



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 17TH MAY IN MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Moyle (Chairman), Bate, Bradley, Brooksbank, Faiers, Marsden, Nash & Sadler

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs L Clements, Clerk and 13 members of the public

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

2719.18 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Whibley & Toland

2720.18 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY

Reports were read out by members of the following groups:

Mawnan Memorial Hall	Abbeyfield Scott House
Mawnan Wives	Mawnan Panto Group
Mawnan Local History Group	Mawnan Snooker Club
The Anvil Trust	Film Club
Friends of Mawnan Surgery	Mawnan WI
Mawnan Bowls Club	Mothers Union
Mawnan Methodist Church	

Reports from the Mawnan Football Club, Mawnan Rainbows, Mawnan Cricket Club, Helford River Cubs & Mawnan Pre-School were read by the clerk. A report from the church was also provided but was not able to be read due to time constraints.

All of these reports are given in full at the end of these minutes.

2721.18 TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

- A crossing at Abbeyfield/ Shute Hill as discussed at the April Parish Council meeting. (action is pending traffic radar survey)
- Tony Barbary: state of the cricket field; lots of cuttings left due to growth between cuts. (Cllrs Moyle & Marsden to discuss with Bob Sanders)
- Martin Tremayne: Carwinion Lane – water flowing down now dangerous (clerk to contact National Trust & Cormac Area footpaths Ranger)

Meeting finished at 7.40pm

Signed.....

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Clements', written over a dotted line.

(Chair)

Mawnan Memorial Hall

The Hall seems to get more and more usage being used on average nearly twice a day throughout the year (635 times at the last count) with nearly all coming from the residents of the village.

The Hall Committee does its very best to keep the price of hiring as low as possible so that more people can afford to use the facilities but unfortunately, after three years, we will have to increase our rates from 1st Sept top £8 per hour for the Hall to £8 and £4 per hour for the Rendlesham Room from 1st September due to the increase cost of running the Hall mainly in Oil and Electricity.

During the year we have had our two very long standing staff retire; Roger and Jane have each served the Hall for 40 years and we are very grateful for their long and loyal support.

Looking to the future The Committee has decided that certain aspects of the Hall need upgrading.

With this in mind we are looking, over the next 10 years, to make better use of the front area of the Hall and build out over the rear right hand section. This will give us more storage space, an extra Committee room, and greatly increase the quality of what already is a Great Hall much loved by the many people who use it. We have therefore commissioned a full architects plan to find out what can be done and at what cost and in what time scale. When this has been received we will work out a plan as to what order we can do the various elements of the scheme.

Then the hard work of raising the money.

The Parish Council has been very generous in funding a large portion of the cost of this survey. We are very grateful for this as, not only does it help financially, but also gives us more leverage when we come to applying for grants. Any views about what needs to be done from the residents of the village will be most welcome.

We hope that this scheme will go ahead hand in hand with the Parish Council to improve what is already a wonderful facility for the local community.

Mawnan Wives 2017/2018

Mawnan Wives meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Mawnan Smith. Meetings last approximately 2 hours. We have 32 members to date. An average meeting varies from 16 — 26 members.

We do aim not only to have in house meetings, quizzes and member meetings but manage to get several speakers from various organizations locally to come and give talks on a variety of subjects.

Speakers this past year have included the photographer, David Chapman, Food demonstration by Shane Flutter, Floristry demonstration, and a very interesting talk by Rosie May-Bennett (who lives in the village and due to start university) on her self-funded trip to South America.

We have a summer and autumn coffee morning and funds from these are distributed to various charities within the area, e.g. Cornwall air ambulance, action for children, Cornwall hospice care to name a few.

When anyone hosts a meeting they are given a donation to a charity of their choice.

The Memorial Hall is a well-run and maintained venue for our meetings and we thank the committee for all their help and support.

Mawnan History Group -April 2018 Annual Parish Report

The Mawnan History Group has had a very busy and rewarding programme again this year.

The History Group has a dedicated committee of six. This year our visitor numbers were higher although our yearly member numbers were slightly lower.

