

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2005

1		St Tudy Luncheon Club
	8.00pm	St Tudy Old Time & Mod Sect Dance Club - every Thurs
3		Christmas Fair St Tudy Village Hall
4		THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Isa 40: 1-11, 2 Pet 3: 8-15
5	2.30pm	St Tudy Country Dance Club - fortnightly Mondays
	6.30pm	Open Meeting St Mabyn Parish Council
	7.30pm	St Tudy Bellringers - every Monday
	7.30pm	Michaelstow Table Tennis Club - every Monday
6	9.00am	Yoga St Tudy Methodist Chapel
	7.00pm	Allen Valley Singers - every Tuesday
	7.00pm	Short mat bowling (advanced) St Tudy Hall every Toes
	7.00pm	NCH Supporters Club Meeting Camelford
7	3.30pm	Short mat bowling (beginners) St Tudy Hall every Wed
	6.30pm	St Tudy Football Club - every Wed
	7.30pm	Xmas Whist Drive St Teath Church flail
9	10.30am	Coffee Morning St Mabyn Memorial Hall
10	10.00am	Magazine Deadline
	10.00am	Table Top Sale St Tudy Village Hall
	10.00am	Coffee in the Clink St Petroc's Society
		Savoury Supper Many Views St Mabyn
11		THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Isa 61: 1-4, 8-11, 1 Thess 5: 16-24
12	7.30pm	St Tudy GPA
13	10.30am	Treveighan Coffee Morning
	7.00pm	Friendly Whist Drive St Tudy Village Hall
14	7.30pm	St Mabyn Garden Club
15	2.00pm	St Mabyn School Christmas Play
	2.30pm	St Tudy Thursday Afternoon Club
	3.15pm	St Tudy Sunshine Club
16	7.00pm	St Tudy W I
17	5.30pm	St Tudy Youth Club Christmas Party
18	6.00pm	Carol Singing St Tudy
20	6.00pm	Carol Singing St Tudy
22	6.00pm	Carol Singing St Tudy
23	10.30am	Coffee Morning St Mabyn Memorial Hall

PARISH CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

5	7.30pm	Advent Prayer Group & Meditation St Tudy Rectory every Mon
7	7.30pm	Camelford YFC Carol Service with Camelford Town Band at Michaelstow. Everyone welcome
15	7.00pm	Carol Concert with Allen Valley Singers St Tudy Chapel
16	6.00pm	St Tudy School Carol Service
		St Mabyn School Christmas Play
	7.30pm	Michaelstow Community Christmas Celebration at Michaelstow
		Holiday Village. Entertainment by the Cadon Chorus.
18		THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	9.45am	St Mabyn Carol Service
	11.00am	Combined Carol Service in St Tudy Methodist Chapel
	6.00pm	Combined Carol Service in Treveighan Methodist Chapel
20	1.15pm	St Mabyn School Christingle Service
23	7.30pm	St Mabyn Young Farmers Carol Service at St Mabyn.
24		CHRISTMAS EVE Isa 62: 6-end, Titus 3: 4-7, Luke 2: 1-7
	3.00pm	Crib Service at St Mabyn
	5.00pm	Crib Service and Christingle St Tudy
	10.15pm	Late Night Mass at St Mabyn
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass at St Tudy
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass at Michaelstow
25		CHRISTMAS DAY Isa 52: 7-10, Heb 1: 5-12, John I: 1-4
	9.30am	Christmas Family Communion and Carols Michaelstow
	10.00am	Christmas Family Communion and Carols St Mabyn
	11.05am	Christmas Family Communion and Carols St Tudy

CAROL SINGING FOR MOUNT EDGCUMBE HOSPICE

We shall be carol singing around St Tudy again this year, starting on Sunday 18th December, meeting at the bus shelter at 6pnt and again on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd (both at 6pna) and on Christmas Eve after Father Christmas has gone on his way from the Clink!

It is great fun and raises much needed funds for Mount Edgcurribe Hospice - so do join us. Enquiries to Janis Burden on 85 1540 or Chris Fletcher on 850008.

ST TUDY METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome to our services during December. We look forward to sharing fellowship with you on the following dates.

Sunday 4th December 11am	Mrs G Ashton from Carnelford
Sunday 11th December 11am	Rev. Stella Long (sacrament)
Sunday 18th December 11am	United Nine Lessons and Carols Service led by Rev. Stella Long
Sunday 25th December 11am	No Service (St Breward 9.30am and St Teath 10.30am)

No Soup and Sweet this month.

