

THE OLD SCHOOL NEWS

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Aid for Ukraine

On behalf of the Tamar Valley Wombles, I am looking for donations of unwanted crochet granny squares. These can be leftovers from completed or unfinished projects. Ideally, they need to be in DK weight wool but anything will do. Any design, colour and size - the aim is to gather a load and I will put them together to make blankets for the Ukrainian effort. Donations of scrap wool are also very welcome.

To donate granny squares or wool please email me on renjack@hotmail.co.uk

Renee Jackaman



FRIDAY LUNCH at THE OLD SCHOOL

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12 Noon - All Welcome
APRIL MENUS

1st April

Homemade Soup and Roll
Lasagne, Green Salad and Garlic Bread
Tiramisu

8th April

Homemade Soup and Roll
Spring Chicken Stew
Ginger Pudding and Toffee Sauce

15th April

No Lunch - Good Friday

22nd April

Homemade Soup and Roll
Pot Roast
Surprise Pudding



This Months Film is:

'Respect', starring Jennifer Hudson, Forest Whitaker and Mary J Blige.

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Covid-19 precautions mean that seating will be spaced out, restricting numbers.

If you intend to come you should call the office at:

The Old School in advance to book.

The Old School Office (01579 370493)

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



Friday April 8th 2022

Doors open at 7pm for Refreshments

Film starts 7:30pm

SOME GREAT COMMUNITY EVENTS AT THE OLD SCHOOL - COME ALONG

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PARISH HALL DIARY
APRIL 2022

Regular Events:

Monday	7 pm	1st week only	GARDENING CLUB
	6 - 7 pm	Weekly	Prayers SC Parish Church Group
	6 - 7 pm	Weekly	ADULT BALLET (Main Hall)
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 - 12:30 pm	Weekly	LOVE TO MOVE
Thursday	2 - 8:30 pm	Weekly	SJS DANCE ACADEMY
	9 - 11 am	Weekly	KEEP ACTIVE
	4 - 7:30 pm	Weekly	SJS DANCE ACADEMY
Friday	8 - 10 pm	Weekly	CALLINGTON GOSPEL CHOIR
	10am - 11am	Weekly	PILATES
	7 - 10:30 pm	Weekly	BRIDGE

Together with:
April 30 6 pm PRIVATE HIRE

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES
APRIL 2022

Apr 3	8 am	Reflective Prayer
	10 am	Morning Worship led by Alan Bruce
Apr 10	8 am	Holy Communion led by Joe Lannon
	10 am	All age worship led by Dominic Nelson
Apr 17	6.30am	Sunrise Service at Kit Hill
	8 am	Reflective Prayer
Apr 24	10 am	Cluster Communion Service led by Rev Joe Lannon
	8 am	BCP led by Dominic Nelson
	10 am	Family Service led by Ryan and Jane

Until further notice, all services will be held in the Old School Hall (except for Kit Hill Sunrise service).

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Weekly Events:

Mondays	9 am	ACUPUNCTURE (by appt)
	9 am onwards	PILATES
	7:30 pm	SCOTTISH DANCING
Tuesdays	10 am - 1 pm	RAGS ART GROUP
Wednesday	10 am	CROSS BORDER ARTS
Thursdays	9 am Onwards	OSTEOPATH (by appt)
	11 am	KEEP FIT
Fridays	7 pm	BAND PRACTICE
	9.30 am	FRIDAY MUSIC GROUP
	12 noon	FRIDAY LUNCH (all welcome)

Together with:

April 2	9:30 am	VILLAGE MARKET
April 3	8 am	CHURCH SERVICES
April 6	10 - 11:30 am	PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY
	6 - 7.30 pm	CHURCH CHOIR
	7.30 - 9 pm	PARISH COUNCIL JUBILEE
April 7	7 pm	BAND PRACTICE
April 8	7 pm	FILM CLUB
April 9	7 pm	JAZZ
April 10	8 am	CHURCH SERVICES
April 12	2 - 4 pm	LOOK GROUP
April 13	6 - 7:30 pm	CHURCH CHOIR
April 14	1 pm	CALLINGTON U3A
April 15		CLOSED
April 18		CLOSED
April 19	6:30 pm	RUTH'S FOOD GROUP
April 21	7:30 pm	INVESTMENT CLUB
April 28	1 - 4 pm	CALLINGTON U3A
	7 pm	BAND PRACTICE

Junior Corner

WAR

by Poppy Dawes Aged 14

The cold winds howled through
trenches dark and deep

Weapons as sharp as lightning in the
clouds

Working way too hard, not able to sleep
Bangs and booms in the background,
very loud

They lay upon the muddy, rainsoaked
ground

Shivering dogs, cold, unkempt and alone
Listening to sleepless soldiers all around
Wishing they were somewhere more like
home.

But surely the war would be over soon?
Then they would come home, victorious
and free

The people that loved them over the
moon!

How grateful and happy would their
friends be?

So think of those men that fought the
war

Their bravery remembered evermore.



Jasmin age 8



Amelie age 8

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directly to Gill Hiscott at gillhiscott@hotmail.com

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

April 3	11 am	Helen Pengelly
April 10	11 am	Palm Sunday, Chapel Anniversary Rev'd Smith, followed by lunch Everyone welcome
April 17	11 am	Easter Sunday - Alison Moss
April 24	11 am	Helen Pengelly

OLD SCHOOL 200 CLUB WINNERS

Feb 04	D Ross	Feb 18	A Swaker
Feb 11	P Bullimore	Feb 25	C Vulliamy

FROM THE EDITOR

The world has changed since the last Newsletter. It's difficult to reconcile ordinary English village life with what is happening in Ukraine. We go about our everyday tasks with a new horror at the back of our minds. Our hope is that this war will be short lived but please let the Old School News know of any fundraising events or appeals which have or will take place. As you may know there is a government scheme now in place with financial assistance for anyone wishing to offer a room to a Ukrainian refugee. Here is the weblink <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/homes-for-ukraine-scheme-launches>.

