

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

2		THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY 1Sam 1: 20-end, 2 Cor 1: 3-7
	11.05am	Holy Baptism at St Tudy
3	7.30pm	Lent Group at the Rectory
5	9.30am	Morning Prayer at St Mabyn
7	7.30pm	Benefice Choir at St Tudy
9		THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Passiontide begins Ezek 37: 1-14, Rom 8: 6-11
10		Spring clean at Michaelstow Church
	7.30pm	St Tudy GPA
	7.30pm	Lent Group at the Rectory
11	10.30am	Treveighan Coffee Morning
12	9.30am	Morning Prayer at St Mabyn
	12 noon	Soup and Sweet Lunch St Tudy Methodist Church
	7.30pm	St Mabyn Garden Club
13	2.30pm	St Tudy Thursday Afternoon Club
14	7.30pm	Benefice Choir at St Tudy
15	10.30am	Coffee Morning in the Clink for Marie Curie
	2.00pm	Treveighan Chapel Festival of Light
16		PALM SUNDAY Procession with donkey Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Phil 2: 5-11
	11.00am	Treveighan Chapel Festival of Light
17	6.00pm	Compline at Michaelstow
18	6.00pm	Compline at St Tudy
	6.30pm	St Tudy Governors
	7.15pm	Allen Valley Singers AGM
19	6.00pm	Compline at St Mabyn
		School Term Ends
20	7.00pm	Agape Love Feast & Re-enactment of Last Supper
	7.30pm	Coffee Evening St Tudy Methodist Church
21		GOOD FRIDAY
	1.00pm	Devotions at St Tudy
	3.00pm	Devotions at St Mabyn
	7.30pm	Stainer's Crucifixion St Tudy Church
22		EASTER DAY CHRIST IS RISEN Acts 10: 34-43, Col 3: 1-4
28		St Tudy W I AGM
29/ 30	11am-6pm	Lamellen Gardens Open
30	10.00am	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
		Joint Service at St Mabyn. Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 1Pet 1: 3-9

ST TUDY METHODIST CHURCH

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

Sunday 2nd March	11.00am	Mr John Bennallick
Sunday 9th March	11.00am	Revd Bryan Ede
Sunday 16th March	11.00am	Mr K Frost
Sunday 23rd March	11.00am	Revd Stella Long. Holy Communion
Sunday 30th March	11.00am	Mr T Waters

Soup and Sweet Lunch this month is on Wednesday 12th March at midday. Cost £3. Names and numbers to Trish Hodge on 850321 asap.

Our Coffee Evening for March will be on Thursday 20th at 7.30pm when staff from the SHARE project will talk about their work amongst the homeless in Bodmin. Bring and buy stall.

JAMES WAREHAM RUNS THE LONDON MARATHON IN AID OF FLEET

Hello Everyone! Hopefully after reading this you will sponsor me for the 2008 London Marathon, which I am running in aid of FLEET. I am a virgin in the Marathon World but hope that it will be the first of many, however, in case it isn't, I suggest you dig deep and I mean very deep this time!

I will probably be better known for my piano playing and accompanying my father Bill Wareham who sings in local concerts. Now a medical student at Bristol, I am fully aware of the extremely good work that FLEET is doing making huge advances in the provision of front line health-care for the whole of Cornwall, so please be generous as you will be helping thousands of people receive optimum treatment year round.

Donations can be made through www.justgiving.com/Jameswareham, which is simple, fast and totally secure. It is also the most efficient way to sponsor me: Frontline Emergency Equipment Trust will receive your money faster and, if you are a UK taxpayer, an extra 28% in tax will be added to your gift at no cost to you. Another way to sponsor me is by cheque made payable to FLEET and sent to Polglaze Cottage, St. Mabyn, Bodmin Cornwall, or you find sponsor sheets in the local shops. So please sponsor me now! Many thanks for your support.

