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*June and July 2025*





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## Editorial



This bumper issue is packed with news and events taking place here during the heady summer months of June and July. For me and Jon, summer sees us back in our walking boots tackling the coast path to complete the Berry Head to Start Point section, which we consider to be the most beautiful. Have you heard of the prize-winning bestseller “The Salt Path”, the true

story of a couple who decide to backpack and wild camp along the whole length of the coast path when faced with homelessness and the diagnosis of a terminal illness? The film, “The Salt Path”, will be on at the Flavel from 4th July, presenting an opportunity to explore a sensitive treatment of homelessness and to admire the sheer beauty of our coastline in glorious technicolour. There will be a chance to meet the author Raynor Winn at the Dartmouth Book Festival in September. We can also look forward to “The Roses”, starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Olivia Colman who were seen filming at Blackpool Sands last summer.

We hope you enjoy reading Stoke Fleming Voice as much as we enjoy putting it together for you. Inside this issue you will find a survey form. This will help us continue to develop the magazine. For instance, we are introducing a new section entitled Village Life to include personal announcements regarding such events as births, engagements, marriages, deaths, new residents and people leaving. To submit an entry please email us at [stokeflemingvoice@gmail.com](mailto:stokeflemingvoice@gmail.com).

On this, the team is especially saddened to hear of the passing of Shirley Ruddlesden. Unlike many residents, I only met Shirley a few times but on each occasion she was encouraging, patient and understanding. I am sure Shirley will be missed by many, me included. You will find more tributes to Shirley and her contribution to village life throughout this magazine.

In this issue you will also find an envelope which is an opportunity for you to make any small but much needed donation to keep the Voice going. Each copy of the magazine costs 65p to produce, see the next page for more details. Our next issue will be for August and will be with you at the end of July.

**Sandra Ingham**

*(Cover photograph of Stoke Fleming (circa 1910) from Barry Morris' postcard collection)*

## **A Reader's View: Second Home Owners' Access to "The Voice"**

The Voice is a great place to discover what is available and what is going on in Stoke Fleming. Unfortunately, the current policy is that only permanent residents receive a free copy of The Voice, and does not include second home owners.

These owners pay twice the community charge that residents do. This in turn will provide twice the contribution to Stoke Fleming Parish Council that residents do. As the Parish Council donates money to The Voice it can be argued that second home owners are actually paying money towards the magazine anyway.

It is likely that second home owners and holiday makers will spend more than 65p per visit to the village, the cost of producing a copy of The Voice. Allowing second home owners a free copy of The Voice can only be a win for the village.

**Hywel Griffiths** (resident in the village)

**Editors' response:** Stoke Fleming Voice currently continues the policy of the previous magazine team, excluding delivery to second homes in order to save waste. However, we know many permanent residents spend much of the year away too, and so won't use all their copies either. Therefore, this is something we want to look at.

Doing this will take time – firstly, to review the matter and also to identify how many second homes we have, what the costs involved in delivering to them, and whether we have the finances we need to respond. In the meantime, copies can be obtained for a donation from the shop.

However, if you also feel strongly about the topic, please email us to let us know!

If you would like to contribute a Reader's View, or a Letter to the Editor, please email [stokeflemingvoice@gmail.com](mailto:stokeflemingvoice@gmail.com). Your contribution can be published anonymously, but our team will need to know who you are. Publication is at our editorial discretion.

## **Help us produce your magazine**

### **We need your feedback**

We are looking to introduce a few small changes to the magazine and would like to ensure these changes meet your needs.

Please help us by completing the two-page survey inserted in this issue, or by responding to this online (see details on the insert).

We will let you know about some of the changes we will be making as a result of your feedback in the August magazine, and you may even see some of the changes introduced then as well.

### **We need your financial contribution**

We are a team of volunteers working through a start-up, non-profit association and, just as the former magazine used to ask for donations, we need to request your financial help to continue publication. We hope that this one appeal will support us through the next two years.

We've already been asked to recommend a donation amount and suggest you may wish to think about the value Voice provides you, or the parish as a whole.

Alternatively, if you wish to help us cover our costs, you may like to know that each magazine costs us about 65p per house to produce. Over the next two years that would be about £13 per house.

However, with the rising cost of living, we wouldn't want anyone to donate more than they can afford. All donations will be appreciated, no matter how small.

Therefore, please pay what you think you should, using cash or a cheque, or online by bank transfer (Name: Stoke Fleming Voice; Sort Code: **30-54-66**; Account Number: **19250960**).

### **Returning your feedback and donation**

You can return your completed survey and donation in the envelope provided at one of the staffed collection points / times taking place over the next two weeks (unless it's raining heavily!) which are listed on page 26. We will have a card reader with us too if you would prefer to pay by credit or debit card. Feel free to come and have a chat with the team as well.

Alternatively, you can post your envelope into the Village Hall mailbox (next to the defibrillator) anytime between 1st and 13th June.

### **Little Cotton Farm residents**

We have a slightly different ask for you – please see insert

## From the Rectory

The recent spate of good weather, and an upcoming 15th birthday for someone, meant I no longer had an excuse to not cut the grass in the garden. Now to me it didn't seem too bad; I'd watched it each day get fractionally taller, but as I contemplated cutting the grass I started to grasp the enormity of the situation as Heidi (our cockapoo) had disappeared into the grass which was normal, but so had her black labrador friend who was over at ours, who being at least twice the size of Heidi had also disappeared!

Needless to say, over the space of a week, and about 20 hours of graft, the grass was cut and the garden is usable for the summer. But as I toiled away it got me to thinking (especially as I had more than enough time to do a bit of that!) so often changes are minute and almost unnoticeable especially when we face them each day. Hair growing longer, washing pile getting larger, children getting taller and so on.

It's not until we distance ourselves from something, such as a child we haven't seen in a year, that the cliché comments along the lines of "oh haven't you changed!" make an appearance. But the reality is it's true; sometimes we are just too close to a situation to realise when a change is happening. This is why, in films when the main character goes on a mission to change, it is usually depicted by a 30 second montage meant to represent a longer period of time. This is because change is gradual.

Just like faith. Our relationship with God isn't a ten-step programme or 100 hour commitment that, upon completion, means we fully understand who he is. Because the reality is we get to understand who God is more through the little things, reading the Bible, praying, spending time with others. Our faith is like our childhood development, we don't feel like we are getting anywhere or growing quickly enough. But other people will notice and comment. So it is with our faith. We need to give it time, have patience and persevere, then people will start to notice a change, a change that almost can't be articulated because it's God's presence with us through the Holy Spirit which is what we celebrate at Pentecost. Will you commit to seeing what God may have in store for you? I know I have in the past, I still do today and will always do, because the only finish line is our time on this earth before it all makes sense in the beauty of eternity. Sounds like it's worth a go to me, what about you?

Blessings

**Rev Matt**

Church website: <https://www.stokeflemingchurch.org>

## From the Registers

14th May: George McLay Dobbie, funeral followed by burial.

21st May: Shirley Ruddlesden, funeral followed by cremation.

## St Peter's Church Services for June and July

Sun 1st Jun	Easter 7	11am Communion
Sun 8th Jun	Pentecost	11am Morning Worship 4pm THE 4
Sun 15th Jun	Trinity Sunday	10am Fathers' Day Service (refreshments from 9.30)
Sun 22nd Jun	Trinity + 1	11am Communion by extension
Sun 29th Jun	St Peter & St Paul	11am United Benefice Holy Communion at East Allington
Sun 6th Jul	Trinity + 3	11am Communion 4pm United Benefice Songs of Praise / THE 4 at Blackpool Sands
Sun 13th Jul	Sea Sunday	11am Morning Worship 4pm THE 4
Sun 20th Jul	Trinity + 5	11am Communion by extension
Sun 27th Jul	Trinity + 6	11am Morning Worship

## Little Stars

Our little stars look so happy in their summer clothes and our church is a little warmer.

