

BISHOPSTEIGNTON ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING 2019

DRAFT MINUTES & REPORTS

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2019
BISHOPSTEIGNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, SHUTE HILL

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MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllrs. Merritt (Chair) BPC Cllrs. Benham, Cahill, Grimble, Lambert & Nicholson. County Councillor R. Peart, District Councillor T. Golder, & 20 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Bailey, Cawthraw, Davey & McDougall. PC. Rob Harvey & PCSO. Saul Bunce.

The Chairman opened the meeting by warmly welcoming members and parishioners in attendance.

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RATIFICATION OF MINUTES: IT was proposed by Cllr. Lambert, seconded by Cllr. Cahill, that these be approved and signed as a true and correct record of the Annual Parish Meeting held Monday 30th April 2018. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**. Chairman to sign. Clerk to upload to BPC website.

CHAIRMANS REPORT – 2019

This is my first Chairman's Report, having been privileged and honoured to be elected as Chairman of the Parish. My main aims have been to ensure that we serve all areas of the village, provide the best services possible, within the many constraints we face, endeavour to progress several of the long held aspirations of the Parish Council and to significantly improve our communication processes.

Key Issues during the year.

- These issues have been many and varied, in a very demanding and rewarding year for the Parish Council. A summary is shown below:
- Changes to Parish Council membership - New councillors - June Grimble and Kate Benham and resignation from Charles Morgan
- Parish Council relocation within Community Centre and lease agreement
- Housing Needs and options survey
- Teignbridge Local Plan Update - Response to proposals from Teignbridge Council at the Annual General Meeting in May 2018.
- Teignbridge Design and Heritage Officer meeting - Consider minor changes to the village Conservation Area Boundary
- Bishops Avenue Car Park - Land transfer from Teignbridge District Council, and planned remodelling and refurbishment
- Highway Issues - Regular communication with Devon County Council, Highways, to report issues - road defects, speeding etc. and quarterly meetings with Highway officers, including County and District Councillors
- Winter Gritting Route through village - Devon County Council advised the route from Forder Lane to Church Road no longer practical due to the number of parked vehicles. Gritting now currently limited to Church Road to the Ring of Bells
- Emergency Plan from 'Bishopsteignton Emergency Resilience Team' (BERT)
- Open Spaces and Assets Survey - Public consultation. Policy and plan being prepared taking account of responses
- Children Playparks - Lawns and Cockhaven Road - Equipment inspected regularly and additional play equipment installed
- Lawns Multi Use Games Area - Free for public use in daylight hours. Current consideration of improvement/enhancement, to facilitate greater usage
- Night Landing Site Michaels Field - Initiative by Parish Council and Devon Air Ambulance Trust, agreed with landowner -Teignbridge District Council. Village fundraising to finance provision of required lighting
- Village environment including dog fouling, maintenance of open spaces etc
- Funding Bids to various bodies for village projects
- Commemorative WW1 Bench-contribution to Bishopsteignton Heritage project
- Provision of Memorial Bench at Community Centre in memory of Jean Knapman for her service as Parish Clerk for 23 years
- Support 'Saving Teignmouth Hospital Campaign'
- Teignbridge District Council - Draft Policy - Devolving Assets to Town and Parish Councils - eg. consideration of Michaels Field in Bishopsteignton
- Teign Estuary Trail - Ongoing meetings with Devon County Council and Teignbridge District Council

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Members and Officers to progress project.

- Teign Estuary Forum - Annual Meeting
 - Parish Council Policies and Procedures - Ongoing update and new where required e.g., revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, GDPR guidelines and new Media Policy
 - Parish Council 2019/20 Budget and precept to Teignbridge District Council
 - Preparation for Parish Council Elections - 2 May 2019
- None of the above could be achieved without the dedication, commitment, help and support of the Vice-Chairman, other members of the Parish Council and the Clerk to the Council. I therefore wish to acknowledge and convey my appreciation and thanks.

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Charles Morgan for his service to the Parish Council, serving as a Parish Councillor since 2006, contributing significantly to village affairs, and also being chairman for two years.

