

OLD SCHOOL NEWS

STOKE CLIMSLAND & DISTRICT



April 2020
ISSUE 227

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK ANOTHER SCATS TRIUMPH

Once again, SCATS produced a pantomime that was thoroughly entertaining. Funning and punning was maintained throughout, with many a groan of appreciation as the story unfolded.

The writing team must take great credit for keeping it rollicking along, interspersed with lively songs, brilliantly sung in the main by youngsters flanked by a few more experienced singers. Costumes were a delight, very much enhancing the production. The future of SCATS seems rosy with such outstanding performances from so many junior members of the cast. It was great to see such an obvious camaraderie between all the ages.

Clever scripting took this well-known English fairy tale and interpreted it anew. The scene was set in a pub, the Working Cocker. Reluctantly, Dolly Mix-Chuzz had to send her son Jack off to sell the family cow. In true pantomime tradition, the audience responded predictably with 'Hello Dolly' each



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**REMINDER: THE EMAIL
ADDRESS FOR THE
OLD SCHOOL HAS
TEMPORARILY CHANGED**

**IMPORTANT NOTICES ABOUT THE
CORONA VIRUS ON PAGES 2, 3 & 4**



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Seborrhoeic Wart



Seborrhoeic warts become more common with increasing age and can grow up to 2 inches across. This type of wart can be found anywhere on the body and is very easily treatable.

Milia



Tiny white hard lumps that lie officially underneath the surface of the skin and can be easily treated with ACP techniques.

Skin Tags



Skin Tags are very common. They vary in size from a tiny speck to the size of a large pea or even larger. They are found in areas of friction, such as underarms, groin, under the chest and around the neck. Very easily treatable.

Cambell De Morgan (blood spots)



Bright red vascular blemishes can be dome shaped or slightly raised. They can be found all over the body and can be easily treated.

Facial Thread Veins



These are not broken capillaries but permanently dilated capillaries. They have very thin walls that constantly dilate and constrict. As we age, these vessels lose their elasticity and can become permanently dilated.

Other Available Treatments:

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Before



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CORONAVIRUS

Keeping you safe



- WASH YOUR HANDS thoroughly and often.
- Practice SOCIAL DISTANCING do not hug or shake hands, keep a minimum 2m distance.
- If you show any symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has, SELF ISOLATE IMMEDIATELY.
- If you have a vulnerability due to age or an existing medical condition, consider SELF ISOLATION as a preventative measure.
- AVOID UNNECESSARY CONTACT with other people as much as possible.
- AVOID TRAVEL only make vital journeys.
- If you can, STAY AT HOME

IF YOU HAVE TO ISOLATE YOURSELF, LET US KNOW AND WE CAN SUPPORT YOU

CAN YOU HELP?

We need healthy people to volunteer to help deliver food, supplies and medicines to those who have to remain in their homes.

ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE TRAINED IN HOW TO AVOID SPREADING THE INFECTION.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH

- To register as a self isolated/vulnerable person
- To register someone you know is vulnerable
- To volunteer as a community helper

CONTACT US AND LEAVE DETAILS:

To register as vulnerable/isolated: parishclerk@stokeclimslandparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01787368857

To register to volunteer: njcooperscp@gmail.com or 07525 351628

OR leave your details with Stoke Climsland Post Office: 01579 370095

OLD SCHOOL APRIL DIARY

Mondays	Pilates Classes (sessions from)	9:00 am
	Acupuncturist (by appt)	9:00 am
	Scottish Country Dancing	7:30pm
Tuesdays	Rezart Art Group	10:00 am
	IT Clinic	2:00 pm
Thursdays	Yoga	5:30 pm
	Band Practice	7:00 pm
Fridays	Friday Lunch	12 Noon
Wednesday	1 Afternoon Tea	2:00 pm
Thursday	2 Chiropodist (by appointment)	10:00 am
Saturday	4 Village Market	9:00 am
Wednesday	8 Tai Chi	2:00 pm
Thursday	9 U3A Art Group	10:00 am
	Trustees' Meeting	7:30 pm
Friday	10 Film Club	7:30 pm
Tuesday	14 Look Group	2:30 pm
Wednesday	15 Cross Border Art Group	10:00 am
	Community Lunch	12 noon
Thursday	16 Chiropodist (by appointment)	10:00 am
	Investment Club	7:30 pm
Friday	17 Carers' Meeting	2:00 pm
	ECMHA	7:00 pm
Saturday	18 Craft & Gift Fair	9:30 am
Tuesday	21 Book Club	9:30 am
Wednesday	22 Cross Border Art Group	10:00 am
	Tai Chi	2:00 pm
Thursday	23 U3A Art Group	10:00 am
Friday	24 Food for Thought	7:00 pm
Tuesday	28 Local History	7:30 pm
Wednesday	29 Cross Border Art Group	10:00 am
Thursday	30 OSN ready for collection	

MORE CORONA VIRUS NEWS

Overleaf there is a statement about the way in which The Old School is trying to come to terms with the restrictions imposed as a result of government advice about the corona virus.

By the time you read this a number of things will probably have happened.

- The Parish Council will have circulated copies of the leaflet opposite.
- You will probably know that various activities and events at The Old School and elsewhere will have been postponed or cancelled. The diaries on this page may, by then, be irrelevant.
- You will probably have received a newsheet that aims to keep you up to date with what's happening.
- While the restrictions apply we won't be producing the Old School News in its present form; the newsheet will replace it.
- Help is available - see the notice opposite and the information on page 3 about how The Old School will be operating.

STAY SAFE BUT PLEASE LET SOMEONE KNOW IF YOU NEED HELP

CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

PARISH CHURCH	Apr 5th	8:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Morning Prayer (Traditional) No service at the Parish Church Venterdon Chapel for Anniversary Service
		2:30 pm	Remembering God (Simple Worship)
	Apr 10th	10:30 am	Good Friday Walk of Witness from Stoke Church to Venterdon Chapel
	Apr 12th	8:00 am 10:00 am	Holy Communion (Traditional) Easter Morning Worship (Modern)
	Apr 19th	8:00 am 10:00 am	Morning Prayer (Traditional) Holy Communion (Modern)
METHODIST CHURCH	Apr 26th	8:00 am 10:00 am	Morning Prayer (Traditional) Family Service (Modern)

METHODIST CHURCH	Apr 5th	11:00 am 6:30pm	Palm Sunday and Church Anniversary Service led by Revd David Moss Celebration Concert
	Apr 12th	11:00 am	Easter Sunday Service led by Gordon Rowe
	Apr 19th	11:00 am	Mark Pellow
	Apr 26th	6:00 pm	Circuit Easter Offering Service with Mary Hills

PARISH HALL APRIL 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
Thursdays	Keep Fit	10:00 am - 11:00 am
	Bowls	7:30 pm
Fridays	Bridge Club	7:00 pm
Monday	6 Gardening Club	7:30 pm
Tuesday	14 WI	7:00 pm
Wednesday	15 Dance	3:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Thursday	16 Dance	3:00 pm - 7:20 pm
Saturday	18 Jumble Sale	9:00 am
Monday	20 Parish Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday	22 Dance	3:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Thursday	23 Dance	3:00 pm - 7:20 pm
Monday	27 Annual Parish Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday	29 Dance	3:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Thursday	30 Dance	3:00 pm - 7:20 pm

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

AND THE OLD SCHOOL 200 CLUB WINNERS ARE...

14 Feb	P Davies-Gregory
21 Feb	D Jackaman
28 Feb	D Ross
6 Mar	A Carnegie

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

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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!

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(CALLINGTON).**



The IT Clinic at The Old School is in session every Tuesday afternoon from 2 until around 4 pm. Nigel, Rosemary and Deri

will be there to help you with any laptop, tablet or mobile phone usage problem you might have. We don't do repairs! We've even got some i-pads we can loan to those who might want to try before they buy. We charge a modest £2 to cover room hire. If you want any more information, please give Deri Parsons a call on 01579 370319 or send him an e-mail (derrick.parsons@btinternet.com).

