

OLD SCHOOL NEWS

STOKE CLIMSLAND & DISTRICT



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'Lockett's Brilliant Fundraisers', generous donors and healthy hearts!



Set a grand challenge to raise funds to renovate the dilapidated village red telephone box, together with equipping it with a life saving defibrillator, all within twelve months and the true community spirit of 'Little Old Lockett' comes alive!

Thanks to the dedication of Lockett Village Association (LVA) fund-raising sub committee, plus some most generous donations from villagers who could not always attend the various events, we have succeeded in raising more than the £4,000 target and now proudly boast a full powered, refurbished and reglazed K6 London red telephone box, which will host an AED defibrillator for public use. Acknowledgement goes to the parish council for adopting the old Lockett GPO / BT public telephone box for £1 and for providing ongoing maintenance cover after the initial four-year lease from SWASFT.

Fundraising events throughout 2019, from attendance at the annual 'Lockett Duck Day', a most successful 'Open Gardens and Healthy Hearts Walk' around the village and surrounds, to a 'Bumper Quiz Evening', together with a 'Grand Summer Draw' and sales of a unique '2020 Lockett Calendar' (still a few remain on sale at a special value price – only January is gone!). Everyone came together in true community spirit and all have contributed in so many ways. Special thanks to Neil Warnock for donating a signed Cardiff City football shirt (a collector's item no doubt since his retirement), plus thanks to Bridget Langsford's family connection and 'Harry Potter' memorabilia. Also, to David Crawley and Annette Williams for compiling the Lockett 2020 Calendar (fully clothed!).

And so to the big night of 'LGBT celebrations' at the end of November. After a formal opening and ribbon cutting of the Phone box and defibrillator by Lady Glenys Hicks, a packed Lockett Social Club were treated to an evening of fun & entertainment by the many talented villagers, both individually & family groups. Excellently hosted by 'special guest star' – Harry Hill (AKA – David Bricknell), other famous names such as our own crooner Andy Williams, plus John Williams on classical guitar, were joined by various instrumental and musical acts, together with spoken word sections, plus performances from our own village members of SCATS. The curtain fell in traditional style with a rousing chorus of our Cornish national anthem 'Trelawney'.

Our thanks to Lockett Social Club for hosting many of the events and running the bars and to the LVA for banking facilities throughout the year. As 'Locketteers' we all have dug deep in support, shown off our talent with pride, and with happy smiles and healthy hearts shown what community spirit can do; thank you all, we are indeed Lockett Lifesavers.

Martin Howlett (chairman)

Image courtesy of Bridget Langsford

JUMBLE SALE
Saturday 13th April
at 10:00am
Parish Hall
Refreshments available
Donations of jumble gratefully received.
Please contact Jenny Llewellyn 01579 370675
for further information.



DUCKLINGS ENJOY THE FESTIVE SEASON

The end of the autumn term is always really exciting for the Ducklings children.

In the lead into the Christmas period they created some fantastic Christmas crafts to take home, these included decorated Christmas tree chocolate brownies, calendars and stained glass snowmen. They also spent a lot of time practising for the Nativity that is put on each year and all the parents were invited to come and watch the show.

All the practice really paid off and they put on a fantastic Christmas Nativity with every child singing and signing beautifully. It's fair to say



there were a lot of very proud parents and family members enjoying the show. They all did so well we even had a visit from Father Christmas!

On the last day of term the children had a traditional Christmas lunch followed by chocolate Yule log and ice cream for dessert. The children loved spending time with each other, chatting across the dinner table and pulling their Christmas crackers.

In the first term of 2020 Ducklings will be welcoming some new children. We will be sharing our experiences and talking about how we all celebrated Christmas and the New Year.

Also coming up is the Chinese New Year at the end of January. We will be spending some time learning a little about the celebrations and differences between our cultures.

Starting this term we will be running our 'Waddler group' on Tuesday afternoons 1pm - 2.30pm. This new group is for babies and toddlers. It is a chance to come and play with others and engage in various exciting activities. Everyone is welcome!



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Walk & Laugh Group

meeting in Callington, Launceston & surrounding areas

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month 1:30-3:30

free dementia-friendly activity

8th January (instead of 1st) Lifton
Meet at Strawberry Fields Farm Shop car park, Fore St, Lifton PL16 0DE

15th January Focus Group & Walk
Meet at Stoke Climsland Green Car Park, PL17 8PA

5th February Lezant Village
Meet roadside parking near Lezant Church, Launceston, PL15 9PP

19th February Cotehele Gardens
Meet in top car park (pay & display) at Cotehele, PL12 6TA

To book and for more details
tel: 01726 222900
email: creativespaces@sensorytrust.org.uk

more amble than ramble



Creative Spaces is a Sensory Trust project supporting people living with dementia, their families and carers in rural communities in Cornwall

Creative Spaces

OLD SCHOOL FEBRUARY DIARY

Mondays	Pilates Classes (sessions from)	9:00 am
	Acupuncturist (by appt)	9:00 am
	Scottish Country Dancing	7:30pm
Tuesdays	Rezare Art Group	10:00 am
	IT Clinic	2:00 pm
Wednesdays	Cross Border Art Group	10:00 am
Thursdays	Yoga	5:30 pm
	Band Practice	7:00 pm
Fridays	Friday Lunch	12 Noon
Saturday	1 Village Market	9:00 am
	Messy Church	3:00 pm
Tuesday	4 Circuits	9:00 am
Wednesday	5 Afternoon Tea	2:00 pm
Thursday	6 Chiropodist (by appointment)	10:00 am
Thursday	13 U3A Art Group	10:00 am
	Trustees Meeting	7:30 pm
Friday	14 Film Club - Downton Abbey	7:30 pm
Saturday	15 Craft & Gift Fair	9:30 am
Monday	17 Parish Council (AH Room)	7:30 pm
Tuesday	18 Book Club	9:30 am
Wednesday	19 Community Lunch	12 noon
Thursday	20 Chiropodist (by appointment)	10:00 am
	Investment Club	7:30 pm
Friday	21 Carers' Meeting	2:00 pm
	Bridge Club	7:00 pm
	Classical	7:00 pm
Tuesday	25 Local History	7:30 pm
Thursday	27 U3A Art Group	10:00 am
	OSN Ready of Collection	
Friday	28 Bridge Club	7:00 pm

CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

PARISH CHURCH	Feb 1	3:00 pm-5:00 pm	Messy Church at the Old School
	Feb 2	8:00 am	Morning Prayer (Trad.)
		10:00 am	Morning Worship (Mod.)
		2:30 pm	Remembering God (Mod.)
	Feb 9	8:00 am	Holy Communion (Trad.)
	10:00 am	Morning Worship (Mod.)	
Feb 16	8:00 am	Morning Prayer (Trad.)	
	10:00 am	Holy Communion (Mod.)	
	8:00 am	Holy Communion (Trad.)	
Feb 23	10:00 am	Family Service (Mod.)	
	6:30 pm	6:30@SCC	
METHODIST CHURCH	Feb 2	11:00 am	Local Arrangement
	Feb 9	11:00 am	Gordon Rowe
	Feb 16	11:00 am	Rev. David Moss
	Feb 23	11:00 am	Brenda Grundy

PARISH HALL FEBRUARY DIARY

Mondays	Yoga	10:00 am & Noon
Tuesdays	Pop-Up Café	8:00 am - Noon
	Latino Dance	12:45 pm - 2:00 pm
Wednesdays	Dance	3:00 pm-9:00 pm
	Keep Fit	9:30 am - 11:00 am
Thursdays	Dance	3:00 pm - 7:20 pm
	Bowls	7:30 pm
Fridays	Bridge Club	7:00 pm-11:00 pm

DECEMBER

Sunday	2 Dance	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Monday	3 Gardening Club	7:30 pm
Saturday	8 Private Booking	
Sunday	9 SCATS	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Monday	10 SCATS	6:30 pm
Tuesday	11 WI	7:00 pm
Saturday	15 SCATS	all day
Sunday	16 SCATS	all day
Monday	17 SCATS	6:00 pm
Tuesday	18 SCATS	7:00 pm
Wednesday	19 Panto	7:30 pm
Friday	21 Panto	7:30 pm
Saturday	22 Panto	matinee & evening performances
Friday	28 Panto	7:30 pm
Saturday	29 Panto	matinee & evening performances

For further details about events and how to book the parish hall contact Sue Watts by text on: 07836 202212

or email: sue-watts@btconnect.com

This edition of the Old School News was edited by Mary Richards, compiled by Ren Jackaman and printed by Blue Moon Printing of Bristol

AND THE OLD SCHOOL 200 CLUB WINNERS ARE...

Nov 8	L. Galer
Nov 15	P. Davies-Gregory
Nov 22	H. Jones
Nov 29	A. Stuart
Dec 6	L. Galer
Dec 13	S. Palmer
Dec 20	P. Davies-Gregory
Dec 27	S. Stipling
Jan 3	J. Llewellyn
Jan 10	A. Twist
Jan 17	A. Twist

TO JOIN THE OLD SCHOOL 200 CLUB CALL THE OLD SCHOOL OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION FORM



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The Old School office hours are 9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Telephone: 01579 370493
Website: www.theoldschoolweb.org.uk
Email: theoldschool@ruralinternet.co.uk



TAMAR VALLEY WOMBLES

A 'make do and mend' crafting group, who use up unwanted materials to make useful things.

Tamar Valley Wombles is a new group for anyone wishing to use their crafting skills to upcycle, recycle, repurpose and reuse unwanted materials. The aim of the group is to reduce waste and consumerism by using unwanted items to make useful things

The group will be meeting regularly to swap materials, expertise and resources, have a natter and make new friends. Tamar Valley Wombles can be found on Facebook and all and any are welcome to join. It's not just for girls, if you are a gent with a man cave, who enjoys making stuff from junk, please feel free to join in.

The first project which Tamar Valley Wombles has undertaken is to work in concert with the UK branch of 'Crafters for Australia Rescue Effort' to make pouches for rescued wildlife orphans. The Australian bushfires have claimed the lives and habitat of an estimated half a billion wild animals. Orphaned marsupials cannot survive outside of their mother's pouch so this project aims to make knitted and crocheted bags, nests and pouches for use in rescue centres.

This project has been so popular worldwide that the demand has been met for the moment. So the next project is now being pursued. We are hoping to run a workshop on 'guerilla bagging' at the next meeting. This is a project run by 'Morsbags' to make free bags for life from scrap materials.



It is likely that in the future, there will be craft fairs to sell handcrafted items produced from the unwanted craft materials. Watch this space or check out the Facebook group for more details. We have already had a very successful meet up and swap event. If you think you can help in any way, please join the Facebook group or get in touch with Ren Jackaman on renjack@hotmail.co.uk

Stoke Climsland
Neighbourhood Plan



Shaping the future
of our Parish

Our work on the plan is very much at the swan stage – not a lot happening on the surface but lots of activity going on underneath.

All of which is leading to the compilation of a draft plan for wider dissemination and consultation. Watch this space for further news.

As we've mentioned before, the small team involved with the plan is doing what it can, but more help is always required.

It would be great if you would consider joining the team. If you would like to find out what you can do, please contact Deri Parsons (01579 370319) or Louise Power (01579 370819). 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.

