

# **South Hill Connection**



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## EDITORIAL

### Welcome to the latest edition of the South Hill Connection newsletter



#### Ring out the old; ring in the new...

This is the last issue of the 'Connection' for 2011, so we wish all of our readers, wherever you may be, a very happy and safe Christmas, from all of us. Despite all the doom and gloom in the national press about the world economic situation, this has not been such a bad year in South Hill. We have a superb new play area for children at the back of the parish hall, and the weather is still mild for the time of year. The weather men say we are not going to get a white Christmas, but all the usual seasonal activities will be taking place here, and we hope you will come and join in the fun. There is even a new event taking place this year at St Sampson's church, 'Carols by Candlelight' on the Tuesday before Christmas.

Next year is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and the parish hall committee are asking for your ideas as to how South Hill would like to celebrate it. Do give it some thought and let Nick Easton, or us, know what you would like. Together we can make 2012 a year to remember.

**Geoff Clemerson**

**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](mailto:editor@south-hill.co.uk) or telephone 362623)**

## Letter to the Editor

I've been reflecting on the value of good neighbours.

Lately, we've had car trouble. You know what it's like.... unexpected and unplanned breakdown, resulting in suddenly being without transport when you need to get to work and all those other places.

Well this was me a fortnight ago and I had to put out a call for help.

Within a day, my difficulties were sorted through the support of my wonderful neighbours.

Through them I had a car to borrow for local journeys and lifts to and from Plymouth for work.

These dear people have no idea how much stress they took out of our situation. 10 days without a car is a long time but kindness can minimise the impact.

Despite this being the age of all things digital, round here we know that it's still relationships and friendships that really make life easier and more meaningful. So here's to our neighbourhood – it's great!!

Clare Cornell

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## How many of our readers use Facebook?

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## Make your contribution

Our Newsletter is produced bi-monthly in:

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If you have any items of interest for future newsletters, please send them along. The usual deadline is 10 days prior to publication, so get your thinking caps on! This is the December 2011 issue - the next one should come out at the beginning of February 2012.

We would welcome any **short stories, news about Parish life, poems, photos or drawings**. Also, you can **advertise** anything you have for sale or to give away, in our Small Ads section, or **give someone special a mention** in our **Announcements** section.

If you know of any **events taking place locally** in the coming months, let us know. We'll put them in the Newsletter and on our **Events page** on the website. And finally, **if you have something to get off your chest**, you can write a **Letter To The Editor!**

Just email [webmaster@south-hill.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@south-hill.co.uk), or contact Geoff Clemerson or Sue Skelton. **Thank you** for all your past and future contributions.

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## Calling all amateur photographers...

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## South Hill Parish Hall



We now see the start of a new pricing structure for hiring the village hall

**£12.00 per session for every hirer**  
**£36.00 per day for all events**

It is our aim to trial the new price for a year to see if we can increase the usage of the hall, We have two new weekly clubs meeting - one offering Kung Fu and the other soft play both meeting on a Tuesday, evening and morning respectively, all welcome.

As I write this article we are about to hold the Barn Dance entertained by the Ideal Village Band with over sixty in attendance.

In the New Year we are looking to put on some exciting events; cheese and wine evening, quiz nights, band nights, to a name but a few. We would also welcome ideas for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, from catering to events. Please contact Liz Moir on 383202 to take advantage of the new booking rates, or myself on 384770 to discuss ideas for future events.

**Nick Easton - Chair Village Hall Committee**

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## Small Ads

2 seater sofa and chair including footstool - bought from Julian Foye in lovely condition - please phone 01579 383010

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## Announcements

We are sorry to announce the recent death of David John Moren of South Hill. All our sympathies are with Dave's family at this sad time.

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## The Land Of Our Ancestors



**For two wonderful weeks in September**, my cousin and I and our husbands had the privilege of visiting the eastern part of Cornwall, the land of our ancestors. A little over 100 years ago, our grandparents left Pensilva and **traveled to America** in search of work, and were never able to return. It has been a dream for us to visit the places they called "home", and we were not disappointed! We stayed at a wonderful bed and breakfast in West Taphouse, using that as a base as we enjoyed being both tourists and genealogists. Each day took us to a new destination as we visited churchyard cemeteries, spoke with local people, enjoyed fantastic scenery, and took almost 2000 pictures (each of us!).