We invite you all to the 6th Annual Christmas Concert of Carols and Songs with the Allen Valley Singers in the Chapel at 7pm on Thursday 15th December. Coffee and mince pies afterwards. Collection for Mount Edgcombe Hospice and Chapel funds. Do come!
We wish everyone in our Community a very Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

Holy Matrimony at St Tudy

5th November David Hearle and Susan Lynne Mendham

Holy Baptism at St Mabyn

27th November Keira Louise Keat

TABLE TOP SALE IN ST TUDY VILLAGE HALL

On Saturday 10th December, there will be another Table Top Sale from 10am to 1pm. On sale will be jams and preserves, cakes and biscuits, a variety of craft items for those last minute Christmas presents. Stocking fillers, cards and much much more. Refreshments will be available and also a raffle. Come along and browse and enjoy a cup of coffee in the pleasant surroundings. If you would like to book a table to sell your own items, contact Dawn Bunce on 851253. Cost is £3.50 per table. Proceeds are for disabled facilities at St Methodist Chapel. Further sales will be held in 2006 on 28th January, 25th February and 18th March and proceeds will be for the Village Hall Short Mat Bowls.

ST TUDY YOUTH CLUB

St Tudy Youth Club is held on most Friday nights from 6.30-8.00pm. It is open to children in Years 2 to 6. We started off the new term with a very exciting Halloween party which was enjoyed by all. The following week's meeting was extremely well attended with 35 children turning up! Another fun night was had by all. Thank you to the helpers, Nat, Jane, Caralyn, Penny, Nick and Victor.

Also in November, we will be having a "First Aid Evening", when the children will be learning some basic first aid techniques and a "Night Hike and BBQ". Sounds like great fun!

Our first meeting in December is on Friday the 2nd, when Val & Ted will be doing Christmas Crafts with the children. Please feel free to come along.

Our next and last meeting for 2005 will be on Saturday 17th December. This will be our Christmas Party and promises to be an exciting night. "Right on Cue" the local youth rock band will be attending, to give us an evening to remember! We are extremely lucky to have secured the band as they are proving extremely popular and have even been asked to back the local well known local singer, Al Hodge! The Christmas Party will start a little earlier than usual at 5.30pm and will finish at 8.00pm. We would like to see as many children (and adults) in fancy dress with the theme of "Your Favourite Musical Artist/Pop Star", so start planning now! Entrance will be by ticket only, which will include a glass of festive punch and a "hot dog" supper for the children - all for a price of £2 per ticket! Please see Nat or Jane for your tickets. This promises to be a really exciting evening, so don't miss it!

The Youth Club Committee would also like to ask if anyone has any unwanted or unused games or play equipment that might be lying around in their homes or garages. We have extremely limited resources at present and need to expand our range of equipment rapidly! We would be very pleased to hear from anyone who could help us!

ST TUDY THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The next meeting of the Club will be Thursday 15th December at 2.30pm, when we will be having a Beetle Drive, by popular request. Please note that this is the third Thursday of the month. The meeting will be FREE - gifts will be supplied by the Club along with some "suitable and seasonal refreshments". Please bring a small plate of food of your choice. Everything else will be supplied. All are welcome. The programme for the first half of 2006 has already been arranged.

RON HEATH

ST TUDY WI

The Village Hall was full of activity as many members, under the instruction of Angela Roose, made their own beautiful topiary trees, with great success. Angela had already demonstrated how this was to be achieved and she followed this with three other excellent modern arrangements. A very talented speaker. Mrs Jasper had opened the meeting by asking us to remember Pearl Sleeman, who had recently died. Pearl had been one of our members for many years until ill health forced her to retire. Mrs Jasper also welcomed four new members and welcomed back Hazel Gibbons after her recent illness. She reported on an excellent group meeting at Wadebridge, a good coffee morning and thanked Lilian Lamerton for organizing a very successful trip to see "Annie" at the Theatre Royal. Maggie Lobb reported on the recent council meeting at Truro. She said we had a new Chairman, Nan Collier. She urged us to support the resolution regarding using local shops, which had been passed with only one vote against. Names were taken for our Christmas Shopping Trip to Plymouth on 24th November and our Christmas Evening on 14th January, which will be a meal and bowling at Trethorne. We will be pleased to see anyone in the village who would like to attend. The competition, an arrangement of autumn leaves and berries was won by Jennie Harris.