Don't forget also that the Newsletter is also a platform for local people to air their thoughts and views whether its in 50 words or 500. Anything which affects the future of the village and the people and children who live as a community in the parish of Stoke Climsland and beyond. However the line is drawn over political matters. As a publication our aim is to be completely unbiased.

I hope you like our new Junior Section which aims to encourage children and young people from 5 to 16 to display their talents. Sometimes it's difficult to get them to do something new but maybe they or you already have a poem or picture you and they are proud of so send us a copy and let us all see! Ideas welcome too.

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Please be Socially Responsible for your dog



Could the person who is allowing their dog to poop in the grounds of the Old School please pick it up.

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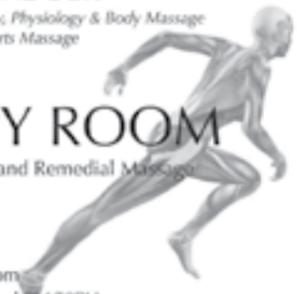
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JAZZ at The Old School



Take NOTE, change of date from that published previously

The Old Green River Band
9th April - don't miss out!

Programme 2022

Saturday 9th April
The Old Green River Band

The evenings will take the usual form, starting at 7-30 pm with a two-course dinner in the interval and a well-stocked bar.

FOR BOOKINGS contact The Old School Office (01579 370493) or the organiser Vivienne Davis (on 01579 383819 or 07798 751337) or visit:

www.oldschoolstokeclimsland.co.uk/jazz



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.

We are gradually getting back to normal as people get comfortable with coming out without masks. Our February quiz was good fun. Although there were not a lot of teams, they made up for it with noisy enjoyment. 'Comfortably Dumb' won the quiz but running a close second and third were 'Caniston Trio' and 'Work Event'. The next quiz will be on March 19th. Teams of four will cost £5 entry and some general knowledge! Our quiz nights are always good fun and the questions are not too taxing. Do come along and have a go. If you can't come in March, there is a quiz on the third Saturday on the month in April, May and June.

March 5th saw our St Piran's event. Thank you to the members who made pasties and puddings. They were very tasty and cheap at the price. This evening is always good fun and was even more fun as the Christmas Raffle was drawn. If you remember, we postponed the draw because of an upsurge in Covid infections. The raffle is a good way to raise money for the club and is always well supported. Some prizes have been held in the club for collection; please check. It is nearly time for the AGM. This year it will be held on Saturday April 9th at 7.30pm in the club. Please sign the list in the club if you are interested in becoming a committee member. We are always looking for help in running the club. We would like lots of members to attend to find out what we are doing.

We will be involved with the Jubilee celebrations (June 3 - 5th) and the Village show (Aug 13th). In addition we are hoping to hold the popular Fish and Chip Night on the field on July 1st. Please check our facebook page and keep an eye on the notice boards for any new events coming up.

Louise Power



Lockett Social Club

Looking back to the month of February the Club put on 2 Friday night events. The first being a Cash Bingo on 11th when 16 people played for BIG MONEY. Well not that big. There was a change of caller that night, to give me a chance of actually playing and the possibility of winning some money. Danny kindly stepped in and called the numbers out in the first half. Unfortunately I didn't win a penny. In the second half Tim Selwood took over the balls. Funnily enough my luck didn't change but Danny's did when he shouted "house". All good fun with Christine taking home the top prize of £10.

The second event was held on Friday 25th Feb when 10 members played out 12 rounds of a Beetle Drive. There was some confusion as the new game sheets had different numbers for the beetle parts to what we were all used to in previous tournaments. But everyone soon got the hang of it as the evening progressed at high speed. Maxine had the lowest overall score and the booby prize (her £2 back). Sheila was second highest (£6) and keeping it in the family Danny was top scorer and received £12 for his efforts. An enjoyable evening all round.

Events planned for April are:

Friday 1st April - An APRIL FOOLS DAY QUIZ with Question master Ivan Judd extraordinaire. You would be a fool to miss it!

Friday 8th - A SOCIAL EVENING. Bring a plate of nibbly bits to share and pop in for a chat and a pint!

Friday 22nd CASH BINGO. All the tickets you need for just £5

All events start at 8.00pm unless otherwise stated with Club & Bar open from 7.30m.

A quick reminder that Membership fees are now due as of 1st January. Although we didn't charge last year (2021) the Committee have agreed in view of not being open as much as pre-pandemic times that we only charge half rates for this current year (2022). Therefore Adults will be £4 (instead of £8) and Seniors at £3 (and not £6).

For more information visit our Facebook page The-Lockett-Social-Club.

Geoff Howlett (Hon. Sec.)

THE TATE LOOK GROUP

February & March
Meetings



The Look Group continues. At our monthly meetings we discuss an artist, a particular painting, a sculpture or sculptor's work, photography or some other art medium. At February's meeting, Turner was the subject. Members managed to rustle up books with lovely examples of his work, information about the man himself, his style and how it developed towards impressionism.



March was Self Portraits. We looked at Van Gogh, Stanley Spencer, Lucien Freud, Cindy Sherman photographer and others. It was fascinating to view examples brought by members and share thoughts on artists' depictions of themselves, their styles and discuss theories as to why some painted themselves so often. We also had a go at drawing our own self-portraits, I think 'interesting' says enough!

