

# THE OLD SCHOOL NEWS

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## PARISHIONERS DISMAYED AT THE PRINCE'S FOUNDATION'S DECISION TO PULL OUT OF PARISH HALL REDEVELOPMENT

### STATEMENT FROM THE PRINCE'S FOUNDATION

*With regret, The Prince's Foundation will be stepping back from overseeing the Stoke Climlsland Parish Hall refurbishment. Following a review of the external projects within the Foundation portfolio, it is not possible for the Foundation to continue to offer its support to establish a community space at the heart of Stoke Climlsland. This is in part due to the cost of living pressures which are impacting upon all charities.*

*In recognition of the dedication, determination and tenacity demonstrated by the Parish Hall Trustees (past & present) over the seven years since the project concept, The Prince's Foundation will make a contribution to enable the CIO to carry out further activity and fundraising for any initial essential building works in the near future.*

*Finally, The Prince's Foundation remains supportive of both the Parish Hall Trustees and the Duchy of Cornwall in seeking an alternative approach toward finding a solution to providing a true community facility fit for the future. The Prince's Foundation wishes the local community group the very best as they take forward their ambitious plans.*

Those who went to the Stoke Climlsland Parish Hall AGM on July 24th were expecting to hear a positive update on progress with the long-anticipated renovation and refurbishment of this village icon. Instead, they were shocked to hear the chairman, Martin Howlett, read out a statement (quoted in full above) from The Prince's Foundation in which they indicated that they were pulling out of the project. The reasons given were two-fold: a review of the external projects within the Foundation Portfolio and the cost of living pressures impacting upon all charities.

## FULL SHOW



## REPORT INSIDE

The statement, completely unexpected to most of those present generated a lot of passionate debate, which Martin and other trustees did their very best to respond to. The overwhelming feeling of those present can be summed up by the words of one attendee: "I feel betrayed, given what was promised unsolicited at the beginning of this project, and disgusted at their decision".

So, what happens next? One key phrase in the statement which is worth highlighting is "The Prince's Foundation remains supportive of both the Parish Hall Trustees and the Duchy of Cornwall in seeking an alternative approach toward finding a solution". There seems to be some uncertainty as to what this actually means. Time will tell but, in the meantime, the Parish Hall Trustees have an aging and gradually deteriorating building to look after and their immediate focus will be upon making the necessary repairs and raising more funds for whatever is to come.

Whilst the announcement from The Prince's Foundation has disappointed the Parish Hall Trustees, they try and remain positive in finding ways that they can deliver the community's expectations as developed at the start of this development. With this in mind the Trustees are building a closer working relationship with The Duchy of Cornwall, who are our landlords.

For more on the Parish Hall, see Page 5

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**PARISH HALL DIARY  
SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Regular Events:**

|           |                |                        |                         |
|-----------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Monday    | 10 - 11 am     | Weekly                 | ADULT BALLET            |
|           | 7pm            | 3rd week only          | PARISH COUNCIL          |
| Tuesday   | 9 am - noon    | Weekly                 | POP-UP CAFÉ             |
|           | 1:15 - 2:15 pm | Weekly                 | LATINO DANCE            |
|           | 7:30 pm        | 2nd week only          | W.I.                    |
| Wednesday | 7 pm           | Weekly except 2nd week | BOWLS                   |
|           | 9 - 1 pm       | Weekly (term time)     | PRIVATE HIRE            |
| Thursday  | 3 - 8:30 pm    | Weekly (term time)     | SJS DANCE ACADEMY       |
|           | 9 - 11 am      | Weekly                 | KEEP ACTIVE             |
| Friday    | 4 - 7:00 pm    | Weekly (term time)     | SJS DANCE ACADEMY       |
|           | 8 - 10 pm      | Weekly (term time)     | CALLINGTON GOSPEL CHOIR |
|           | 10am - 11am    | Weekly                 | PILATES                 |
| Friday    | 11:20 - 12:20  | 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:**

|         |             |                 |
|---------|-------------|-----------------|
| Sept 16 | 9 - 5:30 pm | Private Booking |
| Sept 17 | 1 - 6 pm    | SCATS           |
| Sept 29 | 1 - 6 pm    | Private Booking |

For further information regarding bookings please contact Sue Watts 07836 202212 or email [sue-watts@btconnect.com](mailto:sue-watts@btconnect.com)

**PARISH CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 2023**

|         |         |                 |
|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Sept 3  | 8 am    | BCP             |
|         | 10 am   | Morning Worship |
|         | 2:30 pm | Remembering God |
| Sept 10 | 8 am    | BCP             |
|         | 10 am   | Holy Communion  |
| Sept 17 | 8 am    | BCP             |
|         | 10 am   | Morning Worship |
| Sept 21 | 7 pm    | Harvest Praise  |
| Sept 24 | 8 am    | BCP             |
|         | 10 am   | Family Service  |

**METHODIST CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 2023**

Sunday Worship 11am (unless stated)

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| Sept 3  | Local Arrangement                                       |
| Sept 10 | Harvest Festival 11am Roy Sambles & 6:30 pm Neil Burden |
| Sept 17 | Rev David Moss, Holy Communion                          |
| Sept 24 | Brenda Grundy   |

"Tea In The Afternoon" Wednesday 27 September  
3:30 pm to 5 pm

**OLD SCHOOL DIARY  
SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Weekly Events:**

|           |                 |  |
|-----------|-----------------|--|
| Mondays   | 9 am            | ACUPUNCTURE (by appt)                                    |
|           | 8.30 am onwards | PILATES (Restarts 4 Sept)                                |
|           | 7 pm            | SCOTTISH DANCING (Restarts 11 Sept)                      |
| Tuesdays  | 10 am - 1 pm    | RAGS ART GROUP   |
| Wednesday | 10 am - 3 pm    | CROSS BORDER ARTS (Restarts 13 Sept)                     |
| Fridays   | 9 - 11:30 am    | TODDLER SINGING GROUP (Restarts 8 Sept)                  |
|           | 12 noon         | FRIDAY LUNCH all welcome, please ring Old School to book |

