

THE OLD SCHOOL NEWS

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This News Sheet has been produced by the Trustees of The Old School, Stoke Climsland, Callington PL17 8NY. All enquiries should be made to the office at The Old School, tel 01579 370493 or by email at theoldschool78@gmail.com

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PARISH HALL DIARY MARCH 2023

Regular Events:

Monday	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
Friday	4 - 7:00 pm	Weekly (term time)	SJS DANCE ACADEMY
	8 - 10 pm	Weekly	CALLINGTON GOSPEL CHOIR
	10am - 11am	Weekly	PILATES
Friday	11:20 - 12:20	Weekly	MATURE MOVERS
	7 - 10:30 pm	Weekly	BRIDGE

All events are subject to change due to holidays etc. Please contact group leaders for specific info.

Together with:

25 March	12 Noon - 6 pm	PRIVATE HIRE
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For further information regarding bookings please contact Sue Watts 07836 202212 or email sue-watts@btconnect.com

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES MARCH 2023

March 5	Local arrangement (Alpha Film)	
March 12	11 am	Revd David Moss - Holy Communion
March 19	11 am	Mark Pellow
March 26	11 am	Rev David Moss

OLD SCHOOL 200 CLUB WINNERS

Feb 03	L Galer	Feb 17	M J Cox
Feb 10	Jan Parson	Feb 24	D Ross

FROM THE EDITOR

Nice that some people staying in the Parish on holiday recently enjoyed reading The Old School News so much they made a request to join our email list. So with the Easter holidays looming, would holiday let owners please remember to ensure your guests have a copy. They might like to join in community events. All good for Stoke Climsland!

Also don't forget if you or anyone you know would like an emailed copy of The Old School News please contact derrick.parsons@btinternet.com

Gill Hiscott, Editor. gillhiscott@hotmail.com

OLD SCHOOL DIARY MARCH 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 BOARDER 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:

	10 - 11 am	PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY
	2 - 4 pm	AFTERNOON TEA, MARJONG
	7 pm	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
March 2	1 - 4 pm	CALLINGTON U3A
March 3	2 pm	WARM SPACE
March 4	9:30 - Noon	VILLAGE MARKET
	1 - 6pm	MESSY CHURCH
	3 pm	WARM SPACE
March 8	9 - 4 pm	CHIROPODIST
March 11	11 am	CLASSICAL CONCERT
	7.30 pm	TALK, REDMOOR MINING
March 14	2 pm	LOOK GROUP
March 16	1 - 4 pm	CALLINGTON U3A
	7 pm	INVESTMENT CLUB
March 18	9 - 1 pm	REPAIR WORKSHOP - set up Not for public to bring repairs
	7 pm	JAZZ EVENING
March 21	9.30 am	BOOK CLUB
March 22	10 - 3 pm	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
March 23	9 - 4 pm	CHIROPODIST
March 25		PRIVATE BIRTHDAY PARTY
March 28	7 - 10 pm	Local History Group
March 30	1 - 4 pm	CALLINGTON U3A

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES MARCH 2023

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

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**Visit Tamar Valley is growing,
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Visit Tamar Valley is the foremost Destination Marketing Organisation for the Tamar Valley. We have ambitious plans that we hope you can help us to drive forward.

Having recently teamed up with the Tamar Valley AONB to deliver the Tamara Landscape Partnership's Come Visit Stay Awhile project, we are now busy delivering a fabulous set of initiatives that focus on stimulating an increase in visitor numbers and creating opportunities for tourism businesses in the area.

Thanks to National Lottery Heritage Funding we are dedicating resources to raising the profile of sustainable tourism and developing a Sustainable Tourism Charter for the Tamar Valley. We're collaborating with neighbouring Destinations and writing stimulating visitor itineraries. Later this year, we'll be supporting tourism businesses that wish to work with Travel Trade, and helping them to exploit the lucrative group travel market. Tourism and hospitality businesses can benefit from a host of training opportunities and business workshops, whilst at community level, we'll be recruiting tourism ambassadors and training a team of visitor greeters.

