



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH MAY 2023 AT 7.00PM, IN THE MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllrs Brooksbank (chair) Bate, Morris, Moyle, Sadler, & Whibley

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs L Clements, Clerk + 12 members of the public

3777.23 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllrs Potter & Reid

3778.23 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY

The following reports were read out on the evening. Additional reports may be included if received by the clerk before minutes are published and are included as an appendix to these minutes:

Mawnan Snooker Club
Mawnan Memorial Hall
Mawnan Bowls Club
Mawnan Cricket Club
Mawnan Village Show
Mawnan Christmas Lights
Mawnan WI
Mawnan Anvil Trust

Run Mawnan
Mawnan Panto Group
Abbeyfield Scott house
Helford River Scouts
Helford River Gig Club
Mawnan History Group

The Chair welcomed the variety of reports and the evident vibrancy of the community activities, giving particular note to the active impact of the Mawnan WI for the village.

3779.23 TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

There were no items raised by members of the community for the upcoming year.

This section of the meeting finished at 7.30pm

Mawnan Snooker Club

The club is now getting back to a more normal state and now has about 35 members and have been undertaking social visits to the Atheneum Club in Falmouth. One of our newest recruits was, at one point, 120th in the world.

Photos of the equipment purchased using the Parish Council grant were also provided.



MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL - REPORT TO THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

After a difficult couple of years the Memorial Hall is starting to get back to something like normality. We have lost some of our traditional users such as the Friendship Club, Parish Council and Lunch Club, although the latter is coming back on a limited format. Our biggest problem has been the vast increase in the cost of energy. Our Electricity has increased from about £1,100 per year to a projected £5,400. Oil has also increased substantially. We do our best to keep our hiring charges as low as possible but will not be able to do this for long.

As usual we were able to host the Remembrance Day service on 11th Nov - which is the reason the Memorial Hall built in the first place.

All our regular users have had a fairly good year. The usual Village Groups such as WI, Wives, Garden Club, Mothers Union Craft Group as well as various "fitness classes" continue to thrive.

The weekly Post Office continues to be a needed and well used facility. We average about 50 per week (considerably more near Christmas). Brian our Postmaster does a super job and I would like to thank the Parish Council for their continuing support of this facility.

This year our Annual Craft Market was a record success both in terms of numbers and takings. This is a much appreciated event bringing a considerable number of visitors into the village. However we need more helpers if this is to continue. Figures for the Film Club are gradually coming back to normal. The Snooker Club goes from strength to strength and I would like to thank them for their continued support of the Hall. The Farmers Market does well but we could do with a few more food stalls. The Panto Group put on an excellent production in February with some 500 people either being involved or coming to watch. There has been an increase in the number of children's parties. It is nice to see the younger members of our community using and enjoying the Hall.

This is the centenary of the founding of the Memorial Hall. Strictly speaking the actual centenary falls into next year's report I feel it should be mentioned here. Together with the W.I. (who were the driving

force for the building of the Hall) we intend to put on a series of events culminating with the Lord Lieutenant of the County unveiling a centenary plaque.

We are entering into a joint project with the Parish Council to improve the right rear part of the Hall with the possible siting of the Parish Council office in the Hall. Watch this space.

Mawnan Bowling Club – Report to Parish Council AGM – May 2023

The last 12 months has witnessed a return to normality, post Covid, for Mawnan Bowling Club. We have come out of the other side and have retained our membership. Being situated slightly off the beaten track, we rely on over 90% of our membership being drawn from the villages of Mawnan Smith & Budock Water, there being alternative clubs in Falmouth, Penryn, and Mylor.

Our membership currently stands at 30 full members, with a further 11 members playing indoor carpet bowls, all year round. Now in our 99th year, we are inviting anyone interested in trying the sport to contact us – there is no obligation to join until you decide that the game/club is something you wish to pursue.

We run 1 team of men in the Group 4 Division of the County League, 1 mixed team in the more relaxed Strollers League, and play friendlies against other County teams throughout the season. We have Club competitions, and, of course, members are free to have roll ups throughout the summer.

As is the case with all organisations, we are suffering from significant increases in the operating costs of looking after the greens and buildings, but are striving to maintain this community facility, which provides healthy, physical exercise and companionship.