Our talks covered:-

- The Life and times of "Ast-Tayef-Nakht" the Mummy in the Cornwall museum,
- The Argall Photographers of Cornwall 1865-1913,
- Harvey's of Hayle,
- A very Cornish Village

And a talk by our committee members which resulted in one of the largest audiences attending our meetings to date covering "The Americans in Cornwall in WW2" this covered all aspects from their arrival with the day to day impact on local people. Also the soldiers experiences up to the landing on Omaha beach.

As the village population ages, we still are able to find new treasures such as old photographs and documents etc. These have been loaned to us for copying to add to our archives, most of them returned the next day. In addition Artefacts are photographed. We also make copies for donors if requested.

A large thank you to the entire parish for their valuable contributions and support

The Anvil Trust

Report to the Parish Council, year ending April 2018

In the past twelve months, the craft centre has continued to operate with a full complement of craft workers bringing interest and trade to the village.

We have printed 10,000 revised publicity leaflets for local circulation and, to sharpen our message, the Trustees have decided to use the tag 'Mawnan Craft Centre' instead of 'The Mawnan Anvil Trust' for all publicity purposes.

Our tenants have all agreed to adopt a new contract to bring them in line with current legal practice and the Trustees have agree to archive selected material on the early life of the Trust, with the local history group at the Royal Cornwall Polytechnic.

We are always aware of the need to provide a good working and visitor environment and new heaters have been fitted in all the units. Currently, we have problems with the flue at the smithy which is requiring attention.

The Trustees are extremely grateful for the help and the practical support that they have received from the Parish Council.

Friends of Mawnan Surgery

Since our formation in 200 our 9 committee members meet regularly at the home of our chairperson Gill Glover. WE are fortunate in having Ian Newman as our treasurer. WE are sorry that Margaret Moyle, a founder member , has had to step down due to health issues, We are all very grateful for all her support over the years.

Our aim is to raise funds, along with generous donations, to purchase equipment to benefit the patients of the surgery and their homes.

We are fortunate that it is a dispensing surgery, which saves patients having to go into Penryn for their appointments, treatments and prescriptions.

We work closely with FOPS (Friends of Penryn Surgery) in fact some of us are dual members of the committee and in the past year have joined together at the Memorial Hall hosting two very successful Coffee Mornings, the most recent one the last Saturday raised over £470 for both surgeries.

We provide cups of tea and biscuits for the patients after the annual fly injections, also held in the Memorial Hall, where they can sit and chat before and after the flu jabs

making it almost a social event. We also raffle a Christmas Hamper at both sessions, which is another fund raiser.

There is an up to date list of purchase in the surgery.

We appreciate your help and support when needed and we are extremely grateful to all who seriously help and donate in any way to "the Friends"

Mawnan Bowls Club

Over the past year the village Bowling Club has enjoyed a rewarding time.

Plenty of good, enjoyable bowls was played last year in the outdoor season, which ends in September, and over the Winter the carpet bowls team has performed with some distinction.

The greens continue to be cared for splendidly and the season has begun again in early April, with a busy fixture list over coming months. Our men's team is involved in the Group 4 league matches against other local clubs, ladies are in what is known as the Rippon competition, again having matches regularly with local clubs. Strollers matches take place on Friday afternoons and there are also a number of friendly matches at weekends. Club competitions take place too and there is a healthy involvement in county competitions.

We are fortunate in having a small number of members who care for the greens and grounds which will always be a demanding task. Our greens and facilities are the envy of many local clubs and we have been pleased to accommodate other local groups in the clubhouse, including the Parish Council on a number of occasions.

Last year an Open Day was a considerable success, well attended with a healthy number of people introduced to bowls, a number joining the club as members. This was repeated in late April this year and was once more a fruitful occasion.

Anyone interested in playing bowls can contact us at any time and there is always someone who is happy to introduce them to the game.

We have been grateful for the generous grant the Parish Council gave us a year ago. Work has been largely completed. Important essential electrical work was identified and the heating in the clubhouse is being substantially improved which will make life more congenial over the winter months when carpet bowlers play regularly and the clubhouse facilities are sometimes used by outside groups.

