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HAMLETS

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19th November 2025. Attended by: Cllrs. J Hobbs (Chair), J Phipps, C Myers, N Steer, J Payne, R Savage, J Amos-Yeo, S Tilbey, B Savage & Cornwall Councillor F Emery, the New Clerk J Steer and one member of the public. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. G Worden.

A report was given by Cornwall Councillor Faye Emery. This covered various areas including working group currently being set up by Cornwall Council regarding implementation of the CAP Road Fund. A meeting being held on the 2nd December with the focus on Young People and Anti-social behaviour. Cornwall Councils current budget situation and budget plans for the 2026/2027 financial year. Upcoming local plan sessions using engaging activities and discussion tables to gather thoughts on housing, infrastructure, and the environment. Our nearest local session is to be held on the 14th January 2026 11:00am – 14:00pm at Bude Methodist Church.

The usual parish maintenance matters were covered. The issue of blocked drains near Pete's Plants and repeated flooding of the area has been inspected by Cornwall highways, who have now dealt with the issue.

The Morwenstow Active health website is up and running successfully. Hire of the multi-use games area (MUGA) can now be booked directly on the website. The New Residents Welcome pack is now available on the Parish Council's Website.

A new policy has been agreed and put in place regarding the recording of meetings by the Clerk, with amendment to the Parish Councils Data Protection Policy.

Only one planning application was received for consideration this month PA25/08043 –the council agreed they have no objections the application.

Please see the draft minutes in full on the website for further details.

The next regular Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 7:30pm.

All are welcome to the meetings.

Jayne Steer, Clerk to the Parish Council.

Did you know?

You can report many things directly online to Cornwall Council. It is particularly helpful if you can report road issues on here, this will trigger a quick assessment for any repairs from Cornwall Council.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/>

OCTOBER RAINFALL

Killarney – John Jukes recorded: 124.5 mm or 4.92 ins

Duckpool Cottage – Jen Ash recorded: 71.5 mm or 2.81 ins

Lophthorne – David Manfield recorded: 123 mm or 4.84 ins

Tor View – Ken Boundy recorded: 102 mm or 4.1 ins

Cornahey – Sue Causey recorded: 92 mm or 3.62 ins

Morwenstow Ceilidh 15th November 2025

Fundraising for the Morwenstow United Charities AED fund

Thank you to all the amazing dancers, the band, the helpers and those who donated we are very pleased to announce that we raised £863 and had also had a lot of fun!

This amount will be used to replace the pads & starter kit when the Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) is used or they expire (about every two years).

The batteries need replacing about every four years unless of course they are used and will need replacing sooner. Come along to Morwenstow's next training session in 2026 which will give you confidence in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and how to use the AED.

Thank you to the Morwenstow Football Club (MFC) for providing the bar and pasties fundraising for the MFC. Drinks and sustenance were definitely needed by the energetic dancers.

Thank you all.....!

Family News

As we approach the Christmas and New Year period, we continue to remember all those who have lost loved ones during the past year.

Christine Emmeline Betsy Hobbs of Westcott passed away at NDDH on 18th October aged 95 years. Christine had lived her entire life in the parish, being born at Westcott, she was a member of the Harris family. Christine attended St Mark's School with her sister Margaret. On leaving School she came home to work on the farm she loved. After her marriage to Bill, they spent their early married life farming at Shorestone. They moved back to Westcott with their three young sons to take on the farm from her father. A hard-working person, Christine loved working on the farm and in her beautiful garden and she took in Bed and Breakfast Guests for many years, many of which became great friends to Bill, Christine and their family. Christine also entered into parish life, belonging to the Women's Institute and the Ladies Skittle Team and she will be long remembered for the many beautiful costumes she created over the years for the Morwenstow Community Players Pantomimes. Above all, Christine will be remembered for her devotion to her family. The funeral was held at the Parish Church on 15th November, with Rev Richard Ward-Smith officiating and with Colin Tape playing the organ. Psalm 23 was read by granddaughter Claire Pipe, the eulogy was delivered by friend of the family Paul Matthews, Teresa Moule played '*Country Gardens*' for reflection on her violin and '*She Is Gone*' was read by daughter-in-law Jill Hobbs. After the service and the burial, which took place in the Churchyard, friends gathered at The Bush Inn to join the family for refreshments and to share fond memories of Christine's life. Donations given to the memory of Christine were for Cornwall and Devon Air Ambulances.