With all this exciting work in progress, we're looking for several new Committee members from a wide range of backgrounds to join our friendly team and help steer our work. If you have tourism expertise, insight into sustainability and the environment, community engagement experience or have a marketing or clerical background, we'd love to hear from you.

You'll be joining our small team of industry professionals including tourism business owner and Chairman Simon Hirsh, Blue Badge Guide Chrissie Le Marchant, and Tourism Consultant Jo Butler. We also work with local Marketing Consultant Sarah Bartlett.

The Committee meets regularly, and Committee members contribute just a few hours of their time each month, subject to their availability. As our Marketing Manager Sarah says 'not only is this a very exciting time for tourism, we're also a great bunch of people to work with. Visit Tamar Valley is poised with all the resources at its disposal to influence and exploit a growing domestic travel market for the benefit of everyone who lives, works and visit the area. Our work will have positive implications for the local economy too and we'd love to hear from like-minded people who can help us fulfil our potential'.

If you'd like to find out more about joining the Committee, volunteering a few hours of your time each month and getting stuck in to making a real difference, drop a line to marketing@visittamarvalley.co.uk for more information or to register your interest.

Stoke Climsland Gardening Club
(February 2023 meeting)

A talk on 'Birds of the Westcountry' by Roger Hooper, Redruth.

A year ago, Roger gave us a great talk on butterflies so we anticipated a similar one on birds. We were not disappointed; he is a great enthusiast with years of experience with the RSPB. He concentrated on the rarer birds of Devon and Cornwall with photos of 40 species - so I won't list them all here! Kit Hill is a location for the Nightjar, Dartmoor a location for pied flycatcher, red start, ring ouzel among others. The Cornish chough was of course mentioned though DNA testing suggests that the current population came from Ireland. Some of the rarer species are vagrants resulting from climate change or blown to our shores by storms. The great spotted cuckoo usually lives in southern Europe and lays its eggs in a magpie's nest. American visitors include the red eyed vireo, American robin, Northern warbler, buff-breasted sandpiper ...

Our next meeting is the AGM and a quiz on Monday 6th March, 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Mike Casebow

Red Start



Ring Ousel



Pied Fly catcher



Night Jar





Down on the Farm

'A climate for change'

If the past 3 years events have taught us anything it is to expect the unexpected! No doubt the drama, trials & tribulations of 2022 took this to the extreme, but with the knock on effect and legacy of the pandemic upon the world economy, coupled with the ongoing war in Ukraine, a widespread drought and the political turmoil in

Westminster, we look to 2023 in the hope of a return to some sense of normality and a degree of stability.

For us in farming, the continuing challenges of agflation, supply shortages and weather extremes, we each look to build business resilience as we evolve and adapt to the ever changing demands of both economic and natural environments.

To this end we now aim to build upon an initial pilot project brought together by Stoke Climsland Climate Change Action Group (SCCCAG) Agricultural Working Group, and the Duchy College and Farm, a Carbon Tool Kit initiative to measure a baseline of x5 farms Carbon Footprint, to conduct a full carbon audit and thus advise on a programme to address and ultimately achieve on farm Net Zero (Carbon Neutrality) by 2030 in line with both the Parish and Cornwall Council's declared emergency commitment.

Encouraging and extending this outbreak of collaboration within our parish farms and with added support from the Duchy of Cornwall across its own estates land, we are looking to move to the next level with the group by seeking to bid for core funding to further our knowledge exchange through the DEFRA initiative 'Countryside Stewardship Facilitation Groups' by forming a SC Farm Cluster.

The purpose of this group is to work together, with support from a facilitator. The aim of such is to build resilience in our rural business and communities and both its associated natural and protected landscapes across the Parish, through a greater understanding of farming and land management practises and their impact on our soils, water and biodiversity.

