

THE OLD SCHOOL NEWS

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PARISH HALL DIARY - MAY 2023			
Regular Events:			
Monday	10 - 11 am	Weekly	ADULT BALLET
	7pm	1st week only	GARDENING CLUB
Tuesday	9 am - noon	Weekly	POP-UP CAFÉ
	1:15 - 2:15 pm	Weekly	LATINO DANCE
	7:30 pm	2nd week only	W.I.
Wednesday	7 pm	Weekly except 2nd week	BOWLS
	9 - 1:00 pm	Weekly (term time)	PRIVATE HIRE
Thursday	3 - 8:30 pm	Weekly (term time)	SJS DANCE ACADEMY
	9 - 11 am	Weekly	KEEP ACTIVE
	4 - 7:00 pm	Weekly (term time)	SJS DANCE ACADEMY
Friday	8 - 10 pm	Weekly (term time)	CALLINGTON GOSPEL CHOIR
	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:			
6 th - 8 th May	ALL DAY	CORONATION EVENTS TBA	
31 st May	7 pm	ANNUAL PARISH HEETING	

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES MAY 2023		
May 7	8 am	BCP
	10 am	Morning Worship on the Green Celebrating the Coronation
	2:30 pm	Remembering God
May 14	8 am	BCP
	9:15 am	Communion
May 21	8 am	BCP
	10 am	Communion
May 28	8 am	BCP
	10 am	Family Service

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EDITOR'S LETTER

Well, this is the first issue for which I am acting as temporary editor. Two more to go and then.... who knows? The future of the Old School News depends on someone coming forward and volunteering to take over the role of editor. Will Issue 244 (the July/August double Summer Special) be the last? It would be a great pity if it were as it is still the primary communication medium in the Parish. Despite the incursion of social media, a lot of people depend upon it for news and views and, certainly, it helps a lot of local businesses by advertising their wares and services. There must be someone around who wants to take on this very rewarding job. So, if that person is you and you want to find out more, please do not hesitate to contact me - 01579 370319/07802 901858 or via derrick.parsons@btinternet.com I definitely don't want to be known as the last editor of the Old School News. Do us all a favour and spare me that fate!

And to end on a more positive note, many thanks to Gill Hiscott for her spell in the editor's chair and for continuing to handle the advertising. Thanks also to Hilary Scott for her skills and time in compiling each issue and getting it to the printers on time.

Derrick Parsons, Temporary Editor

Editorial: derrick.parsons@btinternet.com

OLD SCHOOL DIARY - MAY 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
Wednesday	10 am	CROSS BORDER ARTS
Thursdays	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:		
May 3	2 pm	AFTERNOON TEA please check it is going ahead
May 4	9 am - 4 pm	CHIROPODIST
May 6	9:30 am	VILLAGE MARKET (CORONATION DAY)
May 10	10 - 11 am	PARISH COUNCIL
May 11	9 am - 4 pm	CHIROPODIST
	7 pm	TRUSTEES MEETING
May 12	7 pm	Film Club
May 16	9:30 am (cafe area)	BOOK CLUB
	9 am - 4 pm	CHIROPODIST
May 18	7 pm	INVESTMENT CLUB
May 20	9 am - 1 pm	REPAIR CAFE
May 23	7 - 10 pm	LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
May 25	9 am - 4 pm	CHIROPODIST

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES MAY 2023	
Sunday Worship 11am (unless stated)	
May 7	Local arrangement (Alpha Course Film)
May 14	Mark Pellow
May 21	Revd David Moss - Holy Communion
May 28	Mark Pellow
"Tea In The Afternoon" Wednesday 31st May and the last Wednesday of each month 3.30 pm - 5 pm. Come and have a chat and enjoy some tea and cake .	

OLD SCHOOL 200 CLUB WINNERS			
March 03	Jan Parsons	March 10	L Galer
March 17	L Harvey	March 24	S Stipling
March 31	J Brown		
April 07	STA Parsons	April 14	C Vulliamy
April 21	R Knowles	April 28	V Wilmut

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

ANNUAL STOKE CLIMSLAND PARISH MEETING: 31st MAY

The Annual Stoke Climsland Parish meeting will be held on 31st May at 7pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to come along and hear about what has been going on in the Parish over the past twelve months.

Can you please let the Parish Clerk, Derris Watson (parishclerkscpc@gmail.com), have any reports that your organisation would like to make to the Parish by 17th May so that she can collate them into a booklet which will be available in hard copy at the meeting and will be posted on the Parish Council website.



Stoke Climsland Parish Hall

Following the successful launch of our 'Friends of Stoke Climsland Parish Hall' event back in February, we welcomed the opportunity to share further details and update the wider community at our 'drop-in' event at the start of April. At the earlier event we outlined a phased approach to the renovations in line with potential funding streams. The initial aim was to be ready to start on the renewal of the hall roof within the existing planning permission deadline of autumn 2023,

The Parish Hall CIO trustees, although few in number (any interest in joining as a trustee would be most welcome), were pleased and encouraged by the positive response from those who called in throughout the session. There is a general acceptance that the process of bidding for capital funds in a very competitive world is quite literally a 'lottery'. But with the support through the Prince's Foundation of fully contracted and professional fundraisers, we are well placed to gain funding over the coming months. Watch this space!

