

THE OLD SCHOOL NEWS

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Photo by David Price

So many great events happened over the Christmas Period and more to come

Lockett Social Club - Caroles, the New Band played and Crafts Galore

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The Help Musicians, Live Music Now, Future Talent and Youth Music charities help hundreds of thousands of musicians every year with financial support and opportunities, thus safeguarding the future of the music world.

We are grateful to Clive Pinkham for the loan of a piano. The charities will benefit from a portion of the entrance fee and you are invited to make further donations.

Book at The Old School (01579 370493 or theoldschool78@gmail.com) or via Carn to Cove (www.carntocove.co.uk/event/)



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**PARISH HALL DIARY
 FEBRUARY 2023**

Regular Events:

Monday	7pm	1st Monday	GARDENING CLUB
	7pm	Weekly	SCATS Rehearsal
Tuesday	9 am - noon	Weekly	POP-UP CAFÉ
	1:15 - 2:15 pm	Weekly	LATINO DANCE
	7:00 pm	2nd week only	W.I.
Wednesday	7 pm	Weekly except 2nd week	BOWLS
	9 - 1:00 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	CALLINGTON GOSPEL CHOIR
Friday	10am - 11am	Weekly	PILATES
	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:

4 Feb	7pm	PRIVATE HIRE
11 Feb	All Day	SCATS
12 Feb	All Day	SCATS
13 Feb	6 - 11 pm	SCATS
15 Feb	6 - 11 pm	SCATS
17 Feb	7 pm	SCATS PERFORMANCE
18 Feb	all day	SCATS MATINEE & EVENING
24 Feb	1 - 11 pm	SCATS INC EVENING PERFORMANCE
25 Feb	all day	SCATS MATINEE & EVENING
26 Feb		SCATS

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

**METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES
 FEBRUARY 2023**

Feb 5	Local arrangement (Alpha Film)	
Feb 12	11 am	John Ware
Feb 19	11 am	Steve Wherly
Feb 26	11 am	Alison Moss

Wednesday 15 February
 12:30 pm

Christian Aid
 Soup and Sweet Lunch

please contact Donna:
 01579 383709 to book.

**OLD SCHOOL DIARY
 FEBRUARY 2023**

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
Wednesdays	10 am	CROSS BORDER ARTS
Thursdays	9 am Onwards	OSTEOPATH (by appt)
	11 am	KEEP FIT
Fridays	9.30 am	FRIDAY MUSIC GROUP
	12 noon	FRIDAY LUNCH all welcome, please ring Old School to book

Together with:

Feb 1	10:00 am	CROSS BORDER ARTS
Feb 4	9:30 - Noon	VILLAGE MARKET
Feb 7	9 am all day	WESTCOUNTRY RIVERS TRUST
Feb 8	9 am all day	WESTCOUNTRY RIVERS TRUST
Feb 9	9 - 4 pm	Chiropodist
Feb 14	2:30 pm	The Look Group Talk by Doc Price
Feb 16	9 - 4 pm	Chiropodist
Feb 21	9:30 am	Book Club
Feb 23	9 - 4 pm	Chiropodist
Feb 25	10 am - Noon	Village Show Jumble

**PARISH CHURCH SERVICES
 FEBRUARY 2023**

Feb 5	8 am	BCP - Barbara
	10 am	Morning Worship - Alan
	2:30 pm	Remembering God
	6:30 pm	Informal Communion
Feb 12	8 am	BCP - Barbara
	9:15 am	Cluster Communion
Feb 19	8 am	Communion
	10 am	Morning Worship - Dominic
Feb 26	8 am	BCP - Dominic
	10 am	Family Service - Jane & Ryan

FROM THE EDITOR

I remember over 30 years ago planting daffodil bulbs with my sons and the Stoke Climsland Scout Group around the trees on the green. Year after year they have sprouted and grown, this year being no exception. Despite the cold wet winter we are enduring, the first signs of Spring are here. Maybe we should rejoice - but first check out Al Guy's article on climate change. Food for thought! Anyhow for the March edition let's have your daffodil stories and photos in and around the parish. I'm sure we will see plenty during February. They are already flowering on Stoke Hill. Joe Lannon starts us off in this edition with his church article. Also don't forget we will publish your thoughts on any subject non-political so send in your contributions to me by 16th of any month. Gill Hiscott, Editor. gillhiscott@hotmail.com

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 16th January Report

The Parish Council meeting held on 16th January agreed to support The Old School Warm Hub with a grant of £500 towards the energy costs. They felt that the provision together with the option of a lift to the Hub for those otherwise unable to attend was a valuable piece of work. The Hub operates on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

The fundraising for the Downgate defibrillator is now close to its target and the Council has agreed to pay £321 for the electrical work to make the phone box ready to receive it

A tree will be planted on the Village Green to commemorate the Jubilee and service to her people of our late Sovereign Queen Elizabeth II. This will take place on 21st January followed by light refreshments in the Hall.

