



# ST. TEATH TIMEPIECE

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## EDITORIAL

Have you had a look at St Teath's splendid new website yet? If you haven't got a computer or internet access, make friends with someone who has and get them to show you this wondrous creation. On it you will find not only beautiful photos of the village in glorious Technicolor but also a couple of views few villagers ever have the chance to see. The first unusual location is the inside of our Village Timepiece – not the inside pages of our estimable newsletter, but the interior of the Clock-tower. You can see the workings and read all about the intricacies of its upkeep, courtesy of the Keeper of the Clock, Paul Burden. The other remarkable view is a 360 degree panorama of the village as seen from the top of the Church Tower. This is a super whizzy thing enabling you to survey the scene just as if you were standing up there looking around. Clever stuff indeed.

The site also contains old photos, information on village organisations and businesses, transport, local news and much, much more. There's a map of St Teath which you can download and even back copies of TIMEPIECE that you can print out and read all over again. We particularly liked the description of a walk around St Teath and Trewalder and hope this is to be a regular feature, as we could all do with some encouragement to get more exercise and to see the lesser-known parts of the parish.

ROD KEAT, who is the computer whiz responsible for this remarkable endeavour, has kindly provided links with other local village websites – Delabole, St Tudy, Tintagel and Camelford – enabling us to peruse and compare them all. They are all quite different and fascinating in their own way but it appears to us that St Teath's website is the most picturesque, the most interesting, the most up-to-date, the most professional and the easiest to use. Not that we are biased in any way...

Congratulations to Rod on re-launching Julian's original website - which must have been one of the earliest to be developed – and on bringing St Teath into the twenty-first century in such a marvellous way. We'd also like to thank him for all the time he has put in and continues to put in to maintain the site and keep it up to date. Villagers are asked to contribute their own photos and items of interest and to comment on all aspects of the site, so we hope everyone will join in and make this a real communal effort.

[www.stteath.co.uk](http://www.stteath.co.uk)

Please remember that next month's issue of TIMEPIECE is a double one and includes dates and events for both August and September. Please make sure your contributions are in early by Thursday 12th July to enable us to get the newsletter to the printers before they break up for the Summer. Many thanks.

## **POLLY'S VILLAGE DIARY**

EVERY MONDAY	BROWNIES	6.00 - 7.30 pm	COMMUNITY CENTRE
EVERY MONDAY	SEQUENCE DANCING	7.30 pm	CHURCH HALL
EVERY TUESDAY	COFFEE MORNING	10.30 am	COMMUNITY CENTRE
EVERY WEDNESDAY	DRAMA GROUP	7.30 pm	CHURCH HALL
EVERY WEDNESDAY	YOGA	7.30 - 9.30 pm	SCHOOL HALL
EVERY THURSDAY	BADMINTON CLUB	8.30 pm	CHURCH HALL
1st & 3rd THURSDAY	WHIST DRIVE	7.30 pm	COMMUNITY CENTRE
EVERY FRIDAY	TODDLER GROUP	1-3 pm(Term time)	CHILDREN'S CENTRE
EVERY FRIDAY	LINE DANCING		CHURCH HALL
1st TUESDAY	GARDENING CLUB	7pm	COMMUNITY CENTRE
2nd WEDNESDAY	WOMENS' INSTITUTE	7.30pm	COMMUNITY CENTRE

### **DATES FOR JULY**

<b>4th</b>	<b>Wed</b>		<b>VILLAGE LUNCH (Church Hall)</b>
<b>12th</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>GARDENING CLUB TRIP to Rosemoor</b>
<b>14th</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8am-1pm</b>	<b>BIB, BIG BREAKFAST in the Church Hall</b>
<b>14th</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>BINGO &amp; PASTIES in the Church Hall</b>
<b>17th</b>	<b>Tue</b>		<b>SCHOOL SPORTS DAY</b>
<b>22th</b>	<b>Sun</b>		<b>CHARITY CREAM TEA at Pencary</b>
<b>25th</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>VILLAGE QUIZ in the Church Hall</b>
<b>27th-29th</b>			<b>FLOWER FESTIVAL</b>
<b>28th</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>CARNIVAL PROCESSION</b>