JAMES

ST TUDY CHURCHYARD YEW TREES

The yew trees in the cemetery need a trim and this may be done by the time you read this. The large yew tree near Garlands is probably about three hundred years old.

Britain has the highest number of yews in Europe and has a special responsibility to protect these trees because they effectively belong to the world's heritage, not just ours. Our ancestors, marvelling at the miracle of a tree that could grow so old and keep its greenery all year, revered them and used them as meeting places. This naturally led to the building of churches at these important sites.

The oldest tree in Europe is said to be the Fortingale Yew in Scotland considered between 3 - 5,000 years old...

(part taken from an article in the Daily Telegraph 29/12/07 by James Douglas).

ANDY MUIR

MICHAELSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Parishioners and members of the public are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday, 6th March 2008 at 7.30pm in Treveighan Methodist Room. Come along and meet your local Community Police Officer, County and District Councillors. We are hoping that a representative from the RNLI Coastguards will also be giving a presentation on the work of the organisation.

The Parish Council continues to meet on the first Thursday of the month and welcome parishioners to attend. If you wish to contact the Parish Council, please phone the Parish Clerk, Jenny Hoskin on 01208 72789 or the Chairman, Cllr G Yeomans on 01208 850297.

ST BREWARD BROWNIES

I realise that you all may not personally shop at Sainsbury's but you may have access to a bunch of people' who might. So could I kindly ask? If you do shop at Sainsbury's could you collect the active kids vouchers for us please and if you don't but you do have access to a number of other people who might, could you please put a box up in your workplace and collect them for us.

We would be very, very grateful. It will give us access to sports equipment and as this year is the Olympics, we intend to base our Pack Holiday 011 this theme and the equipment will be ideal. Any help you can give, to obtain vouchers will be very gratefully appreciated.

MARILYN PLUESS

LAMELLEN OPEN GARDEN

On Saturday and Sunday 29th & 30th of March, Mr & Mrs Peter-Hoblyn are kindly opening their beautiful gardens to the public, in aid of St Tudy Church. These gardens are rarely open and so this is your chance to visit them and enjoy the wonderful camellias, rhododendrons and magnolias, which (our unpredictable weather permitting!) should be in full bloom. Tickets will cost £4.00, per person, £3.00 for the over 60's and under 16's free. These will be available on the day or in advance from Sue Dibble at Cavalier Cottage, St Tudy (01208 850748). Light refreshments will be available. If you are able to help in any way, perhaps as a steward, tea helper, etc. (free entry!) or could perhaps help with the provision of food for the refreshments there are lists in the Church, or contact Rev. Margaret. Please come along and bring all your friends!

ALLEN VALLEY SINGERS

We had the pleasure of singing at St. Materiana's Church, Tintagel, on 23rd February for the wedding of Sam and Lisa. Sam is the son of one of our members, Sue Whitnall and we were delighted to have joined them on this happy day.

Following our visit to Wales, a year or so ago, we are welcoming the ladies' choir to Cornwall on Saturday and Sunday, the 15th and 16th of March. Details of this visit will be available in a later publication but we are looking forward to meeting our hosts from our successful Welsh visit, especially to sing with them again and enjoying our planned social occasions.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th March at 7.15 p.m. at the Community Hall at St Kew Highway.

On Saturday 19th April, we will be singing in St. Petroc's Church, Bodmin, supporting the Heart Foundation Concert. Further details will be found in our April publications. That will be a busy weekend for us, as we are hosting a visiting choir Again, more details later but this advance notice means that you can pencil in the date.

Newcomers are always welcome to apply to our Musical Director, Janette Man, Telephone 01208 841784.

Bookings for the choir can be made by contacting Jennifer May. Telephone 01208 880131, Other enquiries to the Secretary. Telephone Jenni Tarring 01208 841329. Publicity Officer, Dr. Joyce Hargrave-Wright Telephone 01208 264004.