Although the Surgeries in the Old School at 10am on the first Wednesday of each month have not had any visitors for a couple of months it was agreed that these should continue for at least a couple more. Residents are invited to come and tell the council what the Parish needs or to ask for help.

The Vacancy for a Councillor will be filled by co-option at the meeting on February 20th. If you would like to apply or know more about being a councillor please contact the Parish Clerk at parishclerkscpc@gmail.com or telephone 01579 347632.

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Stoke Climsland Show

We have a Jumble Sale

Saturday February 25th
10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Venue: Old School House

Tea, coffee, cakes being served

Contact for Jumble donations:
Jenny Llewellyn 01579 370675

Any jumble is very welcome and this can be dropped off at The Old School office in the mornings between 9:30 - 12.00 from Monday 21st February until Friday 24th February. If transport is a problem, we can arrange collection locally. Please contact Derek Ross on 01579 370195.

The proceeds from our Jumble Sales provide vital income to offset the rising costs of putting on the Village Show. No jumble is wasted! Any unsold jumble is donated to the local Scout group and a number of local charities.

Tea, coffee and home made cakes will be available which help to make the Jumble Sale a social event as well as an opportunity for bargain hunters!

Stoke Climsland Parish Hall

Hello everyone,

We hope that you are keeping to your New Year's resolutions!!

One of the Parish Hall Trustee's resolutions is to 'refresh' our fundraising activities.

One way we are doing this is to commission some professional fundraisers with particular skills with trusts and foundations as well as other lesser-known sources of funds.

By the time you receive your Old School News we will have made three further grant applications and will report later if we have been successful.

Gaining grants these days is a bigger challenge now due to more limited availability of funds.

On Saturday 1st April 9:00 to 12:00, we plan to hold a community meeting, to update everyone and seek more local support to fund some of our internal equipment to offer hirers a better range of services.

Geoff Giles - Secretary CIO Trustees



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INSPIRING WOMEN

It was lovely to see so many people join us for 'Carolling on the Green' back in December and the homemade soup was very well received.

In January we had an 'Open Meeting' where we were delighted to be joined by lots of visitors. Our speaker was Janet Sellick who gave an excellent talk on Agatha Christie. Janet is a Blue Badge guide and has an extensive knowledge of Agatha Christie. She lectures on her life, her plots and the use of poisons in her books. She has also spoken on the subject on Woman's Hour.

Agatha Christie is the most famous crime writer of all time and at her death in 1976 she was only outlived by The Bible and Shakespeare. During WW1 Agatha volunteered as a Nurse and worked in the dispensary at Torquay Hospital. It was here that she gained an extensive knowledge of poisons which she later incorporated into many of her books. We were amazed to hear that there have been over 300 victims in her books! She particularly enjoyed using a country house as the setting for a crime and several of these were based on places she had visited and spent time at in the South West. One of her favourite spots was Burgh Island. She knew the owner and was familiar with the location so it was the inspiration for 'And Then There Were None'. Agatha was very meticulous in her research and wanted her detective, Hercule Poirot to be a little different from the other detectives of the time. We were fascinated to discover that she created him after being inspired by watching Belgian refugees wandering around her hometown of Torquay. It wasn't until 1975 that Poirot was eventually killed off and an obituary even appeared in the New York Times.

Nowadays we are familiar with her plots through 'Poirot' on TV and there are also new film adaptations of her books. She still achieves sales of 4 million copies annually, and so the 'Queen of crime' or the 'Duchess of death' as she is known, remains just as popular today.

We have lots of interesting talks planned and we would love to welcome new members. For visitors the charge is just £4 to include tea and cakes.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in Stoke Climsland Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

We also hold a cookery demonstration evening most months at The Old School and a Craft/ Knit and Natter evening at the Social Club. Look out for details of these events on the local noticeboards and on our Facebook page.

Dates for your Diary

14th February 7:30 pm Parish Hall
When we were Young

23rd February 7:00 pm Social Club
Craft/Knit and Natter

14th March 7:30 pm Parish Hall
Annual Meeting

11th April 7:30 pm Parish Hall
Rivers Trust Citizen Science

Gigabit comes to Lockett

Many rural communities do not enjoy the benefits that high speed broadband can bring. Slow internet speeds can prevent streaming, making it very difficult to use video meeting tools such as Zoom and generally in this increasingly online world make it difficult to do business or the shopping. Whilst the government is keen that ultrafast broadband is installed in rural areas across the whole country, delivery is patchy. It has however set up a scheme to encourage local communities to get together and apply for the funding to support the implementation of ultra fast broadband in rural communities. It is called the Gigabit Voucher Broadband Scheme. In simple terms the Government provide a voucher worth £1500 to domestic premises and £3500 to businesses to contribute to the cost of implementing an optic fibre network which replaces the existing copper network.

