# THE OLD SCHOOL NEWS

**Issue 233 June 2022** 



#### HATS ON!

Our Geraldine was invited to a queen's garden party at Buckingham Palace to represent the charity Wild Young Parents Project who she works for. Present were Prince Charles, Camilla and Princess Anne. WI members will remember

Geraldine when she gave a talk about the project which aims to support young people with any problems they may have looking after a new baby. She received many hand made draw string bags as a result and would like to thank everyone who contributed.

# FRIDAY LUNCH at THE OLD SCHOOL Why not come along and join us

# Jubilee Edition Checkout the Centre Pages



12 Noon - All Welcome

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Friday June 10th 2022

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

This Months Film is: 'Dog', staring Channum Tatum and the dog Lulu.

American comedy road film. A troubled Army Ranger is tasked, against his will, with taking a difficult dog to an ex-colleague's funeral.

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

If you intend to come you should call the office, in advance at: The Old School Office (01579 370493)

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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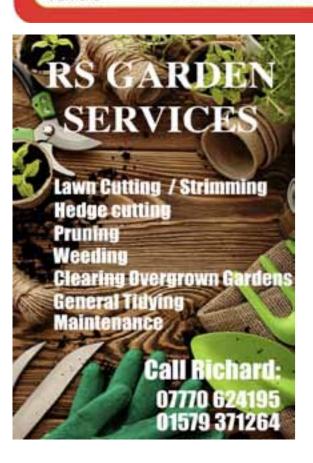
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#### FROM THE EDITOR

Well June is here and the long association Stoke Climsland has had with the monarchy is marked by the Jubilee celebrations being held and supported by the Parish Council. Turn to the centre pages for further details. Many congratulations to Queen Elizabeth II.

Don't forget to send me details of any celebrations you have had during June together with your forthcoming events, news or anything else you would like to share with the community.

Gill Hiscott gillhiscott@hotmail.com

Editor

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#### PARISH HALL DIARY **JUNE 2022**

Regular Events:

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Monday	6 - 7 pm	Weekly	ADULT BALLET (Main Hall)		
	9 am - noon	Weekly	POP-UP CAFÉ		
	1:15 - 2:15 pm	Weekly	LATINO DANCE		
Tuesday	7:30 pm	2nd week only	W.I.		
	7 pm	Weekly except 2nd week	BOWLS		
Wednesday	9 - 12:30 pm	Weekly	LOVE TO MOVE		
	2 - 8:30 pm	Weekly	SJS DANCE		
			ACADEMY		
	9 - 11 am	Weekly	KEEP ACTIVE		
Thursday	inum Jubilee Celebration Service4 - 7:30 pm	Weekly	SJS DANCE ACADEMY		
	8 - 10 pm	Weekly	CALLINGTON GOSPEL CHOIR		
Friday	10am - 11am	Weekly	PILATES		
	7 - 10:30 pm	Weekly	BRIDGE		
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All events are subject to change due to holidays etc. Please contact group leaders for specific info.

Together with:		
2nd - 5th June All day		Queens Jubilee (tbc)
6th June	5 pm	Private Hire (tbc)
11th June	5 pm	Private Hire (tbc)
24th June	1 - 4 pm	Drawn to the Valley
		Painting Workshop

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

#### METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES **JUNE 2022**

June 6	Platinum Jubilee Celegration Service at 6pm	
June 12	11 am	Mark Pellow
June 19	11 am	Alison Moss
June 26	11 am	Louise James

"Tea In The Afternoon" on the last Wednesday of each month 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm. Come and have a chat and enjoy some tea and cake.

OL	D SCHOOL 200	CLUB WIN	NERS
March 03	R Neill	March 11	J Llewllyn
March 18	D Glassborrow	March 25	A Carnegie
April 01	P Martin	April 08	M J Cox
April 15	L Galer	April 22	R Nevill
April 30	R Knowles		

#### AN IMPORTANT PARTICIPATORY TALK AT THE OLD SCHOOL

"Climate Change Talk" **POSTPONED** until Climate Favre Day on 16th July 2022 With guest speaker FREE



#### **PARISH CHURCH SERVICES JUNE 2022** 8 am Reflective Prayer - Barbara Bennett June 5 Morning Worhip on the Green 10 am Alan Bruce 8 am | Holy Communion - Joe Lannon June 12 10 am | All age worship - Dominic Nelson 8 am Reflective Prayer - Barbara Bennett June 19 10 am Holy Communion - Rev Joe Lannon 8 am BCP - Dominic Nelson June 26 10 am | Family Service - Ryan and Jane

Services will be held in the church from June onwards, excepting the 10am service on June 5th, which will be held on the Green.

