

Annual Parish Meeting 2025:

The Tamerton Times Progress Report, Parish Hall, Tuesday 13th May, 7pm

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Firstly, thank you for your kind thoughts regarding my health.

The essence of a good newsletter is that it should:

- 1) Be factually correct, as far as is possible.
- 2) Provide a source of information, relevant to the village and reader.
- 3) Contain an element of surprise so that people will want to read it.

I believe that we have achieved all three this year and have built upon the foundations previously laid down by James Oldham. Some aspects of content description have changed, which have had the effect of drawing readers into hidden aspects of the magazine. Diversification of content has attracted new writers and some of the older style of content has made way for the changes. Only by responding to change can we adapt to some of the issues described below.

- General feedback: This continues to be encouraging.

- Permission to use Cornwall Council Content: We have obtained permission from the Cornwall website manager to use their content either credit free or with minimal acknowledgement.

- Finances: Sarah Walker, our Treasurer has pointed out that although we have sufficient funds to cover costs for now, we have lost a couple of advertisers, recently with no new adverts in the pipeline. Sarah goes on to highlight a key point, that advertising revenue does not cover the publishing costs, so we are reliant on other forms of income - Community Benefit money, which is keeping us going. However, if grants from the Community Benefit Fund cease then we will have to look at charging for the magazine, or going on-line only, or subscription.

- Distribution: Pam Kite is working on clarifying delivery routes and finding new volunteers to help with deliveries.

- Constitution: We now have a constitution which brings us in line with procedures currently followed by other organisations. This includes a few key changes for The Tamerton Times:
 - We are now committed to an AGM to be held at the Victory Hall (and would really like to work with other parishioners to make an event of it, so here is an opportunity for you to get your thinking caps and to bring fresh ideas on the day.

There is the opportunity for everyone to take a part in our community magazine, young and old and to produce a publication of which we are truly proud.

A final reminder is that everyone needs to be voted onto the committee each year