Deri Parsons

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THEATRE
Callington Amateur Drama Society
Biscombes Lane, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 7LB

**LITTLE RED
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By Tina & Robert Burbidge

**Thur, Fri, Sat, 20,21,22,
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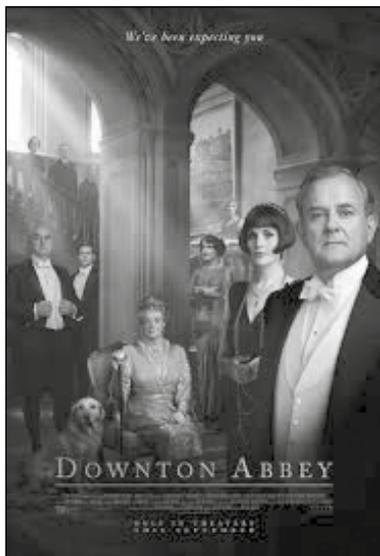
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For your entertainment The Old School Film Club presents...

**Downton Abbey - 2h 2min
Friday, February 14th**



It's 1927, and the denizens of Downton Abbey are in a tizzy. King George and Queen Mary are planning a trip through Yorkshire, and they'll be stopping off for one night on the estate.

So begins 'Downton Abbey', the film, ably following the much-loved TV series.

The royals are bringing all their own servants,

which upsets the Downton staff, presided over by the ever sensible (but now retired) butler Carson and Mrs. Hughes (Jim Carter and Phyllis Logan). But the impending visit sets off china-rattling reverberations throughout the rest of the household.

Lady Mary (Michelle Dockery), now in charge of managing the house, worries that everything will go wrong and Lady Edith (Laura Carmichael), now happily married, has her own unexpected development to contend with.

Meanwhile, peppery Dowager Countess Violet Crawley (Maggie Smith) squares off against a long-lost and equally stubborn relative, Lady Bagshaw (Imelda Staunton), and sweet dithery Isobel Grey (Penelope Wilton) ends up running interference.

Intrigue, romantic travails and plain old stress rule the day, both upstairs and downstairs. You wouldn't really want to be a member of the aristocracy, it's a lot of bother. But gazing at these lives from afar is a gentle pleasure, and one you shouldn't feel guilty about. Old fans and new fans will meet in a glow of approval.

**Next month; Friday, March 13
Official Secrets
starring Keira Knightly,
Matthew Good & Matt Smith**

The Old School Film Club is for members only. New members can join at anytime for a very modest fee and are always welcome.

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BUT.....



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Come and join us for this unique, entertaining and thought provoking event!

The Old School Stoke Climsland

7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

24th April 2020

Tickets will be available from the Old school: 01579 370642

**Christian Aid
Soup & Sweet Lunch**

**Stoke Climsland Methodist Church
Friday, February 21 at 12.30 pm**

£7 per person

Booking essential on: 01579 370026

BADMINTON AT DUCHY COLLEGE



The sessions are on Friday evenings, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. If we have four courts running all playing doubles it works out at £2 per person. If more people attend it will be cheaper!

What's on at CAVE in February

Thursday 27th February at Callington Town Hall

Film at the CAVE: "JUDY"



Golden Globes 2020: Best Actress – Renée Zellweger
 Winter 1968 and showbiz legend Judy Garland arrives in Swinging London to perform a five-week sold-out run at The Talk of the Town. It is 30 years since she shot to global stardom in 'The Wizard of Oz', but if her voice has weakened, its dramatic intensity has only grown. As she prepares for the show, battles with management, charms musicians and reminisces with friends and adoring fans, her wit and warmth shine through. Even her dreams of love seem undimmed as she embarks on a whirlwind romance with Mickey Deans, her soon-to-be fifth husband. Featuring some of her best-known songs, the film celebrates the voice, the capacity for love, and the sheer pizzazz of "the world's greatest entertainer."

"We are given a window into the final months of one of Hollywood's greatest stars and one of its greatest victims."

"It's a film that is just designed around one thing specifically: showcasing Renée Zellweger's incredible performance as Judy Garland."

"Zellweger looks like Garland, sounds like her and even, at best, sings like her."

Members' entrance: Adults: £4 U18s: £3

Start time: 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.15pm)

NOTE: NEW 2020 MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

(£6 AVAILABLE ON DOOR) FIRST FILM FREE

Milestone for Callington & District Twinning

Callington & District first dipped a toe into the unknown waters of the world of twinning in 1982 when Callington Town Council signed a twinning charter with its Breton counterparts in Guipavas.

**Tickets available from Callington Town Hall,
 Kivells in Fore Street, Callington, or
 via the Cornwall Riviera Box Office
 (Tel: 01726 879500 or www.crbo.co.uk)**

The aim was simple: to encourage links with like-minded people of all ages, leading to a bond of friendship between the people who live in each community. The intention was that cultural, sporting, educational and social exchanges would lead to a deeper understanding of our respective values. To this end the Callington & District Twinning Association acts in a non-political capacity, on behalf of our Town Council and surrounding parish councils to promote joint international visits and exchanges.

2004 saw a further development when a similar charter was signed with the Town Council of Barsbüttel, just outside Hamburg, with the same aims. What made it more exciting was the fact that Guipavas and Barsbüttel were already twinned so, in reality, we were no longer twins – but triplets!

Co-operative ventures between the three towns have been tremendously successful, and 2020 will see the rebirth of the Youth Camps which provided such tremendous opportunities for young people from the three towns and from Keila, Barsbüttel's Estonian twin town, over the period of some 14 years. Callington is in the process of forming an official Friendship Link with Keila. Many of you will have seen the Estonian dancers at MayFest a couple of years ago and the Wreckers Morris group will be travelling to appear at the annual Keila Festival in May this year.

This year it is Callington's turn to host so we will be looking for accommodation for upwards of 70+ visitors from Guipavas and Barsbüttel, together with a small delegation from Keila. A full programme of events will be arranged for the guests and their hosts so there will be no great need for catering. If you would be interested in opening your home to welcome a guest/guests between 9-14th April (exact times and dates will be confirmed later when details of flights and ferries are known) please give Chairman Sue Lumley a ring on 01579 382705 to talk things over. You may wish to only get involved on this occasion, or you may be interested in having a permanent "partner family". Be assured: you do not need to live in a palatial residence; you do not need to speak a foreign language fluently! You will have a lot of fun!

And why the "milestone"? This will be the first time in the history of town twinning in Callington that we have not been in the EU. It makes the mission statement quoted in the opening paragraph even more important. Please, do come and be a part of it!

Richard Lumley



Thursday, February 6: Calstock Film

Pain and Glory (Pedro Almodóvar, 2019) Cert 15

A film director reflects on the choices he's made in life as past and present come crashing down around him.

Calstock Film operates under the C-Fylm licence, so you need to become a member on your first visit, if you haven't already signed up elsewhere. C Fylm annual membership of £6 includes the first film, £4 for subsequent films. Tickets on the door only. Please remember to bring your membership card.

Doors and refreshments 7pm, start time 7.30pm.

Saturday, February 8: Xhosa Cole Quartet

Winner of the 2018 BBC Young Jazz Musician of the Year Award, aged 22, Xhosa Cole brings together an all-star quartet featuring some of the finest talent based in the UK.



Alongside fellow finalist and bass player James Oveston, powerhouse drummer Jim Bashford and Canadian trumpet virtuoso Jay Phelps, this band embodies the spirit of the Bebop and Hard Bop greats. With a repertoire inspired by the great music of Sonny Rollins, Clifford Brown and Gigi Gryce, this band lights up the stage with all the charisma, passion, edge, chemistry and spontaneity reminiscent of this great era.

Featuring classic arrangements, contemporary takes on standards, as well as original works from members of the band.

Tickets: £12 advance, £13 door, £1 reduction for Friends of Calstock Arts, £8 under 21s and students with ID.

Thursday, February 20: Calstock Film

Judy (Rupert Goold, 2019) Cert 12A

Legendary performer Judy Garland arrives in London in the winter of 1968 to perform a series of sold-out concerts. Cast includes: Renée Zellweger, Jessie Buckley, Finn Wittrock

Doors and refreshments 7pm, start time 7.30pm.

Friday, February 21: The Schmoozenbergs

Conjuring up the mood of 1930s Paris, infused with flavours of Eastern Europe and the energy of a campfire jam session, The Schmoozenbergs' uplifting music will put a smile on your face and a bounce in



your step. With roots in Gypsy Jazz and influences beyond, their two guitars, violin and double bass bring you irresistible rhythms, evocative melodies and playful improvisation to create an upbeat and heart-warming sound.

Their live show is a mixture of original music from their new album, alongside imaginative interpretations of classic jazz and swing tunes by the likes of Django Reinhardt, George Gershwin, Duke Ellington and Fats Waller.

Tickets: £10 advance, £11 door, £1 reduction for Friends of Calstock Arts, £8 under 21s and students with ID.

Saturday, February 29: Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman – On Reflection

2020 marks 25 years of making music together for Calstock Arts favourites Kathryn and Sean, one of the UK Folk scene's most rewardingly enduring partnerships.



To celebrate this milestone, the couple will revisit and reinterpret songs which span their career. From the early days of folk supergroup Equation, to their current release Personae, with a nod or two along the way to their extra-curricular musical adventures, the evening promises a whistle-stop tour through their artistic journey to date.

Tickets: £15 advance, £16 door, £1 reduction for Friends of Calstock Arts, £8 under 18s.

Unless otherwise stated event doors and bar 7pm, start time 8pm

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IF YOU HAVE MOBILITY ISSUES PLEASE LET US KNOW AHEAD OF TIME SO WE CAN ARRANGE ASSISTANCE.

*Calstock Arts, The Old Chapel, Calstock PL18 9QX
Tel. No. 01822 833183. Tickets are available via www.calstockarts.org and from The Limekiln Gallery in Calstock. Telephone bookings 01726 879500. Please check out our website for more information about all events.*



TAMAR VALLEY WOMBLES

A 'make do and mend' crafting group, who use up unwanted materials to make useful things.

Come along and make new friends. Bring your latest project and your unwanted craft materials to swap and share.

FOR MEETING DATES, MORE INFORMATION, OR IF YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE JOIN THE FACEBOOK GROUP

Stoke Climsland Amateur Theatrical Society
is proud to present their Pantomime for 2020

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

The traditional tale of goodies and baddies and love and loss and music and merriment!

Mix things up with the usual SCATS twists and turns and you have a fabulously fun time in store!

Evening Performances will take place at 7.30pm on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd February and Friday 28th and Saturday 29th February with Matinée Performances on Saturdays 22nd and 29th February at 2.30pm.

Tickets on sale from Stoke Climsland Post Office from Monday 20th January!
Check out the 'Early Bird' Offer and Family Ticket!

We look forward to seeing you there!



Come and give Scottish Country Dancing a try, it's good gentle exercise and great fun. You don't need a partner, special clothes or great skill. Beginners are always welcome.

It costs only £2 per session.
Monday evenings at The Old School 7.30pm - 9pm.
If you would like any further details ring:
Sheila Brown 01566 782257
or Pauline Champness 01579 370589

STARTING JANUARY 2020...

DUCKLINGS

'Waddler group'

0 - 3 years

Every Tuesday afternoon
1.00pm - 2.30pm

At Ducklings Pre-school,
Venterdon Methodist Chapel

Everyone welcome, exciting and fun activities.
A free toddler group for all to enjoy, come along and join in the fun!

