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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the latest edition of the South Hill Connection newsletter

As our editor is away on family business, our Editorial will be brief in this issue. (Faint cheering in the distance?)

In this issue we introduce several new contributors—Mr Geoff Hilton on the history of one of the most interestingly named houses in the Parish, Wagmuggle; Cat Ede on Callington Young Farmers Club and Linda Scott, who has found that contrary to rumour, Cornish people can be very friendly and welcoming. We are always on the look-out for new and interesting content for the newsletter, so if you have any ideas, please get in touch.

As we publish this issue we are looking forward to the Annual Horticultural Show, which takes place at the Parish Hall on Saturday August 21st. The recipe for the Sultana and Orange Cake to enter in the cooking classes is printed further on– give it a try, it's easy…

[*The picture above was taken at the show last year]*

Your Newsletter needs YOU!

Dear Reader'

Your 'South Hill Connections' newsletter and web site has been going for several years and is proving to be a popular means of keeping everyone in the parish—and some well beyond it— in touch with what is happening here. The small team of volunteers who produce and run it are now down to four people and we urgently need some extra help. You don't need to be a computer expert or an experienced journalist (although both would be very welcome), just to have an interest in our parish and a small amount of tome available each month. I am sure we can find something interesting for anybody to do, so if you would like to help please give me a call (as below)

If you want to write a letter to the editor, or contribute to our next newsletter, please call or email:

Geoff (editor@south-hill.co.uk or telephone 362623)

Messages from "out there"...

The arrival of occasional messages from the old Golberdon website has prompted us to get our own Guest Book attached to the South Hill Connection.

South Hill Connection Guestbook

Go on - check it out and leave greeting for the Parish…

The new Guest Book is hosted by 123Guestbook.com. Messages are moderated and do not appear until they have been checked.

Dear Newsletter

Will our town become a ghost town?

Dear Sir

With the supermarket giant Tesco due to open its doors in Callington in a few weeks time, am I the only one worried about the consequences for the town and surrounding area?

When large supermarkets open in small towns, it is well known that local, small traders suffer and often fold under the pressure exerted by headline loss - leaders, free parking and cheap fuel offered by Tesco et al. Many towns have become virtual ghost towns as a result.

Admittedly, Callington is hardly a cornucopia of exciting locally-sourced produce and Tesco will of course do very well here. But do we really want our local baker, newsagent and fishmonger to disappear? Or Spar or the Coop? Will we no longer but local fruit and veg from Tamar View, or meat from Chris Rousevell or Phillip Warren, eggs from Geraldine and Hayley, or honey and pickles from Berrio Mill?

Tesco will not source goods from local producers. The vast majority of goods sold by all supermarkets are brought by heavy lorries from every corner of the UK, to the detriment of our road system and our environment. As we (South Hill residents) travel around the area by car, we can support our local businesses without adding more food miles.

In some areas of the country, Tesco takes up to 80p in every pound spent on food and drink, because local people blindly follow where the cheap offers are, too lazy to support their old friends, or to pop into the farm shop on their way home from work.

Now is the time for us to make some good resolutions, before Tesco takes Callington and the surrounding districts by storm. Of course we need supermarkets but we need a healthy local economy more. What are we going to do to ensure that our town doesn't become a ghost town and that our local producers are not pushed out in the cold?

What are YOU going to do?

Yours faithfully

S A Skelton

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South Hill Parish Hall

Parish Hall Committee Report

Meeting held on Tuesday 27th July 2010

The meeting with **Russell Geake from Community Energy Plus,** relating to the Photovoltaic cells for the hall roof, did not have a positive result. At the moment the funding has dried up but the new Government is very keen on renewable energy , so we have not given up hope and will continue to monitor the situation.

Unfortunately there is no support from any of the hall users and local groups for the Fun Day this year but the Hall Committee will be providing Skittles and a Duck Shy. Due to the lack of support there will not be a Fun Day next year. Maybe there will be more enthusiasm in 2012 that being Olympics year, so we will think again then.

We are in the process of applying for a grant to have a Hearing Loop installed in the Hall. **Stephen Gilbert from Kernow Installations, Launceston**, has made a site visit and given us a firm quotation and will be able to link the loop into our existing P .A. system. The next panel for the Grant application from Cornwall Community Foundation is not until November so we have some time to wait before ascertaining our success in this venture.

There is a possibility of a Chiropodist, Neil Oliver, holding clinics in the Parish hall. Watch this space!

The date of the Barn Dance is confirmed as 30th October. Final arrangements have been made for both the Harvest Supper, 11th September and the Bran Dance. Tickets will be available at the Show/Fun Day on 21st August and also available from committee members.