*Pictured on the left: David Skelton with his cousins Naomi and Bev, at Egypt*

It was especially meaningful to meet our second cousin David Skelton and his wife Sue for the first time, walk around their farm, and see the house at the end of Egypt Lane where our GGG Grandmother lived in the early 1800's. We enjoyed a wonderful meal together at the Royal Inn in Horsebridge, and were sad to leave them! We also enjoyed visiting with another cousin, Yvonne Gilbert of Pensilva. She gave us a memorable tour of much of the area, including Launceston, Trecarrel Manor, Callington, Railway Village, and the Pensilva Cemetery, where we took pictures of our group at our Great Grandparents' grave site.

**We are very proud of our Cornish heritage**, and although we were not surprised, we were pleased to experience the warmth and friendliness of the Cornish people. We felt at home immediately, almost like we had been in Cornwall before. We have a better understanding of how our family lived and the environment that made them who they were. We are happy to know and love this line of our family. We would also be very interested in hearing from anyone who is part of our **Inch family** line. In addition, my grandfather was a **Vincent**, born at Railway Village and lived around Pensilva. This has been a difficult part of my family to research, and I would love to hear from anyone who is part of, or familiar with, this family. I may be contacted at [bevfill@centurytel.net](mailto:bevfill@centurytel.net).

**Beverly Vincent Dillon  
Kalispell, Montana USA**

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## Orchids As House Plants



Orchids are one of the top house plants to be grown. They are good value for money, flowering for up to two or three months of the year. They tolerate neglect, and even central heating. In fact, they are so hardy that my mother, who has managed to kill most house plants off, has four or five Moth Orchids, which she has kept for the past three years, and they still flower really well!

They like indirect sunlight, but in the winter you need to move them to a brighter spot. Stand the pots on a layer of wet pebbles, and water if the compost looks dry, or the roots look silvery. I stand my orchids in a shallow dish with a little water in, so it drinks from the bottom, just for a minute or so . You mustn't leave the plants standing in water permanently.

Feed them with orchid fertiliser, and follow the directions carefully. Over feeding reduces flowering.

When the last flowers fade, cut off the stem below the node of the lowest flower or branchlet, about an inch above the next node down.

Move your orchid to a cooler spot for three weeks in autumn, to promote flowering. Repot your orchids every two years after they have flowered . This usually means that you have to tease the old compost out of the roots and cut off any old dead roots; then replace with fresh orchid compost.

**Barbara Clemerson**

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## Coming Home



My parents and 4 year old brother David moved from Tre-woodloe Farm House to Lower Ford just in time for me to be born in 1960.

As a young girl I loved the farm life and was always outdoors, helping Dad bring in the cows for milking, feeding the calves, picking up hens eggs, throwing scraps to the pigs ( I wasn't keen on the pigs - they were huge and could knock me over), or I was riding my ponies. Everyday was fun and exciting and unpredictable, you never knew what surprises a day would bring even if it was just retrieving stock that had broken out

and gone walkabout, or a new born lamb.

Harvest time was always extra busy and boys from the village gladly pitched in to pick up bales. Everything was so labour intensive - it was hard work but we all had a lot of fun together. When the bales were stacked we'd all sit in the field and have a cup of strong tea and a pasty, our dogs waiting for any crusts offered or that they could steal. Then it was onto the next field or to a neighboring farmer until it was dark. I can feel the bale strings cutting into my fingers now, and scratches from the straw stubble.

Returning now reminds me of so many stories....

I lived at Lower Ford for 23 years until I married Mike at Golberdon chapel in 1983 and we moved to Hampshire.

For the past 14 years we have lived in Florida USA - half our married life - yes time flies. We introduced our American friends to bonfire night before we left last month (left). And now we've introduced our English friends to Thanksgiving!

Now we are back, living in Green Meadows, which my parents built in 1989. We have had heating oil and logs delivered so are preparing for the severe temperature change. When we left Florida the weather was beautiful and sunny (27 C), everyday was T shirts and shorts attire.

