

THE OLD SCHOOL NEWS

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PARISH HALL - APRIL 2024

Regular Events:

Monday	7 pm	8th April this month only	GARDENING CLUB
	7 pm	3rd week only	PARISH COUNCIL
Tuesday	9 am - noon	Weekly	POP-UP CAFÉ
	1:15 - 2:15 pm	Weekly	LATINO DANCE
	7:00 pm	2nd week only	W.I.
Wednesday	7 pm	Weekly except 2nd week	BOWLS
	4.00 - 8:30 pm	Weekly	SJS DANCE ACADEMY
Thursday	9:30 - 11 am	Weekly	KEEP ACTIVE
	4 - 7:30 pm	Weekly	SJS DANCE ACADEMY
	8 - 10 pm	Weekly	CALLINGTON GOSPEL CHOIR
Friday	10am - 11am	Weekly	PILATES
	11:15 - 12:15	Weekly	MATURE MOVERS
	7 - 10:30 pm	Weekly	BRIDGE

All events are subject to change due to holidays etc.
Please contact group leaders for specific info.

Together with:

April 13th	6pm - Midnight	PRIVATE HIRE
April 16th	3 - 6pm	Cornwall Council Waste Road Show Drop in
April 22nd	6:30 pm	PRIVATE HIRE
April 27th	10 - 12 Noon	Jumble Sale

OLD SCHOOL - APRIL 2024

Weekly Events:

Mondays	9 am	ACUPUNCTURE (by appt)
	8.30 am	PILATES
Tuesdays	7 pm	SCOTTISH DANCING
	10 am - 1 pm	RAGS ART GROUP
	1:30	LOVE TO MOVE
Wednesday	1:30	MAHJONG
	10 am - 3 pm	CROSS BORDER ARTS
Thursday	7pm - 8pm	CHESS CLUB
Fridays	9 - 11:30 am	TODDLER SINGING GROUP
	12 noon	FRIDAY LUNCH all welcome - please book in advance at the Old School 01579 370493

Together with:

April 4	3 - 4:30 pm	BOARD GAMES
	1 pm	CALLINGTON U3A
April 6	9 am	VILLAGE MARKET
	1 - 4 pm	NO MESSY CHURCH
April 10	7:30	FAMILY HISTORY GROUP
April 11	3 - 4:30 pm	LIBRARY & LEGO CLUB
April 12	7 pm	FILM CLUB
April 13	10 - 2 pm	NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN DROP IN
April 18	1 - 3 pm	CALLINGTON U3A
	3 - 4:30 pm	LIBRARY & BOARD GAMES
	7 pm	INVESTMENT CLUB
April 20	9 am - 12 Noon	REPAIR CAFE
April 23	7 pm	LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
April 25	4 - 4:30 pm	LIBRARY & LEGO CLUB
April 27	10 - 2 pm	VILLAGE SHOW JUMBLE SALE

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The Old School Stoke Climsland
APRIL 20th
9:30am to 1pm
Last repair from 12:15

Lamps, radios, clocks, laptops & PC diagnosis (repair if possible), clothes, curtains, family heirlooms, vacuum cleaners, portable goods, bikes, toys and many other small items.

Donations for repairs & drinks, etc. are welcome to help cover costs

Also, tea, coffee, cake and a chance for a chat

A meeting place of volunteers, dedicated to fixing things, sharing their expertise and knowledge with the aim of repairing, not replacing household items

PARISH CHURCH - APRIL 2024

April 7	8 am	BCP Morning Prayer
	10 am	Morning Worship
	2:30 pm	Remembering God
April 14	8 am	BCP Morning Prayer
	10 am	Cluster Holy Communion (Farewell Service for Rev. Joe Lennon)
April 21	8 am	BCP Morning Prayer
	10 am	Morning Worship
April 28	8 am	Morning Prayer BCP
	10 am	Family Service

News, diary and other information should be sent directly to wendyambrose74@gmail.com

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES APRIL 2024

Sunday Worship 11am (unless stated)

April 7	Revd John Haley - Chapel Anniversary
April 14	Local Arrangement
April 21	No service, all welcome at our Circuit Easter Offering Service at Tamar Valley Methodist Church at 10:30 am
April 28	John Ware

"Tea In The Afternoon" Wednesday 24 April 3.30pm - 5pm
Thanks to those who supported our Coronation Celebration Weekend back in August, your kind donations enabled us to give a total of £500 to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and the Cornwall Wildlife Project for the rewilding of Helman Tor