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

Holy Baptism

2nd February Alexander Victor Fawcett at St Mabyn

ST TUDY W I

At our January meeting Fiona and Caroline from Home Furnishings gave a brief introductory talk on their work at the Wadebridge shop and then, unexpectedly, made us interior designers for the evening! It was thoroughly enjoyed by all – the winning design of a very modern seaside sitting room proved certain members have hidden talents!

Alison Gribble demonstrated items for a finger buffet at the February meeting. These were very easy to make and mouth-watering and we ate all that she had made! She produced the recipes, so we'll be making them for all our special occasions. Competition Valentine Biscuits: 1st Pauline Gobbitt, 2nd Jennie Harris and 3rd Maggie Lobb. Friday 28th March is our AGM when reports for our 2007-08 year will be given and a new President elected. A light entertainment by The Delphi Players, under the guidance of Christine Woolf, will complete the year. As the President for the past 3 years, I would like to thank all our members for their loyal support and to you all who have supported our coffee mornings and other events. It is always lovely to see past members who still enjoy these occasions. We have a very varied programme for 2008-09 including Italian Cookery, Flower Arranging, Travel, Cornish Poetry with David Prowse and Style Tips for your Wardrobe. Something to suit everyone – we would love to see new faces. Just think we have 36 members at present, so that would be 36 friends straight away. Do come along and see what we do.

We are hoping to visit Caerhays Estate on Tuesday 8th April. The cost for non-members will be £9.50 + coach. If you would like to join us, please contact Lilian on 851056 by 28th March. (Men included!) Also Lilian is taking names for Mary Poppins at the Theatre Royal for 12th June. The coach is filling up so don't delay!

Socially we had an excellent dinner and ten-pin bowl at Trethorne in January. Thank you to the short mat bowls club for joining us once again –let's do it again next year!

JUDITH JASPER

BISHOP BILL

We are looking forward to Bishop Bill's final visit to the Benefice on Friday 29th February. He will dedicate the garden at St Mabyn School at 2pm and then conduct a Mothers Day service for the children. At 4pm he will be confirming yenning Davey and Josie Parfitt. Please remember them in your prayers. From 6.30pm onward Bishop Bill will be in St Mabyn Church for an informal evening. This will provide the opportunity to say our own farewells to him and enjoy fellowship and a glass of wine and nibbles. Please come along and fill St Mabyn Church. Please bring your children also. There is no charge but there will be a plate for voluntary donations towards the expenses of the evening.

Bishop Bill's final farewell will take place on Sunday 6th April at the Eden Project. If you wish to go please ask me for an admittance ticket. They are free of charge so will be able to spend time exploring Eden. The farewell event will begin at 5pm in the arena and will include some worship and some entertainment. There will be no seating so you may wish to take a waterproof rug to sit on. Chairs are not allowed. The arena is not under cover. Cafes will be open all day or you may wish to take a picnic.

Parishes and individuals are invited to contribute to a farewell gift for Bishop Bill and Frances. Cheques or donations can be given to me and I will send them off together, or they can be sent to the Bishop of St Germans, 32 Falmouth Road, Truro, TR1 2HX to be received no later than 26th March. They should be made out to Truro Diocesan Board of Finance and Bishop Bill should be written on the back of the cheque.

ST TUDY METHODIST CHURCH

Village Life — Flower Festival, 24th, 25th and 26th May.

A letter inviting village organisations to help with a flower arrangement depicting elements of their activities will have been sent, with a return date of 31st March.

Fuller details of the Festival will appear in the April Parish Magazine.

PLEASE NOTE: A meeting for all arrangers and interested people will be held on Thursday 24th April at 7.30pm at St Tudy Methodist Chapel. Enquiries to Patricia Hodge on 850321.

THE CRUCIFIXION

On Good Friday 21st March at 7.30pm in St Tudy Church there will be a performance of Stainer's "Crucifixion" by members of the Cadon Chorus and the Benefice Choir. The organist will be Stephen Tyrell and Geoffrey Gibbons will conduct.