21 Group members (over 90% of the parish farms) have signed up and will now have the opportunity to work in collaboration with each other to better manage their own land and farming business using the best of both traditional and modern farming techniques. Through Countryside Stewardship agreements it is hoped we each can gain further access to match funded capital toward, for example, Slurry Infrastructure Grants or Farming Equipment and Technology Funds, as well as the initial programme of Environmental Land Management (ELM) roll out of its baseline Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) soil standard for each improved grassland, arable and horticulture scenarios.

Welcome news of x6 additional standards covering a range from nutrient management, integrated pest control, through to hedgerows and including Cornish Hedgebanks have just been announced.

We convey our grateful thanks to Westcountry Rivers Trust in leading this initiative in conjunction with TVAONB Tamara Landscape Project Team and continued support from Duchy College. We all look forward to working together in 2023 and begin to embrace this real 'Climate of Change' - Down on the Farm.

Martin Howlett



In the last issue of the Old School News, we wrote: "It's been a long while since the IT Clinic at the Old School

held a session and there has 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 at the Old School. 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".

We've had precious few responses and, at the moment, it doesn't look as if there's sufficient interest to merit restarting the IT Clinic. We'll give it a little while longer before making a final decision so 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. You can find details of where we are at on the NDP website - take a look at <https://ndpstokeclimsland.co.uk/> If you have any questions on aspects of this, please 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. The more people working on it, the sooner we will get to the end. 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.



Stoke Climsland Parish Hall

Here is your Parish Hall Trustee's report on the ongoing progress towards a full refurbishment of the community venue as we reach a critical stage entering into 2023. Spurred on by the ever looming planning permission expiry deadline of this coming October, we collectively within the partnership of the Parish Hall CIO, The Duchy of Cornwall (still in name our landlords) and The Prince's Foundation (lead body of the overarching '7 for 70' Project), continue to develop the staged approach towards its eventual delivery.

Following on from last year's 'reset' by the PF, has lead to securing the professional services of contracted fundraisers to develop a fundraising strategy and endorse a 'case for support' appeal campaign document, as well as advice to guide us through the maze of grant funding opportunities that arise. Currently two such major funding bids - Cornwall Council / Central Government Good Growth ' Levelling Up' Fund and the Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund are both at the Stage 2 process, for which we keep all fingers crossed for a successful award.

Further bespoke grant funding applications are being explored now in the greater knowledge of associated costs following an up to date conditional survey with building contractors latest estimate costs reflecting a 30% inflation hike in the UK construction sector, for which we fully acknowledge and will now factor in at a further phase of the project development.

We were pleased to share this update and to reality check our approach in build stages as well as the overall fundraising strategy at a recent social gathering of 'Friends of the Parish Hall' which included invites and representation from many of our loyal user groups and clubs, fellow facility venues - including the Parish Church, Sports and Social Club, Duchy College and both the Primary and Old School, plus a good spread of community supporters and influencers.

Presentations and endorsements during the evening programme were made by Dr Mark Webb (Director of Fundraising Prince's Foundation), Ashley Taylor (Western Area Land Steward for Duchy of Cornwall), plus local residents Mark Duddridge (Chairman Cornwall & Isles of Scilly LEP) and Patrick Newberry (Chairman Cornwall Historic Buildings). A round table general discussion then followed over cheese and wine.

Our thanks to those who were able to attend this 'refresh' event and for additional follow up comments from those invited who were unable to make it on the evening. The next steps in the process will be to evaluate these most useful comments, and fine tune the 'case for support' appeal document in readiness for our planned Community Campaign. An update event will be on Saturday 1st April in the Parish Hall - drop-in sessions from 10am until 1pm, where all the Trustees will be present to answer questions and register your support. We look forward to seeing you all on the day.

Martin Howlett

(Chairman of CIO Trustees)

The Look Group

We do apologise to those who wanted to come, that the talk scheduled for February on 'Tattoos' from Doc Price had to be postponed. Once we know of a new date for this, there will be posters and a notice in the Old School news. So please look out for this and we shall look forward to seeing you then.

