

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

- 30Nov 6.00pm Fireworks & Dickensian Evening Camelford
7.00pm Organ Recital St Tudy Church
- 1 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B begins)
Isaiah 64: 1-9, 1 Cor I : 3-9
- 2 2.30pm St Tudy County Dance Club - fortnightly Mondays
7.30pm St Tudy Bellringers - every Monday
- 3 6.30pm St Mabyng Tug of War - every Tuesday
7.00pm Allen Valley Singers--every Tuesday
- 4 6.30pm St Tudy Football Club--every Wednesday
- 5 7.30pm St Mabyng Tug-of War Joint Training - every Thursday
8.00pm St Tudy Old Time & Mod Seq Dance - every Thursday
- 6 2.15pm St Tudy School Christmas Fayre
7.30pm St Tudy School Quiz Night -- Village Hall
- 7 10.00am Coffee in the Clink - St Tudy Playgroup
10.00am Magazine Deadline
Mobi Recycling Unit 11.50 St T, 12.30 St M
- 8 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Isaiah 40: 1-11, 2 Peter 3: 8-15a
- 9 7.30pm St Tudy G P A - AGM
- 11 7.30pm St Mabyng Garden Club
- 12 10.00am St Mabyng Pre-School Christmas Celebration -- Village Hall
- 14 7.30pm Engineers Male Voice Choir -- St Tudy Village Hall
- 15 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11, 1 Thess 5: 16-24
- 18 7.30pm St Mabyng Young Farmers Carol Service
- 19 7.00pm Carols by Candlelight - St Tudy Methodist Church
- 20 St Tudy Playgroup Christmas Party
Schools break up.
7.00pm St Tudy W I
- 22 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
2 Sam 7: 1-11, 16. Rom 16: 25-27
- 24 5.45pm Christmas Eve Gathering St Tudy Clink
- 28 St Mabyng Young Farmers Christmas Party
- 29 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
Isaiah 61: 10 - 62: 3, Gal. 4:4-7
10.00am Combined Benefice Service at St Tudy

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- 1st Dec ADVENT SUNDAY
 11.05am Re-dedication of Lady Chapel at St Tudy
 4.00pm Advent Carols and Readings at St Mabyn
 6.00pm Advent Carols and Readings at St Tudy
- 18th Dec
 6.00pm St Tudy Christmas Performance
 7.30pm St Mabyn Young Farmers Carols
- 20th Dec
 1.15pm St Mabyn School Christingle
- 22nd Dec
 9.45am Nine Lessons and Carols at St Mabyn
 11.00am Nine Lessons and Carols at St Tudy Chapel
 (Joint Service with Church and Chapel)
- 6.00pm Joint Carol Service at Michaelstow Church with Treveighan Chapel.
 St Breward Band will accompany some of the carols.
- 24th Dec CHRISTMAS EVE.
 3.00pm St Mabyn Crib Service
 5.00pm Crib and Christingle Service
 10.15pm First Mass of Christmas St Mabyn
 11.30pm First Mass of Christmas St Tudy
 11.30pm First Mass of Christmas Michaelstow
- 25th Dec CHRISTMAS DAY
 10.00am Holy Communion at St Mabyn and St Tudy
- 29th Dec
 10.00am Combined Benefice Service at St Tudy

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO:

Darren and Fiona Bate on the birth of their daughter, Hannah, on 3rd November a sister for Georgina.

On 1st January 2003, Doris Armstrong will be NINETY years old. As you welcome in the New Year, please also raise your glasses to Doris who has given so much to this community. Happy Birthday and many Happy Returns.

ST TUDY METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome to our services during December. We look forward to seeing you on the following dates:

Sun 1st Dec	11.00am	Mr. David Osborne from Bodmin
Sun 8th Dec	11.00am	Mr. Andrew Martin from Camelford "Share Gilts"
Sun 15th Dec	11.00am	Church Fellowship Service
Sun 22nd Dec	11.00am	We are joined by our Anglican friends for United Service
Sun 29th Dec	11.00am	Rev Andrew Sowden. Holy Communion will be celebrated .

... and finally on Thursday 19th December everyone is welcome to our "Carols by Candlelight" evening in the Chapel at 7.00pm with the Allen Valley Singers, followed by mince pies and coffee. A very happy Christmas to you all.