Thanks are due to the Duchy of Cornwall who continue as our landlord to offer guidance through the process of the transfer of lease/ownership to the Parish Hall CIO, as well as in the approach to the overall project refurbishment.

Finally, we are pleased to report the formation of a 'Friends of the Parish Hall' sub-committee who are putting together a full programme of fundraising events for the next 12 months. These will encourage community engagement and help cover ongoing hall running costs as well as the purchase of additional equipment and furnishing required after Phases 1 and 2 of the build. More details will be given in next month's Old School News.

Thank you 'one and all' for your continued support of our Community Parish Hall.
Martin Howlett (Chair of Trustees)

DON'T BIN IT - FIX IT! AT THE STOKE CLIMSLAND REPAIR CAFÉ

Stoke Climsland's Repair Café opened the doors for its first session on Saturday 18th March, the volunteers not knowing what to expect. The Café was well stocked with homemade cakes and muffins while the repairers had needle and thread, screwdrivers, and soldering irons at the ready. Our first customer arrived with a leaky wet/dry vacuum cleaner and the Old School was soon buzzing with activity and happy chatter. Lots of tea, coffee and delicious cake were soon polished off!



We were delighted to have been able to repair one sewing machine, an old Chinese box, two clocks, a mobile phone, a vacuum cleaner and identify the spare part required to fix another. Two people were shown how to darn socks and a favourite jumper was also darned. We also advised on smartphone and IT issues.

Thanks must go to all our volunteers on the day (repairers, caterers, and general helpers) and, of course, a thank you to those individuals who came with their items to be fixed and donated towards the costs.

The next Café was being held on 15th April and we will give you a progress report on how that one went in the next Old School News. In the meantime, remember

Don't bin it.....fix it!

VILLAGE SHOW JUMBLE SALE: SATURDAY JUNE 24th

The Village Show have planned a Jumble Sale for Saturday June 24th at the Old School starting at 10.00am and finishing at midday. Tea, coffee, and cakes will be available. Any contributions of jumble are very welcome and can be left in the Old School office during the weeks commencing 12th and 19th of June, Monday - Friday between 9.30 and midday.

We also plan to have plants for sale and any contributions of plants or seedlings are very welcome. These can again be left in the Old School office or brought in on the day.

The last Jumble Sale raised an astonishing £1,000.00. Thank you again to all those who donated jumble and to those who supported the Village Show by making purchases. The income from our Jumble Sales is invaluable to help meet the cost of running the Village Show.

The Committee thank you all for supporting the Show and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday June 24th.





Down on the Farm

'The Merry Month of May'

Historically the month of May to most farmers has meant one thing - Single Farm Payment Day! The deadline day of 15th May has been embedded in every farmer's mind and calendar right across Europe from the Shetland Islands to Sicily (no doubt the Mafia completed their forms on time).

However, and despite the UK leaving the European Union several years ago, DEFRA/RPA (Rural Payments Agency) still insist that we complete an entry of every crop and stock across our farmland holdings down to the last single metre (0.0001ha). Digital satellite mapping, or 'spy in the sky', will identify any deviation or error due to a slip of the pen or finger on the PC.

Now, somewhat surprisingly, halfway through the 'transition' toward zero payment by 2027, we are informed by the RPA that this will be the final year we need to input such detailed data. From next year, 2024, our farmed land will be 'delinked' from the remaining pittance of support payment. Hurrah, you may hear the cry! But nothing so simple from the civil servants and paymasters in Nobel House. DEFRA will need a new National Land Use Database. Early indications suggest the need to remap and then categorise every field according to its cropping or stocking potential. A mammoth task despite having already remapped the entire country twice in the past 30 years. Funnily enough, landscapes and field boundaries, especially in the traditional and protected areas of the Southwest, do not change in size or location. So, little there to worry about one would presume.

But it is some recent and currently ongoing events that are causing the greatest level of anxiety and concern. Local to the Westcountry a major legal battle is unfolding in the far reaches of West Cornwall: a long established and respected protected SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest), the West Penwith Moors (St Ives to St Just) is to be extended to take in control eighty-five farms and their surrounds by Natural England. Although much of the designated land is of marginal moorland, it is the adjoining pastureland, mostly in private ownership, that currently supports both dairy and beef units that will have compulsory restriction under the proposed regulations. Further battles of land use rage closer. On Dartmoor, the National Park Authority is in conflict with both Duchy of Cornwall tenants and other private estates over the right to 'wild camp' now returning to the courts. All against a backdrop of intense lobbying from some environmental groups to pressurise Natural England to destock 90-100% of sheep from winter grazing across the commons.