The art that is all around us inspires thought, laughter, tears, persuades us to buy, and helps us to appreciate the wonder of the world in which we live and not least, be amazed, often baffled, by the talent and minds of the people who create it.



Baffled, we were by our brief look at Performance art in February. There was much discussion on the differences between 'performing arts' and 'performance art'; how it would seem that the borders between the two are so loosely defined and a questioning of the driving forces and reasoning behind so many events of 'performance art'. Unsurprisingly, we did not come to any firm conclusions.

The Look group, with an infinite store of art to investigate continues with its monthly meetings in The Old School and as the summer comes a few outings, currently in the planning stages, to arty places.

Meetings on 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2.30 - 4.30 pm. All welcome. No expert knowledge necessary, just a love of art.

Jo Pescod & Helen Adams





Stoke Climsland's very own Repair Café

Opens March 18th 9am to 1pm @ The Old School
Refreshments and Repairs

What's a Repair Café?

Repair Cafés are free meeting places and they're all about repairing things (together).

You'll find expert volunteers, with repair skills in all kinds of fields. You'll also find tools and materials to help you make any repairs you need on portable/hand carry items such as clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles, crockery, IT equipment, appliances, toys, etc.



Visitors bring their broken items from home. Together with the specialists they start making their repairs in the Repair Café. It's an ongoing learning process. If you have nothing to repair, you can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and/or something tasty to eat. Or you can lend a hand with someone else's repair job. You can also get inspired at the reading table - by leafing through books on repairs and DIY.



Why a repair café?

We throw away vast amounts of stuff, even things with almost nothing wrong, which could get a new lease of life after a simple repair. Knowing how to make repairs is a skill quickly lost. This is a threat to a sustainable future and to the circular economy, in which raw materials can be reused again and again.

That's why there's a Repair Café! People with repair skills get the appreciation they deserve. Invaluable practical skills are passed on. Things are being used for longer and don't have to be thrown away. This reduces the volume of raw materials and energy needed to make new products. It cuts CO2 emissions, for example, because manufacturing new products and recycling old ones causes CO2 to be released.

The Repair Café teaches people to see their possessions in a new light. And, once again, to appreciate their value.

The Repair Café just wants to show how much fun repairing things can be, and how easy it often is. Why don't you give it a go?

"We would appreciate a donation for repairs and refreshments to help fund this important project."

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STOKE CLIMSLAND WI

In January we met at The Old School for a Cookery evening where we enjoyed tasting food prepared by three of our members. We were treated to Cheese Souffle made by Jo, Hasselback potatoes made by Amanda and a salad made by Brigitte. It was a very enjoyable evening and we will be holding more of these events during the year. Anyone can come along, you don't need to be a member of the WI.

For our February meeting, 'When we were Young' we didn't have a Speaker but instead our members took to the floor to talk about favourite items from their past and the stories that went with them. We were treated to a variety of tales and were delighted to see a range from wedding dresses to day dresses, from ballgowns to knitwear and embroidery. Some of our ladies also had photographs of themselves wearing the dresses and we were fascinated to hear their stories and admire the fabrics. We then held a competition 'Guess the baby'. We had asked people to rummage about and bring along a photograph of themselves as a baby. We then had to try and correctly identify the person in each picture. It was not an easy task but Pauline managed to correctly identify/guess 5!



Our next Meeting in March will be our Annual Meeting where we will be able to hear how we won 'The Baker Cup' and look at our Stoke Climsland Footpath entry in detail. We have a range of interesting talks coming up in the next few months and in addition to our Monthly meeting in The Parish Hall we usually have a Cookery evening at The Old School or a Knit and Natter evening at the Social Club each month. Look out for details on the Noticeboards and on our Facebook Page.

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 cost is £4 which includes delicious tea and cakes. We look forward to seeing you.

