

# The South Hill Connection

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Welcome to this very first issue of the South Hill eNewsletter. We hope you will find it interesting, and informative. This is being delivered, by hand, to every household in the parish, but we do not have the resources to do this every month. From next month, we will be sending it to everyone who gave us their e-mail address, and will also put a copy on the new parish website at [www.south-hill.co.uk](http://www.south-hill.co.uk), where it can be read by anyone world-wide. You can still add your e-mail address to the circulation list via the form on the website. For those who don't have internet access or kind neighbours to print it out for them, we hope to make a limited number of paper copies available at the Parish Hall and the church. There will also be a copy on all the noticeboards.

Please do have a look at the new website. It is for all of us who live here, and we welcome your ideas and suggestions on how to improve it. We have already had some very kind comments from people in Canada and Australia who have connections with this part of Cornwall.

The South Hill Communications Project Team

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## What happens in South Hill ?

The **Village Hall Committee** exists to maintain and develop the village hall. The committee is made up of a representative from each club that regularly use the hall - Piecemakers, W.I., Fellowship, Parish Council, the Church, South Hill Show Committee and the Cricket Club. The remainder of the committee is made up of co-opted members and there is always room for new faces! The committee meet on a regular basis to discuss and arrange village events, maintenance and fundraising. All time is given voluntarily.

Bi-annually a huge New Years Eve party is staged with a theme and fancy dress. The hall is decorated, games and cabaret are organized and a themed supper is cooked - a sub-committee is formed to cope with such an extravaganza. Each Autumn a Harvest Supper is organised, this involves entertainment, an auction of wares and of course a supper for all.

To coincide with the Horticultural Show we organise a funday - this includes tombola, cake stall, car boot sale, dog show and go-kart races down the village lanes. The day ends with the famous duck race! Other events that have been held in the past include Band Night, Antiques Roadshow, Indian Night, Beetle Drive, Barn Dance and Race Night.

Profits from all events are used to maintain the village hall. Improvements are made to ensure the future of the building for the Parish. If you would like to join us on a regular basis or just with an individual event, or simply hire the hall for your own event then contact:

Nick Easton (chairman), Wendy Trewin (secretary), or Peta Emmerson (bookings secretary).

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**Southhill Piecemakers** meet in the hall on the first Monday and the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm. We began ten years ago and now have thirty members with a waiting list for new members.

There is a picture of one of our quilts on the website. The pictured quilt is the one we made for our recently staged fourth 3-yearly exhibition. A cheque for £3,000 will be handed over to "Shelter Box" which was our chosen charity this time.

Our annual meeting is in February when the committee will probably change. However if you need to get in touch before then you can contact Isabel Ramage or Carrie.

**South Hill WI** was formed over sixty years ago and its members continue to enjoy their friendly monthly meetings in the Parish Hall, realising that they are part of a very influential national organisation. Nowadays business at the meetings is kept to a minimum and this is then usually followed by a talk or demonstration (this year we have already heard about the Changing Face of the Ambulance Service, The Life of a Film/TV Extra, Gardening For Birds and had a wonderful Italian Cookery demonstration). At the end of the meeting members enjoy a very social time over tea and coffee. This is certainly how I met and made so many friends in the Parish. There are also many opportunities available to take part in events and activities organised by Cornwall County WI.

Do come along as our guest – young to not-so-young will be very welcome at our next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November when we will be making gift boxes and cards. We meet in the Parish Hall, Golberdon, with members arriving at 7pm so that we can start the meeting at 7:15pm.

Any further details please contact Myra Locock (Secretary)

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### **South Hill Investment Club (SHIC)**

Formed in 1996 SHIC was set up as a way to invest in the stock market learning as we go without any great financial risk (the fact we agreed to meet at the Church House Inn had no bearing on it!) Now some eleven years later the club goes from strength to strength. We have had members come and go for various reasons (mostly moving away) but have always managed to keep our membership at our maximum of 20.

Each member pays a small monthly subscription and we choose shares to buy and sell at each monthly meeting along with a few refreshments and light bite to eat. The wonders of email have made communication between members much easier and several members have gone on to make their own investments in stocks and shares with a bit more knowledge and confidence.

Whilst the investments are taken seriously we do try to make meetings fun and enjoyable which was our main aim and we also have various social events during the year.

Members of the club should ideally live in or near to South Hill Parish.  
If anyone is interested in the share club then contact Steve Moir

## St Sampson's: a Special Place



My first impression of St Sampson's church, when I came to consider the post of Rector in 2004, was "where is everyone?" I was sure I had the right place (the directions were clear enough), but apart from a few houses it seemed to be in the middle of nowhere.

What I had forgotten, of course, was the peculiarity of Cornish churches. Whereas, in the rest of the country, churches tended to be built where people lived (or next to the Lord of the Manor), in Cornwall it is often a bit different

The Cornish style has often been to recognise a place as having some particular spiritual significance, perhaps (as at South Hill) a close association with a saint, a hermitage or some such, regardless of whether it is particularly close to where most people live.

This is not the only approach, of course, and there is much to be said for having the church at the centre of the community. However, I believe there is something in the relative remoteness of St Sampson's which is important and deserves to be recognised. It is something about turning aside from the normal, drawing aside to something that is different and a bit separate.

I firmly believe the God is interested in all of our lives from the humdrum to the special and his presence enriches us all....but. In all the business of our lives it is often hard to appreciate his presence, we are too busy to stop and think, too preoccupied to savour the one who makes life special. What we need is time out, time aside, to step outside the everyday.

