

# South Hill Connection

## Newsletter Issue 4, April 2008

### Feedback

**This month** we have continued to receive many favourable comments on our website and newsletter.

However, no suggestions for improvements have been made. Does this mean we've got it exactly right? Is this the perfect newsletter? Has nobody noticed how the same contributors keep cropping up time after time?

**If anyone is interested in making a contribution, or if you have suggestions to make, please place them in a plain brown envelope... or better still, email Geoff (editor@south-hill.co.uk or telephone 363623)**

Thank you

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### South Hill History Group

**The most recent meeting** of the South Hill Local History Group, on 10th April, took the form of a talk and discussion led by **Dr Garry Tregidga, Assistant Director of the University of Exeter Institute Of Cornish Studies**. Garry talked briefly about the **Cornish Audio Visual Archive (CAVA)**, a project for the study and documentation of the oral and visual culture of Cornwall, and then discussed with us the various issues we will need to consider in order to carry out our proposed project of collecting local memories of life in South Hill. Garry brought along some examples of his own recordings which immediately sparked recollection and discussion among our group (who remembers harvest picnic lunches and lemonade made from crystals?) and inspired us to get started on our own project.

### EDITORIAL

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

**It was good to see** that, despite the doom and gloom prophesies in the last issue, a good number of volunteers turned up to the first of the village hall cleaning and decorating parties, and anyone who has been in the hall since must have noticed the difference they have made. Judging from some of the reports in the press about village halls in Devon, it seems that we are not alone in facing an impending crisis. Tighter regulations and dwindling grant income mean that those responsible for running village halls will have to become much more 'hard nosed', and have a sound business strategy, including serious consideration of what additional services could be provided to the local community in the existing building. Does anyone have any ideas to suggest ?

Despite all the snow and ice, the calendar tells us that Spring has arrived and Summer is only round the corner. Yes, the sun will shine, and we shall probably complain about the heat. Maybe even the roadworks where South Hill Road joins the Launceston Road will be completed ! The big event for all of us here has to be the South Hill Horticultural Show, which this year is again being combined with a fun day for all. Saturday the 16th August is the day, and we are hoping to include an online entry form in our next issue. Make sure you don't miss it !

**Geoff (editor@south-hill.co.uk or telephone 363623)**

### Recycling & Litter News

**Since the last Newsletter** we have attended a seminar organised by the recently formed Cornwall County Council Waste Awareness Team. You may have come across members of this team in your local supermarket or school where they have been using seven key messages to encourage us all to reduce waste and recycle.

The launch of the new team coincides with the launch of a new campaign to reduce food waste called **"Love Food, Hate Waste"**. The campaign encourages everyone to shop carefully, only buy what is needed and use up leftovers to make new meals.

Preventing waste not only helps the environment but it can also save you money. **On average every household throws away £400 per year of food that has spoiled before it could be eaten.**

When food waste goes to landfill it produces methane (a powerful greenhouse gas). If we stop wasting food which could be eaten, it will have the same impact on carbon emissions as taking 1 in 5 cars off UK roads.

**The Waste Awareness Team's seven key messages to reduce waste are:**

- 1. Shop smart**, plan your shopping to reduce food waste and packaging, take a re-usable shopping bag and only buy what you really need.
- 2. Recycle** furniture, books, clothes etc, via charity shops, re-use centres, Freecycle, local community groups, local ads and car boot sales.
- 3. Reduce garden waste** by home composting, leaving grass cuttings on the lawn and choosing low maintenance plants.

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### South Hill History Group (continued)

We are especially, but not exclusively, interested in memories of life in South Hill between the 1930s and 1960s, particularly during the war, so that we can record and preserve real history such as this for future generations.

**Initially we propose** to organise a **coffee morning** type event to get people together, with photographs and a few artefacts on display, (such as the lemonade crystal bottles), so that we can begin to get the memories flowing. Please dig out any photographs you think might be of interest and watch the website and notice boards for announcements.

