

MAY 2024 ISSUE 355

Clock Tower Transformation In Progress







A Methodist Minister's View

There was an interesting programme on ITV in early April about Muslim people in this country celebrating their Holy Month of Ramadan. I was aware of their ritual of fasting in the hours of daylight but was unaware that some members of the faith choose to spend time meditating in the mosque for a few days in the month. A Songs of Praise programme in early April featured the parallel Christian practice of quiet retreats, during which participants learn a lot about themselves, and sometimes discover new talents.

I recall sharing in a short retreat during my training for the Methodist Ministry, in which one of my fellow students discovered the ability to write poetry. He shared some of his newly written poetry with us at the end of the retreat and went on to publish some collections of his work. Other people have discovered talents through such experiences such as the ability to draw, paint or write.

As I think in these terms, I am reminded that the early followers of Jesus found new gifts and abilities after Jesus's death and resurrection. They may well have wondered how the teaching and healing that Jesus undertook could continue, only to discover that they had been given gifts to enable them to undertake the work. Their continuing work laid the foundations of the present day worldwide Christian movement, and still it continues in differing ways.

These early initiatives can be read about in the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament. Some commentators suggest the book should have been called the Acts of the Holy Spirit – God's inspiring power, which was experienced by those early followers on the first Whit Sunday or Pentecost, which this year falls on 19th May. This Sunday used to be followed by a bank holiday to permit local celebrations, which is now known as the late May Bank Holiday. Seemingly, holidaying is more important than taking time to remember God's movement amongst people.

I have been writing for church and village magazines for some 30 plus years and have at times started with a blank page on which words have flowed – God's hand at work. However, I now have the opportunity to take a break from this work as our current Methodist Minister, Rev. Steven Swann, has offered to share his gifts in this way. So, I sign off by thanking all readers for your forbearance and wishing you all 'Every Blessing' in the coming days.

Bryan Ede

Thank you Brian for all your words of wisdom and kindness over the years. We will miss your voice in Timepiece each month, and send back to you Every Blessing. From the Timepiece Team.



St Teath Parish Council

Footpath behind the old Butcher's Shop

The Parish Council has been asked to consider how we can reopen the footpath behind the old butcher's shop. There are a couple of ways we can do this but we would like the Parish's views on this before any action is taken. The options are:

- 1. Remove the makeshift steps and replace with a new stile kit from Cornwall Council or
- 2. Remove the stone wall and make the gap accessible

Please could you let us know if there any objections to this move and/or if you have any additional thoughts on this by emailing our Parish Clerk on clerk@stteathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Park Life

The Parish Council are still seeking your views and ideas for improving the Village Green. We are especially keen to make it an inclusive and accessible park for all. Do you have any ideas to improve this shared space?

We would also like to hear from parents and carers of children who use the sandpit in the big park at the Playing Fields. We are currently changing the sand – at a cost of nearly £700 – to comply with legislation around children's play equipment, but want to ensure that this is money well spent for years to come. We are not sure how popular the sandpit is, and there is also concern about the best ways for keeping the sand clean and free of any unsavoury vermin issues. Please let us have your views so we can plan future play equipment. We would be very grateful for your feedback on this.

Please chat to one of us, pop along to the next Parish Council meeting or email our clerk, Julie Fairman, on clerk@stteathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Calling all churchyard grasscutters!

Time to tune up your machines for the grand start of the season on Tuesday 7th May, from any time in the afternoon and evening.

There is now a community strimmer if you would like to join us but don't have one. It is kept at 3 Eglos Court; please call Gerald on 07770 568870 (if possible with 24 hours' notice).

Join us in the White Hart for a pint and sausage and chips afterwards.

Grasscutting will then take place on the first Tuesday of each month through the summer.

Thank you

St Teath Grasscutters

County Council

The water quality of our rivers and beaches is an issue that I have campaigned on strongly over the last few years, and so it was with bitter disappointment that I read the recent news that the data from 2023 showed that discharges of untreated sewage from water companies' wastewater treatment plants has increased dramatically over the previous year.

Although we don't have access to the detailed figures yet, we know that the River Camel catchment has experienced 804 discharges in 2023 against 529 for 2022. Given the high profile of the issue in the media and a string of government promises and announcements, this feels like a real kick in the teeth and does not fill you with optimism for the future.

