

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2008

31May	10.00am	Plant Sale and Coffee in the Clink — St Tudy GPA
1		THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 4) Deut 11: 18-21,26-28, Rom 1: 16-17; 3: 22b-28
2	7.30pm	Michaelstow Table Tennis Club – every Monday
	7.30pm	St Tudy Bellringers – every Monday
3	9.00am	Yoga – St Tudy Village Hall every Tuesday
	7.00pm	Short Mat Bowling St Tudy Village Hall every Tuesday
	7.00pm	Allen Valley Singers – every Tuesday
4	9.30am	Morning Prayer at St Mabyn (every Wednesday)
	10.00am	Coffee in the Clink – every Wednesday
		6.30pm St Tudy Football Club – every Wednesday Clergy Chapter at Egloshayle
5-7		Royal Cornwall Show
5	8.00pm	St Tudy Old Time&Mod Seq Dance Club – every Thursday
6	2.30pm	Short Mat Bowling St Tudy Village Hall – every Friday
7	12 noon	Bill & Patricia Hodge's Golden Wedding Lunch Party
8		THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 5) Hos 5: 15 – 6:6, Rom 4: 13-25
9	6.00pm	St Mabyn Restoration Appeal Committee
10	10.30am	Treveighan Coffee Morning
	7.30pm	Friends of St Mabyn Committee
11	7.00pm	St Mabyn Village Hall AGM
14	10.00am	Magazine Deadline
	2.30pm	St Tudy Fete at the Rectory
15		THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER ER TRINITY (Proper 6) Exodus 19: 2-8a, Rom 5: 1-8 17 Sports Day St Mabyn School
19	7.30pm	St Tudy Local History Group Meeting
20	7.00pm	St Tudy W I
21	2.30pm	St Mabyn Fete
	7.00pm	Barn Dance Tinten Manor Farm
22		THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 7) Jer 20: 7-13, Rom 6: 1b-11
	7.30pm	Johnny Cowling at St Mabyn
23	7.30pm	Benefice Meeting at the Rectory
25	10.30am	Michaelstow Fete Meeting
		THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 8) Ezek 3: 4-11 , Acts 12: 1-11 BCP Readings
	10.00am	Fifth Sunday Joint Service at Michaelstow

ST TUDY METHODIST CHURCH

There is a warm welcome to everyone to join us on all or any of the following dates:

Sunday 1st June 11.00am Mr Richard Uglow
Sunday 8th June 11.00am Revd Bryan Ede
Sunday 15th June 11.00am Mr Brian Parkman Holy
Sunday 22nd June 11.00am Communion Mr K Frost
Sunday 29th June 11.00am Mr Peter Parsons

THANKS

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks for all the cards, flowers and get well messages that I received after my fall. I am now well on the road to recovery. Thank you all.

ELSIE BEVAN

We feel we should include the above in spite of the fact that Elsie sadly died suddenly on 16th May.

EDITOR

My sincere thanks to everyone who so kindly sent me cards and loving messages when I was laid low. A few more hurdles and then I hope to be running around again!

PAMELA

Thank you everyone, for your massive generosity and support, it is really most appreciated and certainly helped "drive me on" when the feet were sore and legs aching (around 19 miles). The run itself was a fantastic experience, one that really cannot be imagined until you are actually there, running amongst the intense buzz, electric atmosphere and hordes of people. I have, with your help and kindness, managed to exceed my target of £1500, a total that appears to be still rising as sponsorship money still drifts in - a massive success that deserves a massive THANKYOU. TIME 4hours 28 minutes.

JAMES WAREHAM

PRECIOUS LIVES APPEAL COFFEE MORNING ON 26TH APRIL

A huge thank you to all those who came to the Coffee Morning and especially to those who helped on the day. A magnificent total of £410 was raised. This total included a donation of £40 from St Tudy WI and £20 from St Tudy Patchwork Group. Many individuals also gave donations, too many to mention, but to all of you. THANK YOU. SUE & JOHN DIBBLE

ST TUDY LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

At the last meeting of the group we had a talk given by County Records Office, which was informative and well attended. The next meeting of the group will be on Thursday 19th June at 7.30pm in the committee room at the village hall. Everyone is welcome.

