



## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011 IN MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Gartside (Chairman), Gibbons, Miss King, Mrs Loomes, Dearnley and Barlow

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Nine members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Mrs Lawry, O'Dell, Sadler, Gilmore and representatives from Mawnan PCC

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **a) In Items on the Agenda**

There were no interests declared.

#### **b) Of gifts of a value of more than £25**

There were no declarations of gifts of a value of more than £25.

### **2. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY**

#### **Mawnan Christmas Lights**

Mawnan Christmas Lights Committee enjoyed a good year once more. The Committee remained the same for Christmas and New Year 2010. The weather was reasonable and there was no damage to any of the displays.

Fund raising consisted of selling large bags of logs. The money raised and received through donations was spent on insurance, maintenance of existing displays and the purchase of some new ones.

Checking and repair work to the decorations was carried out in October and November. The displays were put up in the last weekend of November. There were some tense times locating the selected tree.

The Lighting Up Ceremony was a success with Father Christmas once more performing the 'switch on'. The Committee had a stall of mulled wine and mince pies, the Beavers and Cubs had a stall selling soup and hot dogs and there was also a craft market on the chapel school room. The Anvil Trust, Hammer and Hoe, Jan's Hairdressers and Giuseppe's were open. There was a good crowd of people in the Square.

The Committee provided the candles and lanterns for the Parish Church for the Christmas Eve services which lit the pathway from the lych gate to the church door.

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The decorations were taken down on the twelfth night and were packed away in readiness for Christmas 2011. The 2011 'Lighting Up Ceremony' will be held on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Friends of Mawnan Surgery**

The Friend of Mawnan Surgery was formed eleven years ago. All the support received from patients and the community was appreciated. As well as organising coffee mornings which enable them to purchase equipment for the benefit of patients in the surgery and their homes they also provided cups of tea, biscuits and raffles at the flu jab sessions. The next fund raising event was a table top sale.

### **Mawnan Smith Methodist Chapel**

Although small in number the congregation had continued to serve the community. Last year events held in the building had raised £966 for charities. In addition over £500 was raised for Christian Aid by the combined churches during a series of Lent lunches. The Schoolroom had been used regularly by Mawnan Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. The Choir "8 in a bar" met every Wednesday. The Schoolroom had also been used by the Mothers Union and for craft exhibitions. It was available for all those who require a meeting room. The premises would continue to be maintained for use by the community. In 2011 there would be a bill of about £2500 for painting.

### **Mawnan Methodist Sunday School**

The Sunday school although low in numbers met on Sunday mornings. The children enjoyed their activities and outings. The highlight of the year was the nativity service. Due to the ice and snow it was unable to be held at Christmas and was combined with the covenant service in January. All children would be welcomed to attend the Sunday school.

### **Mawnan WI**

Mawnan WI was in it ninety first year and was pleased to announce an increase in membership, there were over fifty members. It was hoped that it was due partly to the interesting choice of speakers and outings that were available to members. There had been speakers ranging from headwear to cranial therapy and talks on the history of underwear and gardens, demonstrations on party nibbles and crafts and other wide ranging topics. They had been out for meals, theatre trips and taken part in activities with other WI groups within the Helford River Group. In 2010 a delegate was sent to the National AGM to represent this group and the Helford River group. The annual beetle drive was in September and the Harvest Supper in October, these were open events for anyone in the village to attend. Once again in December they hosted the over 60's Christmas Party with money kindly donated from the Rendlesham Trust. Members were involved with the organisation of 'Mawnan Celebrates' for the Royal Wedding. There were requests that a similar event be held in 2011 for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Altogether they had a busy and active year with a change of president. New members were welcomed to join.

### **Mawnan Wives**

Mawnan Wives had a busy year. They celebrated their fortieth anniversary in October. There was a varied programme of events including bowling, walking, craft work and illustrated talks on interesting subjects.

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### **Mawnan Garden Club**

Mawnan Garden Club decided to continue for a little longer and had an enjoyable year. There were interesting speaker and a very tasty supper in November. The plant sale in May raised funds for the club. The membership remains stable with between thirty five and forty members.

### **Mawnan Old Cornwall Society**

Up to forty members and friends enjoyed a wide range of educational and entertaining talks across the winters and spring on the history of Old Cornwall. From Cornish legends and folk lore, the Cornish Diaspora in Mexico, the life and times of Polperro Doctor and Naturalist Jonathan Couch and a hearty performance by "Falmouth Shout" who took them to Australia and back with sea shanties, fascinating old films and expert commentary. They recorded interviews with the surviving members of Latymer School who were celebrating the seventieth anniversary of their evacuation to Mawnan during World War 2. They were able to do this thanks to a grant from the Parish Council. They had found publishers who were willing to commission a book on Old Mawnan using the material collected and archived by the society and supported by Parish Council grants.