Anyone who would like more information about the group or who has memories to share can contact **Miranda on 382863 or email for details.**

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### Mystery Picture



#### Not so big a mystery this time!

This is what the South Hill WI were getting up to 25 years ago.

It's difficult to tell from the photo who all these characters are (Is it Bill or is it Ben??). Please write if you remember the event, and let us know who's who. If you remember it well, we could print a couple of paragraphs about it in the next Newsletter.

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**Last month...** we printed a picture of an alarming item of clothing from the 1870s.

Did anyone guess that it is a bustle - a type of framework used to expand the fullness or support the drapery of the back of a woman's dress. Bustles were worn under the skirt in the back, just below the waist, to keep the skirt from dragging, and prevent a woman's petticoated or crinolined skirt from losing its shape during everyday wear.



**The next edition of the Newsletter is scheduled for June, flaming June. We are SO looking forward to the Summer!**

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### NOTICES

**Cleaning & Decorating Party -  
Parish Hall, Saturday 19th April  
2008**

Volunteers are invited to join in the fun, cleaning, painting and gardening at the Parish Hall. Spare an hour or two, or join in for the whole day!

Contact Pat Moren for more details or to volunteer your services

**9am to 3pm at the Parish Hall,  
Golberdon**

Come and join us - the more the merrier!

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### Recycling News (continued)

**4. Reduce junk** mail by contacting the **Mailing Preference Service: 0845 7034599**

[www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk) and writing to your banking/service providers if you only wish to receive information related to your accounts.

**5. Use washable nappies.**

Nappy disposal costs the Cornish taxpayers about £300,000 per year.

**6. Recycle everything you can.**

**7. As well as not dropping litter,** why not take a bag with you and collect any litter when you're out for a walk. It costs £5 million pounds per year to keep Cornwall clean.

**The Waste Awareness Team** are available to visit schools, community groups and local events.

For further information please visit [www.recycleforcornwall.org.uk](http://www.recycleforcornwall.org.uk) or phone **Caradon on 01579 341000** or email [publicservices@caradon.gov.uk](mailto:publicservices@caradon.gov.uk)

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### Rural Matters Colin Breed M.P.

**My wife tells me** I am one of those infuriating people who monopolise the television remote control and "zap" through the channels on a regular basis. Of course I am not aware of it and she is a very forgiving person but I have sometimes come across programmes variously titled "Escape to the Country" or "home in the country" which seem to give a somewhat **rosy picture of rural living**. Apart from the mild annoyance that people can sell a three bed mid terrace in London and "escape" to a mansion in 10 acres in the country, I am slightly bemused at what the urban dwellers expect to do and how they intend to live in such totally different surroundings. The presenters merely want to act as some sort of super estate agent

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## South Hill Womens' Institute

The members of South Hill WI had a very enjoyable meeting at the beginning of April when Brenda Hooten visited us again, this time to give an illustrated talk entitled "Around the World in 40 Minutes". It was certainly not a case of "looking at her holiday photos" but gave us all an insight into life in the different countries she has lived in with her husband during his career.

Since retiring to Cornwall Brenda has given over 120 talks to local organisations, raising almost £3,000 for Children's Hospice South West.

Our 18 members who meet each month in the Parish Hall are just a small cog in the National Federation of Womens Institutes, which is the largest national voluntary organisation for women in the UK, with over 205,000 members who belong to some 6,700 WIs. It is very encouraging to learn that 70 new WIs have been formed during the last year, with many younger women joining who like the campaigning side of the WI and the fact that we take up issues that are meaningful and that as an organisation have a very influential voice.

One of our members will be attending the National Federation AGM in Liverpool in June – remember when Tony Blair attended an AGM a few years ago! She will record our vote on the resolutions being put forward this year asking HM Government to urge the EU to ban bottom trawling which causes catastrophic loss of marine life. The second resolution concerns the inappropriate imprisonment of the severely mentally ill.