**Together with:**  
**SEPTEMBER**

|         |               |                                  |
|---------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Sept 2  | 9 am          | VILLAGE MARKET                   |
|         | 1 - 6 pm      | MESSY CHURCH                     |
| Sept 6  | 10 - 11:30 am | PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY (AH Room) |
| Sept 7  | 1 - 4 pm      | CALLINGTON U3A ART GROUP         |
| Sept 8  | 7 pm          | FILM CLUB                        |
| Sept 14 | 9 am - 4 pm   | CHIROPDIST (by appt.)            |
| Sept 16 | 9 am - 1 pm   | REPAIR CAFE                      |
| Sept 19 | 9:30 am       | BOOK CLUB                        |
|         | 7.30 pm       | FAMILY HISTORY GROUP             |
| Sept 20 | 7 pm          | OLD SCHOOL AGM                   |
| Sept 21 | 1 - 4 pm      | U3A ART GROUP                    |
|         | 7 pm          | INVESTMENT CLUB                  |
| Sept 23 | 7 pm          | JAZZ EVENING                     |
| Sept 26 | 7:30 pm       | LOCAL HISTORY GROUP              |
| Sept 28 | 9 am - 4 pm   | CHIROPDIST (by appt.)            |

**OLD SCHOOL 200 CLUB WINNERS**

|         |                  |         |            |
|---------|------------------|---------|------------|
| June 23 | P Bullimore      | July 7  | P Martin   |
| July 14 | V Kidman         | July 21 | A Carnegie |
| July 28 | S Booth          | Aug 4   | D Ross     |
| Aug 11  | T Wilson         | Aug 18  | S Stipling |
| Aug 25  | P Davies-Gregory |         |            |

**EDITOR'S LETTER**

I am delighted to confirm that the Old School News will continue to be produced and that the editor's red pen is now being passed over to Wendy Ambrose. Many of you will know Wendy from her many activities in and around the village and I'm sure you will all wish her well as she takes the OSN forward into its next phase. Together with Hilary Scott and Gill Hiscott, Wendy will be working to make sure that the OSN offers a window on what goes on in the Parish. It's your vehicle to let others know what your group/organisation is doing. It's your vehicle to let others know what services you can provide. Give it your support.

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**Stoke Climsland  
Parish Hall continued....**

At a major 'refresh' and planning meeting in February of this year, those attending offered a number of ways they would like to see the refurbishment progress (obviously at that time we were not aware of The Prince's Foundation's decision, even though there was a representative from the PF at the meeting). Currently, the trustees are assessing ideas for moving forward which are at an early stage and some may fall by the wayside. So, please bear with us. Our priority right now is to initiate weather proofing work before the year end and preserve our planning application which expires on 23rd October 2023.

On a more positive note, Lyn Crawley has now joined us as a new trustee, and we welcome her to the team. We really do need more community support whether as a trustee or as a Friend of Stoke Climsland Parish Hall (FoSCPH). We need to be raising local funds for immediate repairs as well as developing strong grant applications ready as suitable funds are found.

With this in mind, the FoSCPH have organised two fund raising events coming up: a Halloween children's party on 28th October and a concert by the Callington Gospel Choir on 11th November. These will be ticketed events so please save the dates as more details will follow in due course as well as additional events.

Finally, the Trustees would like to thank the METS and the Sports and Social Club for their support in raising funds for the Parish Hall. The Club provided a bar for our Curry evening, and the METS provided the musical entertainment. They would also like to thank everyone who bought tickets for the meal and everyone else who paid to listen to the METS. It was a good evening, raising over £300 towards the refurbishment and upkeep of the Hall.

**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL JUMBLE SALE  
FOR THE VILLAGE SHOW**

The Village Show Jumble Sale at the Old School held on June 24th was advertised as opening at 10am. By 9.30am a long queue of bargain hunters had formed across the car park. The first to arrive were a couple from Ivybridge, seasoned jumble sale enthusiasts, who rated the Stoke Climsland Show Jumble sales as "one of the best" they attend. Praise indeed!

The first plant sale that we have held was a great success with many contributions of plants arriving on the day. The range of attractive planters soon sold. We had also been given a large quantity of terracotta pots which were soon snapped up. Inside the tables were stacked high with a wide range of clothes, bric a brac, books and even included a large flat screen TV set! In the smaller (AH) room, the childrens' clothing and toys proved very popular and the giant teddy bear and dog soon found new homes.

To raise £1,200 in two hours was a remarkable achievement and will help meet the increasing cost of running the Village Show. The proceeds (£150.00) from the sale of tea, coffee, cakes, and the ever-popular bacon butties (bacon generously donated by Tesco) have been donated to RDA (Riding for the Disabled) Duchy in memory of Dea Price. Dea was not only a stalwart of RDA at Duchy but a regular volunteer for both the Jumble Sales and Show Day


Thanks to everyone who donated items. No jumble is wasted, and it was good to learn that the local Scout Group were able to raise £340.00 from unsold clothing from earlier jumble sales. Huge thanks must go to the volunteers who worked tirelessly both to help set up on the Friday evening and on the Saturday. Many of whom were recruited on the day. They all worked hard to make the day a success.

**JAZZ AT THE OLD SCHOOL**  
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The New Washboard Syncopators was formed in 2003 with the traditional line up of trumpet, clarinet, trombone, banjo, string bass and percussion/washboard, playing the lesser-known jazz tunes from the '20s/'30s. In December 2015, the leader re-located to South East Cornwall. Soon after, the band was reformed with established, well known jazz musicians from Devon and Cornwall. The current line-up is Graham Trevarton (trumpet), Dave Vaughan (clarinet, tenor sax), Ron Milford (trombone), John Baker (banjo), Jeff Burton (tuba), Tony Quinn (percussion, washboard, guitar). The band plays a variety of Trad and New Orleans jazz tunes with a hint of '50s skiffle. Their main aim is to entertain the audience.

**NEWS FROM  
YOUR  
PARISH COUNCIL**



The Carbon Zero Homes Project, for which we received Government funding via the Community Levelling Up fund, set out its stall at the Village Show with great success. There was considerable interest in finding out how to save money by making homes more energy efficient and the possibility of grants to help achieve this. The free raffle for a complete house assessment was well received.

For those that missed it, we shall be holding a Climate Proactive event in the Parish Hall on Saturday 16th September from 10am to 3pm. This will showcase the work of the council and people of Stoke Climsland to reduce our carbon footprint. Do come along to this free event.

