

THE OLD SCHOOL NEWS

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Poppies of Colour Thoughts from the Editor

Some people feel that the traditional red poppy glorifies war and conflict, and so choose to wear a white poppy. They do this as they feel that it symbolises peace whilst commemorating those who died. The focus is on achieving peace not conflict.

The red poppy is the most famous symbol. It is used to commemorate those who sacrificed their lives in World War One and pursuant conflicts. The red poppy is said to represent remembrance and hope.

The purple poppy is often worn to remember the animals that have been victims of conflict. Horses and pigeons were used a lot in World War One. People wearing the purple poppy believe that those animals deserve recognition too.

The black poppy commemorates the contributions of black, African and Caribbean communities to the war effort - as servicemen and servicewomen, and as civilians.

With everything that is going on in the world at the moment, and regardless of your political or religious beliefs, I do feel it important to pause for a moment and remember not just past lives lost in the many conflicts that this world has endured, and continues to endure, but also those that have been adversely affected because of conflict in some way.

Poppies are available in many colours:



Letter from the Editor, Wendy Ambrose

Well, I remain in the Editorial hot seat! Thank you to you all for bearing with me and dealing with the strict submission deadlines and word limits.

It is a curious thing indeed to read and edit all submissions, and then see them all come together in print. Even more curious when independent submissions both tackle the same pertinent points - you will see what I mean when you read the two different articles that both deal with the prickly issue of the Asian Hornet.

As ever, if you have something that you find interesting and news worthy, then it is likely that so will other readers of the OSN. Please contact me on wendyambrose74@gmail.com so that your interest can be included in the next issue, be that advertising or something else.



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PAUL TAYLOR

It is with great sadness that I write to tell you that another Old School volunteer passed away on the 5th September 2023. Paul Taylor fought a long battle with cancer and died peacefully at home.



He carried out various work at the Old School: he built the cupboards in the hallway; painted the eaves and soffits at the kitchen end of the building (and managed to erect scaffolding in the narrow pathway), helped with the Friday lunches (he was a good potato masher) and washed up the cups and saucers at the Film Club. He was a great help at the Duchy College Open Day - transporting all the equipment for the Old School refreshment stand to and from the event, and serving tea and coffee during the day.

Always working in the background, he will be missed for his friendly face and willing help.

Rest In Peace Paul.

News, diary and other information should be sent directly to the editor at wendyambrose74@gmail.com
The deadline for submissions for the December/January issue is 10th November

PARISH HALL DIARY - NOVEMBER 2023

Regular Events:

Monday	7 pm	2, 4, 5 weeks only	SCATS REHEARSALS
	7 pm	1st week 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 pm	2nd week only	W.I.
	7 pm	Weekly except 2nd week	BOWLS
Wednesday	4 - 8:30 pm	Weekly	SJS DANCE ACADEMY
Thursday	9 - 11 am	Weekly	KEEP ACTIVE
	4 - 7:30 pm	Weekly (term time)	SJS DANCE ACADEMY
	8 - 10 pm	Weekly (term time)	CALLINGTON GOSPEL CHOIR
Friday	10 - 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 information

Together with:

Nov 4	9 - 12:30	PRIVATE HIRE
Nov 5	9 - 5.30 pm	SJS Exam Prep
Nov 11	7 pm	CIO Fundraiser - Gospel Choir
Nov 12	9 - 5:30 pm	SJS Exam Prep
Nov 19	9 - 5:30 pm	SJS Exam Prep
Nov 25	8 - 2 pm	Flower Show Jumble Sale 10am to 12 Noon
Nov 26	9 - 5:30 pm	SJS Exam Prep
Nov 29	8 - 6 pm	RAD Ballet Exams

For further information regarding bookings please contact Sue Watts 07836 202212 or email sue-watts@btconnect.com

METHODIST CHURCH - NOVEMBER 2023

Weekly Worship 11:00 am unless otherwise stated

Nov 5th	Brenda Grundy
Nov 12th	Remembrance - Revd David Moss
Nov 19th	Mark Pellow
Nov 22nd	Alison Moss

"Tea In The Afternoon"
Wednesday 19th November,
3:30 pm to 5 pm



Intergenerational Community Christingle at Callington Methodist Church on Sunday 3rd December 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm - all ages welcome, children to be accompanied Games, Food, Creativity, Celebration Time. No charge, but any donations you would like to give will go to support the work of the charity Keen4Gambia 1190212 Enquiries to 01579 388840 or via our website www.callingtonmethodist.org

OLD SCHOOL DIARY - NOVEMBER 2023

Weekly Events:

Mondays	9 am	ACUPUNCTURE (by appt)
	from 8:30 am	PILATES
	7 pm	SCOTTISH DANCING
Tuesdays	10 am - 1 pm	RAGS ART GROUP
	1 pm	LOVE TO MOVE
	5 pm	CHESS CLUB
Wednesdays	10 am	CROSS BORDER ARTS
Fridays	12 noon	FRIDAY LUNCH all welcome, please ring Old School to book

Together with:

Nov 1	10 - 11:30 am	PARISH COUNCIL
Nov 2	1 - 4 pm	U3A ART GROUP
Nov 3	9:30 - 11:30 am	TODDLER SINGING GROUP
Nov 4	9:30 - noon 3 - 6 pm	MARKET MESSY CHURCH
Nov 7	2 pm	MAHJONG
Nov 8	7:30 pm	FAMILY HISTORY GROUP
Nov 9	9 am - 4 pm	CHIROPODIST
	7 pm	CLASSICAL CONCERT
	7:30 pm	TRUSTEES
Nov 10	7:30 pm	FILM CLUB
Nov 11	7:30 pm	EAST CORNWALL MINING
Nov 14	2 pm	MAHJONG
	2 pm	LOOK GROUP
Nov 15	6:30 pm	CALLINGTON ROTARY TALK
Nov 16	1 - 4 pm	U3A ART GROUP
Nov 17	9:30 - 11:30 am	TODDLER SINGING GROUP
Nov 18	9 am - 1 pm	REPAIR CAFÉ
Nov 21	9:30 am	BOOK CLUB
	2:30 pm - 5 pm	LEGO CLUB
	7:30 pm	VILLAGE SHOW AGM
Nov 23	9 am - 4 pm	CHIROPODIST
Nov 24	9:30 - 11:30 am	TODDLER SINGING GROUP
Nov 25	10 am - noon	VILLAGE SHOW JUMBLE SALE
Nov 28	2 pm	MAHJONG
	7 pm	LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
Nov 30	1 - 4 pm	U3A ART GROUP

PARISH CHURCH - NOVEMBER 2023

Nov 4th	3:00 pm	Messy Church in The Old School
Nov 5th	8:00 am	Book of Common Prayer
	10:00 am	Morning Worship
	2:30 pm	Remembering God
Nov 12th	8:00 am	Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Remembrance Service
Nov 19th	8:00 am	Book of Common Prayer
	10:00 am	Communion
Nov 26th	8:00 am	Book of Common Prayer
	10:00 am	Family Service

OLD SCHOOL 200 CLUB WINNERS

To ensure that no-one has missed out, here are the recent winners!

Aug 4th	D Ross	Sep 8th	B Champness
Aug 11th	T Wilson	Sep 15th	P Palmer
Aug 18th	S Stipling	Sep 22nd	M J Cox
Aug 27th	P Davies-Gregory	Sep 29th	A Swaker
Sep 1st	D Jackaman	Oct 6th	A Carnegie

APPLE PRESSING 2023

Apple pressing went very well again - and with childrens' activities indoors as well.

It hasn't been such a heavy crop as last year but somehow twice as much juice was produced!

If you'd like to get involved in running this fun event at Stoke or in your own village, please contact us by email at meljoguy@hotmail.com



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THE STOKE CLIMSLAND CHESS CLUB IS STARTING

There has been sufficient interest in having a Chess Club that a first session has been arranged for



5pm on Tuesday 7th November at The Old School

After that the Club will meet weekly at the same time and place.

Everyone who has expressed interest has been notified but, if you think that this may be for you, why not just come along. Or, if you need more information, contact Jerry Forbes by email on jerrisimo@gmail.com or by phone on 07903 427783

The Club is for everyone, old or young, experienced or novice. The first session will be an opportunity to find out what everyone wants and to sort out a programme.

LATINO DANCE

There's a free taster session at the Parish Hall on **Tuesday 14th November from 1:15 to 2:15.**

All are welcome and they'd love to see you there.



Our next film to be shown at The Old School is on **Friday 10th November** and is

Book Club: The Next Chapter" (2023)

This is a comedy starring Jane Fonda, Diane Keaton, Candice Bergman, Mary Steenburgen, Andy Garcia and Don Johnson. This highly anticipated sequel follows our four best friends as they take their book club to Italy for the fun girls' trip that they've never had.

Reviews:

"The Next Chapter is the definition of a 'feel good' movie, and sometimes that's just enough"

"A light comedy with a lighthearted spirit elevated by stellar performances"

"This movie is fun loving, feel good and nostalgic ... seeing these Hollywood stars in the beautiful sun-soaked setting of Italy is fantastic."

Stoke Climsland Local History Group



Tuesday 29th November: Dr Keith Russ will be taking us through his animations of Cornish Mines in 3D. A view of the many, many mines in the county displayed in a way that you might not have seen before.

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.



FAMILY HISTORY AT THE OLD SCHOOL

The next meeting of the Family History Group will be at The Old School on **Wednesday 8th November at 7-30 pm**

RenJackaman will talk about using local record offices and archives

COME AND JOIN US AND FIND OUT WHAT FAMILY HISTORY IS ALL ABOUT

There will be a small charge for each session and light refreshments will be available. If you need more information please contact Deri Parsons (derrick.parsons@btinternet.com or 01579 370319) or John Wilmot (johnwilmot@btinternet.com or 01579 370736)

EAST CORNWALL MINING HISTORY ASSOCIATION



11th November - join us for a fascinating talk by Robert Waterhouse, at The Old School, Stoke Climsland

Bellfounding in the South West and the Penningtons of Stoke Climsland

Robert is an archaeologist and industrial archaeologist who recently made the amazing discovery of a Bellcasting pit underneath his own Victorian porch.