The scheme is administered by a government authorised supplier. In our case we chose Openreach. They quote on the cost to replace the old network with optic fibre in the community and indicate all the properties that can participate. Then all you have to do is get enough vouchers to cover the cost. In the case of Lockett there were 100 properties that could participate and that included Lockett, Broadgate and Hampt. The cost of the scheme was £102,000.

The Covid lockdown was probably not the best time to start this project and it took nearly a year to get enough properties to agree to participate. Once we had enough numbers the next stage was to contract with Openreach to deliver the service. As we did not have a contracting body in Lockett, Tamar Loving Care a fundraising charity within the AONB (Now part of Tamar Charitable Trust) acted as our legal partner and a contract was signed. It then took just over a year for Openreach to plan and install the new network. The road closures in and around Lockett in November last year were the final stages of the new network being put in. Since mid December individual premises have been connected to the new network by BT.

By the time you read this the whole community will be connected. This is a real success story for a community coming together and getting something done. Whilst StokeClimsland village enjoys ultrafast broadband there are areas in the parish that do not. 30% of Venterdon for instance does not so there are opportunities for other communities in the parish to get their broadband upgraded. The Parish Council may also be able to help. If you are thinking of doing this, it might be of interest to note that the cost of the ultrafast broadband is the same or less than the old not so fast broadband.

Richard Davies-Secretary Lockett Village Association

CALLINGTON SINGERS to welcome AMERICAN GUESTS for joint charity concert:

On the 23rd March at 7:30 p.m. the Callington Singers under the baton of Musical Director Dr. Andrew Wilson, are giving a free charity concert in aid of Cornwall & Devon Sending Love to Ukraine. Please come along and join us to raise funds for this very worthy cause.

The Callington Singers are delighted to be joined in this concert by The Roseburg Concert Chorale all the way from Oregon in the U.S.A. on their latest international tour.

The Roseburg Concert Chorale is very similar to the Callington Singers because it is a non-profit, non-audition community choir. The choir was founded in 1949 as the Messiah Chorus, with annual performances of Handel's Messiah and has since diversified their repertoire to include classical, show tunes, spirituals, folk, and popular selections. The current musical director of RCC is Dr. Jason Heald.

The Callington Singers are currently celebrating their 40th Anniversary year and this concert is one of several that the choir will be undertaking in 2023. The very first concert performance which the Callington Singers gave was of Fauré's Requiem on 17th November 1983 in St Mary's Church, Callington, so singing here again is a nostalgic reminder of the roots of the choir.

The choirs will sing several pieces together, including new compositions by the two Musical Directors. 'Song of Hope' is a setting of a Thomas Hardy poem composed by Dr. Andrew Wilson and 'Musical Memories' a setting of a D.H. Lawrence poem, composed by Dr. Jason Heald.

We look forward to welcoming you to a great evening of music. Please help us to raise both the roof and lots of money for this great cause.



SCATS PANTOMIME 2023 THE SWORD IN THE SCONE COLOURING COMPETITION

SCATS are very grateful once again to Stoke Climsland Primary School for facilitating our Pantomime Poster Colouring Competition. The entries were of an extremely high standard across the school, and each year group has their own 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed winners. The Competition for Overall Winner was extremely close this year and caused much lively discussion amongst the Judging Panel, but we are delighted to confirm that the Winner, Overall, whose Entry (reproduced below) is our Poster for The Sword in the Scone and which appears on the cover of the Pantomime Programme, is Georgina Wells of Year 4. In 2nd place Overall was Lily Patel of Year 3 and 3rd placed was Katie Gardiner of Year 5. Every Year Group Winner receives a Complimentary Family Ticket to the 2023 Pantomime. Many congratulations to all our winners and thanks to the students who took part.



An Excellent year for Members of the 1st Stoke Climsland Scout Group



For 5 Scouts and 2 Leaders at 1st Stoke Climsland, 2023 is going to be a year to remember. 36 Scouts have been selected to represent Cornwall at the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in August 2023.

The World Scout Jamboree is hosted by a different country every 4 years and is held on a temporary campsite, in total there will be over 50,000 Scouts from more countries than are seen at the Olympic Games.

The campsite itself is enormous - it's over 30 times the size of the Royal Cornwall Showground! The Jamboree itself lasts for 12 days and we plan to spend 5 days in and around Seoul where the UK Contingent have left it to us as Scouts to shape and decide our own itinerary instead of relying on the Leaders organising everything for us. Overall, we will be away for roughly 3 weeks - and some of us have never even left the country before!

Whilst at the Jamboree we plan to immerse ourselves amongst thousands of backgrounds, cultures and traditions to live, learn and act together and gain a better Understanding of the world beyond the Tamar.