So, overall, challenges do remain. The financial situation is tight, healthy recruitment of new members is essential. However, it has been a positive year with good progress made.

Mawnan Methodist Chapel

We are pleased to report, thanks to the help your generous grant last year, that Keith Penrose & Sons have applied two coats of stone masonry water repellent to both the Chapel and Sunday School wall and repointed that latter as necessary, hopefully this will help our damp problem. We hope to paint our windows asap.

We welcome warmly as always, visitors and regular attendees to our 11am service each Sunday, we are pleased to announce that the Rev Andrew Mumford has joined our Circuit, so he will be looking after the Falmouth & Mawnan Smith Methodist Churches.

Our ongoing disabled toilet project will hopefully be started next year, we are looking into various grants to help is to reach the target of £5000 a real challenge for us to fund. Another challenge we are facing is to replace the badly worn carpet in the Chapel, so this week we have ordered one, due to the uneven planks underneath we have sought advice and we are laying plywood over the existing carpet laying the new one on top; unfortunately we missed the date to see if we could have had a small grant from the parish pot.

Since our last report to you we have held two successful concerts by local Choirs to raise chapel funds. WE have a good relationship with the Catholic & Church of England churches and once again our combined Lent Soup Lunches we a success and we raised

over £600 for Christian Aid. All proceeds were given, as was the soups etc. to this cause. The Rainbows, guides, Table Tennis, Mothers Union and 8-in-a-bar use our schoolroom at a reasonable rent. We are really grateful to these organisations in supporting our Chapel. The CofE attend our harvest Services and we likewise do the same and alternate Mothering Sunday Services where we give bunches of daffodils to all the congregation. Thank you for the generous support and grants you give to our Methodist Church, it is so much appreciated.

ABBNEYFIELD SCOTT HOUSE

Abbeyfield Scott House is pleased to report that at present it is full, providing accommodation and support by our excellent staff for 8 residents. Many of our residents play an active part in several village activities.

We run sessions of Keep Fit, Bingo and Clothes parties. With the kind help of the Parish Council we also arrange various outings during the year.

We are holding an open day on the afternoon of Saturday 16th June and we hope that as many councillors as possible will attend and see what Scott does.

We thank the Council for its continuing support

Mawnan Panto Group

The Panto Group has had another very successful year.

In the summer we put on a "Panto in a Day" when many young people arrive at 10.00 in the morning and, from scratch, put on a mini Panto at 5.00pm with costume, backdrops and music. They are incredible.

The main Panto started rehearsals in September and put on 5 performances of Peter Pan at the end of January/beginning of February under the superb direction of Maureen Bate. Nearly 100 people of all ages from 3yrs old upwards were involved in the product and well over 500 came to watch. (I like to think that is nearly half of the village participating in one way or another).

The next production is well in hand but the Title is still under wraps.

We are very grateful for the continuing support of the Council which allows us to put on better and better (we hope) performances from year to year.

Snooker Club

The Club is going from strength to strength with many new members joining during the year.

As well as being a good social venue members participate in the local league as well as in individual tournaments with considerable success.

The Snooker room has been updated with new carpet and redecoration.

Thanks to the Parish Council for the grant towards the specialist iron. This will be of great help especially as the present cloth is coming to the end of its useful life and is likely to have to be replaced this autumn at a cost of about £400.

MAWNAN FILM CLUB

The Film Club continues with its monthly showing of a wide variety of films. The quarterly ones with food proving to be very popular. Thanks to the help we received from the Parish Council we now have very good film facility with screen, sound system and projector. These things are also being used by other organisations in the village.

Our next showing is the film BREATHE on 25TH May. This is an inspirational film about how a couple coped with the effects of Polio. As eradicating polio worldwide has been an ongoing project for Rotary for many years we are using this evening as a fund raiser for the Polio Plus campaign. So we hope that as many people as possible will come to support the event (or make a contribution to Polio Plus).

Mawnan Rainbows

Thank you so much for the parish council grants. We have 12 Rainbows presently and they all seem keen to get muddy! (and grow vegetables & flowers.)

