

South Hill Connection



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Parish of South Hill, Callington, Cornwall**

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Welcome to the latest edition of the South Hill Connection newsletter



'ALLO 'ALLO ANYONE SEEN OUR POLICEMAN ?

Regular readers will remember the regular column from our own neighbourhood policeman, PC 6127 Julian Collinson. Where has he gone? We haven't heard from him for a long time, and my last message was returned as 'deleted without being read'. Evidently, in the eyes of the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, there is no trouble in Trevigro, mischief in Mornick, or subversion in Lansugle. Does cost cutting mean that the long arm of the law no longer reaches into the dark depths of our rural community?

Perhaps we should not be surprised. Two years ago Stephen Otter, the Chief Constable, told me that he had never heard of South Hill. No doubt we do live in a relatively safe low crime area but we still need to be vigilant, especially at this time of the year. Christmas is definitely not the 'season of goodwill' for the criminal fraternity and Christmas presents make ideal gifts for opportunist thieves. It is also the time when we are tempted to over indulge on alcohol, and to forget that drink driving can have very tragic consequences, not only for ourselves.

Have a very safe and happy Christmas.

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)

South Hill Connection Guestbook

Our online Guest Book is hosted by 123Guestbook.com.

Messages are moderated and do not appear until they have been checked.

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



Make your contribution

Announcements such as births, engagements, weddings, graduations, exam results, driving tests passed, deaths and funerals can be made in this Newsletter. It is up to **YOU** to send in your announcements.

We are also trialling a **Small Ads** section. If you have something you want to sell, please send details to webmaster@south-hill.co.uk. Private ads only, and don't forget to include your contact details.

Your Newsletter needs YOU!

Dear Reader,

Your '**South Hill Connection**' newsletter and website has been going now 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. We welcome any interest from those of you ideas for improving the website and newsletter. If you are interested in joining our committee, you just need an interest in our parish, and a small amount of time available each month. **If you would like to help please give me a call on 362623, or e-mail editor@south-hill.co.uk.**

Editor

Business Advertising

If you would like to advertise your business here and on our **Local Business page**, the cost is a trifling **£15** per year, and helps to cover the costs of hosting this site and occasionally producing printed copies for distribution in the Parish.

If you would like us to publish your Business News regularly in our Newsletter (like the **Caradon Hill Area Heritage Project**), please **contact us** to negotiate a rate.

Calling all amateur photographers...

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South Hill Parish Hall



Parish Hall Committee Report

The most recent meeting of the Committee was on **November 8th 2010**

The next Parish Hall meeting will be held on **Monday 17th January 2011 at 7.30pm**

The Grant application for the installation of a hearing loop in the hall has been sent. The panel sits on 29th November so we hope to hear if we have been successful soon after that.

The compressor in the refrigerator has a small irreparable leak, it has been refilled temporarily and will keep going for a while longer if the refrigerator is turned on for 1 hour each week but we will need a **new refrigerator** at some stage.

Charlie Tyas has completed other **maintenance and repairs** and the committee extended their thanks for his continued hard work in maintaining the hall. At some stage in the Spring we will need another **working party** to bring the interior decoration up to scratch. More details at a later date.

Nick Easton presented a request from the **Play Matters Committee** for them to lay a tarmac path from the Hall Car Park, alongside the hall, to the new play area. As the Parish Hall Car Park is solely for the use of hirers of the hall the committee did not understand the reason for the request and have asked for clarification from the Parish Council. David Brent will provide feedback at our next meeting.

Parish Hall Contacts:

Pat Moren (Chairperson), parishhall@south-hill.co.uk Tel. 363440

Wendy Trewin (Secretary), hallsecretary@south-hill.co.uk Tel.370460

Peta Emmerson (Bookings Secretary), hallbooking@south-hill.co.uk Tel. 382841

Does your club or organisation need somewhere to meet?