It is a pleasure to see happy faces coming into church on a Monday morning and they are all very keen to help us clear toys away at the end of a session; we will be losing a few little stars as they go to "big school" in September and we wish them our love and prayers.

We hope to welcome any new little stars and mums and dads, everyone is welcome to join us on Monday mornings 9.00 to 10.30 term time only in church.

**Heather, Sue and Peter**

Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>

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4pm: THE 4

## VE Day 80 in St Peter's Church

Thank you to all who came to the church and wrote on the VE80 banner. There were some really moving stories from people who had experiences of the war. Some had lost relatives; some wrote about their childhood during the war and a lady wrote in memory of her father who was a POW. A steady flow of people came through the door and it was lovely to see so many children after school taking part.



## Stoke Fleming Youth Club

Stoke Fleming Youth Club is up and running. We welcome all young people from year 5 upwards on a Tuesday evening from 5:30-7:30 during term time. Thank you so much to Matt for running the sessions.

We also hire out the hall in Rectory Lane to help raise money for the club. We offer a low cost and flexible space, with all the proceeds used to keep the club running for the young people of Stoke Fleming. Please do consider using the club if you have a group or event. If you have any further questions please message our Facebook page or email [stokeflemingyouthclub@gmail.com](mailto:stokeflemingyouthclub@gmail.com).

## Stoke Fleming Cricket Club

Stoke Fleming CC have returned from another Gibraltar tour, and this time they have come back victorious!

Sunday afternoon saw the team play a T20 match against a mixed Gibraltar national side and put on 142-6 in their 20 overs, with runs coming from Eddie Church (28), Freddie Weir (23), Simon Holmes (23), Clive Clarke (18) and John Hardy (23).

Freddie Weir took 5 wickets, and Aaron Chandler took 3; this with a couple of run-outs and a wicket from Andy Weir saw SFCC take the victory.

The team are looking forward to the rest of the upcoming season.

**Stacey Gilbert**

*(From the Editors: Congratulations to Stoke Fleming Cricketers)*

## Shirley Ruddlesden (1958-2025)



Most people in the village knew Shirley, who died at home on 1st May after a short illness. Originally a Brixham girl, she became one of the “stalwarts” in Stoke Fleming, having moved to the village in 1991 when she married Chris Ruddlesden (another well-known village “character”, who sadly died in 2022). When she first came she was working in HSBC and latterly in Pillars in Dartmouth, but after she retired she threw herself into village life, taking on the role of secretary of the Hort & Sport Society from Joan Mason and running the Christmas Tree Festival, firstly with Rokie Shiffner, and later with Caroline Martin.

She organised the Hort & Sport Show with her usual quiet efficiency, working so hard to make the Show what it is today – an afternoon of village enjoyment with ruthless contests over growing, flower arranging and baking, as well as the arts and crafts competitions. She managed the award of cups galore, all shining and engraved, and she provided such comprehensive notes on how it all worked. It is indeed a Village Show to be proud of.

In 2024 Shirley completed her 10th Christmas Tree Festival. She really loved the Festival and always said that one of the best parts was seeing the look on people’s faces when they came into the church and she was truly delighted at how creative the sponsors continued to be each year. She loved the comments and the smiles, and the look of concentration as the Spot the Oddity forms were completed. The most important thing to her was how it brought people together. Everyone will miss her attention to detail, her enthusiastic presence and guiding hand.

As well as these major activities, Shirley actively supported many other organisations, including the Community Kitchen lunches, Rowcroft, Prickles in a Pickle and the annual poppy collections. She delivered the magazines in Rectory Lane and Bailey’s Meadow every month and acted as Auditor for the previous Stoke Fleming Magazine team for many years. A keen gardener, she also regularly volunteered in the gardens at Coleton Fishacre.

Shirley was the most practical, thoughtful, kindest person with a wicked sense of humour. A truly remarkable lady who was much loved and will be sorely missed in Stoke Fleming, as other tributes in this magazine will attest.

*Contributions from: David & Jill Griffiths, Caroline Martin, Joan Mason, Barry Morris, Mary Newman. Photo: Barry Morris*

## News from the Hort and Sport

We were all saddened by the news and loss of our Show Secretary, Shirley Ruddlesden; she was the heart and soul of the society and will be missed by everyone involved in the society as well as many other groups in the village and beyond.

Things may be slightly different this year on Show Day so please bear with us, but we are pulling together and working hard and planning for the Annual Show which will take place on Bank Holiday Monday, 25th August. We hope you are also busy with your plans to enter the vegetable, flower, photography and cookery classes, and not forgetting the children's classes, so if you could spare some time to help out in any way, it would be appreciated. We must make it a special day, for Shirley.



Stoke Fleming Horticultural  
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**One thing that has changed is please return all trophies by  
1st July 2025 to  
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(Next door to the Village Shop)**

Saturday 19th May saw another busy plant sale and coffee morning in the Village Hall. A big thank you to everyone who helped on the day and the cake makers and donation of all the plants and raffle prizes. The money raised goes towards putting on the show in August; it's a bit early and I haven't got the final total yet.

**Barry (770754)**



*Photos: Sarah Moseley*

## Friends of Rowcroft

Rowcroft Friends of Dartmouth have two fundraisers in June and July. The first, on Tuesday 17th June, is a soup and dessert lunch at the Sportsman's Arms. The price will be £12; there will be 60 tickets available shortly with extra details on them. We will also be having a draw in order to boost the amount we can send on to Rowcroft Hospice. This is a new venture for us; we hope we can sell all the tickets and that it will be enjoyable for everyone. We would like to thank the Sportsman's for making this possible.

The second is our fundraising day in the Royal Avenue Gardens, Dartmouth on Tuesday 22nd July from 10 am - 4.00 pm. The Tea Hut will be selling the usual sandwiches, cakes and cream teas alongside tea and coffee and there will be the usual couple of tables with hand-made items.

## Thorn Farmhouse Open Gardens for Rowcroft Hospice

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## Summer is here at last!

We've been waiting a long time for June to arrive: the slow build of blossom through March and April reached a crescendo in the peonies and irises of May, and now the garden has burst into glorious life; every leaf, rosebud and delphinium spire stretching happily towards the sun.



### ***Gardentime's Top 10 June garden jobs***

1. Run a Dutch hoe over your beds to cut down annual weeds before they set seed. Ideally, do this on a dry day so that the weeds shrivel and dry up in the sun.
2. Be waterwise – if you need to water, do it in the early morning or evening.
3. Mulch! Apply a layer of organic mulch around plants to conserve moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature. Mulching not only helps retain moisture during the hot summer months but also improves soil structure and fertility as it decomposes over time.
4. Mow your lawn once a week. During dry periods, mow on a higher setting.
5. Watch out for aphids and slugs – remove them by hand if possible, remember not to spray when bees are active during the day.
6. Pinch out the growing tips of fuchsias to encourage bushy plants.
7. Stake tall plants.
8. Cut back the leaves of spring bulbs like daffodils and tulips once they have turned yellow.
9. Deadhead roses and pick sweet peas to encourage them to keep flowering.
10. Clip privet, box and yew hedges (provided no birds are nesting in them).

Whether you're in the mood for planting up vibrant pots, pottering around the borders, or simply soaking up the sunshine with a coffee in hand, we've got everything you need at Gardentime this summer.