MESSY CHURCH

Callington Methodist Church
PL17 7JJ

Sunday 9th February
3.30 - 5.45 pm
Our theme

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for all ages.

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HIRING THE OLD SCHOOL: ROOM RATES AND CONTACTS

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5 rooms and a fully equipped kitchen; free on-site parking for 35 cars; high speed broadband with WiFi in all rooms; full wheelchair access to most of its rooms; a licensed bar; both fixed and mobile audio-visual services.

All charges will include the time needed for setting up, for the event itself and for clearing up after the event. All bookings will be subject to the full hiring conditions and to the general usage policies for The Old School, copies of which can be supplied on request.
The office is open each weekday from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. The address is: The Old School, Stoke Climsland, Callington, Cornwall PL17 8NY Telephone: 01579 370493. Email: theoldschool@ruralinternet.co.uk

MAIN HALL £6 per hour
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THERAPY ROOM £4 per hour
SMALL MEETING ROOM £4 per hour
KITCHEN charge for full use; £8 per hour (partial use by arrangement)

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This is one of 4200 copies of the **OLD SCHOOL NEWS** circulated free in Stoke Climsland, Callington and Kelly Bray, 10 times a year. We welcome contributions and we will do our best to include everything that we receive by the deadlines, though we cannot guarantee this.

ADVERTISEMENTS must be submitted by the **5th of the month before publication**. Contact Linda Ainsworth (01579 370632 or newsletteroldschool@gmail.com) for information and help.
The column width is 9cm. Advertising rates are:

size	mono	full colour
9 x 3 cm	£14	£21
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half page	£71	£107
full page	£145	£214

We will publish advertisement editorials on one occasion only, if we have space. There will be a charge of £3.50 per column cm and insertions must accompany an advertisement. Please discuss your requirements with Linda Ainsworth.

ARTICLES, NOTICES, LETTERS, PHOTOGRAPHS and EVERYTHING ELSE for the next issue must be submitted by the **5th of the month before publication**.
Contact editor **Mary Richards** (01579 370493 or maryvnews@gmail.com) for advice and to let us know what you expect to send.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Adults and Toddlers	Amy Wheeler	07984 199930
Ballet Classes	Susanne Saunders	01822 618952
Beavers	Stacey Weaver	01579 382216
Bridge Club	Peter Lee	01579 350133
Cub Scouts	Clare Bain	01579 370382
Ducklings Pre-school	Nicola Evetts	07813 929171
Duchy College	Reception	01579 372201
Flying Start Nursery	Laura Vine	01579 371004
Gardening Club	Lynn Casebow	01579 371154
Kit Hill Countryside Ranger	Jenny Heskett	0300 1234 202
Local History Group	Richard Bennett	01579 371144
Lockett Social Club	Geoffrey Howlett	01579 370292
Old School Office		01579 370493
OS News Editorial	Mary Richards	01579 370493
OS News Advertising	Linda Ainsworth	01579 370632
OS News Distribution	Michelle Turner	01579 370493
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Parish Archive	Caroline Vulliamy	01579 370411
Parish Church	Rev Tony Stephens	01579 371496
Parish Clerk	Ren Jackaman	07878 368857
Parish Hall Bookings	Sue Watts	01579 370201
Primary School Headteacher	Ben Towe	01579 370457
SCATS	Sara Hooley	01822 833041
Scouts Group Leader	Ailsa Weaver	01579 382196
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Hardly a week goes by without me groaning loudly and wondering aloud what on earth is the problem with people today.

In fact, in the words of those from northern climes 'there's nowt so strange as folk'.

I won't go into politics, Brexit, sex, religion, royal travails, tweeting presidents or bendy bus Boris. I can't be arsed.

But now you can hardly say anything without offending someone.

A few months ago a male county councillor suggested that women (he probably said 'ladies' which doomed him from the start) needed a bigger dress allowance because they bought more clothes than men did.

Nice man, you might think. But no, he immediately became the target of feminist trolls as a disgusting anti-female oppressor.

As someone who's late husband rarely bought new clothes but hung on to old ones like grim death I know that a lot of men don't want too many clothes, just their comfortable favourites.

Take the Norwegian fisherman's jumper, for instance, which he bought himself, unsupervised. It smelled of herring, cats followed him when he brought it home and for years it ran the gamut of fishy aromas before finishing on an overwhelming scent of boiled cod. He claimed the jumper had been dressed with oil to waterproof it to ward off those Atlantic gales. Handy on his daily commute from Brighton to Fleet Street.

He clung on to it for years before it mysteriously disappeared when we moved to Cornwall. It wasn't my fault that the charity shop had to be fumigated.

And as for the ginger suede 'brothel creepers' he so loved, I now confess I buried them.

As a long-time column writer I find my list of pos-

sible subjects has shrunk considerably. I used to gently rib vegetarians mainly because I had a dear friend who had an amazing talent for making veggie food look like non-veggie food, ie her leg-endry peanut, onion and puffball sausages served with creamy mashed potatoes whipped up with Stork marge. A dinner party offering never to be forgotten. I suppose using the word 'rib' would be frowned on, associated as it is with sticky barbecue sauce. I also used to pass a health food shop on the way to work run by two of the unhealthiest people I had ever seen. Greenish teeth, yellowish skin and lank greasy hair, They radiated ill-health through

plate-glass windows.

I can't rib now, or tease, or try irony because there are so many incredibly touchy people and yet also some horribly rude ones too who think it's fine to insult and deride as long as their identity stays hidden.

Funny headlines are out as I found when a cockatoo got loose when his cage was wrecked in a storm. Its owners were 'traumatised' I was told, by my 'Gone with the wind' headline.



I didn't mean to traumatise, It was either that or 'Polygon'. If it was a dog it could be 'doggone', it's just a joke for goodness sake.

Perhaps I'm just not sensitive enough. I mean, I didn't collapse weeping when a friend sent me a birthday book 'A hundred things to do with a dead cat'. Even if one was to turn it into a furry muff, another use as a doorstep boot polisher and a third as a hot water bottle cover (insides removed). She wasn't to know I had lost my favourite moggie the previous week.

I do know one column in this mag has deeply offended someone's sensibilities but I can't say how or who because they'll be offended all over again.

Laugh and the world laughs with you was once a popular saying. Not any more. Laugh and you'll end up in court or in front of a tribunal is more like it.

Mary Richards

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If you are interested in having a stall at the Market, contact the organiser, Val Kidman, on 01579 370297 or leave a message at the Old School Office (01579 370493). Val is also the person to contact if you have any suggestions for stall holders.

FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB

Did you know that every Friday, The Old School kitchen produces a delicious 3 course set menu, including tea or coffee for just £6.50! You may have seen the posters in the village advertising each week's menu, but not realised that anyone can book a meal. All ages are welcome!

It's an ideal opportunity for a Friday get together with friends. Enjoy freshly prepared food in a friendly atmosphere with no washing up afterwards!

If it's a Special occasion, why not bring along a bottle and we will supply a homemade cake to help you celebrate! (Please state when booking as the cake will be made to order.)

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STOKE CLIMSLAND SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB



www.stokeclimslandclub.co.uk

We are open Wednesday to Friday 8pm 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 01759 370819 or email louisepoweraok@msn.com.

We had a busy time running up to Christmas. At the end of November we had the wine and cheese evening. This is always a popular event, and this year it was no different.

Nigel and Jane provided some very nice wines and a selection of cheeses. In addition there was a 'pointless' quiz, where different teams competed to achieve pointless answers. It was quite different but enjoyable quiz. An excellent night out. Many thanks go to Nigel and Jane for the wine, cheese and the quiz.

It was full house for the Christmas quiz, hosted by David Price. As usual, David provided a really good and interesting quiz. The club was packed almost to overflowing and full of Christmas cheer. The winners were 'All the best freaks' and the wooden spooners were 'Three amigos'.

The club was packed again on the Sunday for the supersize raffle. This is always a very enjoyable way to lead into Christmas.

David Bundy led the carol singing in his inimitable way. Where would we be without him to lead us? The singing was accompanied by mince pies and mulled wine for the Christmassy feeling. The raffle was so big it required eight people to help out. Many thanks to Sandy for organising this. It takes her all year and raises money for the club.

I am told that some people won more than one prize but that they had bought the most squares. We would like to thank all of you who came to the club to make this a joyous occasion. We would

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT STOKE CLIMSLAND SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

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also like to thank Jenny and Graham for opening the club for festive drinks on Christmas Day.

This year is a leap year so we are having a leap year meal on February 29. This will be a ticket event. More details will be published later this month but keep the date in your diary.

Louise Power

Dates for your diary:

February 15, quiz,

February 29, leap year meal.

March 21, quiz.



WORKING GROUPS MEETING

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Stoke Climsland Climate Change Action Group

At the most recent meeting of SCCAG on the 21st January, a lot of business was finalised. The Terms of Reference were ratified and the principal officers were confirmed as Jerry Forbes - Chair, Louise Power - Secretary and Richard Davies - Treasurer.

The group then undertook a workshop to identify immediate actions which can be progressed over the next two months. Finally, Deri Parsons outlined the results of the draft Carbon Audit of the parish which has recently been undertaken. The final version of this report will be used as a basis for creating a Climate Action Plan over the coming months.

If you wish to be involved in the group, please contact the secretary on scclimatechangegroup@gmail.com



Looking back to the last two months of the year and indeed the decade, November started with a Halloween party on Friday, November 1. Twenty some-

thing children dressed up in spooky attire as well as the adults.

The costumes were awesome and very frightening. 'The Good Witch' Kim cast her spell so that the children enjoyed the traditional party games and there was plenty of scary food to sink our teeth into, all edible of course.

A fun evening all round of course. Thanks go to Ian, Adrian, Danny, Sheila, Bridget, Kim and Geoff for suitably decorating the Club.

On Friday, November 8 the club was buzzing with enthusiastic members keen to learn all about bees. Our grateful thanks go to Tim Payne of City Bees for giving up his time to come and talk to us and explain the importance of these wonderful insects. The club donated £50 to the charity organisation.

On Saturday, November 16 there was a scent of Italy wafting throughout the club for the Italian themed evening. We may not have had Gino D'Campo but thanks to the catering corps. everyone enjoyed their delicious meals. Thanks to Richard and Jackie for co-ordinating the event, to Jackie & Tim for decorating the club. Well done to Jim and Michelle, Annette and Andrew on winning the fun quiz rounds.

There were two new voices to be heard for the cash bingo on Friday, November 22 with regular caller Geoff absent due to other commitments. Our thanks go to Danny for calling the first half and Tim for the second half in his own unique style.

The following Saturday the club held its annual craft fayre. Our thanks go to all the stallholders and everyone who supported the event. Also to Maxine and Bridget for co-ordinating everything.

December – The festive season got underway with a Christmas prize bingo on Friday, Dec 6, when 22 people played for the lovely array of prizes, which included big baskets of fruit, bottles of wine and meat dinners. Thanks to Danny and Sheila for sourcing the prizes. The big winner of the night was Ross who took home the Gam-

mon dinner. Jackie won the novelty half time game of Christmas bingo with numbers such as Tinsel on the floor number 34, Turkey on a plate 58 and Santa Claus is coming to town 24.

On Sunday Dec, 8 20 members met in Lockett car park and set off on foot for a winter walk to Horsebridge. Following the muddy permissive footpath to Lower Hampt and on through the woods dodging the, at times, heavy showers. But the walk was well worth it and soon forgotten as we all tucked into a delicious Sunday roast at the Royal Inn. Then the short walk home.

