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# ***HAMLETS***

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The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 18th March 2026. Attended by: Cllrs. J Hobbs (Chair), J Payne, J Phipps, C Myers, N Steer, J Amos-Yeo, B Savage, G Worden, R Savage, S Tilbey, Cornwall Councillor Faye Emery, Clerk J Steer, and five members of the public.

Cornwall Cllr Faye Emery gave a report on the recent CAP meeting which covered a wide-ranging overview of local projects focusing on young people and families with young children, existing and potential projects, funding, achievements so far and the intention to reinvigorate the Bude Area Family Hub.

The usual Parish maintenance matters were covered, and included a brief update informing the council that the new Morwenstow Active Health Website is nearing completion and therefore moving towards an official launch date - watch this space and the Parish Council Website for further details as they arise. The intention is to allow payments to be made via the website. The MUGA has its first netball tournament booked for Tuesday 31st March at 3:45pm – anyone can go along to watch and support the tournament.

PLEASE NOTE - HAMLETS has a new deadline for the submission of items for inclusion. All potential submissions must be sent to the editor NO LATER than 22nd of each month to appear in the upcoming edition. The new deadline will be displayed on each Parish noticeboard, on the Parish Council website & in Hamlets.

The Council received various emails, letters, messages and telephone calls this month. The residents of Cleave Crescent are particularly concerned about the speeds undertaken by drivers alongside the green in front of the houses, where their children often play. The residents have been directed to the appropriate person at Cornwall Council and advised of other options for reporting their concerns online. Temporary signs are in place asking drivers to reduce their speed when approaching the green. Cornwall Cllr Emery is progressing this through appropriate channels. Concerned residents who may not have already done so, can contact Cllr Emery at [cllr.faye.emery@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.faye.emery@cornwall.gov.uk)

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Proposed Morwenstow Community Shop Group. The Council agreed to support, 'in Principle' the idea of a Community Shop in the Parish and the group have been invited to submit a grant application in line with Morwenstow Parish Councils Grants Policy.

One Policy received its annual review (Model Standing Orders), two additional policies were formally adopted - (5-day Protocol Policy and Document Retention Policy). Policy updates and/or renewals are now a permanent item of the monthly agenda to ensure all receive their annual review. All MPC's policies can be found on the Parish Councils Website.

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 15th April and will be held at the Wesley Rooms SHOP chapel - Unless a planning meeting is required before that date.

*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/>

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## FEBRUARY RAINFALL

**Killarney** – John Jukes recorded: 186 mm or 7.3 ins

**Duckpool Cottage** – Jen Ash recorded:

**Lopthorne** – David Manfield recorded: 190 mm or 7.5 ins

**Tor View** – Ken Boundy recorded: 159 mm or 6.28 ins

**Cornakey** – Sue Causey recorded: 184 mm or 7.2 ins

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### **Alpha: Explaining the Christian Faith**

St Olaf's Church, Poughill, is hosting an Alpha Course in the Old School Room, Poughill. It starts on Tuesday 14th April and runs for 12 weeks. Each session begins at 6 pm with a meal, followed by a video and a discussion time and ends at 8.30pm. There is no cost.

Alpha is for anyone who is curious and unpacks a big question of life and faith week by week. There is absolutely no pressure. Come along and see what you think.

For further information contact Cherry and Dan Archer [danandcherry@gmail.com](mailto:danandcherry@gmail.com) 07851943707  
or Rev Teresa Folland. [teresa.folland@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.folland@gmail.com). 01288 352599

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL 2026

### Morwenstow Parish Church

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Stations of the Cross – Richard Painter
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion – Rev Teresa Folland
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Service – Richard Painter & Shorne Tilbey
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion – Rev Jane Bradbury
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Evensong – Richard Painter

### Woodford Methodist Chapel

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4.00pm	Rev S. Skinner
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm	Good Friday concert, supper to follow
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Rev Meg Slingo (with Easter Bonnets and Easter Eggs)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Fellowship
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Clive Smale
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Barry Bryne

Coffee Morning – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 10.30am – 12.30pm. All welcome.

### Morwenstow Methodist Church – Shop Chapel

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Easter service led by Clive Smale
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Service led by Rev Stephen Skinner
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Service led by Mrs Pam Colwill
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Communion with Revd Joy Wilson

## MORWENSTOW METHODIST CHURCH

### ‘LUNCHEON CLUB’

Please join us for lamb casserole or a cheesy vegetable bake  
and a selection of delicious puddings on

*Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April*

12pm at Shop Chapel

Please book (£7.50) by contacting

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

Proceeds in aid of Adsurf Bude, making surfing accessible  
for those with physical or mental difficulties, and Shop Chapel

*ALL ARE MOST WELCOME*

## The Morwenstow Society

*Kowethas Logmorwenn*

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

**Due to the temporary closure of the Community Centre, our Annual Meeting (due on 10<sup>th</sup> April) will now take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at the regular time of 7.30 p.m.**

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

Tel: 01288 331363

morsoc2@gmail.com

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## Morwenstow Women's Institute

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
at 2.30 p.m. at the WI Hall, Shop

This month, we'll be working on a project as part of our celebrations for our centenary later this year.

If you'd like to become a member and help us celebrate in style during 2026, please come along. You'll be made most welcome.