The group is currently involved in a project of recording on video or audio tape or hand written notes from people in the village who will add to the living memories of village life together with information of their families. This will create an archive for future generations in the village to access, including the school.

With the above intention as a background we thought that to enable this archive to be held in perpetuity that the group should form a charitable trust, in effect a museum, with the trustees from different societies

within the village. This will enable the charitable trust to request funding and grants if required and to enable anyone to make charitable donations by Will etc. It should also enable residents in the village who hold village memorabilia to feel confident in making gifts to the trust. However as the charity would carry the village in the title I am seeking village approval for this project. Therefore if you are against this concept please let me know in writing or by telephone between the 22nd May and 19th June. If I do not receive many views against I will assume there is village acceptance of the idea.

CHRIS SELBY 850459

HISTORY OF ST TUDY SCHOOL 1863 –

I am in the process of compiling a history of the school and should be pleased to have any photographs or written memories from ex-pupils. When completed they will be put on the village web site for the benefit of everyone. I have always had a great interest in the school and have many family connections. I was a pupil myself in the 1950s, Nick, Alex and Joe attended during the 80s and 90s and even Lydia and Ben were there for a short while. My mother was also a pupil with her sister from about 1919. Then in 1929 she was asked back to school to be a pupil teacher, where she stayed for 10 years. My grandfather, Jack Worth, attended the school in the 1880s along with his twelve brothers and sisters.

I have many photos mostly from when my mother was a teacher and even some special ones taken before the third classroom was added. But I would still like some more. Among the written memories, I have a complete list of the evacuees and whom they stayed with during their time here during the Second World War.

JOY KNIGHT 851961

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO:

... Trish and Bill on your Golden Wedding Anniversary. Love from friends and family.

Sir David Brewer, Patron of St Mabyn Church Restoration Appeal on his appointment as Lord Lieutenant of Greater London.

ST MABYN CHURCH GUIDE

Pupils at St Mabyn C of E School have produced a charming and well-illustrated booklet Guide to the Church as their effort for the Restoration Appeal. The school uses the Church several times a week and the children are very familiar with the building but working on this project has helped them gain new insights and they share this with visitors who have already commented favourably. The modest charge goes to the Appeal - our warmest thanks to all involved for their hard work.

ST MABYN GARDEN CLUB

For the May meeting we were very lucky to have Tracey Wilson MBE to come and talk to us about all year colour in the border. Tracey is well known as a garden expert to be heard on Radio Cornwall Sunday mornings. Tracey commenced her talk by discussing the colourful plants she had brought with her. She told us that it is perfectly all right to buy and plant flowering plants straight away. It is best not to leave plants for too long in their pots once you have bought them. Tracey then went on to show us slides of shrubs and trees. A colourful border does not mean it is filled with flowering plants only; shrub and trees can also bring a good range of colour. The bark and leaves of many trees and shrubs are very beautiful. The members enjoyed a very informative and entertaining talk, even if it was accompanied by the thunderstorm raging outside the village hall. After an interesting question and answer session the tea hostesses gave out tea and biscuits.

The Garden Club now has a rest until 10th September when we will be going to Heligan Gardens. We leave St Mabyn Bus Shelter at 2 pm. Own cars to be used. If you have any queries re transport for this outing, or anything regarding St Mabyn Garden Club please ring Angela Burney (secretary) 01208 841511.

ST TUDY PRE-SCHOOL

Last month we welcomed Rachael Temple as the new Supervisor to St Tudy Pre-school and Donna Sanders as Playgroup Assistant. This means, sadly, that we say goodbye to Sue Levers, previous Supervisor, and long-standing member of staff, Anne-Marie Irons. Both have played a great part in the running of the playgroup, and will be greatly missed by children and parents. We all wish them all the very best for the future.

Also, at the time of writing, eight exceptionally keen parents are limbering up for the Ten Tors Walk on 11th May to raise funds for the playgroup. By the time this goes to print we will have, hopefully, recovered ... and raised a great big sum of money!