New planters at the Village Hall were supplied by Gardentime and paid for by the Hort & Sport Society.



## Nature Notes

A hobby from the falcon family and a summer visitor was seen with a dozen swallows on 30th April in a field next to the new Cotton Pond, Venn Lane. Also I saw a male kestrel nearby on a telegraph pole on 19th April. At about 9pm on 24th April I saw a Leisler's Bat near the cowshed next to Venn Lane, Cotton. On 8th May I saw a few house martins for the first time this year with a dozen swallows over Cotton Track. The sixth summer visitors are swifts on 13th May at the bird feeding corner of Slapton Ley, Torcross, and possibly one flew over the bungalows near Venn Lane on 15th May.

On the National Trust coast path, Little Dartmouth, I saw a raven near to the track and chiffchaffs near to the sea on 14th May. A pair of cirl buntings were seen with a pair of chaffinches near Pine Wood, off Ash Lane, on 29th April. A little grebe was seen at Combe Pond on the same day. Near Bowden House I found a young grass snake killed by vehicles. There are no barn owls and little owls present in Stoke Fleming now, just tawny owls. One year ago I thought I saw a barn owl during daylight over the A379 at Deer Park but it was probably a little egret from the horses' field with the neck back and the legs forward in flight.

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## Children's Hospice South West – Dart Art Day

Dart Art Day in aid of Children's Hospice South West is taking place in Royal Avenue Gardens from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 5th July and promises to be another lovely occasion to celebrate and support this incredible charity. The aim is to raise as much money as possible to help the charity to make the most of the short and precious lives of children not likely to reach adulthood – last year it raised over £4,000.

The event will have 22 artists and craft workers in their gazebos with arts and crafts galore and all their work available to buy. Along with the stalls, there will be entertainment from a range of musical performers as well as teas, homemade cakes, sandwiches and cream teas provided by Children's Hospice volunteers and supporters.

Dart Art Day is an important fundraiser for Children's Hospice South West to help the charity to continue to provide essential specialist care and support for over 550 families with life-limited children in the South West. The CHSW Dartmouth & District Friends Group meets monthly to organise events locally to raise money and awareness of this wonderful charity. For more information or to offer help in any way, please contact **Sue** at [tweed833@btinternet.com](mailto:tweed833@btinternet.com) or on 07955197721.

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## News from the Community Kitchen

Our lunches are going well and are over-subscribed too. We wish we could make them bigger but the chef says 'NO'...!

You have to be on the ball to get a ticket when they are advertised in the Voice as a queue forms outside the Post Office before 8.00am. In May we had a full house enjoying Moussaka with summer salads and our renowned selection of puddings. The chefs do a great job on portions and presentation and the rest of us just do as we are told. The hall is transformed with colourful tablecloths and flowers on the tables and the chatter indicative of friendship.

We always have a vegetarian option, but we would appreciate advance warning for quantities, and there is a list of ingredients each time for every dish in case you are trying to avoid certain foods. With advance warning we can tailor some dishes but not on the day! Please email beforehand for any concerns or dietary requirements to [houseonthehill661@gmail.com](mailto:houseonthehill661@gmail.com).

Our June lunch will be on Friday 27th June at 12.30 in the Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale on Monday 9th June. We are not able to provide lunches in July and August due to other commitments and family holidays but rest assured we will be back in September with renewed vigour.

Enjoy all the summer salads and fruits as it looks like a bumper year for fruit with all the blossom around and we look forward to welcoming you back in the autumn.

**Mary Newman**

## Craft Club

Unfortunately, due to the change of date May's meeting was cancelled as we had too few members available. We look forward to seeing a freshly painted Hall next time. The June meeting will take place on Friday 6th June at 2pm in the Ron Harris room, Village Hall. Please try to come if you can, we can stitch and catch up with the news and have that important cup of tea. As there is no July Magazine here is the date for that meeting: it will be 4th July. Just a reminder then that we do not have a meeting in August. Please let **Lorraine**, (07713 03341) know if you are unable to make the June meeting.



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**22nd June** - Sri Lankan Night with Dart Valley Dining.

**5th July** - Live music with Charlie Storer.

**11-13th July** - **Dragonfest 25**, our live music, real beer and cider festival.

Including live music from The Lost Natives, Lee McCombe and Danny Hibbard, Cool Beanz, Take a Chance On Us and DJs as part of our line-up. We will also have an open mic session, children's entertainment and locally sourced real ales and ciders.

**19th July** - Live music with Isabelle Nutton

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Georgie and Alan

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## Stoke Fleming Village Hall

This month the Village Hall trustees have so many people to thank so here goes .....

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to Su Gorrie and her Vivo Defence team along with their supply chain partner, Ian Williams, for recently volunteering to redecorate the main hall and foyer areas of the building as part of a collaborative social values event. They really have done a fantastic job completing the project in just under two days to help minimise disruption to the booking schedule and even supplied all the materials free of charge. Our gratitude goes out to Su, Anthony Cook and Nicola Hunter from Vivo Defence and Kevin Hook, Steve Evans, James Wooding, Steve Edwards and Ted Bartlett from Ian Williams.



Secondly, we would like to applaud the marvellous efforts of Kerry and Nicky Southern who helped organise an evening bingo fundraiser, over in Moreleigh, which raised an amazing £1,100. These two worked tirelessly to collect a vast amount of prize and raffle donations from across many generous local businesses and were supported on the night by caller, Melvyn Treeby and several of our own locals on tea, cake and washing up duties.

Our third acknowledgment goes to our green fingered friends at the Hort & Sport Committee who have kindly funded three wonderful barrel planters outside the main hall, in association with Gardentime, and to Loam Rangers for their recent donation of £250 towards maintaining the grounds around the building.

Lastly, we would like to show our appreciation to Eric Pengelly, a delightful gentleman who was born and lived in the same house in Stoke Fleming for over 90 years before his passing a few months ago. Eric cared deeply for this village and has left us a wonderful legacy in his will to help us continue to be such a valuable community asset to the people of the Parish.

And talking of which, don't forget our table top sale on Saturday 21st June. The trustees will be selling a range of delicious cakes and biscuits so are on the lookout for any baking donations or pastry creations you care to create (see advert for details).

Thank you all again.



**Stoke Fleming Village Hall needs two enthusiastic volunteers:**

## **COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

This important role is responsible for ensuring that the hall operates in accordance with all relevant laws and regulations, particularly health and safety. It will involve the upkeep, review or creation of our risk assessments, fire safety checks, emergency plans, music and bar licenses and insurance policies.

**Commitment: 5 hours per month plus liaison with other trustees as required.**

## **MEETINGS SECRETARY**

This position is responsible for managing the administrative tasks within the hall, including organising trustee meetings, keeping records and ensuring its smooth operation. The role will involve preparing agendas, taking minutes, distributing information to committee members and handling correspondence.

**Commitment: 1 hour per week plus 6 evening trustee meetings per year.**

No experience is necessary but the ideal candidates will be computer literate, well organised and looking to give something back to their local community.

**If that's you then please call John Belli on 07538 156864 or email us for further information at [enquiries@stokeflemingvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stokeflemingvillagehall.org.uk)**

## Exciting News from the 100 Club!

We're thrilled to announce that **Peter Keil** is the lucky winner of our May draw with ticket number 101! He takes home a prize of £22 – congratulations, Peter!

The next draw is our quarterly draw with prizes of £55, £33 and £22. Could you be our next winner?

Joining the 100 Club not only gives you a chance to win these amazing prizes but also helps support our Village Hall.