*For more information, please contact: 01288 331426*

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/>

**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

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**On Easter Holiday 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 so you just need to**

**BOOK A SESSION TO HAVE SOME FUN!**

**Take a look at our calendar [https://](https://morwenstowcommunitycentre.co.uk/calendar/)**

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**4 Cherry Trees were planted in 2025 to mark the 40th Anniversary of the opening of the Morwenstow Community Centre. In the photo below you can see one is just beginning to show it's blossom! If you are in the park over Easter perhaps you will be able to see them all in flower. Beautiful!!!!**



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**Morwenstow Community Centre**

**FUNDRAISING - EVENTS**

**Dates for your 2026 calendar!!!!**

**Big Breakfast 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 very much!!!**

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Proposed Morwenstow Community Shop/Hub and Cafe

Following the initial questionnaire re the shop project, and the public meeting, the steering group are forging ahead with plans to try and raise funds to buy Furze Stores and create a community run shop/hub and cafe.

Our aim is to provide Morwenstow with a shop and cafe which will be a warm, welcoming space available to all. In addition to the shop, we are planning to provide many additional services which are difficult to access in this remote area (e.g. post office, prescription pick up, parcel drop-off, advice /health clinics etc).

We have

- formulated a Business Plan which will be submitted to the parish council at March's meeting,
- are preparing to register as a CBS, have gained support from our MP Ben Maguire, and local County Councillor Faye Emery.
- Created a facebook page and facebook group
- Are planning fundraising activities
- Are preparing a share offer which we will launch
- Have put up posters in the parish noticeboards

We need YOUR support in the following ways

- FINANCIAL (by buying shares when they are launched, or donating a sum to the project, and by supporting fundraising activities when they occur)
- If you have SKILLS in retail or accountancy we would welcome your help and advice
- By VOLUNTEERING to help run the shop at a later date, or maybe become a member by buying shares or joining the committee.

**GILBERT & VANSTONE**

Dear All. As most of you will know by now, we are winding up the business and the shop will be closing shortly/or by the time you read this, we will have closed. You should have received a letter from us, alongside one from HBH Woolacotts. They have taken on many parts of the business and I'm sure this family-run business will take care of all your requirements as we have done in the past. We would like to thank you for your custom during the last 41 years, which has helped the business to be the success it has. In turn, we are proud to have been able to offer our customers good service and value for money.

Mark, Gill, Marlene and I decided to 'take the plunge' and start our own business in 1985. Mark and I both worked for Granada TV, and Gill and Marlene had their own jobs. We rented Trewins shop, and opened on 16 February (my 30<sup>th</sup> birthday and I remember it being the most bitterly cold day.) As the business expanded we moved to the old North Cornwall Tractors premises, which we kitted out and opened in November 1989. This gave us more scope and meant we could grow and widen our customer base.

In July 2016 came a crossroads with the sad passing of my partner, Mark. Much soul-searching took place at that time whether to continue or to stop. With Andrew on board and with the support of our loyal staff it was decided to carry on. Andrew is now having a career change and will not be taking over the business.

I would like to say a big 'Thank you' to all past and present staff who have been with us over the years, including Liam Bunning – our shop manager over the last 17 years. Also Stuart Neal, Ben Roberts, Chris Miles, James Gliddon, Ben Hill, Aron Braund and Paul Beavan. Past staff – Mike Westlake, Ian Hiatt, Damian Inch, John Alison, Dave Gregory, Tom Wickett, Danny Huddleston, Reg Hambley, Steve Heard, Bob McKelliget, Tony Matthews, Jake Crocker and Richard Wallander. Also a mention to all the Work Experience students we have had with us over many years, who I hope have all gone on to have good careers and jobs in whatever path they chose. I apologise if I have missed anyone in the thank you's.

I can honestly say it has been a good 40-odd years – some curve balls along the way and many headaches/problems to solve, but overall a pleasure – especially interaction with all of you people. Now is the time for us to be able to see the family and grandchildren more often, do a bit of travelling and generally take it a bit easier!

All the best to everyone.

Clive, Marlene and Andrew

## Recycle even more from home

From 16 March, Cornwall Council will start collecting cartons (sometimes known as Tetra Pak) and plastic bags and wrapping from homes in Cornwall as part of the usual fortnightly recycling collections.

The new materials include:

### Cartons used for foods such as:

- Milk
- Juice
- Custard
- Soup
- Passata and tomatoes
- Beans and pulses

To recycle them, simply rinse, squash them and pop them in your red recycling bag.

### Plastics and wrapping including:

- Plastic and bread bags, cereal bags, salad bags, frozen food bags and carrier bags
- Multi-pack wrapping
- Bubble wrap
- Cling film
- Plastic film lids
- Fruit and vegetable nets
- Chocolate, sweet and biscuit wrappers
- Crisp packets

To recycle them, put your plastic bags and wrapping into a carrier or bread bag and tie it at the top.

If you have space, put the tied bag inside your red recycling bag.

No space left? Put the tied bag on top of your black box or tuck it securely between your other recycling bags so it doesn't blow away.

## EDITORIAL

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

**The latest date for copy is the 22nd of the month preceding publication**

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 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Recycling – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April

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 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