However this is so much more than just a holiday to Korea! Prior to the Jamboree the Cornish unit have been holding regular training camps every 6 to 8 weeks to form a cohesive unit who will work seamlessly whilst in Korea. Each unit of 40 members will need to learn the skills required to be self-sufficient, the biggest challenge of which will be cooking for 40 people.... Not an easy challenge for adults, let alone 14 - 17 year old!

On top of this each member of the unit has had to fundraise close to £4000, this has been achieved by fundraising by a unit, and individually and in small groups. The most recent fundraiser organised by the participants from Stoke Climsland, was the Big Breakfast at the Old School which was a great success and incredibly well supported by the local community.

At Stoke Climsland Scout group, we are extremely proud to have so many young people representing Cornwall and the UK at this one in a lifetime opportunity. Those attending from the group are; Ivy Tomlinson, Jaz Turner, Jess Turner, Robyn Clavey & Sam Chapman, along with two of our leaders; Chris Rowse and Tris Cocks.

If you would like to find out more about the Jamboree and follow the journey on Social Media; search for CornwallWSJ2023 on Facebook or Instagram.





Winter Daffodils: A Sign of Hope

I was confused and yet delighted to see daffodils along the roadside as early as Christmas day. They normally flower in February. This is happening due to the warmer autumns brought on by climate change.

The Tamar Valley has been a significant growing region for daffodils since the 17th century. These were picked and shipped down the river Tamar to be sold in Devonport. Around 10,000 people were once involved in this industry, transporting daffodils all over the country by rail. Today, around 300 daffodil varieties can be seen at Cotehele. The trade in this flower suffered a fatal blow due to the need for crops during the second world war. Many of these bulbs were planted in hedgerows so we can still get to enjoy them.

The changes in the time of flowering and the location of daffodils, reflect how we have fashioned the landscape. These humble flowers testify to the major impact we have brought upon our environment since the birth of the Industrial revolution and through war.

The early signs of life we normally expect in February are a powerful tonic. William Wordsworth penned his famous poem about daffodils. His heart was moved to dance when he was confronted with the sight of huge numbers of daffodils dancing in the wind. A.A Milne has a line in one of his Winnie the Pooh books where he describes the daffodil as being a herald of life:

She turned to the sunlight, and shook her yellow head.
And whispered to her neighbour: "Winter is dead".

Some scholars believe the daffodil is possibly the 'flower of the field' we read about in the Bible, which dates back thousands of years. However, the Hebrew terms for 'flowers' was a generic one and didn't specifically denote one variety. The term 'flower of the field' often depicted both the brevity of life and the certainty of God's care for us.

The Scriptures speak of the hope and optimism represented by the blooming of spring flowers:

"The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom" (Isaiah.35:1)

We long to see and pray for signs of life-giving hope in our world. It would be such a joy to see the madness of war cease in Ukraine. Shells have been pounding the life out of the landscape, reducing it to rubble. It looks like a lifeless, barren wilderness. So, we pray, as sure as the daffodil blooms to signal new life, that the landscape of our world will be transformed. We pray too that there will be signs of hope for our climate as nations begin to commit, not just in words, but to solid measures that significantly reduce CO2 production. We can also use the daffodil to reflect on our need for spiritual life to grow in us; bringing hope and joy as we sense the transforming power of God in our lives.

Joe
(Revd Dr Joe Lannon - Rector of Callington Cluster of Churches)



'The Poor are Always ...'

'The Poor are always with you' said Jesus when his disciples complained about him having expensive perfume poured on his head. His disciples see the expense and say 'This ... could have been sold and the money given to the poor'. Always having the poor around shouldn't make us complacent.

Jesus tells a story about a poor man 'Lazarus' (the name means one whom God helps). He lived begging on the doorstep of a rich man. Each day the rich man steps over him to get out of the house. Lazarus is covered with sores, but despite his hope 'to eat food that fell from the rich man's table', the rich man gives him nothing. The poor man dies and goes to heaven. The rich man dies and goes to hell. Whilst there, he looks up and sees Abraham in heaven. He calls out, 'Father Abraham! Take pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip his finger in some water and cool my tongue, because I am in great pain in this fire'.

So, even in the after-life, the rich man wants to use the power of wealth to get his own way! He thinks he can tell poor Lazarus what to do! Hasn't he learnt? Basically, no! Abraham, tells him: 'Remember, my son, that in your lifetime you were given all the good things, while Lazarus got all the bad things. But now he is enjoying himself here, while you are in pain'. Within the story, is the idea that Lazarus, even though a VERY poor, is a man with a faith which comes out of his poverty. He is so poor, all he has to hold on to is God, nothing else! The teaching of Jesus rightfully makes us feel uneasy, for many of us have so much that the last thing we will hold on to is God.

Now, over the last 30 years we have seen a reduction in world extreme poverty and this is an amazing thing. However, any poverty is to some extent relative and, of course, if you are poor it is no good you being told that there is an overall reduction in world poverty - you are still poor. When Jesus speaks of the poor he is especially thinking of those who are so poor, they need to ask for help - a very humbling thing.