The 100 Club June draw will take place at the Community Kitchen Lunch on Fri 27th June

**Simon Dowden**

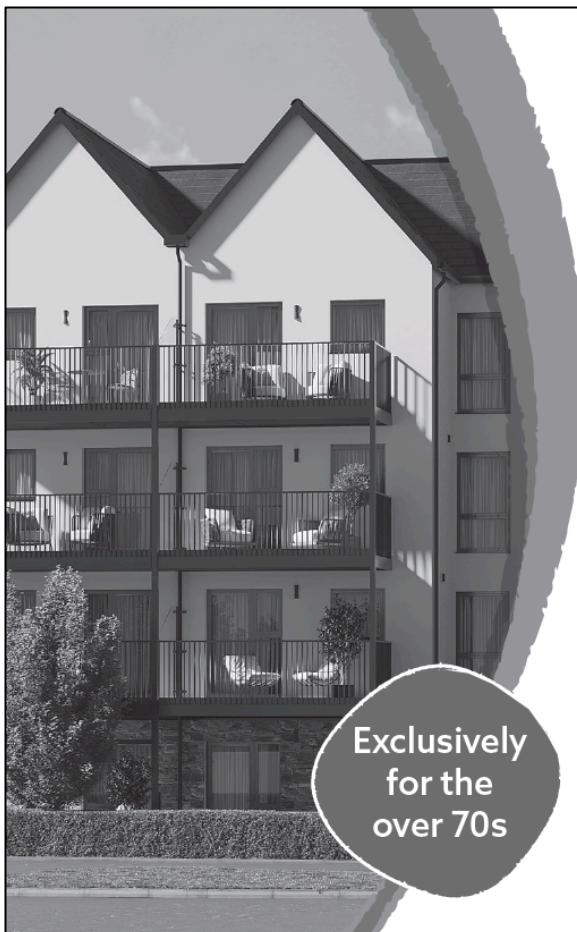
## Wednesday Ladies

Wednesday Ladies meet in June and July as follows:

11th June: “**South Devon Railway**” – Alan Taylor.

9th July – A cream tea.

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## The Woodland Garden at Stoke Lodge Hotel

April and May have been really exciting in the woodland garden of Stoke Lodge. The approved removal of the non-native trees and planting of native ones has been completed and allowed us to start the planting of camellias, provided by Jeremy Wilson from Strete Gate Camellias, along the top end of the Bird Walk. It has been an absolute delight to chat and listen to, what seems like, half the village as we have worked on this section.

We look forward to planting more signature trees and bushes throughout the grounds in the next planting season and in the meantime we will be trying to keep the weeds under control!

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## **Stoke Fleming Loam Rangers (SFLR)**

### **Stoke Fleming Loam Rangers**

**April 2005 - 2025**

### **Twenty-year Anniversary**

Yes it's true the SFLR is celebrating its 20th year of existence since it's conception back in 2005.

Started with the support of Cllr Peter Hunkin and School Head Michael Rolls, the first committee meeting officially opened the project with Di Emberson as Chairman, Catriona Kemp treasurer and Juliet Lambert secretary, with Sheila Foreman as administrator and 29 inaugural members.

Well done Juliet – still going strong as our secretary!

Are you one of our original members? Please let me know by text or email to the details below.

The initial project has now grown and established itself as a key community service with over 130 members and a volunteer “workforce” of over 30.

We can't let this milestone go by without recognising the occasion; we currently have a date of 4th July at 6.00pm at the Green Dragon so put it in your diary.

We will invite all volunteers and “riddlers” to join together for “food and drink” to celebrate and thank all of those involved in the running of the SFLR.

It would be great to have any of the founder members and past committee members attend so if that's you please drop me a message to the details below.

As ever we need more volunteers – we are just about covered to begin the Wednesday evening opening commencing 4th June through to 27th August. Please note there will only be one volunteer on site so please only bring waste you can unload yourself and only expect reasonable assistance from our volunteer.

**Steve Shakespeare – sgshakespeare@btinternet.com 07970137311**

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You can also talk to a community banker from your bank on the day your bank is in the Hub.

Monday	HSBC
Tuesday	NatWest
Wednesday	Lloyds
Thursday	Barclays
Friday	Santander

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Monday	08.00 – 17.00	08.00 – 17.00
Tuesday	08.00 – 17.00	08.00 – 17.00
Wednesday	08.00 – 17.00	08.00 – 13.00
Thursday	08.00 – 17.00	08.00 – 17.00
Friday	08.00 – 17.00	08.00 – 17.00
Saturday	08.30 – 13.00	09.00 – 13.00

### Stoke Fleming Little Lanterns (Pre-School) – Tel: 770244

Children from 2 years old. Mon to Fri, 08.30 – 15.00.

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### Loam Rangers Community Composting (School Road)

Every Sunday 10.00 to 11.30; every Wednesday from 4th June 17.30 to 18.00.

### Bus – Service 93 (at Endsleigh Hotel)

Stoke Fleming to Dartmouth			Dartmouth to Stoke Fleming	
Mon – Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon – Sat	Sun
08.32	08.30		06.15 ( <i>Not Sat</i> )	
09.35	09.35		07.30	
11.00	11.00	11.38	09.30	09.55
12.00	12.00		10.30	
13.00	13.00		11.30	
14.00	14.00		12.30	12.25
15.00	15.00	14.08	13.30	
16.28	16.25	16:38	14.30	14.55
17.15	17.15		15.30	
18.15	18.15		17.15	17.25
19.15	19.15	19.13	18.45	

**Service 93** runs from Dartmouth to Kingsbridge

**Service 3** Some of the buses continue from Kingsbridge to Plymouth as service 3 on weekdays and Saturdays. Please check before travelling.

## **June collection places and times (see page 3 for more details)**

Please return your feedback and donation envelopes to us at one of the following points (not if it's raining heavily!), or via the Village Hall mailbox which we will be checking daily.

**Sunday 1st:** 10-11.30am at Loam Rangers (in school car park)

**Monday 2nd:** 11.30-1.30pm at bench opposite shop

**Tuesday 3rd:** 2.00-4.00pm at Venn Lane post box

**Wednesday 4th:** 4.00-6.00pm at bench opposite shop

**Friday 6th:** 12.00-2.00pm at bench opposite shop

**Saturday 7th:** 5.30-7.30pm in front of Village Hall (for Start Bay Performers comedy)

**Monday 9th:** 8.00-10.00am at Venn Lane post box

**Tuesday 10th:** 12.30-2.30pm at bench opposite shop

**Thursday 12th:** 3.00-5.00pm at bench opposite shop

**Friday 13th:** 6.00-8.00pm at bench opposite shop

### **Little Cotton Farm residents**

Please provide your responses via the Baker Estates sales office

Remember you can also complete the survey online, and donations are welcome by bank transfer.