We recently held an Open Day, incorporating a sponsored Bowl-a-thon, where two club members, playing as a pair, played other pairs from our club and other local clubs for a non-stop 12 hour period. These two stalwarts bowled a total of 332 woods each during the period! We were delighted to welcome many visitors throughout the day, who supported our fund-raising efforts, tried out the game of bowls, and enjoyed a cup and tea and refreshments. We are most grateful for the very generous support of the local hotels, businesses and village shops which enabled us to raise the sum in excess of £2000 (to be confirmed) for the Childrens' Hospice South West, with the monies going to Little Harbour Hospice at St Austell.

As an important spin off, we are delighted that a useful number of visitors are considering joining us.
Malcolm Dearnley, Secretary

Mawnan Village Autumn Show 2022

We would like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support of the village show. Unfortunately due to the death of the Queen last year's Village Show was cancelled out of respect to the Queen and the Royal Family at short notice.

We therefore had to return fees paid to us by those wishing to exhibit their crafts and produce. We hope that this year will be very successful and for your continued support.

Mawnan Christmas Lights

We had a great turnout on the switch-on night and many comments have been made about the lights around the village and how festive it looked. Over 200 presents were given out children on the night. We would also like to thank again the parish Council for their continued support, help and advice.



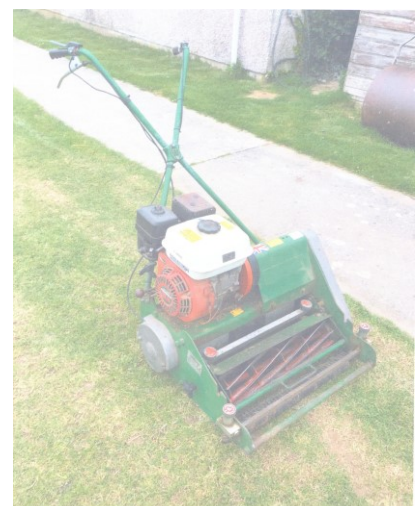
MAWNAN CRICKET CLUB Report for Parish Council 2023

Last season was a very successful one for the Club. It was not rewarded with any silverware but the progress on & of the field was the most significant for years. Our membership increased slightly & we again had two teams, one in Division 6 Central of the Cornwall League for Saturday games & an evening league side playing on Wednesdays.

The Division 6 team had 21 scheduled matches of which 3 were cancelled because of the weather & 2 were conceded to us by the opposition not being able to raise a side. Of the remaining 16 we won 15 & lost 1. That was to St.Day who pipped us to the league title by a mere 9 points simply by having 1 less weather cancellation than us. Our dominance in that division was highlighted by the fact we finished 126 points clear of third place. However, because we were the best runner up in all the 3 regional division 6s we achieved automatic promotion along with the 3 divisional winners. This was the first time for 14 years that we had achieved a promotion based solely on our results. The only other time we were promoted was in 2016 when the League scrapped Division 6s & created 5 regional division 5s which was a disastrous experiment.

The evening league side which we use as a development team & for people who are not available at weekends gave a good account for themselves in a league which is open to Division 2 players & below & we were playing against a lot of the bigger clubs.

Off the field of play we did manage to purchase a very good second hand multi purpose mower from Camelford Bowling Club complete with two interchangeable cassettes which allows us to use it as a verticutter & a brush as well as producing an excellent fine low cut. We would like to thank the Council for the grant which went towards the total cost of this machine which was over £1000. We also purchased a mobile net cage to compliment our old static net & it allows us to wheel it out onto the square & practice on a real wicket rather than on the artificial surface of the static net. We also replaced our old wooden hand-made wicket marking frame with a new metal folding one.



We rounded off the season by resurrecting the annual presentation evening at The Red Lion which was well attended & enjoyed by all.

The spirit & enthusiasm that shone through the Club last season has continued into this season & we have won two of our first three Saturday matches In Division 5 West & we have managed to recruit 3 under 14s into our evening development side which is good for the future of the Club.

WI President's Report for Parish Council Annual Meeting May 18th 2023

I am pleased that this evening I am able to report that Mawnan WI has had a very busy year resuming a full programme with the addition of some new regular activities as well as pop-up events.

We have managed to meet together socially for coffee and lunches and we particularly enjoyed it when meeting in members' gardens.

Our Monthly Meetings are now held again in the Memorial Hall. Although attendance has not been as high as before the pandemic, each month has seen an increase in the number of members as well as visitors.