Homelessness and poverty is growing in the UK. We have had a rise in Food Banks because people need them. If you are in need, or wishing to donate, the Food Bank can help. <https://callington.foodbank.org.uk> The Food Bank was initiated by Churches, but is available for all, irrespective of faith or not. The food bank continues to be supported by all the churches in the area. All who ask for help are treated with respect and in confidence. Of course, there are other ways you can also support people, there are many homeless charities. Also, one can lobby our politicians to encourage them to care for the poor.

Revd David Moss, Methodist Minister for Stoke Climsland

Look Group Embracing the Cold!



Amidst the freezing spell in December a few of us had a meet up for spicy drinks and nibbles and decided to go with the season and to find art with a "Cold" theme for our January meeting. So alongside traditional snow scenes, Julie brought a painting by her granddaughter of an ice cream and Maria found that one of Van Gogh's paintings showed a coldness in expression. We also examined some of the wonderful ice sculptures of Anthony Goldsworthy.

On 14th February at 2.30 pm we are pleased to invite renowned tattoo artist Anthony Price along for a talk and all are welcome. There is no admission fee, just a donation and we can offer a warm drink and an enlightening talk on the origins of the tattoo.

The Flipping Marvellous Pancake Party at Callington Methodist Church Wednesday 15th February 2023

from 10am to 12 noon.

Games, Creativity and Pancakes with a choice of toppings.

All ages welcome. No Charge - Pay As You Feel. Proceeds to Callington Foodbank and Callington Methodist Church.



FRIDAY MUSIC CLUB



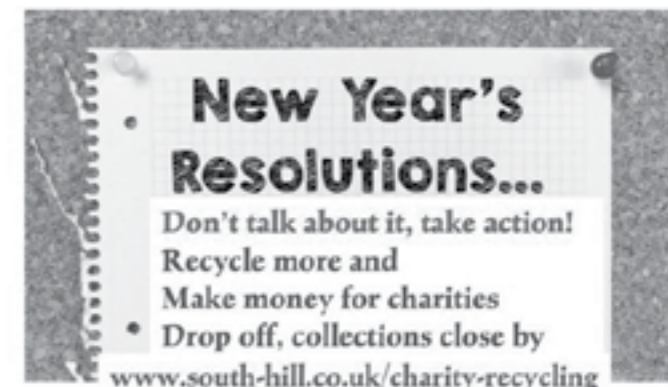
Every Friday at 09:30 you will find the library in the Old School buzzing with excitement. That's when the Friday Music Club opens its doors to the very youngest readers, with a mix of playsongs, rhymes, role-play games and percussion fun, cheered on by parents and carers, who are rewarded by coffee and tea.

The music programme is followed by a story read aloud and free play with our ever-popular toy box.

Such busy little bees do not realise they are hitting all sorts of learning and development goals - sharing through social interaction, extending their vocabulary, gaining rhythmic skills and understanding pitch, to name but a few.

No previous musical knowledge is necessary and the group is run by experienced practitioners Jane Newberry and Dawn Nelson on a friendly pop-up, drop in basis.

If you have children aged 6 months - 4 years old and want to know more, please email: Jane, janeandco@hotmail.com



It doesn't get any more local than this! All lovers of the history of Stoke Climsland will want to come along to the next meeting of the Stoke Climsland Local History Group - on February 28th at 7.30pm at the Old School. Our speaker will be Luckett resident, David Seward, and he will be talking about Stoke Climsland in the late Middle Ages (or thereabouts!). For this one, we can honestly say "back by popular demand."

All are welcome to come. It's free to non-members but donations are welcome/encouraged. Why not join? It's only £10 for this year.

If you want more information, please contact Deri Parsons on 01579 370319 or via email: derrick.parsons@btinternet.com



It's been a long while since the IT Clinic at the Old School held a session and there have been a few queries about whether or not it will be restarting. The answer to that is "possibly, if there's a demand". The point of this short piece is two-fold. Firstly, to try and gauge what support there might be if IT problem solving sessions were once again held. If you might attend, let me know. Secondly, to see if there's anyone out there with some IT skills who would be prepared to help out as a 'tutor'. There's no need for high level technical expertise, just some basic competence and a willingness to help.

To move forward, we'll need positive responses to both of the above. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Deri Parsons on 01579 370319 or derrick.parsons@btinternet.com



STOKE CLIMSLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Our work on the Neighbourhood Development Plan is still very active and we are back working on completing the draft plan. Once this has been done, it will be circulated widely so that everyone can have their say. It's taken a while to get to this point, but we

feel that we are entering the final stages. If you have any questions beforehand, ask Deri Parsons (details below).

