

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2004

	2.30pm	St Tudy Country Dance Club fortnightly Mondays
1	7.30pm	Garden Quiz Night St Teath Community Hall
	7.30pm	Table Tennis Michaelstow every Monday
	7.30pm	St Tudy Bellringers every Monday
2	6.30pm	St Mabyn Tug-of-War training every Tuesday
	7.00pm	Allen Valley Singers - every Tuesday
3	6.30pm	St Tudy Football Club - every Wednesday
4	7.30pm	St Mabyn Tug-of-War Joint Training every Thurs
	8.00pm	St Tudy Old Time & Mod Seq Dance Club every Thurs
6	10.00am	Garage Sale Southdown St Tudy
7		THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Genesis 15:1-12,17-18, Phil 4:17- 4:1
8	7.30pm	St Tudy GPA
	10.30am	Treveighan Coffee Morning
9	7.00pm	St Tudy Whist Drive - Village Hall
	7.00pm	Michaelstow Fete Meeting Treveighan Chapel
10	7.30pm	St Mabyn Garden Club
	12.00noon	Lent Lunch St Tudy Clink
11	2.30pm	St Tudy Thursday Afternoon Club - Village Hall
13	10.00am	Magazine Deadline
14		THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Isaiah 55:1-9, 1Cor 10:1-13
16	12.00noon	Soup & Sweet Lunch St Tudy Methodist Church
	7.00pm	Alien Valley Singers AGM
17		St Mabyn School Governors
18	7.30pm	Coffee Evening St Tudy Methodist Church
19	7.00pm	St Tudy W I
20	10.00am	Book Fair St Breward Village Hall
	10.00am	Coffee in the Clink RNLI
21		THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY) Exod. 2: 1-10, 2 Cor 1: 3-7
22		St Tudy School Governors
24	12.00noon	Lent Lunch St Tudy Clink
25	9.30am	THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (LADY DAY) Holy Communion in St Tudy Lady Chapel
26	2.15pm	St Tudy School Easter Fair
27		St Tudy GPA Spring Show
28		THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Passion tide begins) Isaiah 43: 16-21, Phil 3: 4b-14
31	7.30pm	Inaugural Meeting Friends of St Mabyn Church Village Hall St Tudy Annual Parochial Church Meeting

# ST TUDY METHODIST CHURCH

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

Sunday 7th March	11.00am	Pastor Brian Parkman
Sunday 14th March	11.00am	Mr Rod Harrison from Wadebridge
Sunday 21st March	11.00am	Mr M Steams from Callington
Sunday 28th March	11.00am	Mr R Uglow from Egloskerry

The Soup & Sweet lunch this month will be on Tuesday 16th March at 12 noon in the Schoolroom. Cost £2. Please let Mavis Kingdon (851422) or Pat Hodge (850321) know by 14th March if you plan to go.

A representative from the National Children's Home will tell us about the work of NCH at our Coffee Evening on Thursday 18th March at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom. This will be the last Coffee Evening in the series until they resume in the autumn. Thank you for your support during the winter.

## IT'S CHURCH ANNUAL. GENERAL MEETING TIME AGAIN!

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings this year will take place in St Tudy on 31st March, at St Mabyn on 1st April and at Michaelstow on 5th April. Please see the Church notice boards for the times and venues.

These are "twin" meetings. First, there is a meeting to elect Churchwardens. All people whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish and all people resident in the parish and whose names are entered on a register of local government electors are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting. This meeting is followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. At this meeting all people whose names are entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and such persons only) are entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity. Also at this meeting there will be reports about various aspects of parish life, in particular financial statements, changes in the electoral roll, the state of the buildings and reports of the PCC, Deanery Synod and the Priest in Charge!

So please come and support these meetings and have your say in the running of your church.

MOLLY DYKE

## THANKS

Millie Lanyon would like to thank her family and friends for making her 80th birthday so special. Thanks also to all who attended the "At Home" celebration on Saturday 17th January. Many thanks to all those who sent cards, presents and donations in lieu of presents - the magnificent sum of £375 has been forwarded to the Cornwall Air Ambulance. Thanks also Barnett Fayre for the delicious buffet and to Malcolm Barnecutt's for the lovely birthday cake.

Thank you to all who kindly sent cards and messages and who visited me at Treiske and East Cornwall Hospitals. I have made a good recovery from major surgery and I am now home again after two weeks convalescence with my daughter in Dorset.