We are no further forward with regards to the Hall Car Park Lighting and the remaining possibility is to make adjustments to the existing lights situated on the front porch, with on/off controls in the hall. As a point of interest the Hall car park is not available for off road parking for local residents. It needs to be kept free for Hall users. Thank you

The next Parish Hall Meeting will be held on Monday 8th November at 7.30pm.

Pat Moren

Chairman South Hill Parish Hall

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Does your club or organisation need somewhere to meet?

We have a pleasant, well equipped village hall available for hire.

Hall Hire rates (please note these were revised 2010)

- Regular users: £12 per session
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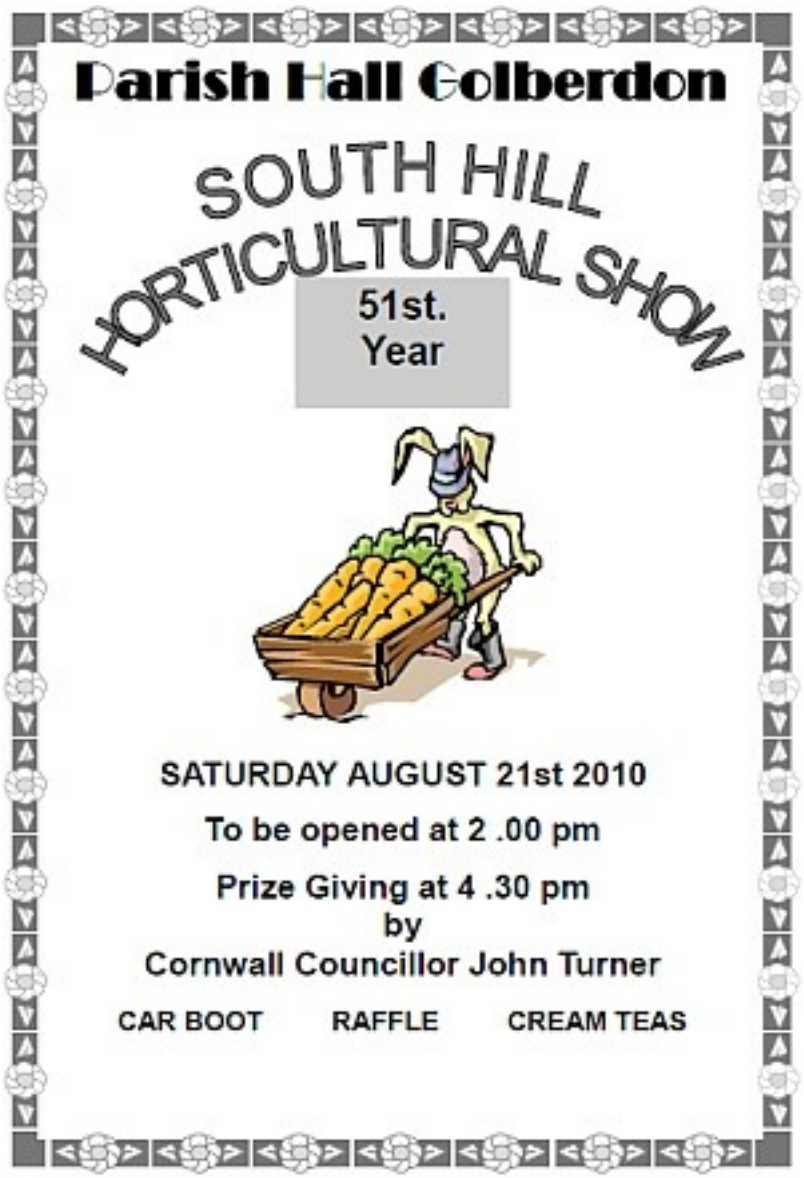
- Commercial use: £50 per session
- Evening party: £30 + £10 setting up or clearing
- Wedding packages £150 (includes Friday
- Saturday and Sunday morning)
- Short bookings: £5 per hour
- If rubbish is not removed, there will be a £
- surcharge
- There are three sessions a day, morning ,afternoon, evening.

For more information contact: **Peta Emmerson on 382841** or **email** hallbooking@south-hill.co.uk

51st South Hill Horticultural Show and Fun Day



Start your preparations early!

Bring on those flowers and vegetables!

Finish those craft projects!

Practice the recipes!

YOU could be a winner on August 21st....

Rules of Entry

Entry fees for all classes are 10p.

Children's classes 94-110, 5p

Entry forms should be sent to the secretary together with all cups won in 2009, not later than Monday 16th August 2010

Entries forms can also be submitted at the Hall on Monday 16th from 6.30-7.30.pm

Recipe—Sultana & Orange Cake

Enter your cake in the Show, class number 70

Ingredients:

4 ozs butter, 6 ozs caster sugar, 8ozs SR flour, 3 eggs, 4ozs sultanas

2 fluid ozs orange juice, 2 tbspns grated orange rind

Method:

Cream butter and caster sugar. Add eggs and rind.