## June 2025

Sun	1	11.00 – Start Point Lighthouse open to visitors
Mon	2	
Tue	3	
Wed	4	19.00 – Parish Council – Village Hall
Thur	5	14.30 – Dartmouth & District Flower Club – Village Hall
Fri	6	14.00 – Craft Club – Village Hall 18.30 – The last Panto in Little Grimley – Village Hall
Sat	7	18.30 – The last Panto in Little Grimley – Village Hall
Sun	8	Dartmouth Triathlon – Blackpool Sands
Mon	9	14.30 – TASDAK – Flavel
Tue	10	
Wed	11	10.30 – Probus lunch meeting – Stoke Lodge 14.30 – Wednesday Ladies – Village Hall
Thur	12	10.00 – Dart Valley u3a – Flavel
Fri	13	
Sat	14	Live Music at Green Dragon
Sun	15	10.00 – Fathers’ Day service at St Peter’s Church
Mon	16	
Tue	17	Friends of Rowcroft lunch – Sportsman’s Arms
Wed	18	Greedy Table Tapas Night – Green Dragon
Thur	19	
Fri	20	
Sat	21	10.00-14.00 – Table Top Sale – Village Hall
Sun	22	Sri Lankan Night – Green Dragon
Mon	23	
Tue	24	
Wed	25	10.30 – Probus coffee meeting – Stoke Lodge
Thur	26	
Fri	27	Stoke Fleming School Sports Day 12.30 – Community Kitchen lunch – Village Hall – 100 Club draw
Sat	28	14.00-18.00 – Thorn Farmhouse Open Gardens
Sun	29	
Mon	30	

## July 2025

Tue	1	
Wed	2	
Thur	3	14.30 – Dartmouth & District Flower Club – Village Hall
Fri	4	14.00 – Craft Club – Village Hall 18.00 – Celebration for Loam Rangers – Green Dragon
Sat	5	10.00-16.00 – Dart Art Day for CHSW – Royal Avenue Gardens Live music at Green Dragon
Sun	6	11.00 – Start Point Lighthouse open for visitors 16.00 – THE 4 at Blackpool Sands
Mon	7	
Tue	8	
Wed	9	10.30 – Probus lunch meeting – Stoke Lodge 14.30 – Wednesday Ladies – Village Hall
Thur	10	10.00 – Dart Valley u3a – Flavel
Fri	11	Dragonfest – Green Dragon
Sat	12	Dragonfest – Green Dragon
Sun	13	Dragonfest – Green Dragon
Mon	14	
Tue	15	
Wed	16	<b>COPY DATE FOR AUGUST MAGAZINE</b>
Thur	17	
Fri	18	End of school term
Sat	19	Live music at Green Dragon
Sun	20	
Mon	21	
Tue	22	Friends of Rowcroft fundraiser – Royal Avenue Gardens
Wed	23	
Thur	24	
Fri	25	
Sat	26	
Sun	27	
Mon	28	
Tue	29	
Wed	30	
Thur	31	

## **Parish Council Minutes Summary – May 2025**

A monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 7th May 2025 in the Ron Harris Room, Stoke Fleming Village Hall at 6.07 pm. Please note: a full version of these minutes is at the library and on the website. This meeting was followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting where allocation of councillor roles took place.

The following Parish Councillors were present at the meeting of the Parish Council: Cllr David Harris (Chair), Cllr John Belli (Vice Chair), Cllr Belinda Duffy, Cllr Tim Moseley, Cllr Tilly Crowther, Cllr Jay Floyd, Cllr Jack Handley, Cllr Bella Johnston,

Also invited: County Cllr Julian Brazil, District Cllr Simon Rake, Clerk S A Whelon

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr Phil Elliott, Cllr Julian Brazil

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 2nd April 2025, AND PLANNING SITE MEETING NOTES were signed by the chairman as true and correct records.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Due to election to County Councillor, Cllr Rake will alternate his visits to Parish Council meetings.

General waste bins at Little Cotton – Cllr Rake offered to cover half of costs from his locality fund. Cost and installation of bins to be investigated.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Proposed new car park. A sub-committee meeting has taken place. Two other options other than Plan A discussed.

### **FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEERING sub-committee report**

a) Toilets – School Road – A Working Party will be arranged:

- i. Refurbishment update – plumber to start work on Saturday. Electrician has assessed work- quoted c£100. Quote for deep clean to be arranged with cleaning company. Meter box will be £25 + VAT. Dog ring on building wall to be fitted. Signs to be investigated by Cllr Floyd.
- ii. Disabled toilet refurb timeline will take longer, Green Dragon and Bowling Club pub to be approached to make a contribution to upkeep, in return for holding a radar key. Emergency cord required to be fitted.

### **COMMUNITY**

Update awaited re police monitoring.

### **ROADS & TRANSPORT**

a) No feedback on damaged wall in Bidders.

- b) Request to Highways – Dartmouth Road, junction to Bay View estate for double yellow lines to enable clearer view and safe crossing.
- c) Traffic Regulation Order in School Road to be chased.

## **MAINTENANCE**

- a) Request to SHDC for information signage “scan/ report if full” on dog poo bins.
- b) Village Hall has been decorated – interior paint remaining (willow green and off white) could be offered for sale if Parish Council is interested for use in Pavilion or Public Toilets.

## **PLANNING: All noted.**

### **APPLICATIONS**

- a) Reference: 0135/25/FUL.

Proposal: Retrospective replacement of existing storage shed, proposed enlargement of an existing staff pitch & retention of a bathroom pod for wardens. Site Address: Deer Park Caravan and Camping, Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0RF.

- b) Reference: 0721/25/VAR.

Proposal: READVERTISEMENT (amended description of development)

Application for variation of condition 21 of planning consent 0479/21/VAR (Application for variation of conditions 18, 19 and 20 of planning consent 2609/19/VAR and 15\_51/1710/14/O) in order to amend the area of local centre land or employment land to be used for Class E(a), E(b) or hot foods takeaway uses.

Site Address: Land At SX 853 510 adjacent to Townstal Road, Dartmouth

- c) Reference: 1082/25/VAR.

Proposal: Application for variation of conditions 2 (approved drawings) & 3 (structural report) of planning consent 1996/22/FUL Site Address: Ash Cross Kennels, Ash, TQ6 0LR.

- d) Reference: 1146/25/VPO. Cllr Rake explained that this is language correction.

Proposal: Application for modification of Section 106 Agreement on 3475/17/OPA to amend the definition of "Affordable Rented Unit" allow rent inflation in line with standard Homes England rules. Site Address: Proposed Development Site SX 856 508 (Land at Little Cotton Farm) Dartmouth.

- e) Application Number: 1149/25/ARC.

Location Address: Harber Overseas Estate Stoke Fleming TQ6 0PJ.

Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 13 (External lighting) to planning consent 0647/22/FUL Status - Under Consideration. Application Type: Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions.

- f) Application Number: 1107/25/NMM.

Location Address: 1 Rose Cottages Dartmouth Road Stoke Fleming TQ6 0NT.

Proposal: Non-material minor amendment to planning consent 0138/25/VAR.

Status: Approved. Application Type: Non Material Minor Amendment.

g) Reference: 1240/25/TPO.

Proposal: T1: Pittosporum - Coppice back to stool at 1m above ground level due to excessive lean & end weighted limbs & T2: Drimys - Reduce whole crown due to strong new growth at 2m from ground level due to poor form due to location between surrounding Pittosporum. Site Address: Melverley Ravensbourne Lane Stoke Fleming TQ6 0QR.

h) Reference: 0151/25/FUL.

Proposal: Part Retrospective Application for the siting of 3 mobile saunas (one existing) Site Address: Blackpool Sands, Blackpool, Stoke Fleming.

## **DECISIONS**

a) Application Number: 0138/25/VAR.

Location Address: 1 Rose Cottages Dartmouth Road Stoke Fleming TQ6 0NT.

Proposal: Application for variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 3329/24/HHO.

Status: Approved. Application Type: Variation or Removal of Condition.

b) Application Number: 0082/25/VAR.

Location Address: Redcroft, Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming.

Proposal: Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) and condition 9 (landscaping) of planning consent 3148/20/VAR.

Status: Refused. Application Type: Variation or Removal of Condition.

c) Application Number: 0111/25/HHO.

Location Address: 8 Redcroft Heights, Dartmouth Road, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0FB.

Proposal: Householder application to merge 2 bedrooms on first floor into 1 bedroom with master bedroom on second floor. Status: Approved. Application Type: Householder Application.

## **WITHDRAWN**

Application Number: 0529/25/CLP.