### **Calling all gardeners.**

On Wednesday 18th July Delabole Carnival Committee invite all those interested to a **Garden Question Time with Tracy Wilson.**, from 2pm-4pm.  
There will be a pasty & Pudding lunch from 12 - 2pm if you are interested  
Come along to the Marquee in the Delabole Playing Fields,

## **CHURCH OF ST. TETHA, ST. TEATH**

Part of the Cluster of Lanteglos-by-Camelford with Advent  
and St. Teath with Delabole

### **SUNDAY SERVICES MONTHLY PATTERN**

<b>FIRST SUNDAY</b>	<b>8.00 A.M.</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>SECOND SUNDAY</b>	<b>11.00 A.M.</b>	<b>MORNING SERVICE</b>
	<b>4.00 P.M.</b>	<b>ALL AGE WORSHIP</b>

This is an informal service of Prayer and Praise to which all are welcome.

<b>THIRD SUNDAY</b>	<b>11.00 A.M.</b>	<b>CHORAL COMMUNION</b>
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**FOURTH SUNDAY 11.00 A.M. CHORAL COMMUNION**

**FIFTH SUNDAY 11.00 A.M. CLUSTER EUCHARIST**

**( Check the notice board for location )**

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY: EVENING PRAYER AT 5.00 P.M.**

**THURSDAY: 9.30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRIEST-IN-CHARGE: The Rev. Jim Benton-Evans**

**The Rectory, Trefrew Road, Camelford, Tel. 01840 214877**

**CHOIR PRACTICE**

Every Thursday at 7.00 pm

**MOTHERS UNION**

Every 3rd Wednesday in the month. 2 pm in the Stables

**FLOWER ROTA**

July 1st & 8th; Mrs P Allen

July 15th & 22nd; Mrs J Nichols

July 29th; **Flower Festival**

**CLEANING (CHURCH & BRASS)** July; Mr & Mrs M Warman

**FAMILY SERVICES**

Every 4th Sunday in the month

**ST TEATH PARISH CHURCH**

Church Wardens:

Malcolm Warman:

01840 213305

Mike Nicholls

01840 212201

PCC Secretary

Mrs. Yvonne Tew

01208 850497

Treasurer

Mrs. E. Treby

01208 850964

Mothers Union Secretary

Mrs M. Parker

01208 850076

**MICHAELSTOW PARISH CHURCH. SUMMER FETE**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>. July 2007 – 2p.m.**

**At the Old Rectory, Michaelstow.**

Camelford Town Band, Usual Stalls, Ice Cream, Scrumptious Teas. Grand Raffle.

Wheelchair Access. ALL welcome

**ST TEATH METHODIST CHURCH**

**Sunday Services at 11 am**

**Communion 9.30 am 1st Sunday in the month**

**ST PAUL THE APOSTLE RC CHURCH**

**Mass 10 am Weekdays Saturday 1st Mass 6 pm**

**Tintagel**

**Sunday 10 am Fr. Storey 01840 770663**

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH Wadebridge**

**Mass; Monday & Friday 10 am**

## **Rectory Ramblings**

It's summer – and so the wedding season is now in full swing. Every Saturday, it seems, I walk or drive past a church outside which the happy event is taking place. And that's to say nothing of the ones I've officiated at myself! Without exception, they've been joyous and very special occasions: and I continue to be pleasantly surprised that so many couples still feel in this modern age that the proper place, the right place, for their wedding is in church. In my view, the church is still uniquely able to celebrate, to mark, the big occasions in people's lives with the right mix of solemnity, ceremony and sense of celebration and I'm glad that so many couples continue to want the church to

be a part of their big day.