Such was the success of the day more walks / lunches will be planned for the spring / summer.

On the evening of Saturday 14, it was the club members' Christmas party. Our thanks go to Johnny Mac and Co for providing the entertainment. With Adrian not arriving until late, Lee and Macey led the way on the dance floor, until Adrian took up his usual post. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the lovely spread of food and to Karen, Macey and Rihanna for decorating the club.

Thank you to everyone that has paid their membership fees, which are due from January 1 each year.

Geoff Howlett - Hon. Secretary

What's On in February :

Friday 7. A Beetle Drive. Always a good exciting evening.

Friday 14. A Valentine's Special Quiz. Stuck for somewhere to go, then why not treat your other half to a good night out at the club.

Saturday 22. Open evening – Come and throw a few darts or just pop in for a social chat.

Friday 28. Cash Bingo. All the tickets you need for just £5.

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NOVEMBER WEATHER WATCH

Measurements taken at Oak Lodge, Trecombe, in the parish of Stoke Climsland

2019

1993-2018

Rain / mm

month's total	highest day	no. of dry days	month's total			highest day
192.3	20.7	4	lowest	average	highest	53.1
			43.1	158.0	282.2	

Temperature / °C

month's mean	highest day	coldest night	month's mean			highest day	coldest night
8.5	15.0	2.8	lowest	average	highest	17.6	-4.1
			7.1	8.9	11.2		

Total rainfall of 192.3 mm was only just over a fifth above normal, but it felt worse because almost every day had some degree of wetness. But the autumn quarter as a whole was very disappointing with a total of 656.9 mm, the heaviest since 2000 and nearly 3½ times the quarter's average. Temperatures were more normal. The monthly daily maxima and nightly minima both being less than half a degree below normal. As for the whole autumn quarter, the mean temperature this year was within a tenth of a degree of the annual average. **Francis Gardner** (This was the last set of readings supplied by Francis before his death).



By the time you read this, we will have had the first of our 2020 programme of talks

project. No, not 3D-models of mammoths but fascinating animations which bring to life the miles of intricate tunnels and galleries below our feet. His talk will give us an entirely different perspective on the mining activities in our locality. Included below is a model of the mining activity around Camborne and you can see more of Keith's work at <https://abandonedminemod-els.com/cornwall>

at the Old School and will have enjoyed David Kilborn's illustrated lecture on the Eliots of Port Eliot. It's always fascinating to look at old photographs and the Port Eliot archives have lots of those.

Here is what we have scheduled for the next few months and, as we always say because we mean it, everyone with an interest in the subject matter is



welcome to come along to all or any of our meetings: 7.30 pm in the Old School, Stoke Climsland. Interesting talks and refreshments afterwards!

February 25: The wide-open spaces of Dartmoor are popular destinations for many of us and a talk on the 'Industrial Archaeology of Dartmoor' will enhance these visits. Our speaker will be Emma Curnis, a qualified Hill and Moorland Leader who has an intimate knowledge of the moor. Through her company, Dartmoor's Daughter, Emma offers many guided walks and outdoor activities, all of which bring her in close contact with her subject matter. You can find out more about Emma through her website: www.dartmoorsdaughter.com

March 24: From an over ground view of Dartmoor to an underground view of Cornish mines. And it's an underground view with a difference as we welcome Dr Keith Russ, who works for Western United Mine Ltd, to show us the latest results from his mammoth 3D-modelling

April 28: Perhaps you've thought about taking a DNA test to tell you about your family origins? John Wilmut has, and will be coming along to tell us what he has learnt. He will address the question that

many of us have, namely 'Will doing a DNA test help me with my family history?' He will be passing on his experiences and, who knows, he may be able to persuade you that it's something you ought to consider doing, or not!

May 26: Our first outdoor adventure of the session and what could be more appropriate in the year of Mayflower 400 than a guided walk around Sutton Harbour and the Barbican? Our guide will be Chris Robinson, a third generation Plymothian, who has had a shop on the Barbican for many years and has produced many books on the history of the area.

If you want more information about the Stoke Climsland Local History Group, you can call Deri Parsons on 01579 370319 or via e-mail at derrick.parsons@btinternet.com

Deri Parsons

Image: Wheal Betsy, part of Dartmoor's industrial history discussed in the February talk.

The classical concert on Friday 21. February features the Lantivet Duo, consisting of violinist Anna Brigham with pianist Brendan Musk.

The duo first played together years ago in the basement of a piano shop in West London.

Over a feast of Lebanese mezze, they decided that they should do it again "in some more exotic venues", (including The Old School, Stoke Climsland). Both Anna and Brendan enjoy a varied and full life as freelance musicians, Anna having played with the Dante and Florian quartets, and orchestras such as the Philharmonia and Halle. Brendan was a winner at the Moray International Piano Competition, and at the University of Cambridge while studying music.

Intriguingly, Anna and Brendan are both members of the Multi-Story Orchestra, doing concerts and outreach projects in car parks with the aim of making music enjoyable for as many people as possible. Inspired by this, the Lantivet duo try to promote an atmosphere of inclusiveness and creativity in their performances. (With acknowledgements to 'The Penny Post' for that information).

Anna and Brendan have prepared a delightfully eclectic programme for us, consisting of Clara Schumann Romances, a Cornish/Scottish folk medley, a Ravel Sonata, Brahms G Major sonata and Gershwin's 'Porgy & Bess' arranged by Heifitz.

In the Brahms G Major sonata, the Lantivet duo are fearlessly taking on an oft played and popular piece, particularly as long-time friend of The Old School, Krysia Osostowicz, has recently recorded it with pianist Susan Tomes, to rave reviews!

One example from the Guardian: "Krysia Ostosowicz and Susan Tomes (Hyperion) have a wonderful naturalness about their playing; it is true chamber music, unlike Itzhak Perlman's over-emphatic live performances with Daniel Barenboim (Sony) or the studio recordings made by Vladimir Ashkenazy (EMI)".

Anna Brigham has played with Krysia a number of times, so undoubtedly the Lantivet duo will play the sonata with equally 'wonderful naturalness'!



Choosing the Clara Schumann Romances is timely, as well. Some of us recently heard one of the extraordinary Kanneh-Mason siblings –

Isata – play them in Levathan, Blisland, the musical home of Osostowicz. These Romances are a delight, and interest in Clara's compositions is rising.

Anna and Brendan have been clever enough to leaven this rich fare with folk medleys, and Gershwin. What a delightful and surprising evening it will be. You are urged to buy your £20 tickets now (covering concert and dinner), by phoning The Old School office, 01579 370493, weekday mornings.

Jazz. On Saturday, March 14 we will all be enlivened and aroused by the Brass Farthings Jazz Band and Pete Allen, the eternally popular multiple reeds man. Things happen when Pete Allen is around, and they are happening at the next Old

School jazz evening on March 14.

The last four jazz evenings were fully booked well before the night, so please book early by phoning the office on 01579 370493, weekday mornings. And do remember to arrive by 7pm, for a 7.30pm start! Your £18 tickets cover not only fabulous jazz but that delicious dinner as well.

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There are some plants which don't look much. Some which are frankly boring nearly all year round, with plain leaves and not

particularly big or attractive flowers.

You would probably put *Boronia* into this category. It has tiny little spiky leaves, a little like slightly bald conifer branches, and when it flowers the bell-shaped blooms are tiny and difficult to see.

The shrub, which is fairly rare and comes from Australia, also has a rather untidy growth habit, so if you saw it in a garden centre you would probably walk right on by.

But you would be wrong, because when in flower, *Boronia* has the most wonderful almost intoxicating scent, the sort of scent you would pay a fortune for if it came in a fancy bottle.



It's worth growing for this alone, and if you plant it somewhere close to where you walk, by a garden path for instance, and brush up against it, the perfume will waft across the whole garden.

The drawback of the plant is that it is fairly frost tender and won't survive in very cold winters unless very well protected with fleece or taken inside. Or plant in a greenhouse.

In Cornwall, choose a sheltered but sunny spot. The flowers, which usually arrive in late spring to early summer, are either brightly coloured pinks and reds, or white.

There are more than 90 species of *Boronia* but you are only likely to find *Boronia heterophylla*, *Boronia serrulata* or *Boronia megastigma* in nurseries or catalogues, although some specialist catalogues or internet sites may have others. Buy a pot-grown one and plant out in

spring or summer. Because these are fairly rare shrubs they are expensive, but once you've smelled the scent you will know they are well worth the outlay.

Get rid of slugs

Early spring can be difficult in the garden. Too much rain and the soil can be damaged if trampled on.

Use the time to get ahead with slug eradication.

Rather than chemical methods try to eradicate breeding or overwintering sites that slugs love. Get rid of old pots, pieces of cardboard, discarded wood or even large dropped leaves.

Regularly turn over big rocks or stones to expose baby slugs or eggs. The birds will love them.

If you have dug over beds make sure to knock back the soil into a fine tilth with no big lumps to provide a hiding place.

Care for hedgehogs

Hedgehogs eat garden pests so are welcome visitors.

If, like me, you have the pleasure of a visiting hedgehog family you are lucky, but if you are ever worried about the condition of an animal then the Hedgehog Preservation Trust gives the following advice.

'If you have found a hedgehog you are concerned about please use gardening gloves to collect it up, bring it indoors and put it in a high sided cardboard box with an old towel or fleece in the bottom for the hedgehog to hide under. Fill a hot water bottle so that when it is wrapped in a towel there is a nice gentle heat coming through and put that in the bottom of the box with the hedgehog, ensuring it has room



to get off the bottle should it get too warm. Make sure the bottle is always kept warm (if allowed to go cold it will chill the hedgehog and do more

harm than good). If the hedgehog is bleeding please do not add a hot water bottle as this will make it bleed more quickly. Put the box somewhere quiet. Offer meaty cat or dog food and fresh water then call us as soon as possible on 01584 890 801 for further advice and the numbers of local contacts.

Note that out of office hours there is an answerphone, if you have a hedgehog, please press option 1!

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Francis Gardner – from Eton to Stoke Climsland

Those of us who help to compile the Old School News, including Ren Jackaman, Mary Richards and Michelle Turner, were saddened to hear of the death of Francis Gardner.

Francis was our 'weather man' providing a monthly weather report from the village and surrounding locality, as well as being a meticulous and painstaking proof reader with a wide knowledge of the punctuation and grammar of our language. Few errors got past his eagle eyes. He will be sadly missed.

Francis, who was 91, collapsed from a stroke on December 9 and suffered a further one four days later. He died peacefully with his family by his side on December 20. He had remained active and independent right up to his stroke.

A memorial service for him, was held on Thursday, January 16 at Stoke Climsland Parish Church, with a reception at The Old School. There was a shorter service of cremation at Glynn Valley Crematorium. Donations were dedicated to the Stroke Association.

Brian Champness a previous OSN editor knew Francis well and has written the following obituary. Many contributors and readers have paid tributes to him as well.

Brian writes: 'When Justin Welby was elevated to become Archbishop of Canterbury several newspapers contacted his housemaster at Eton for comment.

The Telegraph wrote, "Welby's former housemaster Francis Gardner, 84, said: 'He did not play a big part in the school. If I had selected five pupils who would have followed his path, I would not have picked him, others were more God-like. But he is very capable – a good fitter-in'. Francis himself was a good fitter-in. During his and Flora's many years in Stoke Climsland he was both liked and highly respected.