AN EVENING TO REMEMBER

Saturday 30th November at 6pm on the playing field of Sir James Smith's School is where you and your family should be to see one of the finest displays of fireworks in North Cornwall. Tickets £3 adults / £1 child on the gate. The fireworks will be followed by a candlelit procession with willow sculptures and lanterns led by Camelford Mown Band to the town centre where Paul Tyler MI' will be switching on the Christmas lights. There will be a Dickensian Evening with street vendors and it is hoped that many of the local shops will stay open for late night shopping. This is a marvellous way to begin the run-up to Christmas.

JENNIFER TARRING (FORUM SEC) 01540 213074

ST TUDY CHURCH

Mrs. Nancy Harris invites you to a Coffee Morning at Trekelly Meadow on Saturday 11th January 2003. All proceeds towards refurbishing the Lady Chapel in St Tudy Church. Grand raffle, brie-a-brae and homemade cakes. Everyone welcome. 10-12 noon.

ST MABYN YFC

St Mabyn YFC's Annual General Meeting was held on 11th October. Retiring Chairman Richard Martin presented cheques to the Menieres Society for £900. £400 to the Sunrise Appeal and £200 was given to St Mabyn School, raised throughout the year by dung bagging, the clay shoot and other events. James Mutton, Chantal King and Emma Martin took on the offices of Chairman, secretary and treasurer.

The dinner and Dance followed on 2nd November at Lanhydrock Golf Club, with speeches, presentations and a special thank you to club leader Shirley Rowe who has retired.

All are welcome at the club's Christmas Carol Service at St Mabyn Church on Wednesday 18th December, followed by mince pies in the hall. The seasonal festivities finish on 28th December with the club's Christmas Party. If you would like any more details, please call James (01208) 841264.

FROM THE EDITOR

Never let it be said that we at the Magazine do not move with the times (well, slowly). After several requests about sending copy by e-mail (apologies to Mr. Martin for missing his e-mail last month), Please do send me your contributions this way fl it is easier. My e-mail address is annaambrose@yahoo.co.uk . I promise I will remember to check each month - for those without access to e-mail, we continue to accept pieces of paper and message via the fax machine at Joy's.

Please note the early deadline this month - for obvious reasons our team will be otherwise engaged during Christmas week. Advance warning - for 2004! We are able to keep the price of the Magazine subscriptions at £3.00 for 2003. Alter that the price will go up to £3.50 but with a year's notice there should be lime to save up. Thank you for your continued support and a very happy Christmas to you from the Magazine team.

ANNA

TREVEIGHAN METHODIST CHAPEL

On Sunday 10th November, a service of re-dedication was held at the newly refurbished Treveighan Methodist Chapel. The service was conducted by Rev Andrew Sowden with a short address by the Chairman of the District Rev Chris Make. The work on the renovations and improvements to the Chapel arc all but finished and the service and concert was to celebrate this achievement.

We would like to thank all our fiends From St Tudy and St Mabyn who joined with us, when we were splendidly entertained by the Millpool Choral. A wonderful supper, provided with the generous help of many friends, followed. It was a most enjoyable evening. The enlarged schoolroom and brand new fitted kitchen were greatly admired; as indeed was the new disabled toilet! The Community Hall, as it will be known, is intended to be a community facility and we hope it will be used as such. It is suitable for most functions and can be booked by phoning Mary Watkinson on 01208 850269. MARY WATKINSON

ST TUDY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

This year's Bonfire Night was a great success. Thanks to all the helpers. Including the bonfire material collectors, the food organisers, the fireworks display team, all the generous contributors at the gate and the helpers at the Clink coffee morning. Thanks to Mr & Mrs Hocking for judging the guy competition. Shannon Moore's guy won first prize, Grace Kempthorne's guy came second and Frances Matulewicz's guy was third. Alter all expenses were paid, the contribution to the Hall was £440.

The Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 7th December, starting at the Christmas tree at 5.30pm for the switching on of the tree illuminations. Then, accompany lather Christmas on his sleigh to the Hall, where the various stalls can be enjoyed and where the children will receive their presents.

There will be a concert by the Engineers Male Voice Choir at 7.30pm on Saturday 14th December, tickets, £3 each, can be obtained from Pat Hodge and Mavis Kingdon.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who completed our questionnaire. A summary of the results will be published in the January issue of the Magazine.

SECRETARY

ST TUDY W I

The October meeting was chaired by the President, Mrs M Lobb. After the business, which included arrangements for the Annual dinner in January and a celebratory birthday lunch in November, she introduced Mrs P Robinson, who spoke on Fire Safety. As we have recently had fires in St Tudy, this was of particular interest to everyone. Mrs Janet Northcott, whose kitchen fire had been attended to by Mr Robinson himself, thanked him warmly!

