

the Methodist Chapel. This has allowed us to have a service at 11am each Sunday in the village. Our links with the School and Preschool have continued with the Revd Richard and the 'Open the Book' team maintaining a regular pattern of visits. The School has also held services in church on many occasions. Their Christmas production was enjoyed by so many people and gave pleasure to the many parents that attended. Their singing brings a joy to many and we are delighted to be able to support the School financially to maintain the teaching of music in School. We will be sorry to say goodbye to the Revd Richard when he leaves us in July and are grateful for all that he has done for us. We wish him every happiness and success in the future. We expect to be in interregnum for over a year which will mean extra responsibility for all concerned with the church as we try to maintain the good work that has been achieved within the village. Any help would always be appreciated.

c) **Methodist Chapel – Report received read on behalf of Mrs J Roose Senior Steward.**

Last year we packed 100 Christmas boxes for needy children in poorer parts of the world, we take them to a Rotary collection point for distribution that we pay for. This year we plan to do 25 additional adult boxes. All the items are collected during the year and sent in the autumn.

d) **Village Hall – Report by Mrs Jan Cook Treasurer.**

Bookings in the hall are stable and have recently increased with the addition of Yoga and Fitness bookings, both of which are well supported. The Year End accounts for 30th September 2024/25 realised a profit of £371. However, this year is different due to increased electricity charges and a long winter. The Management Committee are hoping that now the warmer months are coming in the situation will even out with lower bills, we have also disabled two of the heaters. The complaints relating to heating and the hall being cold have resolved now the new system is working. It was decided to wait and see how the year progresses before taking further action to try and reduce running costs. Many village halls are facing the same problem, some have even closed during January and February as they are the slower months for hiring so that may be something the Management Committee have to consider.

e) **Royal British Legion – Report received read on behalf of Mr Paul Cook Pelynt/Lanreath RBL Chairman.**

The Branch is still going quite well. Remembrance fortnight commenced with a Poppy Concert in St Nun's Church with the Looe Valley Singers and Pelynt Male Choir and was attended by over 80 people. After the concert we all retired to the Jubilee Inn for refreshments and a Poppy Appeal raffle, a good time was had by all. Remembrance Sunday in the Church was again well attended. During the two weeks we raised £4250, another good year and once again we are grateful for the support of our sponsors and the people who attend our events. We raise money all year for the Poppy Appeal by holding our monthly coffee mornings in the Village Hall and a number of other regular events.

f) **Women's Institute – Report received read on behalf of Mrs Angela Wills, Secretary.**

The Pelynt WI had another busy year however our AGM had been moved from March to May when Gill Hugo became our new President, Angela Wills remained as Secretary and Lynda Mattick (now Rogers) as Treasurer. We had several different speakers through the months on a variety of subjects but we did have a few outings like visiting The Pantry at Dobwalls and on our outing in June we went to Trethorne and took part in bowling. Several of us went to the Winter Fair at Wadebridge and we also visited Emily Hobhouse at St Ive. We had a stall at Trelawny Fair which proved successful in raising additional funds for the WI. For our long distance outings we used the Minibus as many of our members do not drive. Our numbers remain constant and we feel we are quite stable as a club. Thankfully this year the Hall seemed warmer so thank you.

g) **Pelynt Male Voice Choir – Report as given by Mr John Oxenham.**

This year, the Choir celebrates its 60th year, with our Musical Director John Trethewey leading us for the last thirty years, and all on a voluntary basis. We again have a full series of engagements for 2026. These include singing at many charitable fund-raising concerts, Church and Chapel services, entertaining residents in various care homes, social events, etc. We are grateful for all the support we receive from this village and also Church and Chapel members. At the beginning of October the Choir is in Brighton for four days performing at various concerts with local choirs. On the 16th of October we have a 60th anniversary celebratory concert at St Petroc's Church, Bodmin. This month we sadly lost our founding member and President John Trewin and the Choir will be singing at his memorial service this Saturday. On a brighter note, we have been fortunate in having six new members join the Choir during the past year.

h) **Thursday Club and History Club – Report from Mrs N Dobinson.**

In December 2025, with a heavy heart, we decided to amalgamate the Thursday Club and Local History Society. For some time, increased speaker prices have made it difficult to make ends meet and the retirement of people who had run the clubs for some time made it impossible to continue to operate separately. Elderly members were increasingly reluctant to come out on a cold winter evening, so concentrating on the Thursday afternoon meeting seemed the way to go. We are very grateful to Carol Vivian, who started Pelynt Local History Club many years ago, to Sheila Morrell-Davies who organised its speakers for many years and to Kevin Knight, Treasurer and technical facilitator for running such an interesting and valuable society for many years. The new combined club now has an organising committee and is well on its way to having a complete programme for the

year, with a combination of historical and general interest topics. We have had several successful meetings with increased attendance and look forward to many more to come. So, if you haven't yet tried it out, come along and see for yourself. Thanks were given to Mrs Norma Dobinson for her help and involvement in the Thursday and History Clubs.

i) **Pelynt Players**

No report received.

j) **Pelynt Old School Social Club**

No report received.

k) **Pelynt Young Farmers – Report received read on behalf of Hannah Julian**

Pelynt YFC will be heading into its 70th Anniversary year and currently has twenty members aged between 17 and 25. The club continues to be out and about in the community and raising money for charity. Last year the Club donated £2000 to the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust who received an additional £2000 from match funding. The Farming Community Network and Dogs Trust also each received £1000. The Annual Tinsel Tractor Run in December was again a huge success in kicking off fundraising efforts. The club also held a Christmas Tree Collection, Dung Run, Big Breakfast and a Dyno Day towards this year's charities the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust and Cancer Research UK. Our Royal Cornwall Show cubicle entry is in progress the theme this year being 'Movies'. The club has been out in the community supporting both the Trelawny Benefice and the Looe Valley Benefice. Club nights have included a car treasure hunt, an escape room, visit to the Brew Box, Indoor YFC sports competition, pumpkin carving, Bodmin fireworks, Trethorne bowling, carol singing, Laser tag, grasslands quiz, business meetings as well as fun social evenings with Lostwithiel YFC. Pelynt YFC welcome new members to the club, to have some fun and make friendships for life. You don't have to be a farmer to be a young farmer.

l) **Trelawny Fair – Report by Cllr Kevin Wakeham.**

Cllr Wakeham reported that the 2025 Fair had been a huge success and raised more funds than in previous years, £1000 was donated to the Cornwall Air Ambulance with three other organisations benefiting from smaller donations. He stated that at the AGM four members had stood down and as no new volunteers were forthcoming, it was agreed that there would be no Fair this year. Any funds still remaining will be held by the Parish Council until it is required. Cllr Boxall thanked the committee for all their hard work over the years.

7. **P0121 PARISH PROBLEMS**

None raised.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.