Francis had a well-developed sense of humour. Just occasionally, at social events, when introduced to someone new who asked what he did before retiring from teaching, Francis would reply, "I used to run a laundry".

In one sense this was literally true. Eton College had its own laundry, processing items for the boys, boarding house staff, catering and several other departments.

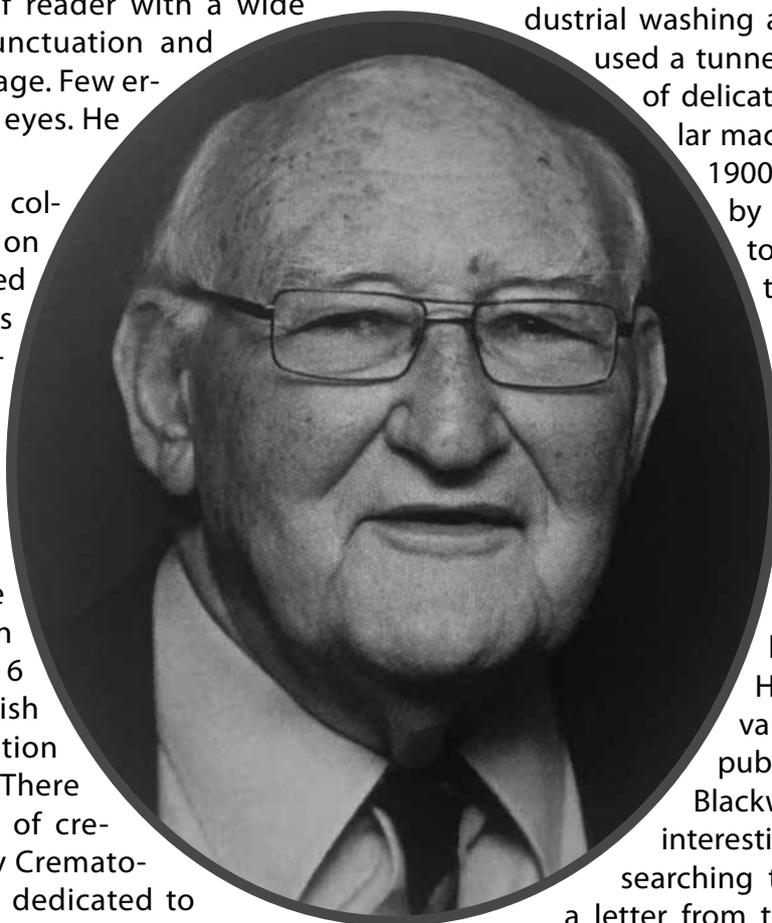
It could deal with up to 50,000 items per week, employing 24 members of staff. In addition to industrial washing and drying machines, it used a tunnel finisher for the drying of delicate items, and a rare collar machine dating back to the 1900s. All this was overseen by a small board of directors, drawn from Eton's teaching staff.

For some years Francis took his turn as one of the Directors, allowing him to say quite truthfully "I used to run a laundry".

Francis was not only an Eton physics teacher, he was also an author. His "Basic Notes on Advanced Level Physics" was published in 1965 by Basil Blackwell, Oxford. Another interesting curiosity, found by searching the College archives, is a letter from the Eton College Bursar to Francis which included "praise for Gardner's good housekeeping and control of household expenses (March 1981)".

Anybody in Stoke Climsland with experience of Francis's organising skills and meticulous presentation will recognise exactly what the Eton College Bursar was talking about.

Francis was a registered data collection point for the Meteorological Office. Every morning he would walk up the garden to his officially recognised rain gauge, carefully pour the contents into a certified glass measuring tube, read off the result and, returning to his weather desk indoors, record the contents. Outside temperature and humidity were registered automatically by an electronic gismo, all results being promptly sent off to the meteorology people.



Sometimes, of course, Francis and Flora would go away on holiday, in which case one of their trained volunteers would take the measurements and enter them all into a meticulously designed logbook, guided by a set of crystal-clear instructions. Were the Eton College Bursar somehow to review these procedures he would, no doubt, write another letter, this time in "praise of Gardner's good weather-keeping and data entry".

In Stoke Climsland perhaps the two areas of village life where he had most influence were bridge and music. When the Gardners bought Oak Lodge, Francis was still at Eton, and bridge in the village was played under the auspices of the Stoke Climsland Women's Institute Bridge Club, (SCBC) of which Flora Gardner later became Secretary.

It did not take long for the WI connection to melt away, and Francis took over as Chairman, becoming Flora's regular bridge partner. By all accounts Francis had been a formidable bridge player in his youth.

The club became very popular. Francis himself wrote in his short history of the SCBC, "Friendliness and play without rancour is indeed the main keynote of the club, and it is this that brings in many members from outside the village."

Its finances were also well looked after, enabling members to make occasional contributions to local charities such as the Boscastle Relief Fund. Francis' most recent bridge partner said recently:

"I really enjoyed my time as his regular bridge partner, he was a pleasure to play bridge with, and was an all-round delightful fellow."

Music both choral and chamber, played a big part in Francis' Stoke Climsland life. He sang for several choirs, particularly enjoying the Plymouth Philharmonic Choir because, "they are prepared to tackle a whole Messiah, rather than cherry-picking the most popular bits!" Many of us have enjoyed listening to his current choir, the Stoke Climsland Community Choir, in which he played a prominent part. A fellow bass chorister recently confided that "I always used to stand next to him in the choir be-

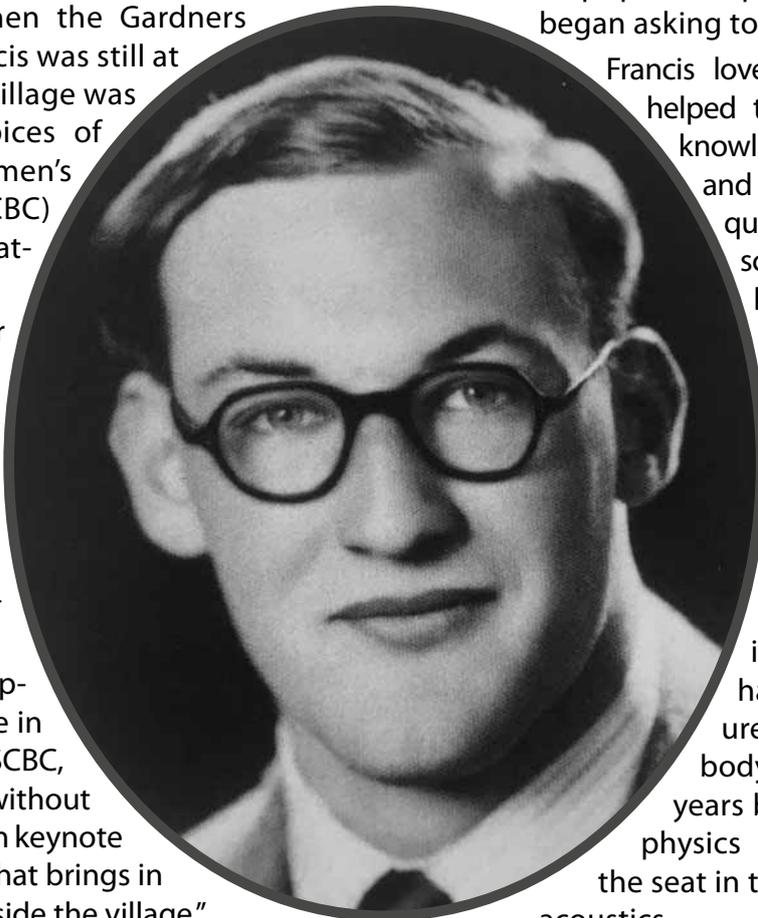
cause he invariably sang the right notes, and in the right order". Francis could, of course, read music as naturally as he could read Latin, or English.

Chamber music was another of his joys, and no-one else came so regularly to our Classical Club concert with dinner evenings as did Francis. These evenings often involved prize-winning string quartets, trios or the occasional piano soloist, sent from London on 'outreach' as part of their prizes.

These evenings became very popular. The Old School built up quite a reputation, and musicians began asking to be invited again.

Francis loved it all, and regularly helped the organisers with his knowledgeable comments and suggestions, all made quietly and behind the scenes. He always sat at his favourite spot in the hall, chosen, he said, because of its acoustics.

Some years later a visiting musical expert spent hours testing the acoustic properties of the hall prior to his concert. "This is the best chair in the hall", he said. "My measurements prove it". Nobody was surprised that years before, Francis, an Eton physics teacher, had chosen the seat in the house with the best acoustics.



Brian Champness, (with acknowledgements to Brian Lupton, Peter Cronk and the Eton College archives).

On behalf of the Editorial team, I would like to add how much we will miss his contribution to the Old School News. The weather report arrived without fail, on time and before deadline.

Many people may not know that Francis also took the time every month to proofread this magazine. As compiler, I appreciated his thoroughness and the occasional rally of Latin puns which passed between us. Also, he really knew what an Oxford comma was and how to use one properly, which is a dying art!

I also sang with Francis in the Stoke Climsland Choir and was honoured, as were my fellow choristers, to be asked to sing with at his memorial service. He will be greatly missed. **Ren Jackaman**

LOVE HURTS... St. Valentine's Day will here soon (February 14 for anyone who is unsure). A married couple went to their local household waste recycling centre to dispose of their garden waste and whilst tipping the waste into the skip, the husband lost his wedding ring. They had been married for 48 years. The staff of the recycling centre keen to help them find the ring, searched hard through the waste on their hands and knees, until they found the ring.

St Valentine's Day is the day we celebrate romantic love with anonymous Valentine's cards, candle-lit dinners, and possibly, engagements. Little is known of St Valentine; we think he was a church leader martyred for his faith by a Roman emperor in the third century. Martyred Christians normally die because they are in love with Christ and will not betray him. Currently in the Middle East there are many Christians who are experiencing martyrdom for just this reason - love.

When we use the word 'love' it is difficult to know exactly what is meant, unless we know the context. In Common Greek, the language of the eastern Mediterranean in the first century, there were four words for love, which can be translated as: friendship love; affectionate love; romantic love; and unconditional love.

Relationships are not straightforward and Valentine's Day may well be a bitter-sweet experience for many

people. Rob Bell in his book 'Sex God', comments: 'You can put women from all over the world with nothing in common in a room together and they may not have a thing to talk about until one of them says, 'And then he cheated on me,' and instantly you have universal sisterhood. Think of the poems, songs, plays, movies, novels across the ages that have dealt with this pain. Everybody understands it.' Of course, it is not

just women who feel this, but the point is clear. Love hurts.

Losing the wedding ring, the death of Valentine and the expectations of Valentine's Day are all about - love. Rob Bell perceptively comments: 'Love is handing your heart to someone and taking the risk that they will hand it back because they don't want it. That's why it's such a crushing ache on the inside. We gave away part of ourselves and it wasn't wanted. Love is a giving away of power. When we love, we give the other person the relationship. They can do what they like

with our love. They can reject it, they can accept it, they can step toward us in gratitude and appreciation. Love is a giving away. When we love, we put ourselves out there, we expose ourselves, we allow ourselves to be vulnerable.' Interestingly, God acts to us in ultimate love in just this way.

Rev David Moss, Methodist Minister for Stoke Climsland and Callington.