However, I am becoming increasingly concerned at the way in which the wedding industry, if I can call it that, is absorbing the attention – and, crucially the money – of couples coming to be married. I am getting calls to book the church now two years in advance of the wedding date: and the reason for this is that the most glamorous venues are booking up so far in advance. It is now common for couples to spend in excess of twenty thousand pounds on their wedding, on a day which, whilst incredibly special and important, nevertheless is intended to be a beginning: the start of a new life together as husband and wife, rather than an end in itself. Weddings are all about the future, not the climax to a romance or a fairytale – sadly it is this fairytale picture that some organisations involved in the wedding industry seek cynically to exploit.

Newly-married couples have the odds stacked against them as it is, without the additional pressure wedding debt inevitably brings. One way of planning sensibly for your wedding might be to take advantage of the North Cornwall Credit Union, which is a straightforward way of saving regularly and offers access to low-cost loans, after you've been saving a while. I've just joined myself, and I do encourage you to do the same. If you're interested, please ask me about it, or even better, speak to Tricia Hicks who helps run the Delabole branch.

If you've been married this summer – or are going to be – I hope and pray your day was wonderful. I hope and pray too that it really will be a beginning, and not an end in itself. Above all, I hope and pray that it will be possible for people to have the wedding they want and deserve without beginning married life in mountains of debt.

Your vicar and friend,

Jim Benton-Evans

On Saturday, 30th June in Truro Cathedral, Deryn Roberts, currently Reader to the cluster, will be ordained deacon by the Bishop of Truro, the Right Rev. Bill Ind. She will be assistant curate to the cluster of Lanteglos-by-Camelford, St. Teath, Delabole and Advent. Deryn will continue to have lead responsibility for Pastoral Care throughout the cluster, including co-ordinating the Pastoral Care Ministry Team. She will continue to bring her unique and exceptional gifts to the benefit of the cluster and to its staff team, of which she is already a valued and crucial member. She will need the prayers, support and goodwill of everyone as she begins this new and exciting phase of her life. Please also pray for her husband, Steve, for whom Deryn's new role will also bring changes and challenges.

### **News From The Church Hall**

The hall is currently being “spruced up” in preparation for a very busy summer period. July will be a food extravaganza in the hall: The month starts with the Village Lunch; a Bingo and Pasty evening follows the Big Breakfast, and the fine foods of the Flower Festival will be available over the final weekend.

Sadly, we have received some complaints about the unacceptable parking of cars close to the hall. Please **do not** leave your vehicles unattended outside the hall, outside The Stables or in the lane running down to The Old Vicarage. We realise that you may need to leave vehicles near the hall for loading and unloading purposes but please keep the time to a minimum. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our grateful thanks go to Elaine and Rick Everitt for the gift of mugs, and to Eddie Jones for the glasses and dishes

**Diary for July:**

Monday evenings:	Sequence Dancing	7.30pm
Wednesday evenings:	Drama Group	7.30pm
Thursday evenings:	Badminton Club	8.30pm
Friday evenings:	Line Dancing	7.30pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July:	Village Lunch	12 noon
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> July:	Big, Big Breakfast	8am-1pm
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> July:	Bingo and Pasties [in aid of the School]	evening
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July:	Village Quiz	evening
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> July:	Flower Festival	
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> July:	Flower Festival	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> July:	Flower Festival	

Should you want to book the hall for any occasion, please contact Ken Mutch on 01208 851036.

Preparations for the flower festival started early with a coffee morning on a damp June day to raise money for the flowers to be used in church. Thanks to the support of many people we raised £220 for the festival to be held on July 27,28 and 29. Thank you to everyone who gave up time to help or to enjoy a cup of coffee with us.

Barbara Strachan

**ST. TEATH GARDENING CLUB.**

Sackcloth and ashes time!! I would like, first of all, to say a great big “sorry” to all of you who looked in vain for the entry form for the Hanging Basket Competition. It really was a great big mix up, since I was waiting for entries, and thought no-one was interested, and cancelled the event. It was all my fault and I’m very, very sorry. If you forgive me, perhaps we can start again next year. In the meantime, we can still enjoy your hard work as we walk around the village.

