

MINUTES OF THE MAWNAN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD
ON TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2025 AT 19.00 IN THE
MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL.



PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllrs Biggin, Stabbins, Potter, Whibley and Clerk.

Minutes

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. Cllr Moyle, Cllr Morris,
2. Cllr Biggin arrived at 19.07

2. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY

See annual reports at end of minutes

1. Anvil Trust report read by Ian Newman
2. Mawnan WI read by Gil Druce
3. Mawnan Cricket Club read by Martin Ley
4. Mawnan Community Garden club read by Catherine Arrondelle
5. Mawnan Garden Club read by the Clerk on behalf of Stephanie Leigh
6. Mawnan Methodists read by Margaret Lugg
7. Friends of Abbeyfield read by Margeret Lugg
8. Mawnan AFC read by Cllr Potter on behalf of the Mawnan AFC
9. Mawnan MCA read by Cllr Potter on behalf of Kevin Bate
10. Trebah Tennis Club read by Cllr Potter on behalf of Kate Hellyar, Trebah Lawn Tennis Club committee
11. Mawnan Memorial Hall read by Ian Newman
12. Mawnan Film Club read by Ian Newman
13. Mawnan Bowling Club read by Ian Newman

Cllr Whibley remarked on the excellent and diverse range of groups in our small village. Credit is given to all the volunteers involved who make these clubs function and their contribution to the lives of those residing in the parish.

3. TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

List of events

Can the Parish Council publish a list of events coming up in the year ahead that the community may want to celebrate. The clerk said she would set up a mailing list for all the groups.

Sampys Hill Pavement

It continues to be a worry and concern for the residents of the parish. Cllr Potter explained the current situation which is that Cornwall Council have spent the money that was allocated. Whilst this does not match up with our records there is not a lot we can do apart from keep talking to them. There is now no money until 2027 which is a priority dictated funding pot. There is a small pot in 2026 but this has already been allocated to other projects.

It was raised that we have a new Cornwall Councillor and a new Council so we should contact them and ask for our new Cornwall Councillor's support and if a new council means new priorities.

The council asks anyone in the village to send in letters and videos so the PC can forward to CC to keep the pressure up. The clerk has created a private page on the PC website with letters and videos of the kids walking down the hill on

some of the children from Mawnan

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Primary on their way to school

their way to school which Highways have access to and the intention is to build up a strong evidenced case for the pavement so it remains a high priority for Cornwall Council.

ACTIONS:

1. Clerk to contact new Cornwall Councillor and Highways Team for support and potential change of priorities with newly formed cabinet.
2. Set up a mailing list for all the groups and create annual calendar.

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Guy Potter
Chair

Date 18th June 2025

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THE MAWNAN ANVIL TRUST

REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL MAY 2025

Introduction

For the benefit of recently appointed Parish Councillors, a quick introduction.

The Old Smithy is a central part of the history of Mawnan Smith.

This, the last of four working smithies in the parish, fell into disuse in 1994, following the death of blacksmith Dryden James.

In 2000, a small group of locals had the idea of marking the New Millennium by renovating and re-opening the Old Smithy. The Mawnan Anvil Trust was subsequently formed with the objective of purchasing the site and overseeing the restoration of the building to its former glory. After five years of fund-raising, site clearing and building, the smithy (*a Grade 11 listed building*) was once again, a working forge.

The project went wider than just restoring the Smithy.

Three adjacent work units were also created, forming the small complex known as 'The Old Smithy Workshops'.

2024 /5 HIGHLIGHTS

The Craft Workers

Craft workers move on from time to time, with a temporarily empty Workshop depriving us of income, but the Trust is happy to report that all four Workshops were fully occupied by stable tenants, two of whom have been with us for over ten years.

Workshop 1 – Jim Head, wood sculptor

Workshop 2 – Abigail Brown, silversmith

Workshop 3 – Sheila McCann-Downes, sign-writer

The Smithy – Jeremy Cash, blacksmith

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Maintenance and Improvements

A considerable number of tasks were undertaken in 2023 / 4 as outlined in last year's Report. Thankfully, there has not been so much to maintain or replace since then.

During the last 12 months, the Trust has:

- re-painted external walls and re-stained wooden cladding
- replaced ancient TV monitor and faulty media player
- undertaken minor running repairs to roof slates (storm damage)
- repaired a faulty electrical motor switch in the smithy
- replaced ageing water heaters in three Workshops (one had failed)
- generally kept the complex in good order.