Location Address: 19 Barton Way, Dartmouth, TQ6 0FL.

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for proposed erection of a veranda to the rear elevation of an existing dwelling house. Application Type: Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Use.

## **TREE PRESERVATION ORDER**

a) No: 1108 Tree Preservation Order 2024 Site: Leonards Cove Holiday Park, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0NR. No objection.

## **Additionally:**

BT telephone box, Dartmouth Road – community to be consulted upon removal or adoption by council by beginning of June.

This meeting was followed by the Annual Parish Meeting – see website or contact [clerk@stokefleming.org](mailto:clerk@stokefleming.org) for details and reports where available.

**Date of next meeting: 4th June 2025**

## Dartmouth Triathlon

The triathlon is back at Blackpool Sands again on Sunday 8th June. The events kick off with swimming from 7am, but there are various competitions taking place, so there'll be people going in and out of the water for some time. (There are also separate swims from 4pm the day before.) The viewing point opposite the bottom of Old Road is a great place to watch this.



Participants next get onto their bikes to ride to Stokenham and back, twice. Strete is the place to be if you want to see them working hard, however, there'll be plenty of activity to watch at the bottom of Blackpool Valley Road. Keep your fingers crossed that there are no falls coming down the hill.

The running part of the event takes participants up and down the Valley Road, past the bottom of School Road / Embridge Hill and turning round at the junction with Venn Lane. Most people gather at the bottom of the Valley Road, but you can cheer participants on anywhere along the route, and jelly babies will often be gratefully received!

## Start Point Lighthouse

Start Point Lighthouse will be open for visitors on Sunday 1st June from 11.00am and on Sunday 6th July from 11.00am. Private tours can be booked anytime providing the lighthouse is not undergoing work and we can find tour guides. Email [info@startpointdevon.co.uk](mailto:info@startpointdevon.co.uk) if you are interested in this.

**Mary Newman**

## Dartmouth & District Flower Club

All meetings are held in Stoke Fleming Village Hall at 14.30. Subscription for the year is £35, with a small charge of about £3 at each meeting. There is always tea and cake served after the demonstration. Next meetings are:

5th June: **Sarah Pepper** – “A Whimsical Summer Garden”.

3rd July: **Hannah Burnett** – “In the Summertime”.

Contact: **Gwendoline** (833270) or **Joan** (770782).

# Friends of Stoke Fleming Primary School

## ***Set sail in the world...***

We are now in the final term of this academic year and able to look back on this year with lots of fond memories.

Some of the things in 2024-2025 that the Friends of Stoke Fleming School funds have been spent on include...



Extra IPADs to support the delivery of the curriculum

Outdoor play equipment to enhance breaktimes

The library refurbishment

A whole school theatre performance

New equipment in Early Years to develop play-based learning

A new set of ukuleles to enhance our music curriculum.

We would like to say a big thank you to the Naval cadets who recently gave up their time to construct the library shelving (donated by Fresh Dental) and also paint the picnic benches. The library is now operational and the books are much more accessible to the children as a result. What a fantastic piece of team work.

As you can see through the hard work of the community many positive changes have been made and we hope that the momentum will continue. Thank you to everyone who has contributed time, effort and funds to making this happen.

Next year there will be a focus on the school's goal to develop the pre-school further and make more improvements to our outside play spaces.

## **How you can help...**

Sports Day is fast approaching on 27th June. Not only is it a great afternoon for families to cheer on the kids in their games and races, but also a chance to celebrate our fabulous school community with a BBQ, drinks and games organised by the Friends of Stoke Fleming School.

In preparation for the day, we are looking for....

Donations of scones or cakes

Servers for food or drinks on the day

Do you love to face paint or braid hair (have another skill you are willing to share)?

Donations any bottles or gifts / toys for a tombola?

This year we are also interested in hearing about possible partners. Do you have a coffee van and are you willing to share some of your profits from the day? Do you know of an ice cream truck that would be willing to do the same?

Last, but by no means least, we would love sponsors. It would be amazing to have contributions towards the cost of running the event to maximise profits for the school. Alongside that sense of pride in helping your community, in return we could arrange advertising on the day and acknowledgements on our social media accounts and in the newsletters. We are hoping to arrange a bouncy castle this year. Could this be something you could sponsor?

Please get in touch by email at [stokeflemingsportsday@yahoo.com](mailto:stokeflemingsportsday@yahoo.com) if you can help or have ideas to share.

## Dart Valley u3a

On Thursday 12th June we will meet at The Flavel Arts Centre, Dartmouth and Katrina Gulliver will give a talk about the history of the gold rushes of Australia, California and Alaska.

On Thursday 10th July we will meet again at The Flavel Arts Centre to hear Pamela Vass talk about the Suffragette story in the Southwest - not a tale of a sleepy rural backwater but of women prepared to protest at political meetings, recruit in the streets and join mass rallies.

For both events entrance costs only £2 for members and £3 for guests. Tea and coffee will be available from 10.00 to 10.30am, please bring a reusable cup.

**Tim Freeman**



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## **Stoke Fleming Defibrillators**

Unfortunately, the defib stationed at the Village Hall has been out of service for a couple of weeks because it had a fault; the on/off button was not working, a vital part of the unit. It was not able to be repaired, so we have had to buy a new one, costing £1,310.40 but, luckily, we have had two anonymous and very generous donors who have paid the full amount. A big thank you goes out to them both and I can only add – *what a great village we live in.*

**BM**

## **Dartmouth Club de Pétanque**

It's surprising what a drop of springtime sun does for the soul! Around 24 pétanque players have been showing up for some cracking games on all six pistes. Others including several new members have come to practice for the first of the club's "closed" competitions of the new season.



Organised by Martyn Dowding, the competition, scheduled for the evening of Friday 30th May, will call on members to pit their wits and Pétanque prowess against each other in six timed games of 15 minutes. The aim is to score as many points as possible and take the trophy away from current holder, John Sparks.

The club meets throughout the year, in all weathers, in the bottom corner of the Stoke Fleming playing field, on Wednesdays and Sundays from 10.30am.

If you would like to come and try your hand, or find out more about this very sociable game, please contact **John** on 07811 102460.

## **The Arts Society Dartmouth and Kingswear (TASDAK)**

### **The Relationship between Sculpture & Architecture by David Worthington**

This lecture will take place on Monday 9th June at The Flavel Arts Centre, starting at 2.30pm. It is likely that the first architects were stonemasons who built the temples and cathedrals. David Worthington will trace the inter-relationship between sculpture and architecture, showing how in an age of Computer Aided Design the understanding of sculpture is more important than ever for architecture.

**Juliet Lambert**

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For more information on the walks please call 07570 848446. All walks are subject to change or cancellation at this time of the year.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Walk Level</b>	<b>Location of walk (£=bring money for ferry)</b>	<b>Meeting point</b>
5th Jun	9.22 or 10.05	3	Dartington walk to Cider Press & then on to Week & Huxhams Cross	09.22 no. 92 bus from Dartmouth Pontoon or 10.05 at Totnes railway station bus stop (Plymouth side)
12th Jun	10.00 or 10.20	3	Paignton to Broadsands Beach (£)	10.00 no. 120 bus from Kingswear Banjo or 10.20 Paignton Bus Station
19th Jun	09.22	2	Blackpool Sands via Bugford	09.22 no. 92 bus from Dartmouth Pontoon alighting at Sportsmans Arms bus stop
26th Jun	10.30 or 11.15	3	Chillington to Torcross	10.30 no. 93 bus from Dartmouth pontoon or 11.15 at Chillington village, 2nd bus stop
3rd July	10.25	2	Berry Head, Brixham circular (£)	10.00 no.18 bus from Kingswear Banjo or 10.25 Bank Lane Brixham
10th July	10.30	3	Long Wood circular (£)	The Bandstand, Royal Avenue Gardens

Date	Time	Walk Level	Location of walk (£=bring money for ferry)	Meeting point
17th July	10.30 or 10.55	3 +	Strete to Blackpool Sands via SW Coast Path with a picnic on Landcombe Beach	10.30 no. 93 bus from Dartmouth pontoon or 10.55 Strete 1st bus stop
24th July	10.30	3 +	Froward Point Kingswear (£)	Kingswear railway station (We will have a break at the lookout station at Froward, weather permitting, so feel free to bring a snack!)
31st July	10.00 or 10.15	2	Broadsands Beach to Brixham via golf course and The Grove (£)	10.00 no. 120 bus from Kingswear Banjo or 10.15 Broadsands/Churston Library

## Short Mat Bowls

Our regular Tuesday meetings from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm will continue until 29th July after which we'll have our summer break.