### **Cornwall Hospice Shop**

Cornwall Hospice Care was established as a new charity in April 2006 following the amalgamation of Mount Edgcombe, St Austell and St Julia's Hospices. Their aim was to provide the highest quality specialist clinical care to alleviate pain and manage the distressing symptoms that often accompanied life threatening illness, and to offer practical, emotional and spiritual support to patients, their families and carers. The approach to care was through a multi disciplined team. The doctors and nurses worked alongside other professionals such as complementary, physiotherapists and occupational therapists. Mount Edgcombe Hospice was opened in October 1980 and was the first hospice in the County. St Julia's Hospice was founded in 1986 with four beds within St Michaels Hospital. The existing purpose built unit opened in 199. They currently provided 24 in-patient beds across Cornwall. There was building work being completed at St Julia's Hospice to increase the number of bed from eight to twelve. Bed Occupancy rates were 90%, the average length of stay at the in-patient unit was approximately two weeks. They had approximately 6000 bed days a year annually across the two sites. They care for around 600 in-patients a year. On average there were 2000 outpatient admissions for treatments such as blood transfusions, Lymphoedaema and other therapies. They also provided outreach specialist palliative care services in other health-care settings. There were one hundred and thirty two full-time equivalent staff employed and more than eighty involved in direct patient care. The costs of providing the patient services were £5.8 million per annum. Around 15% of the income was received from Government funding and the remainder was raised through voluntary income.

### **Mawnan Anvil Trust**

In the last year the Trust completed its building programme. The final piece of the jigsaw was the restoration of the floor in the Smithy. Its uneven state was potentially dangerous and meant that it could not accommodate schools and educational groups. The floor was removed and a traditional clay floor was laid at a cost of £9500, half grant aided by the Government. The Trust was also able to safeguard electrical and moving machinery thanks to a grant from the Parish Council. A new extractor fan had

been fitted and with health and safety regulation satisfied the Trust would now concentrate on developing its educational programme.

### **Mawnan Bowling Club**

It had been a hectic six months with the major upgrade works that were completed. These included wheelchair access, disabled toilets and other improvement. The official opening would be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011. The clubhouse was available for hire when there were no bowling matches. There was taster sessions held at 2pm on Tuesdays.

### **Mawnan Mothers Union**

The Mothers Union was not just for mothers but for anyone who wished to promote conditions society favoured to stable family life and the protection of children and to be united in prayer, worship and service. There were over thirty members. Money was raised for overseas and UK projects. Besides helping with the weekly mother and toddler group, they purchased two wooden trikes for the new playgroup building and commissioned a doll's cradle for them. The recent display of wedding dresses and memorabilia to commemorate the Royal Wedding was a privilege to stage. They continued to tend the flower stubs outside of St Michael's Church and persisted in keeping the churchyard free from dog waste.

### **Mawnan Brownies and Guides**

They were very grateful to have had the help of students from the University, without their support it would be difficult to keep the guiding units open as it was hard to find volunteers from the local community. There were twenty four girls on the Guide register and twenty on the Brownie register. They had an interesting and busy year as they celebrated one hundred years of Guiding. There were many events and activities within the Unit, at District and Division and two main events at County level. The highlight for the Guides was to attend the County Centenary Camp, where over six hundred Guides came together for a week of activities, dressing up discos, carnival parade, competitions and a trip to Lusty Glaze in Newquay. The Brownie's highlight was attending the Division event. Both Brownies and Guides went to a County event in October at Creally Adventure Centre. In November all members around the world renewed their promise at the same time, all received a commemorative Promise badge. Throughout the year both Units continued to run their normal programme of events based on what the girls wanted to do including working for badges, working in teams and other activities. Mrs Grint said that she had looked after the Brownies and Guides for thirty five years and was approaching retirement age.

### **Mawnan School PTA**

Mawnan School PTA aimed to bring together children, parents, carers, extended family, teachers and the wider community so that everyone felt involved in the life of the school. They raised funds to provide additional opportunities and facilities for the children at the school. The PTA was very grateful for a donation last autumn of £400 from the Helford River Charity Swim. They held various Christmas activities for the children including a successful Christmas Fayre. Members were pleased to help with the Royal Wedding Celebrations by organising the BBQ and children's play area. They were experiencing difficulties recruiting new members and believed that this dilemma was shared by many other PTA groups. The PTA was a valuable resource to the school.

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### 3. TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY

- Look into events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics.
- A member of the public asked whether the cherry trees on the entrance to the village could be reinstated. Cllr Gartside explained that the trees had originally been planted in 1953 to celebrate the Coronation. The trees and the land were privately owned. The Parish Council had previously expressed their views about the trees and no action had been forthcoming.
- The Footpath from Carlidnack to Maenporth got very wet in the winter and was becoming wider and wider. It was agreed that Cllr Gartside and Mrs Loomes would look at the site and then contact Cornwall Council to try and resolve the issue. It was suggested that circular concrete stones similar to those at Trebah could be put on the footpath.
- A member of the public asked why there was not a 20mph speed limit through Mawnan as in neighbouring villages. Cllr Gartside said that the Parish Council had requested a reduced speed limit through the village and had been refused. It was agreed that a part time speed reduction during school arrival and exit times be looked into.
- There were still irresponsible dog owners who were not removing their dogs waste from public footpaths and open spaces.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.39pm.