How the Parish Council Operates

In addition, the monthly full Parish Council and Planning Committee meetings, elected members serve on other committees - Finance & Personnel, Countryside & Recreation, Maintenance and Burial. In addition, there are many other Groups where representation is required: Teign Estuary Trail, Teign Estuary Partnership, DCC Highways, Teignbridge Association of Local Councils and other groups required for specific projects.

The responsibilities and work of Parish Council and its elected members continues to increase; however, this provides a significant opportunity to engage with parishioners and influence the services we provide.

We have an excellent working relationship with our District Councillor - Tim Golder, County Councillor - Ron Peart and many other elected members council officers we communicate with. The support and assistance we receive cannot be underestimated and is very much appreciated.

Most services are provided by various contractors, who again we are greatly appreciative of, often dealing with urgent work at very short notice. Volunteers from the village and surrounding areas also play a vital role to our community, which is always very much appreciated. We are also fortunate that members of the Parish Council regularly volunteer and assist with various activities throughout the village.

I wish now to mention and commend the contribution to the Parish Council of Chris Grimshaw (Village Assets), Roger Gallagher (BERT), Peter Hepworth (Tree Warden) and youth organisations such as Scouts, who also undertake the annual Rights of Way survey. I must also pay tribute to the commitment of the many volunteers providing a great service to the village through all the excellent organisations and groups.

For the Parish Council to function effectively the Clerk to the Council plays a significant and pivotal role, carrying out many administrative duties, being the responsible finance officer, and also providing guidance on the operation of the Council's democratic processes. The parish is increasingly indebted to the work of the clerk. I wish to thank the Clerk to the Council on behalf of all elected members.

Conclusion

I would like to thank the Community Centre Management Committee for agreeing to the Parish Council request to move to more suitable accommodation to meet our current requirements. This is particularly relevant in the increasing use of modern technology to facilitate working more effectively, and in its communication processes.

In conclusion, I hope you will find this report interesting and helpful in providing information on the range of matters dealt with, and how the Parish Council operates to provide the best possible service to parishioners, within the democratic framework applicable to Parish Councils.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr. Peart expressed thanks for the opportunity to work alongside Bishopsteignton Parish Council members and clerk and thanked them for their dedication. He reported his allocation of locality budget has been donated to several causes over the previous year including the Village Hall, Village Festival & WW1 Memorial bench.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr. Golder shared Cllr. Peart's sentiments giving particular thanks to the Clerk to Bishopsteignton Parish Council.

He reported news from Teignbridge that the housing need in the area has increased due to a new method adopted to formulate the number. The need increases from 5,457 to 7765 new homes in the district up to 2028: approximately 777 new homes per year. Teignbridge DC are currently working on strategies to deliver this however some may be shared with other regions under the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan.

Cllr. Golder expressed concern about the increase to budget for policing services in the region; as shown on the recent council tax bill.

1. Annual Crime Statistics for Bishopsteignton Parish 2019

Neighbourhood Beat Manager – PC. Rob Harvey

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CRIME TYPE	01/04/17 to 31/03/18	01/04/18 to 13/03/19	VARIATION
Harassment, alarm or distress	2	5 [^]	+3 increase
Assaults	3	8 [^]	+5 increase
Malicious communication	7	3	-4 decrease
Burglary	8	3	-5 decrease
Theft of motor vehicle	0	0	Static
Damage to or theft from motor vehicle or vehicle interference.	20	3	-17 decrease
Criminal damage to property etc.	3	2	-1 decrease
Marine crime	0	0	Static
Shoplifting	2	5	+3 increase
Drink Drive	1	4 [*]	+3 increase
Disqualified Driving or Misc Motoring Offences	0	1	+1 increase
Fail to Stop	0	0	Static
Drug possession/production.	0	3 [*]	+3 increase
Obstruct an Officer	0	0	Static
False rep. or cheque/card fraud. Money laundering.	0	2	+2 increase
Going equipped for theft	0	0	Static
General theft	1	8	+7 increase
Cruelty to animals	0	0	Static
Dog attacks to person/animal	1	1	Static
Sexual Offences incl. Indecent Images	2	0	-2 decrease
TOTAL overall	49	48	-1 decrease

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* All the drug possessions were linked directly to the drink/drug driven vehicles that were stopped passing through the village on the main road.