Keith Gerry of Morwenna Road passed away peacefully at NDDH on 18th October aged 65 years. He was the eldest son of the late Henry and Vera and the devoted brother to David, Michael, Carol, Alison and Judith. 'Pugs' as he was affectionately known attended St Mark's School and later Bude Haven Secondary School. He was a great supporter of Morwenstow Football Club. Regrettably, Pugs was involved in a serious car accident several years ago and this had a great impact on his health thereafter. The funeral was held at ND Crematorium, Barnstaple on 17th November. Donations given to Pugs memory were given for The British Heart Foundation.

An air of sorrow was cast across the parish and surrounding district, when, a few days after a farm accident at his home, Marsborough, Robin James Francis passed away on 14th November at Derriford Hospital aged 67 years. Robin was the fourth of the six children of the late Turp and Rita Francis and he grew up in Woodville Road. He attended St Mark's School and later Bude Haven Secondary School and went to Woodford Methodist Sunday School. Robin married Rosemary Cleave at Morwenstow Methodist Chapel in October 1978, and they lived at Cobwebb Cottage, East Milton, with Robin working first at Chapel Farm, then at Dene Lodge and then at Cory. They were blessed with the arrival of Tristan and Carrie. Tristan married Sylvia and they gave Robin a much-loved grandson Jack. Robin and Rosie joined Rosie's parents in partnership with their farming and Agricultural Contracting business, with Robin and Rosie later moving to live at Marsborough. Robin possessed a natural talent when it came to Football, scoring many a goal for Morwenstow. He loved his Team and at the time of his death he was Club President and the day after his death, before the kickoff of the 2nd team fixture, both Morwenstow and Holsworthy players, along with committee members and members of the Francis family, gathered for a silent tribute followed by a minutes applause in Robin's memory. His family also laid a wreath on the centre circle which was a fitting tribute to a man who gave so much to the club. Robin will be remembered as being a helper of many and will be greatly missed in the community. At the time of going to press, funeral arrangements were yet to be finalised.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 25/JANUARY 26

Morwenstow Parish Church

December

Sunday 7 th	9.30am	Holy Communion with Rev Jeffery Terry
Sunday 14 th	11.00am	Family Service - Richard Painter & Shorne Tilbey
Sunday 21 st	3.00pm	Carol Service – Richard Painter
Wednesday 24 th	8.00pm	Christas Eve – Holy Communion – Rev Jane Bradbury
Thursday 25 th	9.30am	Holy Communion – Richard Painter
Sunday 30 th		No Service

January

Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Holy Communion – Rev Teresa Folland
Sunday 11 th	11.00am	United Service at Shop Chapel
Sunday 18 th	9.30am	Holy Communion – Rev Richard Ward-Smith
Sunday 25 th	3.00pm	Evensong – Richard Painter

Woodford Methodist Chapel

December

Sunday 7 th	11.00am	No service at Woodford. All age Nativity at Shop
Sunday 14 th	6.00pm	Candlelit Carol Service. With Bassline & Morwenstow Handbell Ringers. Refreshments to follow – All Welcome
Sunday 21 st	11.00am	LA Carol service
Thursday 25 th	10.00am	Fellowship
Sunday 28 th	11.00am	Revd Meg Slingo

January

Sunday 4 th	11.00am	Revd Graham Slingo
Sunday 11 th	11.00am	Joint service at Shop
Sunday 18 th	11.00am	Revd Joy Wilson – Holy Communion
Sunday 25 th	11.00am	Barry Bryne

Coffee Mornings – Wednesday 3rd December & 7th January 10.00am – 12.00pm. All welcome.