THANKS FROM HONICOMBE MANOR



As many of you may know Dee and Robin Fry moved down from Sussex to run the leisure and holiday business at Honicombe Manor. This is a message from them.

It is with much pride that Robin and I are writing to say goodbye to Honicombe Manor. It was over 4 years ago that we left our jobs in Sussex to move to Cornwall in order to try and revive Honicombe Manor. This holiday park had been neglected for so long that we felt like it had been forgotten; few locals knew of it and many did not realise it was actually there.

We moved to Stoke Climsland for our first 6 months and were made to feel so welcome - we had great landlords and a beautiful barn to introduce us to Cornish life. We would love to have stayed in the village but alas there were no properties for sale (which says a lot about the village).

During our time at Honicombe we worked hard to introduce our 'I live local' plans, which included arranging and advertising events, offers and inclusion 'for all'. We supported and advertised with local parish newsletters and we put Honicombe back on the map. In 2016 we took over the bar at Honicombe, and with the help of a great chef we introduced the Carvery which today is known for miles. In 2018 we handed the bar to Matt who has taken it from strength to strength. Matt has now purchased our business and so will continue to build the park into the 'place to be' that it once was.

We are remaining in Cornwall, once here it is hard to leave, but we wanted to thank those of you who have supported us during our adventure and we hope that you will continue to support Honicombe going forward. It has been pleasure and a privilege to be part of this park. We love Cornwall and hope our next move will be just as friendly and welcoming.

CORONA VIRUS AND THE OLD SCHOOL We all want to minimise the risk of the Corona virus being spread to people when they meet at The Old School. We are especially concerned that vulnerable users should not be exposed to risk. So we ask that you

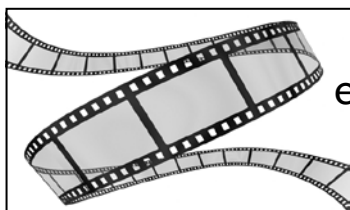
- use hand gel, wash hands and take other sensible measures to avoid spreading the virus
- do not come to The Old School if you are unwell or may have had contact with someone who is unwell.

Because of the risks from close contacts between groups of people, especially to those who are vulnerable, many events at The Old School will have been cancelled or postponed. You should be getting direct information about cancellations. The Old School will generally be closed but

- the office will be staffed **every weekday morning from 10-00 am until 11-30 am**
- there will be access to the library between these times
- someone will be available to answer queries or take messages
- there will be an automated email reply that will give you information
- there will be a recorded message if you phone the office outside these hours.

Although the lunches programme will have been suspended, we are attempting to deliver soup and, possibly, meals to isolated or housebound members of the community. Once that service is available it will be advertised in the newsheet that will be circulating instead of the Old School News.

If your organisation hires one of our rooms you should make your own decision about whether to continue to meet; please then let your group know and tell the office about your decision.



For your entertainment The Old School Film Club presents...

Friday, April 10th at 7.30pm

SORRY WE MISSED YOU

The latest film by Ken Loach. Hoping that self-employment through the gig economy can solve their financial woes, a hard-up UK delivery driver and his wife struggling to raise a family end up trapped in the vicious circle of this modern-day form of labour exploitation.

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



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

OLD SCHOOL 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 notice in the village advertising each week's menu. It has now been realised that some people may not have seen it.

LUNCHES ARE SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME BEING

...get together ... 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.)

Booking is essential via The Old School office 370493 with 48 hours' notice. (Please remember to cancel if you can't make it as all food is freshly cooked).

TIME IS



POSTPONED UNTIL THE AUTUMN A CORONA VIRUS CASUALTY RUNNING OUT

A tense eco-thriller in which **YOU** determine the outcome! A fictional West African state, mired in the controversy of oil, corporate intrigue and political corruption. Hostages are taken, the clock is ticking.

Can **YOU** save the day?

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

The Old School Stoke Climsland

7.30 pm 24th April 2020

(Bar open at 7.00 pm)



Food FOR Thought

EVENINGS AT THE OLD SCHOOL
TO NOURISH MIND AND BODY

Free entrance by pre-booked tickets only from the Old School Office 01579 370493
Donations to Amnesty International on the evening.

Stoke Climsland Annual Parish Meeting

Stoke Climsland Parish Hall

Monday 27th April at 7:30 pm



A chance to find out what all the local clubs, societies and organisations have achieved in the last twelve months.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

To find out more please email the Parish Clerk:
parishclerkscpc@gmail.com

WORRIED ABOUT CORONAVIRUS IN STOKE CLIMSLAND: see pages 2, 3 & 4



Café Scientifique is a nationwide network of groups for the informed discussion of scientific issues

The next meeting is on
Tuesday 21 April at 7.00 pm
at Eagle House Hotel, 3 Castle
Street, Launceston PL15 8BA

“Out on a Limb - Recent advances in upper-limb prosthetics and orthotics”

Professor Roland Burns
(Advanced Control Research)



Professor Roland Burns and Dominic Lovett with the
prosthetic hand developed by Professor Burns

For any queries contact: Cherry Warne on 01566 772701
or email: cheerywatsonovna@btinternet.com
or through our website

2020 Pizza Party Fundraiser

**The Cottage, Higherland
PL17 8LD**

Saturday 11th July

Breakfast: 8.30 - 10.30
Lunchtime: 12.00 - 16.00
Evening: 18.00 - 22.00

Fully licenced bar

All proceeds to Stoke Climsland Show & the Social Club

By ticket only - £7.00 per pizza
Tickets available from Show committee members,
the Post Office & the Social Club

Parking is very limited so please walk / car share
Call Ruth or Andy on 01579 370262 for further
information

CELEBRATING VENTERDON CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY



On Sunday 5th April there will be two events at
Venterdon Methodist to celebrate its anniversary.

At 11.00am, there will be a service with Reverend
David Moss and this will be followed by lunch.

At 6.30pm there will be a concert by the Pelynt
Male Voice Choir, which will be followed by a
Faith Supper

Everyone is welcome to come along to one or
both.

SHORT COURSES TO SUIT YOU!

*At The Old School - starting now,
Spring 2020*

Subjects? Those below are on offer
now, more to follow, advertised in the
Old School News

Dates? These are up to you - as soon as
we have 5 or more people we can start
on a day and date to suit the teacher
and group.

Cost? This will be minimal - enough to
cover the cost of room hire, teacher,
and any overheads. As a guide we'd be
aiming at £5 per session (refreshments
included).

How long? Courses start as 3 sessions
of 2 hours each, over 3 weeks. If it's
a subject which the group would like
to continue, there's no reason why it
shouldn't.

What's immediately available?

Wildlife gardening for
climate change - learn and
discuss

Plant i.d.ent - know your
wild plants and insects,
starting from scratch

Fruit trees for the Future!
- grafting and budding,
growing on, and future care of
a range of fruits

Keeping your website or
facebook up to date - step
by step help

Setting up a website from
scratch - keeping it simple

Keeping Accounts on
computer

Future subjects? - What
could you teach for 3 or
more sessions? We're keen
to run languages, creative
writing, music, singing and
practical subjects.

Tell us

- your contact details
- what interests you
- which days or evenings
suit you best
- whether you need help
with transport

*To sign up or show your
interest, please contact
The Old School in person
or call 01579 370493 or
email at [theoldschool78@
gmail.com](mailto:theoldschool78@gmail.com)*

Throughout January, February and March, we were watching the TAPS token collection boxes at Tesco in Callington, and by the time you are reading this we'll know how much Tesco will be donating to us via their "Bags of Help Scheme". If you put your tokens

into our box, we are very thankful to you. At our February meeting, Rachel Mansell (Infection Control Nurse at Nuffield) showed us how to wash our hands properly. With COVID19 causing so much concern around the world her talk was very timely.