The Parish Council is also installing dog waste bins at the start and finish of some of the most popular dog walks. Purchased from and installed by Cornwall Council, these will be emptied regularly at the Parish Council's expense.

If there are any issues you wish to tell us about, complaints or suggestions, please either come to our regular Surgery on the first Wednesday of each month in the Old School 10 to 11.30am or to the Parish Council meeting on the third Monday in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.



# Down on the Farm

## 'The Farm Cluster Gathers Momentum'

Record temperatures across Southern Europe, raging wildfires on Mediterranean holiday islands, drought ravaged crop failures across North America and freak flooding in Eastern Canada. All may seem a world away from our own traditional UK 'soggy summers' and yet, for the past 2

years, the early season highs and mini heatwaves have presented their own challenges to even the most resilient of British Farmers.

So, it is with much justification within our own local farms that by the joining together in 'thought, mind, knowledge and action', we now have the formation of the Stoke Climsland Farm Cluster Group (SCFC). As previously reported, approval by DEFRA and the release of core funding to initiate the 3-year programme, known as the Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Fund, the scheme brings together twenty-three parish farm business covering more than two thousand hectares of productive farmland. It is the first of its type in Cornwall and will be led by our own village based West Country Rivers Trust (WRT),

The programme of early events so far this summer have included field visits to see the establishment of nutrient rich Herbal Grass Leys within several former Tamar Valley River meadows, nitrogen fixing leguminous crops of Lucerne in the lighter soils associated with the centre of the parish and, in conjunction with Carbon Farm Toolkit Group and WRT, an open day farm tour of the Lightfoot family Alren farm.

Of particular interest as a novel crop to many here in the southwest was the established crop of Lucerne, or Alfalfa as it is also known. It remains a vital forage and fodder crop to so many stock farmers across the globe. Renowned for its drought resistant qualities, it commands a greater cover than grassland worldwide. The example here in the parish also highlighted how vigorous the rootstock can be, with depths of over twelve inches reached in the first year of establishment. Complete with its nitrogen-fixing nodules, it is a win/win for both crop and soil structure.

Further SCFC group events and discussion evenings are planned for this coming autumn and winter programme. To find out more of how we local farmers are adapting to an ever looming climate change challenge and our commitment to net zero targets set by both our Parish and Cornwall Council declared climate and ecological emergencies, we will be supporting the Stoke Climsland Parish Council 'Net Zero Carbon Homes Project' Climate Event in the Parish Hall on Saturday 16th September. Please call in to visit our stand as we highlight our achievements so far in terms of full farm carbon audits, flood water management and ongoing environmental stewardship projects, each leading to greater farm business sustainability and in turn positive measures to both support and mitigate the increasing threats to our own local community - just one small step as a starter of our farm cluster delivering for us all 'Down on the Farm'. **Martin Howlett**



## THE NEXT PHASE OF CHURCH REFURBISHMENT

A few may have noticed when walking through the churchyard recently that there is a lot of digging going on - and not just graves. This is the next phase in the refurbishment of the church. Damp is often a continual problem in old buildings and when your building is 500 years old and the land is in places five feet higher on the outside than the floor inside, then damp becomes a major problem.

The churchyard is so much higher than the church floor because of not only all the burials, but also because over more than 400 years during church services heating was provided by a coal boiler. 400 plus years of ash is a lot of ash. Now we know where it was put! There was a layer of two to three feet of ash all the way around the north and east walls. It has been compressed over the years and this has not helped drainage and it is very acidic and this does not do the stonework any good either.

The new chancel has already been a great asset to the church and praised by many. Not only by worshippers and children's groups, but also especially by visiting music and singing groups who have loved the great space and improved acoustics that it has given. But to move on with any more internal work to the fabric of the church first requires us to deal with the damp problems. Professional builders had priced the work and it was going to be very expensive!

So, from 2 August volunteers have made a big commitment to get the damp proofing work done. We have been led by an expert on old church buildings and a recently retired builder who worships at St Mary's Callington (we will forgive him for that). We have had to dig a deep trench all around the north and east walls; line the walls with a damp proof membrane; and install drainage, a large soakaway and make new drainage for the roof. The trench is being filled with twelve tons of large gravel supplemented by the broken up remains of a cement drainage channel. This was originally there but didn't work!

It's been heavy, tiring work. As I write this, we are close to completion, and it will be a job well done that should help to preserve the fabric for another 500 years.



## NEW AT THE OLD SCHOOL



### FAMILY HISTORY AT THE OLD SCHOOL

The first meeting of the new Family History Group will be at The Old School on Tuesday 19th September at 7-30 pm

This Group will meet monthly and is for both novices and experts. We expect to provide informative sessions that will help you to develop your family history, backing these up with support sessions in response to individual needs.

For this first meeting we will provide some 'mini sessions' (how to start; DNA testing; military history; passing on your research) and then agree the programme that we will follow for the rest of this year and into 2024. We hope that we can benefit from contributions from those members who have a lot of experience of family history.

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 Wilmut (johnwilmut@btinternet.com or 01579 370736)

### NEW! A CHESS CLUB FOR STOKE CLIMSLAND

There has been a proposal that we could start a chess club at The Old School. With the help and advice from some members of the chess club at Calstock we suggest that

- it should be a club for all comers, with no age restrictions and for novices and experts alike.
- membership would not be confined to those living in Stoke Climsland
- while the emphasis would be on enjoying the game, there would be opportunities for novices to learn how to play and for competent players to participate in tournaments.
- there should be regular meetings at The Old School, perhaps every 2 or 4 weeks to begin with
- we would need to make sure that meetings were timed to suit all members.
- there would be a small membership fee.
- the club would provide boards, chess pieces and clocks.
- we can draw on help and support from within Cornwall and nationally.



To help us get going, the Calstock club has offered to run a mini tournament with us, perhaps at some time in the autumn. We are very grateful for their help.

This is a good idea but, before going ahead with setting up a club, we need to have some idea of the support that it would get. In particular, we need maybe 2 or 3 enthusiasts who would be willing to be organisers for the club (this does not seem to be a particularly demanding role).

