

Report for Mullion Parish Council Annual Meeting. April 20 17.

In August following our leaving service and party we said our fond farewells to Rev Steve and Julie Swann. At the beginning of September we welcomed our new minister, Rev. Fran Lane. She has lost no time in making herself at home in Mullion, and getting involved in all our activities. We are one of six Chapels in her section, but she manages to find time to be with us whenever she can. She shares our vision to be a central part of the village community, and provide a warm welcome to all who come through our doors. Sadly one of her most frequent tasks has been to perform the many funerals we have experienced recently. Several were so large it was impossible to fit all the mourners upstairs in the Chapel, and we have had to use the downstairs rooms as overflow spaces. Whilst supplying a sound relay, we feel this does not offer the best experience for people at a difficult time. We are therefore hoping to install a camera in the Chapel, connected to a projector in the schoolroom, so the service may be viewed on a large screen. We are obtaining quotations for this work, and hope to gain support for this from local community organizations.

We have also unfortunately had to take the decision to replace the heating in the Chapel as the existing heaters are ceasing to work, and parts are unable to be obtained. Similarly, the heaters in the Centenary room no longer work properly or efficiently. We will be holding various fund raising events throughout the year, and trust that Mullion will respond with its usual generosity.

We are grateful to all the organizations that use our building and take good care of it. We do our best to keep it in a good state of repair, and appreciate the volunteer work we are offered.

Mullion Methodist Monday Club

Our club continues to flourish under Rosemary Bray's leadership – currently we have a membership of 25 and weekly meetings average 17. Our programme is flexible – old established favourites provide the framework with five fundraising specials to fulfil our aim to help local worthy causes. We find that a homemade meal plus several competitions bring the best results. With Rosemary and her team catering, the end of programme result is usually well over £1,000. In the process, we do have plenty of laughs.

Last year the Club celebrated its 50th year of existence with a all day open House of shared reminiscences – and lots of cake! Several past members called by, as well as regular supported from far and near. Three of the founder members were present, and the display of albums caused amusement, as well as recalling 'absent friends'.

Last year's chosen charity was the Ronnie Richards Memorial, which aims to encourage installation of at least one Public Access Defibrillator in every village. The Mounts Bay Inn beat us to the first in Mullion; but thanks to many generous supporters, grants and our own efforts, Mullion can now boast three more 'defibs'. The first for us was fixed to the front of the Chapel. Subsequently, equipment has been attached to the outside walls of the health centre and the Cricket Club. In addition, training was provided for numerous members of Mullion's community. It is hoped to avoid any loss of life with such immediate assistance available.

Our current objective is Cornwall Blood Bikes – an explanatory leaflet is available. Look out for fundraisers in June.

Of course, members take part in chapel events such as Feast celebrations, religious festivals and outreach to schools. We enjoy annual visits to local open gardens, St Ives by train, hunting for 'treasure' in the local area, lunching out, sharing travellers' tales and our own visiting speakers. Also, annual sporting events (not taken too seriously) such as table tennis, skittles and farts tournaments.

Visitors are always most welcome to our get together, and we are extremely grateful for the tremendous support the community gives to all our efforts.

Rosemary Bray, Chairman.

Mullion Heritage Association has opened the centre for the summer season on every Wednesday and Saturday from 2-4pm.

There is a wide range of material on the history and heritage of Mullion on display, and special focus this year is on Farming in the Mullion area. Old photographs, maps and equipment are on show kindly loaned by many villagers.

Of particular interest is 18 models of farming machinery from various periods in history.

These have all been designed and made from matchsticks by David Lugg.

The Association now has over 60 members supporting us with a donation of £5 a year.

We have a small committee of 4 with helpers who volunteer to steward the open afternoons, but we do need more and would welcome anyone who feels they could spare an hour or two once a month to keep the centre running.

Pauline Rowse (chairman)

Mullion Horticultural Society

Mullion Horticultural Society is planning for the 76th show on Wednesday July 12th on the cricket ground. Fundraising so far includes a very successful quiz earlier in the year, and the Helston School Jazz Orchestra are in concert for us again on April 23rd at 7pm in the chapel. Several gardens have already volunteered to open for the Garden safari on June 25th, and the Cornish evening after the show on July 13th once again features the St. Keverne Band. Links with the primary school for the show are strong, with a whole school exhibition, individual entries, and support from the school's Garden Club.

All monies raised go towards staging the show, and we hope to continue to provide a successful event for Mullion.

Pauline Rowse (chair)

The Mullion Handbell Ringers have seen a few changes during the past year, older members have hung up their gloves, but I am pleased to say that some keen new people have joined the team, there is a lot to learn initially, but as the knowledge sinks in and the skills emerge it becomes a joy to make the handbell sound. This summer is promising to be one of our busiest ever with a growing engagement list. To keep the handbells in good condition means regular servicing, this is an expensive business and we would like to thank all our local patrons, without whom we could not carry on.