We have ordered our aprons which will be great for cooking and painting.

WE had the Rainbows doing different tasks this week – here are a few thanks you cards from them.



Mawnan WI Report for Parish Council Meeting May 2018

Mawnan WI has had a terrific year! It continues to be involved in many community events and has a thriving membership currently standing at over 70. The majority meet regularly at Mawnan Memorial Hall on the second Thursday of the month. We have continued to go out for lunch once a month choosing to go to local pubs, cafes and restaurants and we also still meet at Cornish Maid for coffee on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

We have enjoyed a varied programme of activities and speakers in our Monthly Meetings: we have practised some Tai Chi, learned to make zingy salads and have found out more about the Dissenters' Burial Ground in Falmouth amongst other subjects. Our meetings have ended with a delicious WI tea provided by the evening's refreshments team.

Apart from our Monthly Meetings we have been busy with other activities. We were thrilled by the success of our now regular Garden Safari which will take place again this year on Sunday 1st July. Our Fashion Show in October has continued to attract a lively audience and this event has become one of our big charity fund raisers. The Christmas Gift Fair at the end of November was also very successful.

Over the last twelve months we have extended our programme of educational visits and have been to some splendid properties such as Pentille Castle and stunning gardens including the Pine Lodge Arboretum. We have already been to Lanhydrock to see the Women and Power exhibition which celebrates the centenary of women's suffrage and have planned a number of events to acknowledge the achievements of these inspirational women. We have made rosettes with the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and have a march planned for Sunday 10th June when there will be similar, but bigger, processions taking pace all over the country. Later in the year we plan to have a free screening of the film "Suffragette" which will be open to all of our village community funded by a grant from our County Councillor.

As you have heard, we have continued to try to involve the young mums and children in some of the events that we have arranged. We have begun a new venture with the

school called Mawnan Reading Partners - 12 WI members go to the school every Wednesday and listen to children reading. This is going very well and the teachers and Head are very pleased! We are also using the school's facilities for our Walking Netball which has just started.

In May our Beetle Drive was held and we again arranged the Village Harvest Supper in September and the Christmas Party in December. Shrove Tuesday would not be the same without the Pancake Races held for all the community and we were pleased to see some of our photos in the Falmouth Packet. We have continued to have regular trips to The Hall for Cornwall this year and to the Gweek Players and King Charles Mummers. We also went on our annual boat trip down the Helford learning about the flora and fauna.

In the last year Mawnan WI members have again helped out in the front of house at the village pantomime and were up on the field with a mug tombola at the Fun Run in September. We supported the Craft Market in August by serving refreshments.

Many of our activities are designed to reach out into our village community beyond our membership. Since Christmas we have been holding what we call Cake, Chat and Company. This takes place on a Saturday afternoon once a month which has been a lovely opportunity for people to gather together to enjoy one another's friendship whilst drinking tea and eating cake! Our President, Sally Annan, held a coffee at home to welcome some of the new residents at Lowenna Fields and we are pleased to say that we have three new members from there. We are involved in Beach Cleans as part of a WI campaign to raise awareness of the pollution of plastics in the seas and have taken part in the Green Hearts Campaign which raises awareness of environmental issues - you may also have seen the banner we put up for World Kindness Day asking drivers to be considerate!

We are looking forward to another exciting year and hope to continue to increase our membership as we approach our 100th year in 2020! (Gill Druce - Hon. Secretary)

Mawnan Football Club

The club has enjoyed a very good season culminating in a 2-0 win last night over Camborne School of Mines to secure the Trelawney Premier League title. This makes Mawnan one of the top junior sides in the county.

We of course run two teams and the seconds performed very well in division one having been promoted last year. Unfortunately no silverware.

Due to the bad weather during the winter a number of games were postponed which meant playing two and sometimes three times a week towards the end of the season. Matters were so bad that the cup competitions were cancelled which was unfortunate as the firsts won two and the seconds one last season.

We appreciate very much the Council grant of £500 for the replacement of our training lights which to date have cost nearly £900. We also had the posts donated by Fugro Seacore. They now have to be checked and signed off by MS Electrical. Next season training will be once again at Carwinion and all are welcome.