If you or your child are interested could you email or call John Wilmut (johnwilmut@btinternet.com or 01579 370736) or leave a note at the office at The Old School giving your contact details, some idea of your level of expertise, and whether you'd be prepared to help with organising the club. If there is clearly a sufficient interest, we will get back to you as soon as we can with information about a start-up session.



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SCATS AUDITIONS 2023

SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

'ROBIN HOOD'

PANTOMIME 2024



SCATS will hold Auditions in the Parish Hall at 2pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September; to cast our 2024 Pantomime - Robin Hood (and his ..... tbc!)

Come along if you would like to be involved in our next Panto Production - no experience necessary. We are also very happy to see seasoned performers returning! Rehearsals usually start at 6pm and are completed by 8pm (latest for primary school age); however, times can vary slightly and everyone may not be needed for every rehearsal.

Must be available for Monday rehearsals from October to December 2023, and Mondays and Fridays January through February Half-Term 2024, with Performances on 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Come along and audition to be part of our next fun Panto Production - see you there!

Lyn Crawley - Producer (any questions, please call on 07711 613726)

# THE NEXT OLD SCHOOL FARMERS MARKET IS ON SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>



**OPENING TIME**  
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## STOKE CLIMSLAND WI

In July we were visited by Hayley Kemp, a Community Worker from Plymouth. She brought along two giant quilts to show us. These quilts both had stories behind their

construction. The first of these, 'Joyce's quilt' was made by a large group of women living in the Plymouth area. Hayley thought it would be a good idea to bring together lots of the different women she works with in the city to gather for this project. Each worked on their own square coming up with a variety of designs and patterns. Many of these told a story or were influenced by their experiences as refugees. Others were inspired by family members who had helped them, and this was reflected in their designs. Hayley talked us through the Quilt and it was very interesting to hear the stories that accompanied the squares.



The first project was such a success that Hayley then went on to work on 'The Mayflower Quilt'. She explained how both projects had been very valuable in bringing together women from different countries, backgrounds and experiences and getting them to interact and work together through the Quilts. Both quilts have been on tour around the Southwest, and it is hoped that they will eventually go to The Box in Plymouth.

Our next Meeting will be in September at the Parish Hall. We always welcome visitors and New Members so why not come along and give us a go we would love to see you there.

Dates for your Diary:

12th September: Inequality to Women - Mike Heywood  
10th October: Pots for all Seasons - Michael Stephens (Open Meeting)

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in Stoke Climsland Parish Hall at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome. Visitors £4.50 includes tea and cakes.

## CELEBRATING THE CORONATION AT VENTERDON CHURCH

Stoke Climsland Methodist Church celebrated the year of the King's Coronation with a community weekend which included vintage tractors, displays of quilts, old machinery and kitchenalia and muddy puddle craft area.

Brunch and bbq food was served and the weekend concluded with an Agricultural Celebration Service led by Revd David Moss.

Monies raised were to support the RABI Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute and TERRA CARTA. Thanks to everyone who helped and came to support.



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## AND WHAT A DAY IT TURNED OUT TO BE! ANOTHER GREAT VILLAGE SHOW



Locals came out in force to enjoy 2023's Stoke Climsland Village Show and they weren't disappointed. The patchy weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm as parishioners and visitors alike flocked to enjoy the exhibits on show as well as other attractions.

The day started with exhibitors arriving early at the "Big Top" style marquee on the Village Green, placing their entries for judging, which took place later in the morning. Classes included vegetables, fruit, flowers, art, photography, and delicious bakes. It was clear that the judges were impressed with the high standard and will have struggled to decide on winning entries.



After lunch, the occasion was officially opened by Lorraine and Anthony Dodge, old friends of the Village Show, who reminded those present that the event once had a mention in "Doc Martin". They then presented the shining trophies to the deserving winners.

Notable successes include Catherine Gardiner, who was awarded "best in show" for her fine display of Dahlias. Lyn Crawley received the accolade for amassing the greatest number of points across the classes (as well as the most points in the cookery section). David Hancox cleaned up the most points in the vegetable classes while Stephen and Nicola Pryor received plaudits in the flowers section.



Seven-year-old Florence Deacon won the best children's art entry for her amazing fairy house. Meanwhile, Clare Bullimore and Ashley Kirkpatrick were judged to have entered the best photograph in the adult and children's sections respectively. A special mention should go to the Heal family who submitted 126 entries in total, with some successes in there too.



After the trophies were presented, attendees went inside the show marquee for viewing, while exhibitors came to see what certificates they had won and read constructive comments from the judges.

The parish is fortunate to have a thriving community of gardeners, bakers, artists, growers, crafters, photographers and writers and the organisers were delighted to receive nearly 1,400 entries in total. There are so many now that the displays aren't just restricted to the main marquee; art and photography exhibits spill out into the Parish Hall as well as The Old School, where those present could enjoy afternoon tea.

Stoke Climsland Sports & Social Club provided an outside bar on the green, which also accommodated 18 stalls, made up of fine local makers and charities. Meanwhile, younger attendees were able to enjoy the bouncy castles and ice cream.

The festivities continued into the evening when local legends "The METS" belted out rock classics to a devoted audience inside the marquee. Fresh from performing at Glastonbury,

rising local talent Aaron Chinn also performed a stunning solo set of sensitively reworked cover versions. Then the following day, the congregation gathered in an alternative setting as the parish church hosted their morning service inside the marquee.

The Show is overseen by a small committee who rely on a large team of volunteers freely giving their valuable time. The brilliant show can't go on without them, or the amazing people who submit their wonderful entries on the day or those who simply enjoy observing everyone else's hard work.

Stoke Climsland Show is always looking to welcome more volunteers, so please speak to any of the committee if you are interested in coming on board. You can contact us via our Facebook page or by calling Derek Ross, the chairman, on 01579 370195.

One more thing: The Show organisers are mindful of the generous people who answered the call to contribute to the refreshments in The Old School. Some quietly donated cakes and bites and we don't necessarily know who supplied them, so we're not always able to show our gratitude in person. So, this is a thank you if you are reading this and you are one of those kind people!