The Penningtons came from Lezant to Stoke, where they lived for generations. Back in the 18th century they were the finest bell founders in the West Country. They had a foundry south of the Church, and travelled widely for their work.

**7.30 pm start
Refreshments from 7.00pm**

More talks on our industrial past to come through the winter - watch this space.

Visits are in planning, including to Wheal Martyn China Clay works & Archive, and to Hingston Down Quarry.

Workparties - now that birdnesting is finished for 2023, we can clear scrub and brambles at East Kit Hill Mine, exposing the tin processing features.

All are welcome to join in, and we welcome new volunteers and members.

Contact us on 07976 727618 if you'd like more details.

MUSIC AT THE OLD SCHOOL

Brian Champness reviews the recent Jazz evening

Delight is a commodity in short supply during these troubled times, except at Old School Jazz evenings! On Saturday 23rd September, trumpeter Graham Trevarton, led the irrepressible 'New Washboard Syncopators' through a delightful Jazz and dinner evening.

The band promised us a repertoire covering "most styles of jazz and dance music from the Roaring Twenties and Swinging Thirties". We were not disappointed. The band played with verve, deep musicianship, energy and fun, including Graham Trevarton's collection of jokes and stories.

Guitarist Tony Quinn's occasional washboard interventions took some of us straight back to the 1950s. Do you remember Lonnie Donegan playing banjo for the Jazzmen? He would sing and play guitar while two other bandsmen joined him on washboard and tea-chest bass. For us Tony played a lively guitar, sang and played washboard, but not all at once.

Talking of bass notes, band leader Tony had another surprise for us. Replacing his usual double bass was Jeff Burton playing a version of the tuba called the 'helicon'. How beautifully Jeff played for us just as he does for Walt Disney back in California. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, he had flown in from the USA to play for us in Stoke Climsland!

Before Edah Joll's tasty dinner, the band played the Connie Francis hit 'Who's Sorry Now?' Graham Trevarton told us that the band loved the piece and played it regularly, "but not at weddings".

Towards the end of a lively and entertaining evening Tony Quinn and his band played a magnificently authentic rendering of the classic 'Canal Street Blues', said to be the most sublime of the King Oliver Creole Jazz Band's recordings. By acclamation the audience agreed to ask our organiser Vivienne Davis to invite them back next year. A splendid time was had by all.

Bookings are being taken now for our Christmas special jazz evening, Saturday 2nd December, with John Shillito's Riviera Ramblers Jazz Band, always a great favourite with Old School audiences.

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Stoke Climsland Parish Hall



Our next event on the 11th November is a concert by the Callington Gospel Choir. The concert will start at 8pm and will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Tickets will cost £8 and be available from the Post Office from the end of October.



THE OLD SCHOOL CLASSICAL CLUB WELCOMES THE RESOL QUARTET

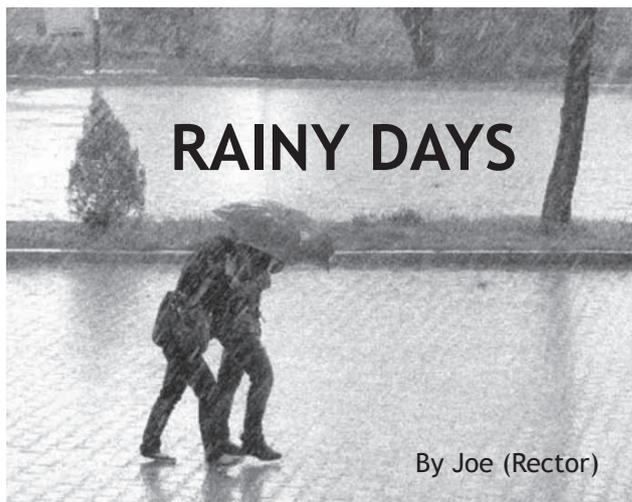
Thursday 9 November at 7 for 7.30

The award winning Resol String Quartet will be playing
Beethoven: String Quartet no.8 in E minor, op 59 no 2
Julian Broughton: New Commission
Felix Mendelssohn: String Quartet no 2 in A minor, op 13

Tickets, at £24 per person, including a two-course meal in the interval, are available in advance via The Old School office.

It is difficult to believe that, not that long ago, at the height of summer, it felt like autumn. Northern Ireland and parts of England had the wettest July on record. Then, a month earlier, it was even harder to imagine that we had the warmest June on record!

The weather affects our moods, especially if it keeps us inside for days on end. Historians reckon it was the Achilles heel for the Romans and contributed toward their demise. Tacitus records Caesar saying:



'The nights are short and the weather miserable, with frequent rain and mists'.

Archaeologists have shown that settlers during this period suffered from lack of sunshine and vitamins (due to the scarcity of fruit) and they were often seen off by flu.