THANKS

Barbara Carole & Bronwyn would like to thank everyone who attended Dad's funeral and gave donations, and are pleased to be able to donate £500 to St Tudy Church Fabric Fund.

Very many thanks for all those who turned out on a cold, windy morning to support the coffee morning for Shelterbox and Friends of the Earth and especially to Jenny Keat for braving the cold to man the brit a brae stall. £196.34 has been shared between the two charities.

ST TUDY THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Everything was arranged and agreed that on Thursday 14th February someone from Consumer Direct SW would be telling us how to deal with scams. Just before going to bed the previous night we received an e-mail saying she was ill and wouldn't be coming! Panic set in. What on earth could be sorted out at such short notice?

Thank heavens for the RAF – and Bob King! In the wee small hours Bob was clambering around the loft looking out old maps and slides of his time in the desert at Sharjah. It was fascinating to see how remote and primitive things were in those Gulf States 40 years ago. Afterwards we had a quick 20 questions quiz, which Ron Skyner won, then tea and the raffle.

The next meeting is on Thursday 13th March, when we have a speaker booked to tell us all about Inheritance Tax and hopefully how to avoid it! All are welcome. The meeting starts 2.30 at the Village Hall.

IVY AND JANE

BINDING STONE FUND UPDATE

The present total in the Binding Stone fund, which also includes sales of the Poetry on the Wall book, is £435.27. This amount will soon be raised to £550.27 thanks to the efforts of Trelawney Garden and Leisure who have sold 46 poetry books for us. A small commission of 45p per book was paid. Just before Christmas £100 was given to the Village Hall towards new Christmas lights.

If you have not got a copy of either the Binding Stone book, (now £4.50) or the Poetry on the Wall booklet (£2.95), both are on sale at the Post Office, or from Sue Dibble at Cavalier Cottage, St Tudy. Once these books are all sold they will not be reprinted, so make sure you have a copy before they all go! All the proceeds go in the Binding Stone account and St Tudy village organisations can apply for funds for various projects.

BINDING STONE COMMITTEE

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

... St Mabyn Young Farmers Club. Both their teams went through to the Cabaret Final performed at the Hall for Cornwall. The girls performed a song and dance act, "Lucy and the Shoopers" and the boys won the competition with "Barely Necessary". This was a great achievement for the club and the boys team made up of Peter Harris, Dan Honey, David Braunton, Mark White and Adam Honey now go onto represent Cornwall in the South West Area Cabaret competition on 14th March.

ST MABYN SCHOOL NEWS

Recently members of the School Council met with two Governors to discuss the school curriculum. Discussing aspects of school life with the governors is part of the challenge to achieve the gold PADL award.

2008 is The Year of Reading. Reading skills are always a high priority in school and we are constantly trying to inspire pupils with a love of literature. Shortly we are introducing a new "reward scheme" to pupils for developing reading skills. Adaptations will be made within each class and will reflect the age and ability of the children but basically after completing a number of books, pupils will be able to choose a new book to keep!

SWEET SONGS OF ZION

In the mid 1970s John Betjeman gave a series of radio broadcasts (28 in all) in which he talked about his favourite hymns, with explanations as to how they came to be written and by whom. These talks have now been collected into a book by Stephen Games and published late last year by Hodder and Stoughton. The talks on the music, verse and personalities of the church reveal how vital the twentieth century's favourite poet viewed the institution of the Church to be the life blood of the country, covering the writings of the Wesleys, JB Dykes, Bishops, Rectors, Cathedral organists, in addition to the Nonconformist contributors, many dozens overall. The book gives a fascinating insight into the enthusiasm of Betjeman for the traditional Church as he saw it and wished it to continue. I can provide any further information required.

G.N.G.

FROM REVEREND MARGARET

We are now quickly approaching the most important weeks of the Christian year when we re-live the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us make sure that we take a little time out from our busy lives, particularly during Holy Week to ponder again on the great mystery of the Easter season. May you all have a blessed Easter.