Next meeting is Tuesday 12th April, 2.00 pm at the Old School. Good conversation with tea, coffee, biscuits, sometimes cake for just £2.00 a meeting. All welcome! For further information phone Helen Adams: 01566 782129 or me on 01579 370200

Jo Pescod

PARISH ARCHIVE



The article in the March edition of The Old School News regarding the restoration work at Stoke Climsland Church prompted some investigation into the skeletons beneath the floor of the church. It seems at this stage appropriate to mention them being established family names of people from Stoke Climsland. (editor note)

The people buried in the church between 1782 and 1811 include those listed below, and there were probably others from periods during which this information wasn't recorded in the Parish Registers. The ledgerstones - the delicately carved slates set in the Church floor - are their memorials.

Source: Stoke Climsland Church Registers, Burials book 4 - ref C.R.O. P 215/1/4

Extracted from burials between 1782 - 1803

1782, no 789 - Ann PALMER In the Eastern corner of the south Aile

1783, no 803 - Elizabeth FOLLEY Eastward of the tower

1783, no 806 - Joan CLARKE North Aile

1784, no 811 - Thomas RUNDLE North Aile of ye Church

1785, no 844 - Sampson JASPER North Aile of ye Church

1786, no 876 - James RUNDLE in ye North Aile of ye church

1797, no 1098 - Mrs Mary VENNING In the Church, Middle Aile

1802, no 1182 - Sampson JASPER Church, under Beals Seat

1803, no 1186 - Elizabeth RUNDLE in North Aile of ye Church

Source: Stoke Climsland Church Registers, Burials book 5 - ref C.R.O. P 215/1/5

1804, no 18 - Mary STANBURY On the North Aisle of church

1807, no 47 - Ann REED In the North Aisle of the Church

1808, no 62 - Martha MILL In the church under the Gallery

North side

1811, no 134 - Mrs. Mary LETHBRIDGE Wife of the Rev. Lethbridge, Rector of this Parish buried in the chancel at the South side.

People buried outside during that period, though with no surviving markers of any kind, were equally carefully recorded. They are often of families familiar here today, and describe their position in relation to the chancel or the porch etc; there are many more of them than those inside.

Geophysics is now being offered to make a record of the positions of graves inside and outside Cornish Churches, while a programme for recording of ledgerstones (LSEW) is run by the Church Recording Society.

The Parish Registers: Christenings, Marriages, and Burials, at Stoke Climsland were recorded as required by law, from 1539 onwards.

Sally Powell, Tim Quick and others of Stoke Climsland Parish Archive carefully transcribed all of our Parish Registers at the County Records Office in Truro (now Kresen Kernow in Redruth) and then checked against the Bishop's Transcripts (copies) in Exeter in case of damage by vermin etc.

We are very fortunate that between 1782 and 1811 the registers can show us the positions of so many parishioners' graves in and close to the Church so that although some were possibly disturbed during Victorian times, they can now be protected.

To find out more about your ancestors through Stoke's Parish Registers, you can reach the Parish Archive through the Old School, on 01579 370493

Caroline Vulliamy



A PERSONAL TRIBUTE
Thich Nat Han
11/10/26 - 22/1/22

THE TALE OF A HOLY MAN

The Dalai Lama described Thich Nat Han as "A holy man who shows us the connection between personal, inner peace and peace on earth".

I stumbled on a wonderful book, 'The Miracle of Mindfulness' by Thich Nat Han and learned the practice of mindful meditation.

Christiana Figueres, senior political strategist for the Paris Agreement in 2015 said, ... "Thich Nat Han, 'Thay', as he was affectionately known by his students, had - and will continue to have - a profound influence on our work. Without his teachings guiding the way, there would have been no Paris Agreement, and governments around the world would not have declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency."

So, with the practice of mindful meditation that I learnt by reading the book, I shall continue with what we must do to protect our shared future - our own and that of everyone on this planet".

I would also recommend reading 'The Future We Choose, Surviving the Climate Crisis' by Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett.

Leonardo DiCaprio said (about the 'Future We Choose') - "this presents what we must do to protect our shared future - our own and that of everyone on this planet"

Peace and love to you all, enjoy life's journey, but leave no tracks, so tread lightly on the Earth.

Alastair Guy.

Stoke Climsland Climate Change Action Group Agricultural Group

Our final session of our Winter Programme of events will take place on the 13th April 2022 at 7pm.

We shall be holding it at Deer Park Farm in the Education Room and in the field, so wellies will be required.

We welcome our parishioners to attend alongside our fellow farmers to get an insight on what is going on behind the scenes of our farming community.

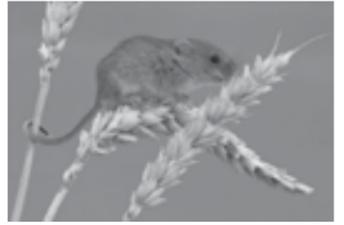
We are privileged to have Becky Willson's team (Hannah and Stefan) of the Farm Carbon Tool Kit, who will be discussing our five Parish Pilot farms and have been sampling soils and undertaking their own farm carbon footprint. This will lead to future involvement of our other parish farms. James Parkin from the Duchy of Cornwall will also talk on his involvement in our Parish.

Teas and Coffees supplied.

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Bonny Lightfoot
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HARVEST MICE



We must all be familiar with pictures of Harvest Mice clinging to a stalk of corn, the prehensile tail wrapped round the stem. But how many of us have actually seen one? It is our smallest rodent with reddish fur, small furry ears, a blunt nose and a long naked tail. These days they have been thought to be in decline because of habitat loss and changes in farming practice.

To determine their current status, this winter there has been a National Survey of this pretty little mouse. The winter is when signs of them are easier to find because the remains of their summer breeding nests are still woven into tall grassy tussocks. They don't hibernate in the winter but make nests close to the ground.