With the wider call for a 'rewilding programme', along with renewed political pressure to revisit the 'right to roam' policy, we have an interesting combination. We, as farmers and a rural population, do indeed live in interesting times. The 15th May deadline will be a thing of the past but heed the 'mayday' call from us all 'Down on the Farm'

Martin Howlett



EAST CORNWALL MINING HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Last month we enjoyed a talk by Jeff Harrison of Cornwall Resources Ltd who are exploring for renewed mineral extraction at Kelly Bray and surrounding area. We learned that modern investigation naturally goes to places where copper, tin, etc have been found in the past, but that they are now able to look for deposits at far greater depths and seek a wider range of minerals. Although lithium is present in quantity at Holmbush/Redmoor, richer deposits have been found further west in Cornwall, and so tungsten, tin and copper are most likely to be extracted locally. Modern mining methods have ensured that local people were hardly aware of the investigative drilling, thanks to walls of straw bales, and actual mining will be similarly restrained. A design for the mine is being prepared for planning, but most of the work will be so far underground that there will be comparatively little to see at the surface. Jeff and others at CRL are happy to answer questions at any time on 01579 533 825 or at their offices in Beeching Park, and a brief overview can be found on their website at <https://www.cornwallresources.com> There was inevitably a lot of local interest. We were grateful to Jeff for his second visit to us, and glad to have a packed room at The Old School.



On Saturday 20th May we have something completely different coming up: Malcolm Gould of Wheal Martyn Museum China Clay Museum, an active member of the China Clay History Society for many years, also Bard of the Cornish Gorsedd, is coming to give us an illustrated talk, followed by an invitation for a guided visit with him to Wheal Martyn Museum. 7.30pm at The Old School, with refreshments from 7.00pm. All are welcome. Members £1, non-members £3 including refreshments.



Here are the details of our next few meetings.

Tuesday 23rd May: A talk by maritime archaeologist, Kevin Camidge, on 'The Wreck of HMS Colossus on the Scillies in 1798'.

Tuesday 20th June: A guided evening walk with Iain Rowe around the Phoenix Mine site at Minions.

Tuesday 25th July: An evening visit to the Plymouth Synagogue with Jerry Sibley.

We will then be taking a break until the start of our Autumn programme on Tuesday 25th September.

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.

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So we have more availability, and we would love to see you! - do contact The Old School on 01579 370493



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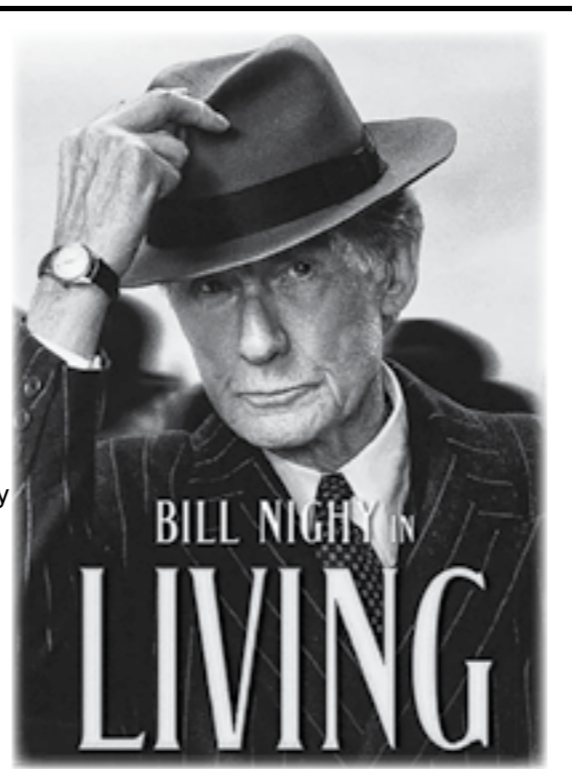
Friday May 12th 2023

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CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION UPDATE:

CARBON ZERO HOMES PROJECT

As part of our commitment to achieve Carbon Net Zero in the Parish by 2030, The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the Carbon Zero Homes project has received £54,648.51 from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.” to set up and run a whole house retrofit advice service for the parish. The aim of this service is to help residents reduce their energy demand by insulating their homes. This will include providing advice on sources of funding where appropriate and access to qualified professionals to undertake the work.

In Stoke Climsland only about 20% of houses are on mains gas. The rest are using LPG or Fuel Oil for their heating and cooking needs. Furthermore, the housing stock is quite old and about 80% of housing in the parish has an EPC rating of D or less. The desired EPC rating is C or above.



As many of you will know it will not be possible to replace oil boilers with new after 2025 and with mains gas its 2035. Therefore, the deadlines for replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy are fast approaching.

Before solar and renewable heating can be considered; home insulation must be addressed. This is known as fabric first. Renewable energy systems work at lower temperatures than fossil fuel systems. For them to be effective it is

essential that the home is fully insulated (floors, walls, windows, and roof). It is also important that any damp is dealt with. Damp homes require 40% more energy to heat. Adequate Ventilation is also important. These measures will help reduce energy costs.

The Parish Council will employ a Community Energy Advisor to set up and run the service and we are currently recruiting for that position. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

This project is [funded/part-funded] by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Cornwall Council has been chosen by Government as a Lead Authority for the fund and is responsible for monitoring the progress of projects funded through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.



OPINION PIECE: SELLING THE ENVIRONMENT SHORT?

The current public discussion of environmental damage is largely framed around three distinct arguments. We can call them fear, sentiment and technology. The fear argument says that we must do something about pollution, plastics, and fossil fuels since we are doomed if we do not. The sentimental argument says how terrible it is that the beautiful and amazing natural world is being degraded. The technological argument says that, if we only invest enough money and effort, we can develop technologies that will get us out of our current bother.