Cost of above works: £2,608

The Trustees carry out as much ongoing maintenance work as possible themselves, but engage specialist services e.g. qualified electricians when necessary.

Works due - other than occasional weeding, the block-paved Courtyard has not received attention since it was laid in 2007. Some blocks now require re-setting to prevent trip hazards, the overall surface cleaned and drains cleared and flushed.

The Trust is currently obtaining estimates for the work.

Parish Council Grant

The Trust was very grateful for the last Grant of £6k received in January 2022, which covered the considerable expense of replacing the rusting and leaking Roof Lights on three Workshops and the Toilets. The Trust has not applied for any grant since then. The MAT would now be similarly grateful for grant assistance with the refurbishment of the Courtyard.

Fundraising

In April this year, the Trust held its usual annual 'Penwarne Garden Open Day' event, which was very successful. Money raised will go some way towards the cost of our single largest recurring annual expenditure i.e. Buildings Insurance, which is due for renewal in September. Current year's premium is £1,891.

In conclusion, the last year has been satisfactory with no unexpected events or costs. We hope that this continues in the future.

Report prepared by The Mawnan Anvil Trust 27.04.25

President's Report 2024-25

You only need to look at our WI programme to see the vast array of our regular events. Each month members of Mawnan WI are treated to coffee meet ups, book club discussions, trips to Falmouth Art Gallery and various local gardens.

There are regular meetings, speakers, catering, lunch dates and we have taken part in local events including Run Mawan and the Christmas Lights switch on.

Each month we collect items for the food bank in Penryn and a team of our members provide for cake chat and company which we hold at Trebah House.

We helped at the Panto, put on pancake races for the children at the village school, painted stones for them for World Kindness Day, supported Trebah Military Day and knitted hats for the patients at Treリスke so that they could keep warm whilst going outside for some fresh air.

All these happen thanks to those who selflessly make them happen.

In addition here are some highlights for our last WI year:

Our Anniversary lunch was at the Greenbank Hotel.

In April we enjoyed a tour of Enys Gardens - the bluebells were amazing.

In May we visited Trevince Estate followed by a delicious tea.

Our June visit was with a super knowledgeable gardener who took us on a tour of Glendurgan Gardens.

The following month, July, we went to Mellangoose flower farm.

This was inspirational, the flowers were gorgeous and we even got to take some home.

At the President's party in August we enjoyed cocktails, cream teas and played rounders despite the weather.

The boat trip down the Helford in September was a joy. It was held in memory of Veronica Donohue. It stayed mostly dry and the captain took us to see some stunning scenery. Husbands recovered Jan's walking pole from the river which wasn't part of the entertainment but certainly added to the successful evening.

One of our main fundraiser last year was at Run Mawnan. We had five stalls providing refreshments, salads, books, scarves and

jewellery and also a produce and plant stall. Despite poor weather we raised over £500 for Dementia UK.

Wreath making and decorating outside the hall was great fun. This made a perfect entrance for the Christmas Gift Fair which was our busiest yet.

We enjoyed a Christmas party with a quiz, a hat competition and fizz.

In January our trip to Falmouth University Textiles Department was well attended. It was fascinating to see the amazing facilities.

This year our annual programme won first prize in the CFWI programme competition acknowledging another year of varied and inspiring speakers and activities.

We look forward to enjoying another year of activities including a new venture ; visiting the studios of local artists and we hope that village residents will support our two main fundraisers: on Sunday 22nd June we are holding Mawnan Trivia Trail in aid of Cornwall Hospice care and on Saturday 26th July we have arranged an evening at Carwinion House walled gardens with music and food. This is in memory of Mary Murfin and will raise funds for the Children's Hospice South West.

MAWNAN CRICKET CLUB

2024 was a transitional year for the Club.

With the membership increasing steadily over the last three years it was decided to field a 2XI in the Cornwall League for the first time in 17 years.