The reasons are probably to be found within the extraordinary weather that these two years have presented us, with 2022 being one of the hottest and driest on record and 2023 being one of the wettest. There are nuances to be understood in this data, insomuch as fewer spills into rivers with lower water levels are actually more polluting than more spills in times of increased rainfall, which helps dilute the discharges.

However, none of this is good and without doubt pressure needs to be maintained on South West Water to prioritise upgrading their infrastructure to meet the needs of our residents and the environment and become more resilient to the climate change we are already experiencing.

In related news, the government has recently exempted towns of over 2,000 residents from the requirement for new developments to be phosphate neutral in the Camel catchment, as the planned upgrades to these larger sewage treatment plants by 2030 are deemed to mitigate this. This now frees up development in Bodmin and Camelford: leaving just our rural villages in the catchment unable to move forward with new planning applications without mitigation.

A phosphate credit scheme is being developed by the Council to unlock this, in which upgrades to existing private sewage systems and/or long-term changes to agricultural practices in the catchment will be monetized so that builders and developers can simply purchase a phosphate credit to allow their projects to proceed.

In my opinion this is an unacceptable tax on our rural villages, especially when it comes to delivering affordable housing for local people. I shall be making representations to our cabinet and senior officers at the Council to highlight this postcode lottery and try and ensure that rural North Cornwall is not disadvantaged.

Dominic Fairman, Cornwall Councillor, St Teath & Tintagel Division





St Teath Community Gardeners

Firstly, thank you to everyone who came and supported our Coffee Morning on 30th March. We raised a fantastic £727, which was just amazing! (Pictured below left are Lorraine and Claire



enjoying some of the baked goods on offer.)

Also, I was lucky enough to win 10 apple trees in a competition and decided to plant them around the Village so they can be shared by everyone.

Thanks to Nick for helping to put up the 6 bird boxes that were kindly donated.

Finally, a thank you to John and Becky Baldock for engraving the lovely stone to go beside Anne's tree, it's perfect!







St Teath Rubbish Ramblers

Hey, you! Don't just sit there watching the rain. Come and join the St Teath Rubbish Ramblers. Get some exercise, meet wonderful people, see the world and help clean up St Teath.

The team meets informally every first and third Thursday of the month at 10 am by the White Hart pub. Upcoming dates are 2nd and 16th May, 6th and 20th June. New helpers are always welcome. Please dress visibly, wear gloves and bring a bin bag. Routes range from short and flat, to the longer, hilly ones. Coffee and chat afterwards.

Jonathan









St Teath Man Shed

We are now on our way. Great thanks to Alan Tew and the Railway Group for providing us with our shed and for tidying it up ready for us to start work on our first project.

All we need now are a few more 'likely lads' to join us. You don't have to have special skills, you don't have to be old and, within reason, you can almost do what you want. Although a liking for chocolate biscuits would be useful.

We are also in need of any wood that you have lying around, which we can recycle into something useful. Any unwanted tools would also be a great help.

For information on any of the above, get in touch with Bob Fox (fox314@btinternet.com or phone 01208 850401).

Thanks Bob

Tintagel Orpheus Male Voice Choir

There are some amendments to a couple of the dates given for concerts in last month's Timepiece.

The concert with the Bristol University Madrigal Ensemble has changed to 7pm Wednesday 19th June at Tintagel Methodist Church.

Our Cornish-themed concert, scheduled for 18th May at Camelford Hall, has been postponed. There is no alternative date for this at present, but we still hope to hold it, possibly in early autumn.

All other dates published last month still stand:

Concert with Wadebridge MVC and three choirs from abroad at St Petroc's Church, Egloshayle, on Thursday 2nd May at 7pm.

Summer Concerts on Thursdays: 18th July, 1st August, 15th August, 29th August and 12th September. These are all at Tintagel Social Hall, starting at 8pm.

For further information, contact Bob Metters on 01840 213736 or John Sadler on 01840 212583.



May 2024 Events at St Endellion (Port Isaac PL29 3TP)

Make Club: Portraits with Ness Harrison Saturday 11 May, 10am-12pm St Endellion Hall £5 per family

Join artist Ness Harrison as we learn all the tricks and tips for painting a brilliant portrait.