Once again I should like to personally express my thanks to everyone who is working so hard towards raising the money needed to restore the roof at St Mabyn. Help is coming from several directions. Please keep it up.

OPEN GARDEN AT LAMELLEN

Jeremy and Felicity Peter-Hoblyn are very kindly opening their gardens at Lamellen on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th March from 11 am to 6pm. Both days are in aid of St Tudy Church. If you are free on either of those days to steward, oversee the car parking, sell refreshments, do gate duty, or would be willing to supply some refreshments (cakes, scones and cream) please let either Andy Muir, Sue Dibble or myself know as we shall be drawing up rotas. There is a list of helpers to sign in St Tudy church. Please bring all your family and friends along and advertise the event widely. Let us hope for glorious weather.

A HUGE THANK YOU

My urgent need of a quadruple heart by-pass operation came as rather a shock. I received wonderful care and attention at Derriford Hospital. It was so convenient for Pat and Melissa to stay in Heartswell Lodge adjacent, so worthy of our support.

Their additional "nursing" care, the support of all my family together with so many good wishes from our friends in St Tudy have helped me through this experience. I thank everyone for their kindness and concern. I walk every day and hope for a very good result.

JOHN TANNER

TREVEIGHAN CHAPEL

... will be holding a "Festival of Life" on 15th and 16th March with flower displays, crafts and paintings. There will be a demonstration of bobbin lace.

Cream teas will be available at £2.50 on the Saturday and Sunday from 2pm to 5pm. The chapel will be open on Saturday from 2pm to 5pm and Sunday from 1 lam to 5pin. Anyone wishing to exhibit any items, especially any of our younger parishioners, please contact Sue 01840 211272.

ST WHY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Village Hall future meetings and events in 2008.

Monday 14th April at 7pm in the main hall followed by business meeting

Saturday 26th April

Sunday 6th July

Monday 14th July at 7.30pm

Saturday 11th October at 10am to noon in the Clink

Monday 27th October at 7.30pm

Wednesday 5th November

Saturday 6th December

MARGARET SHELLEY

AGM

Safari Supper

Garden Safari

Business Meeting Fireworks Coffee Morning

Business Meeting Bonfire Night

Christmas Fair

EASTER LILIES

Once again we shall be arranging lilies in St Tudy Church at Easter in memory of our loved ones.

If you would like to order a lily please place a donation of E3 and the name in an envelope. This can be delivered to either Judith Jasper at Woodcote, Wadebridge Road or to myself at Long Barn, Tremeer Lane. It would be appreciated if we could have all the names by 10th March.

P TANNER

ST TUDY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met in the Village Hall on 28th January. There was one apology. County Councillor Jeremy Rowe attended. No other villagers were present. The police report, from April to November 2007, a total of 8 incidents in the parish; some of the incidents being at Hengar Manor. Since that last date to the present, there have been no further incidents. Oh Rowe said that in the next Council Tax, the NCDC element rise will be 3%, the County Council rise will be 4.9% and the police will be 9%. The police rise will be to pay for clerical staff to release 200 policemen from clerical work for extra policing. There was discussion on whether higher council funding could be released to pay for a parish lengthsman to do work for the parish under the control of the Parish Council. One of the most pressing jobs to be done is the repair of potholes in the roads and it was speculated whether such an employee would have the equipment to repair potholes properly.

There were no planning applications to be discussed.

It is deplorable that the young chestnut tree by the bus shelter has been damaged, probably by attempts to retrieve a football. It is hoped that villagers exercise care and frown on any acts they see that may further hann the tree.

A leaflet was tabled headed "At Home Join Your Library". A free mobile library service is offered to deliver books, talking books, large print books, CDs etc to your door if you are unable to get about. Phone Freephone 0800 032 2345 to find out about this scheme.