No more meetings till September – details in next issue

**COMMUNITY CENTRE**

At the time of writing, there are NO keys to the Centre in either the Post Office shop, or Dale’s Shop. Someone has borrowed them and has not returned them. As you can imagine, this is causing quite a few problems, so, if you have recently borrowed keys, will you please go now and check that they have been returned. Thank you. In future, if you borrow keys, please do return them at the end of your session.

**Parish Council Report**

The new parish councillors met on Monday 21st May at St Teath Community Centre.

Eddie Jones was elected as chairman of the council.

Several planning applications were considered and reported back to the District Council.

The parish paths are presently underway to be cut. All the parish properties are growing so fast at present but Jason (Caretaker) is managing to keep on top of things. Councillors thanked him for all his hard work in the parish.

We have one councillor short for the Delabole Ward, so if anyone would wish to be co-opted onto the

council please give me a call and discuss the matter.

Mrs Gill Jones has very kindly agreed to lead a Parish Walk on Sunday 5th August leaving from St Teath Square at 2.30pm This will be a walk of approximately 5 miles with a stop on the way at Tregragon Farm. for refreshments (a very kind offer from Hester Warman). Just turn up on the afternoon.

Next Parish council meeting is Monday 18th June at Delabole Methodist Rooms. 7.30pm

## **ST TEATH WI - June Meeting**

The Community Centre was perfumed with aromatherapy oils and lit with candles on Wednesday 13th June as we arrived for our regular WI meeting.

Bridget and Debbie from the Pendragon House Complementary Therapy Centre at Port Isaac, were waiting to share their knowledge of Holistic (meaning Whole) Massage, encompassing mind, body and soul..

Massage has been practiced since early times for healing and beautifying the body. In 3000 BC the Chinese were using massage and pressure in their everyday lives. These techniques moved onto Japan and India, and are still used today in both those societies. The Egyptians also used massage and special oils in their beauty regimes. In Europe the Greeks used massage to improve physical prowess of their athletes and the Romans spread the practice all over Western Europe.

In Modern days the Swedes and French developed techniques to help Rheumatic and Arthritic conditions. In Victorian days women campaigned to make Massage a profession. Nowadays there are exams and Diplomas that have to be achieved before anyone can practice, and five Complimentary Therapies are now recognised for use by the NHS, which include Massage, Acupuncture, Osteopathy, Chiropractic and Aromatherapy.

There followed a Hands On demonstration of Massage with aromatic oils on one of our members, who enjoyed a wonderful relaxing, continuous massage to her back, arms and hands.

The members then had a chance to learn how to give and receive a hand massage which was very enjoyable.

The ladies were thanked by Stella Simpson for a wonderful evening, and their gift to each member of a Vanilla scented Candle.

## **THANKS.**

I have many ancestors buried in unmarked graves in the churchyard. I would like to thank Mr Barnecutt and his band of young men for giving their time in keeping the grass cut

Thank you one and all

Maureen Narraway (Nee Parsons)

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The TIMEPIECE team would like to express its gratitude to CAROLYN and the family of the late JOHN BUTLER for the very generous donation of £267 received in memory of John. The family was keen for the money to remain in the community and in view of John's connections with printing they decided that TIMEPIECE was an appropriate cause for their support. This is the first time we have ever received such a gift and are deeply touched. Thank you so much

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I wish to thank all my family and friends who came along to my party and helped to celebrate my 50<sup>th</sup>. Birthday. Thank you for all my cards and gifts, and thanks also to all those people who helped with the food.

A big "Thank you" to PAUL, DARREN, TAMMY, JUSTIN, JEMMA, ANDY and "EMMA" who organised the party.

Lyn Burden

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We would like to thank all who came to our cream teas, on which, unfortunately, the sun didn't shine! However, a sum of £115 was raised for Church funds. Thank you.