#### OLD SCHOOL DIARY **JUNE 2022**

Weekly Events:
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June 9

June 14

June 16

June 23

June 30

weekly Ev	ents:	
	9 am	ACUPUNCTURE (by appt)
Mondays	9 am onwards	PILATES
	7:30 pm	SCOTTISH DANCING
Tuesdays	10 am - 1 pm	RAGS ART GROUP
Wednesday	10 am	CROSS BOARDER ARTS
Thursdays	9 am Onwards	OSTEOPATH (by appt)
	11 am	KEEP FIT
	7 pm	BAND PRACTICE
Eridova	9.30 am	FRIDAY MUSIC GROUP
Fridays	12 noon	FRIDAY LUNCH (all welcome)
Together v	vith:	
June 1	2 pm	AFTERNOON TEA
June 4	9.30 am - Noon	VILLAGE MARKET
June 5		QUEEN'S JUBILEE TEA

1 - 4 pm

7 pm 7.30 pm

2 pm

7 pm

9 - 4 pm

1 - 4 pm

7 pm

Scottish Dancing and Messy Church are both taking a break during the summer months, don't worry, they will both be back again in September.

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BAND PRACTICE

TRUSTEES MEETING

#### HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY **IVY GEAKE**

Ivy was born in the parish of Stoke Climsland where she attended school. She married Harold Geake and they moved into one of the Duchy Cottages on the green. They had one daughter, Edna who sadly died in middle

Ivy has celebrated her birthday in Appleby Lodge. She was well known in the village and had many friends. Happy Birthday Ivy.

News, diary and other information should be sent directly to Gill Hiscott at gillhiscott@hotmail.com

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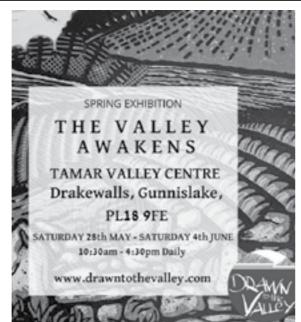
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#### Stoke Climsland Sports & Social Club

Follow us on Facebook 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.

On 29th April we held the Darts Presentation evening in the club. It was very well attended with numerous prizes won by many different people. Everyone agreed that it had been a good event - on the evening as well as across the tournament. Apparently about 50 people had taken part at one time or another. The teams are very flexible. Over that time there were a few injuries caused by inept darts players but it was all taken in good part. The tournament will start again next winter. By the time this has been printed we will have had a small competition with Luckett Club to win the Stuckett Cup. We will see how that goes!

The number at the guiz are starting to rise as people become more confident about Covid. There will be two more quiz sessions before we stop for the summer. Its normally held on the third Saturday of the month. This month the guiz was won by 'Only the smarties have the answer' but the wooden spoon winners were only some 18 points different. Well done everyone. The next guiz is on the 18th June.

Our AGM was held on the 9th April and was well attended. It did not last long as there was not much to say having only had the last delayed AGM in October last year and being closed over the Christmas period. It was agreed that the membership fee should stay the same at £7 for adults and £4 for senior citizens and juniors (with a £2 joining fee). This is very good value for the use of the club and access to all the events.

We will be at the Jubilee Celebrations on the Green so the club will be closed on Thursday 2nd June because we are setting up the bar in the marguee and Friday 3rd June because we will be serving at the bar in the marguee. The bar will also be in the marque for Saturday 4th June when the METS will be playing in the evening, along with a disco so the METS can have a rest. We will also be on the Green on Sunday for the big lunch.

Other dates to put in your diaries are the Village Show, which will be on the Green on 13th August complete with bar, and we are having a disco in the Club on 16th July.

Louise Power



#### Luckett Social Club

In April with a few of the Committee members showing concern over the rising covid levels within the area it was no joke that Ivan's April Fool's Day Quiz evening was cancelled on Friday 1st April, Fool's Day. But hopefully it will take place sometime later in the year.

The following week on Friday 8th several members attended a social evening in the Club bringing along a plate of food to share and nibble on. With a few random guiz guestions thrown in for good measure a pleasant evening was had by all.

The week after Good Friday it was 'eyes down let's play cash bingo' on Friday 22nd. Most people won at least one prize, with Tim taking home the largest amount of cash including the top prize of £6 for the

end game. His pockets were certainly weighed down going back up Luckett hill.

The last event of the month was an ever-popular Beetle drive on Friday 29th with 17 members wanting to play so 4 tables of four were set up. 17 rounds were played to decide the winners with one person dropping out in each round. With the ale flowing it was the job of those sitting out to start each game which they did in their own inimitable way. Geoff H took home the booby prize of his £2 back for the lowest overall score. Lyn was 3rd winning £6 and Danny Hobbs second (£10). It was a good night for the Crawley household as David picked up £16 first prize money with a score of 189. As always a good fun evening was had by all.

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#### Dates for your diary:

Saturday 25th June - Provisionally, A walk to a pub for an evening meal. Date and times to be confirmed.

Saturday 30th July - Skittles Evening at Deer Park Farm, Luckett.

Teams of 6 to register at 6.30 for a 7.00pm start. All welcome.

For more information visit our Facebook page The-Luckett-Social-Club

Geoff Howlett (Hon. Secretary).

# JAZZ at The Old School

Cornish Armada Jazz Band



The evenings will take the usual form, doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start, with a two-course dinner in the interval and a well-stocked bar.