Then gradually add the sifted flour and orange juice. Finally add the sultanas

Bake for 1 hour at 160C, 325F or gas mark 3 in a greased and lined 8" tin

Remove from the oven and allow to stand for 15 minutes before removing from the tin. Put on cake rack to cool

Enjoy!

NOTICES

For full details of what is happening in the parish, please visit www.south-hill.co.uk/events. This is kept as up-to-date as possible.

Events

Weekly Yoga Classes
Monday evenings

5pm in the Parish Hall

Phone Lilian on 389115 to check times and dates

All are welcome

Horticultural Show & Fun Day

Saturday 21st August 2010

Harvest Supper

Saturday 11th September 2010

in the Parish Hall 7.30pm

Entertainment by Chris Andrews

Barn Dance

Saturday 30th October 2010

in the Parish Hall 7.30pm

Music by The Ideal Village Band

Golberdon Play Matters Fund Raising Event

Saturday 18th September 2010

In the Parish Hall 7.30-11.30pm

featuring the "Mets" Band

St Sampson's Church Services

Services are held in St Sampson's Church, South Hill every **Sunday at 11:15am.** All are welcome.

Golberdon Christian Fellowship Meetings

The Fellowship meet in the Parish Hall every **Sunday at 6:00pm.** All are welcome.

Download the latest list of speakers from the South Hill Connection website

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Golberdon Play Matters

We have some very exciting news, that we have funding from Viridar Waste management, at Liskeard. We had a deadline of 19th July and only a few days to complete, due to holidays and other committments . This is a real boost for our parish play area and costs of the ground work will almost be covered by this grant.

However, we will still have to purchase and install the play equipment after the groundworks are complete and we are hoping we will be fortunate in our quest for funding from SITA CORNWALL TRUST

The Fun Day was just that….with good weather and good company and thank you to everyone who helped to raise just over £500

We are planning another fund raising event on Saturday 18th September at the Parish Hall, Golberdon, featuring the "Mets" band (who are kindly donating their services for the evening to Golberdon Play matters) 7.30—11.30pm, tickets to include light supper, will be £5 each for adults and £2.50 for children under 13 yrs. Further details to follow.

Please support your local recreation field regeneration, it's for all of us, whatever age!

From our Cornwall Council Representative

I have just returned from a holiday where we had a good rest and visited family on the Isle of Man so am trying to catch up on all that had happened whilst I have been away.

Government announcements on funding issues seem to have preoccupied the Cabinet and Senior Officers, as well as Members of Cornwall Council. Much has been reported in the national press and there is no doubt that there wil be many changes ahead which will be unpalatable to some but which it seems, will be necessary in order to reduce the burden of the national debt.

At local level it was announced that there will be cuts to many services in order to fund the predicted savings of £13.7 million which will have to be made. However it appears that there will be a reduction of a further £2 million in the government grant to Cornwall council. Using reserves to fund services has been ruled out by the Cabinet on the grounds that they will delay the implementation of cuts and add to the problems to be faced next year.

At the Liskeard Show I was privileged to be present at the launch of the Caradon Hill Area Heritage Project. Congratulations to Pensilva School for jointly winning the first prize in the banner competition. A lot of work on the project over a number of years has gone into this and the funding is now in place to ensure that the story of the mining history of our area is preserved for the future generation, who will inhabit this special area. If you are interested in joining the mailing list, so that you can keep up to date with what is happening you can call the Minions office on 01579 363350 or email: arobinson@cornwall.gov.uk.

I hope you have a really enjoyable August and wish you well for the various events which will be taking place during the summer holidays.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or problems on 01579 362122 and I will do my best to help or advise you.

Cllr John Turner Cornwall Council St. Ive ED

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Callington Heritage Centre

I have recently become involved as a volunteer at Callington Heritage Centre in Liskeard Road and it occurred to me that nthere may be lots of people in South Hill who have never visited it. If you get a chance do call in—it is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday until the end of September 10am—4pm.

The current major exhibition is about Kit Hill including information about early settlers on the hill, wildlife of the hill, mining activities, the putting green and tea shop.

There is also an exhibition to mark the Centenary of the Girl Guides Association.

Apart from the exhibitions, the Centre has a wealth of information about Callington and surrounding parishes both for the recent and not so recent past, such as photographs, newspaper cuttings, maps, old posters, census lists and parish registers. The stewards on duty can help visitors find particular information or you can just ask to browse.

Entry to the centre is free, but donations are welcomed. If you have never been, pay a visit before the centre closes for the winter. If you have been before, call again—I can guarantee you will find something new each time.

Next years main exhibition will be about pubs and alehouses. I am researching South hill and Stoke Climsland for this, so if anyone has any anecdotes or photographs about our lostpubs ot about the temperance movement, I would love to hear from you

Further information is available on the web site: **www.callingtonheritage.org.uk** or contact **enquiry@callingtonheritage**

South Hill's own Local History Group has been a bit dormant for the last few months due to the many other commitments of members, but we will be getting going again in the autumn.