Mike and Maureen Narraway

# Stand By Me *Box Challenge*

*Imagine a world where everything you say is ignored, where no-one asks you what you think. Imagine you have been moved away from the people you love, to somewhere where you don't know anybody. Imagine someone else deciding what clothes you are going to wear, what you are going to eat, when you can wash. Imagine no one listening when you try to tell them you're being bullied.*

A bad dream? Not for many of the 13,300 disabled children and young people who are currently placed away from home in England. We know that these children are often not consulted when decisions are made about their lives, and that their communication difficulties can mean that their own views are ignored. That's why we're campaigning for all disabled children placed away from home to have access to an independent advocate - someone to give them a voice and keep them safe.

**You can help us make an even bigger difference to these children's lives by taking part in our "Stand By Me" Box Challenge.**

Over the next few months, we're hoping to hand out 13,300 new house boxes, one for every disabled child living away from home. Reaching this target would be a huge achievement - these new boxes could raise an extra £200,000 a year, as well as increasing awareness of The Children's Society's vital work.

**13,300 new boxes may seem a lot, but together we can reach our target.**

If you will become a Box Holder, your small change can make a big difference

Please ask Peggy Crosley at The Stables for a box (Tel; 01208 850375). They are emptied in July and January - so box holders, it is July. Will you put in a bit extra and let Peggy have your box soon, Please!

Very many thanks.

**Wednesday 25th July - Carnival Week**

## **Village Quiz**

**Hosted by St Teath WI**

**Teams of 4 required for a Fun Evening  
7.30 pm in the Church Hall**

**Raffle in aid of local charity**

**Please phone Heather or Julian on  
01840 213430  
with team names ASAP**

A man was walking in the street when he heard a voice: "Stop! Stand still! If you take one more step, a brick will fall down on your head and kill you."  
The man stopped and a big brick fell right in front of him. The man was astonished. He went on, and after awhile he was going to cross the road.  
Once again the voice shouted: "Stop! Stand still! If you take one more step a car will run over you and you will die."  
The man did as he was instructed, just as a car came careening around the corner, barely missing him. "Where are you?" the man asked. "Who are you?"  
"I am your guardian angel" the voice answered.  
"Oh yes?" the man asked... "And where were you when I got married?"

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**A MESSAGE FROM ST TEATH SCHOOL**

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who contributed to the St Teath Village Concert. We were overwhelmed by the effort and generosity of all involved.

A contribution of over £600 to a school the size of St Teath makes an enormous difference. We are planning to use the money to help the re-development of our library area which will benefit from a range of new books. We hope to provide the children with a quiet, comfortable reading area with new titles for all ages.

The staff and children were happy to play their part in the concert but were amazed at the scale of the production. We realise the effort and commitment that people made to perform, produce, support and spectate and it was great to see the range of talent and performance on show. The whole event shows what a close and caring community we belong to and the school is proud to be at the heart of that community. We will inform TIMEPIECE when our library has been upgraded and we offer an invitation to any member of the village who would like to see the result.

After the generosity shown by so many people, we would ask one more favour – that readers pass on our sincere thanks to anyone who contributed to the concert but is not in receipt of TIMEPIECE. The staff, governors and children of St Teath School hope to continue to work closely within our wonderful community.

LEE BACCHUS – Headteacher  
SARAH MOREY – Chair of Governors

**PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

This term the children have been learning about holidays – we have our own Travel Agent’s Shop, we’ve built a train, made a ticket office and even printed tickets. As you can imagine the children have had lots of fun.

Work is well under way in our garden. Dave and Sarah Williams have completed the landscaping and already our garden is much more colourful. We will soon have our awning fitted to protect the children from the summer sun and work will soon begin on the murals.

We shall be holding our Sports Day on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July (weather permitting). If any of you would like to join us you would be most welcome.

**FROM THE METHODIST MINISTER**

We are constantly being reminded that we live in changing times, and over the past weeks this has become apparent to us with the announcement about the change of leadership in our national government as well as the changes in some local parish, town and district councils. Having worked in local government for nearly 30 years prior to becoming a Methodist Minister I am always fascinated by the results of local government elections. My fascinations are in trying to understand what issues cause change, and in looking at what percentages of local people vote in local council elections.