ALIEN VALLEY SINGERS

It is always a pleasure for us to have a joint concert with another choir, especially a male voice choir and on Friday 9th December, we will be in concert with the Tintagel Male Voice Choir in the Central Hall, Tintagel at 7.30pm. Christmas carols, some seasonal songs and a few old favourites are bound to be on the programme and whatever your musical preference, we are sure there will be something to please all tastes. In aid of SKYD (Supporting Kernow Youth Diabetes), this concert will be compared by John Stratton. Tickets are £5 each and include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. They are available on the door but for advanced booking please contact: Barbara Hamley 01840 261463, Jennifer May 01208 880131 or Jenni Tarring 01208 841329. Email booking: jennifer.tarring@btinterrret.com The choir will be in the St Tudy Methodist Chapel on Thursday 15th December at 7pm for their annual concert of Carols and Christmas Songs. As this will be our filial concert in 2005, we hope you will be able to join us.

JENNI TARRING PR[PUBLICITY 841329

HELP START A BAND OF BELL-RINGERS AT ST MABYN

There is presently no band of active bell-ringers at St Mabyn, but the bells are rung occasionally by the visiting band from Lanteglos/Advent. Marry would like St Mabyn to have its own band again; and a recruitment and training initiative, starting from scratch, seems to be the only way ahead. Fortunately, the well-established Lanteglos/Advent band would be pleased to provide really good teaching and development for complete beginners and for those who have done some ringing before and would like to take it up again.

Then, when a small core of St Mabyn ringers was ready, the St Mabyn band could reform and grow with the continued support of Lanteglos/Advent for as long as was necessary. To get started, new ringers would be most welcome to come along initially to Lanteglos/Advent practice nights from 7-9pm on Wednesdays. Contacts are Andrew and Ruth Reeves on 01840 213120 or Jim Izzard on 01208 851699.

GRAND XMAS WHIST DRIVE

St Teath Church Hall Wednesday 7th December at 7.30pm. Xmas Fayre prizes. Good raffle. Proceeds in aid of Mount Edgcumbe Hospice. All welcome.

THANKS

Gerald and family would like to thank everyone for the many cards and messages of sympathy and also thank you to those who attended Flo's funeral.

A thank you from Jack Sleeman and all the family for the letters, cards and messages of sympathy received. The many kind offers of help were very much appreciated.

Thank you to all the people who sent me cards for my 80th birthday and donations; I sent £200 to Cornwall Air Ambulance.

MARY WINN

We would like to express our sincere thanks for all the messages of condolence that we have received on the sad loss of mother, Mrs Florence Vincent, who died recently aged 94. She had only lived in St Tudy for 5 years but everyone was so friendly and welcoming that she felt she had been in the village much longer. Thank you for all your kindness and support.

HAZEL & MICHAEL LENDRUM AND FAMILY

NORTH CORNWALL HUNT

The next meeting of the NCH Supporters Club will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th December at the Clease Hall, Camelford. Gifts for prizes for the Bingo Night on Thursday 8th December at 7.00pm at the wine venue, would be accepted at this meeting. All welcome.

RUTH (HON SEC NCHS CLUB)

ST MABYN CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be a. savoury supper with entertainment on Saturday 10th December at Many Views. Tickets £6 obtainable from A & J Lobb Telephone 841581.

MICHAELSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

There are two vacancies for the voluntary office of Parish Councillor to serve on the Michaelstow Parish Council. For full details, contact the Chairman, Mr G Yeornans, Bearoak Farm, Michaelstow, Bodrnin, PL30 3PN tel. 850297.

The Parish Council meets on the 1st Thursday of each month, 7.30pm at Treveighan Chapel.

MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Please note that the deadline for receipt of copy for January's Magazine is Saturday, 10th December - earlier than usual because of Christmas.

EDITOR

ST TUDY GARDEN PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

On 17th October Sandra Goodswen came to show us slides of her 100 favourite plants, although she was unsure of the exact number! The next meeting is on 12th December at 7.30 and will be preceded by festive drinks and snacks to put everyone in the mood for our AGM when subs will be due.

JANE KING

ST PETROC'S SOCIETY FOR THE HOMELESS

A Coffee Morning will be held in the Clink at St Tudy on Saturday 10th December from 10-11.30am. Please come and support it. Raffle prizes would be appreciated.

ANDY MUIR

ST TUDY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Bonfire and fireworks night held on 5th November was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who attended. The total sum of £337.35 was made towards Hall funds. Grateful thanks to Ian Hodges and his merry men who collected the wood for the bonfire under adverse conditions, Sara and Emma Northcott at the gate and Caroline Pearce selling lighted wands, Mavis Kingdon, Bill Hodge, Kathy Hillson and Rosemary Simmons who sold the soups, pasties and drinks. Many thanks. The children's guy competition was won by Siegfried Burden. All the entries were good and it was difficult to judge the winner. The judges were Mr & Mrs John Berridge. Again many thanks.