The 1XI finished mid table in the Cornwall League Division 5 West fulfilling all 20 fixtures with 8 wins, 11 losses and 1 abandonment. A higher than average number of injuries & unavailability of players throughout the season cost us a chance of finishing in a higher position. For the first time, certainly in my 25 years with the Club, we had a lady playing regularly in this team which we hope will be the start of encouraging others to join the Club and who knows possibly the formation of a ladies team

The 2XI had a tough baptism in Division 6 West which wasn't helped by having to promote players up to the first team on a more regular basis than anticipated. They managed to fulfil 13 of their 18 fixtures but without a solitary win, they conceded 4 & had 1 cancelled due to the adverse weather. It was a big learning curve but it gave several of our youngsters experience of regular league cricket. We had 7 young players aged between 15 & 18 including 2 girls represent the Club.

We were very proud that one of our players, Dan Herriot, who is deaf & speech challenged, was chosen as vice captain & assistant coach of the newly formed Cornwall Disability Team which competed against similar County teams in a Western Counties League.

The Club in conjunction with other partners made a financial contribution towards the cost of the alterations and complete refurbishment of the changing rooms & kitchen area which was completed in time for the start of the season. This has helped greatly to enhance the match day experience. Moving forward we hope that something similar can be done regarding the equipment storage facilities.

Finally this year ,2025 , the Club are celebrating their 100th year of continuous Cornwall League membership, having joined in 1925. We are the second oldest village club in the whole of the County to reach this milestone.

Report on Mawnan Community Garden for Mawnan Parish Council.

I can hardly believe a year has passed since I wrote the first report. We continue to be a small group of volunteers who are learning by experience what works and what does not!

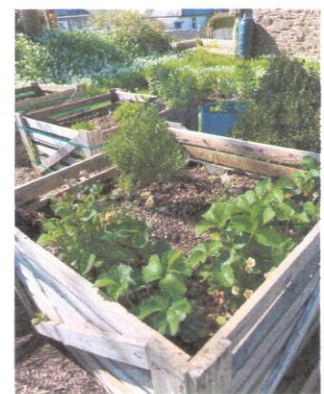
We have found that slugs seem to be our worst enemy and have looked for eco-friendly ways to discourage them.

We have been fortunate with donations of plants and bulbs from many individuals and the fig tree which was potbound has thrived in its' new location under the clock tower.



We have also been fortunate with a grant from Run Mawnan and of a petrol strimmer from their Chairman. We renewed the recycling brown bin subscription which the Mawnan Parish Council gave a grant to do our first year (it has proved invaluable) but forgot to apply for a grant this year. We will make sure we do so now!

The donated table and chairs were used within an hour of putting them in the garden by visitors from the Netherlands on a biking holiday. They were pleased to have somewhere to sit, have a drink and eat their sandwiches.



Maureen Bate made us some lovely bunting which jollies up the area and John Keith made us a super sign. We recently held a community event to raise money for the Mawnan Park and an awning made a good area for children's activities.



We bought some hazel bare root plants from the Woodland Trust and have planted a hedge on the Grove Hill side of the garden. We had enough plants over and have planted them to make an arbour for seating. We were pleased to see somebody already using one of the chairs! The benches on the south side of the Church are well used.



We would like to keep some areas of the garden wild to encourage birds and bees, bugs and butterflies, and for wild flowers to flourish.

We have many things we would like to add to the garden but are a little short of manpower, so if anybody would like to come along on a Tuesday afternoon (weather permitting!) you would be most welcome. Knowledge of gardening is not required, just a willingness to 'muck in'!

Catherine Arrondelle and the Wonderful Mawnan Community Garden Volunteers

May 2025

Mawnan Garden Club was relaunched in September 2019. Despite being uncertain as to how many people would be interested, by the end of the first month we had 55 members and by February 2020 we had over 70 members.

However the dreaded Covid struck. All we had planned was either cancelled, modified by limited numbers, and implementing Zoom meetings. We paused membership in the 2020/21 year due to the cap of only 38 members being allowed in the village hall.

We couldn't start meeting again without any restrictions until September 2022 when we held our first AGM.

Despite the shaky start, members have continued to support us and we currently have 62 members in the club.

The ethos of the club is to be a relaxed, friendly group for everyone who enjoys gardens. Membership year runs from September to August and costs £12 per year.

During the Autumn/Winter months we hold 5 meetings in Mawnan Memorial Hall where we have Speakers and talks. We also swap seeds and magazines. Visitors are welcome to these talks at a cost of £3 a visit.

During the Spring/Summer we have subsidised Garden visits with guided tours and teas for members only.

In May, the club holds the Annual Plant Sale in the village. This is open to the public and is the main fundraising event for the club.