Dates for your Diary:

14th March 7:30pm - Parish Hall - Annual Meeting	23rd March 7:00pm - Old School - Cookery, Ukranian Cake
11th April 7:30pm - Parish Hall - Open Meeting - Talk from The Rivers Trust	

Ros Hardy



"Cornwall & Devon Sending Love to Ukraine"

have just returned from Poland having completed their ninth humanitarian aid trip with, to date, a total of 93 vans and about 150 tons of aid going into Ukraine or to Ukrainian refugees in Poland.

Our 10th and next trip is planned for the 8th March which coincides with the anniversary of the first trip (and 100+ vehicles), and we implore anyone who can to donate, or maybe volunteer to collect or help down at The Emporium, or even drive/co-drive especially if you have access to a suitable vehicle to contact us via Facebook or telephone below.



David Crawley - 01579 370856

Letter to the Editor

The ongoing tragedy in Turkey and Syria continues to affect us all in different ways. The damage and loss of life on such a huge scale is hard to handle emotionally.

Then there is the unmitigated disaster of war in Ukraine which is utterly devastating, hopeless and unnecessary. The devastation we see via our screens is another reminder that climate impacts aren't the only things hurting people on this planet we all call home.

However, many of us who are activists want climate to be the number one issue getting far more attention everywhere - because it is the biggest story of our lifetime and it is existential, because we care with every ounce of our being about making a difference.

Amidst that activist mindset, it's important to make space for the understanding that dealing with the climate crisis is far from the minds or reality of people who have so many other problems that are more pressing to them at any given moment in time.

What we can take comfort from, as we struggle to process the images and magnitude of the situation, is the fundamental truth that in times of profound suffering and great need, human beings rise to the occasion and stand shoulder to shoulder in mutual support.

No matter the challenge, taking care of each other is what gets us through. It is what brings hope, and what suffuses so many of the stories we tell each other about life, no matter our cultural backgrounds. The impulse to gather in a circle of care for one another is real and deeply instinctive.

All human beings and all life on our planet respond positively to care and caring.

With peace and love, Alastair Guy



Have you been wondering what has been found following the drilling in Kelly Bray?

Do you want to know what is now happening on the site?

Would you like to hear an up-to-date report on what is proposed to happen next?

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**The Old School, Stoke Climsland
on
Saturday 11th March at 7:30pm**

WHY?

Jeff Harrison from Cornwall Resources Ltd
(The mining Company)

will be giving

An Update On the Redmoor Mine Project,
Including Details of a Recent Extensive Soil
Survy and a Geophysics Airborne Survey

**East Cornwall Mining History Association
Members £1 Non-members £3**

East Cornwall Mining History Association

A new programme of talks is starting! Including a good range of mining and other local industrial subjects from bell casting to china clay.

We hope you'll like them, and come along to **The Old School** to join us roughly two-monthly. Look out for the full programme in the next OSN.

The first talk is about the investigative work which has been going on around Kelly Bray - an update on what we learned three years ago!

Any questions - phone 01579 370411



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JAZZ at
The Old School



Saturday 18th March

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FOR BOOKINGS

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I Spy at St Sampson's Church



At St Sampson's Church South Hill, part of our care for God's creation is shown in the way we manage our churchyard and all that is in it. We are an Eco Church. This year we will continue with the grass cutting regime to leave areas of uncut grass during the summer months, and only cut back in the autumn. The areas near the recent graves and the path however, will continue to be cut throughout. Since we have been using this system, more wonderful wildflowers have appeared. We ask that to help with our care of the churchyard, you don't put plastic items on the graves.

St Sampson's living churchyard is home to many creatures and plants and we want you to discover them. Spend a quiet hour by yourself, or bring the family and search out who or what lives here.

In the church porch is a box with a folder to record your finds such as insects, flowers, lichens, trees, birds, perhaps a slow worm, mammals (neighbouring dogs don't count!). There are some books to help you identify species, or use an app. "Seek" is a good one. Make a note of your discovery or draw a picture; take a

photo and put it on Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/stsampsonslivingchurchyard

Do you fancy growing UK wild flowers?

We are offering one metre plots (you can have more than one) to grow and tend yourself. St Sampson's will provide the flower seed, if you provide the elbow grease and TLC!