The New Year is well under way and, perhaps, you've made a resolution to improve your

IT skills or, at least, get more out of the device you have. Either way, the IT Clinic at the Old School can help. We'll tackle anything (yes, even Blackberries) and our track record is pretty good at problem solving. Sometimes, we'll even do home visits (and won't refuse refreshments!).

We are hoping to get some recycled I-pads from Cornwall Council and these could be available for those who maybe want to 'try before they buy'. If you are interested, let us know.

Long Tuesday afternoons during the Winter months

provide a great opportunity to start tackling a new IT venture, like Family History, getting the best out of your i-phone/tablet/android, learning how a spreadsheet can help you control your finances or just watching your favourite TV programme on the web. So, make a note in your 2020 diary to come and see us (Nigel, and Rosemary and Deri).

IT on Tuesdays between 2 and 4 pm at the Old School. If you want any more information, please give Deri Parsons a call on 01579 370319 or send him an e-mail (derick.parsons@btinternet.com).

One final thought, even if you have no need for what we provide yourself, perhaps you can think of a relative or friend who would benefit from getting on-line?

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Upgrading Windows Seven to Windows Ten

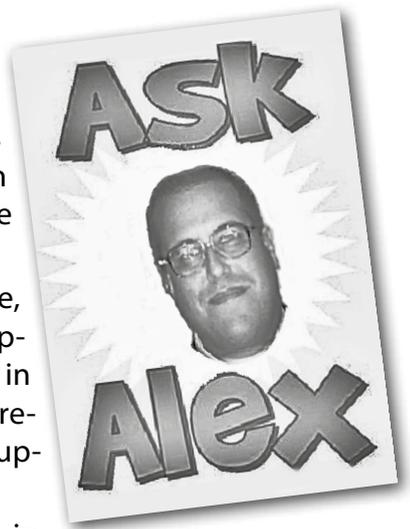
From the middle of this month, Windows Seven will no longer receive security updates.

Although still usable, users are advised to upgrade to Windows Ten in order to continue to receive vital, protective support from Microsoft.

This article provides instructions on how to upgrade from Windows Seven to Windows Ten on a computer (laptop or desktop).

- Turn on your PC and insert the upgrade DVD in the DVD drive
- If auto run is enabled, the 'Autoplay' screen will pop up. Here, double click "Run Setup.exe"
- If the window does not occur, open your file browser software and navigate your way to "Setup.exe" on the DVD
- After initial preparation, an "install Windows Ten" pop up window appears. From here, click "change how windows setup downloads updates" and then click "not at the moment."
- This disables the downloading of updates till after installation in order to save time
- On the terms and agreement screen, click "accept"
- The next screen should ask permission to change your display language, click "OK" to enable the installation to continue
- After checking for adequate hard drive space, Windows Ten asks you to confirm that you want to install Windows Ten and to keep all your apps and files. If you want to remove apps or files, click "change what to keep." Otherwise, click "Install" to install Windows Ten
- When installed, the computer will restart and begin downloading updates.
- After updating, the computer will restart to your log in screen.
- Log in, and the computer shall run through a number of usability options with you. Select each option as appropriate to your preference

Following that step, you are ready to use Windows Ten with the same settings and applications as you were using with the previous version of Windows.





Stoke Climsland Women's Institute

There were plenty of activities in November and December to keep the Stoke Climsland WI members busy. At the November cookery demonstration, Jenny Morley showed everyone how to make 'Fabada' a Spanish stew, which was a great success.

Willow making followed on at our November meeting. The willow used was sourced locally from Pempwell and two of the members, Jane and Bonny gave us lots of ideas for transforming our willow! These included Christmas wreaths, stars and all sorts of wonderful creations. Some people opted for a simple design while others really went for it with greenery, tinsel and even lights. It was a very enjoyable and social evening. The creative group made brilliant crocheted tree decorations under the guidance of Chrissie and Viv.

In December, Bonny demonstrated how to make a chocolate roulade which looked and tasted delicious.



On December 7 we held our 'annual senior citizens Christmas tea' and as always the tables were laden with tasty sandwiches and cakes and the Parish Hall was decorated magnificently. The

Stoke Climsland Community Choir entertained everyone with a lovely selection of Christmas music.

At our final meeting of the year, Charlie Edmunds came along and got everyone busy with glue, balloons and string, making Christmas decorations. Before we knew it, we had all completed our masterpieces and it was time to tuck into the refreshments everyone had brought along.

2019 has been a busy year and we look forward to more fun in 2020. If you would like to join us we would love to see you, so why not come along to the Parish Hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. See you there. **Ros Hardy.**

Dates for the diary:

Feb 4 - Cookery Old School 7pm.

Feb 11 - Nancy Astor Open Meeting Parish Hall 7.30 pm.

Feb 27 - Creative group, Social Club 7.30 pm.

March 10 - Annual Meeting Parish Hall 7.30pm.

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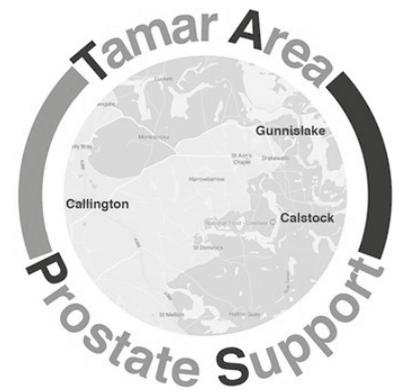
On February 26, Rachel Mansell, Infection Control Nurse at the Nuffield in Plymouth will tell us all we will ever need to know about good (and bad) personal hand hygiene.

After years of washing your hands you might think you know it all, but after Rachel's talk and demonstration you will be surprised at how little you did!

On March 25, Dr David Harris from Tamar Valley Health will be our guest speaker to talk about 'Recent developments in the management of side effects resulting from prostate cancer and treatment.' As medical research continues to improve, Dr Harris's talk will be of interest to anyone diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Our meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Council Chamber in Callington Town Hall starting at 6pm, (free parking in the main central car park in Callington town centre.) TAPS membership is free and open to men and their partners.

For more information on TAPS please contact Chris Greensted by phone on 01822 834797 or by email to tapsinfo555@gmail.co



Stoke Climsland School

December 2019 was the most exciting month the school has had.

One of the first events of the festive period, was the annual Christmas dinner.

Angie and her team prepared for us the most delicious feast that I have ever tasted.

One of the Stoke traditions is for every child to design and make their own hats. Everyone's hats looked amazing.

Another tradition at Stoke is to have a multiplex cinema: everyone had a choice of six films to choose from.

The next event on the calendar was the Christmas carol concert. Mr Lumby helped us produce two amazing concerts. The church was packed to the rafters: everyone had piled in to see their children perform.



I got Rick Stein's latest cook book 'Secret France' for Christmas. It ties in with his recent BBC TV show of the same name and, although I don't usually like spin-off books, I enjoyed this one.

Rick has added his own comments with each recipe; where he found it, the cafes and restaurants where he ate it etc.

I like Rick because he's not impossibly cheffy as some TV chefs are. His recipes are easy to follow and enjoyable to eat and he's a great supporter of local food and produce.



I also thank him for reminding me of one of my grandmother's favourite recipes. Deep fried pork chops are not quite the same; she used lamb cutlets instead of pork but the

idea of chops floured, egged and bread crumbed before frying is the same. Very tasty and small pork chops work just as well.

She actually used the method on a number of other dishes including fillets of pork or veal. She used to call them Croquets as in Davy! My father once accused her of egging and bread crumbing a packet of his favourite Capstan full strength ciggies which he had lost.

Rick uses medium sized pork chops (200grammes) bone in, preferably from a proper butcher. I won't steal his recipe but it's not difficult to guess. He uses Japanese Panko breadcrumbs which are expensive considering they are just made of bread, so I make my own.

Use a good bread, sourdough is ideal or ciabatta. I have recently found a thick sliced tiger bread in Waitrose which is great for this.

To make a batch of the breadcrumbs take the bread out of any wrapping and let it go stale for a day or so. Then blitz in a food processor or blender until it is a fine crumb. Spread on a baking tray and bake in a low oven until crisp but not browned. Turn over several times until all the crumbs are done. Store in an airtight container.

Mary Richards

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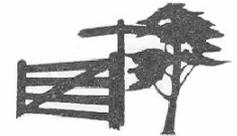


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Launceston Café Scientifique 2020

18 Feb: Dr Malcom Wright John Couch Adams and the Discovery of Neptune Couch Adams was Cornish born (at Lidcott Farm, Laneast) and the co-discoverer of the planet Neptune. Malcolm is a local expert on Couch Adams and has written a monograph about him for Lawrence House Museum.

17 Mar: Dr Ed Sulston (Global Production Lead at Oxitec Ltd., Oxford)

21 April: Prof Roland Burns (Advanced Control Research - ACR). Out on a Limb - Recent Advances in Upper - Limb Prosthetics and Orthotics

19 May: Prof Derek Stacey (Oxford University)

Physics through the Looking Glass

16 June: Prof Paul Cole (University of Plymouth)

Vulcanology

21 July: Local Young Scientists: Presentations of their projects by the Aspire Programme Students, as they compete for the Café Scientifique Prizes

15 Sept: Prof Andrew Newby (University of Bristol)

A knife in the heart and other, better ways to avoid an early grave

19 Oct: Prof Johnjoe McFadden (University of Surrey)

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17 Nov: John Cooper Isambard Kingdom Brunel: I alone am hung in chains



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Lawrence House Museum will be re-opening for the 2020 season on Monday, March 30 but before we do, we have some questions for you connected with our first exhibition for the year which is about the history and customs of the churches and chapels in the Launceston area.

We have not yet decided on a title for the exhibition though 'Sin & Salvation' and 'Prayer & Persecution' have both been suggested.

After all Launceston has dealt severely in the past with some of those who did not follow an accepted path of Christian worship.

What we really would like to borrow though are photographs of social events at local churches and chapels for example tea treats, outings, fêtes, patronal and harvest festivals and so on.

If you have such a photograph and are prepared to lend it to us, please contact us at the museum by telephone or email.

Although the museum is closed, it does not hibernate and a volunteer will return your call or email to discuss the matter with you.

Indeed, if you have any object which might interest the team organising this exhibition, please contact us.

Lawrence House Museum re-opens on Monday, March 30, 2020 at 10.30am.

Entry to the museum is still free so you can come as often as you like.

Opening times are 10.30am – to 4.30pm (last entry 4pm) Monday to Saturday and all Bank Holidays.

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Cotehele House & Mill



We've taken down the garland in the Tudor hall and the trees and wreaths from Cotehele Mill and these buildings are now closed while our team carry out winter conservation and collections care.

However, this is still a great place to visit in winter to explore the many walking routes through the garden, woodlands and riverside.

The garden is full of the scent of daphnes and winter sweet and you'll find snowdrops, crocuses, camellias and early daffodils flowering in the borders and through the grass. In the countryside, the views have opened up now that the trees are bare of leaf and the water at the weir is roaring after all the rains and is really something to see.



On the quayside, you can take in the views along the River Tamar then pop into the Edgcumbe, the cosy tea-room overlooking the river. It's open daily from 10am-4pm this winter and dogs on leads are very welcome to join you in here while you tuck into your well-deserved lunch or cream tea.

We also welcoming dogs on leads into the Barn restaurant by Cotehele House where you'll find your favourite seasonal dishes and a selection of cakes freshly baked on site daily, also open from 10am-4pm.