As we've mentioned before, the small team involved with the Neighbourhood Plan is doing what they can, but more help is always required. It would be great if you would consider joining the team. If you would like to find out what you can do, please contact Deri Parsons (01579 370319). You can ask us questions without commitment. Who knows? You might like what you hear and will want to get involved in producing something of real value for our community.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Monday evenings at the Old School are for Scottish Country Dancing (SCD). We start dancing at 7:30 and end at 9:00 with a tea break in the middle. We dance for pleasure, not taking the process too seriously, and find the dances are an excellent way to exercise physically and mentally, in the company of sociable, like minded people.

SCD is not Highland Dancing, which is more individual with high showy steps and is best known from the Sword Dances. Nor is it Ceilidh dancing, the more informal dances that are danced at a Scottish Ceilidh or an English Barn Dance, but it is related to both in its steps and its sequencing.

It probably has its roots in the assemblies and balls of the 18th and 19th centuries being the sort of dance that can be seen in any television adaptation of a Jane Austin novel. At the time this sort of dance was common across much of Europe and the United States. However, with the introduction of the waltz and ballroom dancing, country dancing tended to die out, except in America, where it simplified into Barn Dancing and in Scotland, where the old tradition continued and flourished.

Dancers are normally grouped in sets, typically of three, four or five couples arranged either in two lines (partners facing each other) or in a square. The dancers work together to make a short sequence of formations that give each dance its identity. These are repeated with the couples in different positions so that each couple gets the chance to experience the dance from each position. There are three principal rhythm types used: Reel, Jig and the much more sedate Strathspey. We try a mix of all three.

Scottish Country Dancing in Cornwall is not restricted to Stoke Climsland. There are usually five or six 'Social Dances' a year that you can go to once you have gained a bit of experience and confidence. SCD dances are very sociable, and you do not need to go with a partner. It is normal practice to dance with different partners during the evening and the more experienced dancers specifically seek out newcomers to ensure that they enjoy themselves. SCD also has world-wide connections and there are affiliated groups and branches around the world where international visitors are always welcomed.

In Stoke Climsland we are always happy to welcome new members to our group. So, if you fancy giving Scottish Country Dancing a go, then we will be very pleased to see you at 7:30 on a Monday evening.

David Dyter



Climate Change - Springtime.....In January?

A New Year is upon us, the pre-Solstice cold spell, a distant memory. The sun's warming rays are beginning to tempt the natural world to reawaken from its winter's rest.

As dawn approaches only a few distant puffed white clouds creep above the near horizon, Kit Hill. Overhead a thin haze veils a clear blue sky.

A carpet of snowdrops is appearing on the path down to the bottom pond. Above the pond the almond tree has flower buds bursting and just yesterday I spied the first cock bullfinch this year searching out succulent flower buds.

Clear blue skies and bursting buds spell Springtime. Yet it's only mid January and global heating has distorted our seasons. We have known the science of global heating for so long but it is still perceived by many as not real, or not really affecting us. Yet here it is, Springtime in January.

We went to Calstock last week and watched the latest in the Cornwall Climate Care series of films. 'Food For Thought' is about farming and food production. Bryony Stokes, director, explained that the subject was so huge that she is creating two more films on the same wide subject.

It was very well attended and the Q&A session afterwards lasted longer than the film itself. We showed the previous film of this series at the Old School in the evening of our Climate Fayre Day, in July, and we plan to show this one, and those following in the coming months.

Thinking of the causes of climate breakdown, my mind goes back to the Torrey Canyon disaster in 1967, when the 120,000 ton supertanker ran aground on rocks in the Scilly Isles. An estimated 25-36 million gallons of crude oil spilled into the sea, contaminating hundreds of miles of coastline in Cornwall. For it was back then that scientists were warning of the potential effects on our atmosphere and environment, of burning fossil fuels, oil, gas and coal.

So why is the rapid heating of our planet not at the forefront of our collective psyche ?

Part of the reason has been revealed by the a trove of internal documents and research papers by the oil giant Exxon, recently obtained through the freedom of information act. ExxonMobil, the world's biggest oil company, knew as early as 1981 of climate change - seven years before it became a public issue - according to a newly discovered email from one of the firm's own scientists. Despite this, the firm has spent millions of \$ over the next 27 years to promote climate denial!

Visit www.cornwallclimate.org for a taster of all of the films by Bryony Stokes and Claire Wallerstein.

Alistair Guy

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St Sampson's goes to Westminster

On Tuesday 15th November four of us from St Sampson's joined a "Save the Parish" event at the Houses of Parliament. Not quite a Trelawny uprising, but we did our bit! One hundred parishioners and clergy from around the country and MPs and Lords were in attendance. The speakers did a great job outlining the problems parishes are facing, the finances behind the scenes, and just how parliament can help change the tide.

We heard Canon Angela Tilby talk of the importance of parish work and knowing your community, which deeply resonated with us. She talked of the pressure put on clergy by the ever increasing size of benefices. The words which resonated with me most were about growth following from 'frontline presence'. The importance of knowing and being known in your community is being lost with the introduction of mega parishes. The memories in buildings and places are in danger of vanishing.