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

visit: www.oldschoolstokeclimsland.co.uk/jazz

#### Programme 2022

#### SOME NEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 8th October Cornish Armada Jazz Band

Saturday 10th December Christmas Event - John Shillito Jazz Band



#### Stoke Climsland Parish Council News

#### Platinum Jubilee

preparations and meetings continue. There will be a full programme of events for the Celebratory weekend in June starting with the Church Choir



Concert and BBQ on the Thursday evening and running through to the Presentation of Medallions to Children and the Prize Draw on the Sunday. First prize in the draw is a guided tour of Highgrove Gardens followed by a champagne tea for up to 4 people generously donated by HRH Prince Charles. Tickets will be on sale at the Jubilee events and proceeds will fund the Celebration expenses. If there should be a surplus then the excess will go into the refurbishment of the play areas within the Parish.

Speedwatch - The group of volunteers continues to grow and training is also in progress.

Annual Parish Meeting - will be held on Monday May 30th and all Parish organisations are invited to give their reports.

Council Surgeries - continue on the first Wednesday of the month and we are pleased that residents have attended each one to date. The concerns raised are being addressed in various ways. As long as people who engage with the surgeries find them useful they will continue.



#### STOKE CLIMSLAND METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

#### Platinum Jubilee Weekend Celebration Flower Festival with Morning Coffee,

Lunches, Afternoon Teas and Teddy Bears Picnic. Friday & Saturday 3rd & 4th June 11am - 4.30 pm Sunday 5th June 11am - 5pm, Celebration Service at 6 pm

### **HOPE** Together

As our churches and communities come together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II I wonder what we are focussing on?

Is it to make sure everyone has a good time, to make sure all ages and abilities feel included, just an excuse for a party or is there something else at the heart of our planned celebrations?

During the last 2 plus years our churches and communities have come together in amazing ways to support people by helping those who may have felt isolated, by offering practical ways to help, keeping in touch with letters, phone calls, text messages etc

I was part of the Combined Churches in Callington group who supported the helpline which was set up in March 2020 by the Town Council, when people were invited to phone us for help with shopping, collecting medication and many many other things. It was a privilege to be able to do something practical as we all came to terms with living in a pandemic.

As we approach the Platinum Jubilee an organisation called HOPE Together, which was formed by three Christians in 2008, has put together '70 Acts of Service' - a resource to inspire churches to work together to serve their communities. You can find out more about this by visiting their website www.hopetogether.org.uk

I know many of the suggestions in '70 Acts of Service' are already being done really well in our communities, but there may be something else on the list which may tap into your skill set and could inspire you, your family and friends or your church or community group.

When we come together to celebrate let us thank God for the example of service shown to us by HM Queen Elizabeth II and remember some words she spoke when she was only 21 years old 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.'

Enjoy your celebrations!

Louise James -

Children & Families Worker, Callington & Gunnislake Methodist Circuit

#### **CHURCH MATTERS - A Dangerous World**

As I write, news of more atrocities in Ukraine seem to come daily as the misery and destruction caused by the conflict escalates. Concern about the conflict spreading beyond the borders of Ukraine and energy security temper international response and action. On top of this we still have COVID lurking round the corner, economic uncertainty and renewed warnings about the extremely urgent need to address the environmental crisis. Where will this spiralling series of crises lead? What is the world coming to? Is there any hope?

The good news is that the Christian answer to the question 'Is there any hope?' is a resounding 'yes', but in some ways the reason for that hope is an unintentionally kept secret. So often Christianity is presented simply as a matter of individual belief and behaviour with Jesus as a personal saviour and example to try to follow. Important as this is, it is not the whole story!

So, if Jesus is the Saviour of the world, what else is there in the plan and to know about this Jesus? His teaching and the writings comprising today's Bible have a lot of material to choose from - material that makes a lot of sense and gives hope. Hope for a world that needs saving from the destructive forces at work now probably more than at any time in human history.

In brief, the story did not end 2000 years ago, it continues with the sequel. Jesus will return with power and authority to facilitate sorting the mess, to establish justice and peace, to supervise repair of the damage to the environment - to establish His kingdom where 'God's will is done on Earth as it is in heaven' as in the Lord's Prayer. Those who accept Jesus' authority are not, however, passive observers, they are actively involved in the process.

Globally, countless thousands are working to sort out the world's problems, often in small ways, many locally, those with faith or no faith alike. For example during the COVID pandemic, and more latterly in response to the needs of those fleeing the conflict in Ukraine (as mentioned in last month's Church Matters). However, these efforts are so often accompanied by frustrations. But; what if the conditions were different? What if forces mitigating against efforts to establish peace, justice and equity for our planet and its inhabitants were removed? What if those hampering justice or actively propagating injustice were powerless? What would the world look like then?

The motivation to address problems and injustices is invariably a realisation that things should and could be different; a vison of what that different reality might look like. In my view, the different reality lived out by Jesus 2000 years ago and that promised for the future in His and other Bible teachings provides hope in these troubled times and motivation to work towards living out some of that different reality in the here and now.



#### Stoke Climsland WI

We were delighted to welcome Geoff Provis to our April meeting. He gave a fascinating talk about Port Isaac.