^ Many of the assaults and harassments were linked to the same long-standing dispute between associated parties.

2. 1st Bishopsteignton Scout Group

Elaine Cawthraw, Chairman



General Information

81 young people enjoy the benefit of scouting and we have a waiting list of 20 wanting to join

Beavers 6 – 8 yrs. meet on Monday from 5.30 p.m. - 7pm in the primary school

Cubs 8 – 11 yrs. meet on Tuesday from 6.30 p.m. - 8p.m. in the primary school

Scouts 11 – 14 yrs. meet on Friday from 6 p.m.– 8 p.m. in the primary school

Explorers 14 – 18 yrs. meet on Thursday from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Shaldon Scout Hut

We have 11 uniformed leaders and 7 young leaders.

The Group's Community work

Parish Council footpath survey and clearance

Beach, footpath and village litter picking

Fence painting at Cockhaven play area

Leaflet delivery

Remembrance Day parade; lighting the beacon and the poppy display

Performed at the Bishopsteignton Players pantomime

Christmas Card delivery and Christmas Carol singing

Fundraising for Devon Air Ambulance

Fundraising for Syrian Refugees, Motor Neuron Disease and St. John's Church Tower

The year's challenges

Continue our search for land to build a new scout hut

Finding storage solutions for day-to-day resources (currently in leader's houses)

Recruit new leaders following the loss of 2 warranted leaders

The year's highlights

1 Queen's Scout award

4 new leaders

1 Explorer selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree in the USA in 2019

7 scouts selected to attend the European Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2020

Scouts archery team won the District Archery Trophy

A scout won best scout in the District (District Commissioner's award)

A team won the bronze award at the Hurdlestone challenge camp out of 80 teams

The Group Scout Leader was presented with her 20 yrs. service award (one year late!)

Objectives for the year 19/20

Continue our search for land including talks with TDC regarding Michaels Field

Continue our search for permanent storage

Fundraise to support group activities, low income families, new HQ and the Euro Scout Jamboree

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Retain and develop leaders

THANK YOU to Bishopsteignton Primary School for the use of the school premises, the whole community for supporting our events and fundraising and to our District Councillor, Tim Golder and the Parish Council for their kind donations.

3. Bishopsteignton Village Festival – John Patton, Chairman

Following the success of the Festival in 2017, we carried out a full review of the events. We also invited the village to a meeting to discuss the future of the Festival and other events. This meeting was attended by over 70 people. The outcome of these reviews not only helped shaped this year's Festival but determined other village events run by the Festival committee over the last 12 months.

Other events run the BVF Committee:

- Christmas Market at Humber Farm. Our annual Christmas market was a huge success, with over 30 stalls and a full programme of entertainment, including the school choir.
- Film night – we set up a film night in the Community Centre, following a suggestion at the review meeting. Whilst this had to be cancelled, we have plans to try again later in the year.
- Pimms Garden Party – in the garden of The Green thanks to the generosity of Claire Booth. The event was a sell-out. We had a full programme of music. Provide by musicians from the village. Everyone was given their own picnic hamper.

We are now in the final stages of planning for this year's Festival, which runs for a whole week from Monday 17th – Sunday 23rd June. Early in the week we have a full programme of activities and performances in venues around the village, organised and run by different village groups. The pupils of Bishopsteignton Primary School will be engaged in workshops during Thursday and Friday. The week comes to a climax on the Village Green, Friday 21st- Saturday 22nd June with: workshops/exhibitions/performances/Saturday Festival Fair/Dog Show/Band night/food and drink tents etc. The Festival closes with a concert in St John's Church on Sunday 23rd June.