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- Regular users: £12 per session
- Other users: £20 per session
- Commercial use: £50 per session
- Evening party: £30 + £10 setting up or clearing up time
- Wedding packages £150 (includes Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning)
- Short bookings: £5 per hour
- If rubbish is not removed, there will be a £5 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

Announcements

Congratulations!

to **KEN TREWIN**,
who will be 90 years young
on Thursday 16th December 2010

Ken has lived at Higher Manaton, South Hill, for most of his life, moving from North Hill parish in the late 1920s. During the war he was a member of the Home Guard, under the leadership of Fred Eggins (Jericho). Ken's life has been centred around farming, from his first purchase of a tractor, much to the disgust of his father, who said it would sink into the ground. He married Nance in 1943, who he met at a farm sale at Bocaddon, Lanreath. Ken did a great deal of contracting, baling and combining for farmers in South Hill and neighbouring parishes. During the 1950s Ken used to supply the local schools with vegetables. Breeding South Devon Cattle was a very important part of his farming life and he enjoyed competing in local shows and bringing home prizes.

Ken has also spent many hours on council business, having been a Parish Councillor for over 62 years, he is a mine of information on local issues and how they have developed over the years. Not content with local politics, Ken was also involved at District and County level in the 1980s, being chairman of the Eastern Division of the County Smallholdings committee.

Since retiring from farming Ken has enjoyed short mat bowling at Coads Green, where he used to play football before the war. His vegetable garden is his pride and joy. He likes to produce top quality vegetables, which he exhibits at local shows, always coming away with a clutch of prizes. Any surplus vegetables he generously gives to neighbours and friends. Whatever he is involved in Ken does with his whole heart.

Ken is very proud of his 2 great grand daughters and is looking forward to the arrival of 2 more great grandchildren in 2011.

We all wish Ken Many Happy Returns!

Small Ads

For Sale: Ford Ka, R reg (1998), 73000 miles. Tax April 2011, MOT Jan 2011. £650. Contact Steve Moir **01579 383202**

Still For Sale: Alto Saxophone, Earlham Professional Series 2. Good condition, suitable for beginner. £250 ono (cost £650 new).

Please contact Sue Skelton on **01579 382397**

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If you wish to place a Free Ad here (private local sale only), or make an Announcement, please send details to webmaster@south-hill.co.uk. Don't forget to include your contact details.

Houseplants and Winter

Through the winter, house plants give us a lot of pleasure, but they do require a little more of our time, to make sure they have the right conditions to thrive in. Houseplants do best when daytime temperatures are between 65 – 70°F and night time temperatures are between 60 – 65°F. Keep plants away from chilly windows and draughts, and do not place them too near radiators or fireplaces. Because plants are not actively growing in the winter, they require less water, and some will need a sunnier window, but do remember, plants get drawn to the light so turn them round now and then.



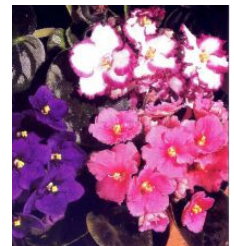
Poinsettias need bright filtered light away from draughts, with a temperature of 55 – 59°F. Only water when the surface of the compost has begun to dry out. **Feed monthly** with a low nitrogen high potassium fertiliser, and mist regularly.

Cyclamens like bright light away from direct sunlight. Water sparingly, over watering will cause wilting. Never let the water get on the stems or crown or this will kill the plant. Its best to let the plant take the water up from a saucer, then throw the surplus away. If the foliage starts yellowing or the flowering period is short it could be the room is too

warm. **Feed every two to three weeks** with a good houseplant fertiliser.

Amaryllis bulbs are potted up and put in a warm place with direct light .The temperature should be 68 – 70°F. Water sparingly till the stem appears, then as the bud and leaves appear increase the water. A very easy plant to grow.

African Violets like to get a bit of sunlight every day, so if you have a window looking out to the east they should be very happy. Its best to water with rain water if you can, and water from a saucer, throwing the surplus away. African Violets do not like extreme heat or cold.



Kalanchoes need warm temperatures 60 – 85°F, so keep the plant where their is plenty of sunlight. They do not need much water has they are quite juicy plants, and they do not normally need fertilizer, but it is good to give them a little after their resting period. The resting period is from spring to autumn. Remember that cacti need very little water, and no fertiliser till the spring.

Azaleas need cool conditions, and regular watering with rain water instead of tap water.