This is a village which is familiar to many of us, somewhere we may feel we know well through The Fishermen's Friends and accompanying film or of course via the popular television series 'Doc Martin'.

Geoff was born into an established family of Port Isaac fishermen. He showed us a series of photographs of the village at work taken during the last century and although many of the buildings looked familiar, he assured us that the village we see today is a very different place to the one he grew up in.

When Geoff was raised in Port Isaac everyone living there knew everyone else, there was a deep rooted sense of community, people worked together helping each other out. The village had lots of Cornish characters with fishing at the centre of everything. The harbour was full of fishing boats and the catch would be auctioned on the beach. Much of the fishing was seasonal and in the winter they would be kept busy making crab and lobster pots.

Today there are just two fishing boats left and the main source of income is tourism, with 92% of the properties being second homes and holiday lets. There are very few locals left and those that remain live on the northern side. The streets are still busy but the sense of community which characterised the village has disappeared.

We have lots of interesting talks planned for the coming year and we look forward to welcoming new members and visitors to join us.

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

We would love to welcome New members and Visitors £4 includes Tea and cakes.

Dates for your Diary:

10th May Agatha Christie and her poisons Jan Sellick Open Meeting All welcome

14th June Walk and picnic

12th July Helen's Holistics Helen Webb

The WI were disappointed as the talk 'Agatha Christie and Her Poisons' had to be re organised at the very last minute. Chrissie Le Marchant, however, stepped in with an interesting and amusing account of her trip through Africa, Asia, Europe to Plymouth in an old jeep with her husband, Bob back in the 70s They had many breakdowns, survived 3 ferry collisions and on one occasion slept with machetes under their camp beds in fear of being attacked. June's meeting on the 14th is an afternoon walk at Calstock and picnic by the river.

# THE NEXT OLD SCHOOL MARKET IS ON JUNE 4th



Covid19 Guidelines will still be followed
Please bring a face mask and wear it when moving around the building.

For May through to October inclusive:
The Market will be held in the
Old School Car Park
with Catering inside.

**DONT FORGET:** Distancing should still be observed as a precaution.

#### **OPENING TIME 9.30am - Noon**

#### STALLHOLDER LIST

Jeremy Daw - Butcher - 01579 350410 Ian MacDonald - Framing -01579 351221 Karen Cooper - Cards - 01579 370536 Di Nash - Gift Hand Knits - 01579 84155 Derek Scofield - Fruit Juices - 01579 350594 Chris George - Wood Turner- 01579 370654 Rosemary Hambly - Action for Children - 01579 383773 Helen Webb - Skin Care Products - 01579 683471 Linda Losty - Aprons, Masks etc. - 07494 939086 Michael Harford - Wood crafts - 01579 370663 Neil Robyns - Pies, yogurts, etc. - 07831 625159 Sandra Jane - Leather products - 01579 370966 Kendale Courts - Local Fresh Vegetables - 07813 157961 Sue Cook - Plants & Glass Ornaments - 01579 383885 Val Kidman - Preserves & Cakes - 01579 370297 Tasha Biggs - Resin Gifts & Diamond Art - 01579 389077

#### The Rowden Common Project.

Rowden Meadow, also known as Rowden Lane Strip Meadow, is in fact an Ancient Common. Mary Atkinson wrote a delightful description of the Common in March Issue 230 of the OSN. She describes it as a precious asset in this corner of the village. More than that I see it is a perfect outdoor classroom for our young children older students. It's a rare chance these days to experience the tranquillity of the heathy ridge Common which is so unspoilt.

Save the day for the first

#### Stoke Climsland Climate Fayre Day Saturday **July 16**<sup>th</sup> **2022**

from 10 'til 4pm and in the evening from 7pm - films and music

Trail of four venues - from the Cld school and the New school to activities on the Village Green and in the Darish Hall

in conjunction with the Primary School Summer Fair

Full programme to follow next month but will include –
alternative utilities — heating & energy solutions;
representation from local environmental groups;
WRT trailer recruiting Citizen Scientists;
information; films; exhibitions; biodiversity;
mammals; birds; music; children's workshop and
activities; stalls; vegetarian and vegan food;
barbecue; electric bikes and electric vehicles;
demonstrations; impromptu discussion —

your opportunity to explore the possibilities! Reduce — Reuse — Recycle - Refuse The history of Rowden Lane / Rowden Field (Meadow as Mary calls it) is fascinating, for it used to be an ancient Drove-Way. In the early 1980's, a walk down the whole drove-way was like stepping back in time. Both the lane and the field were no use for farming purposes as they were unproductive. So the Drove-Way became re-wilded. Later, some people in the village who liked to ride horses 'off-road' managed to create a bridleway for people on horses over Rowden Lane. This proved to be costly for the PC because other villagers wanted the lane to remain in its re-wilded state.

Melanie and I are part of the team who have been carrying out recorded surveys, both photographic and written, of the flora and fauna and most recently, some recorded soundscapes of the Common. The dawn and dusk chorus recordings give us valuable data for future reference as to the loss of biodiversity which humankind is causing.