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of Judith Knock (and Lloyds TSB Foundation 'Matched Giving Scheme'), the playgroup now has £500 worth of new climbing frame, tent and slide in the garden - and the children are loving it. Thank you Judith!

St Tudy Pre-School caters for children of 2-5yrs and offers three morning sessions a week, 9.00 to 12.30 as well as alternate Thursday mornings. We also run a baby/toddler group on Wednesdays 1.00-3.00 where parents can get together over a cup of tea. If you are interested in your child/children attending the group, visit www.st-tudy-preschool.org.uk or phone 0751 025 3526.

SUSIE BALLERSTEDT SECRETARY

ST TUDY THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

On Thursday 8th May Mrs Mavis Metters and her son Ryan came to tell us how their business as chimney sweeps began. Times were very hard indeed in the early 50's when Mr Metters Senior hit upon the idea of clean vacuum sweeping, so much so that they sold a lot of the furniture to raise the down payment on their first machine. When he became ill, Mavis took on the role of sweep – as well as raising an ever-growing family. Ryan helped her during his holidays, along with his brothers and sisters. There were many amusing anecdotes including tales of Austin 7's and prams! They also had some photos of the early days. It was a good afternoon.

We are taking a break now until the autumn. Numbers attending the group are diminishing, so we shall see how things are later on in the year, ending up with a party in December.

IVY AND JANE

ELVIS IN THE HOUSE: JOHNNY COWLING COMES TO ST. MABYN CHURCH

As part of an exciting summer season of music, popular local performer Johnny Cowling is set to rock the aisles of St. Mabyn Church with his unique take on the gospel music of Elvis Presley. In the second of a series of five concerts to be held in aid of the church's restoration appeal, Cowling will appear at the venue on Sunday 22 June at 7.30pm.

Jenni Tarring, concert organiser, said: "Johnny Cowling is fast becoming one of Cornwall's favourite entertainers, with a wealth of talent and charisma and a rare ability to appeal to the most varied of audiences. We are delighted that Johnny has agreed to appear in St. Mabyn and would like to see as many people there as possible, young and old, rocking in the aisles!"

Tickets are available from Jenni Tarring on 01208 841329. If you would like further information about Johnny Cowling, please visit his website: www.jonnycowling.corn.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

24th May at St Tudy
Rest in Peace

Philip Baber and Meg Elizabeth Gage Williams

Li May at St Tudy Catherine Elsie Bevan

MIHCHAELSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

We have a vacancy for a new clerk, preferably someone who lives in or close to the Parish having some knowledge of the area. The main duties are basic secretarial, filing, book-keeping and correspondence. There are training facilities available to cover legislated issues, which the Council would be prepared to recommend and finance. Salary is as recommended by The Society of Local Council Clerks being self-employed, paid on an hourly rate. P. C. Word and Email essential and the ability to copy and print A4 size as necessary. Please apply for further information to Mr G F Yeomans, Chairman Michaelstow Parish Council on 01208 850297.

INVITATION TO A GOLDEN PARTY

Bill and Patricia Hodge will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 7th June. We shall be pleased for everyone to come and join us in the Village Hall for an informal lunch 12 noon – 3pm. Your presence, no presents requested.

BILL & TRISH

ST TUDY METHODIST FLOWER FESTIVAL MAY COFFEE MORNINGS

We wish to thank everyone for their support at the two coffee mornings to help with festival funding. Combined total £480.55.

P.A.H.

GARDEN PARTY 20 JULY

The candidate comes to Helland! Sian Flynn, Conservative parliamentary candidate is the guest of honour at a Garden Party to be held on Sunday 20 July at the Old Rectory, Helfand, by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Swindells. Come and enjoy looking round their beautiful gardens, have a cream tea and also hear from Mick Martin, chairman of the A30 Action Group. Gardens open at 2.30pm. Ample parking available at the Village Hall (a couple of minutes away) where teas will be served if the weather is unkind.

ST MABYN CHURCH RESTORATION APPEAL

The very inclement weather with high winds and rain made it too dangerous for several days to erect the scaffolding and consequently this is running two weeks behind schedule but the contractors hope to make up some lost time and finish by late summer. Save the Date! Sunday 16 November, the Patronal Festival Service for St Mabena will be the service of thanksgiving to celebrate the successful conclusion of the restoration of our historic parish church. Our Patron, Sir David Brewer, and representatives of grant-giving bodies will attend and a warm invitation is extended to all to come and join us at this joyful time.