We will be holding our Christmas Fair in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December. Father Christmas and his sleigh will be at the centre of the village at 5.30pm and then to the Hall. Come and join in the fun.

ST MABYN GARDEN CLUB

Our Chairman opened the evening by welcoming members and remarked on how sad we were at the fire at the Duchy Nursery, a place which we had visited in September. Our speaker for the evening was Mr Philip Martyn. Mr Martyn works for a company called Norfolk Lavender, which grows about 100 acres of lavender for harvesting and processing into lavender based goods such as oils, perfumes, creams and much more. These products were for sale after the presentation. By means of a video, we were shown how the lavender is grown, the taking of cuttings and how it is harvested and turned into lavender oil. It was surprising how many lavender plants it took to produce a small vial of lavender oil and how labour intensive the process is. It would appear that lavender plants grow well in sandy well-drained soil and the soil is just right in Norfolk. They also get a fair amount of sun in Norfolk and less rainfall than in Cornwall. At the end of the presentation, our Chairman thanked Mr Martyn for a most interesting presentation. The raffle was drawn and we finished with a cup of tea and a chat.

Our next meeting is on 14th December and is our Christmas party. Members are reminded to bring a small wine glass and a plate of savouries, Members are also invited to bring along a table decoration no larger than 9 inches. There is a small prize on offer; one for the men and one for the ladies.

Our next open meeting is on 11th January. Our speaker will be Mr Mike Haines and the subject is orchids. Everyone is welcome. Meetings start at 7.30pm and are held in the Village Hall. New members especially welcome.

P BARNARD

ST MABYN PARISH COUNCIL

The agreed minutes (4th October) are displayed on the Notice Board outside the Village Hall in St Mabyn. Below you have a snap shot only, of what was discussed at the meeting on 1st November. The meeting was opened with six councillors attending, the Parish Clerk and five members of the public. There was an open forum for 10 minutes when matters relating to the Playing Field were discussed. Hopefully concerns expressed re the management of the Playing Field will be addressed and the matters finalised at the December meeting.

- There was a Parish Council Election on 17th November. Four people stood for one vacancy. Please see official Notice of Election on the Parish Notice Boards and particularly that in front of the Village Hall.
- 58 questionnaires issued by the Playing Field Sub-committee have been returned. Thanks to Gill and Neil in the Shop for collecting them. Your input has been essential. There will be a St Mabyn Parish Open Meeting in the Village Hall on Monday 5th December at 6.00pm for 6.30pm start (chaired by the PF Sub Committee). The compiled information taken from the questionnaires will be presented and will assist in the formation of an Action Plan with regard to "Where do we go from here?". The Sub-Committee will have to hand the previous plans in 2004 which were presented to the Parish Council in October 2004. It will also be an opportune time too, to discuss in general what the parishioners would like the Parish Council to do for them in 2006.
- The dog bin located near the bus shelter is yet to be moved and replaced by NCDC. A second dog bin has been requested - hopefully this will be in place early 2006.
- The public were reminded that the tarmac area (old canteen site) was for the provision of parking for those using the Hall facilities - it is not a parking area for private individuals.

The next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 6th December. All welcome to attend.

HELEN BARRETT

ST TUDY PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE DIARY 2006

I intend compiling a Village Diary of events for 2006. Will organisations please let me have their diary of events for inclusion next year? I would be pleased to receive the date, timing, venue and organiser at my home address, Town Farmhouse, St Tudy or by e-mail at chris@selby76.freeseive.co.uk

CHRIS SELBY

ST TUDY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on 26th October and County Councillor D Rowse attended. Apologies were received from District Councillor C Mutton and from Cllr Lee Madden.

- No planning applications were submitted to the Council.
- Cllr J March agreed to get village comments on the drawings of a new signpost for erection in the village centre. The cost of the signpost would be precepted by the Council as Highways only seemed interested in financing large projects, not small.
- The proposed action to replace the Chestnut Tree was discussed. Village opinion varied between replacement at the site of the existing tree or closer to the Clink. General agreement was that the replacement tree should be planted close to the site left by the old tree. The new tree would be surrounded by a galvanised guard to protect it while small. Costs of the replacement project would be obtained. (Felling the tree etc.)
- The holly oak (*quercus ilex*) was growing rapidly and would require attention in the near future to avoid influencing the growth of a new chestnut tree.
- Some wood from the old chestnut tree could be used as the basis of a plaque to be mounted nearby depicting its history.
- A letter from the Chapel asked for Parish Council support for a proposed new kitchen and toilet for the disabled at the Chapel. The Council voted to pay the sum of £100 as a mark of its support. The Council has previously made a similar initial grant to the Village Hall.
- The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 30th November at 7pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome.
- There will be no regular Council meeting in December.