MARY PRIDEAUX

## THE LATE JIM ALLEN

The dance held on 3rd January in memory of my late husband, Jim Allen, made a profit of £261.50 for Mount Edgcumbe Hospice. This money is being held over to await the proceeds of two more dances. The money already collected by donations has been sent to the hospice and came to a grand total of £733.65. Many thanks to all who gave so generously.

KAY ALLEN

## **ST TUDY PARISH CHURCH EASTER LILY SCHEME**

We will again this Easter operate the scheme where you can donate a lily to help decorate the sanctuary and chancel. This will be donated to commemorate the memory of a loved one. A scroll will be on the altar with names inscribed through the Easter season. Price per lily £3. Donations and names to Tresa Kempthorne (tel. 851186) by 29th March.

## **GARAGESALE**

Saturday 6th March 10am onwards Southdown Wadebridge Road. Garden tools and woodworking tools plus household sundries.

## **ST MABYN GARDEN CLUB**

There was a good gathering of members at the village hall waiting for Mr Clarke to talk to them on the subject of Tea Gardens/Tea Plantations. Mr Clarke is one of six gardeners taking care of Tregothnan Gardens, which are part of the Tregothnan Estate. The gardens are predominantly woodland and cover some one hundred acres. After showing us some slides of tea plantations and the machinery used to harvest tea from around the world, Tom went on to show us slides of Tregothnan. With the aid of these slides, Tom was able to show us some of the specimen trees and bushes growing in the gardens, many quite rare and collected from all over the world. We were shown the portable case/bench like greenhouse used to transport plants back to this country from all over the world. It was designed to conserve water and ensure the plants survival on board ship. It is believed to be the only original one in existence.

Tregothnan is home to many plants, which are part of the national collection and are there for preservation. The gardens also have their own green tea plantation and have a thriving business trading in camellias (in, plants, foliage for flower arranging and cut flowers). It is of course, a type of camellia from which tea is produced. The tender green leaves are harvested about four times a year and the best tea is produced from the leaves harvested by hand. Unfortunately, the gardens are not open to the public except for twice a year for charity. Mr Clarke brought examples of some of the small plants growing in the gardens for us to look at, feel and smell, which we found most interesting. This included some camellia blooms to take home. Our Vice-Chairman thanked Mr Clarke for a most interesting talk. We then had our cup of tea and a chat and the raffle was drawn.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10th March in the village hall, at 7.30pm. Our speaker for the evening will be Mr Roger Bowden talking on the subject of Hostas. Everybody most welcome.

PETER BARNARD

## **MICHAELSTOW FETE**

There will be a meeting in Treveighan Chapel on Tuesday 9th March at 7pm to discuss the future of Michaelstow Fete. This meeting had originally been planned for January but had to be postponed. Issues for discussion are many and varied, but all important. This is the one big event we mount as a parish, but it is becoming an endangered species! Please come and share your ideas so we can ensure not only the preservation but also the development of our very special church fete.

TRILLIA SCOINS

# ST TUDY GARDEN PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

At our January meeting Gary Lavis (formerly from Probus Gardens) came to talk about Plants for Winter Interest. He brought many cuttings from shrubs and perennials that are in flower at this time of the year; many of the flowers being very sweetly scented and also specimens of various evergreen shrubs. Members were surprised by just how much colour is available during the colder months and Mr Lavis showed us that there is still a lot of enjoyment to be had from the garden in winter.

By contrast, in February, Mike Haines' talk concerned succulents originating in the tropical rainforest canopy. Using one rather sad looking specimen, he explained how he has hybridised many which, given years of patience, do produce some amazing blooms.

The final lecture of our current season is on Monday 8th March when Charlie Pridham will tell us about "Conservatories for Plants and People", competitions for 6 seed potatoes and 5 stems of flowers and overall winners will be announced that night. Before that, though, we need you to come and support our Quiz Team at 7.30pm on Monday 1st March at St Teath Community Hall. We have a new line up this year! The Spring Show is on Saturday 27th March.

Please return all trophies at least two weeks before!

An advance notice - our outing on Monday 3rd May will now be to Wye Vale Nursery and Tregenna Castle, cost £6, names and money to Ken Metcalfe or Brian Lamerton. Lastly, don't forget to plant a few extras for our plant sale on 8th May.

JANE KING

# ST TUDY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting followed by the Business Meeting of the above committee will be held in the main Hall on Monday 19th April at 7.30pm.

## FOR SALE

Yamaha electronic keyboard PSR - 3 and music stand. £30. Tel. 850990

## 1ST ST BREWARD BROWNIES

As we look back on 2003, it's amazing to realise just what we have been up to. We were runners up in the County final of the tri-annual Brownie Halford Trophy after winning the District and Division rounds and so we represented North Cornwall. The County Team decided to do a recount as it was so close! This competition allowed the girls to show their communication skills, teamwork, guiding knowledge, observation and co-ordination, so no mean feat! Carrying on at County level, we also enjoyed taking part in the County Music Festival Camp Fire Singing Class, where we were told we delivered a "real performance".