It may be that climate change denial has been replaced by a sense that, as individuals, we can do very little to impact on the problem and that, unless governments agree on strategies to deal with it, we should resign ourselves to learning to live with environmental degradation for a very long time. The signs are not good: successive international conferences take inadequate forward steps and national governments are generally incapable of thinking beyond the short term. Fundamentally, most of us do not have a clear perception of the extent to which we can safely exploit the environment. Whilst fear, sentiment and technological hope may all have access to some truth, none of them offers a sufficient, moral, agreed, and sustainable long-term basis for maintaining environmental health and equilibrium.

There can be little doubt that we have the intellectual and physical power to achieve that equilibrium. But we lack a collective understanding of our position within the environment and our obligations to it and to the people for whom environmental degradation is far more serious than it is for us. After all, it is the developed world (of which we're a part) that has caused our present problems but the developing world that is suffering their greatest effects.

So, we have some questions to answer. Is any country or individual morally entitled to unlimited exploitation of environmental resources? When governments talk about growing their countries' economies, should that be an overriding goal or should it be subject to limits imposed by environmental considerations? Should we subjugate national interests to international needs? Should you or I vote for a government that places economic growth above all other considerations? Should all levelling be levelling up? And on the technological front, are we deluded when we believe that electric cars, nuclear power and carbon capture will get us out of the mess?

The recognition of human rights has been a major development of the last 100 years. We also recognise the existence of animal rights as an acceptable concept. Does the environment have 'rights'? In other words, are there activities that are so profoundly damaging that they are unacceptable? And who decides? Can we rely on national governments to arbitrate or does this require a level of internationalism that we've never yet achieved?

Perhaps we are not mature enough as a species to defer to the needs of others and to the need for environmental health. Perhaps the learning curve is much, much steeper than we thought.

John Wilmut



Stoke Climsland Coronation Events Programme



Your Parish Council have once again worked with the various groups within the parish and provided the finance to make this weekend of celebration possible.

They have purchased the medallions to be given to each primary age child and hired the marquee and equipment to be used.

We wish everyone a weekend of fun and enjoyment, and thank all those who have worked to make this an occasion to be remembered.

Any changes to the programme will be on our Facebook page Stoke Climslandpc and our website, stokeclimslandparishcouncil.org, where you can also read all our minutes and financial records and pictures of the events will be published

Coronation Concert
Celebrating King Charles in music, words and photographs

Friday 5th May
Stoke Climsland Community Choir & SCATS

6.30 pm Informal concert in church
Bring along something to drink!

7.30 ish Barbecue in church grounds
Very informal - all welcome

Free event!
Please sign up at Post Office or at a church service.

Coronation
Stoke Climsland
SCARECROW COMPETITION

£20 PRIZE

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Dance into the Night to the music of The Mets

Saturday 6th May
From 8pm

On the Village Green
Bar from Stoke Climsland Social Club
BBQ by the Scouts

Scottish Dancing

In the Marquee on the Green

Saturday May 6th
5.30pm

Come and join in with the popular Scottish Dance Group
(New members always welcome)

CORONATION EVENTS PROGRAMME

Monday 1st May

Scarecrows should be in position for the start of the competition.

During this week the trees on the Green will be dressed in red, white and blue.

The Church will be decorated with floral arrangements.

Friday 5th May

6.15pm Bells will be rung in the Church followed by a Concert in the Church and a BBQ in the grounds.

Saturday 6th May

9.30am There will be breakfast available at The Old School and the Market will also be in full swing.

11am The Old School will be showing live coverage of the Coronation in London on the big screen.

3 – 5pm A Tea Dance in the Parish Hall provided by the Trustees.

5.30pm In the Marquee on the Green the ever-popular Scottish Dancing group will show how it's done and help you to try your skills.

8pm The Mets bring you an evening of music with a disco in the interval. The Social Club will be providing a bar and the Scouts will run the BBQ.

Sunday 7th May

10am The Church will hold their Morning Service in the Marquee.

12pm The start of the Big Lunch on the Green. Bring a picnic and something to drink.

Monday 8th May

12pm Opening of the Outdoor Gym. Please be aware that photographs will be taken.

The BBQ will be provided by Friends of Stoke Climsland School and the Ice Cream van will put in an appearance. The Carnival atmosphere will be enhanced by music from a street organ.

1pm The Coronation Carnival will form up to be judged and then process around the Green.

The festivities will close with the presentation of the Coronation Medallions.

CORONATION CARNIVAL

The Theme is Charles or Charlie or any variation. Use your imagination

Monday, 8th May
at 1pm on the Village Green

Judging at 1pm procession at 1.30 with Presentation of Coronation medallions

Class 1 - Ponies and pets
Class 2 - Year 7 and over
Class 3 - Years 4-6
Class 4 - Years 1-3
Class 5 - Reception and under

CORONATION MEDALLIONS

These will be distributed after the Carnival on Monday 8th May

Tea Dance
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Saturday, 6th May
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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 had another fantastic clever quiz on 18th March, hosted by Dawn and Dominic. It was clever because it was a quiz on quizzes. All the questions were about quiz programmes on television, and while many of us do not watch these regularly, we knew enough about them, or could guess, to be able to answer most of the questions. This resulted in a closely fought contest with the winning team, Grim Reapers, winning on a tie breaker. Thank you to Dawn and Dominic. The next quiz will be on 20th May with the final one of the season on 17th June. Also, in June we are holding the annual Darts competition between Luckett and Stoke Clubs. These evenings are keenly contested matches between friendly rivals for the Stuckett Cup.

