

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY - No. 290

- 2 6.30pm St Tudy Football Club – every Wednesday
3 7.30pm St Mabyng Tug of War – Joint Training every Thursday
8.00pm St Tudy Old Time & Mod Seq Dance Thursdays
- 6 **THE EPIPHANY**
Isaiah 60: 1-60, Eph 3: 1-12
- 7 2.30pm St Tudy Country Dance Club fortnightly Mondays
7.30pm St Tudy Bellringers every Monday
- 8 10.30am Treveighan Coffee Morning
6.30pm St Mabyng Tug of War every Tuesday
7.00pm Allen Valley Singers – every Tuesday
7.30pm Michaelstow PCC
- 9 7.30pm St Mabyng Garden Club
7.30pm St Tudy PCC
- 10 7.30pm St Mabyng PCC
- 12 10.00am Magazine Deadline
- 13 **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE EPIPHANY**
Isaiah 49: 1-7, 1 Cor 1: 1-9
- 14 7.30pm St Tudy GPA
18 7.00pm St Tudy W I
19 8&10am Bumper Breakfast Coombe & Ashlack Cottages, Treveighan
- 20 **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**
Isaiah 9: 1-4, 1 Cor 1: 10-18
- 26 10.00am Coffee in the Clink – St Tudy Over 60s
7.30pm Quiz Night St Mabyng Village Hall
- 27 **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**
1 Kings 17: 8-16, 1 Cor 1: 18-31

FROM THE RECTOR

It seems very strange writing this first letter of 2002 when it is still early December. However, time marches on and in what may seem to be the blinking of an eye we shall be in the next year.

The one thing that remains constant is the truth of the Christmas story that remains with us all the time. It is simply this. God loves us all so much that he came as a child, vulnerable and truly human, as all babies are, to live and share our lives. He felt the same hopes and dreams and fears as we do. He knew what it was like to be part of a family, to experience the joys and sorrows that can be experienced in families. He knew what it was like to be a stranger in a foreign land, and to be rejected by those closest to him.

In spite of everything, so great was his love that he was prepared to die for us so that we might live in God.

I do hope that you all experienced some of the Divine Love, which, as the carol says, was born at Christmas. I pray that the power of this Love will sustain you throughout the year and that 2002 will be a wonderful year and memorable year for you all. May God Bless You.

REVEREND MARGARET

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TREVEIGHAN METHODIST CHURCH

On 4th December, Treveighan Methodist Church held its second Soup and Sweet Lunch. Like the first, it was very successful and about forty people attended, with several take-aways! £149.26 was raised, which will go towards our project of renovation and refurbishment. Thank you to all who supported us and to all the helpers. MARY WATKINSON

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THE 80TH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

The Hon. Organiser Gordon Burden reports the results as follows:

Collection in St Tudy £372.66. The wreath given by St Tudy Parish Councillors £14.75. St Tudy Church Collection £150.36. St Mabyn Church £88.71. Grand Total: £626.48.

This shows an increase of £128.39 on last year's total. Thanks to everyone who gave so generously. Also grateful thanks to collectors, Miss M Winn, Mrs L Lamerton, Mrs T Kempthorne, Mr & Mrs W Hodge and St Tudy Post Office.

(PS. Gordon Burden would like to thank Brian Lamerton for helping him up the steps to lay the wreath!)

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CAN ANYONE HELP?

The following e-mail was sent to the Editor of the St Kew Magazine; he passed it on to me. EDITOR

I was sent to Australia in 1955. Mother's name Arbery. Address: 2 Council House, St Mabyn, but I lived with the Lightfoot family at same address. Do you still know if there is still a Lightfoot family in St Mabyn? If so I would like to contact them, but only if they are comfortable with this. As I am now 57 years old and have my own family in Western Australia, I would just like to know who I really am would appreciate your help. Thank you and regards, Stephen Richard Scott, Compix, 15 Sykes Avenue, Innaloo, W A 6018. Tel/fax. (08) 9446 2438. Mobile. 0414 266 793. e-mail: compix@theoffice.net

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TOWARDS AN INTEGRATED TRANSPORT POLICY

When a cat is dropped, it always lands on its feet and when toast is dropped it always lands buttered side down. Therefore, if a slice of toast is strapped to a cat's back, buttered side up and the animal is then dropped, the two opposing forces will cause it to hover, spinning inches above the ground. If enough toast-laden felines were used, they could form the basis of a high speed monorail system.

In the buttered toast case, it's the butter that causes it to land butter side down – it doesn't have to be toast, the theory works equally well with Jacob's crackers. So to save money you could miss out the toast and butter the cats. There may be an imbalance between the effects of cat and butter and of course, there are other substances that have a stronger affinity for carpet. Probability of carpet impact is determined by the following simple formula: $p = s * t(t) / tc$ Where p is the probability of carpet impact, s is the "stain" value of the covering substance – an indicator of the effectiveness of the toast topping in permanently staining the carpet.

Chicken Tikka Masala, for example, has a very high s value, while the s value of water is zero. tc and t(t) indicate the tone of the carpet topping – the value of p being strongly related to the relationship between the colour of the carpet and topping, as even Chicken Masala won't cause a permanent and obvious stain if the carpet is the same colour.

So it is obvious that the probability of carpet impact is maximised if you use Chicken Masala and a white carpet – in fact this combination give a p value of one, which the same as the probability of the cat landing on its feet. A cat with Chicken Masala on its back will be certain to hover in mid-air

There could be other problems with buttered toast. The toast may fall off the cat, causing a terrible monorail crash, resulting in politicians saying it wouldn't have happened if they had been in power because there would have been more investment in cat-toast glue research.