Unlike mice and voles which make loose nests of chewed-up pieces of grass and moss, sometimes underground, the Harvest Mouse carefully weaves a spherical or egg-shaped summer breeding nest of long strands of grass woven around tall grass stems, about 12 to 18 inches above the ground. The remains of these distinctive little nests can be seen up in tussocks of coarse grasses in suitable places such as rough grassland, and the edges of scrubby brambly places.

The Wildlife Trust here in Cornwall has an active Mammals Group and they have made many visits this winter to suitable habitats and more often than not they have been finding nests.

It will be interesting to see the results of this survey and the current distribution and abundance of this little encountered mammal.

STOKE CLIMSLAND GARENING CLUB

This is a (very) brief report of the March meeting, which was a (very) brief AGM followed by a (very) delayed "Christmas Party", attended by around 25 members and guests. Plenty of good food and good company. Our next meeting is on Monday 4th April 7:30pm in the Village Hall when Karen Lang will talk about "Hedgehogs" and maybe bring one or two along.
Mike Casebow

Ukraine hurts

I am looking at a picture of the covered body of a man who, with his family, was killed as he tried to escape from the town of Irpin, just outside Kyiv in Ukraine. Just about 16 years and 2 km separate me from that man. In 2006 I was working, for the second year running, at a nearby conference centre, advising an EU-funded project to establish a distance-learning network for Ukrainian teachers.

The project start had been delayed by the Orange Revolution of the winter 2004-5 with widespread protests at a rigged Ukrainian election outcome. As a result, the pro-western Viktor Yushchenko was declared the official winner and, amongst the people that I later met, there was a strong sense of optimism for the future of their country that only recently had been part of the Soviet Union.

The 20th century did not treat Ukraine well. Millions starved to death in the mid-1930s as a result of Stalin's collectivisation of agriculture. Then the German army's advance eastwards in 1942 brought the country under Nazi control and its retreat in 1943 laid waste to many towns and cities, including Kyiv. And then the cover-up of the calamity at Chernobyl destroyed more lives as politicians in Moscow tried to save face.

Much of my time was spent in and around Kyiv where I made many friends, some of Russian origin but now proud citizens of independent Ukraine. They were not at all diffident in criticizing their country or its government but they were absolutely committed to Ukraine and to being a part of its future. Our project encapsulated that spirit. Viv joined me on a couple of my visits and we managed to travel to Crimea and to Lviv though I never made it to the east of the country.

So the annexation of Crimea in 2014 and the brutal events of the last few weeks have been an especially profound shock. But, beyond that, I find it difficult to articulate my reaction. I do have some very limited social media contact with a few of the people I met but most of what I know comes from radio, TV and newspapers. I can only imagine the horror of having to decide whether to stay or leave, whether to cower underground or take to the streets, whether to keep the family together or to separate.

The money that I donate feels like a poor acknowledgment of my debt to Ukraine. And I do wonder what has happened to most of the people that I knew, especially the children.

John Wilmut



JUMBLE SALE AN AMAZING SUCCESS

To say that the Jumble Sale held on Saturday March 12th was a success would be an understatement! A remarkable total of £732.04 was raised on the day. £150.00 of this sum will be donated to the DEC Ukraine Appeal - the takings from catering organised by Jo Edwards and her team. Unsold warm clothing will be going to the Ukraine Refugee Appeal and other items to The Village Scouts and local charity shops.

This remarkable achievement would not have been possible without the help of our wonderful Committee and a team of Volunteers who worked tirelessly alongside them. Huge thanks to you all.

We would also like to thank everyone who donated their jumble and, of course, those who bought it!

Storing donated items is always an issue so warm thanks go to the Trustees of The Old School for allowing us to use space to house the ever-increasing mountain of assorted jumble. Additional tables were kindly supplied from the Village Hall. Particular thanks are due to Edah Joll, for providing welcome sustenance at the end of play and for her help and guidance during the day.

This amazing effort will go a long way towards defraying the extra costs we will incur this year to stage the Show.



On the Trail of St Sampson

What is it that makes Cornwall a place rich in Celtic saints? At St Sampson's South Hill, a place seemingly hidden away in East Cornwall, we have an amazing faith and heritage story to tell, starting with St Sampson and continuing to this day.

Anne Hayward will be giving a talk at St Sampson's South Hill on Tuesday 5th April 7pm.

On the Trail of St Sampson (Free, donations welcome)
Facebook

Anne will be telling us about early Celtic saints and their journeys and the incredible impact this age of the saints still has on us.

The focus of the talk will be especially on St Sampson and his life and travels. Sampson has the distinction of being the only 'Cornish' saint whose 'Life', or biography as we would call it today, was written less than two hundred years after his death. We know he started life in Wales and died in France, but the Cornish bit in between is full of excitement; killing giant serpents, being asked to leave a monastery for being too good and restoring a man back to life.

At the heart of the Christianity of Celtic people like St Sampson, was a profound faith and a sense of calling to discipleship. Sampson really seems to have existed and to have been both pilgrim and disciple. We can imagine a simply dressed man, with sandals on his feet, carrying nothing more than a cloth bag for his belongings. Someone like that must have come to the area we now call South Hill. We like to believe St Sampson built his monastery at South Hill, evidence points towards this, but we cannot prove it!

Anne has undertaken many personal pilgrimages and it will be a delight to hear about her experiences as a pilgrim and church visitor. Her book 'A Celtic Pilgrimage', which has a forward by the Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen Bishop of Truro, gives some history of the ancient Celtic places visited and recalls conversations with those she met as a modern-day pilgrim.