Each month we have new creative ideas to keep the whole family busy. The Make Club is a fun space to explore, create and get messy. The workshops are led by inspirational artists and makers. Remember to book in advance as tickets sell out fast.

Tickets available at: https://endelienta.org.uk/

Spindle Ensemble
St Endellion Church
Saturday 11 May, 7.30pm
£10 | Free for accompanied under 16s

Since their formation in Bristol in 2016, Spindle Ensemble have garnered much praise for their innovative take on contemporary classical music. Their distinctive sound is a combination of composer Daniel Inzani's idiosyncratic modern-impressionist pieces and the deft musicianship and unorthodox instrumentation of piano and harp (Inzani), violin (Caelia Lunniss), cello (Jo Silverston), marimba and vibraphone (Harriet Riley).

Tickets available at: https://endelienta.org.uk/

Timepiece Crossword

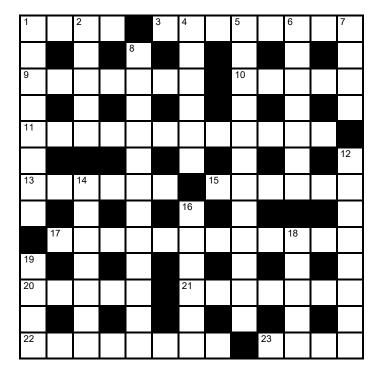
Answers on page 24

Across

- 1 Spot electronic bond (4)
- **3** Guess the French is one friend (8)
- 9 Exist in the German handover(7)
- 10 Meander to preserve five within (5)
- 11 Mrs Eddington is confused but so determined (6-6)
- 13 Trauma centre from not long ago (6)
- 15 Magical religion from five to five hundred with nothing in between and nothing to follow (6)
- 17 Cool headed demon terrorised country to strong disapproval (12)
- **20** Burning about unit of capacity (5)
- 21 See talc sprinkled around percussion instrument (7)
- 22 Reconsider donkeys in endless rest (8)
- 23 Remain without a dish from Malaysia (4)

Down

1 Resend US revolution to final customers (3,5)



- 2 Bear starts putting ordinary lives at risk (5)
- **4** Economize odds around Australian felon (6)
- 5 Unable to be comforted when noble coins tossed around the French (12)
- **6** Foolish person to broadcast before school leader (7)
- 7 Always the day before start of revolution (4)
- 8 Ironing to embellish very formal clothing (7,5)
- 12 Four jump in front of startled Ray (8)
- **14** Home to more than 101 dalmations (7)

- 16 Strikes dismissals around Maidenhead (6)
- 18 Small picture maybe where active tennis player is? (5)
- 19 Sussex ladies underarms ruin openers insult (4)





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Revd. Nicki Writes...

Dear Friends

How do you find waiting?

There are different types of waiting that cause us to have different reactions. For instance, waiting in a queue of traffic can cause frustration, whereas waiting for a holiday or special occasion can cause excitement as we anticipate what is to come. Waiting can sometimes cause concern and anxiety – especially when the



outcome is unknown or uncertain, and waiting can often require much patience – depending on our circumstances.

In the church, the season of Easter runs through to Sunday 19th May: the Feast of Pentecost. This was an extraordinary period of time for Jesus's friends and followers. Jesus had risen, leaving the empty tomb, and appeared to several hundred people in a variety of different places. Then, as he ascended to God in heaven, a day that is celebrated on 9th May as Ascension Day, he told his disciples to wait.

But what were they waiting for? Jesus said he would send a Helper, a Counsellor, and an Advocate. This sounded good. Would this helper be able to guide, direct and provide wisdom to their thinking and decisions? I wonder how the disciples felt during this time of waiting. Were they excited, anxious, patient, hopeful or afraid? It would have been hard for them to imagine what they were waiting for – this had never happened before.

Jesus told them to 'wait for the promise of the Father' so they waited and waited...

... and then all was revealed. On the Feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit appeared in an amazing and powerful way and changed lives. It moved this group of people from a place of uncertainty and fear to a people of courage and hope. They were empowered by the Spirit to go out and tell about Jesus and the love he offered to all people. Jesus invites us to follow him.

So what are you waiting for today? Will you allow the love, wisdom and peace of Jesus to enfold you and let your life be transformed by his Spirit?