Almost all of the photographs featured here were taken by Rob Stewart of Photography by Selbourne. Rob has uploaded 228 Photos from the show at <https://www.photographybyselbourne.co.uk/stoke2023> You can download any of them by pressing the Select Photos button and then clicking on whichever photos you want and then pressing the Download button. Many thanks to Rob for enabling this.

Just a few scenes from the Village Show and some of the almost 1,400 entries



**‘And now some of the talented winners  
(we can’t show them all, sorry!)’**



**Stoke Climsland Sports & Social Club**

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MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

We are open Wednesday to Friday 8.00pm to 11pm, and when there is an event on Saturday from 7.30 to 12pm.

If you want to know more, come to the bar to find out.

Alternatively you can telephone the secretary:  
Louise Power on 01579 370819 or email [louisepoweraok@msn.com](mailto:louisepoweraok@msn.com).

Well, we have been very busy throughout July and the start of August and are now looking forward to a quieter two weeks before we start again in September. We started July by providing a bar for a fundraising event in the Parish Hall. As you will have seen in this issue the Parish Hall is in urgent need of support for the refurbishment since The Prince's Foundation have pulled out of supporting the project. The Parish Hall committee arranged a fundraising event with the support of the METS and our Club. It was very successful and well attended. The next weekend we provided the Bar for the Ploughing Competition fundraising. Many of our local farmers take part in this along with farmers from all over Cornwall. Over a hundred people attended, raising a good amount for the competition, and the bar did a rip roaring trade. The annual Fish and Chip night the following Friday was a great success. Over 130 tickets were sold and for once the weather was in our favour, It did not rain although it was a bit cold for August. Every one enjoyed themselves and the food was excellent. Thank you Bonny, Jenny and Clare for all your hard work cooking. Fortunately



the next event, on the Saturday, was on the field so we didn't have to move the bar. Kelliwick Football Club had their trophy presentation and Fun day. Again the weather was not too bad, remaining dry and a bit sunny until the evening. It was well attended and enjoyed by all the families, with plenty of food and drinks, as well as lots of activities. We had a weeks rest then it was onto the Green for the Stoke Show. At first we were a bit worried because the weather was a bit wet, getting worse in the evening. We should not have worried because the stalwart people of the Parish turned out in their droves. We provided Burgers and drinks in the evening

**Dates for your diary:**

|         |             |
|---------|-------------|
| 26 Sept | Quiz        |
| 14 Oct  | Octoberfest |
| 21 Oct  | Quiz        |

Keep an eye on our facebook page for more information.

Louise Power

while the METS provided musical entertainment. The special guest entertainer was Arron Chin, who sang while the METS took a well earned refreshment break. Stoke Climsland is lucky to have such brilliant entertainment in their Parish.

Now we are having a well earned rest while the kitchen in the Club is completed, then we will start on our autumn programme. As usual we will be arranging a quiz every third Saturday evening in the Club, so please put the date in your diary to come along and join us for a fun evening with lots of laughter. In October we shall be running the Oktoberfest after the popular introduction last year.

**RIDING FOR THE DISABLED AT DUCHY COLLEGE**



By the time you read this, we will be into the autumn term. Thinks: what on earth happened to the rest of 2023? I generally start a fresh academic year with a new group of riders, which involves me initially reading through the form which every RDA rider must have, completed, and signed by a parent or guardian. Where there is a physical disability, we also need to have written permission from their doctor or physiotherapist. This provides very useful information as to whether the rider has a sight or hearing impediment, and the nature of any learning or physical difficulty. All this helps me to plan my lesson so that the activities are pitched at a suitable level. This information is also vital for the side-walkers so that they can give their rider the specific help they need.

In addition to new riders, we always hope that we will have a few new helpers, perhaps looking for a useful occupation to fill unaccustomed spare time, having waved a fond farewell to a child going bravely off to college or university for the first time. If you refer to my column in a previous issue of Old School News, you will discover all the advantages of becoming a helper with RDA, of which there are many! As a new helper you will be paired with an experienced side-walker initially. In this role you will get to know the rider and gain some knowledge of their disability, which I have always found interesting and helpful. We have a system of 'signing off' when you feel happy with what you are doing. This is noted down so that we will not ask you to do anything you are not ready for or do not feel happy to do. If you feel that this is something you'd enjoy, Please get in touch via our website, [www.rdaduchy.org](http://www.rdaduchy.org), or contact our chairperson at [juliette@rdaduchy.org](mailto:juliette@rdaduchy.org). We look forward to meeting you!

Sarah Thomas

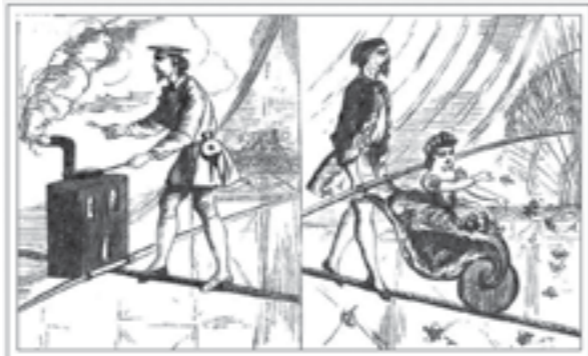


# FAITH AND TRUST

I've been enjoying a biography on the life of Abraham, written by David Jackman. Abraham was getting on in years when he first upped sticks and left the security of his home in Haran (possibly in modern Turkey). He left it all to go to the land of Canaan with his family and nephew Lot. He didn't have an easy life nor was he perfect, yet he is known for believing that, not only did God exist, but that such a being was calling him to go on such an adventure.

As a person, Abraham is both colourful and inspiring for those about to embark on a spiritual journey. He had to search his soul and face his shortcomings. His encounters with God enlarged his understanding of who this all-knowing, all-powerful being was. This faith is something deeper than mere head-knowledge or about having feelings of something 'other' or spiritual.

Blondin (Jean-Francois Gravelet), was a well-known acrobat and tightrope walker in the 1800s. He's famous for crossing Niagara Falls on a tightrope. Large crowds watched him cross using a balancing pole. He would then throw the pole away to the amazement of his onlookers. In 1860, watched by a Royal party from England, he crossed the tightrope on stilts and then did so wearing a blindfold. Later, he stopped halfway to cook an omelette, which he sat and ate.