Our community and charity fund raising activities have flourished and we have raised significant sums as well as having a lot of fun. In the last twelve months we have raised £320 for the Women's Refuge and £175 for the Mercy Ships. In the early summer we raised £2250 for CHSW by holding the Jubilee Garden Jaunt. This was followed in September by the Charity Shop Clothes Show which took £1120 for Cornwall Hospice Care. Additionally, we held a number of small events to raise funds to make Christmas Gift Bags for St Petroc's and we invited them to a coffee morning at Trebah to present them. We have also made a donation to the Christmas Lights which was raised from selling mulled wine, spiced apple juice and mince pies. We have continued with our monthly Food Bank collections and also held a one-off collection of warm clothes for the Dracaena Centre and another for Georgia's Voice a Falmouth based charity which supports young women with mental health challenges.

In the Memorial Hall we have hung our Poppy Cascade for Remembrance and held our Christmas Gift Fair. We also kept up a new tradition of putting up a fund raising Christmas tree outside.

In the last year we have taken part in community events again and we were very pleased to be involved in the celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee - even when we had to wear the crowns we had made for our parade! In February we were able to hold our annual Pancake Races again which were attended by children from the pre-school and school.

It has been lovely to able to go back into the school and the PTA has been grateful for the support of our members at their Sports Day and Secret Santa. I was also invited to be a judge for their Bake Off fund raiser which involved a lot of cake...so that was fun!

Beyond our regular monthly meetings, our programme has included celebratory lunches as well as informal meals at local venues; educational trips and garden visits; tours of the exhibitions at Falmouth Art Gallery and our afternoon teas - Cake, Chat and Company.

We have just introduced a Well-Being Team offering support to our members especially those who are ill or have found it difficult to return to various activities since Covid.

The highlight of 2023 so far has to be the Coronation Parade and Community Tea. We were thrilled that the event was attended by so many and appreciated the support of the Parish Council in enabling us to put it on and decorate the village for the occasion.



We have a lot more to look forward to this year with the centenary of the Memorial Hall coming up next month. WI was hugely important in the building of it and we are pleased to have been invited to be involved in their celebrations.

Although there have been some sad times for us recently, the strength of our WI is in the support and friendship which we offer to each other and we have been very pleased to welcome twelve new members in the last year. It is good to know that we are a thriving organisation with much to offer one another and our community.

Gill Druce President Mawnan WI 2023

Nigel Druce – Run Mawnan

Although 1/2 size of previous years almost 200 runners of all ages gathered in the sunshine for the 3 different routes through the village and it was the youngsters who took the lead in the 5k race with two of the top three places being taken by under 18s.

Rotarian Rod Allday, Chairman of the Run Mawnan committee, said "It's great to be back after a 2-year break and to see so many people enjoying themselves in the sunshine. We're really grateful to all the local businesses who have supported us by providing some great prizes, and to all the volunteers who marshal the course and help in the event field." Rod also thanked Cath Horton who is stepping down from the organising committee, for all her hard work co-ordinating the event over the past 10 years. The winners were presented with their prizes by Steve Kimberley of Kimberley's Independent Estate Agents, who was also the compere and the main sponsor of the event.

Because of clashes with new local running events the date for the Run Mawnan 2023 has been changed to 1st October from the regular 'last-Sunday-in-September' slot.

Mawnan Panto - despite Maureen Bate no longer being part of the production team (booo.... hisss...) all went well with Rob taking at the helm in February. He's already reading of over a dozen other pantos to shortlist for this year ...

Abbeyfield Scott House

Despite rumours of closures locally of 4 Abbeyfield Homes in Cornwall Mawnan remains safe, being run from a separate group. The home is currently full – well there is 1 empty room which looks to be being filled next week. Currently there is a very active membership, with residents getting out and about much more so there may be a grant request to help with travel costs for these excursions later in the year.

Helford River Scout group is based in the MCA Hall in Mawnan Smith and we are now on our 13th year since we opened, combining the Scouting provision for Mawnan and other surrounding villages. The group is going from strength to strength and currently welcomes just over 70 boys and girls (age 6-17) a week thanks to a fantastic group of adults who volunteer their time. We are also very grateful to Colin Bate and the MCA Hall team who are so supportive of the young people and their activities.