OLD SCHOOL 200 CLUB WINNERS

Nov 03	J Brown	Nov 10	V Wilmut	Nov 17	C Kidman	Nov 24	H Dunster
Dec 01	D Jackaman	Dec 08	D Ross	Dec 15	P Bullimore	Dec 22	A Harper
Dec 29	L Galer	Jan 05	S Stipling	Jan 12	C Vulliamy	Jan 19	P J Llewellyn
Jan 26	P Bullimore	Feb 02	R Knowles	Feb 09	V Kidman	Feb 16	A Carnigie
Feb 23	D Jackaman	March 01	P Palmer	March 08	Jan Parsons	March 15	A Swaker

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**A note from
The Trustees of The Old School**

The Trustees of The Old School would like to thank those who donated so generously to enable the purchase of forty new upholstered chairs. They are a very welcome addition to the existing stock and will be well used and appreciated by all who sit on them! It is donations like these that help so much with the ever increasing demands on the budget and we are so grateful for the kind and generous gifts.

Thank you!

Praise for the Old School
By John Wilmut

We went to two excellent evenings at The Old School recently; in the space of 10 days and in the company of sell-out audiences we have enjoyed two memorable evenings, one instructive and the other just fun. The first, near the end of February, was about the environment and our use and waste of food. It was labelled as a Food for Thought event and it was built around the showing of a film called 'Hungry for Change' by Cornwall Climate Care. It included inputs from a number of people from across the county working to use food better than we do at present. They spoke of foraging and reducing air miles, of reducing waste in fields and supermarkets and homes, and of the possibility (if you can stomach it) of eating insects instead of beef.

That was a thought-provoking message (if you missed it you can see the film on <https://www.cornwallclimate.org/films/hungry-for-change>) but the most intriguing bit of the evening was the meal that followed. It was prepared and served by Ruth and Rosie Nevill and a team of kitchen helpers and waiters and it used foraged food, venison instead of beef or lamb and a sort of cheesecake that used custard beyond its sell-by date. If we hadn't got the message from the film, the dinner hammered it home.

The evening was rounded off by a brief input about the Stoke Climsland Carbon Zero Homes Project; you will have read about this elsewhere in The Old School News. Then, early in March we had a visit from David Mynne who will be fondly remembered for his previous performances of Great Expectations, A Christmas Carol and The Odyssey. This time it was The Canterbury Tales which started with an introduction in Old English and then morphed into a series of stories from a medieval inn in Canterbury, delivered by the landlord. If Chaucer was bawdy Mynne is his equal. But what was so appealing about the performance was the mime. The best (and funniest) bits lay not in the words but in the pictures conjured up in our minds by an actor whose physical presence dominated the stage with a very few props and the dynamic way in which he used the space. It was, in every sense, a warm and very enjoyable experience.

We hear on the grapevine that David Mynne is planning a new production for later in the year. He comes to us through Carn to Cove and we hope that The Old School will be ready to book him again. An audience is, we think, guaranteed.

Letter from the Editor

By Wendy Ambrose

My first comment has to be to say a huge THANK YOU to Gill Hiscott for stepping in at the eleventh hour to undertake the Editing as I was simply unable to do it last month due to being unwell, and an equally big thank you to Hilary Scott who battled on to get the Copy to the printers, despite her being unwell herself. The OSN is, as with so many things for the community, run by volunteers and without these people, there would have been no OSN last month. So, thank you both once again.



The OSN needs YOU!



The OSN is YOUR publication, and to this end, if you have something that you feel needs awareness being given to it, then let me know on wendyambrose74@gmail.com

Similarly, if you want to write something, whether that be a short story, a crossword or a puzzle, then let me know. I will endeavour to get as many submissions each month into the

OSN as I can, but on occasion, there simply may not be space.


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“Lushley scored, The Miracle Club is gently humorous and mildly sentimental containing moments real dramatic tension”

“At 88, Maggie Smith’s comic timing is as beautifully crisp as ever---- with some fierce scenes of suppressed grief that are blindingly good.”

“It is likely to be just the tonic for viewers of a certain age who fancy escaping into a little old school charm for 90 minutes.”

Doors open at 7pm for Refreshments
Film starts 7:30pm

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Friday April 12th 2024



Lockett Social Club

All events start at 8.00pm unless otherwise stated, with the club and bar open from 7.30pm.

We started the month in style with a most interesting and fascinating talk by experienced local Mountaineer Ed Buckingham.. Ed gave a professional presentation of his most ambitious climb, when in 2011 he became the first Cornishman to climb Mount Everest. He also talked about his life time achievements climbing seven of the World’s Highest Mountains, one in each continent.

The following Friday, the Club was packed with eager singers for the Cornish Shout evening. Many thanks to Richard Long for organizing the event mainly in honour of his wife Jo’s Birthday. Our grateful thanks also go to the South East Cornwall Singers

ably led by Gideon Barrett for their usual exuberance. A great night was had by all.