Lastly, I would like to tell you about the Christmas wreaths and the meanings behind them. Wreaths have been used for hundreds and hundreds of years. They are usually hung on the front door, but can be put elsewhere in the house. They are usually decorated with holly and pine cones etc. The circular shape represents **eternity**, for it has no beginning and no end (the circle of life). The evergreen used in making the wreath symbolizes **everlasting life and growth**; the red berries of the holly symbolize **the blood Jesus shed for us**, and the thorns the **crown of thorns** on his head when he was crucified. Today we often tend to forget the true meaning of Christmas, so perhaps when we look at the Christmas wreath this year, we should think about the very special meaning of this day. **I wish you all a very peaceful and happy Christmas.**

Barbara Clemerson

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Callington Space Centre

Based at Callington Community College, the Callington Space Centre is a project aiming to promote interest in astronomy and space science throughout the community.

We offer a number of workshops and courses including GCSE Astronomy. The Space Centre is acknowledged as unique in its approach and was recently short listed for an Arthur Clarke Award in Education.

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Caradon Hill Area Heritage Project



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A Landscape Project For Your Area



Caradon Hill Area Heritage Project Update

Parish Project Groups
We will soon be launching parish based wildlife and historical projects in your community. If you would like to become involved or have an area or topic in mind, which you feel requires exploring, let us know. Training and equipment support can be provided.

Project Partnership Group Youth and Community Representatives Needed
There are opportunities now the Project has reached Stage Two for the election of three new community and two new youth representatives on the Project Partnership Group. If you are interested in joining the group as either a community or youth representative, please contact the Project Team. The next Project Partnership meeting is on Tuesday 2nd November 2010.

Anyone For Teaching?
The Project would like to work with your community and encourage short adult education courses relevant to the local landscape, heritage and culture. Contact us with your ideas or to find out about training as a tutor.

Contact the Project Team:
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NOTICES

For full details of what is happening in the Parish, please visit our [Events](#) page, which is kept as up-to-date as possible...

Whist Drive

Wednesday 2nd December 2010

7:30pm in the Parish Hall

Proceeds in aid of St Sampson's Church.

Playground Meeting Golberdon Play Matters

Wednesday 8th December 2010

7:30 - 9:30pm in the Parish Hall

to discuss what play equipment we need

Carol Supper

Saturday 18th December 2010

7pm in the Parish Hall

Tickets available from members of the Church committee, Sue Hicks, David Brent and co.

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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.

You can download the latest list of speakers from our website on the [Newsletter](#) or [Events](#) pages.

Golberdon Play Matters

On Friday 5th November a Bonfire Night event was organised by the Play committee.



This event was extremely well supported by families and friends in our community, with generous donations of fireworks and **just over £100 raised**.

Thanks in particular to Rick and Tony for their marvellous pyrotechnic expertise, to Philip Coles and Richard Bond for their contributions and lastly but by no means least, to Dennis Hicks for keeping the bonfire burning in the damp conditions. Mulled wine, tea and coffee also helped to keep us warm, and the rain stayed away long enough us to enjoy the evening



Bodyshop Event

Another £45 was raised by this evenings get together, with a big thank you to Jacqui Crow for the super make-overs.

We have held various events in our short time as a committee this year and would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported the regeneration of the play area and especially the support and contribution of the local businesses.

Opportunity to consult on your Play Area

We are now in a position to prepare plans for the proposed equipment and so naturally would like to consult with the parish to know your views on the options available, especially since the Parish Plan showed a supportive view on the initiation of a new play area. The committee have spent many long hours submitting applications and presenting to boards to obtain various grants and we hope you will join us in expressing your ideas.

We are holding a meeting on Wednesday 8th December, 7:30pm - 9:30pm in the Parish Hall and considerations for various equipment could be viewed on websites such as:

www.schoolscapes.co.uk | www.wicksteed.co.uk | www.kompan.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you. Please contact **Pat Matthews 362343** for further information.

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

Callington News

Callington Arts Venue (CAVe) offer the following events during December and January:

"The Selfish Giant"

Sunday 12th December at 2.30pm

A delightful afternoon for all the family, with stunning puppetry from PuppetCraft.

The award-winning

Plymouth Gilbert & Sullivan Company

will present an evening featuring a semi-staged version of "Trial by Jury" and also songs from "The Pirates of Penzance", along with Christmas songs to put you in the mood for the festive season.

Friday 17th December at 7.30pm

"BEAUTY & THE BEAST FROM MARS"

It's Panto time in Callington again!