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. John 14:27

Every blessing,

Revd. Nicki Rector and Pioneer Priest, Camel-Allen Cluster



Fun sessions for babies and toddlers

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June dates: Mon 3rd & Mon 17th

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Spring has Sprung!

It may have been a soggy start to the year, but everyone at St Teath Church Children's Corner has been doing their best to sow some smiles between the showers. We started in February half term with a visit from Seaview's Holly the sheep. Then we enjoyed a super morning on Good Friday: the children built an Easter Garden (pictured right) and enjoyed crafting, singing, playing games and icing Easter biscuits.

We have also had a lovely time at our fortnightly Rhythm and Rhyme sessions on Monday mornings in the church. All our sessions are completely free of charge and are open to everyone. Whether you live in the village, elsewhere, or are visiting the area, we would be delighted to see you.

Our next sessions are Rhythm and Rhyme at 9:30am on 20th May, and Crafts, Stories and Games 2:00-4:00pm on 30th May. We look forward to seeing you there.



St Teath Preschool

Our tabletop fayre on Saturday 23rd March was a big success, so we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was involved. All the stall holders who kindly joined us, everyone who baked and donated items to sell (pictured below), the hall committee for use of the hall and helping to set up, the preschool staff, the preschool committee members and to everyone that visited for your support and donations.

We raised a whopping £574, which is absolutely amazing, so thank you to all of you who played a part. We really appreciate the support of everyone around us.





ST TEATH ARTS FEST 2024

Saturday 24th, Sunday 25th, Monday 26th August

We are looking for exhibitors to join this exhibition of art which will take place in the Church and Hall. There might also be space available for larger (and weather-resistant) exhibits in the Churchyard and a nearby garden.

We are looking for exhibits including all kinds of paintings, ceramics, wood and metal. Exhibitors welcome from St Teath and surrounding area.

Weather permitting, the exhibition will include musical events, a children's display of work and a preview for invited guests on Friday 23rd August.

If you wish to exhibit at the Arts Fest, please contact Bob Fox for further information. Phone 01208 850401, email fox314@btinternet.com

St Teath Community Bus

We are pleased to announce we will be running a special trip to Endsleigh Gardens and Arboretum, Milton Abbot near Tavistock. Endsleigh is a Grade 1 listed Gardens and Arboretum designed by Humphrey Repton.

The trip will be on Wednesday 19th June, leaving the White Hart at 11am and returning from the gardens at 3pm. The cost is £15 per person. To book a seat please call Di Cox on 07484 752162.

We will also be running two special trips to the Hall for Cornwall:

Lord of the Dance – Thursday 26th September at 2.30pm, cost £38 including Bus.

Murder on the Orient Express – Thursday 21st November at 2.30pm, cost £21 including Bus.

To book a place on these trips, please call Di Cox on 07484 752162.

The bus is available for private hire by local organisations and private individuals but we respectfully remind anyone hiring the bus that they are responsible for settling the cost of any penalties incurred during their period of hire. The bus is not available for hire to commercial organisations. To hire the bus please contact Di Cox on 01208 850983.

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Community Centre

It has been over a year with the new committee, and wow what a year! Many thanks go to all committee members for their commitment and hard work, particularly the maintenance team, who ensure the Community Centre is kept safe and in a good state of repair.

Following a couple of successful fundraising events, we will be doing more quizzes and entertainment evenings going forward. We welcome the opportunity to host charity fundraisers at reduced hire charges, so please send us any ideas or input as to what you would like us to help with.

The Centre has continued to retain regular bookings and is showing a moderate increase in use. It is a great venue and good value for meetings and family get-togethers. Hire costs are £15 per session – morning, afternoon or evening.

If you would like to book, email: stteathcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Look what we have achieved over the last year:

***A new notice board courtesy of the Parish Council – If you would like to advertise anything please email us.

***WiFi – We have successfully secured funding to install WiFi during the next few months.

***Charity status – Thanks to a great deal of work by Clare Hutchinson and Fiona May to write a new legal constitution, our application for charity status has now been submitted to the Charity Commission for approval. Watch this space...



The Snooker Club continues to be a significant contributor to the Community Centre. Recently, club members have reported that there is interest from younger members of our community who have gained access and are using the table. This is very much welcomed and the Snooker Club is very willing to set up free or discounted membership to young people in order that the club continues into the future. if you know of any young person who may like to take advantage of this, please ask them to contact Sam Burton. It is however important that anyone using the Snooker Club facilities looks after the table and takes due care of it, as it would not be easily replaced. Please also leave the room as found, removing any rubbish.