The October Group Meeting was greatly enjoyed with lovely slides from St Helena, a wonderful musical entertainment and great food. We also brought back some competition prizes. In November we had a demonstration by Elaine Bromell of Christmas Flower Arranging. Elaine is a most talented young lady and had us all enthralled with the speed and dexterity with which she created some fascinating and unusual displays.

Earlier, Maggie Lobb, president, had given report on the Autumn Council Meeting. Many interesting topics had been discussed but great emphasis was put on the need to raise a lot more money for the new County House. She also congratulated the members who were concerned with the winning entry at the Wadebridge Prime Stock Show. Our "elegant and classy" depiction of a New Years Party won first prize and an enormous cup! At the end of the evening, the flower arrangements were raffled and several delighted people went home with their lovely prizes.

YVONNE NOBBS PRESS SECRETARY

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

Holy Matrimony at St Tudy. 20th November. Gary Vince and Emma Lacey (Hendra)

Holy Baptism at St Tudy. 9th November. Ryan John Juleff.

Holy Baptism at St Mabyn. 10th November. Thomas Alexander John Clifton. (Great grandson of Meg Reed and Colonel Williams)

Funeral at St Tudy. 22nd November. Walter Charles Burch. Walter will be very much missed by everyone who knew him. His death leaves a tremendous gap in St Truly. Please remember Phyllis in your prayers.

JAM SESSION

Garlands house, Saturday 15th February. Watch this space!!!!

P. Le B.

BENEFACTICE INFORMATION

On Saturday 30th November at 7pm there will be an organ recital in St Tudy church given by Dr Geoffrey Gibbons. It will last for about 45 minutes. Entry is free of charge but there will be a collection in aid of the Lady Chapel.

On Sunday 1st December the re-furbished Lady Chapel at St Tudy will be rededicated. Everyone is welcome. Following the service there will be a celebration lunch at the Cornish Arms (12.45 for 1pm). It will cost £5. This will include a choice of turkey, roast beef or lamb and all the trimmings, followed by a choice of dessert, and/or tea or coffee. If you wish to attend the lunch please sign the list at the back of the church or let me know. Thank you to everyone who has donated time or money to this project. For those of you, who have indicated that they might like to contribute, please give your donation to either myself or Derek Handover?

I am delighted that at last the Children's Alter School clubs have started with great success. May they grow and flourish.

There will be an exploratory meeting for both adults and young people who are thinking about Confirmation on Tuesday 14th January at 7pm at the Rectory. If you cannot manage this initial date then please let me know.

On 15th January Father Allied Scott will be conducting his final service at Michaelstow as he has decided that it is time for him to retire. I will certainly miss him, as will the people at Michaelstow. I should like to place on record my personal and grateful thanks to both Alfred and his wife Hilary for all the help, kindness and support that they have given to me throughout the fourteen months that I have lived in St Tudy. Our good wishes go to both of them for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

MARGARET

WADEBRIDGE FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND SPEECH

If you are considering entering the festival in 2003 (3-8 March) and not yet applied for a syllabus, please let me remind you that all entries must be in by Wednesday 15th January 2003, so now is the time to contact Mrs Monica Bragg (Entries Secretary) on 812955 for your copy. There are several new classes for 2003, among them being acting dialogue, solo acting, group acting, Shakespeare and Betjeman. In the music classes we have introduced jazz for any instrument, solo recorder and orchestral brass. There is something for everyone; we welcome "first timers" and there is no minimum or maximum age limit.

It is said that if you want something done, ask a busy person. Well, if you are a "busy person" and would like to become involved in what is now regarded as one of the finest music festivals in the south west, please contact me. We are desperately seeking volunteers to act as stewards during the festival week and also to help run the coffee shop, providing refreshments for competitors and audience, some of whom travel from as far a field as Bideford and Barnstaple. The Allen Valle), Singers will once again run the coffee shop on the Saturday with proceeds going to choir funds. All offers of help are most welcome.

JENNIFER TARRING

CHRISTIAN BELIEF

Following a number of letters to The 'times by ecclesiastical bigwigs, a St Tildyite sent The Times the following "piece" on which his often faltering faith has come to depend. This brought him a number of letters of thanks and wholehearted agreement. The Rector and Pastor Parkman have consented to its inclusion in the Magazine.