One of the changes in society, which troubles me, is how the political parties use the 'political broadcasting slots', which are made available to them at the time of local elections. Invariably the broadcasts project the national party rather than focussing on the local issues, which are pertinent to localities. This has the danger of making many of us less interested than we should be in the whole range of issues, which affect our lives at local, national and international levels because we become tired of the constant political posturing and power retention strategies to which we are subjected.

I am also suspicious that many of the changes, which we are currently experiencing – at all levels of our lives - have their roots in these political posturing and power retention struggles.

Someone described modern national and local political life to me in the allegory of a football match – a few people who are tired because of all that they are involved in as members of the team are being watched by many who would benefit from the experience of being active participants in the team. I am sure that our country and local communities would be very different places in which to live if all of us maintained a lively concern in national and local affairs at all times. Many things which become issues leading to strong representations, often when it is too late to bring about change, might well turn out differently. Apathy and complacency are dangerous traits in any society.

As I write I have in mind the concept of the 'common good', which was often a topic in our prayers of intercession in our weekly Church Services. In one of our Methodist forms of prayer, but also in other forms in other Churches we were asked to: -

Pray for all nations and peoples of the world  
For all who serve the common good  
For our government and all in authority  
That all nations may work for justice and peace  
That people will honour one another and seek the common good.

It has been said that in these days we know the 'cost of everything' and the 'value of nothing'. There is a cost and value to pursuing the 'common good' – hopefully all of us will agitate and work for it.

*Bryan Ede*

## **VILLAGE WHEELCHAIR**

Many villagers have visits from friends or relatives who are unable to walk far but who for various reasons do not own a wheelchair. This often means these people can't join in outings to gardens and other places of interest where you need to be mobile to appreciate them to the full. Thanks to CAROLYN BUTLER, whose husband, John died recently, St Teath can now offer a wheelchair service to cater for such needs.

Carolyn has kindly donated the wheelchair to the village and DAVID and LORRAINE JASPER have generously agreed to supervise the administration of the scheme. The idea is that villagers wishing to hire the wheelchair should contact David or Lorraine (on 01208 850650) to arrange dates and collection. In return all that is requested is a small donation to the Merlin Appeal (for a centre for MS sufferers in Cornwall.)

There are no doubt several villagers who themselves feel unable to go on trips because they have difficulty in walking any distance, so now's the chance for St Teath's legendary Good Neighbours to offer to push someone around for a few hours. With sunny Summer days stretching ahead, let's give everyone a chance to enjoy Cornwall's beautiful scenery.

## **DAVE'S GARDENING DIARY for JULY.**

June turned out quite nice, if a little hot at times, and newly planted stock needed constant watering. Hopefully, by now, they will have set enough roots to look after themselves most of the time.

Tulips are the only Spring flowering bulbs to benefit from being lifted each year, and now is the time to lift and dry these bulbs, ready for re-planting in the Autumn. If you receive bulb catalogues through the post, now is the time to complete your order for your Autumn planting.

Shade greenhouses in full sun. If possible, water in the morning and mid-day to help keep temperatures down. The old established routine of evening watering only lowers the temperature even more at the end of the day when it gets cool anyway.

Remove dead flowers on all plants and feed every 7-10 days. Baskets and tubs are best fed at quarter strength every feed. The same regime may be followed for your potted plants for the Village Show – don't forget to give them a quarter turn every couple of days to keep a good shape. As a guide, I used to stop Fuchsias 6 weeks before a Show for single varieties, and 8 weeks for doubles. This cannot be an accurate science as weather, and variety will have an effect on when a plant will flower. Even the aspect will make a difference. Two friends of mine grew Chrysanthemums for exhibition. They were neighbours, and lived opposite each other, and the grower with the west facing garden was 2 weeks earlier than his neighbour. Keep a watch for insect attacks. Hoe a couple of times a week to keep weeds down and moisture in amongst the vegetables.