Cotehele shop reopens in February with a facelift. The space has been redecorated and refitted, so do come along and see its new look. There are changes afoot with Cotehele Gallery as well, which is being given a new home and will open as the Bull Pen Gallery in spring.

Don't miss our Apple Grafting weekend on February 15 and 16. You'll learn how to graft your own apple tree from some of the varieties offered for tastings at last year's Apple Festival and take home your own grafted tree for just £5 (normal admission still applies).

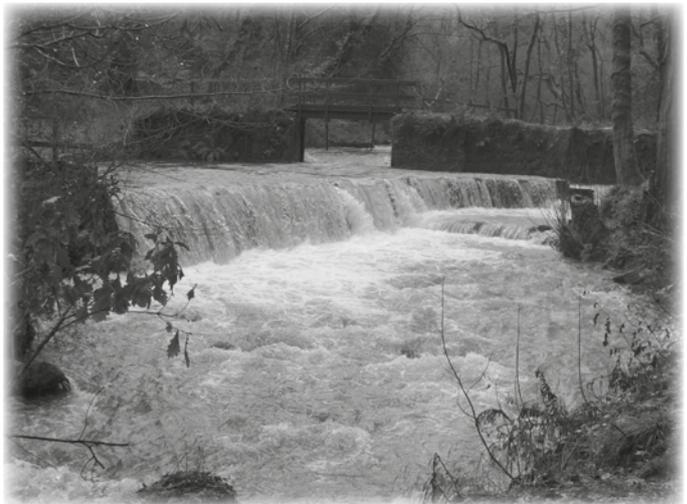
That weekend is also the start of our half-term activities. There's a children's trail all about birds, and children will be able to make bird feeders here through the week as well.

Cotehele House and Mill re-open on March 7 with Tide and Time, which highlights items from the Cotehele collections with transatlantic connections as part of our local commemorations of the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower.



For more information about this and everything else happening at Cotehele, please see our website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cotehele

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A little information about Ruth: she studied Fine Art in Birmingham, followed by an MA in Photography at Falmouth, where she was identified as one of the best MA students in the British Journal of Photography. She is a natural maker of artefacts, and, following experimentation with a variety of crafts, drawing and painting, her work now focuses on the making of pictures. Her credits include book and album covers, and she has taught photography and art at all levels to all abilities. Her work in varied institutions has reinforced her interest in how we make pictures and share valuable skills. She works as a freelance artist in the community and explores the coastline around her home. Ruth is now part of Make it Better (mitber), a Community Interest Company set up in 2017 to support communities to live well through the arts.

To make this possibility a reality, we need to know how many people would be interested in coming along. The cost will be minimal, and each session will last around two hours. So, if you think this could be for you and want to find out more, or express an interest, please contact Deri Parsons on 01579 370319 or via e-mail at derrick.parsons@btinternet.com

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Surprise nomination leads to Young Volunteer Award

At the annual Cornwall Celebrates Volunteering awards, a student who selflessly donates his time to Carefree Cornwall walked away with the 'Young Volunteer' award.

Thomas Swailes, from Saltash, is a Level 3 military and

'I was honoured and very shocked to have won the award,' Thomas said.

'It was very humbling to think that the selection board had chosen me out of all the young volunteers in Cornwall I didn't really think that the things I do makes that much difference.

'Like all volunteers I didn't expect anything for doing it, I just wanted to help give children and young people in care a better experience of their time and break the stigmatisation of being in care.'

Team leader for military and protective services at Duchy College, Neil Harris, said the team is extremely proud of Tom on winning his award.

He said it was great achievement to see him being rec-



protective services student at Duchy College, Stoke Climsland who spends his spare time volunteering with Carefree Cornwall, a charity that works with young people, ages 11-25, who are in and leaving care.

Its aim is to give young people in and leaving care the chance to do things for themselves and others.

Thomas first encountered Carefree as a young adult himself gaining lots of different awards and skills needed to help other young people.

He is now a peer mentor with them and is also on the council board making a difference for people in care.

Unbeknownst to Thomas, one of the youth workers nominated him for the award and he only found out when he received a letter saying he had been shortlisted.

ognised for the work he does with Carefree Cornwall and he is a credit to the course and the college.

Thomas said he was very close to joining the army and has passed selection. He is now just waiting for a basic training date.

The award Thomas won was sponsored by Cornwall College and presented to him by the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Col Edward Bolitho OBE.

For more information on the range of military and protective services courses available across The Cornwall College Group visit www.duchy.ac.uk or call 0330 123 2523.

Image: Thomas Swailes being presented with his award by Colonel Edward Bolitho, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall.

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It seems a very long time ago that we were packing up our stalls after the last Craft Market of 2019, wishing each other compliments of the season, and looking forward to putting our feet up over the Christmas holidays.



I, for one, managed to squeeze my huge stash of crafting materials into some kitchen cupboards I had 'liberated' - who needs three coffee machines, a pie maker, two toasted sandwich makers and other assorted gadgets?

I had quite forgotten how beautiful my dining (crafting) table looked without its layers of crafting essentials.

Now February looms and all of us crafters are burning the midnight oil ready to wow you all with our new creations at the first market of the year. I am pleased to announce that two new stall holders will be joining our happy band of stall holders - no names, no pack-drill, just come along and prepare to be amazed!

We look forward to seeing you all every third Saturday of the month - we're open from 9.30am to 12.30pm. If you would like to make the leap from kitchen table crafting to having a stall, please contact me on 01579 383829 or via email: susie@trunktree.plus.com

Susie Iannantuoni

A lady who lunches – Min Maynard of Kyl Cober Parc, Stoke Climsland, is a regular at the Friday lunches at the Old School and recently celebrated her 96th birthday. There was a surprise cake for her presented by Charlie Edmonds.



Photo Fred Wood



Down on the Farm

'New Year Resolution – Check Your Facts!'

Probably one of the most overused words and phrases of this year passed was surprisingly not – Brexit or 'climate change' nor XR, but that of 'Fact-Check'.

Ironically to be first coined by the BBC in its attempt to differentiate between fiction and the truth, used widely during and since the EU Referendum, throughout the whole Brexit saga, to last December General Election, it is now widely used by all media platforms in the form of 'myth busters' to dispel propaganda or 'Fake News'!

Of course settling upon the 'truth' inevitably depends on the depth of research and balance of opinion in reaching a conclusion.

Fortunately, here in the UK, living in a democratic country and society, allowing freedom of speech, we in the main generally end up with an acceptable version of the truth.

However, with the now almost unstoppable influence of the internet, a worldwide web of information, we find ourselves subject to and influenced by a certain degree of misinformation in all manner of issues from our Global neighbours.

So quality reporting and broadcasting by our own National Media remains paramount and should not have an agenda.

For us 'Down on the Farm' two issues both inextricably linked – food production and the environment, remain top of our agenda in 2020. Not least in terms of managing its very production and supply to provide a balanced healthy diet for 70 million people, but also in contributing towards its reduction (mitigation) of greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to weather extremes caused by climate change.

Much of the scientific knowledge exchange is

now slowly emerging and as farmers and growers we are keen to embrace the challenge ahead.

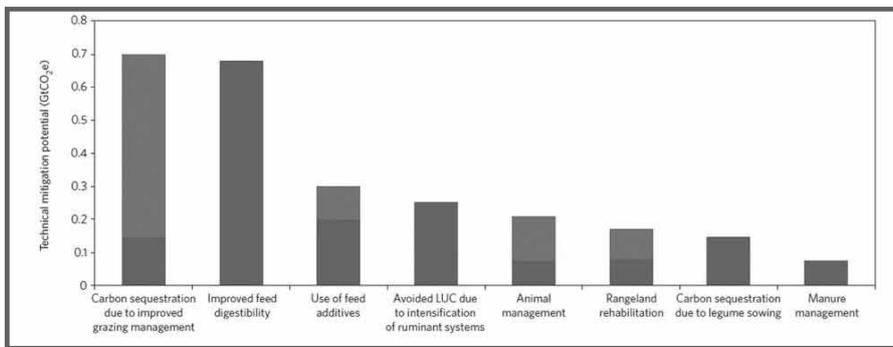
However, one of the greatest threats to its adaptation is the influence and misinformation of single issue lobby groups and political disrupters, who chose to slant the agenda towards their own ideology.

How much of a genuine influence they have on our Great British Public in its purchasing decisions and lifestyle choices remains to be seen.

Recent years campaigns, such as 'Veganuary' and 'Meat Free Mondays', both attracting much publicity, initial impressions would suggest every other person has changed their diets wholesale!

However, in reality the consumer research figures show that although a decrease in consumption of dairy products, red meat, poultry, eggs

and fish, with 800,000 people cutting back each January, the overall stats demonstrate of all UK Consumers throughout the year still regularly purchase 94% Red Meat and 98% Dairy Products.



Researchers have identified multiple options for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the livestock sector. Lighter bars represent the potential range for each practice. *Herrero et al, 2016, via Penn State University, CC BY-NC-SA*

Balancing the diet through healthy eating and ethical values is inevitably any individuals choice, be that carnivore, omnivore, or herbivore, pescitarian, flexitarian, vegetarian or committed vegan.

We all need to eat and as farmers and growers we remain best placed to produce such nutrient rich food. However, understanding where it has come from, how it is produced, its health and welfare standards and more recently its effect on the environment and sustainability, then making your choice based on fact remain vital.

So as we enter into a new decade, one that most believe will be defining in so many ways, seeking the positive and finding the confidence to make a difference before it is too late, as UK farmers and growers, our resolution is to extend our offer to be part of the solution and not the problem – and that is a fact!

Happy New Year from us all 'Down on the Farm'.

Martin Howlett

CHURCH



How hard do we find it to cross the threshold of the Church? This is a question that works both ways.

For those who are not regular Church goers it can be difficult to step across the threshold and enter a Church building – for many and varied reasons. And for those who do regularly attend Church services it is not

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always easy to take the things which they find so valuable within across the threshold and out of the building.

If the Church is to have any relevance in society then this sense of division – of there being a visible or invisible barrier between the worlds inside and outside of Church – needs to be broken down.

When Jesus walked this earth, even before there were such things as Church buildings, he was aware of this potential problem. In the Sermon on the Mount he told his disciples to “Let your light shine before men, that they

may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

Followers of Jesus were not to hide their light under a bowl, they were to let it shine for all to see. Unless light is allowed to shine out it cannot achieve its function – which is to lighten dark places.

So, for those of you who do regularly go to Church, don't keep the light you find there to yourselves share it with the world outside; by what you do, how you act and what you say.

There is a danger, though, that our Church buildings themselves can appear to be dark places. The following is a set of lyrics from a song by the secular group Snow Patrol:-

**Slowly the day breaks apart in our hands
And soft hallelujahs flow in from the church
The one on the corner you said frightened you
It was too dark and too large to find yourself in.**

(from 'The Lighting Strike' on the album 'A Hundred Million Suns')

Of course this is only a song lyric and we cannot read too much into it.

However, returning to our old Church in London over New Year reminded me what a transformation was made to that building when the solid wood entrance doors were replaced with fully glazed doors. What happened inside the build-

ing was no longer a mystery and to step across the threshold was not to step into the unknown. And on dark winter evenings the warm glow of light spilling out from within issued an unspoken welcome.