Thursday 6th January 2011

After last year's sell-out success, Miracle Theatre are back in the CAVe for this year's Christmas treat - FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY.

For further details of these and other CAVe events, visit the [CAVe website](#).

College production 2010...



Tuesday 30th November
to
Friday 3rd December

Doors open 6:15pm

with DJs playing hits
from the 50s

Show starts at 7pm

Tickets on sale now from
Library or Reprographics

£7 (or £3.50 concessions)

Callington Community College will stage **Grease** as their College Production, from Tuesday 30th November to Friday 3rd December at 7pm in the school hall. For further details of this and other news of the College, visit callington.cc

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£5 Happy Hour! Join us for dinner between 6pm and 7pm and choose one of our new £5 specials. Beat the credit crunch with the likes of home-made Burgers, Provencal Veg. & Pasta, Pate & Cheese Ploughman's and Fish Pie (menu changed weekly). Families are very welcome to join us by the cosy wood-burner for supper.

A Big Thank-You! To show our gratitude to our customers for their support, we've launched the Church House Inn loyalty cards:

- Buy 10 pints of beer, lager, cider, or large glasses of house wine and have your next one on us (and no, you don't have to drink them all in one evening!)
- Buy 10 adult bar meals and have the next one on us

Regular Occasions! Great fun is had by all at our charity quiz nights on the last Thursday of every month (October's quiz is being staged by the ladies team "Anyone for Pimms?" and Russ Hanson will be question-master in November).

Join us for a friendly game of Euchre from 8pm on Wednesdays (novices are more than welcome).

Sunday lunches offer great value at £12 for 3 home-cooked courses (bookings only).

Skittles season has started again for our 2 teams the Flyers & the Ramblers, but the skittle alley is also available for private parties for family, friends and work nights out. We cater for all types of buffet to compliment the evening, from £8 per guest.

Christmas is upon us again! We are offering two different evenings with our 3 course Christmas Party menu at just £18 per person, or enjoy a more informal party with a Skittles & Buffet evening for only £12 per guest. Just pop in or give us a call for your copy of our menus.

OPENING HOURS

MONDAY		CLOSED
(Except for Bank Holidays, open Sunday hours)		
TUESDAY - THURSDAY		6 - 11PM
FRIDAY		5.30 - 11PM
SATURDAY	12 - 3PM &	6 - 11PM
SUNDAY	12 - 3PM &	7 - 11PM

We serve food from 12 - 2pm at lunchtimes and from 6 - 9pm evenings.
(The kitchen is closed on the last Thursday of each month for our Quiz Night)

And finally.....on a personal note, Sarah has asked us to say:

"Thank you everybody for all of your support and kindness during my recuperation in Linkinhorne"

Riding For The Disabled

By Jill Scarrott

For many years now, I have helped with the Riding for the Disabled Group (RDA) based at the Duchy College in Stoke Climsland, and before that with the New Yatt Group in Oxfordshire. I am sometimes surprised that so few people know of the group and the work that we do, so I thought I would tell you a bit about it...



The Riding for the Disabled Association is an organisation which was set up in the 1960s by a few far sighted people, with the intention of bringing children and adults with disabilities together with horses, so that they might experience the benefits that horses would bring to their lives. At that time there were only nine groups, but this has now grown to nearly six hundred groups in the UK alone, with further groups across the globe.

The main function of the RDA is to provide the opportunity for disabled people to ride and enjoy horses and ponies, with the advantages that this

brings, such as fun, laughter and achievement as well as independence and confidence. It enables the riders to communicate with their helpers and interaction to develop.

The medical profession recognises that there are significant benefits for the rider. The warmth and movement of the horse is appreciated by even the most unaware rider, and allows stiffened and atrophied limbs to become relaxed and supple, often reducing spasms and improving balance and spatial awareness as well as posture and coordination.

Best of all, riding a pony often allows the rider, especially if they are usually confined to a wheelchair, to have a measure of independence and freedom. A pony's feet will often take them where wheels would never venture, across fields and through woods, places previously inaccessible to them.