Every house in the village will receive a programme outlining all the Festival activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the National Lottery, who continue to support the Festival, and local businesses who have also financially supported the event. Their support enables us to run the Festival events free to all residents in Bishopsteignton.

I must also thank our local councillors who have provided grants helping us to run a free minibus service during the Festival, as well as enabling us to buy in some extra workshops for the school children.

If you have an hour or two to spare and would like to volunteer help during the Festival, please contact us via the village web site. The whole Festival relies on the goodwill of our loyal team of volunteers.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Festival.

4. Bishopsteignton Healthy Living Group – Eddy Stephenson, Chair

The Healthy Living Group has continued its development during the past year with its principal activities notarised below.

a) **The Memory Café** - *See separate report.*

b) **Bishopsteignton Care Watch** – The service continues to provide much appreciated assistance particularly to those who need transport to medical facilities. A call to the published phone number alerts a co-ordinator to the need when a local volunteer can be allocated to the task.

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- c) **Dementia Friendly Village** – A new Dementia Champion has completed the course and is now qualified. She will be working with Village Groups and organisations to increase awareness of Dementia and its dreadful consequences. It is planned to explore how children can relate with and help sufferers locally.
- d) **Defibrillators** – One of the Defibrillators has been successfully used during the year. The unit at Horns Park has been re-sited providing improved access. A separate fund within the HLG account is now accumulating money to provide further units and assist with maintenance and replacement part costs.
- e) **Trim Trail** – An outdoor Table Tennis facility has been ordered for installation at The Lawns. Several graded walks have been produced that will be identified around The Village. There will also be a calorie scale to give an indication of the walk benefit.
- f) **Community Facilities** – HLG are working with the “Repair Cafe” not only to contribute to that proposed operation but to consider how it may be a conduit to schemes previously considered such as “Men in Sheds” & “Ladies Craft”. While social isolation may not be immediately apparent in Bishopsteignton, it does exist and is a concern.
- g) **Seated Yoga** – Starting on 5 April a series of eight “Gentle Exercise to Music” sessions have been booked. HLG has obtained sponsorship for the courses that, together with a generous donation, means there will be no charge to participants. Donations to HLG funds will be welcomed!
- h) **BERT** – HLG & BERT have identified common areas of interest and work together to ensure maximum benefits for Bishopsteignton.

HLG continues to work for the benefit of our community and will consider any reasonable suggestion that might enhance the life of our village and its inhabitants.

5. Bishopsteignton Memory Café – Mary Hampson

The Memory Cafe, under the auspices of HLG, is now in its fifth year. Numbers remain steady at around 25 people attending the monthly meetings. Not all of those attending come because they or their relatives have memory problems, but some come simply because they enjoy the friendship and the company on offer. Our excellent team of volunteers run the sessions and offer support to those who attend.

This year our activities have again covered a variety of topics including reminiscences, games, music/singing, exercise as well as tasty demonstrations by Wiltshire Farm Foods. We have also had an outing to Buckfast Abbey, finishing with a cream tea at the Grange restaurant there in September. This was kindly financed by a donation from the Dartmoor Vale Rotary. We also had a trip to China Blue in Totnes for a craft session which was greatly enjoyed by those who went. At the Christmas session we were entertained marvellously by a choir of 25 pupils from the Primary School. This was superb and greatly enjoyed by all. The hope is this will lead to closer links between the Primary School and the Memory Cafe in the future to our mutual benefit. I would also like to thank The Cockhaven Arms for its continued support of Memory Cafe.

In 2018 we undertook a thorough review of our practices to bring us into line with the requirements set for the Quality Assurance certification that we achieved at the end of the year.

We also started a new venture in April in addition to the Memory Cafe. This is “Singing for Memory” – an afternoon singing session plus instruments. This is an activity that has been very popular, especially with those with memory problems and also great fun for all. This takes place at the Cockhaven Arms once a

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month presently on a Monday but this will move to the afternoon of the 4th Wednesday of the month from April. Tea and biscuits are included! We have recently received a grant to help with the purchase of song books and music.