Now this sort of action isn't suitable for all Churches – particularly our older historic buildings. But the principle of our Churches being filled with light, and warmth, does apply. It's all very well us trying to save energy but

if in doing so we make our buildings dark and cold then no-one will wish to enter and find the true light within.

And if you are amongst those who rarely enters a Church building, then please don't wait until the next Christening, Wedding or Funeral to go again. Ask someone you know who does go to give you a tour round their Church, and discover what you are missing.

Churches are places where God can be encountered and where the light of Jesus shines. They are almost always places filled too with a sense of peace – a commodity we can all value. I wish you light and peace during this winter month.

Keith Browne





SCADRA enjoyed a fun end to the year with our Christmas games at Duchy College. Participants enjoyed games such as musical statues, pass the parcel, sprout and spoon race and carrot bobbing!

The mulled wine also went down particularly well. We have now launched our membership for 2020. The cost per person is £25.

Along with the usual British Riding Club (BRC) benefits, you also get £15 worth of money off vouchers for SCADRA events.

Also new for 2020 we have added a family discount where additional members from the same household that join at the same time get a £2 discount each.

One of the BRC benefits of being a member is the access to greatly subsidised training opportunities with some top instructors.

In February we are looking forward to some show jumping training with Richard Waygood MBE, BE World Class Performance Manager.

We have also previously had the opportunity to have dressage training with top British dressage rider Spencer Wilton, so we are looking forward to



see what other opportunities BRC offer us this year. Watch this space and our website www.scadra.co.uk for more details of events for 2020.

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RDA - Come and have a look at us

Very best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2020 – and good luck with all your New Year's resolutions! I've just made one which I shall endeavour to adhere to, which is to keep on top of my paperwork. It's all there, just not in the right order... In the midst of all the preparations for Christmas I had my coaching observation, for which all my paperwork had to be present and correct.

The RDA insists that instructors, aka coaches, undergo the same checks as if we were teaching professionally, which, in my opinion, is a 'Very Good Thing' (except when it's my turn to be observed!) when paperwork is up for inspection as well as lesson content.

Hence my New Year's resolution! Fortunately, my observer was happy with what I was doing, plus my hastily-sorted paperwork. As usual, she also made some very helpful suggestions for future sessions.



The following day we held another awareness day, this time by courtesy of Tesco in Launceston. We were accompanied by miniature Shetland pony

Dinky, the property of one of our riders, very kindly loaned to us for the occasion, pictured wearing some very fetching reindeer antlers.

With a children's tombola, a raffle, a 'guess Dinky's official name' game and a good choice of Christmas items for sale, there were lots of visitors to our stall.

As well as boosting our funds, we were able to spread the word about RDA in the hopes of recruiting more helpers.

New Year's resolution alert! If you'd like to join us just visit our website: www.rdaduchy.org. to arrange to come and watch a session, held at Duchy College on Wednesday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm during term time.

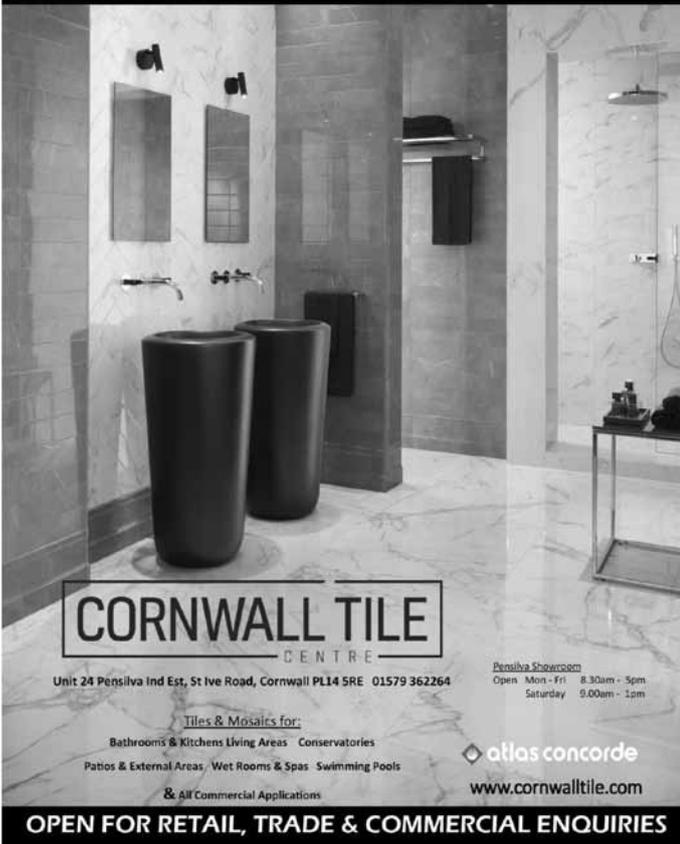
New helpers are very welcome at any time!

Images: Awareness day; Mary, Daniel and Dinky



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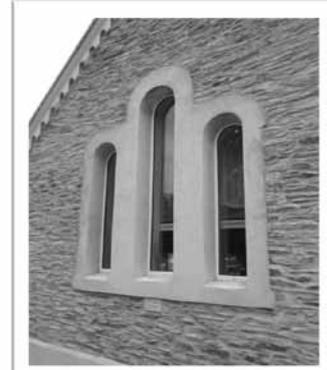
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A précis of issues and projects discussed and actioned at the Parish Council meetings in November, December 2019 and January 2020.

Rowden Field: The clerk has reviewed the Duchy Act of 1844 and survey related to Stoke Climsland Manor and has examined the records relating to the selling off of several Duchy lands in Stoke Climsland. It is unclear from the documentary evidence whether Rowden Field was affected but it seems unlikely. The Duchy Estate Office in Bath has been contacted and has confirmed that they have no rights over Rowden Field, apart from mineral rights and therefore no objection to the Parish Council registering the field in order to consolidate management of it. Legal advice has now been sought from Earl & Crocker of Callington to establish the correct procedure for registering Rowden Field, the Duck Pond at Venterdon, the War Memorial and the noticeboard site at Dingle Close in Venterdon.

Luckett Swings: Fields in Trust have confirmed that a fee of c.£600 will be incurred as a result of the transfer. At the November meeting a motion was carried that the Parish Council would not pay this fee, having not been consulted in the registration with Fields in Trust and finding that the fee could have been avoided completely if the Luckett Swings Committee had deferred registration until the transfer had taken place, as Fields in Trust had advised them to do. At the December meeting, an offer was received from an anonymous donor to pay the registration fee in order that the transfer take place, on condition that Luckett Swings Committee disband following the transfer and that Cllr. Vulliamy have no further role in the management of the playground. This was agreed and ratified at the January meeting and the transfer agreement was signed.

Playground Maintenance: Tenders have been sought and received for the maintenance required at Downgate Playing Fields. Schoolsapes have undertaken some repairs to the equipment on the village green before going into administration in December. The firm has now been bought by another company and is operational again, so work should continue in due course.

Venterdon Bus Shelter: The bus shelter has been installed and is fully operational. The supplier has been

paid but the invoice from CORMAC for the groundworks has not yet been received for payment. The £3000 grant from Cornwall Council towards the costs of installing the bus shelter has been transferred.

Luckett Noticeboard & Car Park: A site visit took place on the 23rd November and the proposed location of a new, double sided notice board was established as adjacent or attached to the innermost fence by the pedestrian access. Quotes are being sought from local tradesmen for the work. Discussion has also taken place regarding potential improvements and/or expansion of the car park and the fitting of EV points. The clerk is pursuing options for grant funding, which will involve a preliminary survey to see what is possible in light of issues such as biodiversity and flood prevention. It is clear this will be a longterm project.

AED Defibrillator: The phone box in Luckett has been lovingly refurbished using funds raised by the Luckett Village Association. The unmetered power supply agreement has been received from Western Power and the clerk is arranging the electricity supply with a renewable energy company. The AED unit has now been ordered from SWASFT and installation will occur in due course.

Grit Bins: There are four council owned grit bins in the parish, which former Cllr James Coumbe used to fill. There is also a supply of road salt held by Mr. Coumbe. The Parish Council is seeking a volunteer to fill the bins. If you can help please contact the clerk.

Website Rebuild: Plans to create a parish website, which will be managed by the Parish Council but include options for content from all parish entities, and the inclusion of the community events calendar, have been discussed with the existing web manager, the clerk, the Community Facilities Group and the Parish Hall Committee. A technical specification has been drawn up and the process of tendering for the project will commence over the next few months. A grant will be sought to help fund the project set up costs.

Budget and Precept for y/e 2021: The annual budget meeting took place on the 2nd December 2019 at which the budget was finalised and the precept for the next year was determined. Both were ratified at the meeting of December 16th. The budget and precept document can be viewed on the website.

Records Management: The Clerk has been organising the archival records of the Parish Council for deposit at Kresen Kernow and will be taking the records for deposit on 23rd January.

PLEASE NOTE these are abridged minutes with additional notes on subsequent progress. Full meeting minutes can be found at the Parish Council website: www.stokeclimslandparish.org



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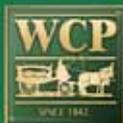
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WIND SHEER

We must all be familiar with those trees near the coast that are leaning away from the prevailing wind.

There are several leaning oaks and beeches on the roadside between Launceston and Bude for example.

Earlier last year we saw the way this happens. A big hawthorn bush along the Camel estuary, not far from Padstow was leaning away from the wind. It was in full new spring leaf but the leaves on the



windward side were brown and frizzled by the strong salty wind that had been blowing a day or two earlier. The leaves at the sheltered side of the bush were unscathed. In this

exposed position, every attempt to make more new growth risked being burnt off on the windward side while the sheltered side could carry on growing. Over the years, this will result in the familiar distorted, wind-sheered appearance. It's obvious really, but I'd never noticed it actually happening before.

OLD NESTS

The bare-twigged branches of trees in winter still show the ragged remains of last season's nests, especially those of crows, rooks and magpies. Some of the rooks at their rookery in Higher Downgate are still spending some of the day standing guard, or making their claims for nest-sites good and early. By the time this appears on doorsteps they will be getting even more active.



MISTLETOE

Bare branches also show up clumps of Mistletoe. It's not a common plant in

Cornwall but it can be seen in the odd poplar tree in Saltash and it's quite abundant in the orchard at Cotehele.

It appears most spectacularly as you drive up the M5 in Devon. Tall roadside Poplars are heavily burdened with this pale green semi-parasitic plant. We have also seen it in lime trees in South Wales.

In Britain and Europe it's the only species of this genus which is in the Sandalwood family. This is mainly a sub-tropical family with many other genera containing 400 different semi-parasitic species.

Its sticky seeds enable it to adhere to the roughness of the bark of the host tree, and are deposited by birds which eat the translucent whitish seeds in winter. If it is sufficiently moist it will germinate and drive its roots into the tissue of the host tree, slowly developing the clump of twiggy growth so sought-after at Christmas but deriving its history from long before Christianity.

WITCHES' BROOMS



Another matted clump of fine twigs which show up in the winter are Witches' Brooms, most commonly seen in Birch trees. They are the abnormal growths caused by damage, often fungal. They appear to do no harm to the tree and when in a garden they may be either considered a curiosity or a blemish which can be removed. **Mary Atkinson**

Images: (from top) A windblown roadside tree; Witches' Brooms on Birch; Mistletoe on Poplar

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