During the summer term, guiding is about enjoying the outdoors and we walked from Jubilee Rock to De Lank (if you've never done it you should) and from Chapel to Wenford via the Aviaries. We pancaked and paddled, discovered nature, took trips to Longleat and the beach and just enjoyed St Breward.

September found us on a 4-to-4 sleepover at Crantock Village Hall -- it was just magical down there at the end of the season, with miles of golden sand and just us on it, This was a "getting to know you" with the Guides for our older Brownies who will move up in 2004.

Part of our promise is to think of others before ourselves, and the girls were fantastic as we car washed for children with leukemia, baked muffins and biscuits for Pudsey Bear and packed our "love" into 4 shoe boxes to send off the children of the war torn countries.

The girls pledged to car wash in their 3 parishes and we did St Breward and St Tudy, but sadly couldn't locate an outside tap with parking for cars at Blisland. Does anyone have one?

To finish our year, the St Breward Carnival Committee donated £1,000 to our but refurbishments, as we need to comply with disability regulations and lay on water and loos. And after taking part in St Breward Silver Band's magical Christmas Carol Concert, we were then told by "Santa" that half of the evening's ticket money would also be donated to our refurbishment fund.

It is a very warm feeling to be wrapped in a blanket of community warmth and we certainly do feel that. So thank you to all for helping us in whatever way; the Aviaries for letting us visit, Wenford Pottery for letting us Meadow Picnic and giving us chocolate Brownies too, to Joan Dennis for flower basketing with us, to Joe and all the Carnival Committee for such a wonderful donation (the girls were lit up like Christmas trees), to Cathy, Catherine and Sue for teaching us to play "Unto Us a Boy is Born" on the handballs for our Christmas Concert, to Lenny for donating her wonderful Christmas light display pennies and to Clair and the Silver Band who just finished off our year.

MARILYN PLUESS (BROWNIE GUIDER) AND KATHRYN TIPLADY  
(ASSISTANT BROWNIE GUIDER)

## A TAIL OR TWO

Topper came to St Mabyn in May 1998. At first he did not attract too much attention, being a big busy chap off hunting whenever the opportunity arose. But Topper being Topper soon came to everyone's attention when he moved to the chapel field behind the Crescent. By this time he had become soul mate to Rusty.

Rusty had been around for several years and had lost her old pony friend. When this happened Mrs Flay was dismayed to find Rusty lying in the spot where her friend had died, to all intents and purposes Rusty had given up and was grieving badly.

Topper was brought along to see if another presence would lift her spirits and give her something to live for. What great joy, when Rusty struggled to her feet after Topper walked round her and nudged her to get up. There the tale should have ended, or so we thought. Wrong, there begins the story of Topper and Rusty, an enduring double act that was to last more years than anyone ever gave credit.

Now the pair were a focal point to visit. Everyone who ever had visitors were taken to see the duo. Children and grandchildren, aunts, uncles, people from the camp site, plus his, regular best friend in the whole wide world, Sue King, known throughout the village for her love of all creatures great and small, daily came loaded with apple, carrots and weetabix (a great favourite). She persuaded anyone passing by to check on the horses. More and more people became involved in the care of these two over the years; people who had been in the village. forever and new people - even an MP (but that's another story?) Rusty would always give. you a huge toothy smile and Topper would give you a great nudge and nearly knock you off your feet if you didn't get a move on.

Many people were also able to ride on Topper, though Rusty wasn't so obliging, being above all that carry on with kids. Topper eventually retired from hunting and spent his days with Rusty up and down the field greeting those he knew had goodies on board. One, Glen King, went out on every possible occasion to ride the lanes even buying the correct gear to look the part.

The years passed, then sadly one day Rusty wasn't able to take any more visitors and left her owners and all concerned totally bereft. She was buried in the top corner of the field. Topper called for her for days, but sadly there was no answer. Now he pined and was very lonely. After a while, a young lady called Ptarmigan came into his life and he perked up once again. Now getting very rheumatic, Topper was slow and showed his age. Another winter carne by and he struggled to get up in the mornings. Sadly on 30th January 2004, Topper also departed to the great stable in the sky where he is with his old friend, Rusty and they are both young and free and no more winters. He too is buried beside her in the top corner of the field.

Thank you to everyone who has mourned their passing and cared for them. For the prayers that have been said and for the lovely pictures and cards from the children of the village. These two were surely part of the fabric of the community of St Mabyn.