We are looking forward to the next exciting chapter in our new home here. Watch this space!

**Alison Humphreys ( nee Skelton)**

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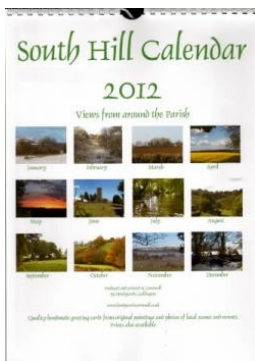
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# NOTICES

## Events

### Saturday 10th December 2011

East Cornwall Bach Choir  
presents  
A Cornish Christmas

**7.30 pm at St Petroc's Church, Bodmin**

East Cornwall Bach Choir's Christmas concert this year offers an atmospheric collection of music with a definite Cornish flavour, and takes place in a magical setting - the ancient church of St Petroc, amid the annual festival of Christmas trees.

Benjamin Britten's tuneful and spine-tingling Ceremony of Carols (1942) opens the programme, followed by a varied group of Christmas hymns and carols to Cornish tunes (some for the audience to join in with).

The second half of the concert is devoted to Cornish composer Paul Drayton's setting of *The Lady of Shalott*, telling the story of the doomed lady of Arthurian legend who leaves her lonely chamber, her tapestry and her mirror to seek fulfilment in real life – too late!

Full details may be downloaded here...

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### Saturday 17th December 2011

Carols and Supper  
Parish Hall Golberdon

Tickets available from Susan (362223) or David (362312). Book early to avoid disappointment!

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### Tuesday 20th December 2011

Carols By Candlelight

**6 pm at St Sampson's Church, South Hill**

What better way to start your Christmas celebrations than to come and join in a light hearted and joyous celebration in the amazing atmosphere of this beautiful medieval church, lit by candlelight. A selection of favourite traditional carols, some Christmas poetry and prose, with a couple of short familiar gospel passages, but no sermons or preaching.

Even if you never go to church, there is something really enjoyable about singing the old familiar carols, by candlelight, in the place where the people of this district have gathered at Christmas for over a thousand years. **Probably the only event you will go to this Christmas which is free. Don't miss it !**



## St Sampson's Church Services



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

### Christmas Events and Services 2011

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#### Tuesday 20st December

Carols by Candlelight, St Sampson's, 6.00pm

**Christmas Day Family Communion at 11.15 am**

**DO JOIN US FOR ANY OF THESE EVENTS**

**Advance booking required for Carols & Supper evening on 17th December**

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### Golberdon Christian Fellowship Meetings

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

#### December 2011

Sunday	4th	Mr Michael Stearns
Sunday	11th	Rev Keith Smith
Sunday	18th	NO SERVICE
Sunday	25th	NO SERVICE



#### GARRY MIDDLETON-BATTS

**completed the Eden Project Marathon in 4.58 hours and would like to thank everyone in the parish for all their support and encouragement.**

He now needs to collect all the pledge money for Shelterbox and has at present raised nearly £400!

## Golberdon Play Matters - Update

The regeneration of the children's play area is now almost complete!



We began earnestly fundraising in April 2010 and now in October 2011, it is all in place and actively being played upon! The final pieces and fence have been installed and we are now preparing to plant some shrubs to complete the project. In the past, there were times when no one visited the park, no child played on the swings and the voices and laughter simply failed to waft over the washing line in my garden. Now, we have about 5 visits a day from young people and families and this increases when the weather is good. It is a real joy to see young families hav-

ing somewhere to visit as well as seeing the teenagers off the roads and using the whole space in which to develop their skills. There are a wide range of activities for children of all ages that will stimulate the growing mind, develop imagination and encourage active play.

In the summer, we held a Teddy Bear's Picnic in an effort to promote the park for the beginning of the summer break. A large number of children from the area came with teddies and parents! With the excitement of the 'most loved teddy' and 'best dressed teddy' competitions and a park wide treasure hunt, the day was busy and fast paced. Everyone enjoyed the teddybear piñata, made by Holly, which graced my kitchen, whilst in construction, for a few weeks. It was amazing how fast it gave up the sweets!