Saturday saw ‘Eyes Down - Let’s Play Bingo’ when Chairman Danny called the numbers out in his own imitative way. Karen won the top prize of £5 with everyone winning at least once, apart from Edna and Maxine.

On Friday 23rd February, some Club members supported the local Pantomime by watching the SCATS production of Robin Hood in the Parish Hall. Congratulations to all the cast and crew on a marvellous performance.

April dates:

Saturday 6th	QUIZ NIGHT with Ivan (The Quo Master) Judd in charge of proceedings. He is very much into Status Quo hence Quo Master.	Friday 12 th	SOCIAL EVENING with Darts and learn how to play Euchre
Friday 19th	FILM NIGHT. Come along and watch the original ITALIAN JOB and then the newer version. Italian food available during the break. First screen at 7.00pm.	Friday 26th	BINGO - All the tickets you need for just £5

Summer Events for diaries:

Saturday 11th May CRAFT FAYRE

The Stuckett Darts Challenge - Date to be confirmed.

Saturday 1 June, LUCKETT DUCK DAY 3pm onwards

Saturday 27 July, SKITTLES EVENING 6:30pm onwards.

For further information visit our Facebook Page The-Lockett-Social-Club

Geoff Howlett (Hon. Sec.)

‘Tis kinda useful at this time of year -

On the chestnut buds you’ll stick,
Buds of beech are sharp and prick,
Buds of ash are always put
In tidy pairs as black as soot.
In a jumble oak buds grow
A most untidy twig they show.
Reddish-brown are buds of plane,
On the elm tree look again .
See the leaf buds, small and brown,
Growing up the twig and down,
Flower buds you’ll see as well
Brown and bead-like as they swell.
Buds of sycamore show green,
A big one at the top is seen.
But smaller down the twig they grow.
Lime buds ruby red will glow.
Poplar buds in single line
Down the twig in crimson shine .
Thus may all the trees be known
In winter by their buds alone.



Hungry for Change?

By Ruth Nevill

The Old School hosted a screening of Cornwall Climate Care’s documentary “Hungry for Change”. Cornwall’s Climate Stories: Hungry for Change (youtube.com) The meal was designed around some of the issues raised in the film.

Delicious, nutritious nibbles on the tables were Devon grown hazel and walnuts donated by the Agroforestry Research Trust in Totnes and home-grown sprouted lentils and mung beans.

Foraged Nettle and Wild Garlic Soup with wilted three-cornered leeks, common sorrel, and navelwort, all foraged within a mile of the Old School.

Croutons, seasoned with onion powder. The croutons were made from crusts that would otherwise have been thrown away, kindly donated by Louis Tea Rooms and Tavistock Hospital. The onion powder was dried ends of onions, again, normally binned, blitzed to a powder with a little sea salt.

Locally culled and farmed **Venison stew** - highlighting the benefits of eating venison as a healthy, sustainable meat.

Locally grown **Butternut and Lentil** stew with dumplings.

Gleaned Savoy cabbage and Kale with **Looe Seaweed emulsion**.

Crushed local potatoes with Chervil.

Roasted Carrots and Parsnips, Carrot and Swede mash - all vegetables were kindly given in support of Cornwall Climate Care and The Old School by Kendale Courts (above) of Callington Fresh. You may have seen his stall of delicious, fresh, vegetables by the side of South Hill Road on the way to Golberdon, he also sells through Tamar Valley Food Hub Tamar Valley Food Hub - Open Food Network

“Waste not, Want not” pudding - Nectarines in Maple syrup - nectarines are frequently surplus from the supermarkets as they are past their “best before” date. Ironically, this is when they are just starting to ripen and become tastier.

Granola topping using toasted hazelnuts, pumpkin, sunflower seeds, British oats and a little golden syrup.

Custard made using oat milk. The “best before” date on the custard was 2018, but it hadn’t been opened and was as good as new! Who hasn’t got a tin or jar of something in their cupboard that is past it’s best before date? It doesn’t mean it’s not safe to eat, “they” just want you to buy another tin.

Rosie Nevill, chef, and forager was joined by **Jo Tytherleigh** from Harewood Farm, Calstock to answer questions raised by the film. We discussed the potential consequences of too many people foraging. Another diner suggested that everyone should forage responsibly and considerately, just taking what they need. Also, as Rosie pointed out, we’re unlikely to ever run out of stinging nettles!

For those of you curious about the insects, had they been in season (Late Spring to Autumn), we would have had wood ants on the desert for their crisp citrus flavour. Failing that, and to add to the ambiance, we borrowed some black crickets and locusts!