Serving the community – your Community Centre is open every Tuesday morning for coffee and tea – many thanks to Barbara for her continued organisation of this.

From May, you will also be able to buy from a selection of locally grown fresh seasonal veg. Debbie and Tom have started a small market garden in Treburgett, and are keen to be involved in the local community. They will be in the Community Centre every Tuesday with their produce. Or you can order a veg box and collect it the following week.



As well as all this, we are working on a long-term plan to make the Community Centre a supportive hub in our community, while maintaining the upkeep and safety of this historic building.

Minutes of the AGM and financial reports are available on request. Your support is appreciated, and any donations are gratefully received.

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Birthday Wishes

25th April A belated very Happy Birthday message to Marion Goodbourn from her many friends in the village.

23rd May Happy birthday to Lyn Burden – hope you have a wonderful day and a glass of fizz or two! From all your friends.



Condolences

We were very sad to hear of the death of Heather Hill, wife of Julian, who compiled Timepiece for many years and passed away recently. We send our deepest sympathies to their family.

We also send condolences and deepest sympathies to Val and family, after hearing of the death of John Old on 20th March. He will be greatly missed in the village.



Thank you Barbara

Our special thanks this month to Barbara Strachan, who has decided to step down as editor of the Timepiece. We really can't thank her enough for all the time, love and skill she has brought to this village magazine over the years. She was a wonderful support to Anne Perisic, and then stepped into the breach when it was unclear whether Timepiece could continue without Anne. We wouldn't have the Timepiece now if Barbara hadn't taken over the reins.

Having steered us through a difficult few months, Barbara is now handing over to Jo Fleet and Anne Blewett, so for future issues please send your contributions to fleet.joanne@yahoo.co.uk and anne.blewett@gmail.com. Thank you for everything, Barbara.

A Request from your Timepiece Team

There were times over the last six months when it seemed the future of Timepiece was in doubt. We overcame the problems, but now we need your help to ensure that it can continue. To put it bluntly, we need your money.

Printing Timepiece costs £225 per month for black and white, and up to £300 if we use any colour – and our only income is from advertisements and donations.

We are so grateful to the businesses who advertise with us but they, like everyone else, are feeling the effects of rising prices. We feel it would be wrong to ask them to pay more when they may also be struggling financially. We don't want to lose them and we appreciate all of their support.

We are so fortunate to have a local printer who tries to keep costs low. We have tried to economise by omitting colour altogether, but to the detriment of the finished product, as was evident from last month's front cover featuring the clock tower windows. Just look at the colour version on the village website and you will see what we mean.

If you want Timepiece to continue, please help. Without your donations, Timepiece could disappear. Prices seem to be rising everywhere and we know this is a problem facing everyone, but we'd be so grateful if you feel you can donate something, no matter what the amount.

Please contact Eddie Jones on 01208 850 388 or e.p.jones@hotmail.com if you are able to donate.

Thank you Barbara and Eddie

Please come along to CHARITY BINGO on Friday 17th May in the Church Hall, with proceeds going to Timepiece. Eyes down at 7.30 pm

Speedwatch

The number of vehicles recorded as being driven over the speed limit in Speedwatch checks this month were:

1 x 41, 1 x 40, 1 x 39, 4 x 38, 1 x 37, 1 x 36, 5 x 35

Only the first one of these was down the hill, so maybe the new flashing sign at Trewennan is having an effect. The Speedwatch team



Village Strimmer Available to All

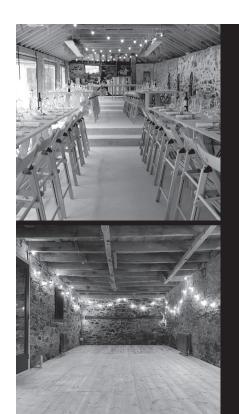
St Teath Parish Council and the Sparks community fund have purchased a strimmer and safety equipment that can be used by anyone in the village.

The strimmer and fuel are kept at 3 Eglos Court and are available from Gerald Blewett with 24 hrs notice (phone 07770 568870).

Please use all safety equipment provided when using the strimmer.