Next, he pushed a wheelbarrow across and then added a sack of potatoes. He asked the Duke of Newcastle, 'Do you believe that I could take a man across the tightrope in this wheelbarrow?' 'Yes, I do,' said the Duke. 'Hop in!' replied Blondin. The crowd hushed, but sadly the Duke of Newcastle refused to accept this challenge. Asking for a volunteer, an old woman stepped forwards and got into the wheelbarrow. He pushed her all the way across and back again. The old woman turned out to be Blondin's mother, the only person willing to put her life in his hands. The people watching believed Blondin could perform such a feat. But none of them, apart from his mother, was willing to put their trust in him. This is the same with faith which is not merely intellectual; it involves an active step of putting our trust in God. Yes, this involves risk, but the journey of faith proves to be as exhilarating. Of course, we wouldn't put faith in our brakes if we knew they were faulty. Also, faith is not something we do from afar. We don't act like the concerned father (David Jackman talks about in his book), who said to his son:

Don't go into the water until you've learnt to swim!

This is a nonsense - you can only learn to swim if you actually venture into the water; at first with buoyancy aids and maybe an instructor. Similarly, faith and trust in God requires that we step out into the unknown and allow God to carry us across the chasm that exists between people and the kingdom of God. We can trust entirely in God because he delivers on his promises.

Revd Joe Lannon, (Rector, Callington Cluster)

# SAVE MONEY SAVE ENERGY: INTRODUCING OUR COMMUNITY ENERGY ADVISOR



Hello, my name is Andy Nevill, and over the years I have become increasingly interested in how we can improve the energy efficiency of our family home. We've been working on this for 18 years. When we started, Holly was 5 and Rosie was 2. It became a family joke that 'the kids will have left home before you finish'. To me, back in the noughties, this was a ridiculous thought. But then as the years went by, we started to ban the 'f-word'. It's true - it can take, and has taken, a long time - especially if you live in an old house and are on a budget. But we persevere because it is important. By the way, 'we' = Ruth and I. We continue our energy efficiency journey, and we now realise that this is all about managing expectations - maybe one day I will write something just about that.

If you are interested in saving money and/or saving energy and/or having a healthy home and/or reducing your impact on our planet, please read on ...

## Carbon Zero Homes Project



Behind the scenes, the Parish Council has been busy beavering away to secure funding to set up the Carbon Zero Homes Project to support households across the parish to save energy and improve the energy efficiency of their homes. Having recently semi-retired from the NHS, this has come at a good time for me - so I applied for the Community Energy Advisor role which was advertised and following an interview I was offered that job - starting in July. This project is part of the parish response to the Carbon Neutral Cornwall Call to Action, in respect of 'improving the energy efficiency of homes across Cornwall'.

## Show Launch

The Parish Council team launched this project at the annual Stoke Climsland Show on 12th August. I am writing this before the Show - so I will update next month. We had a stand, a bunch of leaflets to hand out, and ran a free raffle to give away 3 whole-house energy assessments and 10 energy monitoring smart sockets. We believe that there are 3 reasons to improve the energy efficiency of our homes: money, health, and climate. Using less energy will save you money. Having a warm, comfortable, and well-ventilated home is healthy. Reducing energy consumption and emissions will reduce your impact on the planet. My own personal reasons are a blend of these 3 - this will be different for everyone and unique to you.

## Next Steps

Guided by the main aim described above (to use the jargon, this is referred to as 'retrofit'), we will endeavour to provide you with a 'front door' for our local community - for you to be able to access impartial, reliable information and support. There's lots of information on this topic out there. Some of it is good, some of it is misleading, and some of it is created by people who would like to sell you something. There's also a lot of grant funding out there - literally thousands of pounds for some households! But it can be difficult to find out about this. We will try to make it easier for you to access good technical and funding information.

So, we are now OPEN FOR ENQUIRIES. Please get in touch if this is of interest to you and you would like more information or advice, have experience of improving your own home that you would like to share with others or are interested in getting involved with the project in some way. If you work in an allied trade or provide professional services in this area, we would like to hear from you too.

Andy Nevill 07799848084  
Community Energy Advisor andynevill@protonmail.com  
Chartered Engineer



We are coming to the end of the summer holidays, and we'll soon be restarting our Winter Programme of talks at the Old School (7.30pm start and all are welcome to come along). Our first talk will be on Tuesday 26th September and the subject is 'Gunnislake and WW2'. Members of the Gunnislake U3A have been researching this and will be coming along to share their findings with us. The evening will be a combination of a talk and an exhibition. It promises to be very interesting and I'm sure that there will be a few surprises in store for us.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Old School News, you will find a notice for the inaugural meeting of the new Family History Group (Tuesday 19th September at 7.30pm). We intend that the Group will meet monthly and will be for novices and the more experienced. We hope to provide informative sessions that will help you develop your family history, and we will back these meetings up with support sessions where we can respond to individual needs and queries. For this first meeting we will provide some 'mini sessions' (how to start; DNA testing; military history; passing on your research) and then agree the programme that we will follow for the rest of this year and into 2024. We hope that we can all benefit from contributions from those members who have a lot of experience of family history. Come and join us and find out what family history is all about. There will be a small charge for each session to cover costs and light refreshments will be available. If you need more information, please contact Deri Parsons (derrick.parsons@btinternet.com or 01579 370319) or John Wilmut (johnwilmut@btinternet.com or 01579 370736)



**Friday**  
**September 8th 2023**

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

**“The Woman King”**

**Starring: Viola Davis, Thuso Mbedu and John Boyega.**



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**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**



## MEET THE WHEAL MARTHA BAND

It all started in Luckett with a weekly cornet duet on our doorsteps to celebrate the amazing work of the NHS during Covid, followed a few months later by an in-depth conversation in a local garden centre. Moving on and picking up new members, we were asked to play the National Anthem at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee lunch in the village. This went well and a keenness to progress meant we played carols in December 2022 beside the bridge on a bitterly cold night. We moved into Luckett Social Club to continue and to enjoy warm, mulled wine and mince pies, raising £200 for charity.

May 2023 provided another opening for musical entertainment at the village King's Coronation tea. Our numbers were up to seven and as well as the National Anthem, we played some 'proper' (!) pieces, which were received very favourably.