As we move into what so far has been a warm and quite dry spring we have seen the meadow bursting into life again. My task has been to carefully monitor a small patch of the invasive plant Japanese Knotweed as it puts out its first spring growth. My purpose is to eradicate the weed, without recourse to artificial, dangerous weed killers which cause such damage to the biosphere, and without removing the dead plants from the meadow, which is a legal requirement.

There is however a dark cloud hanging over Rowden Field. A current Parish Councillor has stated publicly that the Rowden Field Common will become a bridle way - an extension of Rowden Lane and it is a done deal, because there are no objections. This change of use, if it were allowed to happen, would seriously damage our precious asset which has remained unspoilt for so long.

I have already stated my objection to the Parish Council, and hope that other like-minded people will also.

Alastair Guy

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#### '70 Glorious Years'

Beacons blaze from Kit Hill, bunting adorns window, scarecrows, bear hunts and tea parties as our whole community and nation come together to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee. The displays of memorabilia and nostalgia abound for those with memories of 70 years. The speed of change is measured in progress

in technology and advances in medicine and healthcare, or even our standard of living. Looking back over history 'we may well have never had it so good'! and yet we know often history has a habit of repeating itself.

Only a few years after the end of World War II with food rationing still in place our Queen came to the Throne in 1952 as Britain rebuilt both its embattled infrastructure and economy. Farmers became the saviours in addressing national food security down to below 40% as households fought raging inflation and continued to uphold the wartime legacy of 'digging for victory' on allotments and gardens to offset food weekly costs of 33% of their wages. Eating out was a luxury confined to a special treat of 'fish & chips' as most relied upon their daily x3 square meals. Deliveries to the doorstep came from the butcher, baker & milkman and not Deliveroo... and the only ready meal of the day was a Homemade Cornish Pasty!

Agriculture in general, just as today, faced a revolution ending the era of horsepower leading towards greater mechanisation and the affordability of the tractor complete with the three point linkage implement attachment. Advancement in livestock breeding, crop husbandry, R&D, science & technology, saw our self sufficiency rise to peak of over 80% by the 1980's as food became more affordable to all. A false legacy for today is where the average shopping basket is just 8% of disposable income whilst our self sufficiency falls dangerously back below 60%.

Roll on those 70 years - now we face the fall out of a post pandemic, global turmoil in all commodity supply, a war in Ukraine, raging inflation of near 10%, challenges on energy, a climate emergency and a brave new agricultural policy post Brexit with our own 'agflation' currently at 24%. However as we collectively take a moment to look back over the past 70 years to all the good times, we can too hopefully look forward beyond the current crises in the knowledge that as a proud independent island nation, we remain resilient, inventive and strong survivors, supportive of our own people 'for Queen & Country' and in Cornwall 'One & All' Down on the Farm.

Martin Howlett

An open invitation to come and see for yourselves life on the farm with the return of LEAF Open Farm Sunday 12th June 2022 at Deer Park Farm, Luckett.

Tractor & Trailer Tours at 11am & 2pm starts.

All welcome, all free but regret no dogs.

#### Stoke Climsland Climate Change Action Group

A number of our parish farmers and local residents recently attended a Farm Net Zero presentation at Deer Park Farm, Luckett, hosted by the Howlett family, as part of the SCCCAG Agricultural Group ongoing research. Lead by Bonny Lightfoot, the evening and first 'real meeting' since lockdown were able to see first hand examples of various soil types and cropping situations contributing to general soil health and all important carbon capture (sequestration).

Presentations were made by Becky Willson and her team from the Farm Carbon Tool Kit, for which all x5 pilot local farms were present and continue to be involved through research and now have results of their whole farm Carbon Audit Footprint to act as the baseline for planned action to become Carbon Neutral by the target 2025/26.

The evening concluded with refreshments and general discussion on whole farm production. Contributions from James Parkin from the Duchy of Cornwall Natural Capital Team and Laurence Couldrick head of Stoke Climsland based West Country Rivers Trust, along with Alice Lewthwaite lead on Farming in Protected Landscapes here in the Tamar Valley AONB, all highlighted the importance of collaboration between the green lobby, policy makers, NGO's and the landowners / tenants - those actually farming locally and best managing the landscape for food production, biodiversity and net zero mitigation measures toward meeting the challenge of Climate Emergency Targets.

This event was the final session of the SCCCAG Winter Programme which has covered each of the working group remits of Energy & Transport, Waste & Recycling and Agriculture & Natural Capital. We thank all those who have supported the virtual / real time meetings.

For more information on soils and to learn of our own Parish Farms Carbon Audit results, plus the workings and knowledge exchange from all of the SCCCAG working groups please join us along with contributions and practical demonstrations of local activities & actions from SCEN, West Country River Trust, Duchy College & Local Authorities at

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the inaugural Stoke Climsland Climate Fair to be held on Saturday 16th July across venues of the Parish Hall & the Old School. Make a date in your diary more details next month.