A huge thank you to the team of volunteers who willingly waited and washed up and the diners who supported the evening so generously.





Down on the Farm

“Lambs life lottery...!”

By: Martin Howlett

Old cynics of livestock farming often state that a sheep’s one mission in life is to die! For the caring shepherd who tend their flock, the desire is to reverse such mortal thoughts. Given at long last an upturn in Ovine fortunes and a fair price for British Lamb (not so for wool), the business of keeping sheep both alive and thriving is once again profitable, so every lamb counts.

Now post Easter, the lambing season is well under way on many farms with even moorland flocks starting as the grass growth returns as spring finally takes hold. Indeed, it is Mother Nature herself that dictates when the vast majority of our British Natives & European Types bring forth their lamb crop. They are one of the few domesticated farm animals that can only breed in season to coincide birth with the spring flush - the 5 month (147 day) gestation of a sheep starts as the daylight gets shorter from late summer onwards resulting in a spring birth - the exception being the Polled Dorset.

However, despite the more favourable conditions, extreme weather, disease, predation and sometime plain bad luck, play their part in rearing a healthy lamb crop. Good diet in line with body condition leading up to lambing and reducing the risk of twin lamb disease (hypocalcaemia), a routine vaccination programme against all the major disease (8 in 1 jabs), plus good indoor hygiene and close management at both the pre and post-natal stages, all play their part in a successful lambing season. But with difficult lambing, abortion & still births, plus occasional extra disease challenge from Watery Mouth and Orf often leading to early death, mortality rates can be up to 10% in a bad year.

More distressingly, this 2024 season has for too many seen a return of a little know disease last seen around 10 years ago - Schmallenberg (SBV) - a virus carried by midge in the autumn; its impact on sheep and goats leads to either barren ewes after tupping, abortion or limb deformity of lambs at birth. With no vaccination programme it continues to threaten our national flock along with another returnee - Blue Tongue (BTV) - which had recent outbreak in the South Eastern Counties. Both ironically are yet further consequences of climate change as disease crosses the channel and challenges us ever more this springtime ‘Down on the Farm’.



Are you keen to see increased and more joined-up onversations and action in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly in response to the climate and ecological emergencies?

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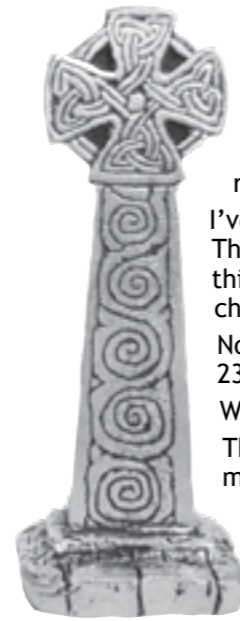
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Easter Cracked

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Wednesday 10th April 2024
10 am - 12 noon



CHURCH MATTERS - Or Does It?

By Roy Cooper

The blank sheet of A4 stared back at me. The Church Matters article I was hoping to write today remained elusive ... and then it hit me. Does the Church really matter?

I've given a lot of thought to this big question and decided that I should start looking for answers in The Bible. Fortunately, it contains some relevant advice for us. Ephesians 1:22-23 for example tells us this: “22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way”.

Note the words; “all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body.” In my book, that’s worth thinking about.

Why? Well, ‘Together, we represent Christ here on earth through our local body of believers’.

Therefore, the church is central to the purposes of God and is of benefit to the world around us, but most especially in today’s environment with an increasingly hostile culture towards the Church, our Country and even our Communities.

‘The church exists for God’s glory and showcases it in a unique way. The church is built for Jesus; by Jesus; and on Jesus. It is simply unthinkable then to separate Jesus from the local church. If the gospel is a diamond in the great salvific plan of God, then the church is the clasp that supports it, holds it up, and shows it in its greatest light for the world to see.

And if it matters so much to God, then it needs to matter just as much to us’ But of course, as you might have guessed, it’s more complicated than that.

Pilate is said to have entered into Jerusalem on the first day of Passover Week, entering through the west gate - the front gate - mounted high on a horse and surrounded by legions of chariots, horses, and foot soldiers all dressed for battle and armed with swords and spears. Rome’s authority would not be questioned as Pilate represented Caesar who saw himself as a god.

On the opposite side of Jerusalem Jesus entered through the Golden Gate, also known as the ‘The Gate of Mercy’, situated on the north section of the Eastern wall. Jesus was riding a colt, and represented the one and only true God. Our God.

From recorded history we know what happened to Caesar and the Empire that he represented ... just as we know what will happen to the current dictators around the world who wage war on others in their own name.