Mawnan Mothers Union

The Mawnan Branch of the Mother's Union is part of the worldwide MU which seeks to support families and communities in the UK and around the world through praying, enabling and campaigning. Our branch maintains its proud position of being one-of the largest in the Diocese of Truro. Our-monthly meetings in the Methodist Schoolroom are cheerful and uplifting, beginning and ending with a short act of worship, as all our activities are founded on prayer. We have a variety of speakers, who inspire us with their commitment and we are always sure of a warm welcome from the Friendship Club at our annual get-together in the Memorial Hall. A

One of the highlights of last year was the visit of Lynne Tembey, the MU worldwide president to Truro Diocese and her time with us in Mawnan. The first stop was Mawnan School where she was welcomed by the headteacher and the chair of governors before meeting the children of Class I and being introduced to Teddy Horsley. This project is unique to our diocese so was of special interest to Lynne. At St Michael's, Lynne met the

Mawnan members and she told us about her visits, in her role as WWP, to many parts of the world including Rwanda, the Congo, South Sudan, Madagascar, Australia, New Zealand the USA and Canada. She spoke of the courage and fortitude of members in war torn areas who are living out their Christian faith in the face of unimaginable difficulties and continuing to put the needs of others before their own. She was given a Mawnan Church mug and tea towel as well as her own Teddy Horsley to remember her special time with us in Mawnan which was both truly inspiring and encouraging to us all.

Our contacts with the young families in the parish continue to flourish, with our members helping at various school activities. We always show our support at the school's services in St Michael's Church. Amongst our family-orientated outreach activities, The Travelling Nativity is very popular. After being blessed at a service, the knitted figures are taken to young families for a few days, with one sheep remaining behind. Think of the logistics! 20 sheep ~ all knitted by our members ~ the record being held by Mrs Joan Sherratt.

Coffee Mornings and Afternoon Tea Parties attract many from the local community, whose generosity enables us to donate significant amounts to MU projects in Cornwall, around the UK and worldwide.

We thank the Parish Council for their assistance in purchasing bulbs for our Flower Tubs at the two entrances to St Michael's Church, plus the Girl Guides who planted them for us. We continue with the maintenance of the tubs and regularly sweep the steps, for which so many passers-by express their thanks.

Thank you to everyone who supports the work of the MU through prayer and the giving of time and resources.

Cricket Club

Last season we had 1 team playing in the Cornwall Cricket League's newly set up regional Div. 5 Fal. Having lost a few players from the previous year the first few weeks were a struggle but we did manage to sign up 6 new players including two U15's & finished a very creditable 7th out of 10, clinging to the shirt tails of 4th, 5th & 6th but 80 points clear of the bottom 3. One of our players, Ian Snowdon, was in the top six of the batting averages & was 2nd in the bowling averages & took the most wickets in the Division. Two other players also came in the top 12 of the bowling averages. Had we achieved the same consistency in our batting as our bowling then we would have been pushing for a top three finish. This season the League have scrapped the five regional Div. 5's & reverted to the old system, so we are now back in Div.6 West playing teams from Truro down to St Just, so not relegation- just rebranding. Lack of player availability is a continuing problem but last week we signed up two more youngsters from the village to add to the squad & hopefully they will develop their skills along with the other younger members to maintain the club's existence.

Helford River Cubs

Cubs meets every week on a Thursday at MCA which has been our very happy 'home' for a number of years now. We have a regular attendance of around 12-14 boys and girls each week and take part in a wide range of games, activities and skills development. I lead Cubs, with help and support from willing parents and with guidance and leadership from Martine Paynter. Scouts, Cubs and Beavers meet during term time, with Scouts and Cubs running at the same time but doing separate activities and this has so far worked very well, enabling leaders to provide background support for each other, and helps parents with more than one child as they don't have to do different drop offs. In the last year, Cubs have achieved several of their badges including chef communication, and they are currently working on their scientist badge. Every week we make time to play games to develop personal and social skills. We make good use of the field and the amazing natural environment we have around us at Carwinion Woods, Porth Sawsen, Maenporth and surrounding area - rain or shine! Cubs have made rope, learnt knots, made hot air balloons, constructed mini tool boxes, done the 'egg drop' problem solving challenge (it got messy!), grown sunflower seeds, done some simple carving to develop their knife skills, created a track for radio controlled racing cars and have cooked

on fires they built themselves. We ran a great two-night camp which most Cubs took part in.

