



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 15TH, MAY 2014
IN MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL**

PRESENT: Cllrs Gibbons (Chairman), Miss George, Mrs Lawry, Lugg, Mrs Loomes, Mrs Mason, Nash, Sadler (Cllr Moyle arrived 7.10pm)

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs L Clements, Clerk and eleven members of the public

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

1610. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None noted (Mr Moyle late due to other commitments)

**1611. MEMBERS TO DECLARE ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON
PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND ANY GIFTS RECEIVED**

None

1612. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY:

MAWNAN OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY has held a successful series of illustrated lectures this year & are already planning the next series of talks -on very local subjects & those of more generalised interest. Thank goodness we have a comfortable hall to welcome our audiences & the excellent screen which we share with all hall users was bought with help from the Parish Council.

In August, there will be National Commemorations for the beginning of the 1st World War & Mawnan Old Cornwall Society wish to remember those whose lives were changed at this time, so we are grateful that the Craft Market organisers have offered to give up their cafe facilities for our Exhibition & we thank the Parish Council for their support in our planned village's commemoration.

MAWNAN MOTHERS UNION REPORT The Mawnan Branch of the Mothers Union is one of the largest in Cornwall. Our Coffee Mornings attract many of the local community, whose generosity enables us to donate significant amounts to MU projects around the United Kingdom & overseas.

MU is all about supporting Christian family life, underpinned by prayer. Our latest project is to assist the work in Cornwall of the *Kernow Young Carers* & the *Family Intervention Project*.

We hope that our daffodils & tulips in the tubs at the 2 entrances to St Michael's Church will have cheered up passers- by. Our thanks to the Parish Council for their assistance in purchasing the bulbs. Perhaps you have admired the flowers outside this Memorial Hall? They, too, are the work of our supporters.

To mark the National Commemoration of the beginning of the 1st WW, we have just begun planting red geraniums, blue lobelia & white allysium in our tubs - a safer option, we believe, to poppies, which so many communities are doing.

Mawnan PCC - Mawnan Church continues to be a lively active Christian presence in the whole village. We aim to care for all without exception in times of trial or celebration.

We have a new Priest in Charge, Revd Stewart Turner, and a new Secretary Mrs Ann Benney (LP) and our Churchwardens this year are Stuart Annan and Mike Cockeram. Mrs Chris Richards continues as Treasurer.

As Stewart Turner is also Priest in Charge at Constantine this has given us an opportunity to develop links with them to mutual benefit.

We continue to support Mawnan School through the governing body, worship together, donations. Volunteer parishioners help staff and maintain an enthusiastic presence at various activities within the school.

We continue to work towards the closing of the Churchyard to new burials. This process is not quick but is in hand.

With a view to extending our ministry, assisted largely by a generous bequest, we are installing a Church office in the grounds of St Michael's. We hope that this will enable us to reach out to the wider community by being more accessible and not being behind what has been euphemistically called the 'Stained Glass Barrier'. We would like to see this office become an asset for the whole village.

FRIENDS OF MAWNAN SURGERY - The Friends continue to raise funds for the benefit of patients of Mawnan Surgery.

We raise money by holding table-top sales and holding a raffle on the Flu Session day, to which we provide tea and biscuits.

This past years we have bought a Blood Pressure Monitor, which enables patients to take their own BP before visiting the doctor or nurse in the surgery.

Our chairman, Gill Glover, welcomes anyone wishing to join our small but friendly committee.

MAWNAN METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL Our Sunday School although few in number continue to meet the last Sunday in each month at 11am.

This year we managed again to present a Traditional Nativity, which included ballet, gymnastics and of course acting and singing well-loved carols. This was made even more special by having a real baby playing the role of Jesus. The Nativity was well received by the large congregation.

Any children wishing to join our Sunday School will be made very welcome.

MAWNAN METHODIST CHAPEL Our Methodist Chapel continue to worship every Sunday at 11am.

We have had increased congregations this past year, we unite with other Churches in Mawnan especially in Lent when we provide Soup Lunches with all proceeds going to Christian Aid – this year we raised over £600 again.