There are 24 Beaver Scouts and this year they have enjoyed trips to the wood and the beach, learning new skills from rope making to first aid, cooking to music. This weekend they had their first sleepover since Covid with a campfire, den building, whittling, cooking on fires and making catapults.

The Cubs are always on adventures, enjoying activities like camping with other local groups, problem solving in teams, archery, cooking in camp ovens and learning skills from people in our community.

Scouts and Explorers are the oldest members of our group, they often meet together and the Explorers are wonderful teachers, sharing everything they have learned with the younger ones. Last summer they attended an international Jamboree which welcomed around 3000 Scouts for 8 days of camping, adventurous activities and new experiences - we were so proud at the way they put their skills, team work, kindness and resilience into use to have an amazing experience. They have been on 3 more camps this year and are looking forward to the summer when they are looking forward to getting out on the water again. During term time they have enjoyed doing activities like wood work, boat maintenance, pioneering, archery and cooking on fires and stoves. We have enjoyed joining in with community events, including the Jubilee, and running some of our own.



The parish council continue to support us for which we are grateful - supporting us to buy some much needed new tents this year which have already been used for 20 nights each. We were also very lucky to receive £500 from ASDA in order to offer free Scouting places for those local children who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend - please do spread the word about this as we do want to make sure it is available to those who need it.

Our challenges and wishes for the coming year:

- To welcome more young people from Mawnan Village to Scouting
- To gain the qualifications necessary to get our Canoes back on the water and to renew our water activities equipment which needs renewing
- To find more people locally who are willing to come to one off sessions and share their skills, job or hobbies with our young people

There are no words to describe how proud we are of the young people who come along to our sessions every week, growing and learning together to gain skills for life and we certainly wouldn't be as easy without such a supportive village so thank you.

Martine - Group Scout Leader

Mawnan History Group – although down to only 4 members the group is still active but is limiting itself to exhibitions whilst using reserved funds for bigger events, such as the Memorial Hall Centenary where they will be holding a display covering the history and usage of the hall over the last 100 years

Helford River Gig Club

The Gig Club has always focussed on fitness and health, with people regularly coming for the social and community feeling that the club provides them. With over 200 members at present (they have rather a lot of supervets (over 50s) along with 22 juniors (under 14) and 120 ladies but they are really looking to swell the ranks of the 30+ if they can.

The clubhouse is at Gweek, although the boats themselves are generously stored on the Helford Passage side of the river at Pedn Billy boathouse. All 5 boats (3 wooden racing & 2 plastic training boats) are used most weeks. Over 1/3 of the club membership is made up of Mawnan parish residents, with other coming from Gweek, Constantine and Mabe.

This year was a golden year at the World Gig Championships on the Scillies with the ladies being crowned Open World Champions and almost all of the other 12 crews that were taken over – a total of 84 rowers – placing highly in their groups. The Coronation event immediately after the Scillies allowed those remaining 120 members a chance to celebrate along with those returning from the Scillies, although the Helford River itself was not so conducive to the plans for an open water event so alternative on-shore plans were made.

The HRGC is one of the cheapest clubs to join. This keeps the club as inclusive as possible but make grant funding of any sort very important. Sponsorship by Rosemullion Distillery allows all the competing teams to have uniforms to race in. Plans for development on the old clubhouse are in the offing as is a replacement wooden gig in the next year to 18 months.



THE MAWNAN ANVIL TRUST - Report to the Parish Council May 2023

The Trust is responsible for the Old Smithy Workshops with four craft units on site. We are a non-profit making charitable trust which enables us to keep the rents as low as possible allowing small craft workers to grow their business.

The Parish Council gave the trust a £5000 grant which has enabled us to replace all the rotten and leaking roof lights. The trust was grateful for this.

The trust has had two fund raising events, the hog roast for the Jubilee Celebration and we were able to hold an open garden day at Penwarne Manor, which we had been unable to do for the past four years due to covid. Both of these events were well attended and these proceeds will be put to good use on ongoing maintenance and equipment purchase and overhaul.

Two of our craft workers have moved on and we are pleased to report that we have a new blacksmith in residence, Jeremy Cash (featured on the BBC Royal Repair Shop program with the then Prince Charles). We have also a Wood Sculptor, Jim Head, who makes high quality ducks/birds and other hand carved items. We believe these, with the other craft workers, the silversmith (Abigail Brown) and signwriter (Sheila McCann –Downs) are a great asset and will encourage trade and visitors to the village.