Cubs attended services for Remembrance Sunday, St Piran's and St George's Day, and supported the Christmas lights switch-on serving up hotdogs & soup. We are always interested in new ways to get more involved in local community activities so any ideas and suggestions would be greatly appreciated. We'd love to visit local businesses and places of interest, and invite volunteers in to share their skills and knowledge with Cubs - whether skills, local history, anything that will enrich their experiences and allow them to participate actively in community life.

Mawnan Preschool

Report for Parish Council AGM, Thursday 17th May 2018

2017-18 has been a busy one for Mawnan Pre-School with lots of fun and a huge variety of activities and experiences, however it has proved a challenging one financially with the increase in the minimum wage and pension scheme and the freeze on Government funding for the children.

Looking forward the Pre-School has set many cost-cutting measures in place which are already looking successful.

We have a very pro-active Committee that support us and have held many fund-raising activities to enable us to provide the children with those "extras". We welcome anyone from the local community that would like to know more about what we do and become more involved in our lovely group.

Back in the Spring term we enjoyed trips to Trebah Gardens, to take part in the Nature Trail. The Summer term is always a favourite with lots of water and sand play and trips to Porth Sawsen and Maenporth Beaches where we had lots of fun. We also held another very successful Sports Day and thoroughly enjoyed the Tuff Enuf Obstacle Course.

The end of the summer term is always emotional having to say goodbye to all our School Leavers but also very rewarding when you know the Big children are more than ready to move on to the next part of their learning journey.

We have raised Butterflies and Tadpoles, watching them develop and grow and did lots of planting and growing.

The Autumn term included our annual Nativity which was a great success which was held at PreSchool and we enjoyed our Christmas Party and visit from Father Christmas to end the year.

Our indoor playhouse has been turned into a Shop, Hairdressers, Woodland Den, Drs and a Pirate Ship amongst others and we have enjoyed several themed parties, eg. Pyjama, Superhero and Pirates and Princess parties.

The children have also been lucky enough to have had visits from Squashbox Puppet Theatre, Yoga teacher and our regular Sports for Tots sessions which are a huge hit and help to develop the children in all areas of learning. Plus we have enjoyed exciting activities run by some of our lovely parents. We thank them for that and hope more i-would like to come and help us.

The staff have attended many training courses this year, including updating Paediatric First Aid, Food Hygiene, SENCO and Makaton. We are very proud to have been rewarded MAKATON Status for all our hard work developing our signing which the children absolutely love. We also regained our level 5 Nippers Nutrition for our Healthy Eating Policies and Procedures.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support and look forward to working with you to enable us to give the Parish children the most positive and best start and experience at Pre-School.

Excerpt from the St Mawnan & St Michael's Church Reports for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting - April 22nd 2018

Acting Priest In Charge Report

My involvement with St Michael and St Mawnan began in May last year when a vacancy arose. The first event I attended was the special service for Thy Kingdom Come, and I was immediately impressed by the commitment and spirituality of the Church.

During the eleven months since then I have enjoyed getting to know the congregations and the school better.

In our worship:

- BCP services are once more being held twice a month
- We have experimented with the All Age Service format
- We tried out some new ideas over Holy Week and Easter
- We revised the Baptism Service to make it more accessible
- Although we are currently without an organist, we are managing well with electronic music supplemented by help from several musicians

Our links with the school have remained strong, and we are growing in our relationship with the new Head.

Activities include:

- Footprints - a weekly after school club
- Assemblies led by the Open the Book group, and by me
- MU activities including making Teddy Horsleys for the youngest children
- Welcoming the School into Church for an Advent activity day, a Christingle and a school Eucharist

There are two home groups, and we held a Lent Group this year. Lay people lead a weekly morning prayer on Wednesdays and a small group meet to pray informally on Fridays. A large number of people give time generously in helping with our worship, caring for our buildings and caring for each other. Thanks are due to them all.