We have also received a grant towards the “Tom Ryan Project” which will see us developing individual books of memories for our clients. This project was started thanks to the generosity of the Ryan family who donated money in memory of their father, Tom, who had suffered with dementia.

6. Bishopsteignton Emergency Resilience Team – Roger Gallagher

Thankfully, it’s been a quieter winter period, so far, compared to February and March 2018. As a team we are always working towards improving the plan and the methods which may be used in any emergency. Funding has now been secured from the Devon Communities Together grant. This will be used to increase and improve our essential supplies as well as resolve storage issues.

A booklet is due to be delivered to all households over the next months; this will give clear instructions to residents about what to do in an emergency with the correct names and numbers to contact.

7. Bishopsteignton Primary School

Bishopsteignton Primary School focuses on creating positive learning opportunities for the children in our community and surrounding areas.

The school had grown in the past three years and now has 7 classes and 205 pupils. We are very fortunate to have talented staff who teach and inspire our pupils to have a love for learning. Our school values are intrinsic to our school lives – collaboration, curiosity, empathy, high expectations, resilience and self-belief. We hope you see the children demonstrating some of these values when out in the community.

Our Community links are very important to us. We have ‘Community Champions’, a group of pupils from Year 2 and Year 5 who visit Moors Park Residential Home once a month to join in activities with the residents. Pupils really enjoy the church’s ‘Open The Book’ group, who come into school once a month to act out Bible stories in assemblies. Every Christmas, we perform two concerts in the church that are open to parents and the local community and our choir sings at two residential homes in the area and the Christmas Market up at Red Rock Brewery.

We benefit as a school from amazing support from our parents and the wider community. Friends of Bishopsteignton School, FOBS raise an incredible amount of money for the school through their fayres, discos and wide range of fundraising activities.

In addition to learning resources for the classes and new reading books, they help to pay for trips to the theatre at Christmas and class visits to Living Coasts, Stover Country Park, Haldon Forest and Teignmouth Museum. Their assistance is vital to enable these activities to happen and is testament to the support that we receive as a school. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the wider community for all their support and donations to the FOBS’ activities.

We are looking forward to the next village festival in June. This is always an amazing opportunity for the pupils as we are lucky to be invited to take part in the activities.

To prosper as a school, we understand the importance of the community and are lucky to have so much support. Many of our co-opted governors are those who live in Bishopsteignton and come from an education background or have a skill that can help the school.

We look forward to another busy but fulfilling year.

8. St Johns Church Maintenance Committee Report – Sir Andrew Ridgway

This has been another very busy year for the Church Maintenance Committee. A major part of its effort

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has been committed to the delivery of the Immediate Actions identified in last year's Quinquennial Inspection Report. The Committee has now selected Andrew Johnson as the contractor to carry out the repairs to the Grilles on the South wall stained-glass windows. The Committee is in discussion with Devon Historic Churches Trust and is in the process of submitting a grant application to contribute to the cost of this work which should be completed in the Summer.

A Project Planning Team to address the major roof repair work identified in the Quinquennial Inspection has been formed under the leadership of Oliver Trice, a Chartered Building Surveyor and experienced Project Manager who lives in the Village. The team includes John Plumb, Ian Boyd and Andrew Ridgway and will report to the Church Maintenance Committee and thence to the PCC. The Planning Team will be responsible, on behalf of the Church Maintenance Committee, for Project Planning, major Grant applications, and communicating progress to the Village community. The need for immediate attention to be given to this work was reinforced in the Summer when there was a major fall of large pieces of plaster from the ceiling above the Nave. Immediate action was taken to secure the sections of the ceiling plasterwork. A request for a Gateway Grant has been submitted to the National Historic Churches Trust to cover the preliminary work necessary in advance of a request for major funding. The preliminary work will include an investigation of different sections of the roof to confirm that the whole roof needs repair. The work will also investigate the possibility of changing the water flow in the valley between the Nave roofs. This will remove the need for rainwater to flow across the first-floor room in the Tower. In the meantime, the Committee has cleared with the Diocese that the lead lined, wall mounted, water gully could be replaced if it does not prove possible to change the valley water direction of flow. The roof project is going to be at a substantial cost of something in the order of £400,000. The Committee is in discussion with the National Lottery Heritage Fund and is planning to submit a bid for a grant of up to £250,000 to cover a significant part of the cost. Clearly some Matched Funding will be needed, and the Committee is working to identify further sources of funds. It will be very important to demonstrate the commitment of the Village community to the project by local fundraising. The money raised by the Open Gardens and during the Harvest Collection is an excellent example of this, as is the money raised by donations for coffee, tea and biscuits after the 10.30 Services on Sundays.