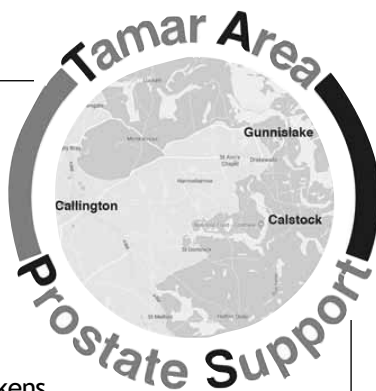
On **22nd April**, Simon Francis of Nuffield Health will be back (by popular request) for Part 2 of his mission to keep us all fit & healthy. This will be an "active" session, for some of us at least, so bring a light weight or even a 'kettle bell' if you have such a thing.

On **27th May**, Mark Stone, Pharmacist at Tamar Valley Health, will give us an insight as to how the Pharmacy keeps us all going.

Don't forget, our meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month and are held in the Council Chamber in Callington Town Hall at 6pm



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.com.



Stoke Climsland Local History Group



We are well into our programme of talks for 2020 and the standard of presentations has been very high. No pressure on our future speakers! Here's what we have scheduled for the next few months and, as we always say, 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!

28th April: 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 of 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!

26th May: Please note: A change in our programme. Our closest 'typical Cornish fishing port' is Looe but how much do we know about its chequered and fascinating history. Join us as local historian Mark Camp conducts a walking tour around Looe and sheds light on its past. Meeting arrangements will be confirmed in the next OSN.


23rd June: 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 Plymouthian, who has had a shop on the Barbican for many years and has produced many books on the history of the area. We'll confirm the arrangements in the next OSN.

28th July: We are hoping that we'll have a guided tour around a local village that, I would guess, not many of us know much about. In fact, most of us have probably never been there and it's only 20 minutes away.

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

JOIN THE OLD SCHOOL 200 CLUB FOR ONLY £1 PER WEEK!

A weekly draw takes place at the Friday Lunch Club. Each winner takes home a quarter of the weekly pot of money. The money raised helps support The Old School. Ring the office for details: 01579 370493

COMING TO  CALLINGTON

Lions' DRAGONS' DEN

Community project or local organisation in need of funding?
The Lions' Den is ready to help... but you'll need to convince us!

£2,000 Prize Fund

Applications close 30 April. Presentations on 26 June.

Project or organisation must be in the Callington area or surrounding villages.

For details visit www.callingtonlions.co.uk or call 07395 943 647

STOKE CLIMSLAND VILLAGE MARKET

Every 1st Saturday of the month, your opportunity to shop locally, meet friends and have a hearty breakfast, all on your doorstep!



WAITING TO SERVE YOU: OUR STALLHOLDERS

Chris George - Wood turner (01579 370654)
 Chris Rounsevell - Eggs and farm-fresh locally produced meats (01579 363598)
 Dawn Hunn - Fresh veg and soft fruits in season (07779 058889)
 Derek & Mary Scofield - Apple and other juices, vinegars, cordials (01579 350594)
 Di Nash (DJ's Designs) - Peg bags, gift bags, etc. (01579 384155)
 Michael Harford - Wood crafts - (01579 370663)
 Ian Macdonald - Cross stitch, tapestry, pictures framed (01579 351221)
 Karen Cooper - Personalised gifts & cards (01579 370536)
 Linda Losty - Handmade aprons (01579 342790 or 07733 298969)
 Neil Robyns - Artisan yogurts, cream cheese, cheesecakes, pies (07831 625159)
 Sue Cook - Stained glass and plants (in season) (01579 383885)
 Sandra Jane - Leather goods (01579 370966)
 Sarah Kidman - Individual hand-made jewellery (07850 557625)
 Val Kidman - Home-made preserves, jams and freshly-baked cakes (01579 370297)
 Dale Wood - Honey (01579 362458)

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.



'Toddle In' for

babies, toddlers and their
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Callington Methodist Church

Thursday mornings 9.30 - 11.30 am

Games, Toys, Storytime, Healthy

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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!*

THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY IS WITH US! NOW!

What can WE do about it?

Well, there's our own Climate Change Action Group (see page 4 for the next meeting) And below are two local initiatives that should interest all of us.

CLIMATE CHANGE TALKS

Here's a chance to debate and ask questions at three sessions at The Old School. In each session two or more speakers will give short presentations, to be followed by your questions to all of them. We hope to promote lots of discussion and sharing of ideas.

The focus will be on learning about climate change and understanding what we can do to help deal with it, household by household, here in Stoke Climsland.

Come from 7.00pm for light refreshments and bar. The evenings will be free, though you are invited to donate to cover costs.

It helps us to manage numbers if you phone 01579 370493 to let us know you're coming.

All events start at 7-30 pm at The Old School.

May 15th	Wildlife and our changing environment Cheryl Marriott , Cornwall Wildlife Trust's Conservation Officer, on the potential impact on wildlife and what we should be thinking about doing Local speakers on Ancient Trees, vulnerable species of plant, insects, bats etc in our Parish; Richard Vulliamy of TV Orchard Volunteers, on fruit trees for the future, in our gardens.
June 19th	Power generation by Community Projects Kate Royston of Tamar Energy Community, Tavistock, on Community Energy Projects up and running locally Ali Humphreys of SHARE, on what South Hill parish is doing!
July 17th	An update on Climate Change activities within our parish Information and discussion session

AFTER ALL THAT YOU'LL NEED A RESTORATIVE BREAKFAST

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE OLD SCHOOL



A full breakfast for a mere £4, cooked to order just as you like it with quality ingredients. And, as well as our delicious full English breakfast we are now offering a vegetarian option - same price, same deliciousness.

Open to all. Served from 9am until noon.

Free Fruit Trees for your Garden !!

In response to Climate Change and the plan to plant as many new trees as possible in Cornwall, the Tamar Valley Orchards Volunteers Group is providing a free fruit tree for every garden in Stoke Climsland Parish over the next 3 years. We hope that you'll join us in it!

2020

1. Spring - apple and pear grafting sessions from March for about 10 people each, teaching them to graft and doing as many as possible. Dates probably between 18th and 22nd March, and possibly into April - phone 01579 370411 NOW to book a place.
2. You can take them straight home, or we will look after the young trees during year one. We will teach you about care and maintenance of the young trees.
3. Summer - budding sessions, to teach groups to bud other fruits - cherry, apricot, nectarine, fig anyone? Or plum or damson?
4. You can take them straight home too, or we will look after the young trees during year one in our nursery rows too.

2021

1. Spring - In Year two onwards, we will show how to plant out and tend the fruit trees in gardens.
2. Spring and Summer - In Years 2 and 3 more trees will be grafted and budded, the intention being that more of you will help teach, momentum build up, and soon we will have enough trees for the whole parish through joint effort and sharing of skills.

The project is funded by the Tamar Valley Orchards Volunteers Group which exists to help preserve old local varieties, and to encourage their replanting in the Tamar landscape, while helping to spread the use of locally and organically grown produce.

Grants may turn out to be available. However, do we need one? The cost will be minimal if people pay for their new trees at just the cost of the rootstock. We can also raise rootstocks ourselves for use in years two and three.

Choice of fruits: Some fruits, eg apricots, figs, peaches etc may be expected to do better than others if temperatures warm up.

Choice of size: Using different rootstocks, trees could be espaliers growing against fences, or small trees, medium or large trees.

Varieties: Apples, cherries and pears will be Tamar Valley varieties.

We will need to know your choice of fruit tree and what size will fit your garden (see above) if it's apple, pear or cherry. For those who want espaliers, we will show you how to prune it to shape.

So **PLEASE BOOK NOW** if you would like to receive a fruit tree, or come and graft your own fruit tree(s), or decide the kind(s) of fruit you would like.

Please phone us on 01579 370411, or 07976 727618



LAWRENCE HOUSE MUSEUM

9 Castle Street, Launceston PL15 8BA
Tel 01566 773277

The Museum is pleased to announce two special events happening in the museum inspired by plants, each with a link to William Wise, three times mayor and druggist of Launceston.