So, on reflection, it would be in the interests of public safety, and also sanity, if the buttered toast on cats idea is scrapped, to be replaced by a monorail powered by cats smeared with Chicken Tikka Masala floating above a rail made from white shag carpet pile (Extract from a recent e-mail) NICK FLETCHER

BUMPER BREAKFAST

Saturday 19th January Bumper Breakfast at Coombe and Ashlack Cottages, Treveighan to raise money for Michaelstow Church Flower Festival. The breakfast will be held with two sittings, 8am and 10am. The menu will be very varied and vegetarians will also have plenty of choice. All produce where ever possible will be local.

Possible menu example: - Fresh fruit salad, Bacon, scrambled eggs, mushrooms, sausages, tomato and kidney, Homemade splits and Cornish butter, fresh coffee, all rounded off with Port & Stilton! Also on the menu – porridge, assorted cereals and yoghurt, kedgeree and an assortment of marmalade, jams and honey. £5 per head. Ring 850408 for bookings.

HILARY HUGHES

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THE WIDER WORLD ...

Are you aware that the Magazine is posted on St Tudy website? That means that the whole world with access to the Internet can read our Magazine. What a thought!

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FOR SALE

Convactor heater with thermostat – very efficient. Nearly new. £30 ono. Contact Peter Trusler 850358.

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ST TUDY OVER 60s

The St Tudy Over 60s Committee are holding a coffee morning in the Clink on Saturday 26th January. Bring and buy stalls, raffle. Everyone welcome.

ST TUDY METHODIST CHURCH

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

Sunday 6th January 11.00am Holy Communion. Preacher yet to be appointed.
Sunday 13th January 11.00am Miss Lou Paramor from St Teath. “Share”
project gifts.
Sunday 20th January 11.00am Service conducted by The Gideons
Sunday 27th January 11.00am Mr David Osborne from Bodmin.

We wish everyone God’s peace and blessing during the coming year.

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ST TUDY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Our Annual Coffee Morning on 1st December raised a grand sum of £313.50. Many thanks to the parents and staff who helped on the day and everyone who contributed and helped make it such a success. Money raised paid for the entertainment at the Christmas Party, helped with the cost of our Plymouth trip coach and will pay for our annual insurance. Many thanks to Mick Orton, Butcher at Bodmin, who gave a £10 meat voucher and also Safeways, who gave us a Christmas Pudding, mince pies and biscuits. Also thank you to the Allen Valley Singers for changing the date of their coffee morning to 8th December.

As a member of the "Early Years Scheme", we are able to offer free placements for 3 year olds, so if anyone is interested, please come to the Village Hall in St Tudy on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am – 12 noon. We have a wide selection of indoor/outdoor equipment and offer craft and/or painting at every session.

We also have a toddler group session on a Wednesday afternoon at 1.00pm – 3.00pm. All are welcome to come along. We re-start on Monday 7th January. ANNE-MARIE IRONS, CHAIRMAN

ST MABYN PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council invites applicants to apply for the office of parish clerk for St Mabyn. The present clerk will be retiring from office at the end of March 2002 and interested applicants are invited to write to the clerk for further information relating to the salary and terms of employment of the office. Employment of new clerk will commence on 1st April. Closing date for applications is Friday 18th January.

At the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 21st January, a representative from the Highway Dept will attend the meeting to discuss and answer questions relating to traffic calming and other Highways matters. All are welcome to attend and have your say and hear at first hand the progress on these and other issues which affect all of us in the parish.

During the past year, the Local Government Commission has been looking at and considering ward changes within North Cornwall District Council. These changes affect all the local parishes. The latest information and proposed details will be on the agenda at the next Parish Council meeting on 21st January. If any parishioner is interested, such information can be obtained from your Parish Clerk before and at the meeting. CLERK,
7 MABENA CLOSE, ST MABYN, BODMIN, PL30 3BS. Tel. 841403

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ST MABYN HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION QUIZ NIGHT

We are having a quiz night on Saturday 26th January in St Mabyn Village Hall at 7.30pm. Teams of up to 6 people. The cost of £3 per person will include a pasty and a glass of wine.

This is a quiz with a difference; aimed at all abilities and I promise will be a lot of fun. There will be special prizes for the winning team!

So if all you would be Millionaire contestants would like to book a table – please telephone Angela on St Mabyn 672. ANGELA JENKINS

THANKS

Many thanks for all the cards and best wishes on my 80th birthday. PETER

Nicky and I would like to thank everybody who took part in the fun run/walk for the Sunrise Appeal on 7th October. The event raised £2212.60 for the appeal and well done to everybody who braved the atrocious weather to help this worthwhile cause.

SARAH NORTHCOTT AND NICKY TANCOCK

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FROM THE EDITOR

I want to thank everyone who has been involved in the production of the Magazine over the past year – there is a tireless band of people in the background working to ensure that you receive your issue on time.

A very big thank you to Joy Weaving, our Secretary who turns your copy into the very readable format that the Magazine is. (I would say that wouldn't I!) Thanks to Peter Trusler who tames the photocopier into submission each

month. To Joan Wyles, Carol Grigg, Anthea Lobb and their teams of helpers who collate the Magazine and to all the distributors who brave the elements delivering the finished article.

Thank you also to Jane King who has produced so many of the Magazine covers throughout the year – and finally to Derek Handover, our Treasurer, whose unfailing support is much appreciated.

Keep sending in your articles and we shall do our best to include them all. We plan to have more space available in the New Year, both for advertisements and copy.

Stop Press! Following a Magazine committee meeting, we have decided to keep the cost of 2002 subscriptions the same as last year, ie. £3. This will be due on 1st February. Happy New Year. ANNA AMBROSE