We're keen to continue and have booked another Christmas slot at Luckett Social Club on Friday 15th December. Why not come along and enjoy the music or, if you're an enthusiastic or even a lapsed musician interested in playing in a small, friendly local wind band, just drop a line to [TheWhealMarthaBand@gmail.com](mailto:TheWhealMarthaBand@gmail.com)



## Measles and the MMR Vaccine

Measles cases are on the rise in England and across Europe. Make sure you and your family are protected against becoming seriously unwell with measles by checking you are up to date with the MMR vaccine. Just two doses of the MMR vaccine gives you and your family lifelong protection against catching measles. The first vaccine is given at age one year and the second at age 3 years and 4 months old. If you've missed any doses, it's not too late to catch up. If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses. For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please see the Tamar Valley health website - <https://tamarvalleyhealth.org.uk/digitalpractice/wellbeing-centre/child-health/>



What is the MMR vaccine? The MMR vaccine protects against measles, mumps and rubella which can be serious. MMR vaccination is offered to children at around 1 year of age, with a second dose at 3 years and 4 months. Both doses are required to offer full and lasting protection for your child against these vaccine preventable diseases. Your GP practice will invite you to arrange an appointment when your child is eligible for the vaccine. If your child is older and has missed the vaccine contact your GP practice to discuss and arrange an appointment to ensure they are fully protected. For more information about the any side effects contact the Practice.

Are there any circumstances that my child shouldn't have their MMR? Almost all children can be safely vaccinated with all vaccines. In general, a vaccine should not be given to children who have had a confirmed anaphylactic reaction to a previous dose of the same vaccine. While the MMR vaccine is safe for children with a severe egg allergy, you should let your doctor or nurse know if you or your child has had severe allergic reactions to gelatine, an antibiotic called neomycin, egg allergies.

What is the consent process for vaccination? Parents, carers or those with parental responsibilities for young children should attend vaccination appointments with their child to give consent for them to receive vaccination. For looked after children, please refer to the care plan where permissions and restrictions of consent will be outlined.

What is measles? Measles is an infection that spreads very easily and can cause serious problems in some people. Having the MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent it. Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth. First symptoms, before the rash appears include Cold-like symptoms, a high temperature, a runny or blocked nose, sneezing, a cough or red, sore, watery eyes

Can getting measles, mumps and rubella be serious? Measles, mumps and rubella are highly infectious illnesses that can easily spread between unvaccinated people. These diseases can lead to serious problems such as meningitis and hearing loss. Most people are vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella and since the vaccine was introduced in 1988, these conditions have become rare in the UK as the vaccine is good at providing protection.

How can my child / how can I get measles? Measles is a virus that spreads through the air and is passed on by coughs and sneezes. Those who have measles are infectious before they have any spots. The virus is highly infectious and one infected person with measles will infect 9 out of 10 unvaccinated people if they spend 15 minutes or more with them. Is measles just a childhood disease? Measles is more common in young children, but anyone unvaccinated is at risk of getting measles and becoming seriously unwell.

Is measles not just a rash that goes away? Measles can be serious and lead to long term health problems, such as blindness in rare cases. Most people who get measles feel very unwell for up to two weeks. There is no medical treatment for measles. One in five will need a hospital visit and one in 15 will have complications from getting measles.

Sharon Trafford - Tamar Valley Health Patient Participation Group Chair

## Luckett Social Club

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

It has been a busy few months this Summer for our Club Committee and members with two big events taking place at Deer Park Farm, Luckett. The month of June saw the cream of both Luckett and Stoke Climsland continue their friendly rivalry in the Annual Stuckett Darts Challenge. In the first leg, Stoke Sports & Social took a commanding lead 6 - 3 at Luckett and looked set to retain the trophy. However, the Luckett team fought back on Friday 23rd winning the team games 3 - 0 which levelled up the overall scores. Then Danny, Mac and Geoff took the next 3 out of 4 individual

matches needing only one of the last 2 games to secure outright victory. Stoke responded to make it 3 - 6 on the night and 9 all over both legs. So, a one-off team game of 1001 decided the outcome and although Stoke got down to the madhouse first, it was Danny Hobbs who finished it with a single one and then double one. A great couple of evenings and thanks go to Jenny for organizing everything and the refreshments. Battle will commence again next year, I am sure.

The first of the two big events was the Skittles Competition on Saturday 29th July. 15 teams (of 6 players) took part with the top 8 teams progressing to the quarter finals after each playing once on each of the 4 lanes. After some close battles is now a straight knockout, the two finalists were team I 'Last of the Summer Wine' and team M 'The Smurfs'. Team I who were Bridget & Steve, Mark & Sally and Mac & Maxine were runners up with a score of 29 (was it too much wine!). Congratulations to Steve & Sue, John & Michelle, and David & Lyn of The Smurfs on winning the competition and the Deer Park Farm Plate with a score, 49 pins. Sue received the High Score Lady trophy with 16 and David completed the set also with 16 after a 3 way bowl off with Mac and Seagull for the High Score Gent. Thanks to all those that helped make it a great evening.

The following Saturday (5th August) we were treated to two fantastic live bands. Ambandy started the evening off in fine style and were followed by local Cornish group Black Friday. Dancing was compulsive and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the night. Thank you to everyone who supported the evening and helped in the preparations. Also, our grateful thanks to SC Post Office for selling advanced tickets.

A full Winter Programme will be issued soon, but at the time of press the only date confirmed is Friday 29th September - Cash Bingo.

For more information and details see our facebook page [The-Luckett-Social-Club](https://www.facebook.com/The-Luckett-Social-Club)

Geoff Howlett (Hon. Secretary).



## ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH, SOUTH HILL



St Sampson's window restoration project is nearly complete, with only 3 more windows to be put back in the early autumn. They are looking fantastic and we are grateful for all £53,000 of funding from the many grants and donations that have made it possible. The next phase is some external pointing work and the restoration of the west door.