Judith Ayers



Covid19 Guidelines will still be followed

Please bring a face mask and wear it when moving around the building. We will operate a one way system, starting at the main door through to the back as the exit door. A gazebo will be provided outside the main door and limited waiting available in the porch (social distancing will be in place).

The breakfast will be served from the kitchen door, and there will be gazebos and seating outside.

The market stalls will be inside and spread through the 3 rooms. The windows will be open for ventilation so please wrap up!

We will be having a maximum of 35 in the whole building at any one time.

The Most Medieval Barrowing of
St. Sampson's Lychway
Bye De Callington Burghers



In the beginning, there was only a faraway churchyard. The road to St. Sampson's was onerous to carry the weight of the dearly departed. "What say ye we have a church and a yarde of our own?" said the burghers of Callington in 1371. In time, the parishioners of St. Sampson's, the Lord of the Manor, the Prior of the Abbey of St. Germans, and the Pope in Rome himself all agreed...it was a long walk. So, in 1438, St. Mary's became its own daughter church to St. Sampson's and Callington Parish was created from South Hill. Now we walk this Medieval route from Callington to St. Sampson's in celebration!

Saturday July 30th.

Time and further details to be heralded soon.

Dignitaries start outside St Mary's Church, Callington and teams of Barrow pushers assemble at Beech Auctions, South Hill Road. The procession then walks to St Sampson's Church at South Hill, where there will be food, a beer tent, stalls, games and other surprises. Get your teams of barrow pushers together - up to six people. Families, organisations, businesses, young and old. Prizes for different categories of fancy dress and themed barrows.

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THE NEXT OLD SCHOOL MARKET IS ON APRIL 2nd

OPENING TIME 9.30 am

STALLHOLDER LIST

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Dale Wood - Honey - 01579 362458
Ian MacDonald - Framing - 01579 351221
Karen Cooper - Cards - 01579 370536
Di Nash - Gift Hand Knits - 01579 84155
Derek Scofield - Fruit Juices - 01579 350594
Chris George - Wood Turner - 01579 370654
Rosemary Hambly - Action for Children - 01579 383773
Helen Webb - Skin Care Products - 01579 683471
Linda Losty - Aprons, Masks etc. - 07494 939086
Michael Harford - Wood crafts - 01579 370663
Neil Robyns - Pies, yogurts, etc. - 07831 625159
Sandra Jane - Leather products - 01579 370966
Kendale Courts - Local Fresh Vegetables - 07813 157961
Sue Cook - Plants & Glass Ornaments - 01579 383885
Val Kidman - Preserves & Cakes - 01579 370297
Tasha Biggs - Resin Gifts & Diamond Art - 01579 387077

STOKE CLIMSLAND METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

We are all returning to normality following the lockdowns over the last 2 years, there are our traditional Sunday Services plus some new things in the pipeline. We look forward to welcoming you. Look out for anything else advertised on our notice board.

Sunday Worship 11 am

Sunday 3rd April - Helen Pengelly

Sunday 10th April - Palm Sunday Chapel Anniversary - Revd Paul Smith - followed by a lunch, Everyone welcome.

Sunday 17th April - Easter Sunday - Alison Moss

Sunday 24th April - Helen Pengelly

“Tea In The Afternoon” on the last Wednesday of each month 3.30 pm - 5 pm, starting on Wednesday 27th of April.

Come and have a chat and enjoy some tea and cake.

Platinum Jubilee Weekend Celebration Flower Festival with Morning Coffee,

Lunches, Afternoon Teas and Teddy Bears Picnic.

Friday 3rd June 11am - 4.30 pm

Saturday 4th June 11am - 4.30 pm

Sunday 5th June 11am - 5pm

Celebration Service at 6 pm



Ukraine ...

The war in Ukraine is terrible. Russia is not playing by the rules of war. The Geneva Conventions were drawn up from the mid 19th Century onwards and are there to protect civilians in war; Russia is supposed to be a supporter and has signed up for most of the protocols. As I write Russia is shelling civilian areas, hospitals, and schools. As a former British Army Chaplain, I know a little about the

Conventions, I came under them as a non-combatant and wore a red Geneva Cross in conflicts. Looking at the Russian strategy it would appear they have ignored them, and we are seeing an unjust war.

Both Russia and Ukraine are countries of the Orthodox Christian tradition, and they like us are in Lent, or as they know it ‘Great

Lent’. The faith of Ukrainian Christians has been palpable in the brave reporting from our journalists. Time and time again we have heard words like this ‘we are praying’. The suffering of Ukrainians in the constant onslaught of advancing Russian troops takes us back to images last seen in World War Two.

Lent is that period of 6 weeks when we remember that Jesus went into the wilderness to fast, pray and seek direction from God the Father. This understanding of Lent will not be lost on Ukrainian believers. Lent means for many Christians of the Orthodox tradition, a period of fasting and reflection, moving towards Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Lent is both about suffering, death, and new life. It ends with hope.

One of the lovely things we have seen in the UK is that people want to help the people of the Ukraine. We can see the war and the suffering, and many are responding. Lorries, cars and trucks have gone to help refugees. Our Government is trying to provide a response to refugees from Ukraine, and it would be my hope that it will relax its policies to enable those in need to have a safe place from war. We have done this in the past and we can do so again.

Revd David Moss, Stoke Climsland Methodist Church

Our Easter Messy Church in a Bag will be available to collect from Callington Methodist Church PL17 7JJ on SATURDAY 9TH APRIL between 10 am and 12 noon. PLEASE BOOK BY FRIDAY 1ST APRIL by phone 01579 388840 or via our Messy Church in Callington Facebook Page. Thanks very much - Louise (Children & Families Worker).