This Easter we all have a choice. We can collaborate with evil regimes as Patriarch Kirill has chosen to do, or, we can embark on an alternative journey which leads us to personal transformation and holiness as we journey with Jesus, the only true Lord, towards the cross and our resurrection. We too can walk on our road to Emmaus. Holy week will soon be upon us, so now it’s time to ask ourselves “Which journey are we on? Which procession are we in? AMEN.

1.Challies.com/articles/why-the-church-matters/

Riding for the Disabled

By Sarah Thomas

Easter egg time! It seems only yesterday that we were clearing up torn Christmas present wrappings. Now we’ll be clearing up silver paper! Thinking of Easter, and hence Easter eggs, I thought it might be interesting to investigate the availability of Easter eggs for non-human species. Applying to Mr Google, I discovered that, as I might have expected, there’s a wide variety of ‘chocolate’ eggs available for dogs, made of dog-friendly chocolate, of course, as the type produced for humans is toxic for the canine species.



When I queried festive eggs for horses, I found, contrary to my expectations (or wishful thinking?), that there is at least one manufacturer of Easter eggs deemed suitable for equines. Not only are Easter eggs available for horses but also a wide variety of other products deemed to be thought attractive to the equine palate, including ‘stud muffins’. Is the world going mad?

We love to show affection to our horses at RDA, but only with pats, strokes and hugs. We keep careful control of their weight and highly calorific ‘treats’ definitely don’t feature, so I won’t be ordering equine Easter eggs for our RDA horses any time soon!

Apart from various health considerations, arising as a result of being overweight due to all those extra calories, there’s also the cost of tack to be accounted for. If our horses were regularly fed these treats, they’ll all be needing wider saddles, the procurement of which would involve the services of a professional saddler, at great expense and with money which we could put to much better use. For example, we could purchase more equipment for our sessions, thus allowing a wider variety of activities for our riders to enjoy. We could even buy another horse so that we could help three more disabled people each week. And don’t get me started on the inadvisability of any domesticated animal becoming used to being given unsuitable treats!

Reminder Alert: our sessions are from 1pm to 4pm on a Wednesday at Duchy College and we’d love to meet you.



STOKE CLIMSLAND SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

OPENING TIMES

Wednesday & Thursday 8:00pm to 11:00pm
Friday & Saturday 7:30pm to 11:00pm

 Follow us on Facebook
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 **LIVE MUSIC - THE METS** 
Saturday 13th April
From 8pm - No Tickets, Just Good Times

Yes, that's right, they're back! The local legends that are "The Mets" promise some new additions to their set, made up of blues and rock classics. Burgers available, Betty Stoggs on tap, this is not one you want to miss.

UPCOMING QUIZ NIGHTS
Teams of 4 - £5 entry per team
7:30pm for 8:00pm start

Saturday 20th April: Hosted by Georgia & Maurice
Saturday 18th May: Hosted by David & Bernard

Look out for: Beer Festival (last weekend in May).
Fish & Chip Night (tentatively slated for 28th June).

We're delighted with the fantastic support we've had at recent events and we're grateful to our members for helping the club to chug along during trying times. The Valentine's meal and March live music nights stick out as stonkingly great evenings.

We'd like to thank Bonny, Sarah, Tony, Jenny, Kathleen, Clare, Macca, Freya, Miranda (and friends), "Pork Chop" (and friends) for their efforts at the events mentioned above. Plus anyone we've inadvertently missed.

If readers would like to join in the fun, pop in the club to find out how to become a member (or scan the accompanying QR code). Non-members are welcome to drop in for a drink or attend the events mentioned here - we just ask that you sign in as guests.



All are equal...

Revd David Moss, Stoke Climsland Methodist minister.

Injustice rankles and when we see it writ large on our screens, we rise with righteous anger. Of course, I'm speaking of the scandal of the Post Office's treatment of the sub-postmasters due to an inaccurate computer program. Our Government is currently being pressured to overturn the wrongful convictions and sort out compensation, although how one can compensate for imprisonment, lives ruined and lost in a fair way is difficult.

With the privilege comes responsibility. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights created by the United Nations in 1948 is worth us taking note of and following, both at national and local government.

Article 1 says: 'All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.' Of course, we say 'yes' to this and when something happens which impinges this, we feel a wrong has been committed. Yet, the reality is that much of life works on George Orwell's adage from Animal Farm: 'all animals are equal, but some are more equal than others'. The pigs, who now have the upper hand, are running things to their advantage now they are in power. Any of us in places of privilege, whether in international, national and local government find ourselves responsible for others, we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers and so should be fair in how we treat others.

Ironically, we wouldn't need a declaration on human rights if we could trust humans to behave well to others! At parish council and town council many decisions for the common good are made with a desire for fairness.

