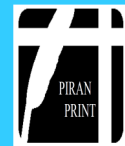


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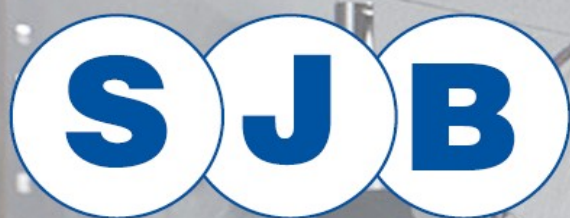
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## **If community is based on shared experiences, the world has certainly got a lot smaller**

If the past year has taught us one thing it is the power of togetherness, even when physically apart we can still play an important role in something great. We have laughed with strangers, smiled at neighbours, stood on our doorsteps together and clapped, we have taken part in virtual book clubs and joined online cookery classes, we have volunteered, we have held conversations with strangers on our daily walks and we know the term Zoom meetings will forever be embedding in our brains.

We have learnt new meanings to the word community and at the same time come to understand its true power. Community allows us to interact, it allows us to share experiences and support one another, community is what provides us with the foundations to build valuable relationships and allows us to enjoy a sense of belonging. This sense of belonging is what makes us who we are and who we can become.

During the first lockdown the Merlin MS Centre was forced to close its doors, meaning the place that meant so much to so many could no longer offer a haven of security, a place of belonging. The Centre provides vital services to many people, stopping services altogether was not an option. Through the application of emergency funding the therapy team were able to start providing a 'Keep In Touch' service, offering exercise classes online as well as phone calls to the most vulnerable. The lack of in person support and interaction was very apparent in many service users and thankfully, deemed as an essential service, the Centre was able to open its doors again in July 2020 and has remained open since.

The impact of the pandemic on the charity sector has been devastating and Merlin MS Centre will feel this impact for many years to come. Our mission however remains the same, to continue to provide an all-inclusive Centre of support to people with long-term neurological conditions across the County. We are proud of the community we and our amazing supporters have built over the years and we hope that with a shift in the true meaning of community spirit, that many more people will want to join us in securing the services we provide to the people of Cornwall now and in the future.

There are many ways in which you can bring your community together to support us. We have recently launched a lovely fundraiser to get people together again in the form of our BBQ Challenge, where we are asking people to (following current guidelines) gather their friends to host a garden party or BBQ or organise a community cookout.

A free BBQ pack can be found on the website:

**<https://www.merlinmscentre.org.uk/get-involved/community-ambassadors/host-a-bbq>**

Maybe you have taken up a creative hobby during lockdown, could you make and sell to raise money?

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Violetta Thurstan, born as the eldest child of a medical doctor in 1879 in Sussex, lived a long life that was touched by some of the most notable historical events of the 20th century. She and her three younger brothers travelled with their parents and were educated partly abroad; maybe this was the seed of Violetta's interest in, and talent for, language which widened her horizons beyond that thought 'typical' for women at that time.

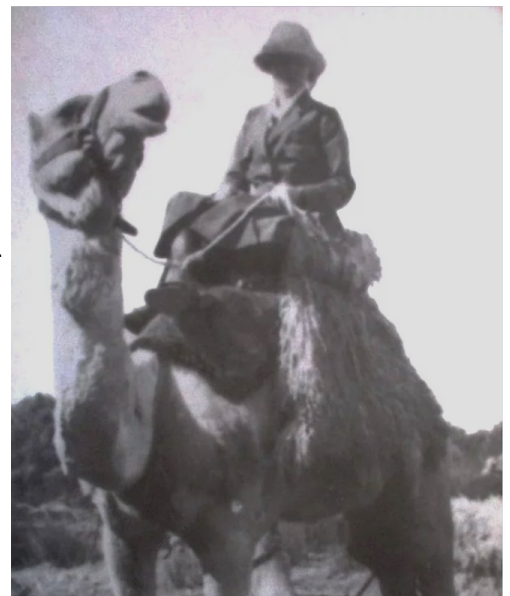
As a young woman, Violetta gained experience, and then trained in, the nursing profession, one of the few avenues open to young, unmarried women which allowed them respectably leave the family home prior to marriage. Violetta received her Honorary certificate for nursing in 1905, from the London Hospital at Whitechapel, then worked in the UK and Greece in the following two years. Perhaps inspired by experiences or people she met on these travels, in 1907 Violetta began studying via distance-learning courses provided by St Andrews University. Over the next six years, Violetta received awards in French, Geography and English all to Honour's standard, and Fine Art and physiology to a pass grade - an impressive academic achievement, and one which demonstrates Violetta's determination and intelligence.