**Date for your diary** The members of South Hill WI are holding a SAFARI SUPPER on SATURDAY 28th JUNE – three courses followed by coffee/tea will be served at different locations in the Parish and the tickets will cost £10 per person. A donation from this fund-raising event will be sent to the **Ellie's Haven appeal**.

## Lions Club Spring Walk Saturday 3rd May 2008

Callington Lions are organising their annual Spring Walk in our beautiful Parish.

### "RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR OWN FUNDS"

you can get sponsorship to raise money for any bona fide non-profit making organisation, or walk for Callington Lions, who will use the money in our local area.

Walk one, five or ten miles, starting at the Parish Hall at 10:30am. Entry fee payable at the Parish Hall: £1.50 per adult, 50p for under 16s.

Go to our **Events** page for more details and to download sponsor forms etc. or contact Lion **Graham Body on 01579 350332**

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## Parish Hall AGM - Tuesday 27th May 2008

7:30pm at the Parish Hall,  
Golberdon

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## Auction of Promises - Saturday 31st May 2008

Raising funds to pay for improvements to the Parish Hall, including fire doors, new guttering and fascia boards.

7pm at the Parish Hall, Golberdon

To promise goods or services, or to donate an item for auction, please contact **Pat Moren on 01579 363440** or email: parishhall@south-hill.co.uk

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## Rural Matters (continued)

gleefully moving from room to room extolling the virtues of large bedrooms and country kitchens and beautiful views.

I just wonder if any actually go through with it and how they fared. As I live partly in London and weekends in Cornwall I have a good grasp of the fundamentals and over the last few years the gap between rural and urban living has significantly increased. This is mainly demonstrated by the provision of public services funded by taxes, but also includes those services which have undergone privatisation. The first most obviously is public transport now provided by commercial train and bus companies. Just how do city dwellers come to terms with travelling by bus? In London they are frequent, clean and reasonably priced. Bus stops have electronic displays advising how many minutes until your service will arrive. In the country you can wait for a very long time and give up because it has been cancelled. Frequency is rather dependent on where you live and as for cost, well relative to average earnings it is very expensive. Trains are rather similar except that not many rural folk live within walking distance of a station or a convenient bus.

Turning now to health services, abundance and access in our cities is clear, new hospitals, clinics and health centres spring up, teaching and research establishments, specialist consultants etc, but in the heart of the country our GP's are somewhat fewer, hospital visits can mean a day trip and out of hours cover sparse. I don't want to labour the point but it has become increasingly clear that the current Government has devoted much time, attention and resources to the majority of people who live in large towns and cities at the expense of the much smaller populations who live in the country. It also affects people's views. With more and more children having less knowledge of food production and their parents having a rather "chocolate box" image of the countryside which

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### APRIL GARDENING

We are very lucky living in this part of Cornwall with so many great and famous gardens to visit. They give us some great ideas for our own gardens, but sometimes its not always easy to see how to transfer these ideas to a small garden. Some things only work properly on a grand scale, and few of us have the luxury of several acres of garden - or even the time to care for it. Nevertheless, many features can be adapted or simplified for a small private garden.



When we came to South Hill, we inherited a wilderness which had not been cultivated for many years. A blank canvas like this is quite a challenge. It is proving to be both exciting and daunting at the same time, although sometimes I think that if I had known how much stone I would have to dig out, I would have thought twice about taking it on!

Different people want different things from their garden, and it should be a reflection of your own personality rather than a stereotyped copy of someone else's plan. For me, it should be a place of tranquillity, somewhere to escape from the hectic pressures of modern life, but also there must be a slight air of mystery; the uncertainty of not knowing what lies beyond that curving path that disappears under an archway, a suggestion that there is more just round the corner. A secret place, where you can lose yourself amid the beauty of nature.