One key feature of any successful bid for funds from the National Lottery Heritage Fund is a demonstration of a wider commitment to Heritage issues. To achieve this the PCC has established a partnership with Bishopsteignton Heritage. This has already delivered Heritage lectures in the Church, involvement of Village School children in the research into the WW1 Servicemen who lost their lives in the war, and the production of Information Boards covering the history of the Church and the graves of Nelson's Admirals that are buried in the Churchyard. We are having some ongoing discussions with the Diocese Advisory Committee before the Boards can be erected! This Heritage activity will be vital in justifying the bid for National Lottery Heritage Funds.

The close working relationship of the Committee with Bishopsteignton Parish Council has continued during the year and Kim Ford is a much-valued member of the Committee. There was a very positive joint inspection of the Churchyard during the Summer. All the gravestones that had been identified as being slightly loose during last year's inspection were checked and all were found to be secure following excellent work by BGS. BGS have continued with their work to maintain the Churchyard and to clear the Ivy from graves at the East end of the Churchyard. This work has been extremely successful and has involved clearing large amounts of Ivy from the Sanctuary Chapel wall. The clearance of the graves has fully exposed the graves of Nelson's Admirals buried in the Churchyard. A grant was made available by

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Councillor Tim Golder to help with this work. These very important and historic graves need to be fully refurbished, and Peter Marsden and Jenny Ridd have agreed to lead a refurbishment project. This will include the bidding for funds from the 1805 Club and will include the publication of Jenny's booklet on the history of the Admirals buried in our Churchyard and which will be available for sale in the Church. Work by BGS has also continued in the Garden of Rest and there has been a major clearance of low tree branches and the removal of some Holme Oak trees and the clearance of moss from the entrance to the Garden. Jeff Gibson and Mike Hurst have continued with their programme of raising the level of the stone slabs and this will continue in the Spring.

A substantial amount of routine work has been carried out, as ever, during the year. Considerable effort has gone into changing Nave light bulbs as well as the spotlight bulbs high in the roof. A solution to the challenge of establishing a downlight to illuminate the entrance to the Churchyard has been found and has recently been fitted. Its effectiveness will be assessed in the forthcoming weeks. The whole microphone and speaker system in the Church has been updated and significantly improved. The West doors to the Nave and the Tower have been repainted and the Funeral Candlesticks have all been completely refurbished. Much of this work has been carried out tirelessly by Jeff Gibson and Mike Hurst, including the endless winding of the Church clock. We really could not manage without them! We are also most grateful to Helen Boyd and her team of volunteer Church cleaners who ensure that our Church is always looking its best; and to our Church Wardens for all that they do in support of Church maintenance daily.

9. Bishopsteignton Probus Club – John Tuddenham, Chairman

We are a welcoming club for retired men and those approaching retirement, meeting in a relaxed atmosphere proving fellowship, and the perfect opportunity to meet new friends.

Potential members are encouraged to find out more about the club by speaking to existing members, including our Hon. Secretary Tony Corlett 01626 774772, email tonycorlett@aol.com; Chairman John Tuddenham 01626 870004, or the Press Officer Dr. Nigel Darby 01626 7795100.