DAVID FORD

ALLEN VALLEY SINGERS

We entertained the good folk of Bederkesa Court on 6th May. We visit them regularly and have been invited to join them again in December of this year. On 7th May, AVS choir members attended the first rehearsal of

the BBC's Songs of Praise, at Truro Cathedral. The ambience of the cathedral and the enthusiasm of Gordon Stewart gave us a magical evening and we look forward to the technical rehearsal and the actual recording, later in the month, which will be reported in the next issue of this publication. We understand that the recorded hymns will be included in two programmes about Cornwall, the first to be broadcast on Sunday 29th June and the second on 1st February 2009. Newcomers are always welcome to apply to our Musical Director, Janette Man, tel. 841784. Booking the choir, please contact Jennifer May, tel. 880130. Other enquiries to the Secretary, Jennifer Tarring, tel. 841329. Publicity Officer Dr. Joyce Hargrave-Wright tel. 264004.

CADON CHAMBER CHOIR

Friday 11th July 7.30pm: an open door performance by Cadon Chamber Choir at St Mabyn Church. We have been rehearsing Bob Chilcott's Little Jazz Mass, which is tricky to get right but beautiful when we do. It features percussion, bass and piano accompaniment. We will be trying it out for the first time at St Mabyn and invite anyone to come along and listen. No tickets, just a donation to the church restoration fund. We will be singing other pieces, contemporary and traditional.

ESTHER DUDLEY

ST MABYN SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the School Council! They were successfully assessed for their gold PADL award. The Council selected Callum, Daniel and Rosie to represent them at the award ceremony on Monday 19th May at County Hall.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed their vouchers to our school. We have just received sports equipment that includes javelins, straddle hurdles, skipping ropes and table tennis bats and balls. All this will be very useful this term.

ST TUDY CHURCH FETE

The Rectory Gardens Saturday 14th June 14

Please support by bringing or sending your unwanted items for the following stalls. Please ensure that any mechanical items are in working order. Household items: H Skyner, J Brooks; Plants: B Lamerton; Mystery parcel: P Kempthorne, D Matulewicz; Tombola: J Keat; Sweet stall: B Lynn; Bottle stall: L Carroll; Tin mine: S & D Richards; St Tudy Treats (Cakes, preserves and homemade treats): V Wilkins, S Dibble and K Martin; Raffle prizes: G Gibbons; Books and toys: St Tudy School.

Geoffrey Gibbons would be very pleased to receive at 4 Chestnut Close (851267) any offers of prizes for the raffle and will collect if requested. All donors will be acknowledged on the list of prizes.

Please help with items for any of the above stalls and join in the fun on the day.

ST TUDY W I

Members were spellbound when Michael Swift, who is in charge of the stained glass in the whole of the diocese of Truro, gave a colourful and intriguing slide show on Birds, Beasts and Monsters in stained glass in the County of Cornwall. There are many lovely windows in our churches, now made all the more fascinating when one can look for the, often amusing, details. Some of the members were quite inspired to spend summer outings seeking out these treasures.

During the business report of the meeting, Mrs M Lobb gave her report on the Spring Countdown, where the guest speaker had been Ann Widdecombe, MP and author, who talked about many aspects of her life. She was a most powerful and riveting personality.

Early in April some members had paid a visit to Caerhayes Castle and were shown round the house by an excellent guide. Unfortunately, there had not been enough time to see the gardens as well.

Arrangements were also made for the forthcoming coffee morning and for both this year's and next's Group Meetings. Altogether, a good start for St Tudy W I's new year.

ROGATING AT MICHAELSTOW

The 27th April was Rogation Sunday. This is one of those Church Festivals which is nowadays unfortunately rather obscure for most people, though along with words such as Septuagesima and Quinquagesima always used to appear in diaries and on calendars, to the bafflement of many no doubt. Rogation Sunday is the Sunday before Ascension Thursday and since it is thus linked to the date of Easter is a moveable feast; the three days following are also Rogating Days. But what is it exactly?