At the outbreak of the First World War, Violetta was called up for service in the British Red Cross Society, and after an initial posting in the UK, was sent to work in Brussels. Her experiences in the following years were intense: within 24 hours of arrival, she had been taken hostage by the Germans who were poised to enter Brussels, but found a useful outlet for her nursing skills as Matron at a large hospital outside Charolais, where she nursed French and German casualties for many weeks with little equipment and even less chance to rest, until she and her fellow nurses were impelled to leave and were exchanged at the Danish border.

At this juncture, in October 1914, Violetta could have opted to travel home to the UK, but instead she volunteered with the Russian Red Cross – first at a hospital in Warsaw, then with the Volkonsky Flying Field Ambulance – which took her close to intense fighting in and around Lodz. Violetta learnt enough Russian to work alongside her fellow medics and drivers, and tended to catastrophic injuries in very challenging and often primitive conditions. The intensity of the experience drew her close to those she worked alongside, including a Russian ambulance driver, Nicholas, who she portrays as a romantic interest in her book 'The Hounds of War Unleashed'. Sadly, their relationship did not have time to develop; Nicholas was shot and killed while driving his ambulance near the front line, in July 1915, at around the same time that Violetta and her colleagues were awarded the St George Medal in recognition of their service in the field.

Violetta had a period of recuperation from septic poisoning in the UK in early 1915, during which time she wrote 'The People who Run' about war refugees. She had returned to Russia by 1916 to help with distribution of medical to the refugees who had fled from the advancing Russian army, and subsequently in Belgium as the Matron of a 1000 bed hospital at La Panne for nine months, until symptoms of shell-shock necessitated her return to England in October 1917. Her final engagement with the First World War was as a matron in Macedonia, where she worked for six months until June 1918.

After the war, perhaps following-up some contacts made during her recuperation in Denmark in 1914, Violetta trained in weaving for 6 months in Sweden and a dedication to handcrafts was to be a pervasive theme in her life thereafter. In the early 1920s she was appointed as the Director of the Bedouin Industries for the Egyptian government: the length of her stay in Egypt is not clear –



Violetta on a camel in the Libyan desert in the 1920s:



she left this post in either 1924 or 1927 – but her influence during her stay there was strongly felt, and she must have had many and varied experiences which were unusual for a single woman in that time.

In the interlude between the two world wars, Violetta lived first in Somerset, then in Dartford, Devon, where she kept up her interest in weaving, in which she also gave courses, but also exhibited her work, travelled, and published two books: in 1930, 'Vegetable Dyes for beginners', a book that is still in demand today, and in 1934, 'A short history of decorative textiles'. Violetta was travelling in Spain at the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in 1937, and was expelled from Almeria.

As the build-up towards the Second World War continued, Violetta joined the Women's Royal Voluntary Service (WRVS) with a brief to take responsibility for educational duties. She travelled extensively in the UK to recruit members, set up Centres, gave lectures and organised social events, some of which were based on her handicraft talents. Her extensive knowledge of languages was put to good use when she worked with the Navy, searching ships coming in to Falmouth. She formally left Service in 1944, and then enrolled with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Association (UNRRA), working to help those displaced by the war – a complex task, made more difficult by the movement of national borders at the end of the war, and the scarcity of official personal documents of those who had fled their homes. Violetta worked between Egypt, Italy, Libya and Austria, where her knowledge of the languages and cultures of these countries, gained earlier in her life, must have been extremely important. Her role with the UNRRA did not come to an end until 1948, when Violetta was in her early fifties.

From the late 1940s until the mid 1960s, Violetta lived in Flushing, Cornwall. In 1955, she was a founder member of the Cornish Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers, and their President from 1957 until her death. Violetta also set up her own school of weaving at her house (Mary Mount) in Flushing, and continued to be active in giving lectures, exhibiting her work and publishing another book ('Weaving without tears' in 1956), in addition to finding time to follow her Catholic faith, and be President of the Women's Catholic League of Cornwall between 1960-63.