"Moses' Ten Commandments, Christ's Beatitudes and Muhammad in the 7th century Ad provide signposts. But Christianity depends on only two fundamental Beliefs. We are all sinners. Secondly Christ's death on the Cross, and his Resurrection gave us all the chance of redemption - of forgiveness.

Christ's Resurrection is often questioned. Written only twenty years alter Christ's death, St Paul's account of the 500 who saw Jesus, the incident when Jesus talked to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, the sudden change of heart of the stricken Apostles, the empty tomb, the continuing spread throughout the world, even today, of what was only it three year ministry by a carpenter's apprentice, and a thanksgiving meal which has come down to us unchanged over two millennia (was ever another command so obeyed), are surely the basic truths on which we can all feed our faltering faith?"

CHRISTMAS GATHERING

The Carnival Committee would like to invite everyone to join them at the Christmas Tree/ Clink on Christmas Eve at 5.45pm. Santa will be coming along with gifts for the children and there will be mulled wine and mince pies for the adults. This has been a very successful social gathering in recent years and is a good start to the festive days ahead. It is the committee's way of thanking the village for the support we receive in the summer. We would also like to thank all those who help put up and light the Christmas Tree for us.

ST MABYN PARISH CHURCH

Christmas Supper Party will be held on Friday 6th December at 7.30pm. Tickets £5.50 at Many Views, St Mabyn. Contact J & A Lobb 841581.

MICHAELMAS FAIR-SUCCESS

Organised and implemented by people living and working in the area, the Michaelmas Fair held at the Gaia Energy Centre in October was a great success. There were many who thought that a fair with no crafts, bric-a-brac or occasional bargains would generate no interest and fall flat on its face. Thankfully that was not the case and over a three day period 800 people spent time looking at alternative building materials, solar panels, Planning for Real, Urban Surveys and Ecological Footprinting. Tai Chi and a labyrinth walk helped the stressed to relax. Rinky-Dink and Groovy Movie showed what pedal bower is all about and Professor Goodvibes made willow puppets. The Cornwall Guild of Smallholders demonstrated how to stark an oven efficiently, make burgers and sausages to die for, mackerel and rice with mango and pineapple chunks and their herb pancakes were only just

pipped at the post by the spice ones. Pedal Back the Years encourages us to get on our bikes and for those of us who prefer four wheels to two, there was information about hydrogen powered buses.

The exhibition was of a very high quality and comments from participants and visitors showed just how valuable it was in the information provided. Not all the visitors were local and some from as far a field as the Isle of Bute in one direction and the Scilly Isles in the other, took away with them the certain knowledge that here in North Cornwall we have the skills, talent and resources to determine the way we define our requirements for the future.

It is now hoped that the success of this year can be built upon and that the Michaelmas fair will become an annual feature in our local calendar. For information about the fair and all other enquiries, please contact: Jennifer Tarring, Administrator, CICIT, College Road, Camelford PL32 9TL, or telephone (01840) 213067 during office hours,

CORLINK-CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Corlink, the demand responsive transport system currently operating in areas of your Parish, would like to wish all its patrons a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The service, consisting of minibuses that can be booked to connect with core transport routes, has been operating since July and has received some very positive comments from members of the community. Extensions to the specified zones are being planned for early 2003, enhancing the travel choices available to passengers. Full details will be released in plenty of time so you should watch the local press for further information.

Philip Boorman, Rural Transport Officer says, "We are glad that the Corlink service has been so well patronised and we look forward to a busy New Year as the zone extensions offer more people a wider choice of travel into areas that were currently un-served. The service is growing and we are about to launch another service in the Carrion Vale area between Truro and Redruth, so things are really taking on".

To book your Corlink journey, please call: 0845 850 55 56. For further information on travel initiatives, please call the Passenger Transport Unit. Cornwall County Council: 01872 222000.

For SALE

Raleigh Monchique Ladies All Terrain Bike. High quality Reynolds 501 double butted tubing frame 17". Shimano 200 GS 21 speed gears, gel saddle, vgc little used, cost £270, sell for £95. Tel. 850222.

ST TUDY PARISH COUNCIL

When I agreed to take on the position of Parish Clerk, it was for a fixed period terminating with the Parish Council elections in May 2003. The position is therefore becoming vacant and will anyone wishing to apply for this vacancy please apply to me at Town Farmhouse, St Tudy. The position will require typing skills, the ability to take accurate minutes together with some computer skills. The salary is based on the national scale rate and agreed hours per month.