Rogationtide seems to date back to the 5th or 6th century, and is the time of year when we ask for God's blessing on the natural world, for our fawns, orchards and fields, for those who work in agriculture and on the land in general. The word comes from the Latin *rogare* meaning to ask, and indeed when one thinks about our dependence on agriculture and the land we are asking for nothing less than our continued existence. In the past it would involve a procession with banners and crosses making its way around the parish, beating the bounds as it went, and chanting the litany of the Saints, and could also involve fistcuffs when neighbouring rival parishes met; no doubt much ale was also consumed. It is a tradition, which we have reintroduced at Michaelstow over the last few years, albeit in a relatively minor way (and unfortunately without the consumption of ale). There is no liturgy in the Prayer Book for Rogation, so we have had to improvise our own form of service from various sources. I think it was dropped at the time of the Reformation when the Prayer Book was compiled, as it would have been seen as too Roman and having too many pagan superstitions attached to it. The beating of the bounds, for example, was originally to drive evil spirits from your parish (and presumably into the next one!).

The weather wasn't too good this year, but we took the banner of St Michael out onto the Green, prayed for "favourable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons", and recited a couple of appropriate psalms of praise and thanksgiving. Unfortunately the Divine response to our prayers was a little too enthusiastic and as the rain got heavier we had to repair the Church Porch to finish off? We then continued with our nonnal Sunday service. Everyone who attended thought it a really good thing to do and hopefully we will try to make more of it next year. It is a custom, which takes the church out into the wider world and it would be nice to see it become more widely observed.

MIDSUMMER BARN DANCE Saturday 21 June

The Friends of St Tudy School will be holding a Barn Dance at Tinton Manor Fann, St Tudy, 7.00-10.00pm. Traditional live music will be played by the Cornish band Ros Keltek. Delicious hot pork rolls with apple sauce, sausages and vegetarian burgers will be on sale, and there will also be a licensed bar and raffle.

Tickets are available now from St Tudy School, St Tudy Post Office or on the door. Adults: £5.00; Children (under 16): £2. Everyone is welcome. Come along and enjoy a dance and support this fun evening. For enquiries, please call 07956 196680. All tickets sold in aid of St Tudy School funds.

JUDI HUNTER, Secretary of the Friends

ST TUDY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee members wish to thank all those who helped to make the Village Hall Safari Supper such an enjoyable success. Proceeds of this event contributed a total of £665 to Hall funds.

The Garden Safari will be held on Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th July this year. Many gardens are open for the first time. There will be a raffle and cream teas will be available. See the notices for full details and for the sale of tickets.

The next business meeting of the Hall will be held on Monday 14th July at 7-30 pm in the Hall.

MARGARET SHELLEY

ST TUDY SCHOOL

St Tudy School is offering basic computer training. This would take place after half term in June. If you are interested in this, then please get in touch with Jo Rowe at the school.

Please would you make sure your dog keeps out of the playing field. Adults from the school have to remove dogs' mess from the field in order for the children to be able to play safely there.

The school are looking for an extra lunchtime supervisor. This would be for an hour, between midday and 1pm, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays -preferably. If you are at all interested in this post, then please contact the school.

ST MABYN VILLAGE HALL

The AGM will be held in the Hall on Wednesday 11th June at 7.00pm. Regular users of the Hall, which include the pre-School, the School, Garden Club, YFC, Parish Council and Snooker Club all have nominated representatives, who have been separately notified of this meeting but all Parish residents are warmly invited to attend. Tea will be served at the close of the meeting.

The Hall is well used and much appreciated with its upgraded modern facilities and is a popular venue for private events and activity classes, and regular users are invited to nominate a representative for the Committee. The present Office Bearers are: Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and the Caretaker, through whom bookings are made is Beverley McNary Tel 01208 841781

The election of a new Committee will take place at the AGM, nominations will be accepted at the meeting and a main item of business will be a review of the costs of hiring, given the recent high increases in the cost of heating fuel.

It's your Hall! I look forward to welcoming all interested residents.