### W.I. Safari Supper - Saturday 28th June 2008

The members of **South Hill WI** are holding a **SAFARI SUPPER**. Three courses, followed by coffee/tea, will be served at different locations in the Parish and the tickets will cost **£10** per person.

A donation from this fund-raising event will be sent to the Ellie's Haven appeal.

For details nearer the time, email Myra Locock

### Fun Day & Horticultural Show Saturday 16th August 2008

Are **YOU** ready to enter in the **49th South Hill Horticultural Show**. You could win one of the many prizes...

Also on the day there will be stalls and side shows. If you would like to volunteer to help with these, please contact **Pat Moren** on **01579 363440** or email [parishhall@south-hill.co.uk](mailto:parishhall@south-hill.co.uk)

### St Sampson's Church Services

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 11.15 am**  
Morning Worship

**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 11.15 am** Holy Communion

**Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 11.15am** Family Service

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May (Whit Sunday) 11.15 am** Holy Communion

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May (Trinity Sunday) 11.15 am** Holy Communion

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 11.15am** Morning Worship

### Rural Matters (continued)

masks the true position and this is only reinforced by television programmes like "escape to the country". Whilst I and very many of us love living in Cornwall and could not imagine living in a busy city, that does not take away the social and often financial penalties experienced by many who live in the country. We often do not expect quite the level of access to services, accept we have to travel some miles for the ordinary things of life and take on responsibilities in communities for things which are provided by Councils in cities. But this should not be taken for granted or taken advantage of by a Government chock full of MP's from urban constituencies.

The **Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs** should in my view be one of the most important and influential Departments of State, unfortunately in this Government which created it, it is near the bottom of the pile, with little clout, budgets constantly threatened and ever changing Ministers. The "Rural Advocate" produces reports and apparently speaks to Ministers but little appears to change. This feeling of being forgotten is not confined to Cornwall and Devon as when I speak to colleagues in Cumbria, East Anglia and rural Yorkshire and Lancashire the same stories persist. I just hope that in this day of reality television (you know what I mean!) we can get some reality into rural living. It is not just about exchanging fancy properties and having tea on your patio with a beautiful view, although it can be, but more and more about the way we have to live our ordinary lives of shopping, travelling and access to schools, doctors' surgeries, libraries and expecting the pressed police to turn up when we call.

**Colin Breed MP**

You can send a message to Colin Breed at the following address:

**Mr Colin Breed MP**  
**House of Commons London**  
**SW1A 0AA**

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### April Gardening (continued)

The vision of the garden I want will take time to realise, but seeing other gardens has helped me decide how I want it to be; borders overflowing with plants, archways, and winding paths, with plenty of colour, and scent, but above all it must create a sense of peace. Too often the television programmes seem to suggest you can create a new garden overnight, but real gardens are not like that. Plants need time to grow and it is sometimes difficult to keep that long term vision in your mind when everything is new.

We had a large show garden in the midlands, but in the milder climate of Cornwall its great to try new plants that wouldn't survive upcountry. I bought a Tetrapanax Papyrifer (the Rice Paper plant) not knowing if it would survive the winter, but it has, and it looks wonderful! We also have a Liriodendron Tulipifera (the Tulip Tree), a Dicksonia and a Musa (Banana) all doing well. Its good to try new plants and shrubs. Every garden has its own microclimate, and sometimes it's worth trying a plant that may seem too tender for our area. If it doesn't survive, you can always replace it and have probably learned a great deal in the process.

Already I have an area for Rhododendrons and Camellias mixed in with a few trees, some bluebells, primroses, foxgloves and violets. A herbaceous border full of hot colours that go through to Autumn. There are ambitious plans for other areas. It will take years to complete it all, but what could be more satisfying than to watch it all develop. It will never be another Cotehele, or Heligan, but for me it is even better, because it will be my own creation.