First "Plants, Potions & Persecution", a talk on Saturday 25th April at 7.00pm in the Guildhall; entry is free but donations for the upkeep of the museum's collections will be warmly welcomed. The speaker will ask the question why women who were learned in the powers of plants were, more often than not, in the past characterized as witches and evil but men with the same knowledge eg William Wise, were regarded as doctors.

Secondly, come and join in the People's Herbarium - Walks & Print Workshops: local Launceston artist and printmaker, Karen Howse, has been inspired by Wise's Herbarium to produce the People's Herbarium this coming year, a project that will involve nature walks and print workshops at both the museum and Launceston Library. Karen will be working

in the museum garden and garden room, then in the exhibition room in the summer, where we can showcase the project so far. The event will run from the museum's opening at the end of March until it closes in October, so spanning the seasons.

Karen will lead a People's Herbarium walk from the museum on Monday 6th April from 2 - 3.30pm, Sunday 26th July 2 - 3.30pm (as part of the Causley Festival), and there will be People's Herbarium Print Workshops in the garden room at the museum from 10am - 3pm on Tuesday 7th April, Tuesday 26th April, Monday 22nd June and Friday 3rd July. Look out for more People's Herbarium events at www.karenhowse.com and www.lawrencehousemuseum.org on the internet. On Instagram check out the [_peoples_herbarium](#) and Twitter [@LawrenceHouseMu](#) and the museum Facebook page.



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Repair Café

Following our very successful initial launch at
Tamar Valley Centre, Cemetery Road, Drakewalls
the next Repair Café will be Thursday March 12th

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Clothes & textiles, small electrical,
Bikes, tools, gadgets and musical instruments,
All repairs will depend on the expertise of our fixers.

To book a slot please contact 01822 835030 or turn up
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Tea and cake while you wait

Donations raising funds for Tamar Tender Loving Care

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call Coralie on 01822 835030 or email cbarrow@tamarvalley.org.uk

Part of the Cornwall Repair Café Network



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10:30am - 2:30pm

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Games, Books
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THE OLD SCHOOL NEWS NEEDED YOUR HELP...

AND SEVERAL OF YOU CAME FORWARD AND OFFERED IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT AND WE'LL LET YOU KNOW HOW WE GET ON WITH RECONSTRUCTING THE OSN TEAM.

In the meantime, Deri and John would like to thank you for the messages of support.

We are delighted to be able to pass on the news that Mary is recovering well and expects to be back home very shortly. But, while the present restrictions operate, we will not be producing further issues of the Old School News but will be circulating a regular newssheet (see page 3). Deri Parsons will be contacting contributors, asking for items for this temporary publication.

The ECMHA has pleasure in continuing its programme of events open to all, celebrating the World Heritage Site for Cornish Mining.

Bar and light refreshments from 7.00pm
Friday 17th April, at The Old School starting 7.30

Jeff Harrison is coming to update us about the work progressing at Redmoor Mine, Kelly Bray.

Come along and find out what has been happening over the past year, since Jeff's last fascinating talk.

We will also bring along historical information about the old Redmoor and Holmbush/ Winsor Mines all at Kelly Bray.

Coming up

Jill Lane will tell us about Tharsis, the Mines in Spain for which Tharsis House in Calstock was named. Jill has visited the Tharsis area and her photos of Cornish Engine houses in the Spanish landscape will be fascinating to see!

Malcolm Gould of Wheal Martyn Museum China Clay Heritage Officer and Bard of the Cornish Gorsedh is coming to Talk to us, followed by an invitation for a Guided visit with him to Wheal Martyn Museum!

All welcome!

Donations and raffle to help meet our expenses (mostly insurance and gradual capital works at Luckett Down Miners Cottages)

For extra information, or enquiries about our archive of information, future events visits and talks, or your offer to give a talk, guide a walk, or help with vegetation clearance, please phone 01579 370411 - Thankyou!

JUMBLE SALE
Saturday 18th April
at 10:00am
Parish Hall

Refreshments available

Donations of jumble gratefully received.

Please contact Jenny Llewellyn 01579 370675

for further information.

CAVE in April

Flim at the CAVE

Knives Out (a detective thriller starring Daniel Craig and Christopher Plummer).

Thursday 23rd April at Callington Town Hall

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.



Touring Theatre at the CAVE

David Mynne presents 'Canterbury Tales'.

Sunday 26th April at Callington Town Hall

This is Chaucer but not as

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one-man show by David Mynne.

Let's party like it's 1387! Highly recommended.

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APRIL AT CALSTOCK ARTS

Thursday 2nd: Calstock Film - Mrs Lowry and Son (Adrian Noble, 2019) Cert. PG

Friday 3rd: The Trials of Cato (Folk band)

Thursday 16th: Calstock Film - Burning (Lee Chang-dong, 2018) Cert 15

Friday 17th: Gallery Bar Special with The Martin Dale Latin Trio

Saturday 18th: Steve Knightley - The Stories Behind The Songs

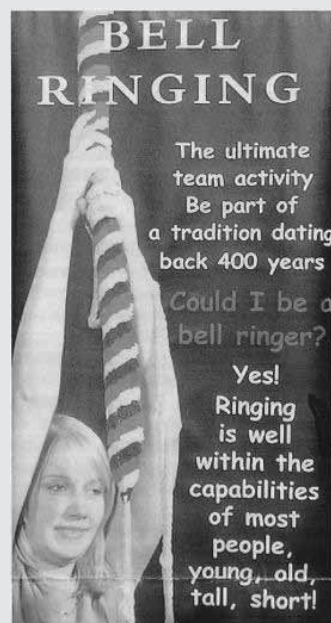
Saturday 25th: Nikolaas Kende & Jolente De Maeyer - piano and violin

Sunday 26th: Craig Milverton Trio presents A Tribute to Oscar Peterson

Unless otherwise stated: doors and the bar will open at 7pm and events will start at 8pm. Tickets and information via www.calstockarts.org and from The Limekiln Gallery in Calstock. Telephone bookings can be made on 01726 879500.

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.

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11.am - 12.30pm

Instruments provided

Open to everyone at the care home and members of the public who would like to come and join in the fun.



Callington Community



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The LineUp are coming to The Old School



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**Saturday
11th July
7.30-10pm**

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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: theoldschool78@gmail.com

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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:

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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

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STOKE CLIMSLAND SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB



www.stokeclimslandclub.co.uk



Jenny and Graham Turner produced a very interesting, and well attended, quiz in February, based on the letter F. All the teams got above half marks and the eventual winners were the "Bar Stools".

The Leap Year meal went very well, although we know of no proposals on the night. People said that the meal was excellent and very good value. The Club would like to thank the stalwart team of cooks, Bonny, Jenny, Jane and Kath for all their hard work. Graham was thanked for serving and Clare and Paul for doing the washing up.



April sees the start of our annual Darts competition against Lockett Club for the prestigious Stukett Cup. June will also be busy with a live band, Red Embers, playing on **2nd June**. Our Fish and Chips on the Field Day is on the **5th June** and tickets for this will be available from April. The Labrador Trust will be holding their Dog Show on the field on **7th June**. We've got a Skittles Night on **11th July** and we'll be supporting the Stoke Climsland Show on **1st August**. And if all this isn't enough, remember that our quiz will still be held on the third Saturday of each month. Keep your eyes peeled for anything else we arrange.

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

We are open Wednesday to Sunday 8 pm to 11 pm and, when there is an event, on Saturday 7.30 pm to midnight. If you want to know more, come to the bar to find out.

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For more information, visit our Facebook page. Just search for The-Lockett-Social-Club.

Friday 3rd April: Easter Prize Bingo. All the tickets you need for just £5.

Good Friday 10th April: The Club will be closed.

Saturday 18th April: Our renowned Curry Night.

Friday 24th April: Ivan's Charity Quiz Night.

Friday 1st May: Second Leg of the Stuckett Darts Challenge (at Lockett).

One Sunday afternoon in May: Car Treasure Hunt - exact date to be announced.

