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# *HAMLETS*

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The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 18th February 2026. Attended by: Cllrs. J Hobbs (Chair), J Payne, J Phipps, C Myers, N Steer, J Amos-Yeo, B Savage, G. Worden, Clerk J Steer, and one member of the public.

Cornwall Councillor Faye Emery sent her apologies with a report which was read out by Chair, Cllr J. Hobbs (Please see the main noticeboard outside the Men's Institute, or the website for full details of Cllr Emery's report).

The usual Parish maintenance matters were covered, with ongoing issues around potholes, and areas of flooding, along with discussion of vehicles and rubbish still remaining in situ in Woodford Chapel's parking area across from the Chapel. A tree surgeon has been appointed to undertake work on certain trees around the playing fields – this is actually booked for the last week of February – but is, of course 'weather permitting'. RoSPA has been booked to undertake the annual playground equipment inspections.

Four policies were reviewed this month; Complaints procedure. Code of Conduct. General Privacy notice. Privacy notice for staff, Cllrs & role holders. It was agreed to add a note to relevant policies explaining which other policies should be read in conjunction, in order to fully understand the Parish Councils legal roles and responsibilities. The newly reviewed versions will be placed on the Parish Council website as each is completed.

Please note - the public toilets at the Community centre will be closed for a few days at some point during the second or third week of March whilst a new roof is fitted. MPC are content for the toilets to be closed short term whilst the work is being undertaken. The exact dates will be published on the website and on the Parish Councils Facebook page, once confirmed.

The council have received a variety of letters, emails and telephone calls this month. A number of parishioners were particularly concerned about the lack of paper copies of Hamlets for February. Though the digital version of Hamlets was placed on the Parish Council website before the end of January, there was a significant delay in providing paper copies due to issues beyond the Parish Councils control. However, the council can confirm that this has now been rectified. All should be back to the usual process from this point.

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*** It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that, once again, a vehicle had been parked in the Community Centre Car Park for some time. Although that vehicle has since been removed, The Parish Council would like to remind all parishioners that the Community Centre car park is NOT to be used for overnight parking, nor as a place of refuge for untaxed or broken-down vehicles. The car park is provided free of charge to patrons of the facilities at the Playing Fields, MUGA and the Community Centre; along with a safe space to park for parents/carers accessing St. Marks Primary School. If this continues, the Parish Council may look to changing the access to, and availability of, the car park which could result in locking the main gate and unlocking only at times when venues or facilities have been booked. Untaxed vehicles parked in the car park may be reported to relevant authorities as having been abandoned on private land.

One planning application was considered; PA25/08017 - Proposed conversion of barn to residential use - Bottaborough Farm Morwenstow. MPC Comments;

Morwenstow Parish Council are happy to support this application. The council feel the building is far enough away from the road to avoid having any significant visual impact and they are pleased to see that the silhouette of the building as it currently stands, is being retained.

MPC were notified of one Application update: PA25/03276 - Proposed slurry lagoon - Cory Farm Morwenstow Bude EX23 9ST - APPROVED

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

The next regular Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th March 2026 at 7:30pm - Unless a planning meeting is required before that date.

*All are welcome to the meetings.*

*Jayne Steer, Clerk to the Parish Council.*

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## 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/>

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## JANUARY RAINFALL

<b>Killarney</b> – John Jukes recorded:	202 mm or 7.95 ins
<b>Duckpool Cottage</b> – Jen Ash recorded:	119.8 mm or 4.72 ins
<b>Lopthorne</b> – David Manfield recorded:	197 mm or 7.75 ins
<b>Tor View</b> – Ken Boundy recorded:	
<b>Cornakey</b> – Sue Causey recorded:	203 mm or 8 ins

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## CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH 2026

### Morwenstow Parish Church

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion – Rev Jane Bradbury
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Service – Richard Painter & Shorne Tilbey
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion – Rev Teresa Folland
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3.00pm	Evensong – Richard Painter
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Benefice Service with Holy Communion - Poughill

### Woodford Methodist Chapel

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	LA
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Paul Wreyford
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Revd Joy Wilson
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	LA
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Barry Bryne

29<sup>th</sup> March - Holsworthy Methodist Church, Circuit Gathering - the theme is Hope  
Bring & share lunch followed by 2.30pm service

Coffee Morning – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am – 12.00pm To be followed by Woodford Chapel Meeting. All welcome.