### **MERLIN UPDATE.**

THANK YOU so much St. Teath! Your donations of unwanted gifts for the Merlin Project raised a truly wonderful £580.43p. We had intended to run a Tombola, but, for various reasons, were not allowed to do so. However, we sold the items, and probably made more money than we would otherwise have done. Thanks

### **ST. TEATH CARNIVAL**

Plans are going ahead nicely for the Carnival, but we could do with more entrants for the Carnival Queen and Fairy Queen class. There is still an evening free if you would like to hold a fund raising event, or just a fun event. Also, don't forget that if you have goods or a service (e.g. face painting) to sell, you may hire a table in the Square for only £4.00. Just contact LYN BURDEN – 01208 851102

**If you still have cups, trophies etc., from last year's Carnival, please return them to LYN BURDEN as soon as possible. Thank you**

### **CARN AWN SINGERS**

Musical Director - Mary Hooper

Accompanist - Maureen Wakeham.

Practices have been going well and the Singers are very enthusiastic and looking forward to the forthcoming concerts.

The Annual Concert will be at St. Peter's Church, Port Isaac on Wednesday 11th July at 7.45 pm. The Special Guests will be the St. Columba Celtic Male Voice Choir, Musical Director Tony Tournoff, who has also made some special arrangements of songs for the Singers. Ray Shaddick "the boy from Bude" and Radio Cornwall, will be Chairman for the concert and, as always, will be great fun. Refreshments will be available after the concert.

Programmes at £3.50 (under 16's free) will be on sale nearer the time from the Singers or at the door on the night of the concert and posters will be displayed around and about.

In case you didn't see last month's copy or have mislaid it, a reminder of some dates for your diary - The Singers are very pleased to have been invited to take part in a concert at Blisland Church on Sunday 26th August at 7.30 p.m. This concert is to help raise funds for The Betjeman Appeal for repairs to the roof. Tickets

can be reserved in advance - telephone 07785 550032. Details of the programme will be included in next month's edition but will include readings of works by Sir John Betjeman and other English poets.

Blisland Church was described by John Betjeman in a broadcast in 1948 as the most beautiful he had seen in the West Country and it remained a favourite of his. Last year the Church held an Evensong to celebrate the centenary of his birth and this year the PCC are seeking permission to dedicate the West Window to the memory of Sir John and commemorate this with a small plaque in Delabole slate.

Carn Awn Singers have also been invited by the St. Minver Band to take part in a concert at St. Minver Church on Sunday September 16th. Times for these concerts will probably be 7.30 pm but should be in the August edition together with any further information received.

## **NATURE NOTES FROM TREFORDA**

I'm sorry I have not found time to write to the Timepiece for a couple of months, I seem to be busy whenever the deadline comes up and I have had to miss out.

It's now mid June and young birds are every where. Swallows have not nested in my barn for several years but a few weeks ago a pair repaired an old nest and I could see them at dusk settling down for the night on a beam by the nest. I assumed that when the hen had laid four, five or six eggs she would start incubating them. For the last two days I haven't seen either of them, I just hope she is so low in the nest that I can't see her. Great Tits have been busy feeding young in a hole in the barn wall but both holes built into the house wall have remained unused this year. Chris Hill and Anita report seeing a Tawny Owl at dusk one evening being mobbed by some Jackdaws and smaller birds. Although the Owl was unperturbed the noise would warn its prey, it should know better than to start hunting before dark. The owl has a problem of course, with young to feed and short nights sometimes there is no alternative but to start early. Chris also says there are no House Martins nesting near them for the fourth year in a row and wonders if the Jackdaws nesting in neighbouring chimneys scare them off. I don't think so, this doesn't seem to be the case next door to us. I don't think there are as many martins around as there used to be, or Swallows, and consequently some nest sites will not be used as regularly as they once were. I've yet to see a Swift this year and they will be heading back to Africa in a couple of months!