In addition we have a complimentary cream tea for members in August held in one of our members gardens.

Mawnan Garden Club.
Stephanie Leigh
Membership Secretary.

Mawnan Methodists Annual Report
For Mawnan Parish Council May 20th 2025

Mawnan Methodists have continued to have a presence in our village since the sale of our Chapel over two years ago.

We have become “Class of Falmouth Methodist Church” which enables us to worship with them every 2nd and 4th Sunday in the KCM Hall at 10.30am.

This works well, as we rent, at a very reasonable amount, St Michael’s Church here in the village on the alternate Sundays sharing a United service together on any fifth Sunday, so for any of our congregation that can’t travel it’s good to be still able to attend a Methodist Service.

We have regular united services, such as Harvest, Mothering Sunday and Nativities with our Anglian friends which are always well attended.

We hope that the conversion of Mawnan Chapel will soon go ahead as like many parishioners we are sorry to see it as it is now.

There is always a warm welcome to anyone wishing to attend our services in either Falmouth or Mawnan.

Margaret Lugg(Steward at Falmouth and Mawnan Methodist Church)

Annual Report From Friends Of Abbeyfield
May 20th 2025

We are pleased to report Scott House is full and all the residents are grateful for the last annual grant from this Parish Council

As Friends of Abbeyfield Society we try to provide a varied programme of outings, social gatherings and participating in village activities as much as possible for the residents. This past year ,they have had several visits outside the village,we often help with their transport costs, one popular one being the Sunday summer band concerts at the Falmouth Pavilions, a boat trip from Budock Vean followed by a cream tea plus the annual visit to the Pantomime here in Mawnan.

We organise a monthly bingo session open to the villagers as are the coffee mornings, our latest one celebrating VE Day which resulted in a donation as well to The British Legion

Mawnan WI provide each month an afternoon tea which Trebah Gardens host which our residents really enjoy.

We provide transport and accompany them to Penryn College Christmas concert which they look forward to.

Our residents take a keen interest in village affairs and are interested in the development in the Junior Playing. Field.

Like wise they are concerned that there isn't a safe crossing outside the school and their exit on to the busy main road and hope the speed awareness camera will soon be in place.

We are so fortunate they have such a dedicated and caring staff who provide an excellent lunch and tea everyday using local products whenever possible.

Thanking you once again for the support you give to Scott House

Margaret Lugg (Member of Friends of Abbeyfield Society)

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MAWNAN FOOTBALL CLUB REPORT FOR MAWNAN PARISH COUNCIL AGM

MAWNAN Football has again enjoyed a relatively successful season, but has suffered quite badly through injury problems that has beset the club since September.

However, through astute player management it overcame most of the problems not least of which was having to use at least five different goalkeepers for the first team alone.

The 1st XI did remarkably well to finish as runners-up in their league, but have again been denied promotion to the St Piran's Football League through issues that have already been documented.

After a struggle at the start of the season when the manager had to stand down for personal reasons, the club's 2nd XI acquitted themselves well under the new manager and finished in a respectable top half position.

Mawnan Football Club continues to look to the future and is hopeful that moves to take the club forward will succeed and so enable it to offer a wider scope of additional teams such as youth and ladies football.



Mawnan Community Association

Annual Report May 2025

The Clerk
Mawnan Parish Council

The MCA Building continues to be well used by a number of regular users such as Beavers, Table Tennis, Yoga, Puppy Training, Football & Cricket Clubs and band practices, during evenings and weekends.

There is still scope during the day and limited evening slots so we would appreciate any recommendations to help offset the running costs of the facility.

It has been a busy Year for upgrades and refurbishment.

Just over £50,000 has been spent on upgrading the Changing Rooms and Kitchen and we have also improved the access to the main hall and converted one of the WC's to an accessible WC.

There are further plans to replace the floor finish within the hall and carry out much needed external decorations to the hall and pavilion.

One key Project to undertake is the replacement of the external store which is in a very poor state of repair. We have been discussing options with the football and cricket club about combining the store and container space into a single extension as per the approved planning consent.

Planning permission was granted for a new Store as part of the previous MUGA application and remains live until 7th December 2026. There will be an element of volunteer work offered to help construct but it will require grants to pay for materials and specialist trade contractor work.

On behalf of the 9 willing committee members we thank the Parish Council for its continued support and hope that we can improve the facility even further in the coming months to attract even more users from the local community.