By June 1966, Violetta was living at the Old Mill in Penryn with a female companion/housekeeper, Kathleen Defee, who developed a friendship with Violetta that lasted until her death. She published a novel that year, 'The Foolish Virgin', and travelled in Greece to advise on the revival of weaving as a source of economic regeneration, seemingly unimpeded by her advancing years: she was 88 years young!

Violetta continued to play a very active role in the crafting community, giving talks and tutoring courses in her early nineties, and advising a participant in 1971 that bilberries were excellent for giving a rich purple colour "if you can bear not to make them in to a pie". She still travelled overseas, and had extensive involvement with the creation of The Dyers Garden at Probus, north of Truro, in 1976, but which sadly closed in 2004. In 1977, five days after her 97th birthday, Violetta gave a talk to the Guild, and attended the Guild's AGM in Probus in March 1978, a month before she passed away. Her obituary noted that 'Her fragile appearance masked an indomitable spirit' – undoubtedly true, and her lasting legacy of books gives us an insight to her interests, and inspiration to follow her determined pursuit of that which is important to us.

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It is looking promising that the shows will be able to go ahead but with the RHS Chelsea Flower Show delayed until October. Hampton Court will be the first show this year in July. but also Britain In Bloom is able to go ahead too but for my national judging it will take a different format and judging will be undertaken remotely.

### • **Jobs for June**

- Keep on top of weeding. Weed regularly. Try using a hoe it is a quick and easy method!
- Stake tall or floppy perennials.
- Position summer hanging baskets and tubs outside. Keep them well watered, feed and dead-headed.
- Plant out summer bedding.
- Mow lawns at least once a week.
- Harvest early potatoes, lettuce, radish and other salad crops .
- Collect rain water for watering on dry days.
- Earth up potatoes.
- Now is the time to start sowing winter bedding plants; wallflowers, pansy and bellis.
- Weekly feed house plants.
- Prune back perennials that have finished flowering to encourage new leaf growth.
- Regularly tie in, feed and pinch out the side shoots of tomatoes.
- Your roses should now be starting to flower, regularly deadhead them to encourage lots of healthy new buds and keep watch for the first signs of black spot and aphids.
- Now is an ideal time to prune most hedges. Check for nesting birds. Keep a flat even top and don't forget to remove any weeds underneath that will be stealing the nutrients..

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## Sarah's Rings

After pushing the walker to one side, Jack eased Sarah into a comfortable sitting position on the side of her bed. After placing her overnight bag on the bed opposite, he helped her to take off her "sensible" shoes and put on her well worn but comfy slippers.

"Now don't worry about the bag," he told her gently but firmly. "I'll empty it just as soon as I've made you a nice cup of tea. Then you can have a nice little nap."

In the kitchen Mary, was already pouring the boiled water into the fine china teapot, the tell tale teabag strings, Sarah's only concession when making tea, dangling, over the side. "What are you going to do, dad?" she asked.

"I don't know yet, love," Jack replied solemnly, reaching up to the overhead cupboard and removing three matching teacups and saucers which he placed next to the teapot.

Mary smiled, "Mum still likes her fancy cups and a saucer doesn't she." It was a statement not a question.

Jack opened the fridge and took out a carton of "proper" milk. "Aye, she does indeed. When you get to our age, old habits die hard" he mused in his still broad Manchester accent.

Mary poured a the milk and then the tea, deliberately leaving two cups short of the brim, these she passed to her father who grasped each saucer firmly with his knolled hands.

Entering the bedroom he found his wife standing beside her bed, the contents of the overnight bag spread across the bottom of the bed.

"Sarah love! I told you I'd put your clothes away after we've had a cup of tea. Now sit down and drink your tea while it's hot" he chided.

"Well, you didn't say you were going to make to tea" Sarah reproached him.

Jack shook his head, inhaled a deep breath and muttered something that sounded like "Patience, patience", then carefully placed a cup and saucer on each bedside cabinet. He then sat down on the opposite bed facing his wife.

"Sarah love, I want you to try to remember something important."

He sipped his tea and waited to see if he had gained the attention of his wife of fifty-five years.

"Does anyone ever expect it to end up like this" he wondered? Sarah had always been the one who organized him.

He'd resented it bitterly on occasion. Now he'd give anything to have her organize him again.