A very good way to find out if you would like to become a member is to attend one or two meetings, without obligation as a guest of the club. This can be arranged through any of the club officers above or by expressing an interest to any members that you know.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

There are fortnightly presentations on Tuesdays, from September to May, on a variety of interesting topics by quality and experienced speakers, which are reported the local press (Teignmouth Post, Mid Devon Advertiser and the Herald Express), in the Village Chronicle and the Probus web site, which is part of the village web site: bishopsteignton.org.uk

Meetings are held at the Cockhaven Arms. Members and guests arrive from 10.00 am for coffee and informal chat with meetings commencing at 10.30 am and concluding by mid-day. Members are then most welcome to join friends for a drink in the bar or have lunch.

During the past year, our program has included:

The Port of Teignmouth. By David Vaughan, Jim Hacker Myth or Reality by Rt.Hon. Sir Jeremy Hanley KCMG. Cold War Warrior by Sir Jonathan Todd and Steamers of the River Dart and Beyond by Chris Phillips.

forthcoming presentations include Cyber Awareness by Laurie Cowie and 40 Years of Blue Peter by Alex Leger.

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Other activities to which wives/partners are most welcome, include visits to places of interest, and lunches in June and at Christmas.

This year we have visited the Bishops Lydiard to Minehead Steam railway, traveling there in a vintage coach.

10. B.A.G.S. – John Parkes, Chair

The allotments continue to flourish with a full membership and 2 people on the waiting list. Kate and Dawn keep maintain contact with our local groups by holding various activities on the community plot and there are moves to introduce a 'Help Yourself' produce table this year, hopefully liaising with HITS to offer food to the Homeless Shelter.

The Nuttery has been handed back to Bishopsteignton Heritage as we were not able to manage the site effectively.

We have acquired a new petrol lawnmower thanks to support from Cllr Tim Golder who allocated part of his community fund to the project.

12th night celebrations were held on the 6th January with a lunchtime gathering when we enjoyed various culinary delights and a range of tipples.

Thanks to all the committee members for their continuing hard work, particularly Dave and Brian with their tireless maintenance of the site.

Anyone who is interested in getting involved please contact John on bagsjpk@gmail.com

11. Sustainable Bishop – Kate Yeo, Chair

Sustainable Bishop has been a bit quiet for the last couple of years but because of the climate crisis we are making a resurgence. We are currently planning a Repair and Fix it Day with the Healthy Living Group. This will be held in October and is aimed at reducing waste by mending items but also encouraging people to come together and share their skills. We would love to hear from anyone who can fix and mend things such as bikes, clocks, electrical items, clothing etc. We are also hoping to launch an Eco Brick Project which makes use of single use plastic which cannot be recycled elsewhere. We will be relaunching the group under a new name and warmly welcome anyone who might want to be actively doing something about our environment.

Linked with the above is the Community Gardening Veg Plot sited at the Michaels Field Allotments, we have been going now for 4 years. Our aims for this year are to encourage more children into gardening and have a plot ready for their use. We were part of the Open Gardens last year and will be participating in the Festival this year and look forward to seeing you there. We welcome all ages and abilities and hope that other groups for example, Memory café, might come down and get involved.

12. Bishopsteignton Big Breakfasts – Kate Yeo, Team Member

Finally, I would like to mention the Big Breakfast which is still going strong, and we thank you all for the support. Our last one at the beginning of March raised £836.43 for Save the Children and £285.50 for Rowcroft Hospice via the raffle. We served up 119 full breakfasts. Our next one is on the Festival Weekend and we would love to hear from anyone who may be able to help.

13. Open the Book – Barry Carpenter

Open the Book is a National programme aimed at bringing Bible Stories to life for primary school children. An ecumenical group from local churches started over 2 years ago, after discussion with the

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Head teacher, to present a monthly Bible Story to the children in our Primary School Assembly. We act out the story - normally lasting around 10 minutes, wear costumes, have an amazing array of props and most importantly, involve a small group of children (selected by the school) to help us with each story.

14. Garden Club – Roy Halsey, Chair

I am pleased to report that our Club has had a successful year. Our membership has remained constant, we have lost a few members but also gained a few.