We alternate Mothering Sunday Services with the Church of England; we also attend each others' Harvest Festivals.

We rent our Sunday School Hall out at reasonable rents to local groups, including Guides, Rainbows and the Table Tennis .

WE hold concerts, coffee morning and occasional letting sin our Chapel.

Along with the Memorial Hall we are also involved with holding the 1st World War Exhibition in the summer.

Next year will be the bi-centenary and we hope to have a special celebration service.

We are most grateful to the Parish Council once again for their generous donation.

MAWNAN GUIDES AND BROWNIES There has been a steady and very busy year while our new Leaders have all settled into their roles and Mawnan Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. We also have new Leaders with the Rainbow Unit and we are so grateful to Tahnya Sweaton and Rebecca March for volunteering to take over from Gill Druce and Sheila Williams, who are still supporting them until they are fully 'fledged', we are very grateful to Gill and Shelia for all their time in running the Rainbow Unit over the years. Girlguiding in Mawnan has a safe future for a

while to come.

For Guides - Leader is Sally Grint, with Assistants Chris Grint, Anne Bennett and Alice McKinnon. We have a lovely lively group of 19 Guides with 2 Young Leaders who have again enjoyed a very varied programme over the year. One of the highlights was that one of our Patrols won the County Outdoor Cooking Competition, with 2 patrols from Mawnan taking part. We have had 2 of our older Guides completing their Baden Powell Challenge Award just before Christmas, this is the highest Award in the Guide Section and we are very proud of them. We have 4 more Guides who have completed all the challenges and are just waiting for the final BP Challenge weekend to finalise their Awards as well.

The annual camp is about to take place during the half term. Again we have girls taking part in the Royal Cornwall Show Messenger Service. We have been out of doors as much as we can once the weather has improved, with an Easter Egg hunt and sausage sizzle on the beach, village quizzes, ready steady cooking outdoors, tent pitching, Falmouth town trail ending with 'Chips' and much more. They are planning to do bag packing in Asda to raise funds, hoping to arrange a trip to Paris in the spring.

For Brownies - Leaders Helen Bate and Bev Benney. They have had a very busy year and have a thriving number of girls with 1 Young Leader. Their programme has been varied and very busy producing some lovely craft items over the year. They are taking part in the celebrations this year for the 100th birthday of the Brownie section. There are special challenges and events taking place in Cornwall and throughout the country. They are planning to take part in the giant sleepover at Royal Cornwall Show ground in July.

I would just like to say how grateful all our Units have been for the grant aid we have received each year from the Parish Council towards our running costs or for special events.

1st Mawnan Rainbow Guides - This time last year we were very concerned that the Rainbow Unit in the village would have to close, but we now have two new leaders in training: Tahnya Sweaton and Rebecca Marsh. There are ten girls who come to our meetings which are held on Tuesdays in the Methodist Sunday School room.

Our aim at Rainbow meetings is "to look, learn, laugh and love." We start with sharing news in Rainbow Chat. Then we involve the girls in a wide variety of activities including cooking and craft which they love....the messier, the better! To close the meeting we usually sing songs or play games. Finally, we say a prayer which is often made up by one of the girls before going home.

We like to do some outside activities when the weather is good so this week went for a walk to see the bluebells in Carlidnack Woods and then went down to collect shells on Maenporth beach which we will use next week to decorate treasure boxes. On Sunday we will have our Church Parade. We are always grateful to the churches in Mawnan who extend a warm welcome to us on these occasions and encourage us to take part in the services singing and saying prayers.

We have had some enjoyable joint meetings in the district and later this term we are having a Sports Evening with the Brownies.

We are twinned with another Rainbow unit up country and continue to send them letters and photographs.

We have a lot of fun, but also bear in mind the Rainbow Promise "to be kind and helpful." You may have seen us at some of the Coffee Mornings in the village - this year we have raised £30 for the RNLI which we will present when we visit the Life Boat Station next month.(Gill Druce aka Willow)

The Anvil Trust – although now having difficulties in recruiting a new blacksmith the works at the trust continue.