St Sampson's is a brilliant place for doing just that. Maybe it's the ancient stones, or the centuries of prayer and worship, but in true Cornish tradition it is a hallowed place. If you have not been there for a while, come and renew your acquaintance, if you have not been before come and let God surprise you. If it is not open for a service, rest a while in the churchyard or ask for a key (details in the church porch), enjoy it.

Yours in the love of Christ,

Peter Sharpe, Rector

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### **Services at St Sampson's, South Hill**

Every Sunday at 11.15 am – everyone welcome.

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## **SURPLUS FRUIT OR VEG?**

We may have the answer  
Ivan & Carolyn at Berrio Mill are starting a new food  
business

To keep our produce as "Green" as possible we are looking for locally grown apples, tomatoes, onions, marrows, courgettes, pumpkins, squash, etc. In exchange we will provide chutney, preserves, honey, mustard or eggs all produced at Berrio Mill. This may be a little late for this year, but there could still be a few bits out there. Perhaps next spring you may want to try growing something different or more of what you're already good at.

Please email [Food@berriomill.co.uk](mailto:Food@berriomill.co.uk)

## What about something new ?

**South Hill Drama Group** – to put on a production in the village hall – might be a one off or more often depending upon support.

If you would be interested in being involved acting, stage production, costumes, lighting, make-up, or just as a helper then contact Liz Moir. Once we know if there's enough interest we can decide what type of production to do.

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### **Local History - Family History**

Are you interested in the history of the Parish? Are you already researching local family or Parish history? Do you know of any existing local history groups or individual historians in the Parish? Interested but don't know where to start? I am very keen to get together with anyone else in the parish who has any interest in local history and start a formal(ish) Local History Group. If you are interested please contact Miranda Lawrance-Owen - e-mail: [history@south-hill.co.uk](mailto:history@south-hill.co.uk)

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### **DOSH**

Since arriving in Cornwall about 4 years ago, we have found there to be a common desire to avoid paying too much (if anything at all) for goods and services. Although a small parish, South Hill residents have a wide range of talents and skills between them. For many their skills have little to do with an occupation, but more a hobby or pastime.

Nothing new, I hear you say, so where is all this leading?

Perhaps a cook wants some eggs for her cakes, or farmer wants a brochure for their B&B. A photographer may want some beef for their freezer, or an electrician may want some live music at his mothers' birthday party. This is where bartering comes into its own. With the launch of the newsletter and website, we have a good opportunity to communicate our needs to those with the goods, produce or skills to meet them. This can be done on a "message board" or on a dedicated page/section on the website.

Interested ? Email [DOSH@south-hill.co.uk](mailto:DOSH@south-hill.co.uk)

Why DOSH when no money is involved?      **Deal Online in South Hill.**

## News about Recycling

At the last meeting of the Parish Plan Committee it was decided to focus some attention on recycling and litter questions which were raised and highlighted in the Plan document. A group was set up to look into this and they will keep in touch with Parishioners via this newsletter.

### Recycling

Some people said they didn't recycle because they did not receive the kerbside collection service. This should collect from everywhere the normal household refuse is picked up. Each household should have been given an information leaflet with collection dates and guidance about what to put in the bags which residents should also receive free. If you are one of the people who currently do not receive the service, then contact the Parish or District council who will rectify the situation.

Caradon has been approached about the possibility of extending the separate garden waste collection which currently only covers Golberdon village. In other parts of the Parish the white garden waste bags go to landfill with the rest of the refuse. Reasons given against doing this included the assumption that more rural properties had larger gardens with room to compost their own garden waste. If you have a larger garden and you do compost, would you be willing to take green waste from a neighbour? Email [recycling@south-hill.co.uk](mailto:recycling@south-hill.co.uk) Alternatively green waste can be taken to one of our local tips to be composted.

### Litter

One problem was with spillage from refuse collections. Residents are asked to secure bin lids and cover plastic bags with something they could re-use like an old carpet to protect from damage by animals/birds. If anything is spilled by the refuse collectors then the council can be contacted on 341000 if this spill is not cleared up at the time. This is the same number to report fly tipping on public land, which the council should clear.

We'd like to hear from those who are interested in organising walking groups to pick up litter on roads and footpaths etc and also people who might like to adopt roads to periodically check and pickup litter. Email [recycling@south-hill.co.uk](mailto:recycling@south-hill.co.uk)

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## **LOST AND FOUND**

**Found** – pair of rimless reading glasses (half lens) left on the wall near the parish notice board just down from South Hill church. Contact Geoff.

## Letters to the editor

*A message from the chairman of South Hill Parish Council*

Dear All,

On behalf of South Hill Parish Council we welcome you to the new parish website and newsletter. This is the first project to emerge from the Parish Plan which many of you kindly completed. To reward all those on the Parish Plan committee, we need you to let us know how we can improve the well being of the parish and its inhabitants. We also need you to step forward and get involved with activities in the parish.

If you have any concerns within the parish, please get in touch with any of the councillors. The council meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in The Parish Hall, Golberdon, at 7.30 pm, and you are very welcome to attend.

Lastly I on behalf of the parish council would like to thank all those on the Parish Plan Committee who have given up so much time in completing the plan, and who are now starting to implement some of the key proposals of the plan.

So please come and support them to make South Hill a vibrant parish.

Yours sincerely,

Dennis Hicks  
on behalf of South Hill Parish Council

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The photograph on page one shows a well known house in Golberdon, but it looks rather different today. Do you recognise it, and can anyone say who the people were, or when it was taken?

If you have any pictures of South Hill in days gone by, that you would be willing to share, we would be delighted to have them for the newsletter.

**and last but not least...**

Would the secretaries of all the groups and organisations let us have their news for the next issue, **including details of any special events for Christmas**, by the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, please, to [geoff@south-hill.co.uk](mailto:geoff@south-hill.co.uk)