Rain frequently figures in songs to describe the melancholic soul:

'Sunny days Where have you gone? I get the strangest feeling you belong

Why does it always rain on me? Is it because I lied when I was seventeen?' (Travis, 1999)

It is strange then to think that, in warmer climates, rain is viewed in a different light. We see this in the Bible. Paul speaking in Lystra to the Greeks, said:

'Yet he (God) has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.' (Acts 14:17)

In El Jem, in Tunisia, which is close to the Sahara, there is a huge Colosseum. Part of Gladiator was filmed there. The temperature there was an unbearable 48 degrees Celsius in July. Tunisia faced its worst drought on record. It is hard to get our minds around the level of heat and drought many have to endure, as we sat here in the UK during a miserable summer downpour.

Yet rain is such a blessing, because it tells us that God is kind and cares for our needs. It is vital for growing food and something which brings us joy. Kindness, we are told, is a fruit of the Spirit and is something that takes time to grow and ripen in a Christian's character. So, whenever it rains, let us work at being kind to everyone, especially the poor and needy; whether they are on our doorstep or live in far-away arid places.

Blessings, Joe (Rector)

It's now coming up to our eighth Repair Café event and what a lot of items we have dealt with over the last eight months! With a 70/75% fixed rate, we are achieving what we set out to do from the very beginning.

From the
Repair Café
team

At these events, we generally get lots of electrical items such as radios, vacuum cleaners, DVD players, lamps, heaters, speakers, and so forth, but along with these we also get clocks, toys, mobiles, furniture, textures and bikes. Over the months we have had few notable items, such as an old mantle type clock that had been handmade (except the clock mechanism) by a Russian soldier from the first world war and which he had made for his parents. The clock itself had stopped working but we ascertained that as it was well over a hundred years old it had the same times worth of dust and grime clogging up the works and advised that it really needed to go to a professional clock maker to be thoroughly cleaned. We also had a singing dog (toy), whose voice no longer worked. This was fixed by getting him a new voice box and he's now back to singing 'Singing in the Rain' once more.

However, it's not just all about fixing things; it's also about socialising and having jolly good chats over tea and some very delicious homemade cake on offer, which is always available.

The Repair Café event is non-profit making and all of our repairers and helpers are volunteers - without them we would not be able to do what we do best. So, if you feel that you have some skills that could help us out with our repair work or you just want to help generally, then please pop into our next event and let us know - you will be very welcome.

Remember ... 'don't bin it' ... 'fix it'

Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090339765234>

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All the traders look forward to seeing you there

The Village Show will be holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday November 25th between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon at the Old School House. These Village Show fund raising events provide vital funds to help stage our annual Village Show: over £1,000 was raised at each of the last two Jumble Sales.

With the ever-increasing support for these Sales, we will be using the Parish Hall for children's clothing, toys etc - this will make bargain hunting in the Old School a much more comfortable experience!

The committee will be most grateful for any donations of Jumble, whether it be clothing, bric-a-brac, books, jigsaws puzzles, toys, gardening items, small pieces of furniture, pictures, electrical goods ... We even had a flat screen TV and a bicycle sold at the last Jumble Sale in June!

Jumble can be left in the Old School Office Monday - Friday, between 9.30am and 12.00 noon, in the weeks commencing November 13th and 20th. However, if delivering jumble to The Old School House in Stoke Climsland is a problem, please contact Derek Ross on 01579 370195 who will arrange collection of Jumble from within the Parish.

Bargain hunters will be able to enjoy our usual raffle and a cup of tea or coffee with a home cake with friends on the day. Also, and by popular request, the very delicious bacon butties will be available.

The committee look forward to seeing you on the 25th of November. Thank you for supporting the Village Show.

As ever a big thank you to all the volunteers who contribute towards the success of these events.



Stoke Climsland Show

We have a Jumble Sale

Saturday November 25th
10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Venue: Old School House

Tea, coffee, cakes being served

Contact for Jumble donations:
Jenny Llewellyn 01579 370675

JUMBLE!

STOKE CLIMSLAND WI

Stoke Climsland WI are a friendly welcoming group who meet once a month on a Tuesday evening in the Parish Hall.

We have a varied programme of Speakers throughout the year which often involve practical arts and crafts. There are also cookery demonstrations most months held in The Old School, look out for the notices. We always like to see visitors at our meetings so why not come along and give us a try? It costs just £4.50 which includes tea, sandwiches and homemade cakes, an absolute bargain!



Dates for your Diary

14th November	Life as an Equerry
Open Meeting	Lyn Crawley
5th December	Carol singing on the Green 6pm
	Soup and roll available
	All Welcome
12th December	Christmas Social

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in Stoke Climsland Parish Hall at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome, we look forward to seeing you soon.



STOKE CLIMSLAND SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

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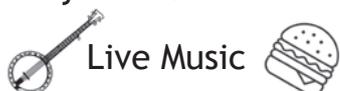
OPENING TIMES

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

Non-members are welcome to drop in for a drink or attend the events below - we only ask that you sign in as guests. From there, if you're interested in becoming a member, the bar staff will be delighted to assist. Watch this space for enticing membership news ...

BEER, BAND & BURGER

Saturday 11th November 2023



Live Music

"Pork Chop with a Cider Banjo"

Join Luke and friends for a mixture of folk, bluegrass and distinctive Cornish humour

Saturday 18th November 2023

QUIZ

Hosted by David and Bernard
Teams of 4 £5 Entry per Team

Also coming up...