#### ${\sf SCCCAG}$ - supporting the Parish & Cornwall Council's Declared Climate Emergency

#### Bonny Lightfoot & Martin Howlett

For more information or to get involved with the Working Groups, or to sign up for any of the meetings & joining instructions please email <code>scccag1@gmail.com</code>

SCCCAG - Supporting Your Parish & Cornwall Council's Climate Emergency Martin Howlett (Chairman)



#### May has been a busy month at St Sampson's! Bats, bells and now barrows.

#### De Most Mediebal Barrowing of St. Sampson's Lychway Bye De Call

Save The Date Saturday July 30th.

Did you spot the St Sampson's monks at Callington Mayfest? They are getting ready for the big Medieval Barrow push event!



Galvanise your sporting champions! Book your teams place. Entries can be a business, an organisation a family or group of friends. What will your barrow theme be?

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

Dignitaries start outside St Mary's Church, Callington 1pm. Teams of Barrow pushers assemble at Beech Auctions, South Hill Road 1.30pm. Procession starts 2pm, walks to St Sampson's Church, South Hill, where there will be food, beer tent, stalls and games. Get your teams of barrow pushers together - up to six people. Families,

organisations, businesses, young and old. Grand prize and prizes for different categories of fancy dress and themed barrows.

Entry forms available from Jeremy Gist Insurance Callington, The Swingle Tree, Stoke Post Office, St Sampson's Church porch, Barrow\_Push\_entry\_form.docx (live.com) or e mail stsampsonssouthhill@gmail.com

#### Churchyard

We will once again be leaving large areas of uncut grass this year. The start of the cutting regime has been delayed this year but hopefully by the time you are reading this it will have started. However, this is all good for the wild-life and biodiversity all around us. Long grass land in undisturbed soil holds as much carbon in the ground as forests! Churchyards are amazing places for all sorts of plants and creatures. They often contain yew trees 1000's of years old. We have a yew tree at St Sampsons' but I have no idea how old ours is. There is an ancient yew group, to be found online, where you can register your Yew tree, ours is nor there, so if anyone would like to do it here is the link. Ancient and Veteran Yew Trees, information about UK Yew Trees (ancient-yew.org) Church yards also contain rare lichens on the old headstones. Welcome to the British Lichen Society | The British Lichen Society

Churches count on Nature is occurring from the 4th-13th June. If anyone is interested in collecting data from St Sampson's churchyard, please get in touch judithayers@yahoo.co.uk. It can be as simple as a couple of hours recording things on the app I nature. This is part of the beautiful burial grounds project Home - NBN Atlas Beautiful Burial Grounds

#### Movement for Good Awards 2022

Please nominate St Sampson's church for a potential £1,000 Movement For Good - Benefact Group click on nominate a charity, tick the 'registration exempt' box and enter St Sampson's Church, South Hill. The more entries the higher chance of winning.

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#### STOKE CLIMSLAND PARISH HALL - AN UPDATE

As we move ever closer to finalising our redevelopment plans for the Parish Hall (from the tip of the chimney to replacing the drains and all points in between, including improved kitchen, new modular stage, new flooring in the main hall and upgraded toilets) we urgently need some new volunteers to join our trustees and a new management committee.

#### We are seeking:

- 1. A Treasurer to manage the redevelopment finances and compile our annual accounts, a new role:
- 2. A Communications Officer to develop and manage our local communication and open up new channels for letting people know what we are doing and, hopefully, attract new users.
- 3. An Events Officer to help us co-ordinate both the current events diary and introduce new ticketed events to increase revenue..

On our Management Committee, we are seeking a small group to operate the hall on a month-by month basis, dealing with our regular customers and working with the Events Officer to manage these successfully. We are seeking a Finance Officer to look after the regular bookkeeping and invoicing and a Facilities Officer to help us to maintain the equipment and liaise with our external support services to maintain the building.

The past couple of years have delayed our progress with the redevelopment and holding public meetings, we hope to

address this over the summer period starting with the Platinum Jubilee when we hope to have details of the plans on display in the Parish Hall.

The grant application landscape has changed dramatically over the 'covid' period, and we have had to focus on the essential work needed on the building to make it weatherproof and compliant with current standards. The rapid increases in building costs and materials have only added to our need to be more focussed. We hope we can introduce more of the 'wish list' features in a later phase.

If you are interested to know more then please contact: Martin Howlett (trustee chair) on

martin@deerparkfarmcottages.co.uk or 07855 079460 or Geoff Giles (trustee secretary) on geoff\_a\_giles@hotmail.com or 07740 165730



#### SHARE Recycling for charity project.

Remember all those Quality Street, Roses and Celebrations sweet tubs we collected over Christmas, January & February... it was 100's !!

Devon Contract Waste processed them into picnic benches at their Exeter site ... it takes 3,466 tubs per picnic bench.

They also raised  $\dots$ . £5,736.28 to be split 50/50 between Dartmoor Zoological Society and Mind charity.

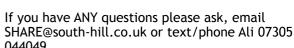
SHARE members are planning to visit the site, if interested contact us.

The list of items we can raise money on for charity, is always changing,

check here www.south-hill.co.uk/charity-recycling sort and drop at the recycling shed in Stoke Climsland Old School car park... in what was the old toilet block.

We can now accept all brands of coffee plastic bags and sachets.





Thank You for your continued support and to the amazing volunteers.