Mawnan Christmas Lights committee. We have had a slight change in committee members during this last year, the committee currently stands at - Beth Lawry, Will and Penny Salisbury, Evie and Benita Payne and Annie Sibbert, but with help always on hand from committee family members!

Our main fund raising for this past year has been with Coffee Mornings and Table Top Sales, which have been well attended and enjoyed by all, the addition of the bacon butties seems to draw in the crowds! We have also hosted two discos - one 80's themed in July and another in the run-up to Christmas with a prize for the best Christmas jumper. Unfortunately these were not well attended, though the committee and those that did come had a good evening! Our thanks must go to Evie and Benita for all their hard work with organizing the music and lights etc. We also hosted the Official Lighting Up ceremony as usual for the Christmas Lights and Evie produced a wonderful video to entertain the children while waiting for Father Christmas to arrive. We also ran a competition for the house with the best festive lighting display, which was incredibly difficult to judge, but finally a winner was chosen who received a hamper of Christmas goodies. We have enjoyed one very successful fund raising event already this year, and that was a Johnny Cowling evening organized by Annie Sibbert - a very enjoyable evening and very well supported.

We have continued to add more features, and along with the maintenance and repair of lights and lighting features, we have been kept pretty busy! Once more the weather was not on our side during the festive season, and regular inspections of the lights were carried out. The tree stayed upright, but swiveled in its base by a good ninety degrees!

As usual we provided the candle lanterns and crooks for the Parish Church for Midnight Mass, and also lent them for a pre-Christmas wedding for which we received a donation to the funds.

Looking forward to Christmas 2014, we have already chosen the trees, one for The Square and one for outside the Red Lion. There will be annual maintenance and repairs to carry out later in the year, and hopefully the purchase of new lighting features.

Finally we would like to thank the Parish Council once again for their continued support which is greatly appreciated and helps us to continue providing a festive display for the village

Mawnan Diary – I would firstly like to thank the PC for sponsoring the printing. It was only in November last year that I took over the compiling and so far there have been no major problems but it has been necessary to reorganise the printing.

Suggestions for improvement are always welcome and if anyone has a light hearted item as an addition to the end of the Diary please let me know. Sadly we are limited to a double sided sheet but if anyone wishes to expand and develop the Diary then I am quite happy to discuss this but it will demand a much greater commitment.

Please would everyone ensure that as new people move into the village they receive a copy of the Diary.

Helford River Children's Sailing Trust - Our ethos remains unchanged: we continue to teach our participants (volunteers and children) without charge to them, the essential life skills so they can meet their challenges and responsibilities- whilst having a great time on the water. Our core values remain the same

It is these generous donations, such as yours, that in difficult times are enabling our work to continue and we are well aware that resources are stretched in many directions under the current economic conditions.

We shall of course send you our Annual Review at the end of next Season which will cover the activities for 2013 explaining how our monies will be spent.

Cllr Mrs Mason would like to have the passing of founder John Green noted. The success of HRCST was in the majority due to this initial works and endeavours. He will be missed.

Mawnan Pre School The past year has been another busy and successful year for Mawnan Pre-School. We currently have over 50 children on register and are full up every morning and have recently had to employ an extra member of staff to cover demand, bringing our total staff up to 5.

Looking over the past year the children have visited the Beach, enjoyed a fabulous Puppet Show from Squashbox Theatre and lots of lovely Nature Walks. Our Sports Day was again a huge success rising over £500 which was spent on a beautiful outdoor kitchen and Water-Tray.

In the Autumn term we had a visit from Marcs Arc with a selection of bugs and animals for the children to learn about.

October saw the opening of our absolutely fabulous Pirate Ship climbing frame, thanks to the Parish council allowing an extension to our outside play-area. This was achieved by a huge amount of fund-raising and a very kind donation from the family of the late Rosemary Curtis, who the ship is named after.

Christmas saw a fun party and a visit from Father Christmas.