Church services for May

Sunday 5th May	11 am	St Teath Church	Family Communion
Thurs 9th May	7 pm	St Julitta, Lanteglos	Ascension Day Service
Sunday 12th May	11 am	St Teath Church	Morning Prayer
Sunday 19th May	11 am	St Teath Church	Choral Communion
Sunday 26th May	10 am	St Teath Church	Breakfast Service



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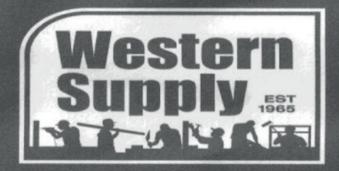
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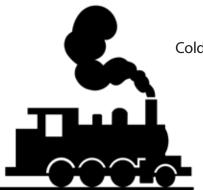
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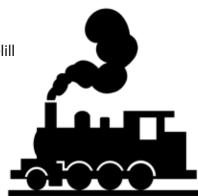
I would like to thank everyone who came along to our Charity Open Day in April. I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves.

Thank you to the ladies who made a wonderful selection of cakes, which were very much enjoyed by all. I am sure that the cakes helped to boost donations to Cornwall Hospice Care, which came to £616 – not bad for a really grotty day, weatherwise.

Our next Charity Open Day is on 30th June. All are welcome – come along to enjoy train rides, the toy museum and refreshments.



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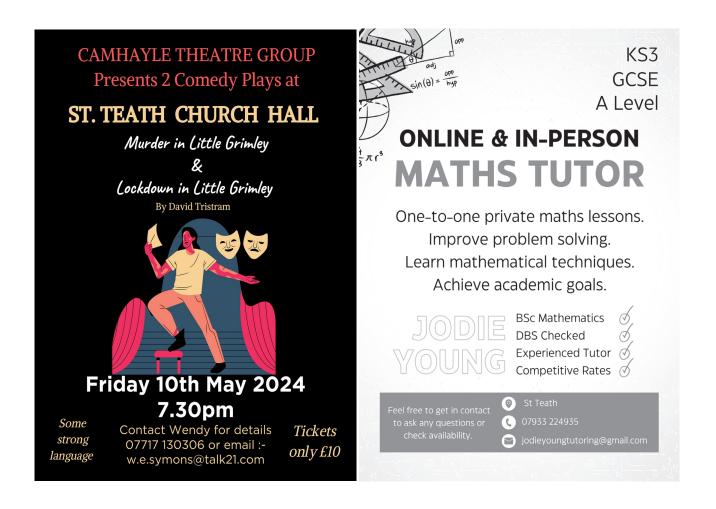
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Polly's Village Diary					
Every Monday	Djembe Drummers	7 - 9.15 pm	Community Centre		
Every Tuesday	Coffee Morning	10.30 am - midday	Community Centre		
Every Tuesday	Yoga	9.15 - 10.15 am	Church Hall		
Every Tuesday	Chair Yoga	10.30 am - 11.15 am	Church Hall		
Every Wednesday	Art Group	2 - 4.30 pm	Community Centre		
Every Thursday	Badminton Club	8.30 - 10 pm	Church Hall		
2nd Friday	Joybirds	2.30 - 5 pm	Church Hall		
	Main Meeting				
4th Tuesday	Joybirds	2.30 - 4.30 pm	Community Centre		
	Book Club				
1st Thursday	Parish Council	7 - 9 pm	Community Centre		
	Meeting				
1st & 3rd Thursday	Rubbish Ramblers	10 am	By the White Hart Pub		

What's On In May					
Friday 10th May	7.30 pm	Church Hall	Two Comedy Plays Camhayle Theatre Group (see page 22)		
Friday 17th May	7.30 pm	Church Hall	Charity Bingo in aid of Timepiece		

Cartoon Corner



Crossword answers

Across:

1. espy, 3. estimate, 9. deliver, 10. curve, 11. strong-minded, 13. recent, 15. voodoo, 17. condemnation, 20. litre, 21. celesta, 22. reassess, 23. stay Down:

1. end users, 2. polar, 4. scrimp, 5. inconsolable, 6. airhead, 7. ever, 8. evening dress, 12. boundary, 14. Croatia, 16. smacks, 18. inset, 19. slur

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where you can advertise your local events.

Use the contact form on the website or email: stubbery2@hotmail.com

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