The next meeting of the parish council will be at 7pm on the last Wednesday of the month. Members of the public are always welcome to attend, to raise issues if necessary at the beginning of the meeting, or to see how the council is looking after the interests of St Tudy.

MEV SHELLEY

COFFEE MORNING

There will be a Coffee Morning in the Clink at loam in aid of Marie Curie on Saturday 15th March. Bring and buy stall, raffle. All very welcome.

AFGHANISTAN SHOE BOX APPEAL

I received two letters from 40 Commando in Afghanistan and thought that the following short extracts might be of interest to all those who contributed - (I understand Ruth and Brian in the shop also received a similar letter).

Received from Cpl Paul Cook, 2 Troop Alpha Coy.

" Thank you for your thoughtful and generous boxes sent to us out here. It is always a morale boost when we receive them and put them to good use. The boxes reached us – the men of Alpha Company based in North Helmand. We are in a FOB (Forward Ops Base), which is at its best, austere and at worse a bit of a hellhole. We are unable to shave or wash due to a contaminated well, so there's a rarity – a smelly bunch of Bootnecks. Its pretty busy here at the minute so at least the time goes quickly. All of us here thank everyone and wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year - your morale packages really do bring light in the dark days up here, once again many thanks. The boys of Alpha Coy 40 Cdo RM"

CSM Dave Layton writes

"Just a short note to say thank you for all the parcels and cards that my Company has received throughout the last few weeks. It is nice to know that people are still thinking about us and that the daily toil is not going unrecognised. When looking through the national press the only mention we seem to get nowadays is when one of our ranks loses his life, old news now, I suppose that doesn't sell newspapers!

I am pleased to report that the young lads under my control are excelling –the cynics who believe 'things were different in my day' are correct in every way, the lads who pass out now have a great deal more knowledge and capability than I did some 22 years ago.

Please pass on our very best wishes over the Xmas period and wish everyone a prosperous new year and raise a glass if you could to the men of Charlie Company. The beer will have to wait for us, but we will catch up when we get home I'm sure".

DOUG DEGNIN, CORNWALL BRANCH RMA

THE MAGAZINE

I would like to invite all the St Mabyn Magazine distributors to an informal meeting in the Church for a cup of coffee and discussion on the distribution areas on Wednesday 12th March at 10.30am. If there is anyone in the village who would be interested in helping in anyway with the distribution, we would be delighted to see them. Looking forward to seeing you all on the 12th March.

CAROL GRIGG

ST TUDY GARDEN PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

At the January meeting our chairman, Brian Lamerton, welcomed a new member, Kitty Hotchkiss, to the garden club. George Kestell, always a welcome speaker at our meetings, talked to us on the subject of pruning and then answered many questions on the priming of individual plants. It was an informative and amusing evening. He also brought a quantity of "old" stock to raise money for the Gardeners' Benevolent Fund – Christmas and birthday

cards, garden string, shopping bags, garden gloves etc and we were able to buy items at knock-down prices. All the proceeds would go to the fund.

One of our team for the inter-village quiz had pulled out and Peggy Metters agreed to stand in. So, on Monday 11th February when we hosted the quiz night she joined Catherine Hudson and Brian Lamerton against teams from St Kew and St Teath. Bernard Hawken had set his usual assortment of questions and for the first 4 rounds St Tudy was lagging behind. Then came the spelling tests – and we took the lead! After that there was no catching us and we romped ahead to win by 66 points over St Teath with 55 points and St Kew 52 points. Well done, team! You know the adage – if it ain't broke don't fix it, so same crew next year!!

It is rather disappointing that after waiting over 5 years for a response from BBC Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time, and then being given all sorts of encouragement by them, they turned us down as a venue – because our hall echoes too much for their equipment to cope with. Goodness only knows what sort of sound deadening they require as our hall must be one of the best going.

Our next meeting is on Monday 10th March when Kit Lindsey will be telling us all about orchids. We have a plant sale planned and an outing for Bank Holiday Monday in May to Hestercombe – more details next month. And finally - don't forget the Annual Spring Show is on Saturday 5th April.