SHIRLEY FINNAMORE

# THE FRIENDS OF ST MABYN CHURCH

All those who care for St Mabyn Church, as a landmark, as a place for weddings, baptisms and funerals (or worship or meditation!), as a fine medieval building, or as a place to shelter when the fete is spoiled by rain, are invited to the inaugural meeting of The Friends of St Mabyn Church.

The Friends will be a wide-based group who will raise funds for the repair and restoration of the fabric of our Church. The Church is over 700 years old and starting to show its age. The first recorded priest was Roger de Worlegen in 1267. If our children and grandchildren are to continue to enjoy it as the finest building in our village, then funds must be raised urgently for the repair of the north roof (£30,000 estimate) and the securing of one of the four pinnacles on the magnificent tower - the second highest in Cornwall.

The meeting will agree on a constitution for The Friends, annual membership and a fundraising strategy. The Friends of St Mabyn Church will be set up as a non-profit making charity enabling it to benefit from Gift in Aid.

**So if you care for our beautiful Church, please come to the meeting at St Mabyn Village Hall on 31st March at 7.30pm.**

GEORGE DYKE AND GAGE WILLIAMS

# SALVATION ARMY COFFEE MORNING

We are very grateful for all the support we received for this event which raised £203.50 for their work in Cornwall.

A MUIR

# LENT LUNCHESES AT ST TUDY

We are hoping to have some Soup and Cheese lunches in the Clink to mark the season of Lent. The first was on Ash Wednesday, 25th February and the next will be on 10th and 24th March from 12-1.30pm. Do come to join us.

J MUIR

# ST TUDY WHIST DRIVE

Will be in the Village hall this month on Tuesday 9th March at 7.00pm.

# ST TUDY SCHOOL

We have only been back a few weeks and already the term is proving to be very busy! At the beginning of January, we were very lucky to welcome Miso'shi, a Ghanaian storyteller to the school. Miso'shi began the day telling the children stories, singing and playing music and demonstrating how to carry a drum on her head and a child on her back! Class 3 then took part in a workshop where they learnt Ghanaian songs and folk tales and the day ended with a short performance for parents and the rest of the school including Ghanaian aerobics! It was an unforgettable experience and we are looking forward to her return in March.

We have welcomed two new governors to the school. A return visit for Margaret Shelley and a new member, Fiona Cambouropoulos.

We will be collecting old Yellow Pages when the new ones are delivered. If you have one, please bring them to the school office. There are prizes for the school which collects the most!

The school council have said they would like to have a school choir. Is there anybody who would be able to train a choir one lunchtime a week? The children also discussed having a minibus and again

is there anybody that has any ideas about raising funds for a community mini bus? Please let Jackie Long know if you have any suggestions.

The Easter Fair will be held on Friday 26th March at 2.15pm in school.

SARAH NORTHCOTT

## **ST TUDY WEB SITE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

At a recent meeting it was decided to hold a photographic competition. The competition is open to anybody and can be digital or film photographs.

- The title of the competition is "Spring"
- The closing dates for entries is 28th May 2004
- Digital photographs to be 50dpi max and submitted on disc or floppy
- All entries to Jane King at Lindum House, St Tudy
- Each photograph to have the entrant's name, age, tel. no, title and location of photograph. (Only the entrant's name, title and location will appear on the site.)
- The group reserve the right to use the photograph on the St Tudy web site
- A prize will be awarded to the winning photographer
- The judges' decision is final

SARAH NORTHCOTT

## **ST TUDY AFTERNOON CLUB**

We had a most interesting meeting with Frank Jones of the Coastguard Service who showed us a video of some of the aspects of his work.

On Thursday 11th March we have what promises to be a delightful speaker in Mr Albert Ridgeley who is a retired. Consultant/Lecturer at Leica Academy. So come to the Village Hall at 2.30pm and leave grey winter behind, be transported to a world of colour and light by this magical treat of photography and music. All for 50p which includes a cup of tea and biscuits. All welcome.

## **RNLI**

Following the WI's talk by Tamsin Thomas some of us thought it would be nice to hold a Coffee Morning for the RNLI. This will be on Saturday 20th March in the Clink at 10.00am. Please come and support this worthwhile cause.

## **ST BREWARD SPRING BOOK FAIR**

St Beward Parish Church is raising funds for the works in the church which will be necessary to comply with the Disability Act. The stunning views from the porch of this lovely old building high on Bodmin Moor can only be enjoyed after several steep granite steps have been negotiated and for some members of the congregation this is becoming a regular challenge!