Need somewhere to sit? It would be wonderful to have an extra bench or two, perhaps you might like to sponsor a seat in the churchyard in memory of a loved one.

We already have bat boxes in the trees, but bird boxes would be good too. If bird box making is your thing and you would like to make some, we would be happy to put them up.

We have some events coming up which especially have an eco focus.

Wassail - Sunday 26th February at 10am at South Hill Community Orchard, Golberdon. Lots of Joy and jollity as we bless the apple trees. Be prepared for all things apple!

Earth hour - Saturday 25th March at 8.30 pm. Turn off the lights for an hour and spend time at St Sampson's. We are hoping to do a bit of star gazing. There may be hot chocolate and marshmallow roasting! Watch this space.

Sunday with a Difference SWD at St Sampson's Church

March 26th 10am. All things Eco.

April 23rd 10am. Forest Café Church

May 7th 11.15am Creation Care, Canon Ellie Sheard will be the guest preacher

If you have any ideas of how to make a great undisturbed space even better, or ideas about events and activities that could be done, or want to get involved in any way contact stsampsonssouthhill@gmail.com

Luckett Social Club

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

We started the new year in good spirits sharing a fun evening of darts which was held at Stoke Climsland Club. Grateful thanks to all at the club for giving us a warm welcome and providing a fun night, we very much look forward to welcoming them back to Luckett Social Club for another fun evening together.

Past events - January:

Saturday 4th - Quiz Night hosted by Richard Davies - well done to Mac and Maxine Mcleod's team who won first prize.

Friday 14th - Beetle Drive which is simple fun if very competitive! The overall winner was David Crawley with a fabulous high score of 190 points!!!

Saturday 20th - Bingo Night which was well attended and the winnings of the evening were evenly spread across all attendees.

Saturday 28th - We celebrated Burns Night in style with a wonderful meal put together by club members. It turned out to be a fabulous fun evening which is always popular and well attended by locals.

We are delighted to advise that we have installed a new card machine so payment can now be accepted by card

We have recently installed a large SMART TV in the club and we plan to televise various events in the future for the community to enjoy together - starting with the Rugby Calcutta Cup - please check out our Facebook page for details of up and coming televised events.

March 2023

Saturday 4 th	St Piran's Celebration Evening £10 per person With hot Cornish pasties, saffron cake, scones with clotted cream and ...JAM FIRST!!! There will also be a Cornish general knowledge quiz with a 1st prize! - it's worth coming along if only to test how much you actually know about this wonderful county... Please get your name on the list if you'd like to attend		
Friday 10 th	Audrey Pellow Darts Competition If you can throw a dart and you like a challenge why not come along.	Friday 17 th	St Patrick's Night Beetle Drive. Join us for a pint of Guinness or a glass of whiskey and some good old fashioned fun. It's very simple to play and if you can throw a dice you're in with a chance of winning... We'll have some Irish music playing in the background.
Saturday 25 th	Club Film Night "Top Gun Maverick" will be our first screening - popcorn and snacks will be available...	Friday 31 st	Easter prize bingo - If you like chocolate, this is one event not to miss!!!

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

Jacqui Selwood.

WHERE DO YOU GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING?

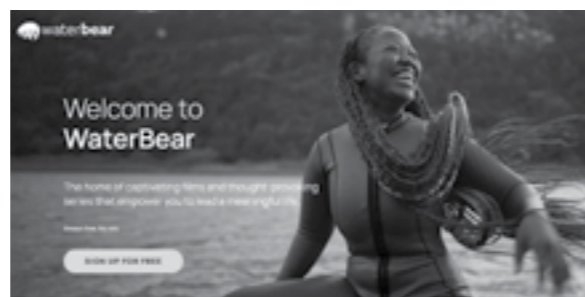
I don't watch television - we don't have one! I watch a lot on line. A constant supply of optimistic films are available via www. Waterbear.com

Water bears, also called Tardigrades, have long fascinated scientists with their veritable superpowers of survival. The website is aptly named for how we hope to survive the threats which are enveloping our planet.