We then heard from Admiral Sir James Burnell-Nugent with a financial explanation of where church of England funds come from, where they are spent and how they could be allocated differently if there is a will to do so. He talked of the very large sums of money given to specific churches for considerable transformation (which he said hasn't succeeded), leaving the smaller, particularly rural parishes, very much unsupported. There was plenty of time for questions too.

It was reassuring to be amongst others who have similar concerns about parishes being undervalued, feeling abandoned, and deeply concerned over the allocation of funding and the reduction of priests.

If you want to know more about the work of "Save The Parish" visit Home - Save the Parish There is lots of information and links to interesting articles and follow (@SaveParishCwll) / Twitter

There are a lot of changes proposed with the "On The Way" plan, some think the ideas are good, others are concerned, particularly with the merging of parishes into mega parishes and the reduction of clergy numbers. It is important that we are all fully informed and know how to make our voices heard either for or against aspects of the plan. Each deanery has their own plan. You can find ours here: OtW E Wivelshire Deanery Plan . Please read it.

The structure of the Church of England is legally part of government and law. The General Synod puts its measures forward to the House of Commons and the House of Lords to consider the merits of proposals. Parliament can have a say in what the Church of England does, therefore "Save the Parish" is urging everyone to write to their MP and encourage them to attend a parliamentary briefing on April 25th 2023 Here is a link to a template that you can use Contact your MP - Save the Parish The more MPs that attend the briefing, the more likely success will be achieved in Parliament.

Luckett Social Club

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

On Saturday 5th November 2022 the Club held a successful Craft Fayre. Many thanks go to all stallholders and everyone who supported the event.

It was 'eyes down let's play Bingo' on 11th followed by a quiz night a week after with Geoff asking the questions. After 10 tight rounds on various subjects, including doubling up on a Joker round, it was anybodies' game to win, with 15 points on offer in the wipeout round. Unfortunately, 2 teams were wiped out, by putting down at least one wrong answer. The eventual winners by 6 pts were 'We Like Sheep'. So well done to Bridget, Steve, David and Lyn. 2nd were 'Platforms 4A' 3rd J2Ho and by a single point last were '4R1' David, Sari, Natasha and Christine. Of the 3 Teams that played 4 members

only 1 team played with 2 and that team was Jane and Karen who came a credible 3rd.

On Friday 25th members and guests were treated to a fascinating talk by John Chadwick, entitled 'A Voyage to Cape Horn'. We look forward to hearing about his escapades on the high seas, later this year on his return journey.

On Friday 2nd December not many people turned out to play the beetle drive, as it clashed with several other events that night. A fun evening was had by all that attended. Sheila and Geoff shared the winnings, with Danny taking the booby prize.

The following Friday 9th saw big numbers for the Christmas Prize Bingo. Thanks go to Sheila and Danny for sourcing the prizes. Most people won at least once, all unusually except for Danny. Ah!

Bridget won the top end game prize, Winner Winner Turkey Dinner!

On Saturday 17th the club held it's Christmas party, back in the clubhouse, following a 2 year absence. Thanks to those that provided the fayre and Tim Selwood, our very own DJ for providing the music and Karaoke machine. Well done to Richard L, David B and Lee for being brave enough to give it a go.

For those who missed the Christmas Draw Sheet Raffle, 1st number 14 Jane Howlett (£25) 2nd number 26 Sheila Hobb's niece £15 and 3rd Deb Glassborow £10.

February 2023

Satur-day 4 th	General Knowledge Quiz	Friday 17 th	Eyes down for Bingo All the tickets you need for £5
Friday 10 th	A musical evening with Richard Long, playing mainly folk music. No charge to come in, but donations for a local charity welcomed.	Friday 24 th	A Pantomime outing. Why not join us at the parish production of 'The Sword in the Scone' at Stoke Climsland. For further info contact Jacquie or tickets from SC Post Office

Summer Events for your diary at Deer Park Farm, Luckett.

Saturday 29th July Annual Skittles Event and Saturday 5th August live music with 2 Bands playing.

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

Geoff Howlett (Hon. Secretary).

And now that its January...

Planting time for garden fruit trees is coming along, and grafting from your favourites!

High tide so far on the Luckett stream...

Happy New Year!

Caroline Vulliamy



Stoke Climsland Sports & Social Club

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Alternatively you can telephone the secretary:

Louise Power on 01579 370819 or email louisepoweraok@msn.com.