Normal service will resume on Tuesday 2nd September.

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<b>Emilie &amp; Simon's Big Quiz Night</b> A brilliant Dart Music Fest & Flavel Fundraiser.	<b>Thu 19 Jun</b> 7.30pm
<b>Leon McCawley (solo piano)</b> International Classical Series.	<b>Fri 20 Jun</b> 7.30pm
<b>The Southbury Child</b> by Stephen Beresford From Dartington Playgoers (LIVE Theatre).	<b>Sat 21 Jun</b> 7.30pm
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14.00-16.30 Short Mat Bowls. Contact Adrian: 01803 712159.

19.00-21.00 Table Tennis, new players (over 18) are always welcome. Contact Kim: 07594 223673.

## **Wednesdays**

09.15-10.15 Yoga with Ellie, no experience required. Contact Kirsty, Ellie or Lara: 07778 208080 / 07534 441715.\*

10.30 Club de Pétanque, Village Hall recreation ground, for all skill levels. New members are welcome. Contact John: 07811 102460.

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18.30-19.15 Ju-Jitsu and Self-Defence Children's class. Contact John: 07783 334746.

19.30-21.00 Ju-Jitsu and Self-Defence Adult class. Contact John: 07783 334746.

## **Sundays**

10.30 Club de Pétanque, Village Hall recreation ground, for all skill levels. New members are welcome. Contact John: 07811 102460.

*\*Please check for any last minute changes.*

## **The Probus Club of Stoke Fleming and District**

A Probus lunch meeting will be held from 10.30am at the Stoke Lodge Hotel on Wednesday 11th June. Ian Handford will give a talk entitled "**Harry Brearley, the inventor of stainless steel**", about the development of this ubiquitous modern material. At a coffee meeting at 10.30 on Wednesday 25th June in the same venue, Grace Zhu will give a talk about the amazing transformation of China, focussing on the rapid economic growth and social progress in the last 20 years.

Our July lunch meeting, again at Stoke Lodge Hotel, will be held on Wednesday 9th July beginning at 10.30am. Peter Edwards will give a talk entitled "**Cataclysmic Italy**" - about volcanoes and earthquakes.

After this, the Probus Club will take a short summer break, with talks resuming on 10th September. The club is keen to attract new members and a warm welcome will be given to guests. If you would like to come along and be a guest at a meeting, please contact us in advance.

**Peter Hales (07969 248397 / 01803 770739)**

## **Stoke Fleming Library News**

The public computer here is available for 2 hours free each day and we can also do A4 photocopying and printing in B&W and colour for you.

There is a free legal clinic on the 1st Friday of every month 10am - 12 noon at Dartmouth Library. You can talk to a professional from Start Point Law for help and advice.

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Looking forward to seeing you soon.

**Sue Taylor**

## Prickles in a Pickle

Before we update you with all things prickly we would just like to say how saddened we are by the passing of Shirley Ruddlesden. Shirley was a huge supporter of PIAP and very patient with our usual tardiness in sending in application forms! We send love to her family and friends; she will leave a massive gap in village life and in all our hearts.



We would like to thank the Loam Rangers for their welcome donation of £250 for the purchase of another tumble dryer. We also received a donation of £1,000 and the wonderful people who donated this wish to remain anonymous. Thank you.

So far, a quieter start to the year but we have taken in 130 hedgehogs, each one is triaged, given first aid, stabilised, veterinary help if needed and once strong enough given to a specific available rehabber.

Sadly, the main issues causing our hedgehog patients distress are poisoning and strimmers. Every year we give out information about strimmers. PLEASE check the area you are about to strim before you start. “No mow May” is a good idea in principle but much better to leave a few wild areas in the garden and regularly cut the area you want to keep tidy.

If you have pest control please check that the poison being used does not have a secondary life. Any other creature eating the carrion or rodent, still barely living will die too, this will include owls and other raptors, foxes, badgers and hedgehogs and of course your cat or dog.

We have had several adult hedgehogs in with severe leg injuries to front feet and legs due to the plastic “snap traps” a lot of people are using for rats and mice. These casualties often have to be “pts” as the infection is so severe it has infected bone or caused a compound fracture. These traps are absolutely lethal to hedgehogs.

One of our trustees and fundraisers, Janice, has been revving up our Instagram presence. Janice has been using pictures and film that we take while looking after the hedgehogs. She then puts them to music; it’s been very entertaining! Take a look.

Thank you for the donations they are all very welcome; we have a high demand for kitchen roll and steriliser tablets as well as Sainsbury’s tinned puppy food and Purina kitten biscuits.

We also need some extra help over the weekends and some washer uppers. Come along and meet us. Sadly no one under the age of 14.

Take care and best wishes, **Judy and Alan**

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## Latest News from Stoke Fleming Primary School

At the beginning of this term, we were delighted to welcome representatives from the RNLI who led a special assembly all about staying safe at the beach. The children impressed us with how much they already knew, and the session was a timely reminder of the importance of water safety—especially living in such a beautiful coastal area.

The children in Little Lanterns this half term have been looking at a range of topics, starting with “The Very Hungry Caterpillar”. They have been using a variety of mark-making tools such as corks, balloons and brushes to create their own caterpillars. They also made sure to give them faces and legs. This is one of our favourite books, we have been retelling the story in our learning and play. They also had a go at designing their own caterpillars and butterflies using different shapes.

Our fantastic Eco Council took part in an engaging sustainability workshop led by Alex from Resource Futures. The session began with a “waste audit”, where pupils collected all the waste produced across the school in a single day. They then sorted, weighed, and analysed the waste to gain a clearer picture of our environmental impact. Armed with this information, the Eco Council worked together to create a thoughtful action plan packed with ideas on how we can reduce waste and become a more sustainable school.

Our wonderful Year 6 pupils have had a busy time leading up to the SATs that they took in mid-May. As a school we are incredibly proud of them, they have worked so hard over the last two terms—showing resilience, focus, and a real desire to do their best. Their dedication and attitude during lessons have been outstanding, and we know these qualities will stand them in good stead for the future. After their busy week of exams, they then enjoyed a week of Bikeability training to obtain their Level 1/2 cycle awards.

Children from years 4 & 5 took part in the Dartmouth Music Festival singing in the Avenue Gardens on the Friday which they all enjoyed.

The last half term before we break for the summer holidays on Friday 18th is always packed with lots of fun and exciting activities – School Sports Day, visits to Blackpool Sands, Sailing Days at the RDYC for year 6. The last week of term the year 6 children will perform their leavers play at the village hall, then in school on the last day they will have their leavers assembly, we wish them all the best for their next adventure in their new schools.