Sarah picked up her cup and without taking her eyes of the steaming liquid began sipping the tea, her mind somewhere far remote from Jack or the life they once shared. He placed his hand gently on her knee trying to catch her attention

"Sarah love," he spoke slowly emphasizing each word, "When you were in the hospital, do you remember what happened to the rings you were wearing?"

Sarah looked across towards Jack, her mouth twisting as it always had when she was concentrating. Finally she asked, "Have I been in hospital?"

"Yes" Jack sighed. Resting his elbow on his knee, he stroked his burrowed forehead. "You were there ten days. You really had us worried for awhile."

Sarah reached over and gently patted his hand "Oh dear Jack, I didn't know that. I'm so sorry to worry you like that."

She then turned her attention to white furry teddy bear dressed in a knitted blue jumper sitting amongst the strewn contents of the overnight bag. "I'm so glad you didn't forget Teddy at the hospital."

She began cuddling the teddy the way she once, so many years ago, cuddled her own two babies.

Returning his empty teacup to its saucer, Jack took a deep breath in exasperation. "Sarah. Have you any idea what happened to your rings? Did you lose them? Did someone take them from you?"

"My rings?" Sarah turned her soft wrinkled hands over as does a magician proving to his audience they are completely empty, "I haven't got any rings."

"I know that, Sarah. But do you know where they are?" Jack rose slowly from the bed, picked up the two now empty cups and made to leave the room, then paused. "Leave the bag. I'll be back in a minute to put everything away."

As he left the room Sarah spoke in a whisper, "Teddy knows where the rings are, but don't tell anyone. It's a secret!"

Jack said nothing. He just shook his head and left the room.

"Did you get anywhere?" Mary asked, sympathetically.



"No. I'll have to contact the insurance company. Then I'm going to have few words with these hospital people. I can't believe anyone would be so low as to steal from a sick, old lady."

"What if it was a patient dad?" She said, hoping that it would somehow make it a lesser crime perpetrated on her mother. She gave her father a comforting hug. "I just find it hard to believe a nurse would do something like that."

"Well, love, it could have been one of them orderly blokes. It couldn't have been any of them patients in your mam's room. They was all elderly, could barely walk even wit' nurse to support 'em."

"You go and phone the insurance people then and I'll take care of Mum." Mary offered finding the whole subject matter quite distasteful.

Having made her mother comfortable on the bed Mary gathered up the contents of the overnight bag and carefully put them away in their respective drawers. It had been a long, tiring week for everyone, but her mother was home again and that's all that mattered. However, mum's illness had brought with it the realization that this had been but a practice run for the real thing some day, hopefully not any day soon. How would she cope she wondered? How would dad cope? Suddenly she realized that ever-dependable dad wasn't getting any younger. He had given his wife's needs priority ignoring his own, while she and her younger sister, busy with their own lives, had taken it for granted, never realizing, until now, the strain their father was under. Not that he ever complained. Dad never would.

But from now on, she vowed, dad was going to have time out.

Jack returned to the bedroom looking somewhat relieved although not elated. "Done" he said. "They'll send out forms. Said I can expect to get the \$1000 each they were insured for."

"That's great, Dad" Mary said, hoping that would placate her father in some small way.

"Not really" he sighed sitting on the bed beside his wife and taking her hand in his. "Them rings had sentimental meaning to your mam and me. Money means nothin'. We wanted to leave them rings to you girls."

"I gave the rings to teddy to look after," Sarah whispered again, placing a finger on her lip, 'but it's a secret.'

"He's a lovely teddy, Mum." Mary smiled, remembering how her mother had once tucked her and her sister into bed each night, always giving each of them a goodnight kiss, their teddy bears included.

Mary leaned over her mother and kissed her gently, and placing her hands around the bear's middle section, she lifted it towards her lips. Instead of the expected soft tummy her thumbs pressed on something hard and lumpy under the bear's woolly jumper. Lifting up the blue jumper a handkerchief, knotted into a small parcel, emerged. Concealed inside were one gold band and two diamond rings.

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## East Wheal and North Wheal Rose Memorial Weekend draft plan

Subject to Covid restrictions being lifted of course

Friday the 9th July 2021

This is probably going to be the most poignant and moving days as it will be one that the local school will have a big part to play in.

The plan is that all churches that are connected with the disaster from different parishes will at 13 00 toll 39 strikes of the bell

The children of St Newlyn School it is hoped will be at the church at that time and call out one by one each miners name from the slate that they will hold.