Article 4 in the declaration goes on to say: 'No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.' Yet, slavery continues, in this country and internationally. Again, it is often hidden, but when we know about it, we can respond.

I mention this, because Rhea Ministries www.rheaministries.org recently visited Stoke Climsland Methodist Church to share something of their work freeing people from bonded-labour slavery in Pakistan's Brick Kilns, 95% of whom are Christians. These aren't just adults, but children, some as young as 3 years. Poverty and slavery is a cycle which can be broken. Thank you to everyone who supported this event a total of £500 was raised for Rhea Ministries.

During this Easter season, it's good to reflect on the resurrection of Jesus Christ - a powerful symbol of renewal and rebirth marking the triumph of life over death, of light over darkness and of hope over despair.



Our next couple of talks at the Old School will be:

March 26th: Dr Chris Smart - The Roman army in Southwest Britain: Recent Excavations at Calstock in context. Dr Smart will take us through the most recent excavations at our local Roman site and put them in the context of the continuing story of the Roman's presence in Devon and Cornwall.

April 23rd: Alan Endacott - The Prehistoric Ritual Landscapes of Northeast Dartmoor. In Alan's own words "I have retained a life-long passion for archaeology and Dartmoor and in 2007, following a hunch, I discovered the amazing Sittaford stone circle beneath vegetation and peat where it had lain hidden for hundreds or probably thousands of years. Over the course of decades of fieldwork and research I have recognized dozens of other such ritual monuments to add to Dartmoor's already rich Prehistoric heritage, including stone circles, stone rows, cairns and even boulder-formed giant hill figures and a rare Neolithic 'causewayed enclosure' among other things. It has long been my ambition to study for a PhD on the basis of this research. I believe the results of this project will change our understanding of these enigmatic monuments and how they relate to each other over time".

As always, the talks will be held at the Old School in Stoke Climsland and will start at 7.30pm. All are welcome to come along and if you want more information, please contact Deri Parsons on 01579 370319 or via email: derrick.parsons@btinternet.com You can also contact him if you'd like to be added to our mailing list for details of our meetings.

MORE ON BLACK WALNUTS

By Melanie Guy

Great news that there are over a dozen black walnut trees planted in the Parish already, with the potential of more, if taken up. Email me on meljoyguy@hotmail.com for more details

Can anyone suggest a public open space where in a few years, some shady trees might provide a comfortable relaxing space for our community?

Do write to our Parish Council and show them that you think this is a good idea and that you care about our future comfort, while temperatures increase.

Did anyone recognise the pictured tree in last month's issue?

ANSWER:

It is on Anthony Estate, Torpoint.



STOKE CLIMSLAND WI

For the February meeting we invited WI members from Callington, South Hill and Lezant to join us for a Quiz evening. Our President, Chrissie Le Marchant devised a great selection of quiz questions and activities which were very well received. It was a lively meeting which everyone enjoyed followed by a lovely spread of homemade cakes.

At the end of February we also got together for 'Knit and Natter' at the Social Club. We are in the process of sewing together crocheted squares to make into lap blankets which will be donated to Shekinah and St Petrocs. Anyone is welcome to join us for these social 'craft' evenings. You don't need to be a member of the WI and you don't have to be able to knit or crochet you are welcome to bring along any sort of craft project you are working on, we look forward to welcoming some new crafters.



Look out for future dates which are advertised on our facebook page.

Dates for your Diary :

- 9th April St Mellion Handbells
- 4th April Cookery (Old School 7:30pm)
- 25th April Knit and natter (Social Club 7:30pm)
- 14th May Forever Blooms, Metal Petals by Chris Beardsmore
- 11th June Talk on Scouts trip to S. Korea
- 9th July To be arranged
- August Summer picnic
- 10th Sept Blood Bikes

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in Stoke Climsland Parish Hall at 7:30pm and new members and visitors are always welcome. There is a charge of £4.50 which includes homemade refreshments (no charge for members of other WI's). We look forward to welcoming you to one of our meetings.



STOKE CLIMSLAND FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

By Deri Parsons

On April 10th, the Family History Group meeting will be entitled DNA Tests and Family History (Part 1). Why are DNA tests becoming a must for family historians? Introducing what's available and how to interpret the results from the most widely used tests. We will link this session to hands-on one-to-one support sessions for anyone who needs help in interpreting their test results.

All are welcome to come along to the meetings. They will be at 7.30pm at the Old School and there will be a charge of £2 per session to cover costs.