## Friends of St Peter's

Twenty-five people attended the FoSP AGM in St Peter's Church on Friday, 9th May. Refreshments were served before the meeting which began at 6pm. Members were thanked for their loyal support, and retiring Committee members individually for all that they had done for FoSP; gratitude too was expressed to all who had volunteered in many different ways, at events and especially in the churchyard.



During the year FoSP has hosted two greatly enjoyed evening events in the church: a very entertaining and non-political talk by then local MP Anthony Mangnall about his Westminster experiences; and a wonderful concert by the Lyric Quartet. We were privileged, and very grateful, to have such talented musicians perform for us in Stoke Fleming. We also joined with the Village Hall fundraisers to deliver an excellent and very well attended concert in the Village Hall given by the spirited Dartmouth Rock Choir. The FoSP sponsored *Living Churchyard Team* has continued to enhance the NE area of the churchyard; a new bench is in position and a 'story-telling bench' had been ordered. The full Chair's Report by Suzie Dodsworth and Anne Worsfold had been emailed to members in advance, along with other documents.

The delays over the path project and the slow progress of the toilet/servery project have been very frustrating. Revd Matt, however, was hopeful that both would now be completed this year. Anne Worsfold will continue to help Matt with grant applications and was hopeful that the money still needed for the toilet/servery project could be raised, although local fundraising would still be important. Tim Hailstone, retiring treasurer, reported that it had been a good year for donations and for fundraising events. With FoSP's income now regularly in excess of £6,000 he had applied for CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) status.

There were three nominations for the 2025-6 Committee: Peter Barker (Chair), Suzie Dodsworth (Treasurer) and Rosemary Minshall, who were elected by a unanimous show of hands. Their priorities for the coming year will be to offer every encouragement to get the servery/toilet and path projects over the line, and to continue to support Jenny Hailstone and the *Living Churchyard Team*; to recruit new committee members who share the vision for maintaining and enhancing the church building and churchyard as wonderful amenities for the Stoke Fleming community; and, in due course, to promote more events in the church after the pattern of last year's very successful 'soirées'.

**Peter Barker**

## **Stoke Fleming Outdoor Bowling Club**

The outdoor bowling season is in full swing with matches, club nights, competitions and social events all taking place during the summer months. But it's never too late to come along to either watch a match, have a go at outdoor bowling or to even join the club!

There will always be someone at the green on Tuesday evenings from 6.00 pm for club nights (unless the weather is dire) or you can visit our website for more information ([stokeflemingbowlingclub.co.uk](http://stokeflemingbowlingclub.co.uk)).



**Liz Mallyon**

## **Little Cotton Farm Community update**

Welcome to the first LCF Community update. We will be reporting on anything newsworthy taking place on the estate which should be of benefit to both *Little Cotton Farm* residents, and nearby residents within the Stoke Fleming parish.

We all experience change throughout our lives and the *Stoke Fleming Voice* magazine itself is currently being re-examined in terms of its content. Readers of the publication have been invited to complete a survey with their thoughts and ideas, and any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Remember that your views will be contributing towards the future reshaping of the publication, so if you have an opportunity, it would be beneficial if you could complete the insert that is included within this magazine and leave your responses with the Baker Estates sales office anytime between 1st and 13th June.

May has been a busy time for *Little Cotton Farm*, and families will welcome the opening of the play parks. The large play park near the main entrance of the development offers numerous sporting facilities, including football, basketball and tennis to name but a few. There are also picnic and other seating areas for the less active, but ultimately the play parks offer a fun and safe environment for residents to relax and enjoy their recreation time in a tranquil setting.

It's wonderful to observe how *Little Cotton Farm* has expanded and we are now seeing new residents enjoying their new homes at the end of Cotton Way, which will mark the building of nearly 220 properties on the development, which indicates that we are almost halfway towards the completion of *Little Cotton Farm*.

Residents will also be pleased to know that the first phase of the commercial aspect of *Little Cotton Farm* will also be commencing soon. *Premier Inn* will be joining us on the development, and their contractors are due to commence works in mid-June with completion planned for September 2026. Inevitably with a large-scale commercial development, there may be some disruption, but *Premier Inn* and their consultants are fully aware that they are developing on a residential site and have given assurances that they will be doing their upmost to minimise disruption.

The residential care home, *Bayards Court*, operated by *Vivant Care* will be opening in Spring 2026, and the McCarthy Stone *Mewstone Place* development will hopefully be welcoming new residents in September 2025. It has been very impressive to witness how neat and tidy both developers have kept their sites, despite having to deal with inclement weather conditions over the past eighteen months, and we are hopeful that the contractors developing the new *Premier Inn* site will follow suit.

And finally, *The Little Cotton Farm Residents Association* has been working hard behind the scenes to get established and formalised. You will be able to meet the current members on the Little Cotton Farm Residents Association Facebook page.

Planning and organising for the community fun day is well under way and as always with these things, many hands make light work, so please look out for these requests for help and offer whatever you feel you can. The exact date is still to be confirmed but we are aiming for a July date. We look forward to this being the first of many events to bring everyone together.

We look forward to providing you with the next update and hopefully the summer will continue with these lovely blue skies.

## Join LCF Residents Association

Are you passionate about Dartmouth and Stoke Fleming as well as improving Little Cotton Estate? Do you want to have a direct voice in shaping our community? Join our Residents' Association!

We're a group of residents working to address local issues, promote community spirit, and continue to make Little Cotton a more vibrant and welcoming place. We're looking for enthusiastic individuals who are committed to:

- **Improving our neighbourhood:** From parking concerns to green spaces, we're tackling issues that matter to you.
- **Building community:** Connecting with neighbours and fostering a sense of belonging.

- **Representing your voice:** Working with local authorities to address your concerns.
- **Making a difference:** Contributing to a better future.

### **Benefits of Joining:**

- **Directly influence decision-making:** Your voice will be heard in shaping our community.
- **Connect with neighbours:** Build relationships and forge a stronger community.
- **Get involved:** Participate in local initiatives and make a positive impact.
- **Be part of something bigger:** Contribute to the well-being of Little Cotton.

### **How to Join:**

- **Attend our meetings:** Check our Facebook page or local notice boards for dates and times.
- **Contact us:** [lcfarmra@gmail.com](mailto:lcfarmra@gmail.com) or look us up on Facebook.

## **Volunteering in Stoke Fleming**

**"Ask not what Stoke Fleming can do for you, but ....."(to paraphrase JFK)**

If you can help Prickles in a Pickle in any way, including looking after the hedgehogs, please contact us on 01803 771086.

Join Stoke Fleming Voice and help us produce our magazine, for the benefit of the village. Our contact details are on the inside back cover.

To volunteer at Start Point Lighthouse from now until the end of September contact Mary Newman on 07855 483865.

The Community Kitchen is often looking for good confident home cooks to join our team. Training given. Contact [houseonthehill661@gmail.com](mailto:houseonthehill661@gmail.com).

Loam Rangers needs volunteers to assist on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Contact Paul Noonan – [pnoonan14@gmail.com](mailto:pnoonan14@gmail.com).

Friends of St Peter's needs new committee members to carry forward work on the church and churchyard. Contact Peter Barker – [latrator@btinternet.com](mailto:latrator@btinternet.com).

Helpers, sponsors and donations for the Stoke Fleming School Sports Day. Contact [stokeflemingsportsday@yahoo.com](mailto:stokeflemingsportsday@yahoo.com).

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## Where are we now?

The two Emilys, Emily Handley and Emily Bridge knew we were at Loddiswell Mill last month.



So, let's see how you get on with this month's picture going back to 1927.

Now the only question is where are we now?



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