16th December Christmas Quiz
17th December Christmas Raffle
31st December New Year's Eve Disco

Without whom ...

The club recently launched its new kitchen by hosting the inaugural "Beer, Band & Burger" night. Thanks to Aaron Chinn for a profound and remarkable set, and also Keith and Gerard for working their little socks off to keep the punters suitably refreshed. It was a huge success (you can find details of the next one above).

Cheers to Luke (not the "Pork Chop" one) for organising the Oktoberfest evening, but also our friends at Keltek Cornish Brewery for supplying the beverages. Keltek also generously supported our summer events; we are enormously grateful to Stewart Cawte and Keltek.

Finally, much obliged to David Price for devising October's quiz



Callington
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THAT BLOODY WOMAN!

Cornwall's forgotten heroine

Wednesday 15th November

7.00pm – 9.00pm

The Old School, Stoke Climsland

Callington Rotary invites you to join them for a fascinating talk about Emily Hobhouse.

If you've recently been on the road to Liskeard, you may have noticed a new building being constructed opposite St Ives Church.

This will house a museum dedicated to Emily Hobhouse. "Who?" you may ask. Come along and discover more about her fascinating story and the exciting happenings in St Ives!

If you would like to know more about Rotary and fancy getting involved, please get in touch with Roy on 01579 350995. One phone call could perhaps change your life – it will certainly affect the lives of hundreds of others whom you will probably never meet.

Tickets from Eventbrite

Waves, wreaths and medals

Revd David Moss, Methodist minister

In recent years, Callington has remembered the fallen with a Poppy Wave; ladies from across the town and surrounding villages work hard to ensure the wave looks perfect. The knitted and crocheted poppies flow in a majestic wave of sorrow from the Church to the War Memorial. Each year the Standard Bearers for the Royal British Legion lead short ceremonies of remembrance across the villages and our local town. Dutifully and respectfully people stop and gather for two minutes silence.

Wreaths are laid and respect given.

Serving members, old sailors, soldiers and air personnel stand with or without medals stand and remember. Many a cheek is stained with tears as comrades and conflicts are recalled. Control is held, but the loss is felt.

Some of us approach this with a mixture of emotions. As a former Army Chaplain I am proud to have served, but recognise that bravery, courage and the ultimate sacrifice lies with those who 'gave their lives for their friends'. War is a terrible thing and not to be entered into lightly by politicians, especially as they aren't the ones to go.

When asked about their medals many will say something like 'I got them for turning up' or 'I got these for going to places you don't go on holiday to'. Yet, that isn't the whole truth: to go to dangerous places involves courage, even if one survived in some way. I say that because those who 'come back' often come back with lives eroded and lessened by battle and conflict.

Recently, my wife and I attended a Dinner to mark twenty years since the Iraq War; former members of our Regimental Headquarters gathered to eat. As padre I said Grace, we re-kindled relationships and to my surprise, spiritual conversations which had started in the desert. It turned out that God has been active in their lives since then.

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others" (Pericles).

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Put your unwanted coat in one of our collection boxes during October and November.

Our volunteers will then collect and inspect each garment to ensure it is clean and in a suitable condition to be given away.

The coats are distributed via local homeless shelters, refugee centres, organisations supporting the elderly, women's refuges, children's centres and other charities helping people in crisis.

We do not give coats direct to families, because we firmly believe that the charitable organisations can identify support and resources to benefit those in need or signpost them to organisations that could help, thereby creating a lasting relationship between those in need and the organisation that could transform their lives.

Coat collection points will be in place during October and November.
Further details on our website



To find out more visit our website
qr.link/bO6TF1



Wrap Up is a campaign run by local Rotary Clubs, in partnership with the registered charity Hands On London.



RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

In the last issue I mentioned that our lovely horse, Deano, is due to be retired at the end of this term. He's been with us for several years now and we all love him dearly. He has to be the ultimate RDA horse: equally good for first time riders, our more experienced riders and also the College students.

All the horses owned by our RDA group are ridden by the College students at times other than Wednesday afternoons, when, of course, we hold our sessions for disabled riders. This not only ensures that they are exercised regularly but also reduces the cost to us of keeping them at the College.

As with many of our horses, Deano's a cob. This type of horse is ideal for our needs as they are stockier than average and hence stronger for their height. Some of our riders, particularly first-time riders, who can find taller horses rather intimidating, are much more likely to enjoy their riding a little closer to the ground.

Thinking about Deano's time with us, it would be interesting to know how many people he's helped over the years during our sessions. And I'm not just talking about our riders. I suspect that quite a few of

our helpers, particularly those who don't own horses, could be added to the tally, including myself. Many is the time, when acting as either leader or side-walker for Deano, I've been thankful for the way in which he calmly ignores the idiosyncrasies of his rider.

We do have one problem with Deano: he looks almost identical to another horse, purchased recently, called Charlie. Like Deano, he's a Piebald (black and white) cob. I finally found a way in which to tell them apart as Charlie has a black tail, whereas Deano's tail is white. Phew!