The club will be on the Green on Saturday 6th May for the Coronation. We are hoping the weather will be good and the turn out great. As you might be aware, the Fish and Chip event was postponed and will now be held on 28th July. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of July, so keep an eye out for them as they go very quickly. We will also be on the Green for the Stoke Show on 12th August. Is anyone interested in a BBQ competition? There are tentative plans to hold one at the end of August. If you are interested in showcasing your skills, please get in touch. If enough people are interested, we will try to arrange one on the field.

Dates for your diary:

6 May	Coronation - on the Green	23 June	Stuckett Cup (darts) in Stoke Club
20 May	Quiz	28 July	Fish & Chips - on the field
16 June	Stuckett Cup (darts) in Luckett Club	29 July	Football fun Day - on the field
17 June	Quiz	12 August	Stoke Show - on the Green

Keep an eye on our facebook page for more information.

Louise Power

GAMES ON THE GREEN

Monday May 8th

**12pm Outdoor Gym Official
 Opening**

**1pm Carnival classes form up
 for judging and procession**

**Presentation of Coronation
 Medallions**

BBQ

Street Organ

Ice Cream Van

Skittles

Hook a Duck

Ponies and Pets

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STOKE CLIMSLAND WI

In April, our speaker was Anna from The Westcountry Rivers Trust, which is based in the village. She gave us a brief outline of the work they do in Cornwall, Devon and in parts of Dorset and Somerset to preserve, protect, develop, and improve the region's watercourses.

We were particularly interested to learn more about the 'Westcountry Citizen Science Investigations Project'. This scheme aims to educate and engage people with the water environment. By becoming a volunteer 'Citizen Scientist' you can make a valuable contribution to help restore and protect the region's freshwater environments. The data that are collected by the Citizen Scientists can be used to target and identify degrading water bodies, pollution can be spotted and reported promptly. Citizen Scientists gather data from their chosen river location each month using a Water Quality Kit. This tests for clarity, temperature, phosphates, and dissolved solids and then the results are uploaded. Collecting regular water quality samples not only produces good data but helps the Citizen Scientists to get to know their river through observations. We were very interested to hear more about this Project and several of our members were interested in becoming involved. If you would like to know more, you can contact The Westcountry Rivers Trust at csi@wrt.org.uk. You can also check out their website and Facebook pages.

New Members and visitors are always welcome to come along. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in The Parish Hall at 7.30 pm. The fee for visitors is £4 which includes delicious tea and cakes. We look forward to seeing you.

Dates for your Diary:

9 th May: Rosemary Griggs - Bessie's Tale. Life as a 16 th Century servant
13 th June: Zoe Oake - Beekeeping. This is an Open Meeting, and all are welcome to attend.

Ros Hardy





BACH AT THE OLD SCHOOL

The Old School Classical Club has a long and prestigious record of attracting good musicians to perform evening concerts to sell-out audiences who also enjoy an interval dinner prepared and served in a warm and friendly atmosphere. It is something that The Old School did very well until rising costs and Covid brought the programme to a halt 3 or 4 years ago.

So, a Saturday morning concert early in March was something of a departure. We were recommended as a venue for a piano recital by celebrated musician Libby Burgess who is currently touring every county where, at each concert, she plays some of Bach's Preludes and Fugues, of which there are 48. The whole project is in support of charities which provide support to musicians (particularly younger ones) and is a long-term commitment involving a lot of travel to and fro across the country.

We were not at all sure that we'd get an audience, but we were packed. There was no interval dinner but there were cakes and teas and coffees. And Libby's performance wowed our audience. Then, having covered all necessary expenses, ticket receipts and donations made it possible to forward a substantial amount to Libby's Project fund.

Libby produces a write-up of her experiences on the Project website so you can read about her visit to Cornwall on <https://bachproject48.co.uk/cornwall-county-21/> and here is a small extract of her note on the concert at The Old School.

"The next morning's venue, for the next ten preludes and fugues, was a converted school, in the picturesque village of Stoke Climsland - a decent drive away across Bodmin Moor. The team organising had been to wonderful lengths, putting on a magnificent spread of cakes, the tables beautifully decorated with daffodils. The piano had been generously provided by Clive Pinkham - who claimed that he hadn't yet finished making it!! - but it was a lovely instrument nonetheless, mellow, and sweet. This may have been a small venue, but it was packed, with a really welcoming atmosphere. The Old School seems to be a really wonderful (and well-used) resource in the village: activities there range from book clubs to osteopathy to IT clinics to dance - and of course, live music. It was great to hear that their in-house concert series, the Classical Club, is getting going again after the inevitable hiatus of the last few years."

We have a lot of people to thank for their help with setting up this one-off event: David and Margaret Seward for publicising it, Clive Pinkham for the loan of the piano, Edah Joll, Jenny Llewellyn and Vivienne Davis for the teas, coffees and cakes, and Carn to Cove and Hilary Webster for administrative help.

We hope to be advertising more Classical Club events in the near future and we hope those will include a return visit by Libby Burgess.