Like Netflix they have a constant supply of new films, pragmatic and practical, many are documentaries, the difference being - it is free to use and watch - NO subscription. (Though I am sure they would not refuse a donation, if offered.) The films may be minutes long or feature length.

One film which I have recently watched and highly recommend is 'Fall and Winter' - the last third is so positive if only we can change a little. If you want reality entertainment which might benefit us all - not contrived with featured 'celebrities' - look to Waterbear.com

Melanie Guy
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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.

The January Quiz was very well attended. Our thanks go to David and Bernard for the thoroughly entertaining questions which were much enjoyed by the teams. The winner were 'The Higherlanders' with the wooden spoons going to the 'Lets get quizicals'. The next quiz will be, as always, on the third Saturday in the month. The Members Night was also well attended with members coming in to renew their membership for the year and sample the nibbles which were provided by Bonny. We had over 50 members over the evening. Thank you to all who came to the evening which made it so much fun and supported the Club. The METS came to play for us on the 3rd February. The Club was packed, as it always is when the METS perform. Again, we have to thank the METS for all their support for the Club and for providing us with a great fun evening. I am sure that goes for all the people who came in to enjoy the music.

The next event we are having is St Pirran's Night of pasty and a pud and a SHOUT out for Cornwall. This will be a ticket event, so we know how many pasties we need, with the tickets costing £5. This is really good value so I hope many will attend this annual event. Tickets are available from the Club or the Post Office. We are hoping that members will attend wearing the County colours of black and white. The AGM will be on Saturday 25 March at 7.30pm in the Club. There are several issues we need to bring before the AGM so please do attend. If there is anyone who wants to put forward their name to join the committee, the forms will go up in the Club on 27th February. We always welcome new members onto the committee.

We have had to postpone the Gin evening until the 22 April for technical reasons. I am sorry if this causes a problem. All events are advertised on facebook and we will try to email you about upcoming events.

Dates for your diary:

4 March	St Piran's Night	15 April	Quiz
18 March	Quiz	22nd April	Gin Night
25 March	AGM		

Keep an eye on our facebook page for more information.

Louise Power



<p>Friday 3 March</p> <p>3 March 2023: The Countrymen</p>	<p>4 March 2023</p> <p>4 March: Charlotte Glasson Band</p>	<p>Friday 10 March 2023</p> <p>10 March 2023: Rachel Newton</p>	<p>Friday 17 March</p> <p>17 March: Co-operative Big Band @ 1915</p>
<p>Saturday 18 March</p> <p>18 March: Rodney Branigan</p>	<p>Friday 24 March</p> <p>24 March: Liza Pulman and Joe Stilgoe - A Couple of Swells</p>	<p>Thursday 30 March</p> <p>BIRDS BEASTS AND BEDLAM 30 March - Turning My Farm into an Ark for Lost Species with Derek Gow @ 1930</p>	<p>Friday 31 March 2023</p> <p>31 March 2023: Levowan</p>

The Soundtrack to life

Often the music we appreciate, comes from that period of life, when alongside our school studies, life had more space to just listen to music and imagine. The music enters our soul and becomes the soundtrack of life. In 2022, these stars died: Loretta Lynn, Jerry Lee Lewis, Christine McVie, Ronnie Spector, Taylor Hawkins, Olivia Newton John, Coolio, Meat Loaf. Depending on our age I guess we will be more familiar with some than others.

I'm a fan of David Bowie, who died in 2016 and I remember that people said then 'he created the soundtrack of our lives'. Now, whether you are or have been a Bowie fan or whether you are a little sketchy over who he was - you probably get the point.

We know that Jesus sang songs with his followers! The 120 disciples were mentored by Jesus for three years. The teaching of Jesus became the soundtrack to their lives. Jesus told stories, many of them were open ended, not clear in the point that was being made and so, his listeners had to work out the meaning. Take this story: 'The Kingdom of Heaven is like this; a man happens to find treasure hidden in a field. He covers it up again and is so happy that he sells everything he has, and then goes and buys that field.'