At Lanagan today there was a young Crow that didn't appear to be able to fly yet, it had mud on its wings so may have fallen from a nest somewhere around. It was continually squawking and the parents did come and feed it occasionally so we will have to see what happens tomorrow. Back in May I went to the Lost Garden of Heligan, they have a hide there with one way glass and bird feeders just outside. You can watch Gold Finches, Green Finches and many other birds from as close as two feet and really see the detail of their plumage.

I haven't heard of anyone hearing the Cuckoo this year, I think I heard one a couple of weeks ago over near Bodmin but I can't be sure. Is this another bird that is in decline? A few years ago I seemed to hear them every summer.

I had better stop now or Julian will have trouble fitting this in!

Cliff Swettenham

## **Allen Valley Singers**

June already. My family look askance at me when on the 21st June each year, I say gloomily, 'Today is the longest day. It is downhill from now on!!'

Not so for the Allen Valley Singers, who have a full and interesting programme for 2007 and even commitments for 2008!

We are looking forward to singing alongside the Loveny Male Voice Choir at St. Neots on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July, there will be Allen Valley participation at St. Tudy Church .

Members of the choir supplied one course towards a Safari Supper held at St. Tudy on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June. We are always pleased to keep the happy contact we have always had with the village of the choir's origin.

Our social events also include a Treasure Hunt and Cream Tea, by courtesy of Mr. and Mrs Ian Hodge at St.

Tudy, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July

The first of our Coffee Mornings to support our chosen four charities was designated as the 30<sup>th</sup> June at the Clink in St. Tudy. This date has now been cancelled, as the St. Tudy Village Fete is on the same day, which is helpful to neither event!! So best wishes for the St. Tudy fete! The new likely date for our charity Coffee Morning is Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, at the same venue. Confirmation details will be given in the next edition of this publication. At this event, we will be supporting the 'Smile Train', for children worldwide, born with cleft palates and to whom any treatment has been unavailable through lack of resources and funding. We take it for granted that we can smile easily, so these children would love to have our support in giving them the chance to have an operation - and the chance to smile.

We are supporting four charities, two 'home' and two 'abroad'. The first 'Home' event is for SKYD, (Supporting Kernow Young Diabetics) on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2007, from

10 a.m. to noon, by courtesy of Joyce Brown. Refreshments and general stalls will be available. Please support this very worthy cause at, 'Newhaven', Trenale Lane, Tintagel, PL34 OAW.

The choir is enjoying the challenge of a wealth of new material, though of course reprising the old and loved. It is noticeable however, that as the music is getting more complex, the sight-reading skills and the quality of singing, are also rising. I am not sure that this is in direct or indirect mathematical proportions! We just know that we enjoy singing.

Newcomers are always welcome to apply to the Musical Director, Janette Man, Telephone 01208841784

Bookings to Jennifer May, Telephone 01208 880131

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## **BEACHCOMBER DAY 2007**

Many beaches must have remained uncombed this year as the number of entries in both the Children's and the Adults' sections was the lowest ever. However the standard was probably the highest for many years and we would like to thank those few loyal supporters who entered such beautiful creations for us to admire. The adult trophy was won for the fifth year running by LYNDSEY NARRAWAY with a magnificent display of shells from all over the world including one from Palestine with a fascinating story attached. The children's trophy was won jointly by CHLOE and JAY BANKS with their driftwood seagull and pirate ship respectively. The winner of the painted pebble competition was ROSIE MOREY with her beautiful, sparkly mermaid.

The weather didn't help and several of our most loyal supporters were unable to attend but sent generous donations, so although we were not besieged by rampaging hordes, we still raised the very useful sum of just under £200 for TIMEPIECE. A big thank-you to BARBARA, GRACE, JOAN and SVETLANA for their help, to KEVIN and all who contributed raffle prizes and goods for sale and finally to everyone who came along and gave us their support – much appreciated!

JANE and ANNE