John Wilmut

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NEWS FROM ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH, SOUTH HILL

We are very excited to announce that we have achieved our Eco Silver award. Well done to everyone who helped make this possible. Only a handful of churches have achieved this in Cornwall. Taking part in global and national events are part of the criteria and participating in Earth Hour last month, despite the torrential rain, was something we were pleased to do. We spent an hour with the lights off in an eco-friendly way enjoying song, story, and baked potatoes together. The fire pit (thanks to SHARE for the wood) was a warming welcome at the church gate.

The first cut of grass has happened, and the smell of cut grass was a welcome return.

There have been some great photos on St Sampson's Living Churchyard | Facebook and

I look forward to more, and yes, I was taken in by the 'King Robin' on April Fool's day!

Wednesday May 24th 7.30pm - An evening of Baroque music with the Aderyn String Quartet. A wonderful candlelit evening with wine and nibbles. A rare opportunity to hear a professional string ensemble play in our atmospheric St Sampson's Church. Free entry. Donations welcome for St Sampson's Unlocked restoration project. Have a listen, they are wonderful. <https://youtu.be/PPWSmlhY1y8> Book your free ticket: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/baroque-evening-with-the-aderyn-string-quartet-tickets-615994495117>

Saturday June 24th - Medieval Barrow Push and Church Fair returns for a second year. Come and commemorate the route that the people of Callington had to walk to attend church or bury their dead at South Hill before they were allowed to build their own church in Callington. Create a barrowful of something you feel passionate about - food, film or favourite anything! Wear fancy dress to match your theme. Teams of up to six people. There is no restriction on the size of your barrow, but remember that you will have to push it the two miles to St Sampson's Church. Best decorated barrow 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prize, including an annual engraved Trophy made from St Sampson's bell frame,

Dignitaries start outside St Marys, Callington, at 12.30. Teams of barrow pushers assemble at Beech Auctions, South Hill Road. The procession then walks to St Sampson's Church at South Hill, for fun, food, and frolics at 2pm

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The Crown

by Revd David Moss, Methodist minister for Stoke Climsland

I discovered today that the Netflix series The Crown, a programme about the British Royal family, is quite popular in France, who'd have thought it? I am writing the week after President Macron advised King Charles III not to visit due to demonstrations and protests by people about a number of things, including the rise in pension age and that the President is behaving like a king! A royal visit could be seen as further provocation. Well, I'm presuming those rioting aren't the same people as those who are fans of The Crown!

France, over many years in the 18th & early 19th Century had a number of revolutions, three in fact and the country was quite unstable, febrile and not a safe place for royalty and aristocracy. With such feelings within the French cultural DNA, one can understand the caution of the President.

If you've watched Poldark, or read the books, you'll have picked up the fear of a constant threat of France invading and even without this, the felt danger of republicanism being seeded by France. Yet, we didn't have a revolution similar to the French ones. The historian Herbert Butterfield has put this down to the effects of the Methodist movement. Methodism started out as a movement within the Church of England through the preaching of Revd John Wesley (1703-1791); who formed new converts to Christ into small groups where their faith was accountable and where they were encouraged to become better 'holy' people. Right at the heart of what Methodist's believe, is that Christ can change our lives for the better. This then changed society. My own history tutor Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch in his book and TV series A History of Christianity estimates that by the death of John Wesley in 1791 50% of the people in England were Methodist. So, one can see how revolution may have been avoided, yet in the early days because 'the Methodies' were meeting in small groups outside of the normal parish structures, they were accused of just the opposite.

So, back to the Crown, our nation is looking forward to the Coronation of King Charles III. Here in Stoke Climsland we have a deep affection for our monarch, who as the Duke of Cornwall has shown stewardship to his estate. Many of our farmers are tenants and so with this background he will understand the challenges of farming. So, many of us will watch the Coronation of our monarch on Saturday May 6th and may I encourage us to say a prayer for him and our Royal family.





CHURCH MATTERS - BETWEEN TIMES

By the time you read this, Easter will have come and gone. You will be in between times. During the seven-week interval between Easter and Pentecost, the first followers of Jesus had been told to wait until the Spirit comes. They were witnesses to an incredible event: the resurrection of a man who was clearly, a few days before, dead (the Romans ensured this was the case). It blew their minds and completely transformed them from being a scattered, fearful, and despondent group into courageous and joy filled people who turned the world upside down. But first, they needed something or someone to help them. Jesus, now risen from the dead, appeared to his followers on one occasion, while he was eating with them, and said:

“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 1: 4 - 5)

The Holy Spirit is often called the ‘Counsellor’ or the ‘Advocate’ who was poured out at the first Pentecost after Jesus’ death and would continue to be poured out until Jesus comes again. This marks the birth of the Church, who live between the times; sometimes referred to as the last days. The Spirit is spoken of in this striking liquid form partly because of the link with baptism and because, when outpoured upon a person, they have an overwhelming experience of being filled, cleansed, healed, uplifted, reborn, even that they are drenched with the Spirit.

Jesus talks about the Spirit as the one who gives life, insight, who sustains them in suffering or opposition and who gives them the words to say. The word used for ‘Spirit’ is ‘Pneuma’ for the Spirit is the Christian’s very breath, giving them spiritual life. The Spirit is like the wind that blows that cannot be seen but is powerful enough to move huge ships across the sea. The presence of the Spirit convicts us of the things which are wrong, and cause hurt and opens our eyes to the things of God. The Spirit never forces a way into our lives but descends as gentle as a dove.