CHRIS SELBY

1ST ST MABYN SCOUT GROUP

On 26th October we held a Halloween Fancy Dress Disco. All the children came in costumes: there were witches, ghosts, vampires and many more different monsters. This made it hard for our judges, Mr & Mrs Austin Jewell of St Mabyn. The winners and runners-up were:

0-4 years: Winner for girls Katie-Ann Meeson

0-4 years: Winner for boys Luke Meeson (These were the only two who entered this age group.)

5-8 years Winner for girls Amy Meeson. Runner-up Shannon Moore

5-8 years Winner for boys Oliver Bradford. Runner-up Thomas Jenkins

9-11 years Winner for girls Emma Harris. Runner-up Jac Hawkey

9-11 years Winner for boys Nick Elliot. Runner-up Bryn Slowely

11 years and over Winner for girls Leanda Tickle. Runner-up Sam Barrett

11 years and over Winner tier boys Luke Francis. Runner-up Henry Menhenitt

So, once again, I would like to thank Mr & Mrs Austin Jewell for coming along to judge for us. The evening was a great success with a total of £122.70 raised, which will go towards the building fund. A quick apology for the short notice in cancelling the Table Top Sale on Saturday 2nd November, but there was very little interest.

ST TUDY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

We would like to welcome Nat Andrews as our new Chairman and thank Anne-Marie Irons for all her hard work as Chair of the Playgroup. After a successful Ofsted inspection in mid-September we are very pleased to be continuing to offer the following sessions, with funded places for 3 & 4 year olds: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9.30am-12noon. We also run a toddler session on a Wednesday from 12.45-2.45pm; first session free of charge.

We will be holding a Coffee Morning in the Clink on Saturday 7th December. Our Christmas (arty will be on Friday 20th December, with a magician plus a visit from Father Christmas (if he isn't too busy!) Looking forward to seeing you at any of the above, for details please ring Rosemary on 850857.

THANKS

A big thank you to everyone who sent cards, presents and good wishes to Jemma when she was in hospital and at home. She has now made a full recovery and back at work.

KAREN, DAVID, JEMMA & MATHEW SMITH

We would like to thank everyone who came to our Christmas Avon evening and made it a success. Many thanks to Lee who let us use the pub. We have sent £80 to Avon's Breast Cancer Crusade, which we made from the raffle.

LOUISE & KAREN

Very many thanks to all friends for cards and good wishes sent to me since I broke my ankle. Sally, Tony and I very much appreciate the kindnesses and offers of help during my "enforced inactivity"!

MARJOIUE BAIUZETT

FROM REVEREND MARGARET

It seems strange writing my Christmas message in November but it does give me the opportunity to reflect on the fact that before we listen to the message of the angels, we have the period of preparation to live through. This is of course, Advent when the message then is "O come, O Come Emmanuel". And of course, "Emmanuel" means "God With Us". What does it mean. God with us? For Christians it means that God came to earth as a human being to share himself and his ways with us and to live and to die for us. It means also that God came in the most vulnerable way possible, as a tiny baby, totally and utterly dependent on Mary and Joseph for the physical care and nurture he needed.

Some of you, like myself have had new babies in your families since last Christmas and it has reminded us how vulnerable such small mortals are. It is mind-bending to realise just how much God loves us in that he sent his own Son to live among us. Let us then use Advent to prepare for the wonder of Christmas, see that when Christmas Day dawns we can receive the greatest gift of all in wonder love and praise. May you be filled with every Spiritual Blessing this Advent and Christmastide.

ST TUDY SCHOOL

A very big thank you to everyone who supported our Safari Supper and coffee morning. £661.20 was raised at the Safari Supper and £185.65 at the coffee morning. All the funds will go towards improving our computer suite, which is developing Mist!

Our harvest celebrations were well supported and £120 was raised through a raffle of donated harvest gills, which will go to Food Action.

We were lucky to welcome Oliver West, a professional printmaker, who spent a day in school. The children had the opportunity to make a range of prints based on fish. The school had a very fishy smell that day! A number of the prints went on display at the Indian King Art Exhibition in Camelford and Emily Jesson was a winner in the competition.

At Our Friends AGM, Pippa Burke was elected as Chairman, Sarah Northcott Secretary and Debbie Philp Treasurer. It was decided that due to dwindling support for the lottery this would stop from Christmas. We would like to thank all the people who have supported the lottery over the years and we hope that people who took lottery numbers will continue to support the school in its fundraising.

We have been very fortunate to get funding to help us buy both an interactive whiteboard/smart board and an LED projector. We are hoping to use them at our quiz night so come along and see how they work!