HELEN BARRETT, CHAIRMAN (tel. 841342)

FROM REVEREND MARGARET

Once again, Fete time is swiftly approaching. If you would like to help or contribute in any, for St Tudy please contact Ken Alford on 851261 and for St Mabyn please contact Colin Hyde on 841546.

On 15th May the horrendous weather created havoc in St Mabyn church, as rainwater poured through the roof. This has resulted in serious flooding and the organ being rendered unplayable for at least six weeks. A big thank you to John and Anthea and to all who helped in the aftermath. A very big thank you to the Williams family who were so understanding at having to change the venue for Meg and Philip's wedding. Services and the use of the church will carry on as normal as possible.

Sadly on 16th May, Elsie Bevan died suddenly at home. She will be greatly missed at St Tudy and the bench by the school will seem empty with Elsie not sitting there. Our prayers and sympathy are with the family.

I should like to express my personal thanks to Colin Jasper for all the "odd jobs" that he has quietly completed in and around the church and to Brian. Lamerton for the excellent job that he has done in tidying up the cremated remains area of the churchyard.

ST MABYN FETE

The Fete will be held on the Village Green (full wet weather programme in place!) on Saturday 21 June, Midsummer's Day, and as Johnny Cowling is in. the Church the following evening this will be a very special weekend.

There will be all the usual attractions which make this one of the most popular fetes in the area, though this year there will be no film crew in attendance and Reverend Margaret will be our own local Tara Palmer - Tompkinson! Do come and join us, gates open at 2.1.5pm.

ST TUDY PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 26th March, followed by the regular monthly meeting. One member of the public attended. The Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Brian Lamerton, reported on the achievements of the Council in the last year. Cllr Graham Facks-Martin talked about the Unitary Council which will come into effect on 1st April 09 with 12 County Council members and two members from each of the District Councils. Elections for Unitary Council councillors are planned for June 09.

Police Constable Wright reported 8 incidents in the year, 2 of damage, 2 thefts, 2 assaults and 2 at Hengar Manor. This compared with 12 incidents in the previous year. Police visit the village specifically on the 3rd Thursday

of each month between 2 and 3-30 pm. County Cllr Rowe talked on the work he did during the year, He commented that the St Tudy Parish Council is a shining example of how a parish council conducts its business.

District Cllr Collin Mutton reported that in the Council Tax due to the District, costs would increase by 3% in the year but there would be no reduction of D C services. Future planning and development inside the village development boundary must now include 50% affordable dwellings. Outside the boundary, only 100% affordable housing could be permitted.

ST TUDY NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL: The architects displayed the designs of the new school which will replace the older Victorian school in the village centre and also answered questions. The site of the new school and its playing field will be the eastern two thirds of the field between Bodinnick Road and Wadebridge Road. Entrance to the school will be in Bodinnick Road only.

The school is to be a set of modern single story buildings.

MEV SHELLEY

ST TUDY CARNIVAL

This year's carnival will be held on Saturday 12th July. Please start thinking about your entries! We were slightly down on entries in both the walking and float categories last year and the committee would ask that the local community organisations and families pull together and help us put on a good show. The carnival has been a much-enjoyed event for many years and we don't want it to taper off.

You don't need to make elaborate costumes, although you can if you wish and are able, often the simplest ideas are just as effective. Remember the main thing is for everyone to enjoy themselves; being in the carnival makes great memories for the children and for the adults who take part. The committee would be willing to help anyone who needs a trailer and vehicle for a float.

The village hall has been booked for an After Carnival Dance with local band 'Blue Slate' and a disco and we have purchased a new mini marquee to erect at the back of the hall for the event where we will be having a Hog Roast and St Mabyn Inn will be running a bar for us. Brian and Ruth of St Tudy Post Office Stores have very generously offered to sponsor the Hog Roast for us and the committee would like to thank them for their support.

Free tickets for the event will be given to all entrants in the carnival on carnival night but all children must be accompanied by an adult. If you have any questions about the carnival or any of the above please speak to a carnival member you know or call Caroline on 850385.

ANOTHER CHANCE FOR THAT SPRING CLEAN

St Mabyn Home School Association are once again collecting good quality second hand clothes, soft toys, curtains & bedding, shoes, belts and handbags to raise money for school funds. You can use the special blue bag that we put through your door before Christmas or pick up a new bag from the school reception.