It is not surprising that Jesus tells them not to start off building his kingdom until the Spirit comes. Having an Advocate like this is essential. The work Jesus gives his followers to do would be impossible without the Spirit’s power (the original word for power = dunamis: from which we get the word dynamite). We talk about spirituality and that we are spiritual beings and we all truly are. The Holy Spirit is described as a person, a ‘he’ in English translations. Yet the ‘Spirit’ is not described in masculine or feminine gender forms in the original languages (Spirit is neuter in Greek, female in Hebrew and Masculine in Aramaic!). Yet the Spirit is not an ‘it’ or a force but a real person! Let’s be sure of one thing, grammatical gender is not the same as personal gender. In a way, this defies traditional logic and tells us something about the divine nature of the Spirit as person transcending gender.

During these in between times, we too need the Holy Spirit as much as the first disciples. The very account of the Acts of the Apostles is probably best described as the Acts of the Holy Spirit working in and through ordinary flawed people. Are you in between times, waiting for the next stage of your life to begin? Maybe ask God, who is not far from each of us, to pour out the Holy Spirit upon us so we are immersed in love, power and know the presence of Jesus is always with us? It requires an act of faith just as if you want to catch the wind, you need to put up a sail.

Revd Joe Lannon



PIZZAS AT THE OLD SCHOOL

We understand that the recent visit by Pizza Unleashed to the Old School car park was very successful. The pop-up pizza van, run by Jen, El and Isla, was there from 4.30 - 7.30pm on Sunday 14th April. As an imaginative bonus, the Social Club was open at the same time so people could have a ‘pizza and a pint’! Shame we were 800 miles away at the time (coincidentally on Isla’s namesake Scottish island) but we’ll be looking out for their return visit. We are not sure when that will be as the details weren’t available when this was written.

Keep on eye on social media and elsewhere for news about their return. From the feedback we’ve had from some very satisfied customers about the pizzas themselves, they went down a treat. And what better way to use an empty car park?

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Lockett Social Club

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Looking back over the last 3 months, Club members have enjoyed a varying programme of events. Here are some of the highlights.

On Friday 10th February, members and guests were treated to a brilliant evening with a Cornish Shout with everyone singing along thanks to the crib sheets. Our grateful thanks go to Richard Long for organising the evening and inviting several members of the Barrett Privateers and Southeast Shout. Together with the raffle and donations, £270 was raised for the Turkey/ Syria Earthquake Disaster Fund.

On Friday 24th February, Club members had an outing to the Pantomime. No, not to the bright lights of Plymouth but to see the highly polished production by SCATS. A thoroughly enjoyable performance of ‘The Sword in the Scone’ which included Lockett’s own ‘Wizard’ Adrian and Lyn as his lover. Several other Club members were heavily involved backstage in producing, writing, etc. Saturday 25th March saw a first for the Club - a Movie Night. On the big screen two films, Top Gun, and Top Gun Maverick, were enjoyed along with the popcorn and drinks. Thanks to Richard Davies for setting everything up. More Movie Nights are being planned for the Autumn.

Our final event before Easter was the something to get ‘eggsited about’ the Easter Prize Bingo. Thanks to Danny and Sheila for sourcing the prizes. Sheila won the top end game of a gammon dinner.



May 2023

Sunday 7 th	Lockett’s Tea Party to celebrate the King’s Coronation, 3pm onwards. At Byenleigh, by kind permission of Adrian and Deb Glassborow. Bring your own picnic. Drinks will be available. ‘The Lockett Band’ will be striking up, making a special appearance to mark the occasion and from 5pm, The METS will be entertaining us all.				
Saturday 13 th	It’s Eurovision Night. Come along and join in the atmosphere of this year’s Eurovision Song Contest.	Saturday 20 th	Spring Craft Fayre. 10am until 3pm	Friday 26 th	A Talk - Details to be confirmed
Saturday 1 st July	Lockett Duck Day. More details next month.	Saturday 29 th July	Skittles Evening at Deer Park Farm. Teams of six to register at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. £12 per team. Trophies for Winners and Runners up. BBQ and Hot food available plus Bar.		
Saturday 5 th August	Music in the Barn. 2 Live bands, Ambandy and Black Friday performing from 7pm until 11pm. Tickets £10. Children under 12 free. Available from any Committee Member. Hot Food and Bar available. Gates open from 6.30pm.				

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

Geoff Howlett (Hon. Sec.)