Once again I must congratulate our Speaker Finder, Venice, on the quality of the Guest Speakers that she has found for us, with talks on “Plants from the Canary Islands”, “Lukesland”, “Bonsai”, “Climbing Plants”, “Pelargoniums”, “Chrysanthemums”, “Autumn and Winter Colour”, and “Orchids”. also for the very interesting talks that we can look forward to in the coming year.

We held a Coffee Morning and Plant sale during May, which was different from the afternoon Tea Party and Plant Sale from the past years. This change proved a great success as a larger profit was made this year as against the past because the expenditure was less.

Once again the Club was represented at the Village Show where we were again the winners of the Village Club Class for the seventh time in the 18 years that the competition has been held. Congratulations also to our members who also entered and were successful.

On the down side our Annual Outing had to be cancelled due to lack of interest from the Members. Your Committee will have to look onto holding another outing this year, the expense seems to be in the hiring of a coach which costs about £15 each before other costs are taken in account.

My thanks to the Committee of the Club for their work in keeping the Club running, to our Secretary, Lynda, our Treasurer, Nigel, again to our Speaker Finder, Venice and other members of the Committee, Sarah, Glynis, Linda, June, David and Jackie who have all played their part in the running of the Club. To my Vice-Chairman, Henry for taking over during my illness and last, but not least, to our President, Shirley Nutt for all she has done and hopefully will continue to do in making sure that we have refreshments at all our meetings. My special thanks go to my wife, Jackie, for running the raffles at our meetings and looking after the Club Flower Tub in the Village. Also not forgetting the two stalwarts who put-up the posters around the Village to advertise our meetings.

Our Club is set for another very successful year, with your help, which I am sure will be forthcoming.

15. Bishopsteignton Flower Club

Our flower club has been running for more than 30 years and our meetings enjoyed by about 36 members and guests.

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We meet on the 1st Thursday of the month (except a May and January) in the Community Centre at 6.45 pm for tea and coffee followed by a demonstration at 7.30pm We have flower arranging demonstrations from NAFAS Area demonstrators and local florists, "hands on" evenings, outings and annual lunch.

Everyone welcome, please come and join us - membership £35 p.a. Guest admission £5.

Enquiries. Liz Hill lizhilltownsend@gmail.com

16. Community Table Tennis

The group commenced playing in the late summer of 2017. We use 2 tables (foldable and easily stored) in the Hawkins Room of the Community Centre provided by them. A quiet start picked up in early 2018 and we now have 16 active members with the majority playing every Thursday evening. Any more might be difficult to accommodate.

We stress that it is social rather than competitive, it is self-funded and administered (and great fun!). Contact: - Ken. Cassidy [01626/770111](tel:01626770111).

17. Bishopsteignton Art Group

The Art Group has had another successful year and continues as a thriving club and asset to the community.

We are a friendly group of art enthusiasts who meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons at 2 pm at the Community Centre in the picturesque and historic village of Bishopsteignton. There are two terms each year, Spring and Autumn with the Group's annual exhibition being held in May. Much more detail is available at our own web site, www.bishopsteigntonartgroup.com as well as on the village site.

We have members of all abilities from established artists to absolute beginners. The atmosphere is informal, helpful and relaxed. We welcome all new members, there are no selection criteria except for your willingness to have a go, in whatever medium you like! If you are not sure you want to commit to membership, why not come along for a free 'taster' session?

In addition to our regular meetings, we have a series of workshops and demonstrations; these invaluable extra sessions allow members to develop and expand their current artistic skills and explore new media. The full programme is shown on our web site together with a gallery of members' work.

18. Lunch Club, Mal Worrall, Chair

Lunch club was started more than 35 years ago to not only raise funds for the Community Centre but to give the people of the village an opportunity to enjoy a meal in the company of each other. At present we have 57 members and 13 volunteers who cook, serve and chauffeur less able diners to and from the venue.

Meeting once a month, on 3rd Wednesday, we provide a varied 2 course meal plus tea/coffee. We also have a raffle with the prizes provided by the diners themselves.

The cost is £5 plus £1 for raffle, this generates approximately £1200 each year for the Community Centre funds.

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