This year the children have already taken part in the villages annual Pancake Races, watched chicks hatch, had visits from lambs and other animals and visited Newquay Zoo by coach, which was as exciting as the zoo itself!

The children have taken part in many activities such as painting, gluing, dough and construction and at present we are enjoying digging, sowing and growing in our new planting area made possible by the kind donation from the Parish Council. We are looking forward to eating the produce.

As the Pre-School continues to thrive it is encouraging to see so many younger families in the village and the continued support the parishioners show us.

Mawnan WI Report 2014 Our programme for 2013/14 has reflected our many different interests and we have enjoyed talks and demonstrations given by friends and other experts.

We started the year's programme with an evening with Chris Spencer who examined and talked about the provenance of some of the small antique items which members had brought along. He admired several, but could not persuade their owners to part with them!

In May we had a lively discussion about the resolutions to be debated at NFWI AGM. Marion Collins agreed to step in and represent our group at the meeting in Cardiff in June. This was followed by Katrina McCarron from Colour Me Beautiful advising us about what colours we should wear depending on our skin tone. CFWI held its Garden Party at Bosloe on 18th May which turned out to be a lovely sunny day. We provided refreshments solidly for two hours! At the end of the month we held our Beetle Drive which proved as always to be a great deal of fun.

Many of us enjoy cooking and it was a pleasure to watch Tina Walker's demonstration of how to make canapés for a summer celebration.

In July we invited a panel of experts to answer our gardening questions. However, no-one could give a definitive answer about how to deal with slugs!

As usual the President's Tea Party was held in August. Jenny was pleased that the weather was fine and we enjoyed her beautiful garden and a delicious tea. A team of members also helped out at the Mawnan Craft Fair. We met again after the summer holidays with good resolutions to keep fit having been inspired by Sally Williams who has started up two Pilates classes in the village on Tuesday mornings as a direct result of the interest shown at the meeting. The classes are regularly attended by at least ten WI members as well as others from the community. One of the highlights of the year was the visit by Mary Gander and her sister from Falmouth's Sweet Pea and Betty. We were shown how to up-cycle furniture and fittings using a highly adaptable chalk paint to achieve a vintage or distressed look. Again this meeting generated a lot of enthusiasm resulting in many projects in

members' homes.

October was also when we held the extremely enjoyable charity fashion show with local models wearing the latest collections from Monsoon and Phase Eight. We raised nearly £700 for the Mermaid Centre.

November began with a new event: our Christmas Gift Fair which is now a firm fixture on our calendar as a successful fund raising activity. Also for the first time Jenny Ragg laid a wreath on Armistice Day on behalf of Mawnan WI. At our monthly meeting Edith Legge led a demonstration showing us ways to decorate our homes for Christmas.

The festive season was celebrated by our Christmas Lunch at the Falmouth Hotel; in our December meeting by a seasonal quiz; with Budock and Constantine WIs at a joint carol service and at the Over 60s party in the village hall.

We saw in the New Year singing under the guidance of Alison Churchley whose enthusiasm was contagious. Maybe a new choir will be formed.

As advised by NFWI we continue to look at ways to keep up to date. We have revamped the design of our programme and are introducing some afternoon occasional meetings and activities. On Monday afternoon we had an excellent turn out including 12 children from Mawnan School to listen to John Dyer, the official artist of the Tall Ships Race, speaking about his work as an artist and environmentalist. 33 of our 50 members now receive the record of meetings and reminders by email. We are always keen to welcome visitors and non-members to our meetings which take place on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in The Memorial Hall.

1613. TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY

Only item of note – bluebells on verges are a combination of English & Spanish. Can the Spanish be removed in some fashion & replaced? Discussion on strimming & digging up were discussed.

It was proposed by Cllr Lugg, seconded Cllr Moyle

RESOLVED that Mr M Rashleigh be asked to strim the bluebells in question asap and a plan to investigate digging up and replacing next growing season be investigated

on a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Meeting closed at 7.26pm

Signed..... 19th June 2014
(Chair)