If you would like to see our set up and help with boxing items or being involved in any way, we will be at the Golberdon garage HQ on Saturday June 11th at 1pm or arrange another day. Please contact us.

#### ENERGY IN THE HOME:

#### **CUTTING CARBON EMISSIONS AND RISING COSTS**

The first step in cutting carbon emissions in the home is to reduce the energy demand. Reducing our energy demand will also help to reduce bills.

Energy efficiency in the home is rated by the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC). The rating is from band A (very efficient) to band G (inefficient). It is a legal requirement to have a valid EPC when selling or letting a property. The majority rural houses tend to be older and less well insulated. To meet the UK's Government Climate Change targets, all homes need to be EPC band C by 2035.



Retrofitting is doing things to improve existing buildings to make them as energy efficient as possible; the aim is a warm, healthy home which costs less to heat and is as close to net zero carbon emissions as possible. This can be done by a whole house approach:

Fabric first (insulation, draught management, double (preferably triple) glazing)

Dealing with damp (damp surfaces need 40% more energy to warm up)

Ventilation for good health and managing damp

Renewable heat and hot water systems (e.g. air/ground source heat pumps, solar PV)

A whole house retrofit ensures improvements are carried out in an organised order with installations and refits complementing each other. Improving the fabric before upgrading the heating system ensures that the heating system is not too big for your needs.

Retrofitting can be less expensive if groups of properties are done together.

#### **BEWARE OF ROGUE TRADERS**

A successful retrofit needs to be carried out properly. To find qualified retrofit assessors and installers, go to Trustmark, which is the Government Endorsed Quality Scheme (https://www.trustmark.org.uk)

## National and Local Home Energy Efficiency Grants and Schemes to Help with Costs

#### **National**

ECO (Energy Company Obligation) is the main national scheme for supporting energy efficient improvements in low income and vulnerable households. The latest policy, ECO 4, should apply from 1st April 2022 until 31st March 2026.

Winter Fuel Payments if you are over 65

Warm Home Discount: eligible if you claim certain credits or are on a low income

Cold Weather Payment: for eligible people if average temperature goes below zero for 7 days

Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS): £5000 towards the cost and installation of an air source heat pump or biomass boiler, £6000 towards the cost and installation of a ground source heat pump. You can apply via an MCS certified installer, see https://mcscertified.com. The scheme opens on 23rd May 2022.

Smart Export Guarantee: for electricity fed back into the grid from your renewable system (e.g., solar PV, wind turbine)

#### Local (Cornwall)

Winter Wellness: a range of services, aimed at residents in poor health, includes energy advice, home visits and access to heating and insulation grants.

To find out more about national and local home energy efficiency grants and schemes, look at: https://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/grants

For advice and access to local services or schemes in Cornwall (such as LA ECO Flex), call Freephone 0800 954 1956 or email advice@cep.org.uk

Susan Davies, SCCCAG (Stoke Climsland Climate Change Action Group). If you have any queries or comments on this article, email SCCCAG1@gmail.com

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#### How to start composting

#### 3-4 HOURS ALL YEAR - NOT TOO TRICKY

Make a wildlife-friendly compost for woodlice, worms, toads, and grass snakes. Compost heaps are a great way to turn waste material from your garden and kitchen into lovely wholesome compost to put back on your garden.

#### What you will need:

- · Ready-made wooden compost heap
- Or some wooden pallets and posts
- Garden prunings
- Kitchen waste (not meat or dairy)
- Grass clippings
- Nails or string
- · Plain cardboard boxes (remove packaging tape and labels), torn into pieces.

#### **Step 1** - Buy a ready-made wooden compost bin, or make one from pallets.

The ideal bin for wildlife is one made from slatted wood, which means that wildlife can clamber in and out of the heap. Choose one made with sustainable timber - look for the FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) logo.

#### Step 2 - Build your own compost heap

Get hold of four wooden pallets made from sustainable timber (with the FSC logo).

Erect them in a square, either by fastening the corners together with strong string (known as lashing), or by nailing them together.

At some stage you will want to access the contents of the heap, so it's good to make one side removable. As you fill the heap, it makes it easier for getting material in and out if you have a moveable side.

#### Step 3 - Feed your heap with a mix of green and brown materials.

This the first secret to making great compost quickly.

Aim for a mix of thin alternating layers of green (nitrogen-rich) and brown (carbon-rich) materials.

The green includes grass clippings, weeds and uncooked vegetable peelings. Brown includes sticks and dried grass, wood chippings, shredded paper and cardboard.

#### Step 4 - Shred your material thinly.

This is the second rule for making great compost.

The finer the material is shredded before it goes on, the quicker it will rot. Get this right and your heap should build up quite a temperature, killing off any weed seeds.

#### Step 5 - What not to compost in a wildlife-friendly bin:

Don't include meat, cooked food (bread, cooked rice, leftovers etc.), dairy products or pet waste. Avoid these, and the risk of rats using your heap are very small.

If they do visit, cut out the vegetable peelings.

#### **Step 6** - Keep the heap moist but not sodden.

Water it if necessary in dry weather, and cover your heap with wood or woollen carpet to keep in heat and moisture without it becoming sodden. Uncovered heaps will rot slower than covered ones.