Stoke Climsland WI

In March we held our Annual Meeting.

We listened to reports from The President, Secretary, and Treasurer and it was heartening to hear how Stoke Climsland WI continued to operate and connect with its Members during another difficult year.

It was a very social evening and our members enjoyed discussing plans for the forthcoming year as well as enjoying delicious homemade sandwiches and cakes. At the end of the meeting our outgoing President Sharon Selleck, handed over the baton to our newly elected President, Chrissie Le Marchant.

There are lots of interesting talks planned for the coming year and we look forward to welcoming new members and visitors.

Date for your Diary:

April 13th	The Fishermen of Port Issac	Goff Provis
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Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in Stoke Climsland Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Visitors £3.50 includes tea and cake. New members are always welcome

Ros Hardy

Stoke Climsland Parish Council News

Council Surgeries

We have held two Council Surgeries so far and a number of residents came to talk to us at both.

Topics have ranged across the board, from road safety and a request for measures to improve this; provision of play facilities for the younger children, and measures to improve a facility aimed at the older generation. We have also had people come to us for advice and signposting to areas within Cornwall Council where there may be helped to meet their needs.

There are at least two more Surgeries planned on 6th April and 4th May. Both in the Old School from 10am to 11.30. Please come and talk to us if there are ways in which we can help. If there is still interest from residents in May, we will continue the Surgeries.

The Council has helped to set up a Community Speed watch team to help educate drivers in the parish. There are seven members in the team so far but if you would like to be involved and are prepared to undertake training (one on-line session and three practical) please email parishclerkscpc@gmail.com and I will send the information on how to register.

Look out for information about the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations over the long weekend 2nd - 5th June. Its already time to be planning costumes for the Walking Carnival on the afternoon of Thursday 3rd June. There will be a full programme of events on the Village Green and around the Parish, which will be on the Jubilee Facebook page (Stoke Climsland Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022) the Stoke Climsland Parish Council page and all the notice boards. The next Parish Council meeting is on April 18th at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Tamar Valley Orchards Volunteers

We're grafting new young fruit trees this March, of traditional Tamar Valley apple varieties. We're expecting to have enough to plant up one or two orchards, as well as individual trees which will be free - one per garden!

So if you would like to put your name down for some in the autumn, do let us know.

We'll help you to plant an orchard, or a big long-lived tree in your garden, or a little one, or an espalier against your fence

Your own trees will give you your own supply of organically grown vitamins and goodness - your own fruit!

Later this year, we'll be looking for more volunteers - to help with a few annual tasks, working with and trained by members of the TVOG:



Carbon NET ZERO by 2022

As many will be aware the Stoke Climsland Parish Council, following the lead of Cornwall Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2018 with an associated target of achieving Net Zero Carbon Emissions in the Parish by 2030.

To support this target the community pulled together and established two working groups to identify and deliver projects to achieve this essential ambition and some steps to reduce the carbon footprint of the Parish have been implemented or are in progress.

There are actions that have been identified that will make a significant contribution to reducing carbon emissions, but this will incur significant costs, EV charging, improved property insulation being two examples, however on the plus side there are grants available to support these actions. In common with many grants there are conditions to such funds with payment only being made to recognised organisations with a structure, a constitution and a bank account. These conditions can be onerous to small organisations especially those who are focused on achieving carbon reductions rather than managing themselves.

The Stoke Climsland Parish Council has recognised that it fulfils the conditions of the granting authorities and have established a committee to support the climate action groups in the parish by being an appropriate organisation and providing banking support for any application for climate action grant or funding.

There are three Parish Councillors assigned to this committee along with representatives of two of the climate change action groups in Stoke Climsland We believe that this will cover most of the carbon reduction activities in the Parish.

If there are other groups out there looking to contribute to the Net Zero Target and need help to access grant funding for a project you already have, the Parish Council would be more than pleased to provide the same support. Please contact the Parish Clerk parishclerkscpc@gmail.com who will provide details of how to request this help and participate in the work of this committee.

We are not here to develop your plans and projects but if you have developed a plan and identified a funding source we will help with the application for those funds and provide a ring-fenced budget within the Parish accounts to hold your funds.

Parish Council Net Zero Working Group

March to November:

planting out and maintaining a new nursery area.

Aug to Oct: apple picking!!

Aug to Oct: apple pressing

Nov to Feb: planting new young trees in gardens.

All year: wildlife surveys in local orchards.

Contact us on 01579 370411
Tamar Valley Orchards Volunteers



CHURCH MATTERS And breath

It's not every day that you get a call from the BBC asking you when a church should be kept in repair and when it should be closed. They wanted to talk about the repair work that was going on at South Hill. I'm not sure what the angle of this report is but there is obviously a concern out there about local church buildings closing.

I do believe wholeheartedly that the Diocese of Truro do want the Church across Cornwall to be both fruitful and sustainable. They are looking for ways forward through what has been an awful time for the whole world. There is an attempt to allow each area (i.e. Deanery) to come up with its own proposals and plans. It's difficult to please everyone during this creative process and the uncertainty has left some communities reeling. Knowing the outcome of this process is well above my pay grade, I too, face a degree of uncertainty concerning my own future in all of this. At such times I am reminded of the serenity prayer which says:

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.

Maybe, this is a testing time and a time to pray as the Shepherd King David prayed:

Search me O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

David obviously knew what it was to live under a cloud, for he faced the constant threat of attack from his enemies. But he asked God into that anxious heart of his to come fill the space. He also wanted that divine testing to lead him to become a better person as he continued (in Psalm 139):

Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

This kind of examination of the soul shows up any cracks in our nature. Anxiety and fear often lead to over reactions and David knew he had to keep himself under control during this difficult time. Above all he wanted to walk along that path that is right and true and leads to the best kind of behaviours and help build the richest relationships.