Important challenges for next year may include

- Reviewing our patterns of worship and our liturgies, to ensure they best suit our mission as well as our own spiritual needs
- Continuing to work with the school, and begin thinking long term how we might continue to engage with the pupils after they have left
- Continuing to extend the range of music we use

I am writing this just before the interviews for a new Priest in Charge, and it may be some weeks before the appointment is announced. Whoever is appointed, I have every confidence that God will continue to work with you and through you as you bring his love to the people of Mawnan.

Every blessing

Johanna

Churchwardens' Report

The year began with the news that our priest in charge, Rev. Stewart Turner, had resigned for personal reasons. Fortunately, with our Rural Dean Canon Geoffrey Bennett's assistance, we were introduced to Rev. Johanna Clare who agreed to become our acting priest in charge until she was able to secure a stipendiary post. She joined us in June and has proved to be a very popular replacement. We are extremely grateful for all she has done in our Parish, particularly remembering that she has not received any stipend for the considerable hours she has worked.

We also very sadly lost Rev. Alex Marshall who died in July. He had been a great help since he and Christine moved to Mawnan Smith and regularly preached at our services. We are very grateful for all the assistance he and Christine provided.

Our organist, Suzanne Brodie, who lives in Par found the travelling to our services too difficult and resigned in October. We are very grateful to her for all she did and also to Catherine Smith who used recorded hymn music played through a speaker to provide accompaniment to our singing. We should also like to thank Johanna's husband John who played his guitar at several services (including Midnight Mass) so that we were able enjoy "live music".

Stephen and Jane Rhodes, who have a long connection with the Parish Church, generously provided the funds to renovate the gates to the lych-gate and Graham Smith has very kindly done the work. They look fantastic. The new gates were blessed in the presence of the Rhodes family at our service of Nine Lessons and Carols in December.

At the PCC meeting on Wednesday 3rd January we were delighted to be joined by Archdeacon Bill Stuart-White and our Rural Dean Canon Geoffrey Bennett. Archdeacon Bill announced the very good news that, after discussions with Bishop Chris, it has now been decided that Mawnan should have a half stipendiary priest in charge. This is excellent news considering the challenging financial situation in the Diocese. Since then, we have had two applications for the post which are currently being processed. Two representatives of the PCC were appointed at an extraordinary PCC meeting to undertake the selection part of the process and a Person Specification has been prepared. We are now waiting for the Archdeacon to arrange the interviews.

We are lucky to have very supportive parishioners who generously give their time and skills to all our activities. These include our PCC members, vergers, readers, sacristan and servers, intercession leaders, sidespersons, choir, bellringers, flower arrangers, hot drink providers as well as the Mothers Union and others who quietly do unseen work that often goes unnoticed.

We are very grateful to you all,

Stuart Annan and Mike Cockeram

Open The Book

We are now in our seventh year of going into the school during Collective Worship to tell Bible stories in the distinctive Open the Book dramatised form. We go into the school every two weeks and there is always an enthusiastic welcome from the children, who are a ready to help out when we need extras. Wherever appropriate, we relate our stories to the school's core values of compassion, respect, hope, peace, perseverance and trust.

During the summer term we mostly told stories from the Old Testament. However, we were in school on Ascension Day so were able to introduce that story. We also had the privilege of presenting the children with their Bibles from our parish. There was one Jewish boy in the cohort and he was very touched to be presented with an Old Testament for Jewish children. In the autumn term we told stories about the life of Jesus, finishing with a very different activity for Christmas. Two sessions of *Experience Christmas*, a carousel of activities related to the Christmas story, were held in St Michael's, one each for Classes 3 and 4. We started the spring term with the Wise Men's visit and then carried on with the life of Jesus, including miracles and parables. Our final presentation was a dramatic reading of the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday, supported by a PowerPoint presentation.