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Riding For The Disabled – continued

UK groups are mostly run by volunteers, with qualified instructors in charge of each lesson. The volunteers are the backbone of each group, for without the weekly helpers the RDA would not be able to function. Riders vary enormously in their abilities, and at first may need the assistance of at least three helpers. Most riders are soon able to sit up quite well and are fairly secure in the saddle, but the helpers remain walking alongside to give confidence, to interpret and to help. Riding does offer an element of risk, from which disabled people are often protected, but the presence of the walking helpers minimises any jeopardy which might occur. The old adage "Nothing succeeds like success!" rings very true. **At the Duchy College** where I teach, we have six horses, all chosen for their equable temperaments, and their ability to "switch gear" when ridden by disabled riders. Our riders are of varying abilities, from severe cerebral palsy to autism. To most of them, riding is the highlight of their week, and their enjoyment is very infectious. One group of teenagers was described as "marbles spilt from a jar", as they ran amok, shouting and laughing, but they soon learned that quietness and discipline were required around horses, and now after a couple of years, they are all riding independently with great enjoyment.



The Duchy College group have for some years taken part in the **Regional Dressage Competitions**, often qualifying for the **National Championships** where some of our riders have won rosettes which they proudly wore all the way home! On one such occasion I saw a small girl in a wheelchair brought to the side of the practice ring to see the ponies being warmed up. She was severely disabled, with contracted muscles in both her arms and legs, but she squealed with delight when a pony was brought across to her. To my amazement, she was lifted onto the pony, her stirrups were adjusted, her hands placed on the specially designed reins, and off she cantered to join her friends. It was a wonderful moment - the little bird had been given wings, and the cage door was open!

Horses can give so much to disabled and able-bodied people alike, and so much enjoyment is derived from riding, as well as the physical benefits. I hope that the Riding for the Disabled Association will continue to function and thrive for the enjoyment of many generations to come.

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If anybody would like to come and help at the Group on Wednesday afternoons during term time, we would be delighted to see you. About eighteen riders benefit from this weekly activity, and they too would love to share some time with you. **Please contact the Group Organiser, Dea Price, Tel: 01579 370090** , or find us at www.rdaduchy.org.

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Parish Council Bulletin

The Parish Council would like your suggestions for new trees to plant to replace those recently removed.

The design of the Play Area at Golberdon has required a thorough assessment of the nearby trees. A Tree Officer from Cornwall Council has provided plenty of useful advice. In order to safeguard the very large sweet chestnut tree, the groundworks for the new paths are at least 15 metres from this tree. Additionally, the existing top gate onto the road is to be removed to reduce the foot traffic over this area.

There were two young trees in the Play Area. These had both been damaged at the bases of their trunks. The Tree Officer advised that this damage would affect the long term health and stability of these trees. Replanting with healthy specimens would be the best option.

A pine tree near to the Parish Hall has also been felled. A useful tarmac area is being created outside the french doors to the Hall as part of the Play Area project. The roots of this tree would have been a problem. The needles from this tree are a proper nuisance and had it been blown down against the Hall, it would have caused serious damage. This tree was planted by Dicko Reynolds way before the Hall was built, when there was a Home Guard hut in the field. Therein lies another story.....

Trees are a very visible and valued feature of our Parish. The Parish Council would like to have your suggestions for new trees that you would like to have planted to replace those that have had to be removed.

Is this of interest to you?

Cornwall Council is currently reviewing the way your recycling and waste is collected and would value your views. We produce over 285,206 tonnes of waste each year in Cornwall, and are only recycling 37% of this. Waste that is not recycled or composted is sent to landfill, where it rots and creates gases which add to global warming. This is costing the Council over £19 million per year.

On the Council website is a short survey to tell them your views. The consultation will run from 15 November to the **31 December 2010**. The library has copies if you do not want to complete the survey online. (this item was brought to our attention by Jenny Poole of Trewoodloe)

BT are running a "Race to Infinity". All you do is go to <http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com/>, enter your postcode and follow the instructions. Apparently, the five areas with the largest percentage of votes by December 31st 2010 will win the chance to bring superfast broadband to their area. BT will also donate £5,000 of computer equipment to a local community project.