The bag2school van will be coming to collect all the bags on the 13th June but we will be happy to store them until then if you'd like to drop them off at school or at Orcenwix Barn (opposite the Bodmin taming on the Longstone Road out of the village). We raised £250 with our collection before Christmas - thank you to all who contributed. Please help; absolutely any amount donated, no matter how small, helps enormously!

ST TUDY PLAYING FIELD NOTES

The much-loved playing field rocking horse sadly has had to be taken out of service, having come to the end of its safe working life. The next project is to renew all the site fencing: this should be completed by early summer.

Given that we have also had to replace the roundabout at considerable expense, the Trustees will once again need to embark upon a fund-raising exercise if we are to install a new play feature. The precise nature of what we might aim for is dependent both on current safety regulations and on the availability of grants, but as a guide, a new rocking horse might cost over £5000! This would be a good time for villagers to express their preferences in respect of replacement play equipment.

On the subject of money, I thought it might be useful to explain how the Trust operates financially. The Playing Field is not publicly owned. We receive no direct income from Government, District or County Council sources. Any non-grant income we received (£557 last year) comes in the form of contributions from users or as donations. St Tudy Parish Council has also been kind enough to cover our Public Liability insurance costs. This means that operation and maintenance of the Playing Field is achieved on a self-help basis by St Tudy villagers and volunteers. When it comes to raising money from grant-awarding bodies, it is extremely helpful if a proportion of the capital cost is shown to come from within our own resources. So, if anybody feels able to make a donation towards our equipment fund, do please give me a call.

By the way, upon completion of the re-fencing, we will be left with a substantial quantity of old timber. If anyone would like to buy this for re-use, no reasonable offers will be refused.

IAN STAGG HON SECRETARY
ST TUDY PLAYING FIELD TRUST TEL 01208 851581

ST TUDY GARDEN PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Despite the fact that daffodils have been blooming in the village since before Christmas, our members excelled themselves with the flower entries at our Spring Show. There was also a good entry in the Home Produce and Handicraft sections. Our thanks to the judges, Mrs Angela Roose, Mrs Belh-inger and Mrs Diana Moon, and especially to Mr David Jasper, who agreed to judge the flowers at almost the last minute. Thanks also to all who helped.

Mrs Jean Smith won the cups for best daffodil exhibit and most points in the flower classes and Mrs Judith Jasper was again a double winner in the floral art section, winning the Weekes rose bowl for most point and the cup for best exhibit. The Wildey cup for most points in the Home Produce section was won by Mrs Catherine Hudson, with Mrs Jane Miller as runner-up. In the Handicraft section Miss Nora Sheer won the cup for most points and Mr John Bartlett won the best exhibit and also best exhibit in show, with a beautifully crafted miniature water-mill.

In the Junior section Marley Lamerton-Madden won the cup and medal for best exhibit. The other results were as follows: Vase of flowers – 1st Ellie Wootton,

2nd Marley Lamerton-Madden; 6 iced buns – Torn, Ben and Ellie Wootton won

1st, 2nd

z & 3rd with Joseph and Daniel Hocking getting each a highly commended; a decorated egg – 1st Marley Lamerton-Madden, 2nd Ellie Wootton, 3rd Ben Wootton; a decorated bookmark – 1st Marley Lamerton-Madden, 2nd Joseph Hocking, 3rd Daniel Hocking; a painting – 1st Marley Lamerton-Madden, 2nd Joseph Hocking, 3rd Matthew Wootton and highly commended Daniel Hocking.

Those who were able to go to Hestercombe House really enjoyed the trip, and certainly the weather was excellent.

On Saturday 31st May we are holding a plant sale at the chestnut tree and coffee morning in the Clink. Please do come along and support us!

This year again the hanging baskets and planted troughs competitions will take place – anyone wishing to enter up to three in each category should let me know before the end of June, telephone 850222 or tell me when you see me around. The first judging will take place during the first week of July and the second in the week before the summer show on Saturday 9th August, when the winners will be announced. Please enter – it's a lot of fun and really makes the village look beautiful.