Barbara Clemerson

### Golberdon Christian Fellowship Meetings

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

**Sunday 6th April**  
Mr Michael Stearns

**Sunday 13th April**  
Mrs Jane Coumbe

**Sunday 20th April**  
Mr & Mrs Roger Parkyn

**Sunday 27th April**  
Mrs D Kick

### South Hill Parish Hall



**At the last committee meeting on 17th March**, the committee decided to go ahead with replacing the guttering, fascia boards and fire doors in the Parish Hall. We do not at the moment have enough money to pay for it all but have too much to get a Grant. Therefore we will be holding fundraising events throughout the year to make up the shortfall.

**The first** of these is the **"Auction of Promises"** on the 31st May. Don't forget to notify us of your Promises and Auction goods in plenty of time. A suggested price for these would be very welcome.

Next comes the **Fun Day** on 16th August in conjunction with the **Horticultural Show**. We are hoping to have more stalls/side shows this year so volunteers to man these will help tremendously, as Parish Hall

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Maders now has its new warning signs and "dragons teeth"**. Together with the existing signs, no driver can fail to get the message – **SLOW DOWN**.

As well as getting Cornwall County Council to do this work in Maders, your Parish Council has also been acting on the numerous complaints we have had about speeding traffic through Golberdon. In order to quantify the problem, a traffic survey was carried out by Cornwall County Council, at the end of September last year. Did anyone notice this box fixed to the road sign post opposite the bus shelter?



Only a few people noticed it and we are not aware of anyone who knew what it was! That's good because it was measuring the speed of all the passing vehicles and we wouldn't have wanted people driving any differently from usual.

The complete survey results are too detailed to reproduce here. If you are reading this on-line you can see the reports. There are 2 documents giving the Eastbound and Westbound results. If you are reading a printed version of the Connection please ask any of your parish councillors for a printed copy.

**The speeds of 1,741 vehicles were recorded going eastbound (into Golberdon) and 1,295 leaving the village over a one week period.** Traffic going past the bus shelter eastbound tends to be going a bit slower than that in the other direction. 8% of the vehicles coming into Golberdon were travelling at more than 40 miles per hour. 12% of those leaving Golberdon were going over 40mph.

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### Caradon Hill Area Heritage Project

The area covered by this project borders on South Hill Parish and as such may be of interest to local people.

This update was provided for our newsletter by the Project Team:

"The Project area extends as far south as Liskeard, west to include Golitha Falls and east to the river Lynher, including the villages of Common Moor, St.Cleer, Darite, Higher Tremarcombe, Tremar, Pensilva, Minions, Crows Nest, Redgate, Upton Cross and Henwood.

The project is in two parts with a total reserved budget of £2.8M and the two principal funders are Heritage Lottery and the Regional Development Agency, supported by Caradon District Council, Cornwall County Council and other local contributions. The project is at Stage 1 which is a planning stage during which the detailed proposals are developed, permissions are obtained, and tender documents prepared for the works to be implemented in Stage 2. Currently, as a part of Stage 1, a bid is being developed for the balance of the remaining reserved budget, which will be submitted to the funders and if this is successful, the Project will deliver the following five programmes in Stage 2.

**Mining Heritage Conservation.** This element will focus on the highest priorities in terms of landscape and heritage importance, conservation need, and accessibility. Conservation work is proposed at the following sites:

- A. South Caradon Mine
- B. New Phoenix and West Phoenix Mines
- C. West Caradon and Craddock Moor Mines

**Natural Environment Conservation** will conserve and enhance the habitats and natural environment of the project area, increasing the knowledge and understanding of key

### Parish Hall News (continued)

committee members and Show committee members tend to be the same people. We can't be in two places at the same time!

The Harvest Supper will be later in the year; the date is yet to be arranged. If there are any more events I will have notice of them posted in Connections or on the web site.