Remember that, as an adjunct to the meetings, we can offer 1-to-1 sessions where specific issues and/or problems can be addressed. These could be held at any convenient time of day. If you want any more information, contact Deri Parsons (01579 370319 or derrick.parsons@btinternet.com) or John Wilmut (01579 370736 or johnwilmut@btinternet.com)



Carbon Zero Homes Project

By Andy Nevill, Community Energy Advisor

In its current form, this project will end in April, which is when the grant funding from the Community Levelling Up Programme comes to an end. Let's describe this as phase 1. Collectively as a community we have learnt a lot - and crucially this learning remains within our community.

Community Energy Ambassadors Needed - Please Step Forward

With Tamar Energy Community (TEC) we would like to introduce a new community voluntary role to provide a sustainable link between households across the parish and the fantastic team at TEC. This will help to deliver sustainable long-term value for our local community. The current idea is that this role could be shared by more than one person, working together. Please get in touch if you feel you could spare a few hours a month and would be interested in this. No experience required - training can be provided.



Property Diagnostics Campaign

We have now allocated all our available funding to subsidise property diagnostic surveys. Surveys will be completed over March and April, and we will be collecting feedback from the households involved. We plan to release information about the surveys and how to arrange them beyond the end of this project for anyone interested.



Community Drop-In Events

On 9th March we held our first community drop-in event. Tamar Energy Community, Two Counties Property Surveyors, MPA Plumbing & Heating Ltd and Eco Nrg Ltd attended to provide their valued advice. Our animation was looped at the event and has already racked up over 1,000 views in just over a month since its launch. This picture is of a very imaginative sculpture inspired by the animation which has been created by a local artist. Another community drop-in event is planned for 13th April, 10am - 2pm at the Old School. Please scan the QR code above to view the animation or search for this project on YouTube.

The Carbon Zero Homes Project aims to support households to make changes to existing buildings so that energy consumption and emissions are reduced, and your home is warmer, healthier and more comfortable. This project is fully funded by the Community Levelling Up Programme.



Mount Kelly Choral Society Spring Concert

Saturday 20th April 19:30
St Eustachius' Parish Church, Tavistock

Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace

Mount Kelly Choral Society and Orchestra
Conductor: Dan Robson

We will be performing Karl Jenkins' most popular work in this, the year of his 80th birthday. It is in many ways a call for peace in times of war, and has several movements which are settings of texts from the Catholic Mass. It also uses the 15th-century folk song "L'homme armé" which featured in choral works by Josquin des Prez and Francisco Guerrero, amongst others, as well as texts from more modern authors including Rudyard Kipling. Accompanied by wind, brass, keyboards and percussion, this promises to be an exciting and moving concert.

Tickets: £14 TicketSource (www.ticketsource.co.uk/mount-kelly-choral-society) or Bookstop in Tavistock; £15 cash on door. Under-18s free.

Further information on the MKCS website www.mountkellychoralsociety.com



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Review of SCATS Pantomime ROBIN HOOD and his Merry Men

"We all need a good pantomime to brighten a winter evening and SCATS certainly did that. The opening scene got everyone in the mood and continued with all the usual banter and audience participation that has become the trademark of SCATS pantos enjoyed by audiences over the last 37 years.

The script was good with a great storyline containing humour which the audience enjoyed. It proceeded at a good pace and retold the story of Robin Hood in a unique way. Little Red Riding Hood with the Wolf in pursuit, both wandering through scenes from time to time gave an interesting addition.

The cast had a good balance between the seasoned actors and the younger school-aged children who all put in very good performances. Hopefully they will continue for many years to come.

There was a good choice of songs, some of which were a little challenging for the singers. The scenery was excellent; very colourful and in keeping with the story, as were the costumes. The lighting and sound was of the usual high standard, and I must say that the Programme was the best since SCATS started. The Archery scene was inspirational with much discussion in the audience as to how it was achieved.

In my opinion some of the link scenes were a little lengthy and when Alan A Dale made several entrances with his Mandolin, it was a shame that he was never given the opportunity to play, as I feel the audience would have given him a great reception!

Overall, the cast performed with great enthusiasm, so congratulations to all those involved in making this pantomime a success."

Many thanks to David and Ann Gardiner for their thoughts on SCATS' 2024 Pantomime, 'Robin Hood'. The SCATS Team always appreciate feedback, and after this and other very positive comments, we are delighted that Robin Hood seems to have been another triumphant achievement! Very well done to the amazing 'Robin Hood' Cast and Crew!

Work is already underway on next year's Pantomime, as well as other possible events over the year, so keep your eyes open for news of future productions! To support SCATS and become a Member (being a Member does not commit you to participation either on or off stage, but supports our endeavours in keeping your local theatre company active), please visit our website at scatsociety.org.uk for details.