Saturday 20th June: The one and only Lockett Duck Day

Saturday 25th July: Skittles Evening at Deer Park Farm.

Geoff Howlett - Honorary Secretary.

Walk & Laugh Group

meeting in Callington, Launceston
& surrounding areas

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

free
dementia-
friendly
activity

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Contact us on the details below: we look forward to meeting you!

To book and for more details

tel: 01726 222900

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Cotehele House & Mill



Spring is a beautiful time to visit Cotehele as the garden is full of colour from daffodils, rhododendrons, magnolias and the apple and cherry blossom in the orchards. The countryside is wonderful too, with the light green of new leaves, bluebells under the trees and the smell of wild garlic filling the air.



You can explore the countryside with our volunteer walking guide, Jane, on the second Wednesday of each month and she'll take you to the best places for seasonal colour. This month the walk is on 8th

April, starting from the Information Point on Cotehele Quay at 10.30am. Walks are 4 miles long and take about two hours, with lots of time to learn about the area, the flowers you'll see and, of course, to admire the views across the beautiful Tamar Valley countryside.

Also making the most of the colourful outdoors is the Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt, which runs until Sunday 13th April this year. It's £2 per trail, with a Cadbury treat at the end. You might have seen in the press that this is the final year of the National Trust's collaboration with Cadbury. We're hoping this year will be our most successful year yet, to end the partnership on a high.



PARISH HALL UPDATE

Since the announcement of the projects that were selected to mark the 70th Birthday of HRH The Prince of Wales, The Prince's Foundation have been working with partners on developing and delivering those plans, alongside a variety of other programmes around the world. The detail and content of many of these projects, including their timescales, have changed in accordance with the various factors that one might expect.

With respect to our local project for the Parish Hall, project design and development as well as associated fundraising have taken longer than might have originally been envisaged.

Frustrating though this is, it is not a reflection on either the commitment of the CIO or The Prince's Foundation, merely of the way in which the plans have developed. Both the CIO and The Prince's Foundation are enthusiastic about what will ultimately be available for the community

We are working towards submitting the planning and listed building application within the next few weeks. Once the application is validated by Cornwall Council (not always as straightforward as it sounds!), the statutory 8-week consultation period will start, where the public are able to comment and also relevant departments of the council (highways/ conservation etc) and other interested parties are canvassed for their formal comments.

Keep an eye on the online Planning Portal, our Facebook page and noticeboards for more details and information on the public consultation phase. This will be your opportunity to support this important and exciting project for the Parish.

Cotehele house and Mill are now both open, with milling taking place every Thursday and Sunday and two exhibitions in the house. New this year, 'Tide and Time' looks at collection items with links to transatlantic trade in commemoration of the sailing of the Mayflower 400 years ago. 'Rena Gardiner: Art and inspiration' returns for its second year, with reproductions of Gardiner's work on display in the



countryside settings it depicts and a display of her sketches and printmaking methods in the Breakfast Room. You can also buy limited edition prints Gardiner created while she spent a summer-in-residence here before she died.

The new Bull Pen Gallery celebrated a successful launch last month and we hope you've had a chance to see this new accessible space and admire the wonderful art created by local artists and craftspeople, and there's a fantastic new spring range in the Cotehele shop, including specially designed pieces inspired by Cotehele's daffodil collection by Anna Platts.

Our ranger team are busy working on a planning application to create a new intertidal habitat at Cotehele Quay in a field which experiences regular uncontrolled flooding. We hope to reverse the containment work carried out by the Victorians and create a system that is more resilient to the challenges posed by climate change and to provide a richer environment for people and nature.

For more details about this project and everything happening here, do check out our website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cotehele and follow our social feeds on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Photographs of magnolias (left) and Cotehele Mill Wheel (above) by John Parker



Down on the Farm

'Keep Calm and Carry On' - a very real and effective message widely used during WW2. Adopted as a jokey slogan for T-shirts but until now without real purpose. Enter Coronavirus/COVID 19. Public Health advice to encourage greater individual personal hygiene may not be enough to contain this latest Pandemic to hit the Asian and Western World.

Ironically, for us in farming, the pattern of disease, death and natural disaster is nothing new. The adage of 'where there is livestock, there is deadstock' is sadly also true. Our job, amongst so many others, remains to best manage animal health and welfare, as any injured or debilitated stock are not going to grow, thrive or produce and a dead animal only adds the cost of disposal. Likewise crop protection from pest and disease needs management to gain healthy growth and yield.

As farmers and growers, we value the practical advice of veterinary surgeons and crop agronomists in our quest to protect, prevent and ultimately cure whatever 'mother nature' throws at us, whilst always mindful of any new challenge from around the World of a 'notifiable disease'.

The current Coronavirus Pandemic and its pattern of spread is reminiscent of the 2001 Foot and Mouth (FMD) Epidemic that hit UK farms with such devastation. From the initial outbreak found in pigs at an Essex abattoir, through a livestock

PREPARE FOR THE WORST AND HOPE FOR THE BEST



market in Cumbria, to the transported sheep in Devon, we in Cornwall, and Stoke Climsland in particular, with a local link to the infection, were so fortunate not to have suffered more than we did. Sadly, the Government's then preferred methodology to contain and defeat FMD was to destroy over 6 million cattle, sheep and pigs deemed to be in contact with those infected. Many thousands of farms were placed under total restriction, no livestock markets were allowed for 12 months and the whole countryside and its rural businesses were, in effect, closed. Even a General Election was put on hold as well as sports, country shows and public events. Nearly two decades on and thankfully 'lessons have been learned', at least in the farming world. Now we see Coronavirus spreading almost uncontrollably in a similar way. Attempts to limit movement seem to be mostly overridden by fears of economic downturns. Whilst it is difficult to compare the drastic control measures of 2001, an animal disease with that of humans, we all know 'mother nature' continues to have the upper hand.

So, as we continue to meet the never ending challenges of disease or the weather, risk management and emergency disaster planning now seem to be the 'new norm'. But as farmers and good boy scouts/eternal optimists we remain ready - 'prepared for the worst and hoping for the best' - Down on the Farm'.

STOP PRESS: the proposed 'Annual Lambing Day' at Deer Park Farm on Saturday 4th April 2020 may not go ahead this year if Public Health England advise against such events. Please ring us first to check (01579 371117).

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK: ANOTHER SCATS TRIUMPH continued from the front cover

time Dame Dolly Darren came on stage and there were given regular opportunities to participate as the panto progressed. Darren's cheeky character quickly built up a slick rapport with the audience as indeed did many of the younger cast members. Also receiving the response required was Heather and Charlie's Grimm performance; very droll. Rob Marks is to be commended for playing both Odious and Tenacious with such verve. His villain, complete with French accent, was the perfect foil for his downtrodden brother who, by a cruel twist of fate, had been banished to the castle in the sky to play the unwanted role of Giant. His heart wasn't in it but fortunes were ultimately reversed when his odious brother touched the magic harp and was banished to the castle to be forever cut off by the felling of the beanstalk.

Throughout the timing of one-liners was extremely good and the delivery of lines superb, from young and old. All was performed in front of an artistically produced backdrop and the scene changes were very slick. Good lighting enhanced the show and sound effects were employed to advantage. The radio bulletins kept us amused too. Clever techniques were

adopted; not least to meet the visual challenge of insinuating a giant. Rob Flavin gave us a beautifully tongue-in-cheek rendition of puppetry to achieve this and earlier the giant had brought a small doll out of a cupboard where moments before had entered a person. Brilliant.

As tradition dictates, good prevailed and evil was banished even though there was a small matter of a pregnant Cowaline at the denouement. The audience left to the thanks of the waiting cast but all the thanks go to everybody who contributed in a multitude of ways. Top class fare.

Alan Bruce

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STOKE CLIMSLAND CHURCH BELL TOWER GETS NEW STAYS

The ash tree, opposite Alren Farm, which was broken by the first winter storm has been put to good use. The Duchy of Cornwall made it possible for it to be turned into new stays for the church bells. Martin Harvey split down the trunk before making the stays. What are stays and what do they do? Read on.