**Your support is vital so please put the dates on your calendars.**

**Date of next meeting:**  
**AGM Monday 27th May 2008, 7:30pm.**

All are very welcome.  
**Pat Moren**

Last Saturday, April 5th, a dedicated band of volunteers turned up at the Hall for a "Cleanup Day". For 6 hours (and even longer, Colin!) we swept floors, washed windows, scrubbed walls, sanded, painted, drank coffee and munched pasties.



Outside the gate, at the roadside, a brand new sign board made by Dave Moren was installed by Ken Trewin and Wyn Poole in a highly efficient manner. Now there will be no excuse for not displaying (or reading) Parish notices.

### Parish Council News (continued)

The results came as a surprise to some of your Parish Councillors. Their perception was that a higher proportion of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit. Given these statistics, it is unlikely that we will be able to get the County Council to introduce any traffic calming measures in Golberdon. If you have any views on this, and I am sure you will, please make them known to the Parish Council. We are here to represent you.

The percentage of vehicles going over 40mph may be too small to warrant traffic calming, but this is illegal and these are the cars that are most likely to injure or kill members of our families, our friends or neighbours. A few cars were recorded going over 55mph. Most of these speeding cars are driven by people who pass through Golberdon regularly or who live locally. If you know one of these drivers, tell them to slow down. You might save someone's life as well as saving the driver from the trauma of being involved in an accident.

### ONE CORNWALL

As reported in recent editions of the Connection, the people of Cornwall are being consulted about the way in which our new Council will operate but there is often not much time to make our views known. The Boundary Committee for England is currently undertaking an electoral review of Cornwall. The committee will be advising the Electoral Commission on the number of councillors for the new council for Cornwall and where the boundaries of their electoral divisions should lie.

The current proposal for our local Community Network Area is that we are going to be in the Liskeard area. There is a map on the One Cornwall website.

If you have views on this go along to the local meeting at Luxstowe House, Liskeard at 7.00 on Monday 14th April.

**David Skelton**

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### Caradon Hill Area Heritage Project (continued)

wildlife sites and their long-term management. An aim is to encourage community participation with elements such as Parish Wildlife Projects and the monitoring of invasive plants.

### Historic Environment

**Conservation.** Conservation of small-scale built features such as prehistoric stone circles, milestones, medieval crosses, features of the Liskeard & Caradon Railway, and smallholding hedges that contribute to the area's distinctive landscape character.

### Environmental Land Management

**& Access.** The Project team will work to encourage and assist farmers to submit environmental grant applications. The major elements of the public access improvements are mine shaft safety works to increase public safety and reduce landowners' public liability.

### Interpretation, Education &

**Training.** The aim is to engage people's interest in the area's heritage, and enrich the learning experience of the widest possible audience, especially in the local community. This will include relevant skills training to enable local people to become more involved in the area's heritage and conservation."

**The Project Team, Andy Robinson and Jane Uglow** are based at the Minions Heritage Centre and may be contacted by email : [arobinson@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:arobinson@cornwall.gov.uk) and [juglow@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:juglow@cornwall.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01579 362350.

### Parish Hall News (continued)

**The second Cleanup Day** will be on Saturday 19th April. There is still plenty of painting and varnishing to do, and gardening / tidying up outside. Please come and join in the fun.

**Sue Skelton**

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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:

- £12 per session for concessions
- £30 per session commercial rate
- £60 per session for weddings

There are three sessions a day, morning; afternoon; evening.

For more information contact:

**Peta Emmerson on 382841 or email [hallbooking@south-hill.co.uk](mailto:hallbooking@south-hill.co.uk)**

### Fair Trade in South Hill

**Many thanks** to everyone who baked for or attended the successful **Fair Trade coffee morning** held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 6th March, during national Fair Trade Fortnight. Over £80 was donated to **Water Aid** and £17.55 sent to Cornerstone in Callington from the sale of Fair Trade goods.

### Back to Normal

My name is Debbie Edens and I practise as a **Registered Chiropractor** along the South Hill Road on the way to Maders.