Lyn Crawley chair@scatsociety.org.uk

TWINNING NEWS



We held our AGM in February and said goodbye to our long serving treasurer as she prepared to move to Wales. We wish Dorothy every happiness in her new life close to her family. Fortunately, we have found a new volunteer for this post and Denise Winfindale is a welcome addition to our committee, along with Apollo Blaze.

Ken Aspinall remains on the committee but has passed on the baton of secretary to Wanda Savage after many years of faithful service.

The new committee is hard at work finding welcoming homes for the guests we will receive over the weekend of 9th-12th May. Callington has stepped up to the mark in opening its homes and all of our German visitors do now have accommodation, and over half of the French visitors now have host families.

We are still seeking homes for some members of the Guipavas town band which include individual male musicians, couples and, in some cases, families with children. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know friends from our twin towns in a convivial and relaxed atmosphere.

The outline programme is as follows:-

Thursday	Evening	Arrival at Millbay Docks at 8.50pm. Transport to families
Friday	Day-time	Trip to the Eden Project
	Evening	Civic Reception in the Town Hall, followed by Meal & Entertainment for hosts and guests
Saturday	Day-time	Musicians to participate in MayFest activities
	Evening	With host families
Sunday	Day-time	Spent with host families
	Evening	Leave by coach from Callington free car park at 8.00pm for 10 o'clock ferry from Plymouth.

Further details about the visit and twinning in general can be obtained from chairman Sue Lumley (tel: 07968 181634).



A great night was enjoyed at the recent Race Night when a lively crowd from across the generations gathered to cheer on the young jockeys. Such was the positive reaction from all concerned that you can bet on the fact that there will be another race meeting later in the year.

At the time of going to press the Big Breakfast will not have taken place, but we are sure that the reputation of our Rotary Big Breakfasts will have drawn the crowds.

A report on the final total from these two events will appear in the next edition.



Looking for a way to give something back to the community?

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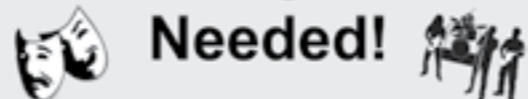
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Thursday 25th April

Callington Town Hall Council Chamber
Doors open at 7.15pm for membership registration

Members’ entrance: Adults: £4 U18s: £3
Start time: 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.15pm)

Event Organisers Needed!



Do you enjoy living in such an active community with a variety of events on your doorstep?

If so, we need your help! If you can spare a few hours occasionally to help organise the odd event for The Old School, we would love to hear from you.

Whether you would like to see theatre, music, art or any other activity take place in The Old School for the community to enjoy, please get in touch!

We need helpers like you to keep our community thriving!

No experience necessary and we welcome helpers from all age groups.

Want to see an event held in the village?
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In Memory of Joan Brown

By Claire Bullimore

As many of you will know, Joan Brown died on Sunday 25 February 2024, aged 95.

Joan had lived in Stoke Climsland for nearly 50 years and had been a very active member of the community since she moved in the mid 1970's. She was heavily involved in the WI, Village Show and the Old School amongst other things (I think she even pulled a few pints in the Social Club back in the day).

Her baking and cooking were legendary as were her organisational skills and her get up and go attitude. Nothing fazed her and she could turn her hand to anything (well, perhaps not singing). She was sharp and took a keen interest in politics and current affairs and devoured books in a sitting.

As a child I was very in awe of my glamorous aunt and we used to have family holidays with her, John and the labradors with Chris visiting when he could. I looked forward to my time with her and was always very upset to leave. If it were the Easter holidays, Joan would send me off with a posy of primroses (which is probably prohibited now), to try and cheer me up. I was delighted when we moved into the

village and could visit her and John I liked.

She and John had a warm and welcoming home and everyone (and I mean everyone), would always be offered coffee/ lunch/tea/cake or gin depending upon the time of day. You never knew who you would meet when visiting. There were no airs or graces; tea was served in mismatched, chipped crockery but you were always made to feel thoroughly welcome and spoilt.

Joan and John celebrated their diamond anniversary which was quite a feat (as anyone who remembers my Uncle will testify). I know she found much happiness in her family: Chris, Paul and Amy who were doting children and grandchildren and cared for her so much. My father was one of three siblings and he and Joan were very close: no-one will know my dad for as long as Joan did (nearly 90 years).

She was blessed with wonderful neighbours both in Trecombe and Downhouse and made great friendships with people in the village and surrounding areas. I dare not mention names as I would hate to miss someone out but I know that she, Edah, Jenny, Ann and Brigitte (to name but a few) were a force to be reckoned with.

Although no stranger to hospitals and health professionals, she lived a full and active life only spending her final 8 months or so in Appleby Lodge, where she could find no fault with the staff or the home and that, I think, says it all about their care and attention.

As someone said the other day it's "the end of an era".