Watch this space or contact me at history@south-hill.co.uk **Miranda Lawrence-Owen**

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Callington Young Farmers Club

Callington Young Farmers club is a charitable organisation for young people from the age of 14 to 27 years.

Over the years large sums of money have been raised to benefit other charities including St John's Ambulance, Dogs for the Blind, Cornwall Air Ambulance and Leukaemia Research. This year's charity is Riding for the Disabled (RDA), based at Stoke Climsland.

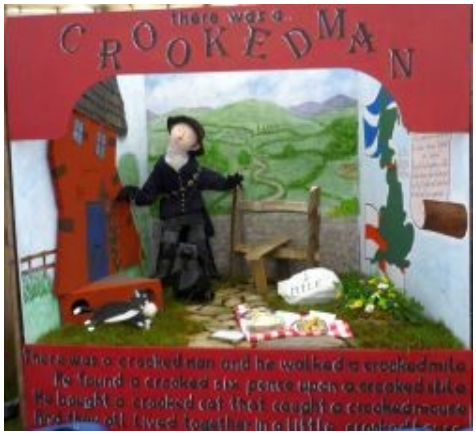
This year started with our annual Christmas party where members dressed to impress with the fancy dress theme as movie stars. The evening progressed with games put on by advisory members.

To start the New Year a clay pigeon shoot was held, for YFC members, friends and family. Despite the cold many turned out and a good day was had by all.

In February, five tractors and trailers full with bags of dung went out into Callington and surrounding areas for our annual dung sale, raising over £1000 for our chosen charity. Two weeks later the annual "mowathon" took place. Members spent the day cutting lawns and again raising a further £300 for the RDA.

June this year was a busy calendar month with the horse show, Royal Cornwall show and our Disco.

The horse show was held at Trewell Farm by kind permission from Mr and Mrs Cuming. The day consisted of various competitions including a dog show. With the attendance of Bob Macready from Pirate FM and his dogs winning a few prizes the event was a great success, raising over £800.



The Young Farmers' cubicle theme at Royal Cornwall Show this year was nursery rhymes, with Callington's being "There was a Crooked Man" (picture to the right). With the club's efforts, hours of preparation and hard work the end result was fourth position out of the 20 clubs in Cornwall. We also entered a poster promoting our club, coming second, and a painting, also second.

To end June, Callington club held a disco at Polhilsa Farm by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Barriball, adding another £800 to the club funds.

July sees Chairman's Challenge where members will cycle to Siblyback Lake and then have an afternoon of raft building and BBQ to finish off. Other events the club has yet to see is the annual Harvest Festival on the 23rd September being held in St. Marys Church, Callington.

Cat Ede

Welcome to Cornwall!

Some folks say that the 'Cornish Welcome' is not always as it should be, but our experience has proved that this was certainly not the case when two years ago, we moved to a quiet spot just outside Golberdon.

Our friends warned us of the perils of living in 'the middle of nowhere', but they didn't take the friendliness and hospitality of the local folks into account. Within two months we had chatted to most of our neighbours and were made to feel totally at home. Sunday brings walkers and horseriders past the house and a cheery 'Hello' from most of them made us feel even more integrated into the community. Friends who have subsequently visited us have certainly changed their minds as they were afforded the same wonderful welcome. We have so many clubs and organisations that no-one needs to feel lonely or isolated here. The only downside is not being able to be in two places at once.

Golberdon Village Hall hosts the Christmas Carol service, which reminds us of Christmases years ago, when the commercial side was not at the forefront.

On a different level, we have seen wildlife that we have never seen before – goldfinches, siskins, slow worms, jays, redwings, wild geese... to name but a few.

The pleasure of sitting in the garden, surrounded by birdsong instead of the noise of cars is priceless.

We never had moles digging up our grass before but maybe that isn't classed as a benefit of country life.

We learned that Ramson flowers taste wonderful when mixed into a salad and we certainly have no shortage of those. Elderflower and Elderberry can easily be made into wine and is another perk of living in the countryside.

The night sky is another thing that we never take for granted. The streetlight outside our previous home made seeing the stars impossible. Even from the garden, where the constellations were visible, the Milky Way never showed its amazing display. The phases of the moon were never apparent and the only downside to that now is getting home in the evening means feeling our way to the front door. Maybe the local bats could teach us a thing or two.

If you are visiting our lovely county with a view to moving here, then we would certainly recommend it. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has made us welcome.

Linda Scott

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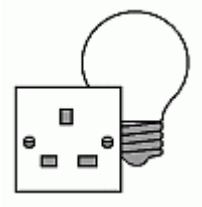

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