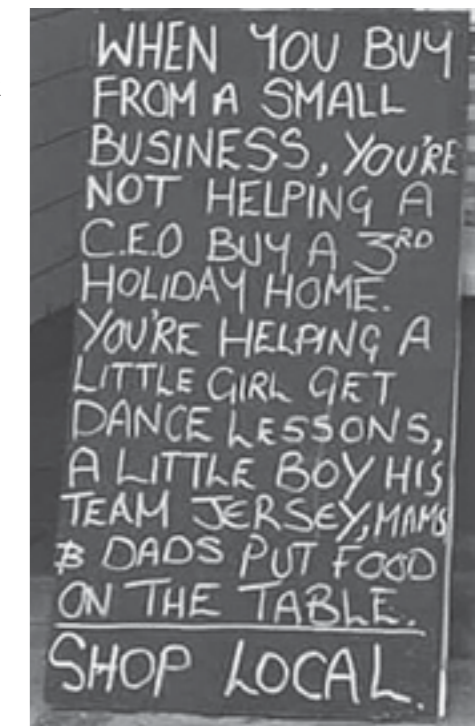
Are you a nature detective? - free activity for children. St Sampson's Church has a living churchyard. There are many creatures who live

here; including bats, birds and insects. Ten different species of butterfly were recorded here in August. The grass grows long in places to provide homes for them and wildflowers for food. Churchyards are very special places for biodiversity and habitats as they have not been cultivated for hundreds of years. Pick up an explorer pack from the porch, which contains activities and information to help you explore and enjoy St Sampson's churchyard. These are available at any time for you to use and take away. Callington Cluster: St Sampson's Living Churchyard

September 24th September 10am - Animal Thanksgiving Service at Pennywort Mill, South Hill

October 1st 11.15am - Harvest Festival

Wednesday October 4th 7.30pm. Barrett's Privateers - a very special gig. Free entry, donations welcome towards the St Sampson's Unlocked restoration project. Bar and pasties available. Local shanty group will be singing a variety of local and not so local songs for us. Barrett's Privateers Tickets, Wed 4 Oct 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite



# 'WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND'

In the news, as I write this, we are hearing of 'unseasonal weather' across Europe. Spain, Italy, and Portugal experiencing temperatures akin to desert temperatures 40°C plus and counting. Then wildfires and I suspect, in due course, torrential rain and flooding. Climate change is with us to stay. Global temperatures are rising due to human activity. Of course, there are people who wish to either deny climate change or wish to hold loose to its existence. Notably former President Donald Trump is well documented in saying that climate change is a hoax. However, the majority of scientists worldwide believe in it and believe that we can do something to change or lessen it.

Harvest time is one of the highlights of the agricultural year. Traditionally, we celebrate the harvest and within the rural community Harvest Festivals are still well supported. When Ali and I lived in the Shetland Islands forty or so years ago as harvest in the South was approaching, we would travel north by train and note that the crops got progressively greener the further north we travelled.

Harvest in Shetland is later than in Cornwall! Changes in weather have always affected harvest and our farmers are now having to adjust to the changes due to differing climate, hotter weather, and less rain. MET Office research 'found that heat stress in dairy cattle is projected to increase significantly in key dairy regions of the UK, particularly Southwestern England.'

We still have a water shortage; some farmer's bore holes have dried up and the need for steady rain is very much the order of the day. I'd love to say, 'I'll pray for rain', but I think that it needs more than that, because in some ways we are the answer to our own prayers. Yes, we can reduce water usage, there are also choices we make about how we spend our money. This is especially difficult for us in rural communities as we rely on the internet for a lot of shopping. For example, China, one of the greatest emitters of carbon, produces many of the items we buy. It is complex. Yet, it is God's world we are called on to care for. What goes around, comes around and 'we reap what we sow.'

Stoke Climsland Methodist Church, Venterdon, will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Sunday September 10th, 11am and 6pm, please come along and join in. Everyone is welcome.

Methodist minister for Stoke Climsland  
Revd David Moss

Callington Methodist Church will be open for Callington Honey Fair on **SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023**



from 10 am - 4 pm

## "ROYALTY & THE CORONATION"

An exhibition of various displays by local groups including another chance to see the fantastic Coronation Celebration Banner made by the Callington Poppy Group. Morning Coffee, Light Lunches and Afternoon Tea available.

If you'd like to get involved please contact us [www.callingtonmethodist.org](http://www.callingtonmethodist.org) or via our Callington Methodist Church Facebook page

**CALLINGTON HONEY FAIR SAT 30th SEPTEMBER 2023**



Callington Toddle In will have a Stall in the town selling pre-loved children's toys (no large items please) and books to support [Penhaligons Friends](http://PenhaligonsFriends.org), (1189323) a Cornish charity supporting bereaved children, young people, parents & carers throughout the county – if you have any items you'd like to donate we would really appreciate it – you can bring them to Toddle In when we start again in September or I'm happy to collect. Look out for us on the day – please come and say hello!

Thanks very much.  
Kind regards, Louise 01579 388840  
[ljames434@btinternet.com](mailto:ljames434@btinternet.com)

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Some Good News ... ???

At last: a UN Summit of the Future, to be held in September 2024. The summit promises a 'global pact for the future', but will it match the historic challenges that humanity is facing? It is glaringly evident that we need new perspectives on protecting the future against the pressures of the here and now. Many decisions made today are not just affecting the next century, but millennial or even geological time spans. How can we assure a sustainable ecological base for human development, and fairness in the conduct of world affairs?

Science tells us that we cannot continue on the current, suicidal path. We cannot allow decision makers to inflict the impacts of unrelenting economic growth on a finite planet, putting economic freedoms first, with ethical perspectives as an afterthought. The 2024 UN Summit is putting the need to safeguard the future of people and planet on the global agenda as never before. It is up to the global NGO community to help assure that the agenda of the summit matches the huge challenges we are facing.

With best wishes, Alastair Guy.

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## ANN CRAIG



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
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We were all saddened recently to hear of the death of Ann Craig and over 100 people paid their last respects to her at her funeral in Stoke Climsland Church on 14th August. Ann was one of a kind and volunteered tirelessly for the benefit of the community in many, many ways and received a civic award from Cornwall Council for her work. At the ceremony for this, she was described as someone with 'great determination and energy' and an 'absolutely remarkable lady'. Those at the Old School would certainly agree with this as she was a stalwart supporter of the Old School from its inception and a Trustee for many years. She will be missed by all who knew her. A fuller tribute will appear in the next issue of the Old School News.



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