### Morwenstow Methodist Church – Shop Chapel

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Service led by Mr Barry Bryne
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Communion with Revd Graham Slingo
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Service led by Pastor Albert Sloman
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Service led by Merrytones
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Communion with Revd Meg Slingo

## Family News

Pearl Myers, formerly of Middle Gooseham, passed away on 24th January aged 80 years. Pearl was one of the daughters of the late Peter and Peggy Freeman, all of which were given Christian names beginning with the letter 'P'. She had been a resident at Fair Field, Launcells since her health began to decline. Pearl was the widow of the late Peter Myers. Pearl was waved off from the Parish Church Car Park on 19th February and her funeral service followed at North Devon Crematorium. After the service, friends gathered at The Quay Inn at Instow for refreshments and to share fond memories of Pearl's life. A great walker, Pearl was often seen walking the lanes of Morwenstow over the years and she was a member of Morwenna Dancers, as well as taking part in a number of Morwenstow Community Players Pantomimes. Pearl was also a keen member of the Morwenstow Society having served as its Chairman and she was a member of staff at St Mark's School for a time where she worked in the School Canteen. Donations given to the memory of Pearl were for 'Save the Children'. Our sympathy goes to Tamsin, Piers, Zillah, Conrad, Elissa, Sylvia and all the family.

## **MORWENSTOW METHODIST CHURCH**

### **'LUNCHEON CLUB'**

Please join us for beef casserole or a vegetable and cheese bake  
and a selection of delicious puddings on

***Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March***

12pm at Shop Chapel

Please book (£7.50) by contacting

Valerie on (01288) 331263 or Edith on (01288) 331397

Proceeds in aid of Stratton Hospital League of Friends and Shop Chapel

***ALL ARE MOST WELCOME***

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## **The Morwenstow Society**

*Kowethas Logmorwenn*

*"To preserve the past and present for the future"*

### **"BUDE CANAL"**

**Presented by Chris Jewell and Mike Moore**

**Friday 6 March 2026 at 7.30 p.m.**

**at Morwenstow Community Centre, Shop**

New members and visitors will always be made most welcome.  
(A charge of £5 for visitors to include refreshments)



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PLEASE COME ALONG TO HEAR WHAT ITS LIKE TO BE A FINALIST ON  
THE GREAT BRITISH SEWING BEE

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**MORWENSTOW WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Host TONY REA, FINALIST on the  
GREAT BRITISH SEWING BEE



WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

at 2 p.m. The Community Centre, Shop, Morwenstow

Door's open 1.30 p.m

£4 entry

Tea, coffee cakes and a raffle

For more information please contact: 01288 331426

INSPIRING WOMEN

EVERYONE WELCOME

**MORWENSTOW COMMUNITY CENTRE - MCC - NEWS**

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

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

**Community Art Group - Joyful Moves - Play & Stay - Judo - Yoga - Pickleball Club - or start your own group!!!!**

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

[bookings@morwenstowcommunitycentre.co.uk](mailto:bookings@morwenstowcommunitycentre.co.uk)

OR Tel 01288 331393

We also have a Morwenstow Community Centre Facebook page

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

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**On rainy family days you could play**

**Badminton**

We have a badminton net, & posts you just need to 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!**

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**FUNDRAISING**

**Fundraising dates for your 2026 calendar!!!!**

**2 Big Breakfasts are planned on Saturday 7th March & Saturday 10th October**

**Ceilidh/Barn Dance on Saturday 20th November**

**Look out for more information nearer the dates**

We will be fundraising to help finance the replacement of the store roof & refurbish the toilets and we have lots of ideas for further improvements so we are very grateful for your support. Thank you

Taking bookings now for the 7th March Big Breakfast. Please see the poster on how to book. Just need name, numbers, time and any special dietary requirements! We look forward to seeing you if you are able to make it. See the poster below for details. **CASH ONLY** please.

## Big Breakfast



**Morwenstow Community Centre**

**Saturday 7th March 2026**

**from 9:30am to 12:30pm**

**Fruit juice/cereal/full English/toast  
tea or coffee**

**Tickets £8.50 CASH ONLY PLEASE**

**Please ring Lainey on 01288 331540  
to book your places**

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## EDITORIAL

Email your articles to – [jsphippsmpc@hotmail.com](mailto:jsphippsmpc@hotmail.com)

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The Editor is not responsible for the views and comments of contributors  
and reserves the right to edit any article if necessary

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 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March

Recycling – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March

Food Waste collection – every Thursday

**Parish Council** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (except Aug & Dec)

(1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – additional planning meeting if required)

**Post Office** – Thursdays 11.00am – 1.00pm

Calendar of Events		
Date	Event	Organisation
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Big Breakfast	Community Centre
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Big Breakfast	Community Centre
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Ceilidh/Barn Dance	Community Centre

	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