JANE KING

WANTED

Hand push cylinder mower, any condition if repairable.

JOHN BARLETT 01208 850604

THE CHESTNUT TREE

Most people in St Tudy will be aware of the history of the old Chestnut Tree by the Bus Stop and how, several years ago when old age overtook it and it had to be felled, direct descendants in the shape of six conkers had been grown by a young villager. He willingly allowed the best of these to be planted by our Parish Council. It has now grown to a good looking and healthy sapling.

In the course of the last few years, some people have taken to kicking a football at the bus shelter as a convenient goal post, thereby damaging or ruining the notices, which are a feature. My daffodils and crocuses often suffer from bad shots. However, much worse has now occurred. It seems that one of the shots aimed at the Bus Shelter fell into the barricade wisely erected around the original baby chestnut tree. In trying to retrieve it the footballers trampled down the beautiful daffodils, so much admired, also planted by the Parish Council. Nature will ensure that they will grow again. But much worse, two of the main branches of the tree have been torn off. This has left the tree badly wounded, and one branch, further down, has also almost irretrievably been damaged.

The Parish Council arranged for the damage to be extensively photographed and the pictures sent to one of the foremost tree surgeons in the UK. His prognosis is that very careful pruning in the future, and providing there is no more damage, that the sapling may yet grow into the same sort of tree and village landmark as its "father", originally brought from the battlefield of World War I. But it will never be quite as well shaped as it might have been.

I understand the Parish Council are taking measures to ensure that this thoughtless action, which causes so much damage to the notice boards, but, also, has almost irretrievably damaged the tree on which so much care has been lavished should in future be prevented by asking that footballs should not be kicked around in the area surrounding both. St Tudy has a prime football field and St Tudy footballers are growing in number and justifiable fame. Such vandalism by just one or two people is not helpful to those who love and play the game at every opportunity.

LOUIS LE BAILLY

HELP FOR HEROES – UPDATE

Since sending off the cheque in January we have received some more generous donations from St Tudy for "Help for Heroes". The amount now raised, including gift aid, is in excess of £740! Well done, everyone, and thank you.

ST TUDY PLAYGROU

We've kicked off to a great start this year with our Winter Fair, raising nearly £600. A percentage of this will be donated to the Village Hall Committee towards improving the facilities at the hall. An enormous thank you to the playgroup staff (Sue, Liz, Bev, Anne-Marie and Kelly) and to the parents who helped run the event and donated goods. Special thanks to Rebecca Rose for masterminding the whole business. We also would like to thank the various companies that so generously donated items to the raffle, including St Tudy PO & Stores, Bradley's Dairy, St Kew Harvest, T J Burden, David Sharland, China Clay Musewn, Cornish Arms, Hengar Manor, The Old Inn, Bodmin Plant and Herb Nursery, Therese Farnham, Elke Tanner and many more. And finally, thank you to everyone who came and bought!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Muir, winner of 'Name the Teddy', Sue Levers, winner of a sack of potatoes (!), and Mr and Mrs Royce who found the hidden treasure on St Tudy Treasure Isle. Congratulations too to Margaret and Bev Bevan who won the quiz.

Our next fundraiser will be the Ten Tors challenge in May. We already have a number of people signed up to take part and raise sponsorship, but more ramblers are very welcome! Please contact Rebecca Rose on 01208 850390 if you would like to walk in aid of the playgroup.

If you have a child who would like to attend playgroup, please contact Sue Levers on our new contact number 0751 025 3526, or visit the playgroup's new, dedicated website at www.st-tudy-preschool.org.uk for more information. Alternatively, just pop into one of the playgroup sessions (Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings) where the staff will be happy to help.

We are also still running a toddler group on Wednesday afternoons, 12.45 - 2.45, where young children can play whilst the parents have tea and a chat. These sessions are £2 per child.

SUSIE BALLERSTEDT SECRETARY