This story begs to be chewed over. This raises lots of questions, especially as it suggests sharp practice.

So, when Jesus the storyteller and mentor is killed on a Cross by the Romans, his followers feel as if the soundtrack is stopped, or at least paused. Of course, Jesus didn't record anything on paper, it was left to his followers to recall the teachings and stories. For years these were told and retold before they were written down. The Gospels - those records of the life and teachings of Jesus came to be written from AD 60, around 27 years after his death. Hearing this we could respond that rather like a game of 'Chinese Whispers' the message got changed as time went on. However, in a world where 90% couldn't read and write, people's memories were very good indeed! We know when a particular rabbi died around the same time, people said 'a walking library has died'. The stories of Jesus were important to his followers because these stories amounted to more than them being the soundtrack to their lives. This was because they weren't looking back with nostalgia, they were living in the present with Jesus who they claimed was alive. Christians continue to believe that Jesus is alive and that we know him spiritually today and so, in a sense, he continues to tell us his stories.

By the way, in case anyone has any doubts, I am still immensely fond of Bowie's 'The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars'. Great soundtrack!

Rev David Moss

Methodist Minister to Stoke Climsland



The Old School Celebrates Ukraine

At the end of January we held an Ukrainian evening at The Old School - it was part of our Food for Thought series - and it was designed to focus on the history and everyday culture of Ukraine, rather than on the current war and its effects. It was built around the enthusiasm and support of Yaroslava and Anton Parusov who have been parish residents for some time and it consisted of presentations and a Ukrainian-themed dinner.

We were delighted with the support for the evening - we had a full house and the atmosphere was warm and enthusiastic. We were joined by several Ukrainians now living in the Launceston area and they, with Yaroslava, took charge of the kitchen and produced a fabulous dinner that was very much the highlight of the evening. We talked about the long history of the Ukrainian people and this was then brought to life with stories and pictures of contemporary Ukraine as seen through the eyes of Anton and his friends.

We have cause to be grateful for all the help given: it includes, of course, the Ukrainians who did so much to make the evening a success - but it's also for help in the kitchen by Ruth Nevill and Jenny Llewellyn; Vivienne Davis and Tony Ellis on the bar; Erryn Guy and Ivy Tomlinson who did the waitering; Deri Parsons as master of ceremonies and to everyone who came in support. The feedback has been consistently positive and it encourages us to programme further "Food for Thought" evenings for later this year.

This wasn't a fund-raising evening but we did make it possible for anyone to contribute to the "Cornwall and Devon loves Ukraine" charity which is run from Darren's Cars, a local company, which has now organised 9 or 10 vehicle journeys, delivering clothing, domestic and medical supplies to support Ukrainians who have crossed into Poland. We forwarded £110 just after the evening and the trustees of The Old School have agreed that a further £140 should be taken from the door and bar receipts and added to that donation which will help to cover the transport and ferry costs for the deliveries.

John Wilmut



Old & Proud Variety Show

at Golberdon Parish Hall

Saturday 1st April 2023
from 7.30m to 10pm

*****BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW*****

Bray Shop residents Elaine and Colin have added an extra date and venue to their 'Old & Proud' comedy variety show with ticket sales from this extra date going to the Bray Shop Community Fund. Come along to Golberdon Parish Hall on Saturday 1st April (doors open at 7am).

Tickets are only £5 each, what a bargain for a fun night out! You can bring your own booze and snacks to enjoy during the show and we'll have a raffle on the night plus the chance to purchase tea, coffee and cake during the interval. Come along to support Elaine, Colin and the rest of their theatre group 'Yn Poynt Da', which in Cornish means 'In Good Spirits' as their aim is for us all to leave 'in good spirits' after enjoying a great show with friends. To book your tickets email caroline@wetdogcreative.co.uk or call Caroline on 01579 371 445 or 07896 106 781.

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Friday March 10th 2023

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