We had a busy Christmas with the quiz, raffle and New Years Eve disco. All these events were well attended and much enjoyed. Many thanks to all those who helped behind the bar or on the disco and organising the raffle. So now we are in the new year having had a quiet start. I hope that everyone has paid their membership fees. Talking of membership fees we have been discussing some changes and will be bringing them to the AGM, which will be at the end March, date to be agreed. As you can see from the diary we have a busy time ahead. The METS will be performing on the 3 Feb to replace their postponed event in December. This is a free event so come along and enjoy the music! The Valentine Meal will be ticket only and there will be limited tickets. The cost of the chicken dinner will be £8 per person. Bring your loved one for a great night out. At the beginning of March we will have a pasty and pudding in honour of St Piran, the Cornish saint; optional costume of black and white. Again this is a ticket event, £5 per ticket.

We have an AGM at the end of March, the date will be confirmed next month. All events are advertised on facebook and we will try to email you about upcoming events.

Dates for your diary:

3 February	METS	4 March	St Piran's Night
11 February	Valentine Meal	18 March	Quiz
18 February	Quiz	6 April	Gin Night

Keep an eye on our facebook page for more information.

Louise Power

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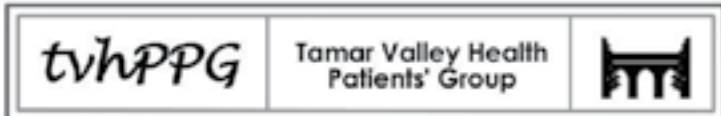
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2022 was a very challenging year for the Tamar Valley Health practice. It was only a year ago we had the Omicron shut down of the country yet despite this there have been several fantastic achievements provided via the new primary care network. These achievements included over 10,500 COVID vaccinations

through the Spring and Winter program, completing 7,500 flu vaccines during the Winter, restarting the chronic disease reviews and welcoming more clinical and non-clinical roles to the practice to support great patient care. Saturday clinics have been expanded with a new service 'Enhanced access', which will provide increased capacity to see and support more patients with their health. This initiative will help to meet the Tamar Valley Health mission pledging to support healthier lives for our communities through providing outstanding health care.

NHS Digital published figures for October 22 showing that Tamar Valley health completed 12,161 face-to-face patient appointments. TVH is the 9th biggest practice in the County but are ranked third for appointments in October, a huge achievement considering the challenges the Practice has faced. They have also continued to invest in both individual practice sites to improve the experience of both staff and service users, while expanding the clinical space they have to see patients.

Nationally there were more than 3,700 patients a day in hospital with flu in recent weeks and the number is rising according to the latest data from NHS England. There is also high demand for people needing specialised care in critical care beds. NHS England warns pressures on the health service continue to grow as viruses like flu re-circulate after a hiatus during the pandemic.

What is affecting the TVH practice at the moment is the massive increased patient demand from the spike in winter illnesses, RSV, flu and cold viruses. As flu rates are increasing, if you are at high risk and have not already done so, please consider booking a flu vaccination. The TVH practice still has the flu vaccine available. Contact them on 01579 382666 and book your appointment now.

On behalf of the TVH Patient participation group, best wishes for a healthy and Happy New Year.

Sharon Trafford - TVH PPG Chair

Jazz at The Old School



John Shillito and his Riviera Ramblers came to entertain us on 10 December, and entertain they did! John brought along a finely curated mixture of New Orleans jazz standards and tub-thumping heart warmers.

This joyful and sophisticated band featured John Shillito - trumpet, Zoe Lambeth - clarinet and sax, Dale Whitlock and John Whitlock (père et fils) - on guitar, with Pete Furnish on his tuneful double base. John took us straight back to the 1930s with "There's a house in Harlem for sale", after which Zoe sang the wonderful Peggy Lee song "I love being here with you".

After some foot-stomping numbers John Shillito sang the Duke Ellington favourite "I'm Delta bound". Mentioning the Delta, as a wise man once said, reminded us that 'In New Orleans, memories linger in the humid air. But not all memories hanging in the air are benign.'

The Band brought us a change of mood with père John Whitlock playing his banjo version of that great old New Orleans Dixieland standard "Bugle Boy March" made famous over here by Chris Barber. We all went into dinner humming.

After dinner we had a selection of 'hot jazz' pieces, (as Django called them), featuring the work of Django Reinhardt and Stéphane Grappelli. Then John and Zoe decided to treat us to a delicious trumpet and clarinet arrangement of Sidney Bechet's 'Pattes De Mouche'. Towards the end of a remarkable jazz evening, John Whitlock's guitar and Zoe's richly contoured voice treated us to 'Devil and the Deep Blue Sea', one of Ella Fitzgerald's favourites.

So ended another lively, entertaining and authentic jazz evening organised by Vivienne Davis, with dinner menu designed by Edah Joll, assisted by a small army of willing volunteers.

Our next evening of foot-tapping joy, on 18th March, features the remarkable Martin Bennett and his Old Green River Band. Book your £19 ticket by phoning The Old School on 01579 370493 - or call in at the office weekdays 9.30am-12.30pm - or ring organiser Vivienne Davis on 01579 383819. Please arrive at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

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Friday March 10th 2023

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