A Spring Book Fair is being held in the Village Hall (the original school building adjacent to the Old Inn) on Saturday 20th March starting at loam. As well as general fiction, children's books and various categories of non-fiction there will be an Antiquarian Books Stall and one for audio/story cassettes, videos and vinyls. If you would like this opportunity to "spring clean" your bookshelves, collection can be arranged. Please contact the organisers:

Rev Derek Carrivick 850869, Mrs Jan Jones 850089 or Mrs Abigail Kirby-Harris 850651.

For those with just a few to donate, there is a collecting box in St Beward Post Office - during opening hours (closed Wed and Sat afternoons). There will be an attractive prize for the lucky entry

programme! Refreshments will be provided as part of the admission - 30p for adults, children free. Plenty of parking and a warm welcome to all!

## **FROM REVEREND MARGARET**

I am writing this article for the Magazine in glorious sunshine. I am very much aware of the days beginning to lengthen and that is a sure time that Lent is nearly upon us. Lent actually comes from the Latin word, **Lenten**, which actually means to lengthen. Lent actually gives us time to recharge our spiritual batteries and prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is not only a time of self-denial (giving up those chocolates and biscuits) but it is also a time when we might take on something extra in the way of perhaps Bible reading or a special Lenten book.

You are all very welcome to come along the Rectory on Mondays 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th when a Lent course will be held from 7.30-9pm. One of the most enjoyable aspects of this time together is perhaps the sharing of a spiritual journey with others rather than in isolation.

On Sunday 14th March at St Tudy, the beautiful altar frontal created by Miss Nora Sheer will be dedicated. I do hope that the children who have been her inspiration will come along to the Family Service to thank and support her.

On Thursday 25th March we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation when traditionally Mary was visited by the Angel Gabriel and agreed to become the mother of Jesus. I shall hold a Communion Service in St Tudy at 9.30am and use the new altar in the Lady Chapel for the first time.

Plans for the Pageant 22nd and 24th April and the Concert on the 23rd are progressing well. We still need lots more volunteers from all three parishes for the simple walk on parts. Please let me know if you will help. Only necessary rehearsals will need to be held and these will commence after the 8th March.

Thank you to all who supported the Coffee Morning. We made over £120.

## **FAREWELL GATHERING MICHAELSTOW**

We were overwhelmed at the attendance (almost 80 people) at a farewell celebration which was held in the Methodist Schoolroom for Mavis Dingle who has moved from Treveighan to Abbey field House, Camelford. A mantel clock was presented to Mavis by George Yeomans on behalf of the parishioners of Michaelstow in recognition of her life long service and communality spirit to the area. Best wishes were given to Mavis for her future, a very warm and friendly time was had by all along with an excellent buffet. All arranged by the Parish Council.

## **ALLEN VALLEY SINGERS**

The grey skies and rain gave way to sunshine and shafts of sunlight streamed through the windows of the Methodist Chapel on Sunday 8th February and bathed the choir and congregation in a warm glow. This was the choir's Songs of Praise to celebrate 10 year of the Allen Valley Singers. The service was led by David Brown from Tintagel and in his opening address he paid tribute to choir members, not just our but member of all choirs, for their commitment to weekly rehearsals, concert and music festivals. As David so rightly pointed out, it is not just members that are committed to a choir, but also the Musical Director and Accompanist, without whom a choir would not function at all. In the Allen Valley Singers we are fortunate to have the dedication, support and talent of Jan Man as MD and Steve Tyrell our Accompanist.

During the service, Zoe Ray, chairwoman of the choir, gave a potted history from 1994 to 2004, in which she recognised our first MD and Accompanist, Rudi Gagnon and Leo Tarring. It is true to say that without them, we would never have got off the ground in the first place and for their early input, we are all extremely grateful. I know there were times when we were all ready to throw out hands up in the air and shout "I quit" but quit we did not and today we are a choir that wins cups and trophies at festivals and gives enjoyment to audiences wherever we go.

In remembering the past, highlighting the present and looking forward to the future, the choir remembers those we have lost during the past 10 years: Sylvia Haynes, Ann Luck, Alice Skinner and most recently John Hambly, husband of Barbara and friend to us all.

Our 10th Anniversary Supper/Dance will be on 28th February and we plan to let our hair down and parry! The County Music Festival in Truro is the first week in March and we hope to come home with some more family silver. The Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 16th March at 7pm - visitors welcome. On 2nd April we are off to France "Allo-Allo"!

It has been a GREAT 10 years; lots of laughs, trials and tribulations along the way, but we would not change a thing and we look forward to several more years of singing, concerts and winning at festivals!

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