is becoming increasingly undermined, and to make good gaps between new footing and stone work in the wall as required in the same area (estimate £1,100 and a £250 contingency respectively) was approved. The aim is to do the work as soon as tides permit

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 7:00p.m. We will provide a Zoom audio connection. Full Minutes, Agendas, and Parish Council contact details are available at <http://www.dittishamparish.co.uk> and on [The Level noticeboard](#).

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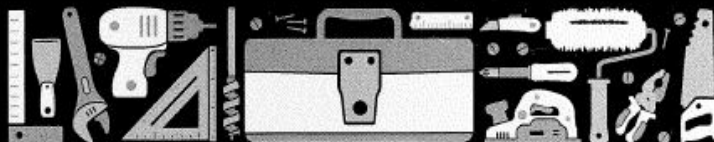
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11 February Sunday 11:15 Community Gathering

14 February Wednesday 11:30 Imposition of Ashes

18 February Sunday 11:15 Communion

25 February Sunday 9:15 Village Worship (Cornworthy)

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