Turning the contents with a fork can help speed up the decomposition, but be careful not to disturb or spike slow-worms or toads in the process. Use plastic leaf grabbers and only turn in spring and autumn to minimise disruption.

#### Step 7 - What you'll see:

Lift your carpet lid gently to look for legions of woodlice, scurrying centipedes, tiny, leaping springtails and even slow-worms.





#### Coming Up at the CAVE

Please see callingtoncave, weebly, com for more details and prices



#### THE 4th THURSDAY IN THE MONTH IS FILM NIGHT IN CALLINGTON

Callington Community Arts is delighted that the return of the monthly films has been met with such enthusiasm. Seating is socially distanced and masks should be worn when entering the town hall and when moving around the building. It is also strongly recommended that they be worn throughout the duration of the films.

We constantly monitor the situation and comply with government guidelines, which means that late cancellations of film showings may be necessary. We apologise for this but such circumstances would be beyond our control.



#### "KING RICHARD"

"King Richard transcends sport biopic formulas with refreshingly nuanced storyfelling -- and a towering performance from Will Smith in the title role. Largely thanks to Will Smith's terrific performance, King Richard is an entertaining and inspirational story of parental perseverance."

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#### MayFest may be over for 2022, but we are already looking forward to next year. Fancy getting involved?

We are looking for enthusiastic people to join our team in the planning and execution of MayFest 2023. Interested? Give Pete a ring on 01579 384509 or email

caveatcallington@gmail.com





#### TOWN SCULPTURE

Just a reminder: Callington Community Arts and MayFest have been given an extension to our project to bring a statue to town to commemorate the Queen's Platinum



We have been actively seeking the views of local residents and those people who use the town, either as a place of work or as casual visitors. Now is the time to move the project onwards and work towards an exciting conclusion.

Would you like to be a part of the team working with Mark, the artist who will be creating the final piece from the suggestions made by the people of Callington?

To register your interest in being a part of this memorable project, ring Pete on 01579 384509 or email caveatcallington@gmail.com

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#### HELPING YOU SAVE ENERGY AND

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# Stoke Climsland

Saturday 13th August 2022



The Show will be opened by this year's President, Ben Towe at 2.15pm

your favourite spot in the garden, the best kept allotment, the best hanging basket and planted container. These will be judged in early July. Watch out for a reminder nearer the date.

Over 15 stallholders have accepted our invitation for the day itself. These are all local small businesses which would appreciate your support.

After an absence of 2 years it will be wonderful to be back. There will be regular Show updates on the Show Facebook page and on the village notice boards.

Derek Ross

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#### STOKE CLIMSLAND SHOW

The planning of the Stoke Climsland Show to be held on Saturday August 13th 2022 is well and truly underway.

The Show schedules are now available at the Village Post Office but can also be collected at The Old School House and from any member of the committee.

The schedule provides details about all the classes within the Show which are open to all parishioners and there is also an "Open" class for those living outside the Parish.

The Virtual Show in 2020 highlighted the wealth of talent we have in the Parish. If you can grow it, bake it, make it, photograph it, bottle it or even brew it, there is something for everybody young and old.

The Show is a wonderful community occasion and is an opportunity to meet

up with old and new friends.

There are also trophies to be won for the best large garden,

#### Nature Note

#### THE GREENING

The strip of meadow (also known as the Rowden Droveway) at the far end of Rowden Lane is beginning

to wake up after the



winter. The cold nights and dry weather throughout most of April have rather delayed growth, but at the time of writing (May 7th.) the cocksfoot tufts near the entrance, which were looking battered after the winter, are now a green sheen of young grass.

The hedges, earlier dotted with the white blossom of blackthorn and its hybrids, have now shed their petals and the many kinds of trees and shrubs the hedges contain in this field, are clothing with leaves. A few apple trees are in flower. Only their apples, if they set later, will tell us whether these are wild crab or bird-seed-dropped cultivars. A surviving ash is slowly leafing up.

Big patches of white greater stitchwort are open in the base of the hedges, and the shorter grass growth further down this long, and increasingly narrowing strip, was a carpet of lesser celandines, opening their golden starry flowers in the sunshine, but now bluebells and silvery dandelion 'clocks' are more obvious. Patches of blue flowers with white eyes, germander speedwell are pretty in the right place but can be an annoying weed in the garden, rooting at every node and weaving its wiry way though flower borders.

More grasses are flowering: early sweet vernal, and the taller meadow foxtail with robust flower spikes clothed with mauve of russet-brown stamens.

Wren song buzzes in the hedges, and on sunny days sulphur yellow brimstones and male orange tip butterflies dash around looking for mates.

Out in the grass, away from the shade of the hedge, oak seedlings are leafing up with fresh young green or reddish colour. It was a very poor year for acorns last year, so I suspect these seedlings are from a previous year's crop, buried by squirrels or jays.

As the weeks go by, we can stop and watch the changes in character of this little meadow, otherwise unknown and un-noticed by so many of us as we drive past.

Mary Atkinson