I'm afraid that when there is major change looming on the horizon it so easily leads to bad behaviour and we can let the side down. So maybe consider meditating on the serenity prayer or the wise words of David and ask that your anxieties and troubles be known in a deep way by God. Invite God into the middle of all that whirling emotion and anxiety. Ask for a light to come on and for something to fall into place. Then you may discover the path you need to take that enables you to breathe once more the oxygen of life.

Joe Lannon (Rector of the Callington Cluster)

Walking from The Old School

A programme of walks from the Old School is continuing through spring and summer - all meeting at The Old School half an hour before the start times given below, if you'd like to share cars. We'll be joined by local wildlife enthusiasts plus historians - and children are very welcome!

Spring 2022

May 1st Kit Hill - NE side from Incline car park - spring blossom

Meet 10.30 am at Kit Hill Incline car park.

Summer 2022

July 3rd Kit Hill - shallow stone quarries South of the top.

Meet 10.30 am at Kit Hill summit car park

July 8th - Tutwell village wander.

Meet 6.30 pm at The Old School to share cars.

Autumn 2022

Sept 4th East Kit Hill Mine site - foraging and recording.

Meet 10.30 am at The Old School to share cars, or at Sevenstones, start of the road to Hingston Down Quarry

Wildlife talks will start later in the year (Covid allowing) with Native Mammals, and Trees in the Historic Landscape.

As always, if you have good ideas and suggestions for talks, music or other events or activities which you think our community will enjoy, please tell us! 'Phone the Old School on 01579 370493 or drop in, and leave a message for the Events organisers!



Down on the Farm

'Where there is life there is hope!

All eyes of the World continue to watch in horror as the tragic events in the Ukraine unfold as Russia wages war with its neighbour. So much of last month 'Down on the Farm' article then highlighting the 'F' Factor of Fuel, Freight and

Food inflation which has now really begun to bite into every business and household, to be added to in distribution and disruption - a direct factor in the imposition of economic sanctions toward Russia by the Western World.

Whilst our cost of living may well be rocketing and we have the inconvenience of supply delays in restocking our supermarket shelves, we should be most grateful and count our blessings compared to our Eastern European counterparts for whom the cost of living is life itself!

We in farming spare a thought for our fellow producers who have the added dilemma of whether they and their families chose to escape, along with the millions of migrating compatriots, to relative safety, or risk staying to fight for their land, crops and farm livestock - which otherwise are totally abandoned. Of course even for those who remain on the farm and face Russian control under occupation, how much of their stock and crops will have been destroyed by tanks and other military activity?

Recent reports through farming contacts in Ukraine highlight the evolving crisis on many large arable units - up to 10000ha typical of their former commune farms, where last season crop store of potatoes in temperature controlled buildings, now without electricity, are simply rotting. Grain normally destined for export to China is stranded at bombed and blockaded ports. Plus this seasons' crops are ready to be planted but now sadly this will not happen due to fuel and fertilizer shortages and all manpower drafted into fighting the war.

Question how does this affect us in the UK? - Simple answer is within the world market the combined total supply of wheat alone from Russia and Ukraine is over 30% of world demand!

Further export of grain maize (40 million tonne) from Ukraine alone is double our own domestic UK production. Additionally oil seed rape, a key component of vegetable cooking oil remains a sizeable crop also. So to justifiable claims of the Eastern Block Region being the 'Bread Basket of Europe' - there is a stark warning of national food security to us all.

So this Easter let us all be truly thankful here in our corner of the UK to remain at peace, free of war and starvation and look forward to this springtime, of the annual birth of calves and lambs, renewed growth and crops to feed us all for another season.

For 'Where there is life there is hope', especially and always Down on the Farm.

Martin Howlett

The Challenges Ahead

As I write this, I am alarmed at the developing situation in Ukraine. I feel proud that Rob Stewart and friend Scott Cheadle will be driving off to eastern Poland with a load of medical and other support aid to be delivered into Ukraine.

All the terrible impacts on the Ukraine population are to be endured by us all, I have listened to several local people talking of how we might take in some refugees to give them comfort and some stability. Over the years the British people have opened their arms to those who have been less fortunate in the countries they have called home. I hope the country as well as our government find ways to help these unfortunate families.

Whatever is happening over in Eastern Europe, beyond the protection of NATO, rest assured we will all feel the impact on our daily lives and family costs. We operate in a global community. Not only do we trade in global commodities in terms of energy materials but food stuffs as well. On food we support emerging countries by buying their food produce - hopefully not at the demise of their own local food stocks, but so that it supports their local economy.

Our manufacturing industry has spread its wings to source products from overseas. Yes, to source cheaper, but in turn supporting their economies. A recent example (at the time of writing) was that the MINI factory has shut down for at least 2 weeks as it sourced car parts from Ukraine. After that time employees may lose their income??

We have been trying to renew our gas and electric fixed price contracts. Shopping around might be OK but many of the cheaper providers have gone under, leaving customers with very costly switches arranged by the Ombudsman. Even if you remain with your 'trusted' supplier they are not committing to fixed price deals whilst the 'global market' remains 'volatile'.

Prices will remain 'volatile' whilst the Russian invasion of Ukraine remains ongoing and global sanctions on Russia will develop into a 'tit for tat' response from Russia as the European market chose to become more dependent upon Russian energy supply. In a more balanced world there is nothing wrong with this until one partner pulls the plug!!

We are in for some challenging months or years ahead even after covid. We must consider our options and how we support each other as well as those from outside of the UK, or if inside the UK.