I moved down to Cornwall nearly 4 years ago from Oxford. I trained at Oxford Brookes University for 5 years to gain a degree in the McTimoney-Corely Chiropractic technique. I then went on the train in at the McTimoney college in Oxford to learn their technique. As the two techniques were very similar, I could incorporate both techniques in my treatments. I also trained with an Osteopath, learning animal manipulation. This enabled me to treat animals as well.

The McTimoney Chiropractic is a gentle and effective treatment for the whole body. It is a straight forward method of adjusting the bones of your body to maintain the correct alignment of your spine and ensure that your body's nerve supply works efficiently. Through these subtle adjustments, Chiropractic treatment can relieve pain and discomfort, increase mobility and provide a route to a better health.

**To be a Chiropractor you have to be registered with the General Chiropractic Council and it is illegal for anyone to call themselves a Chiropractor if there are not on the register.**

At the moment Chiropractic isn't available on the NHS. The General Chiropractic Council are fighting for it to become available though at the moment it is still only available as a private treatment. This does cause a problem for some rural areas where people are on the minimum wage and can't afford private treatment. In bigger cities where there is more work and better pay, quite a few companies will offer private health Insurance cover as part of their contracts. This does include Chiropractic treatments. This is a problem which many Chiropractors are trying to address through the General Chiropractic Council, so Chiropractic is more freely available to everyone.

**Debbie Edens**

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### The Old Rectory

**Older residents will remember** the imposing old rectory that stood near the church.



This must easily have been the largest house in the parish, and some of the old records show a fascinating glimpse of life in South Hill 150 years ago.

The Rector, the **Reverend Horatio Rice**, lived there with his wife Emily and 2 children, Lucy and Morgan. They had 5 servants, a cook, a housemaid, a nursemaid, a dairy maid, and a groom. Another daughter, Emily, was born in 1852 but sadly the baby only survived for 11 days. Not an uncommon occurrence in those days. The Reverend Rice was clearly a man of some standing in the local community, and in addition to his ecclesiastical duties he was a Justice of the Peace for the County of Cornwall, often presiding at the Callington Petty Sessions. He owned land in the area and regularly went shooting.

Contrary to popular rumour, South Hill rectory was not the birthplace of the Parson Jack Russell terrier. The hunting parson who created the breed was, in fact, the Reverend John Russell, Rector of Swimbridge, in Devon, from 1832 to 1880. The breed originated from a dog called 'Trump' that he bought from a milkman while he was still at Oxford. He had also been a curate at South Molton and George Nympton, and he spent his last years at Black Torrington, but was never here at South Hill.

### Fair Trade in South Hill (continued)



Worshippers at **St Sampson's** on the previous Sunday were entertained to a short play performed with panache by press ganged members of the congregation. The play told of the conditions for workers on different types of tea plantation and explained the importance of buying Fair Trade products. **Roy and Shirley Shears' grandson, Josh**, stole the show with his antics as the waiter.



### Nature News

**Return of the Swallows.** What date did you see them this year? They always seem to arrive in the same week every year despite the weather. They were seen in **Golberdon the week beginning the 7th April.**



**Rabbits multiplying.** Has the increase in rabbit population caused you a problem in your garden or allotment? Perhaps someone has some good ideas for a deterrent. I did think of lion poo from Paignton Zoo on the boundaries of the garden!!!! I still enjoy watching them, especially from the **Wagmuggle to Lansugle road.**

**GardenWatch.** We had no replies to this initiative except one person who saw a **goldfinch** kill itself against a patio door. Some people have a silhouette of a bird of prey stuck to their large windows to prevent a happening like this. The goldfinch is one of the birds that is on the increase in gardens according to the RSPB Garden Watch, as well as sightings of **brambling**. Have you noticed a marked increase in species visiting your garden?  
**Jenny Poole**