In another fundraising push, we were lucky enough to have a band offer to play for us for free! Most of us had not fully appreciated the talents of our local postman, Jonny Mac(intyre), and his band, The Posties. They were incredible and we were very grateful to them for headlining our event; they sang and played to a good crowd straight after the Horticultural Show late into the night. Much dancing and fun was had by all. The GPM team had a long day but it was really worth it as we raised over £250 towards the cost of the last few pieces of play equipment.

Our next fun initiative was Bonfire Night in partnership with the Village Hall Committee. See below...

Throughout the regeneration project, we have worked hard to reinvest in our local community and every aspect of the project has been completed by businesses operating in Cornwall, most are located near to or in the South Hill area. We are very grateful to our main donors, The Sita Trust and Viridor who gave the vast majority to the scheme. A new sign will be erected in the play area celebrating the work of all supporters. It just goes to show, that with a bit of determination, some coordinated action, handfuls of willing people and a tiny bit of expert guidance that we can do great things.

## Bonfire Night Celebrations in The Park

November the 4th was obviously the night to socialise as we had a brilliant turn out for our community bonfire event! Throngs of adults and children came to watch the many wonderful fireworks that had been donated by the display experts themselves and people in the local community. It was a fabulous display which lasted over half an hour. The finale was beautifully executed with a series of synchronised arcs of colour in the sky. You had to be there to believe it. Thank you so much to Rick Cornell and Tony Studden for taking the time and trouble to make such an incredible display for us all to enjoy.



As everyone waited for the bonfire to finally get going (and some had left before it really did!!) we made good use of the new patio area outside the hall to enjoy mulled wine and tasty bonfire fare while we enjoyed the perfectly aimed firework display above our heads. Dave and Debbie certainly were the 'hosts with the most' and the quality of the cooking was 'par excellence'! Nick, Steve and Liz served hot drinks, alcoholic and the other variety, which really hit the spot on a Friday evening. A big thank you to all them.

The fire itself was graced by a wonderful Guy who did a good effort of getting the rather wet and green pile started and after several valiant attempts by the fabulous bonfire crew, it was coaxed into providing a very welcome source of light and heat! Huge thanks to David Skelton who oversaw the building of the bonfire and was spotted early the next morning, clearing up the unburned bits.

Most of us commented on how these events are bringing our community together and how good that is during the difficult times most of us are facing with the economy etc... (Won't go on and depress us all). It was great to see so many young people and folks from around the area coming to join in. With the upgraded facilities, both indoors and outdoors, on offer, it was a great chance to show everyone just how good they were. The children were enjoying the park, even in total darkness, with Chris Moss monitoring the young ones hanging onto every part of the new tractor! The play area path making it much easier to get to and from the hall for people living 'down the hill'. What a great night - let's have some more!

**Andrea Hemmens, Chair of GPM.**

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## From our Cornwall Council Representative

**November 2011** - I don't know if, like me, you do not welcome the dark nights which are now with us. It is a time of year when many people become lonely and depressed especially those who are unable to get out and meet with others. With ever rising heating bills we all need to keep an eye on our neighbours to ensure that they are safe, warm and secure. It is reassuring that the spirit of neighbourliness lives on in our local communities.

This leads me on to the issue of **animals on the moor** that wander onto the roads. At this time of year they are particularly vulnerable in dark and misty conditions. A horse ran out in front of me only a couple of weeks ago and fortunately I was able to brake but speed is a real problem. I am frequently asked when the **40 mph restriction** is coming in but it will be some time before the necessary legislation can be put in place so is likely to be a few months before it happens. Please rest assured that Councillors are keeping up the pressure.

On the subject of the moorland areas **vehicles may not be driven off the road** and the Police have recently issued a warning notice to a rider who was riding his motorcycle off road. Please be advised that this is not only an offence but it also disturbs the animals and wildlife which inhabit the area.

Thank you to all those who responded to my request for evidence of **post going astray** or being delayed for long periods. The problem is clearly quite widespread and I intend to pursue this as a lot of people are losing faith in the service. Any further information would be most welcome.