Our Spring 2023 COVID vaccination clinics are now available to book for the following eligible patients:


- Adults aged 75 years and over (including patients who turn 75 by 30th June 2023)
- Residents in a care home for older adults (age 65 years and over)
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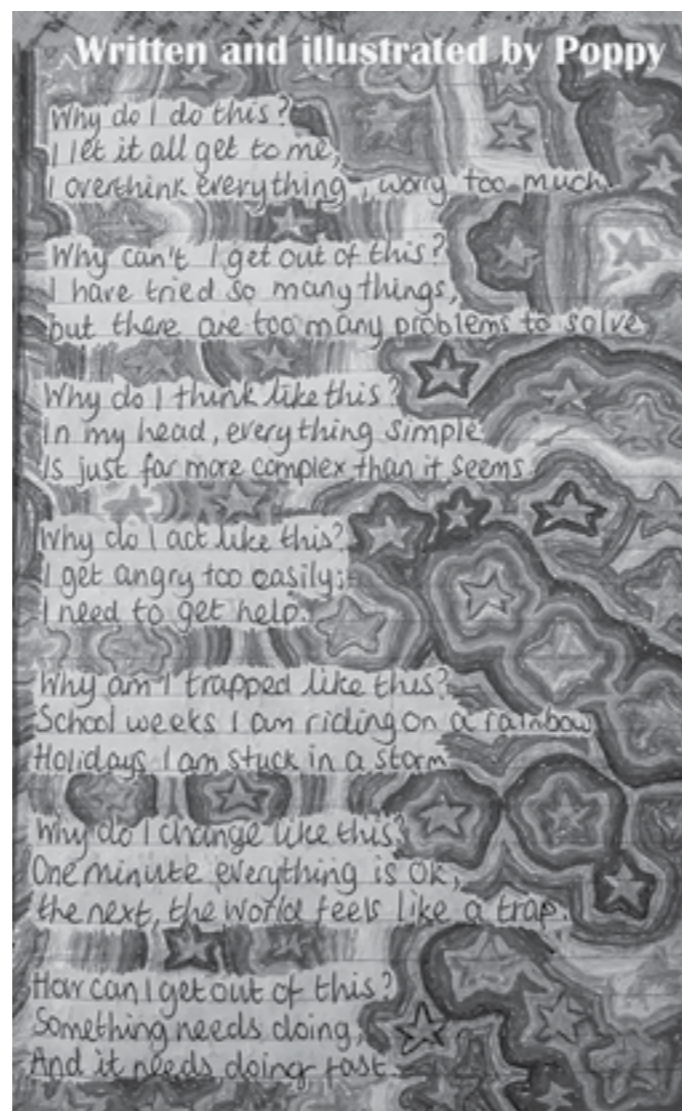


LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I refer to The Big One Climate Change event which took place in Parliament Square on 21st-24th April. As I write I can only imagine that our politicians will not be able to ignore this ground-breaking coalition, uniting and standing side by side with everyone in attendance. With potentially, over two million combined supporters - from across every part of the UK - such a diverse show of support means The Big One is going to be like nothing seen before. Have you been part of the biggest people-powered climate protest ever seen in Britain? This will have been a historic moment that we will have witnessed, the moment of many movements uniting for positive action, over four days.

Our planet is in a truly urgent crisis. Our response must be bigger than ever - and that means everyone needs to step up. Together, we must keep up the momentum, to make sure The Big One will have had the most diverse, inclusive, and impactful effect from a climate protest that Britain has ever seen.

Alastair Guy



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, MAYFEST!

We're back! We're bigger! We're better!

MayFest is back in Callington on Saturday 13th May and the 2023 event marks MayFest's 10th birthday. The MayFest committee, part of Callington Community Arts (aka CAVe), invites you to join with them in this landmark event. Watch out for the full programme brochure dropping through your letter-box.

Over the last years MayFest has become the largest participative community event in Callington. With the opportunity for local residents to discover or rekindle talents through music and singing workshops in the run-up to the main event MayFest really has struck a chord with the people of Callington.

Find Your Voice with Sarah Owen! Or join the MayFester Musicians with Rosie Fierek!

The final workshop rehearsals for both workshops is on May 6th from 10.30am - 12.30pm at the Methodist Church.

Top-class bands from near and far have delighted the audiences - and this year will be no different. Favourites from previous years, together with new dynamic offerings, will be sure to have everyone up on their feet and dancing. Mainlining MayFest will be Barrett's Privateers, fresh from their success at venues across Cornwall; the Cornish Groove Collective who wowed the audience last year with their performance featuring Soul, Funk, Jazz and Motown; and, as a grand finale, Company B, a jump jive band who have gained a solid reputation as one of Cornwall's most entertaining live acts.

If dance is your thing, Flamenco and Belly Dance workshops in the Town Hall in the morning will be followed by performances on the New Road Spar stage in the afternoon. Samba Kernow will be bringing the rhythms of Rio de Janeiro to the streets of Callington, while a Morris Dance and Folk Session Extravaganza will take place in Church Street outside the Cornish Ancestor micropub.

New this year are a host of family events in the Methodist Church field, off Valentine Row, where Wyld Thyngz Forest School will be displaying their activities and the All-Steps Formation Riding team will be giving a display and plenty of opportunity to get up close to the horses.

We welcome another new act this year in Big Beat Percussion. Big Beat has evolved from the success of junk percussion ensemble "Big Beat", whose explosive performances have dazzled and delighted audiences worldwide. Catch them in the morning on the Spar Stage and in the afternoon on the Methodist Church field.

There's fun for all the family when Trebiggan Theatre presents "Katie's Black Hole" in the Town Hall - and who would miss the challenge of the surfing machine in the Pannier Market outside the Lost Surfers Cocktail Bar?

With other singers and musicians throughout the day on the main Fore Street stage and the Spar Stage, and in St Mary's Church, the Methodist Church and the Bull's Head, all tastes for all ages will be catered for. And don't miss the Grand Parade which will be ENORMOUS this year and feature yet more new GIANTS!



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