Friday we have asked the churches, Lappa Valley Railway, Shepherds House at Fiddlers Green to begin a 3 day flower festival using wild flowers based on a mining theme within the Church at St Newlyn East

Friday Evening time to be confirmed a chance to go to the East Wheal Rose mine by train for the unveiling of a plaque to remember each man and boy lost on that fateful day and the families and communities affected.

There will be singers, a poet and the story told by a local group of talented dancers.

Unveiling of plaque at East Wheal Rose please try to be there for this.

Friday evening after the Lappa Valley trip the Pheasant Inn will be having a traditional sing song with mining songs and no doubt many familiar Cornish favourites too

Saturday 10th July

This is planned to be a day packed with many things going on two groups of singers will be around the village and up at the pit Red River singers are one of them so something to look forward too.

Cream teas at the pit mid afternoon

With Splits jam and cream.

Singers will perform in In afternoon at memorial pit that was I believe opened in 1852 in their memory by the Methodists

Day two of flower festival

Self guided walk will be signposted for those unfamiliar with the village

Late afternoon Lappa Valley railway trip to the mine at a significantly discounted price for those attending the event with the program or memorial booklet we are producing that tells the story of the miners.

Sunday 11th July

Newlyn East Band have been invited to play at different times during the day

Times to be agreed.

We are working with the church and the Chapels to organise a special day of remembrance

In the morning at St Newlyn Church it is hoped they will host a service for the community and visiting parishes, visitors to be welcomed.

Afternoon a short service at the pit and the Newlyn East band has been invited to play.

And like all the best Methodists led events we are hopeful that saffron buns will be available...

We are currently seeking confirmation of other things will be happening during the Sunday

Self guided walks on this day too

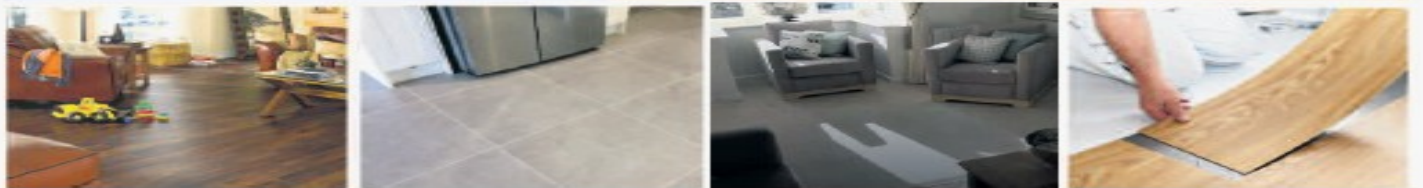


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I am currently in contact with an organisation to see if they can host a two day exhibition in the village about mining.

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Please keep watching for updates

We need your help and support as a community to make this event a success and one you will all remember

Thank you to each and every one of you that has come forward with suggestions or offers of help and encouragement

This is your event please help me make it a success

I am looking to meet members of the community please could you get in touch with me so we can arrange as I would like to know your thoughts on what you would like to happen on that weekend too!

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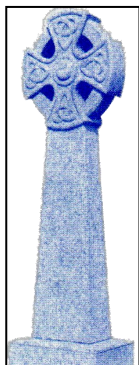
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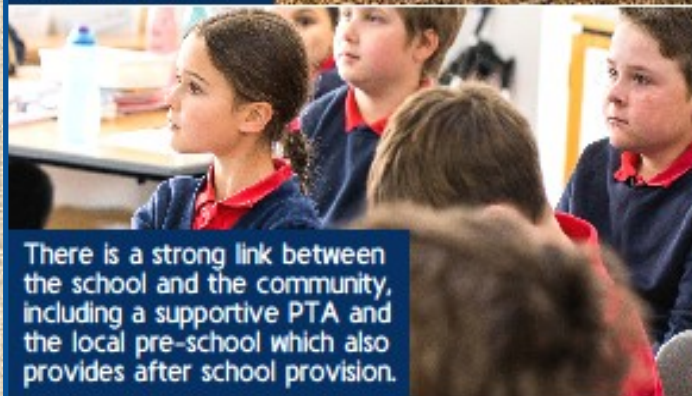
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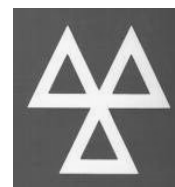
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## REPORT OF THE FULL COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021 AT 7.30PM