**The Council Budget** for next year is currently being considered and series of briefings will be taking place this month. The indication is that a further **£50 million will have to be trimmed** from the current spending to balance the books. Most of the debate will be about where the cuts are to fall rather than the amount of savings which need to be made. There are differences of opinion between the groups and I am particularly concerned if any major cuts are considered in the services we provide to elderly and vulnerable people.

**The Council housing** in our parishes which was owned and managed by the Council is being transferred to an Arms Length Management Organisation which will mean that a not for profit company will in future look after the properties on behalf of the Council. Residents should see little difference in the services they receive and the stock from Penwith, North Cornwall and Caradon will come under one umbrella.

**December 2011** - It has been a busy time at Cornwall Council and there are a number of issues I would like to share.

Following evaluation of the tenders for **waste collection** from 1st April 2012 the contract has been awarded to Cory Environmental Ltd. so you will see some changes next year but the service should remain at the high standard you have enjoyed. For a long time the in house team developed at Caradon have served us well and I am sorry that their bid fell just a little short of winning one.

On the same subject the future of the **incinerator project** seems no nearer a conclusion and the possibility of the legal process carrying on for some time is a real prospect. It is costing the Council some £1m every year and I have seconded a Motion to Council calling on the Cabinet to start work on a 'Plan B'. Whilst the current contract does not allow such a plan to be adopted it seems sensible to me to start some preparatory work exploring new technology so that further time is not lost in the event that it is not possible to construct the incinerator at the proposed location.

**Continued overleaf...**

The proposal to close many **public toilets** which is being considered has not been well received in many places across Cornwall and the potential withdrawal of funding for Minions is quite alarming. There are no realistic alternatives and during a recent weekend people were queuing to use them. School parties are also frequent users. Having invested some £3 million in preserving the mining heritage area it is quite breathtaking that the toilets are threatened for an annual saving of £6,000. Do we want to promote our tourist industry or not is a question which needs to be resolved.

The government is considering changes to the licensing **legislation** to do away with some of the more obscure requirements such as the need for anyone giving a Punch & Judy Show having to apply but they are also considering much more radical changes which will remove the ability of Licensing Officers to regulate and monitor noise issues which could have some serious consequences where 'night life' occurs.

You will no doubt have heard about the government concerns over the delays in the **adoption of children**. It is a long intrusive process and not helped by the judicial system where a lot of the delay occurs. However I am glad to say that Cornwall was rated 13th in the country which was a very encouraging outcome.

I do hope you have an enjoyable Christmas and if you are travelling a safe journey.

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

Cllr. John Turner  
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johnturner@cornwall.gov.uk

## Callington Heritage Centre Appeal For Help

Next year is HM The Queen's 60th Anniversary of her Accession to the throne. Our display next season will recall that momentous year - 1952. So ...

**Where were YOU in '52? - And what did you DO in '52?**

It doesn't matter if you were not in Callington then - the 'Heritage' of a place is not just about buildings and land, but of its people, their skills, and experiences

**So you CAN help! HOW?**

**Your reminiscences** about your:

**Home**

your **work**

**Schooldays**

what your **family**, parents and grandparents, were doing

What did you **wear**?

What was your **home** like?

What did you **eat**?

**Any objects** from that year you could loan - **small things** (we can't take your treasured vintage car!)

**It was not long after the Second World War in a time known as "Austerity" so life was much harder and less pleasant for most people.**

**Miranda Lawrance-Owen**

## Christmas Recipe

### Chocolate Mousse Pots

Makes 8 individual pots.

- 3 eggs separated
- 6oz plain chocolate
- rind of 1 small orange finely grated.
- 2 - 3tbsp of orange liqueur.
- 8fl oz double cream.
- chocolate orange match sticks.
- orange rind spirals and whipped cream.

Melt chocolate in a bowl over a hot pan of water. Remove from heat and stir in orange rind, egg yolks and liqueur. Stir well and leave to cool.

Whip the double cream until thick. Whisk the eggs whites until stiff.

Fold cream and eggs whites into the chocolate mixture.

Pour into 8 individual pots and chill.

Serve each topped with a spoonful of cream and orange rind spirals and chocolate sticks.

Enjoy!



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a Very Merry Christmas  
and  
a Happy and Prosperous New Year**