The bells hang down at rest. When you ring and the bell goes up, the stay keeps it just at the top so it doesn't go down until you want it to. In fact, you ring so it doesn't touch the stay until you stop with the bell upwards, resting on the stay. Without the stay, or if the stay breaks, the bell just goes round until it comes to rest, facing down again. It can be scary if this happens and it's important to let go at once if it does happen. If you don't, you could end up going up as the bell winds the rope around the horizontal hanger. Over time, the stays weaken or get broken by being hit hard, as often happens when learning as it takes

time to have full control over the bell. And why is ash so good for stays? Because it is springy and has good shock absorbing properties, thus saving damage to the bell. If you want to know more, take a look at <https://www.bellringing.org/bells>

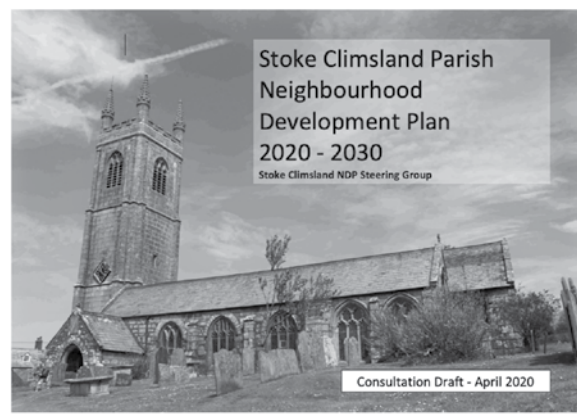
Thanks are also due to the Gamekeeper Course at the Duchy College and to Jonathan and Kallum Cox in helping to move it all.

Lynda Harvey



STOKE CLIMSLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

We said recently that our work on the Neighbourhood Development Plan was very much at the swan stage - not a lot happening on the surface but lots of activity going on underneath. That's certainly true and lots of progress is being made. The compilation of a Draft Plan for wider dissemination and consultation is going well. Watch this space for further news of what lies behind the cover of the report we show here.



As we've mentioned before, the small team involved with the Neighbourhood 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). 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.

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3 NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVE



A NOTE ON THE GRYLLS FAMILY

On April 25th we are looking forward to a concert by The Ridgeway Chorale, a choir of 20 singers from Hertfordshire, who will be giving a concert in Tavistock. See the notice on page 11.

The Ridgeway Chorale is directed by Richard Grylls, who has a strong connection with Tavistock as well as with Stoke Climsland, South Hill, St Neot and points west.

A lot of you may remember his talk to the Local History Group on two or more occasions about researching family history, and about his own family history.

His ten times great grandfather, William Grylls (c.1515 - 1577), in addition to being an attorney and a tin merchant in the town, became one of the 'Eight Men of Tavistock' who ran the town for the Duke of Bedford. The duke had acquired vast amounts of land in and around Tavistock after the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the mid 1530s. He virtually owned the town. In 1551/2, along with William Poynter, William Grylls leased some land from the duke, and founded the first grammar school in Tavistock. Research has determined that the school was situated on the edge of the old Abbey Precincts, about 15 metres straight ahead from the south door of St. Eustachius Church, and the school probably continued in the same building until 1837.

In Stoke Climsland his 18th century family member was a brewer, at Shutta, between Stoke Climsland and Kelly Bray.

In 1600's another Grylls was one of the scourges of the local Quakers of Venterdon, who objected to paying tithes and some of whom may well have ended up on the Mayflower.

The choir has a website www.ridgewaychorale.org.uk on which you can find out more about them and listen to various clips of their singing.

Since its formation in late 2001 the choir has raised over £36,000 for various charities, from your donations.

FRANCIS GARDNER

You will have seen the fine obituary in February's OSN, about Francis Gardner. The Old School News doesn't make a point of seeking these, for various very good reasons. But the Parish Archive does! Most of those who come to the Archive are seeking details, right back into the Middle Ages, of their own Family's History - and they come or contact us from all over the world to do that - so that we're constantly aware that people, places, and events are what our Archive is about.

Francis' son has kindly sent us a copy of the eulogy which he gave at his father's memorial service, a time when people reach into their hearts about their loved one and all those happy memories. We are very glad to have that here in the Archive and a copy of the service programme with two lovely photos of him.

So - our appeal is - if you have or come across copies of funeral programmes, we would very much like to make copies of them for the Archive. If you bring any to The Old School office (9.30 - 12.00 Mon to Fri) we would make a copy and then return them to you within a week. Or, do phone and we will come to you. Thankyou!

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CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN FRIENDS

The Parish Archive is starting a new episode - focusing on people in Stoke Climsland and the community today.

We're going out to our parish for help with this, particularly from the children. We'd like to record them chatting, with perhaps a few questions from you. There are lovely recorded interviews in the collection already, with people 20 years ago, reminiscing about their school days - including the lizards dropped down each others' necks, their playground games, the teachers, and how different it was in American mining settlements where they may have spent their first years. The very best seem to be where two people are chatting together, or where a child is asking the questions. So how about it? Will you and a friend get together on this and chat about any period which you remember fondly?

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RECOMMENDED READING FROM THE OLD SCHOOL READING GROUP



We recently had an open session for our readers to tell us about their favourite reads for the past year. There may be something here that catches your fancy.

Home Going by Yaa Gyasi is a story of what happens to the descendants of two Gold Coast girls sold into slavery. One is transported to the Carolinas and the other remains in Africa. Our reader found this well written and giving a different perspective on the issues. "Not a cheerful read but well worth it."

The Body by Bill Bryson. Very accessible and relatively easy reading. "A bit of popular science". Bryson with his usual slightly gruesome interest in all things bodily when I caught it on Radio 4.

The January Man by Christopher Sommerville is highly recommended by another of our readers. "Delightfully written" interweaving his walks with social history and folk traditions. He also reflects on his relationship with his father, ex-navy and GCHQ, walking together in various places.

Also recommended is **Unto Us a Son is Given** by Donna Leon. This is a novel set in Venice; investigative historical fiction. One of the popular crime series about Guido Brunetti, in fact book twenty eight so, if this is your thing, there are plenty more of them!

The next recommendation is interesting as it comes from a reader who usually prefers non-fiction but found this revealing and stimulating in equal measure. **The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox** by Maggie O'Farrell is a novel about a Scots girl whose mother had wanted a boy. She is brought up by an ayah in India; she returns to Scotland when her brother and ayah die of cholera. She is 'brought out' but does not marry and is sent to an asylum where she remains for sixty years. Eventually, as ideas change, she is released and stays with her only relative, Iris, who knowing nothing of her existence,

agrees to look after her. The book explores the possible secrets and problems of taking on a long lost relative. Beautifully written.

The Big Necessity: the Unmentionable World of Human Waste and Why It Matters, by Rose George. Riveting stuff apparently!

Three Things About Elsie by Joanna Cannon is a mystery story encapsulating the difficulties of living with dementia and explores 1950s Britain with touching and candid feeling. Highly recommended by two members of the group.

Another very different take on the 1950s, is **H-Bombs and Hula Girls** by Michael Johnston about the 1957 bomb testing and the experiences of the ten young midshipmen doing National Service in HMS Warrior. It evokes the Cold War atmosphere of Britain in the 1950s and "paints a picture of a heterogeneous group of young men enjoying life, shaping experiences together: learning to be sailors, exploring island paradises, participating in three vast explosions, being their nations goodwill ambassadors, as they encounter completely different cultures and, here and there, experiencing life-threatening moments and even having their hearts broken".

So there you have it: the widely varying reading of The Old School Reading Group. Our current read is **The Periodic Table** by Primo Levy. Should you be interested in joining us you can contact me, Helen Cadiot on helen.cadiot@outlook.com or ring 01566 782670 for further information. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 9.30 in the Old School Library.