Morwenstow Methodist Church – Shop Chapel

December

Sunday 7 th	11.00am	All-age Nativity Play “Home by Another Way”
Sunday 14 th	6.00pm	Woodford Candlelit Carol Service (no service here)
Sunday 21 st	11.00am	Christmas Celebrations with Carols & Handbells
Sunday 28 th	11.00am	Service led by Richard Ward-Smith

January

Sunday 4 th	11.00am	Service led by Mr Barry Bryne
Sunday 11 th	11.00am	United Covenant Service led by Rev Meg Slingo & Rev Teresa Folland
Sunday 18 th	11.00am	Service led by Merrytones
Sunday 25 th	11.00am	Service led by Mrs Pam Colwill

PARISH CHURCH ADVENT CANDLE TREE

The Advent Candle Tree is for individuals or groups to sponsor a candle to raise money this year for

THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF STRATTON HOSPITAL

If you wish to sponsor a candle, please contact Hilary Rogers on 331516 or any church member;

suggested donation £5.

Please let us know which Sunday in December you would like a candle lit and dedication.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Total donations this year in collecting boxes and the church collection was £647.61

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Margaret Inch
(Poppy Appeal Organiser)

MORWENSTOW METHODIST CHURCH

ALL-AGE NATIVITY PLAY

‘Home by Another Way’

Everyone is welcome to come to this novel presentation of the Nativity

written by L A DeLong and B A Antonucci

on Sunday 7th December at 11.00 am

followed by Festive Refreshments

MORWENSTOW METHODIST CHURCH
‘CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR LUNCH CLUBS’

Please come and join us on *Wednesday 17th December* for
Roast Turkey or vegetarian Nut Roast,
and on *Wednesday 21st January* for Beef Casserole or vegetarian option,
both with a choice of delicious puddings.

12 pm at Shop Chapel

Please book (£7.50) by contacting Valerie on (01288) 331263 or Edith on (01288) 331397
Proceeds to the Church, Samaritans of North Devon and North Cornwall, and a further charity.

ALL ARE MOST WELCOME

Joyful Moves

An all-abilities, just-for-fun dance class to world music. No dance skills required!



Led by Rebecca Jeffery

December 2nd

7-8 p.m

Morwenstow Community Centre,

EX23 9SL

Bring water & wear comfy clothing

Contact Jane 07743 389320 **£7**

MORWENSTOW METHODIST CHURCH ALL AGE NATIVITY PLAY



Sunday 7th. December
11.00 a.m.

Home another way

By Lois Anne DeLong & Barbara Anne Antonucci

*Followed by Festive Refreshments including
minced pies non-alcoholic mulled wine.*

Come and join us

The Morwenstow Society

Kowethas Logmorwenn

"To preserve the past and present for the future"



*Season's Greetings to
everyone in Morwenstow*

2026 begins with our meeting on Friday 9th January at 7.30.p.m at the Community Centre (Shop) when Greg Worden will give an "Introduction to Heraldry".

Please keep an eye out for details after Christmas.

morsoc2@gmail.com



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Morwenstow Women's Institute
send *Season's Greetings* to everyone
in the Parish of Morwenstow

We would like to share a couple of dates for the New Year with you all:

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11th February – Yvonne Chidley is cooking up something delicious.

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11th March – Tony Rae, a postie from Bude and of Great British Sewing Bee fame, talks about his time on the programme.

More details to follow in the new year.

INSPIRING WOMEN

MORWENSTOW COMMUNITY CENTRE - MCC - NEWS

Take a look at our website to see what is happening at the centre

<https://morwenstowcommunitycentre.co.uk/>

Contact our Bookings Manager to make your own booking via this email:-

bookings@morwenstowcommunitycentre.co.uk OR Tel 01288 331393

We also have a Morwenstow Community Centre Facebook page:-

https://www.facebook.com/groups/637728588280275?locale=en_GB

Community Art Group - Joyful Moves - Play & Stay - Judo - Yoga - Pickleball

Morwenstow Society

Take a look at our website to see how to join the above groups activities.