**Present -:** Cllrs. D Laud (Chairman) (PH), M Harvey (MH), R Symonds (RS), V Thorpe (VT) E Green (EG), J John (JJ), A Harvey (AH), K Yeo (KY) & E Shaughnessy-Philp (ESP) (via Zoom)

**Also attending -:** Mrs K Rees (Clerk) & 5 Members of the Public

Registered/Non- Registered Interests & Dispensations:

MH declared an interest in Agenda Item 8, PA21/02996 (Hazeldene)

Public Session:

Mr J Humphries spoke in support of the application for Hazeldene for a change of use from a dwelling for an agricultural worker to an open market dwelling. He also thanked the Parish Council for their support in moving the zip wire, commented that the eco-area in Tinnars Croft is an eyesore and should be better maintained by Ocean Housing & advised that Trewithen Estates would support the installation of a new dog bin at Shepherds if the proposed location is on Trewithen Land.

MH spoke against the Hazeldene application. A suitable tenant was put forward which demonstrates that there is still a need for dwellings for agricultural workers.

Cornwall Council Report:

Cllr. Harvey advised that the Conservatives will take control of Cornwall Council on Tuesday 18th May. The new cabinet will also be voted in at this meeting.

EG asked AH to find out why the approved retail park at The Goldings in Newquay had not yet been built. AH said he could not contact the Planning Officer as it was not his Ward.

EG also asked AH to follow-up on a meeting he attended regarding Community SpeedWatch. The initiatives discussed have never come to fruition. KY commented that this was because the Council did not have the budget to undertake what was promised. He hoped that the Council would reintroduce the Town & Parish Council Highway Meetings. AH asked EG to send the query in writing so that he could action.

Planning Applications, Appeals & Decisions:

PA21/02911 15a Crown Crescent SUPPORT

PA21/03539 15 Halt Road SUPPORT Support providing the extension is tied to the property. (P/S: DL/MH)

PA21/03697 The Wedge SUPPORT The Clerk read out an email from the neighbouring property asking for consideration during the work.

(P/S: EG/RS)

PA21/02996 Hazeldene - It was queried whether a property had to be marketed with the agricultural tie first, before a Change of Use could be applied for. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact the Planning Officer for clarification.

PA21/03324 Parklands Toyota SUPPORT P/S: MH/VT

PA21/04146 Kelowna SUPPORT P/S: EG/VT

Matters For Discussion

(a) Highways Issues: The Clerk had checked the Land Registry for the owner of the land on Halt Road where the speed visor is proposed. However, it was discussed that a better location would be to use the posts further down the road where the old 30mph signs were; EG felt that Halt Road needed some traffic calming measures and it was discussed whether to submit a potential scheme to the Community Network Highway Budget; It was reported that the sides of the road in the dip at Cargoll Road really need clearing as the buses have to drive in the middle of the road as they are unable to pull into the passing places.

RESOLVED: Clerk to report to Cormac.

(b) Recreation Ground: (i) The installations of the zip wire and the basket ball hoop are now completed. Thanks were expressed to John Julyan for donating the basketball hoop, Jason Bullen for extending & modifying the pole & the installers who all did the work free of charge. (ii) MH will look at the benches in the Recreation Ground to see if they can be repaired. (ii) The Clerk had circulated a list of works arising from the Playground Risk Assessments. The works were mainly the tightening of screws & bolts. The Mitchell work is in hand and the Clerk will send the SNE list to DL to action. ESP had contacted Kompan regarding the rotten swing timbers in the MPA as they are still under guarantee. Kompan will undertake their own risk assessment

### EAST WHEAL ROSE MEMORIAL WEEKEND

The 10<sup>th</sup> of July sees the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the East Wheal Rose Mining Disaster where sadly 39 miners lost their lives. The Parish Council is working with local organisations including the Churches, Lappa Valley, The Pheasant & the School to organise a program of events for this weekend. A full program will be announced shortly.

In the meantime, the Parish Council would like to encourage local residents to decorate their houses/front gardens over the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July to show their support for the event. You could decorate a window or your garden gate or hang some bunting. It would help to create a lovely atmosphere for all those attending the events.

Thank you for your support.