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'YESTERDAY AND TOMORROW'

MUSIC AND POETRY AT THE OLD SCHOOL

On Friday 1st of May, writer Jane Newberry will present us with a delightfully eclectic music and poetry evening. Two contemporary poets, James Brookes and Jane Newberry, will take us on an enigmatic journey. As Jane puts it, "Their readings will be punctuated by the beauty

of solo Bach partitas played by acclaimed violinist Paul Mathews, with added social comment from a recorder trio led by Rachael Budd".

Paul has been a friend of The Old School for many years. In 2004 he helped us to get our new Classical Club started brilliantly by finding violinist Sara Trickey and her prize-winning Bronte String Quartet. So, at last, acclaimed violinist

Paul, sometime leader of Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, will be playing Bach's wonderful Partitas for us. Georges Enescu, one of the most famous players of these pieces, said that together they comprise "The Himalayas of violinists". Yehudi Menuhin regarded the last movement of Partita no.2, (the Chaconne), as "The greatest structure for solo violin that exists". What a treat we have in store. Book your tickets now, ladies and gentlemen!

That is not all. The sound of the recorder is remarkably clear and sweet. Not for nothing is the recorder known in Italian as 'flauto dolce' (soft flute). During its heyday the recorder was traditionally associated with "birds, shepherds, miraculous events, funerals, marriages, and amorous scenes", (to quote from the NWE). But,

says Jane, Rachael Budd's trio will be adding "social comment" as well. Intrigued?

The readings from two contemporary poets will guarantee enchantment. James Brookes is "...a poet of high humanity, unshakable conviction, and a consummate talent", (Martha Sprackland). His first full collection, 'Sins of the Leopard' (Salt Publishing, 2012), was shortlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize. He won't be offering us just enchantment, but surprises too.

Michael Morpurgo said of Jane Newberry's 'Big Green Crocodile' book that it contains "Rhymes that make you want to clap and laugh out loud!" In the concert on 1st of May, with its mostly grown-up audience, Jane may well go further. After all, she promises us "an enigmatic journey". Mysterious, obscure, perplexing? All will be revealed on May Day at The Old School.

To book your £5 tickets, (interval refreshments included), please phone The Old School at 01579 370493, weekday mornings. Or email your request to theoldschool78@gmail.com, and your booking will be entered firmly into the list. Pay at the door or bring your £5 to The Old School office.

The concert supports St. Sampson's Church, South Hill. Donations will be gratefully accepted during the evening, at The Old School.

Jazz and Delicious Dinner evening on Saturday 9th May. The Great Western Jazz band, who came to us in 2018, promises us a thumpingly good evening. Six of the south west's most experienced jazz musicians, will play the music they love best, from the jazz and swing era. Book by phoning The Old School on 01579 370493, pay at the door. Arrive at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Bar available.

Brian Champness

(With acknowledgements to Jane Newberry)

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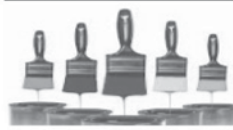


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The Easter Bunny's Birthday and fake news

I can remember when our children were young, we would take them into Nanna's garden on Easter Sunday, then armed with small baskets they would go on an Easter Egg hunt, discovering as they travelled small eggs that the 'Easter Bunny' had left. Sometimes, a symbol becomes stronger than the reality it is there to explain. It can be difficult for parents and grandparents, with the story of the bunny and chocolate, to explain



that the real reason for Easter Sunday is the resurrection of Jesus. Someone recently explained to me that many British children think that Easter Sunday is the celebration of the Easter Bunny's birthday.

I have been trying to work out if this actually counts as 'fake news'? President Trump has been popularising the idea in his Tweets, objecting to the work of journalists; then UK politicians have been catching on, using the label to describe something they don't agree with. However, on Face Book and other internet sites, it seems so easy to fall for fake news. There are all sorts of fake news stories out there, covering everything from politicians to the Pope!

Fake news can be false information deliberately circulated ignoring truth, but with the hope of pushing extreme

political causes. Or, it can be information that journalists spread unknowingly. It may also be, an unintended error which moves into the popular mind. Do you remember the headline 'Freddy Star ate my hamster'? That never happened! The important thing about any story is whether it can be verified or not. This can only really be accomplished by our checking the evidence in a number of places and taking time in doing so.

Now, when Jesus of Nazareth died on a cross and rose from the dead, which is the basis of what Christian believers call 'Good News'; there were some, who were keen to promote a different story, 1st Century fake news, as it were. There were soldiers guarding the tomb of Jesus and when the resurrection happened they fainted with fear, but afterwards the soldiers told another story. 'Some of the soldiers guarding the tomb went back to the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. The chief priests met with the elders and made their plan; they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers and said, 'you are to say that the disciples came during the night and stole his body while you were asleep. And if the Governor should hear of this, we will convince him that you are innocent, and that you will have nothing to worry about.' The guards took the money and did what they were told. And so that is the report spread round ... to this very day.' Why not read the account and decide for yourself whether this is good news or fake news? It is found in Matthews Gospel Chapter 28. Happy Easter! Christ is risen!

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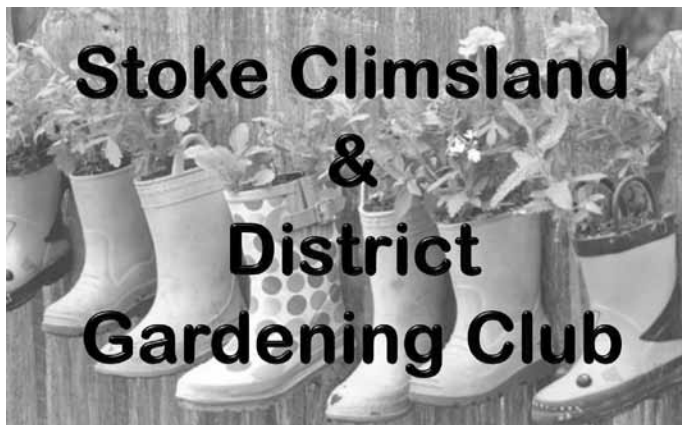
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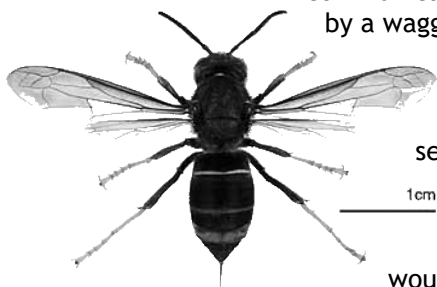
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communicate by pheromones and by a waggle-dance which reports where a good food source is located. The bee's eyes are more sensitive to ultra-violet light than ours so their sensation of colour is very different- reds would appear colourless or black.



Bees prefer simple, single-flowered plants. In the spring, early berberis, crocus and hellebores with hazel catkins providing pollen. Summer and autumn, single flowers like Michaelmas daisies, autumn crocuses etc.

A recent hazard for bees is the Asian hornet which is prevalent in southern Europe and is now in the Channel Islands. This is a highly aggressive predator of honeybees and other pollinators. British hornets have a yellow abdomen with black markings, like large wasps. Asian hornets have dark abdomens except for the 4th segment which is orange/brown - see photograph. If you find one, send a photo to: alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk Do not disturb an active nest.

Our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month; the next is the 6th April, 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Penelope Townsend will talk about "Gilbert White 1720-1793", a pioneering English naturalist (and parson). Visitors are welcome. The following months (May - August) we've arranged visits to local gardens with cars leaving the Parish Hall at about 6pm. An exception is 1st June, leaving at 5:30 pm.

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Do you enjoy looking at art? If so, would you like to join us at The Old School?

Launceston Tate Look Group is part of a county wide community initiative of the Tate Gallery in St Ives and meets monthly at The Old School, Stoke Climsland. Over the last year we have discussed topics such as pottery, Cornish Art and artists and Surrealism, visited the Tate, St Ives, Buckfast Abbey, The Royal William Yard and Mount Edgecombe. Collectively we devise a monthly programme, contributing if and when we can. Whilst a few of us have some expert or specific knowledge and/or a wealth of relevant resources, others are merely keen to learn. It is always interesting.