Badminton - We have a badminton net, just bring your own racquets & shuttlecocks.

Table Tennis - we have the equipment just need the human beings to use it so

BOOK A SESSION TO HAVE SOME FUN!

At our Big Breakfast on Saturday 18th October we raised £737.50

Thank to everyone who came along to help & support us. It was a lovely

sociable occasion and the breakfast was scrumptious!

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MORWENSTOW COMMUNITY CENTRE

45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 8th December 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Welcome by Chairman
3. Minutes of last AGM – 9th December 2024
4. Matters Arising
5. Chairman's Report – Mr David Miles
6. Treasurer's Report – Mrs E Miles
7. Vote for Elected Members (6)
8. Organisation Representatives

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All are welcome

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This meeting will be followed by a

Management Committee Meeting

Email your articles to – jsphippsmpc@hotmail.com

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If you wish to contact the Chairman of the Parish Council on any matter, please telephone Jonathan Hobbs on
(01288) 331236

USEFUL DATES

Rubbish & Recycling collections – Rubbish – Thursday 4th & 18th December,
Friday 2nd, Thursday 15th & 29th January
Recycling – Thursday 11th & **Saturday** 27th December, Thursday 8th & 22nd January
Food Waste collection every Thursday
Parish Council – 3rd Wednesday (except Aug & Dec)
(1st Wednesday – additional planning meeting if required)
Post Office – Thursdays 11.00am – 1.00pm

Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Organisation
Tuesday 2 nd December	Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch	MCC
Monday 8 th December	7.00pm AGM	MCC

	219	217	219	217	219	217	219	219	218	217	219	219
Budehaven School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15:20	15:20	-	-	-
Holsworthy Church	-	-	-	10:35	-	12:35	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pyworthy, Molesworth Arms	-	-	-	10:42	-	12:42	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bridgerule, Bridge Inn	-	-	-	10:50	-	12:50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jewell's Cross Garage	-	-	-	10:53	-	12:53	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Post	-	-	-	10:55	-	12:55	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morrisons	-	-	-	11:04	-	13:04	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bude, The Strand	08:30	08:45	09:30	11:10	11:30	13:10	13:30	-	15:25	16:30	16:30	17:30
Poughill Post Office	-	08:53	-	-	-	13:18	-	-	15:33	16:38	-	-
Stibb, opp Phone Box	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15:39	-	-	-
Stibb, Coombe	-	09:04	-	-	-	13:29	-	-	-	16:49	-	-
Cleave Crescent	-	09:07	-	-	-	13:32	-	-	-	16:52	-	-
Morwenstow, Crosstown	-	09:12	-	-	-	13:37	-	-	-	16:57	-	-
Budehaven School	08:35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Berries Avenue, Playground	-	-	09:35	-	11:35	-	13:35	-	-	-	16:35	17:35
Berkeley Close	08:39	-	09:39	-	11:39	-	13:39	15:23	-	-	16:39	17:39
Red Post Junction	-	-	-	-	11:48	-	13:48	-	-	-	16:48	17:48
Grimscott Estate	-	-	-	-	11:51	-	13:51	-	-	-	16:51	17:51
Kilhampton The Square	08:50	-	09:50	-	11:58	-	13:58	15:31	15:44	-	16:58	17:58
Kilhampton North Close	-	-	09:51	-	11:59	-	13:59	15:32	15:45	-	-	17:59
Crimp, Garage	-	-	09:55	-	12:03	-	14:03	15:36	15:49	-	-	18:03
Long Barrow	-	-	09:56	-	12:04	-	14:04	15:37	15:50	-	-	18:04
Welcombe Cross	-	-	09:57	-	12:05	-	14:05	-	15:51	-	-	18:05
Hartland Northgate Green	-	-	10:11	-	12:19	-	14:19	-	16:05	-	-	18:19