The St Tudy Parish Council take this opportunity to wish everyone in the village a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year in 2006.

MARGARET SHELLEY

ST MABYN PEACE MEMORIAL HALL

The committee have decided to hold coffee mornings every fortnight on Fridays, 25th November, 9th and 23rd December, 6th and 20th January, 3rd and 17th February from 1030am to 11.30am. We hope that it will be a social gathering for all people to meet over a cup of coffee and biscuit for a £1. Come along and enjoy a chat and support your Village Hall!

ST MABYN YOUNG FARMERS

Our Christmas Carol Service will be held on Friday 23rd December at 7.30pm. All most welcome to attend and join us afterwards for festive refreshments.

We are still looking for new members to join. Our programme is packed full of outings and activities for December. If you are interested, or would like to know more, please contact either Dale 880927, or Charlotte 851924.

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and say a big thank you to everyone who has supported us during 2005.

THE ORGAN IN ST TUDY CHURCH

I am pleased to be able to report that we have now entered into an agreement with the organ 'builder, David Gridley of Penzance, to start the rebuilding as soon as possible. I am also delighted to record that I have received a generous donation of £1,000 and that the Samarkand Collection for Autumn/Winter shown at the home of Vanessa Wilkins, produced £125 despite the atrocious weather that prevented some from attending. We hope to hear of many other ideas for fundraising in the weeks to come. The Allen Valley Singers have offered to promote a concert in March and were hopeful that the Deputy Organist of Hereford Cathedral, Peter Dyke, will be coming to play in St Tudy Church next year. We plan to advertise a programme of events that will appeal to all and details of these will appear in the January Magazine. It has been suggested to me that we should invite offers to purchase organ pipes for the new instrument. There will be about 950 in the new organ with prices ranging from £5 to £25 each. Purchases can have their initials recorded on the individual pipes to show their support of the scheme.

In accordance with legal requirements, there appears in the Church porch and on the Village Notice Board, a public notice advising that an application has been made for a Faculty to start the rebuilding work and an opportunity to register objections with the Diocese. (I hope there will not be any!) I have been asked why it is necessary to rebuild the pipe organ when there is a serviceable digital instrument that is currently being used. Hi-tech electrical equipment has a finite life much less than a pipe organ and we have seen how easily part of it could be put out of action by rain water falling on 29th October. The life expectancy of a pipe organ is very much greater and we can expect it to last many generations.

GEOFFREY GIBBONS

ADVANCE NOTICE

Songs of Praise in thanksgiving for the repaired Church roof - 10.30am St Tudy Church Saturday 14th January 2006. Details in January Magazine.

FROM REVEREND MARGARET

November has been a month of "Remembering" and all the services have gone well. It was extremely pleasing on 11th November to welcome the children from St Maby School at the 11.00 o'clock service and the poem "Why Wear a Poppy?", which was read by the Headteacher, Mrs Puttock, was very moving. All the Remembrance Day Services were well attended and I should like to thank publicly Sir Louis Le Bailly for the wonderful address he gave at St Tudy.

I have found it quite difficult in the middle of November to think about Christmas, which is still over six weeks away. However, as well as the information in the Magazine, we are hoping to produce a Christmas card for every house in the Benefice.

Before Christmas we have the season of Advent, a season of penitence and preparation for the joy of Christmas. Advent Sunday 27th November is the day when I shall wish everyone a Happy New Year as it is the beginning of the Christian New Year. There will be an Advent Carol Service in St Tudy Church at 6pm that evening, so please come along and have a really good sing. Throughout the four weeks of Advent on a Monday evening, there will be a short prayer group and meditation for Advent at the Rectory from 7.30 to 8.15pm. Everyone is welcome. Please use it as a time of preparation for Christmas.

Christmas is about a birth and a new beginning, a time for looking forward and experiencing the goodness of God in our everyday lives. God gave us so much when he sent his Son to live and die among us so let us find the time amongst the parties and celebrations to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and join in one or more of the many opportunities for Worship over the Christmas season. May the joy of Christmas fill all our hearts with a new and deeper sense of God's love for us and the world and let us pray that the year that is to come will bring peace among the nations, peace in our homes and peace in our hearts as we remember the birth at Bethlehem of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alan and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.