(iv) RS advised that the quote for the new play equipment in SNE had gone up by about £8k. It had been decided to refurbish the park one side at a time as this was more financially viable. The group is busy fundraising but is still short on funds. They are also waiting for a new quote from the people who installed the zip wire who have proposed an alternative safety surface which is much cheaper. NOTED.

(c) Adoption of the Amenity Space in St. Francis Meadow & Tree Works: The Clerk advised that the transfer has now been completed. A whole program of treeworks is urgently required, particularly as one local resident had had their car damaged by a fallen branch. The Clerk has got a revised quote from Tony Philps. RESOLVED: To proceed with works. ESP advised that the MVA would like to like to undertake some treeplanting and extend the fencing. Plans to be bought to the next meeting. NOTED.

(d) Refurbishment of Public Toilet: The work has been completed and the toilet is open daily. NOTED.

(e) Mitchell Village Hall: Cornwall Council has instructed Lodge & Thomas to undertake a valuation and is waiting for the report. They will then be able to confirm the selling price. Sanctuary Housing has agreed in principle to transfer the open space land in the new development to the Parish Council and the Clerk is waiting for further information. AH asked if there had been any progress on the pre-application. The Clerk will follow-up with Mark Roberts. NOTED.

(f) War Memorial Refurbishment: The two memorial benches have been installed. The Clerk had contacted two stone masons for a quote to do the refurbishment work as per the scope of the grant. The quote including improvements to the Horace Curtis Memorial Stone was £1000. The Clerk felt that the work required in submitting a full grant application was not commensurate with the amount of grant that could be applied for. She had also received a quote to install some planters and was waiting for a revised quote for the handrail. The whole project could be completed for £5000. There is £10,000 in the Precept and it was discussed that the remaining £5000 could be used towards the new play equipment. RESOLVED: Clerk to proceed with the refurbishment of the War Memorial & ask for further details on the planter quote. Project to cost no more than £5000 with the remaining £5000 vired to the Playground Refurbishment Fund. NOTED.

(g) Affordable Housing Freedom of Information Request: A response has been received from Cornwall Council. DL felt the answer was dissatisfactory and would continue researching the issue. Item to come off the agenda until further information is available. NOTED.

(h) Refurbishment of Wesley Hall: MH had left the meeting & the Clerk did not know if he had got the quotes for the upstairs toilet & kitchen yet. She will chase. NOTED.

(i) Open Space Land at Tinnars Croft: The Clerk read out the response from Ocean Housing. They confirmed that two 'landscaped areas' have been sold. A third 'extremely negligible' section of land is being transferred to an existing owner. There is no intention of completing any further sales. They also confirmed that residents are not being charged to maintain the areas that have been sold. These areas have never been included as part of the service agreement. NOTED. The poor condition of the eco-area was discussed. RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Ocean to ask if they would consider transferring the land to the Parish Council.

(j) Installation of Street Lights between Tinnars Croft & The Cross: The Clerk displayed the proposed plan for the lighting. RESOLVED: Parish Council to ask Cormac to proceed with the installation.

(k) Installation of a New Dog Bin at Shepherds: The Clerk advised that currently the Council does not have the funding to install any new bins. Following discussions, it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would purchase and install a new bin themselves.

(l) Installation of Dropped Kerbs at Trewithen Parc: RS had looked into the matter. Every property has a dropped kerb & there are four at the entrance. It was discussed that as this is a low traffic, low speed area, the number of dropped kerbs is sufficient. NOTED.

#### Business Matters:

(a) Co-Option of New Councillors: Following the election, there are two vacancies, one for the SNE Ward and one for the Mitchell Ward. A co-option will take place at the June Meeting. NOTED.

(b) Closed Churchyard Grasscutting Agreement 21/22: RESOLVED: Parish Council accepts the grant for 21/22. Clerk to return paperwork.

(c) Adoption of the Revised Code of Conduct: The Clerk had circulated the revised version of the Code of Conduct. RESOLVED: Parish Council to adopt revised Code of Conduct with immediate effect.

(d) Installation of No Parking Signs in Mitchell: ESP asked if it would be possible to install some signage at the Fair Park & Strawberry Field Housing Estate advising that the visitor parking spaces are available to all, as Fair Park View residents have been advising people that they are unable to park there. Following discussions, it was RESOLVED to seek clarification from Coastline as to who the parking spaces are for.

The next scheduled Full Council Meeting will take place on 14th June 2021 at 7.00pm.

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