The Tate in St Ives hosts approximately four Look Group Welcome days a year, specifically for the members of the various Look Groups who come to St Ives from all over the county. Led by the gallery's curators, these days are always enjoyable and informative. We can see work currently being exhibited, sometimes meeting the artist and hearing them talk through their projects, inspirations, the complexities of their work, mediums and methods. The Welcome day at the end of February this year focussed on the

new exhibition of Naum Gabo, on display there until early May.

We aim to visit galleries and other places of interest and have the occasional speaker. In March we visited Lakeside Gallery near Launceston which is the home of the Tolkien Collection; the work of Linda and the late Roger Garland and for our April meeting we will be having a talk from Kate Baird on the 'Depiction of Shakespeare in Art through time'.

If all this sounds tempting, and you'd like to give us a try, please come along. You do not have to know all about art! Our discussions are informal, informative and inclusive!

The Launceston Tate Look Group meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 2.30 - 4.30pm at The Old School, Stoke Climsland.

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FUTURE FARM SHOWCASED AT COMMUNITY GROUP VISIT

Community groups and representatives from institutions around Duchy College Stoke Climsland enjoyed an “eye-opening” tour of the College and insights into the highly anticipated Future Farm.

More than 20 people from Stoke Climsland Parish Council, Church, Primary School, Social Club, Parish Hall, Scout Group, Old School Community Centre, Community Facilities Group, Post Office and Total Energy Solutions attended the tour. The highlight was a presentation about the new facilities at Future Farm and the research and curriculum opportunities it will offer.

Head of College, Jamie Crisp, said the relationship Duchy Stoke Climsland has with the surrounding communities and Parish is “vital”. “The response to this event was fantastic and allowed wider conversations around the green agenda, sustainability and the potential research outputs that Future Farm could achieve in supporting Dairy Farming in the South West and UK,” he said. “The College is going from strength-to-strength, with a focus on quality and learner experience. Many of our land-based sectors are changing dramatically and we are leading the way in ensuring we are training the next generation to thrive when they enter the modern workplace.”

Duchy College is part of The Cornwall College Group (TCCG), which now boasts multiple Ofsted inspectors in its senior team, which is almost unheard of in the education sector.

Chair of the Stoke Climsland Community Faculties Group, Derrick Parsons, said the tour of the campus, including the presentation on Future Farm, shed light on the many improvements and exciting projects taking place. “Visiting Future Farm and hearing of the plans for the development of Duchy College Stoke

Climsland was certainly an eye-opener,” he said. “I’m looking forward to a return visit when everything is up and running.”

Vice Principal of TCCG, Kate Wills, Head of College, Farm Manager, James Coumbe, Head of Department - Land Based, Laura Black and Agri Tech Project Director, Robin Jackson, accompanied the touring group to answer questions. “We work hard to maintain strong links with the local community,” James explained. “The development of Future Farm will have positive permutations for many, including our local community, which at its heart is still very much rural focused. We were delighted that so many from Stoke Climsland took the time to come along and see and hear about our plans at what we hope will be the first of a series of sessions.”

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On the 4th of March, Year 6 went on their London residential. Everyone was full

of excitement when we got to the train station. The train journey was around 4 hours. We did loads of fun and interesting events such as: Houses of Parliament, London Eye, 4D experience, Thames Clipper, Globe Theatre, Open top bus tour, Matilda, Tower of London and Natural History Museum.

Personally, my favourite activity was when we went on the Open top bus tour and it was pouring down with rain. There were some sensible people that just sat down in the warmth and dry, whereas, there were



some of us who were happy to get drenched. I do know that other people enjoyed other things. Everyone loved the Natural History Museum with the earthquake

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MATTERS

This month we shall be celebrating Easter in our Churches. Although using the word 'celebrating' in this connection seems in some ways inappropriate. At Easter we remember two key events in the Life of Jesus - his death and his resurrection. The first, his death, is not of course something that we would feel comfortable rejoicing about; yet it is through his death in our place that our relationship

with God can be restored. The second, his resurrection, is undoubtedly worth throwing a party over, for it proves that Jesus has triumphed over sin and death.

Perhaps it is this bitter/sweet character to Easter that makes it a Christian festival that is less well supported in our Churches than Christmas is. Christmas may be celebrated by sending cards with images from the birth narrative: the baby Jesus lying in the manger, the Christmas star shining brightly to show the way, the wise men and the shepherds gathered to wonder at the child. Easter is not so well served by images of the events themselves; gruesome images of a cruel Roman execution will have only a very limited appeal, as will pictures of a shrouded body lying still and cold; neither is it easy to portray the resurrection graphically - a burst of light from the empty tomb seems most popular.

And yet these two events - Christmas and Easter - are part of one and the same story. It is Jesus who was both the baby lying in the manger and 33 years later the body lying still and cold in a borrowed tomb. It is Jesus who was both the baby wondered at by wise men and shepherds and 33 years later was the 'first born from the dead' greeted in amazement by his disciples after his resurrection. The story of Jesus is only complete when the two are put together, along with all that happened in between, and all the wondrous implications that stem from both of them are realised. How it saddens me, then, that so few 'celebrate' both events.

We have made attempts, of course, at producing Easter images that are more palatable. Eggs, bunnies, spring lambs and spring flowers are all symbols in some way of new life. But they beg the question as to what we are celebrating; Easter or a festival of spring? How many of our children will make the connection between their chocolate eggs and new life in the risen Jesus? Will they realise, and do we, that the baby in the manger and the Easter lamb are in any way linked; that Jesus is 'the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'?

I could argue that there is so much more good news, so much more to celebrate, about Easter than there is at Christmas. Christmas offers the promise but Easter gives the fulfilment. I pray that for once this Easter Sunday our Churches may be as full, or even fuller, than they normally are at Christmas. That they would be filled with crowds intent on focussing on good news. On the first Easter morning the angel said to the women looking for Jesus' body "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" This Easter come and join in at a Church near you as we celebrate 'the one who was, and is, and is to come' - the living JESUS.

Keith Browne

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RENEWAL

The occasional sunny day, or at least gleams of sunshine between wintry showers just kept us going through the otherwise unrelenting gloom and rain. Bad weather for crocuses which mostly got bashed down before they had a chance to open properly, unlike the snowdrops and

primroses which shone on the banks, untouched by wind and rain. Snowdrops, both single and double forms, are well-established in parts here in Cornwall



The deadline for the April issue of the Old School News is March 5th so I hope by the time you read this, the difficult weather in February and to the time of writing, will be old hat and forgotten except by the unfortunate flood victims. The ancient name of February Fill-Dyke was certainly correct this year, with record amounts of rain and wind.

but not native to the county. Celandines are opening their shiny stars on the banks when the sun does shine.

The constant background chatter of cawing rooks was part of my childhood. There was a huge rookery in the tall elms close to my home in what was then rural Hertfordshire; hence my special interest in the Higher Downgate rookery which survived the winter till January, finally got demolished by the February storms and we were almost resigned to the



complete desertion of the site. But no! Towards the end of February there were the tentative beginnings of five new nests and by the time of writing, there are a lot of comings and goings by the adults and so far thirteen nests have now been built.

When I was a child the school nature table was always graced at this time of the year by a jar of frogspawn and we were always enthralled by the developing

black dots: comma-shaped, then lengthening, to emerge as tadpoles. Then the feathery external gills absorbed, to be replaced by lungs and the tadpoles' need to breath air at the surface. Then the miraculous growth of legs, two hind legs then the front pair, followed by the disappearance of the tail and lo and behold a tiny frogling! A renewal every year of the cycle of the seasons and wildlife. Teachers! I hope this still happens for children to marvel at.

Left: Primroses. Top: Lesser Celandine. Above: Rookery at Downgate. Photos by Mary Atkinson.

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