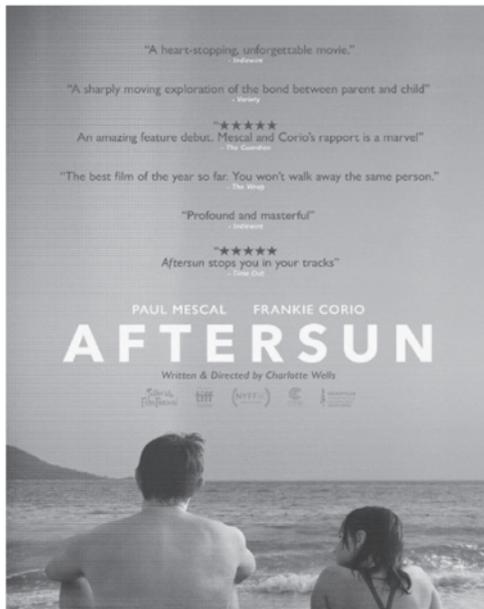
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THE 4th THURSDAY IN THE MONTH IS FILM NIGHT IN CALLINGTON

Join us in November for:



“AFTERSUN”

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Running Time: 1hr 42 mins

Director Charlotte Wells gives us one of the most piercing debuts in recent memory with this intimate dad-daughter relationship drama. **Aftersun** may just be the best movie of 2022.

At a fading vacation resort, 11-year-old Sophie treasures rare time together with her loving and idealistic father, Calum (Paul Mescal). As a world of adolescence creeps into view, beyond her eye Calum struggles under the weight of life outside of fatherhood. Twenty years later, Sophie's tender recollections of their last holiday become a powerful and heartrending portrait of their relationship, as she tries to reconcile the father she knew with the man she didn't. This is a superb and searingly emotional debut film.

Thursday 23rd November

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)

NOTE: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED (AVAILABLE ON DOOR). £6 PER CALENDAR YEAR; FIRST FILM FREE.



Report by Geoff Howlett

Our Autumn programme kicked off in September with a selection of live screening of the Rugby World Cup matches, mainly involving England, where members came down to savour the atmosphere along with a few beers.

On Friday 22nd September, 13 members enjoyed what is now a high-speed game of Beetle Drive (the quicker you throw the more chances you have of getting the right numbers on the dice). With 13 wanting to play and having 3 tables of 4 people, one person had to take it in turn to stand down in each of the 13 rounds. However, this was fortuitous as not only did this give them the opportunity to catch up on the drinking, but also to start that particular

round in their own unique way, which was often in a different language!

Nigel Lloyd eventually took home the booby prize (lowest score) after there was some confusion on Mr Bricknel's part. David thought that he had the lowest score, only to discover that the score was made up of the total number of body parts you had and not just how many you were missing! Mac and Sari were equal second with Bridget winning overall. However, the excitement wasn't quite over for the evening as Adrian and David were in hysterics over the raffle prizes: a bottle of wine and Nigel's cucumber. All great clean (?) fun.



The last Friday in September (29th) was Eyes Down - it was a full house and 30 people played for big money. David Bricknel won the biggest amount in total on the night, together with the Big Money end game of £15. Proof that he was good with numbers after all, just not adding them up!



The November programme:

- Friday 3rd BRIDGET'S BIRTHDAY BEETLE DRIVE
- Saturday 11th AUTUMN CRAFT FAYRE 10 am until 3pm
- Saturday 18th LGBT+ LUCKETT'S GOT BRILLIANT TALENT. Yes, it's back for one night only. Come along and show off your talent or just come and watch the amazing talent on show. For more details contact Bridget Langford on 07703 827728.
- Friday 24th CASH BINGO. All the tickets you need for just £ 5
- Sunday 26th A WALK TO THE ROYAL INN, HORSEBRIDGE FOR LUNCH. Please book so we can reserve seats. E-mail Geoff or text 07800 994340. Time to be confirmed.

All events start at 8pm unless otherwise stated with Club and Bar open from 7. 30pm. Keep up to date with our Facebook page The-Lockett-Social-Club

Stoke Climsland Gardening Club

Report by Mike Casebow

We are very grateful to Dale Wood of Rilla Mill, who was scheduled to talk about "bee-keeping" in November but brought it forward to fill a cancellation. What an enthusiast - he spoke for over an hour on "bees" and we didn't have much time for the "keeping" bit!

Dale keeps several hives around the Linkinhorne parish and brought some jars of honey for sale afterwards. Over its lifespan, a bee will produce 1/12th teaspoon of honey so one 12oz pot (340g) is the product of over 800 bee-lives.

Bees evolved from wasps about 130 million years ago (MYA) about the same time as the first flowering plants. Honey bees arrived about 60 MYA, humans about 0.1 MYA. Bees are cold-blooded but are superorganisms in that the colony can generate warmth by exercising their flight muscles after first dislocating their wings. Honeybees are generalists in that they will take nectar from most flowering plants. The website www.rosybee.com lists preferred flowers. A worker returning to the hive can communicate the direction and distance of flowers by a "waggle dance".

Nectar contains glucose which the bee holds in its crop to take back to the hive, where it is concentrated to a blend of fructose/sucrose. Supermarket honeys are usually heated and filtered to remove pollens (useful for identifying flowers) and may even have sugar added.