Kevin Bate
Chairman

Trebah Tennis Club Annual Report 2025

Trebah Tennis Club is a small, friendly club now based at the Budock Vean Hotel. The Club was founded forty years ago when a private court on the Trebah estate was opened to local members. The club had to find a new home in 2018 and we've been welcomed at the Budock Vean Hotel, where we have priority booking on one of the hotel's two courts with the opportunity to play on the second if not booked by hotel guests.

We are still a relatively small club with a membership limited by having just one court. We offer weekly club sessions which are a good starting point for new members and a couple of social tennis events during the year.

At present we have a waiting list for new adult members, but we do have capacity to welcome junior players. If you are interested in joining, please contact our membership secretary by email: trebahtennis@aol.com.

MAWNAN MEMORIAL HALL – ANNUAL REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL – APRIL 2024 TO APRIL 2025

This year has been another busy and positive year for Mawnan Memorial Hall . The Hall continues to provide a warm and welcoming venue for the many groups who use it including weekly yoga, pilates and exercise classes together with the regular meetings of the WI, Mawnan Wives, Mothers Union, Rainbows and Garden Club. Riverside Services continues with its monthly lunch club. The Tuesday morning Post Office outreach session, an invaluable service to our village continues with postmaster Brian Smith.

The Hall continued to be a venue of choice for many children's parties, fundraising events and wakes. The Film Club has flourished , its occasional film and food nights being the most well attend. In September a professional theatre group presented Samson and Delilah . In February 2025 the Mawnan Panto Group presented Ali Baba. The annual panto is a much anticipated event and is very well attended. The production requires a massive community effort involving children and adults in performance, costumes, music, sound and lighting plus front of house. The Hall is in constant use from September to February each year, for rehearsals.

This year saw the completion of the construction of the Parish Office and the refurbishment of the toilets. This work was completed by Helford River Construction in July and has resulted in a complete transformation of what was a much neglected area of the Hall. It has provided a spacious , light and permanent home for Mawnan Parish Council. Our thanks to Robert Reid and Mawnan Parish Council for their financial collaboration on this work . The new office, corridor and toilets were officially opened in September by Mr Perran Moon, our local MP.

The Hall trustees are now working towards a major refurbishment of the kitchen. We plan to hold some extra fundraising events during 2025.

The issue of a pavement and double yellow lines in Sampys Hill continues to be an area of concern for the trustees. Mawnan Parish Council has devised an alternative plan for the pavement to be on the same side of the road as the Hall and will submit this scheme to Cornwall Council for their consideration. Parking for Hall users and for the village in general remains a problem.

The 2024 Craft Market had its best ever year in terms of attendance and takings .New volunteers were invaluable' in running this popular event and our thanks to Viv Wilson who assisted our treasurer in the financial management of the market. Thanks too to all the Hall trustees and local volunteers who ensure the smooth running of this event. 2025 will see a few changes to the Craft Market organizing committee plus a reduction in the time span of the event which will now run for eight days.

MMH trustees look forward to another successful year with plans in place to update the kitchen and to ensure that Mawnan Memorial Hall remains firmly at the heart of our village and continues to meet the needs of our community.

MAWNAN FILM CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

Throughout the year the film club has continued with monthly screenings in the Memorial Hall on the fourth Friday of the month. We show a variety of films, including recent blockbusters such as 'Barbie', classics like 'A Room with a View' and occasionally independent locally produced films such as 'And then came the nightjars'. We provide a valuable service to the village, enabling people to see films at a very reasonable price without the need to travel in to Falmouth. Our food and film nights are particularly popular, with filmgoers enjoying an excellent reasonably-priced meal before the screening, with the food usually themed to match the film. To that end, we hope to show 'Conclave' on 25th July, with Italian food beforehand. We have many regular customers but our membership profile is rather elderly and we would love to have some younger members of the community join us.

Mawnan Bowling Club Annual Report 2025

The Bowling Club continues to do well and has recruited a few new members this year. The men's league team plays twice a week and the mixed team plays on a Friday every week.

The women's team have been able to enter a couple of county competitions.

We are also training the kids from the school; we have a whole class that comes down and they entered the county competition and they did very well- the two teams that were entered came second and third in group 4 (this area of Cornwall) and it's lovely to see the youngsters play.

We are doing a lot better than we were a few years ago and got 4 members of the club here tonight to cheer us on!