Price increases are bound to happen over the coming months. We will have to be astute in how we go about buying things or how we collaborate to buy to our 'strength' i.e. bulk buying or whatever.

However this develops, talk to each other, share experiences, help each other, stay local, stay safe and as Captain 'Sir' Tom said 'Tomorrow is a better day' then tongue in cheek whispered 'tomorrow never comes'!!

Geoff Giles

Callington MayFest is Back in Town

Saturday 14th May is a date for your diaries when, once again, the streets of Callington will be bouncing with music and dance. Fore Street and New Road from the junction with Fore Street to the entrance to the "Pridham's" car park will be closed to traffic; an artisan market will fill New Road and stages will be erected across the road outside The Bull's Head and by the Spar loading bay. There will be performers aplenty throughout the day and things to enjoy for all the family.

The Workshops are back too!

The workshops for community musicians (led by Rosie Fierek) and community singers (led by Sarah Owen) are once again to take place in the run-up to MayFest. For those with a desire to "make music" with fellow practitioners, with a short-term goal of learning new pieces and performing them in public at MayFest 2022 without the burden of any long-term commitment to rehearsals, these are the perfect solution. You may be practising regularly or you may be returning to a musical instrument after a short (or long) break. You may be a member of a local choir or just have the wish to "have a go" at singing with others - Sarah is certainly of the opinion that EVERYONE has a voice.

APPEAL FOR STORAGE

Ukraine

Darren at Darren's Cars who has started a huge campaign to send aid to Poland for Ukraine refugees. You can see the amazing work he is doing on Facebook and the convoy trip he has already undertaken - 9 Mini buses full of donated aid already delivered and they will be continuing this work. They are now turning down donations simply as they cannot store them and ideally they need some help with a new storage site. They have several more trips planned but **DESPERATELY** need storage, anything local considered as long as it can be dry and secure. Contact: darrentaitcars@gmail.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CALLINGTON?



MUSIC WORKSHOPS (10:30 - 12:30)		
	Music Workshops	Singing Workshops
April 02	-----	Callington Methodist Church
April 09	Callington Town Hall	Callington Methodist Church
April 16	Callington Methodist Church	Callington Methodist Church
April 23	Council Chamber, Town Hall	-----
April 30	Callington Town Hall	Callington Methodist Church
May 07	Callington Town Hall	Callington Methodist Church

Do put these dates in your diaries and come along for a rare musical treat. Register your interest at - tinyurl.com/323xft6b for the Singing Workshops and tinyurl.com/2p8fku82 for the Music Workshops

Coming Up at the CAVE

Thursday 28th April
CALLINGTON TOWN HALL



NOMINATED FOR 10 OSCARS

Paul Atreides, a brilliant and gifted young man born into a great destiny beyond his understanding, must travel to the most dangerous planet in the universe to ensure the future of his family and his people. As malevolent forces explode into conflict over the planet's exclusive supply of the most precious resource in existence, only those who can conquer their own fear will survive.

Members' entrance:

Adults: £4 U18s: £3

Start: 7.30pm

(Doors open at 7.15pm)

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Consultation begins into new 90-mile-stretch of South West Coast Path

Consultation into the creation of a new 90-mile section of the South West Coast Path, reaching from the South to the North Coast of Cornwall via the Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), is underway.

The project which forms part of the Tamara Landscape Partnership Scheme, funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, aims to join together existing rights of way in the Tamar Valley to create a footpath which broadly follows the River Tamar and establishes a new circular walk around the coast and county boundary of Cornwall.

Visitors will be encouraged to sustainably explore the Tamar Valley AONB, a hidden jewel in the South West. The proposed new trail will run through a special and protected landscape defined and shaped by the rivers Tamar, Tavy and Lynher, and by the human activity focused around them. The area is famous for its mining heritage landscape and market gardening history and is a haven for wildlife.

Partners of the Tamara Landscape Partnership Scheme, including Cornwall Council and Devon County Council have worked together with the help of external consultants Countryside Creation Services to develop the proposal.

Members of the public and other interested parties have until the end of March to feed back their views. More information and the consultation report can be found here: www.tamaralandscapepartnership.org.uk/tamara-coast-to-coast-walk

Tamara Partnership Scheme. Key funders are: The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Cornwall Council, Devon County Council, Environment Agency, Historic England, the AONB itself and the Woodland Trust.



FOOD FOR WORMS MAKES FOOD FOR US

This is an image of the new composting containers at Venterdon allotments (opposite the Chapel), kindly made with assistance from Stoke Climsland Environmental Network (SCEN) members.

They are for community use and so SCEN invites you to visit them with a bucket of waste and leave it there as per the directions. Clear guidance is on the notices.

We are also looking for other spots to put either plastic composting bins or built containers for community use and later sharing of the beautiful growing medium that it will produce.

If you can offer or suggest a convenient spot anywhere in the parish, please email Verity, verity-g@hotmail.com or rosscpc@gmail.com

Thank you, **Melanie Guy**, meljoyguy@hotmail.com

Progress on the church refurbishment

The relaying of the chancel floor has now started with the insulation going in first. The first one photo shows the lack of foundations under the pillars - just bare earth. Another photo shows the same problem under one of the external walls. Fortunately, the ground being quite hard and full of shale means the pillars and walls were not in any danger of collapse. But building with no foundations was the way things were in the medieval period. Unfortunately,

many English cathedrals were built on flood plains and hence required millions of pounds spent to underpin them.

Concrete rings have gone in around the pillars to make sure they don't move and now insulation, which can be seen in the third photo, is starting to be laid.

Steve Brocklebank,
Churchwarden



Floor Insulation going in



Wall with no foundation



Pillar with no foundation