The queen-bee lays up to 2000 eggs per day which then hatch into larvae in 3 days and then grow by a factor of x1500 in just 6 days. New queens develop in 16 days, workers (sterile females) in 21 days and drones (males) in 24 days. Queens and workers come from fertilised eggs and have 32 chromosomes. Drones are from unfertilised eggs and have only 16 chromosomes - they have no father but do have a grandfather!

If you find a swarm, check out: www.BBKA.org.uk to find local bee-keepers who will deal with it.

A potential threat to honey bees is the possible arrival of the Asian Hornet, currently widespread in France. It predated bees and can wipe out a hive. The Asian hornet is about 3cm long, slightly smaller than a European hornet. It has a totally black/dark brown thorax, yellow 'socks', largely brown abdomen with an orange stripe near the tail. If you see this insect please report to: alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk

Bee-friendly gardeners should select plants that flower throughout the year, avoid pesticides and should consider reducing lawn mowing - such as "no mow May".

Concert of Music for Advent
to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the
Callington Singers

Stoke Climsland Church
Saturday 9th December
at 4:30 pm

To include in addition to
Christmas carols, the
premiere performance of a
new setting of the Christmas
Antiphons, composed by
Dr. Andrew Wilson

FREE ADMISSION
with a retiring collection

Refreshments will be
provided



Musical Director: Dr. Andrew Wilson
Accompanist: Mark Smith

The Callington Singers Would you like to join?

The Callington Singers are pleased to announce that the choir is currently in its 40th year of singing and continues to go from strength to strength.

The choir was founded in 1983 by Graham Williams and has performed in venues all over Europe and the United Kingdom. Graham retired in 2019 and was succeeded by Dr Andrew Wilson as Musical Director.

To celebrate the 40th Anniversary, the Callington Singers are giving a free concert in Stoke Climsland Parish Church at 4:30pm on Saturday 9th December. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a retiring collection.



Dr Wilson has composed a brand-new piece of music for the concert, which is a setting of the seven antiphons of Advent. The concert will also include some more traditional pieces associated with the run up to Christmas.

The Callington Singers is a community choir and is open to everyone, so if you would like to give choral singing a try then why not join us? There are no auditions and the ability to read music is not considered essential. New members are always very welcome.

The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at Callington Primary School between 7:30pm and 9:00pm. You can find out more at www.callingtonsingers.org

NEW BINS ARE COMING - BUT NOT YET!

New bins with a question mark! Cornwall Council are rolling out a new initiative and it is all to do with new bins. The question mark is all to do with timing as they are running behind schedule and we are not first on the list to get them. Until we get those as advertised above right, we are all urged to continue recycling using the bags that we have. If you are keen on learning when they will be coming to our area, please visit https://orlo.uk/Waste_Changes_unWoc



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Stoke Climsland Recyclers - you are AMAZING!

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- NO** fruit or veg bags, fresh or frozen
- NO** sugar or tea packets
- NO** pet food, pet biscuit or pet treats
- NO** medicine blister packets
- NO** sauce, rice or pasta packets
- NO** shrink wrap, bubble wrap or postal bags
- NO** cling film or soap packets
- NO** deodorants, plastic, glass or cans
- NO** granola, museli, oats and cereal packets
- NO** fruit or garlic nets
- NO** nail varnish

This list is also on display at the Recycling shed at The Old School.



Hedgehog Rescue at Duchy College, Stoke Climsland

By Jayne Darlington (Industry Placement & Work Experience Coordinator, Duchy College Stoke Climsland)



Equine students came to the rescue when they found a small hedgehog on the drive, out in the daytime.

They quickly told a tutor who took it off to be checked out. The small hog was assessed by another staff member who knows about hedgehogs, and from there the hog was quickly taken to Luxstowe Vets in Liskeard.

Luxstowe vets work in collaboration with Prickles and Paws Hedgehog Rescue in Newquay and once treated he will be transferred there for rehabilitation.

The poor little thing had an injury and flystrike; the students' quick actions definitely saved this little one's life. Hopefully Barry the hedgehog, named by the finders, will return to the college site once he's feeling better.

If you see a hedgehog out in the day, please act quickly and get it some help. It may not show any injuries, but can still be poorly and needing your help.

Aiming to become a Hedgehog friendly campus, Duchy College now has a feeding station in place to support our resident hedgehogs, as well as houses dotted

around the site; more are being planned to be in place for this winter.



“Making a Song and Dance about Nature - YANOMAMO”

by Melanie Guy (www.melanieguy.com)

In the week of the launch of a book of beautiful photographs of ancient UK trees and woodlands, called “The Queen’s Green Canopy”, and specially commissioned for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, it seemed appropriate to choose this song from “**Making a Song and Dance about Nature - YANOMAMO**”, which I introduced last issue ...

THE LIVING TREES

*The living trees, the living trees are living, strong and awesome;
In living strength, in living power, the rulers of their kingdom.*

*The forest trees grow side by side, one after one,
Yearning and reaching for the sun.
Their stretching branches touch and closely intertwine,
Binding their life into one.*

*The living trees, the living trees in living are united;
Their living cords, their living bonds can never be divided.*

*The forest trees grow side by side, mile after mile,
Green ever merging into green,
Until the distance melts the green into the grey;
Strong as the swell of the sea.*

*The living trees, the living trees, a living panorama;
This living green, this living sea goes living on forever.*

...or so we hope, but we must help in fulfilling this legacy: plant a tree - or many!