We are going to be part of the Healthy School programme this year. Over the next 18 months we will be working towards getting Healthy School status. Projects cover areas such as healthy eating, health related exercise and drug awareness.

Finally some dates for your diary; don't forget our Quiz Night on Friday 6th December at 7.30pm in the village Hall and our Christmas Fayre on the same clay at 2.15pm in the school. Tickets for the quiz night cost £4 per person to include a glass of wine and a pasty. Book in a team by ringing Pippa on 851627 or Rosemary on 850857.

SARAH NORTHCOTT.

ST TUDY GARDEN PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The first two meetings of the winter have certainly proved a popular draw for everyone - over 50 people turned up for each, prompting more chairs to be put out! Mind you, we have had excellent speakers. Firstly, on 21st October, John Harris gave us an interesting and very amusing insight into his work as head gardener at Tresillian. With his wife's slideshow (and the odd "technical" comments from John on projectors, he showed the gardens' progress from wilderness to beautiful organisation, companion planting, no chemicals - and amazingly bug free! Many people afterwards suggested this would be a wonderful place for one of our visits next year.

On 11th November another BBC Radio Cornwall gardener, Alistair Rivers, showed its exciting examples of shrubs for winter colour. Most of us left the hall fired with enthusiasm and bits of bush to do cuttings. (I must do something with mine - with shame I admit that as I write it's still in water!)

Our AGM is on Monday 9th December at 7.30 - business is ALWAYS as brief as possible, so don't be deterred! We have a glass of wine to start the evening, then the AGM, then one of Bernard Hawkins' quizzes when everyone invariably learns something. Competitions will be a Christmas table decoration, a flowering pot plant and 6 sprouts. Annual subscriptions will be due that night -currently the enormous sum off £2

We are a very friendly and informal group. For those who are new to the village and have a computer, take a look on the village web site at the club's articles. For those who haven't a computer and missed the autumn show, I always put photos and prize winners' details in the post office - just ask! If you like what you see come and join us!

JANE KING

CHRISTMAS OPEN MORNING

St Mabyn Pre-School would like to invite EVERYONE, young and old to join us for our Christmas Celebration on Thursday 12th December at 10am in St Mabyn Memorial Hall. Come and share in the magic of the children performing some of, their favourite songs, whilst enjoying it mince pie and tea/coffee. We look forward to seeing you all there.

THE ALLEN VALLEY SINGERS

In October we raised the worthwhile sum of £485 for Restormel Mencap in Charlestown. This money is to be match funded by Barclays Bank Plc (£4£) and will go towards the opening of a fourth home. The choir thanks the Fisherman's Friends and Jeanette Eathorne for going out on such an awful night. Every year they support us in this particular fundraising concert and this year was no exception. Songs of the sea when strips sailed under canvas and humorous banter from Fisherman's friends, jokes and funny stories from Jeannette Eathorne are the ingredients required for a really successful evening.

Our Annual Concert held on Saturday 9 November in Camelford I fall was a great success and we are pleased to announce that a cheque for £250 will have been sent to UNICEF by the time you read this. With fog hampering driving visibility, it was something of a miracle that anyone bothered to go out at all that night, so we were delighted to see such a packed hall and of course, we were most grateful to John Bennallick for comparing the evening and to St Austell Male Voice Choir for their musical contribution to such an enjoyable fund-raising event. If during the course of the evening you were aware of a strange groaning sound, it was just the sound of the table groaning under the weight of "naughty but nice" puddings provided by members of the choir for the interval. I do not think, I have ever seen such a fantastic array of desserts; forget death by chocolate, this was paradise in a pavlova, eestasy with a trifle and sensibility in the fresh fruit salad.

Our Christmas Coffee Morning will be in the Clink on Saturday 14th December at 10arn with a bring'n'buy stall, raffle, mince pies and cappuccino coffee for that special seasonal treat. Look forward to seeing you.

6th December	St Austell Music festival
14th December	(am) Christmas Coffee Morning in the Clink (pm) Christmas Songs & Carols at Inny Vale
19th December	St Tudy Chapel Concert
23rd December	Camelot, Tintagel
31st December	Camelot, Tintagel

The year comes to a busy end for us in the choir. It has been a marvellous year, with our visit to the Cheltenham Music Festival and numerous concerts in and around Cornwall. We thank everyone who has given us support during the year and look forward to seeing you all in 2003. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope that you get everything you need and something you want during the coming year.

JENNIFER TARRING