It has got to be worth a try

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From our Cornwall Council Representative

As you read this, preparations for the Christmas festival will be under way and the increasing excitement of the young people together with the prospect of family reunions will give us all something to look forward to. However let us not forget those who will have nowhere to go or be unable to afford the luxuries with which we indulge ourselves at this time of year. **A small gesture to a lonely neighbour can mean an awful lot.**

We have however a financial crisis on our hands and Cornwall Council are preparing an emergency budget to cope with the shortfall in funding from central government. It is said that a considerable saving amounting to some £5m can be made by applying this measure in January rather than a larger package of cuts in April. I will try to present some of the proposals which it is said will reduce costs but they are not necessarily my views and I will be considering my position and the effect they will have on my constituents before they are brought to Council. Some of these may be revised but will still result in a further **£10m of cuts to our services.**

Whilst **Health and Adult Social Care** has been protected to some degree the effects will even be felt there. **Road maintenance, Libraries, Leisure Centres** and many other departments will be affected. However we do not yet know what the government settlement will be and it could be argued that we should wait and see what Cornwall will receive for 2011/12. I feel sure that there will be a highly charged debate at Council on 30th November and remember that all Council meetings are webcast to enable anyone to follow the proceedings. *[webcasts can be accessed from the [Cornwall Council website home page](#)]*

It seems that the **car parking charges** will increase to 50p for the first hour in the market towns and this is something that disappoints me as we are already seeing a decline in the number of traders operating in Liskeard. Many councillors in SE Cornwall have argued against this but even the staged increase has been set aside in favour of a straight increase in 2011.

You may have noticed that a lot of trees have been cut down along the Glynn Valley going towards Bodmin. This is due to a fungus called 'Phytophthora ramorum' otherwise known as 'sudden oak death'. You may recall that it was reported as having been found in rhododendrons and camellias. Many of these were cut down to try and eradicate the problem but in 2009 it was found to have spread to other species and is now rampant among the Japanese larches and is spreading to other western areas of England and Wales at an alarming rate. It has started to affect beeches, other conifers, viburnum and ground plants such as blueberries.

Oaks have so far been immune because the English oak has a far thicker bark than the American one from which the name was given. Given the speed at which this is happening however there is a real worry about our woodlands and what other species might be affected. There is concern that the timber producing larch will be eradicated totally in the west of the UK and the Republic of Ireland. The [Forestry Commission website](#) is a good source of information.

Leaving these rather gloomy issues, can I wish you all **a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** which I really hope will deliver some better news for all of us especially on the economic front.

Remember I am available on 01579 362122 and you can call me or leave a message at any time.

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Once upon a time.... every village had its own Post Office, Shop, Dairy, Butcher, Baker... and candlestick maker

Not anymore.

But that doesn't mean having to travel miles to and from the nearest town to shop at the nearest supermarket or paying through the nose for fuel and transport for the pleasure of living in the countryside.

Not anymore.

Roy Barnett of Lydford has set up **Virtual Village Shop** with five main aims:

- To cut the cost of Heating Fuels like Oil, LPG and solid fuel
- To provide high quality, naturally produced, seasonal food delivered to your village
- To provide it at less than retail price
- To source it from within a 30 mile radius where possible to reduce food miles
- To encourage local producers of food and food products

Lydford Buying Group has grown from its original concept of simply providing cheap heating oil to residents of Lydford, into an alternative way of buying all your food and fuel needs. Other communities have already shown an interest in having a similar service - from Brentor, Mary & Peter Tavy and Bridestowe to as far as Northlew which has recently witnessed the closing of its only shop and Post Office.

As an example, the Virtual Village Shop advertised price for **heating oil** is currently **40.49p per litre (+5% VAT)**. Prices vary daily.

Vegetable boxes are advertised as follows:

The Small Box (a shopping bag full of about 6 different vegetables) is only **£5.50** for two/three people
The Medium Box is only **£6.50** with about 8 vegetables for four or more people
The Large Box at **£8.50** has about 9 different varieties and is sufficient for a large family (or a family of vegetarians or a family with very healthy appetites).

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Christmas is coming!



The geese are getting fat...



Kate at Trevigro has been reminiscing about last year.

Are we in for another arctic winter in 2010-2011???

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year.
Glad tidings we bring
To you and your kin;
Glad tidings for Christmas
And a happy New Year!

Try our simple Christmas
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There are 11 words to find:

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MERRY
YEAR : CHRISTMAS : HAPPY : KIN
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