As one of the book’s wonderful photographers, Adrian Houston writes, “The Queen’s Green Canopy’ initiative is a timely reminder of the importance of planting for future generations and a remarkable way of illustrating how trees and woodlands connect us all on a universal level. It is my hope that ‘The Queen’s Green Canopy’ will inspire future generations to protect our ancient trees and canopy as well as encourage them to plant many more trees throughout the nation”.

BRITISH MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY DAY

Last weekend saw the annual British Mycological Society Day. It was held at Lanhydroc and all the visitors entering the garden or café were able to enjoy the great display of local ‘finds’. There were also Guided walks where specialists were able to tell visitors about the fungi they were finding.

If you’re interested in joining the Cornwall or the Devon Groups, who go out toadstooling throughout the year, please contact Richard on 01579 370411



News from the Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) has just installed 3 dog waste bins on popular walks within the parish. They have

been provided by the PC who have also agreed to pay for emptying by Cornwall Council (CC). Please remember to pick up after your dog and use the bins provided.

A survey of the grit bins has been undertaken and the Council have decided that there are areas requiring new bins. These will be bought by the PC and installed by CC who will fill all bins before winter. Any further filling is done at the parish expense, but the PC recognises the importance of maintaining the safety of roads.

The Parish Council Surgery, where you can bring requests, gripes or seek advice with a problem, continues to be held on the first Wednesday of each month from 10am to 11.30am in the Old School. You can also come to the Council meeting on 3rd Monday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

The work of the Parish Council Carbon Zero Homes project is ongoing - see Project Officers report

To contact the Council email parishclerkscpc@gmail.com or telephone 01822 762065

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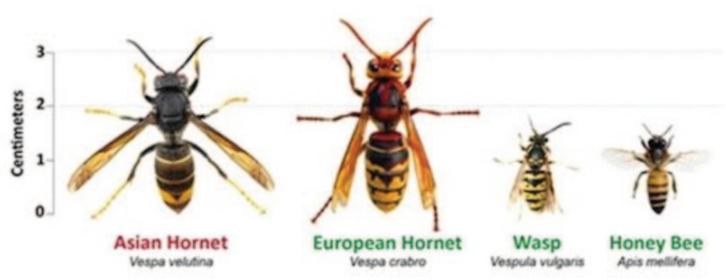
In the beekeeping community there has been an awareness of the yellow legged Asian Hornet (*Vespa velutina*) for the last few years. As their name suggests, they are native to Asia but were first spotted in France in 2004 having been imported in a consignment of pottery from China. Since then, they have spread relatively rapidly and are now known to be established across Spain, Belgium, Netherlands, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, Germany and Jersey.

Asian Hornets were first spotted in the UK in 2016 and to date there has been 74 confirmed sightings since then. However, as 51 of these have been in 2023 (two of which were in Plymouth), there is a real threat they could become established here in the immediate future.

Asian Hornets are ferocious predators that prey on native insects to provide protein for their young. The reason beekeepers are so fearful is that Asian Hornets love Honey Bees: one colony will provide a lot of food. They will hover (hawk) outside a hive and ambush the bees as they leave to go and forage. Just one Asian Hornet can hunt down and eat 30 - 50 Honey Bees a day and their habit of hawking outside the hive stops the bees from collecting nectar and pollen to feed themselves. It isn't long before a lot of Asian Hornets start picking off the bees: this assault weakens the colony and disrupts the delicate balance within the hive, which in turn further stresses the bees and the colony collapses. In France, beekeepers have reported high colony losses due to the Asian Hornet.

It isn't just honeybees that the Asian Hornets will take on, but all our native bees; Bumblebees to solitary Bees are all at risk of being significantly threatened by this these invasive predators. There are also major knock-on effects, most notably a reduction in the number of

Think you've seen an Asian Hornet? Report it!



Report through the Asian Hornet Watch app or www.bit.ly/asianhornetreport



pollinators which means less pollination: as one third of our diets relies on pollinators, this is pretty serious stuff.

Asian Hornets are slightly smaller than our native European Hornet and can be identified by their orange faces, yellow tipped legs, velvety bodies, darker abdomens, and are active during the day, but never at night. European Hornets have brown tipped legs, long yellow antennae, and a mainly yellow abdomen with an obvious 'waist.'

Public awareness will be essential to keeping on top of this invasive species and hopefully preventing them from getting established here. In the autumn, newly mated queens will leave the main nest and look for places to hibernate; one nest can produce 180 - 500 new queens and every one that survives the winter will emerge next spring and start their new nest. Therefore, it is extremely important to be vigilant at this time of year as autumn is the peak time for sightings.

Posters with information on how to identify an Asian Hornet have been put on the notice board outside the Parish Hall and in the Old School. More information can be found at www.nonnativespecies.org. Sightings can be reported with a free iPhone and Android app called Asian Hornet Watch or by emailing alertnonntive@ceh.ac.uk

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