I went to a network day in Roche in September that Bishop Chris attended, and he emphasised how important the outreach of the Open the Book teams in Cornwall is. He said that we were sowing seeds but would probably never see the fruit. Our Open the Book team volunteers are Catherine and David Arrondelle, Kay Dumont, Tony Grimmer, Lizzie and Brian Hoskins. Catherine Smith and Geoff Tunwell. We really enjoy thinking about the stories we tell and rehearsing them on the Monday before we present them. We would be happy to welcome new members to our team. If you would like to come and see Open the Book in action at school, on a Thursday at 1.15 p.m., do please get in touch with one of the team to arrange this.

Lizzie Hoskins March 2018

Mawnan Church Of England VA Primary School

This has been a year of significant change for the school. At the end of the summer term we bade a fond farewell to Randall Brook, who had been Headteacher for over 20 years. We were delighted that Bishop Tim, members of the Diocesan Board of Education, headteachers from the Penryn Partnership and many former members of staff joined the children, staff and governors at a Celebration in the Parish Church. Two former pupils, Ben Mitchell and Hannah Barlow, gave very moving tributes. We are all extremely grateful to Randall for everything he did for the children and the school. The school was visited by Ofsted in June and was confirmed as a Good School, a fitting tribute to Randall as he finished his teaching career.

So, in September a new chapter in our school commenced with the arrival of Jilly Pridmore as Headteacher. Coming originally from St Mawes, she has a great love of Cornwall and is an enthusiastic leader of the school. She radiates positivity and she and her fantastic team are building on the strengths of the school. Everyone associated with the school has been impressed with the sensitivity she has shown managing change. She is an

experienced Headteacher and came to us from a multi-cultural Church of England school in St Paul's in Bristol, so is finding the challenges and opportunities that Mawnan presents very different.

The school enjoys the close relationship it has with our local Church and Diocese and is fully involved in the life of the community. Randall Brook and members of his band were invited to perform at the Bishop's Garden Party in June. The Mothers' Union and Teddy Horsley provide an important link with the youngest children and other members of the congregation share their time and skills with the children in a voluntary capacity. We were delighted to welcome the Mothers' Union President, Lynne Tembey, to Class 1 in March. Harvest, Christingle and School Eucharist are celebrated in St Michael's Church. Other church led activities include visits from the Open the Book team, who lead assemblies in school once a fortnight, the popular Footprints after school club, and we are pleased that our acting Parish Priest, Johanna, is regularly leading Collective Worship. We are delighted that members of the WI are supporting reading in the school now, too. Children from the school participate enthusiastically in many activities within the village and the wider community and continue to excel in a wide range of activities, both representing the school and individually. The country dancing for Daffy Down Dilly Day in the Trebah Amphitheatre is always well supported. The behaviour and attitude of the children on these occasions always receive positive comments.

During the course of this year we have been making progress towards forming a multi-academy trust, Kemeneth (Cornish for Community), with Penryn College, Mylor School and Flushing Church of England School. Kemeneth is looking to providing outstanding educational and developmental opportunities for children in our schools from 4 to 16. This is a very exciting development for the school and the Headteachers are working hard on the Education Plan.

We have welcomed three new teaching assistants to the school this year. They are working with children with special needs in Class 1. It is heart-warming to see how these children are responding.

We are very grateful to the PTA, who have many imaginative ways of raising much needed funds for the school, from participating in the Mawnan Fun Run, a gala evening at the Panto and drinking gin – and of course organising delicious cake sales.

Once again, I would like to pay tribute to my fellow governors, all volunteers, most with full time jobs, who carry out their ever more demanding role with dedication and cheerfulness. As Governors, we aim to contribute to high standards of attainment, together with good quality teaching and pupil behaviour; and to support the positive and caring partnership between Jilly Pridmore and her staff, families and the governing body, based on trust and a shared understanding. We have three core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Additionally, in a Church of England School, governors have a duty to see that the school retains and develops its Christian ethos and distinctiveness. This will not change as we move to becoming part of Kemeneth Multi-Academy Trust.

Lizzie Hoskins, Chair of Governors April 2018