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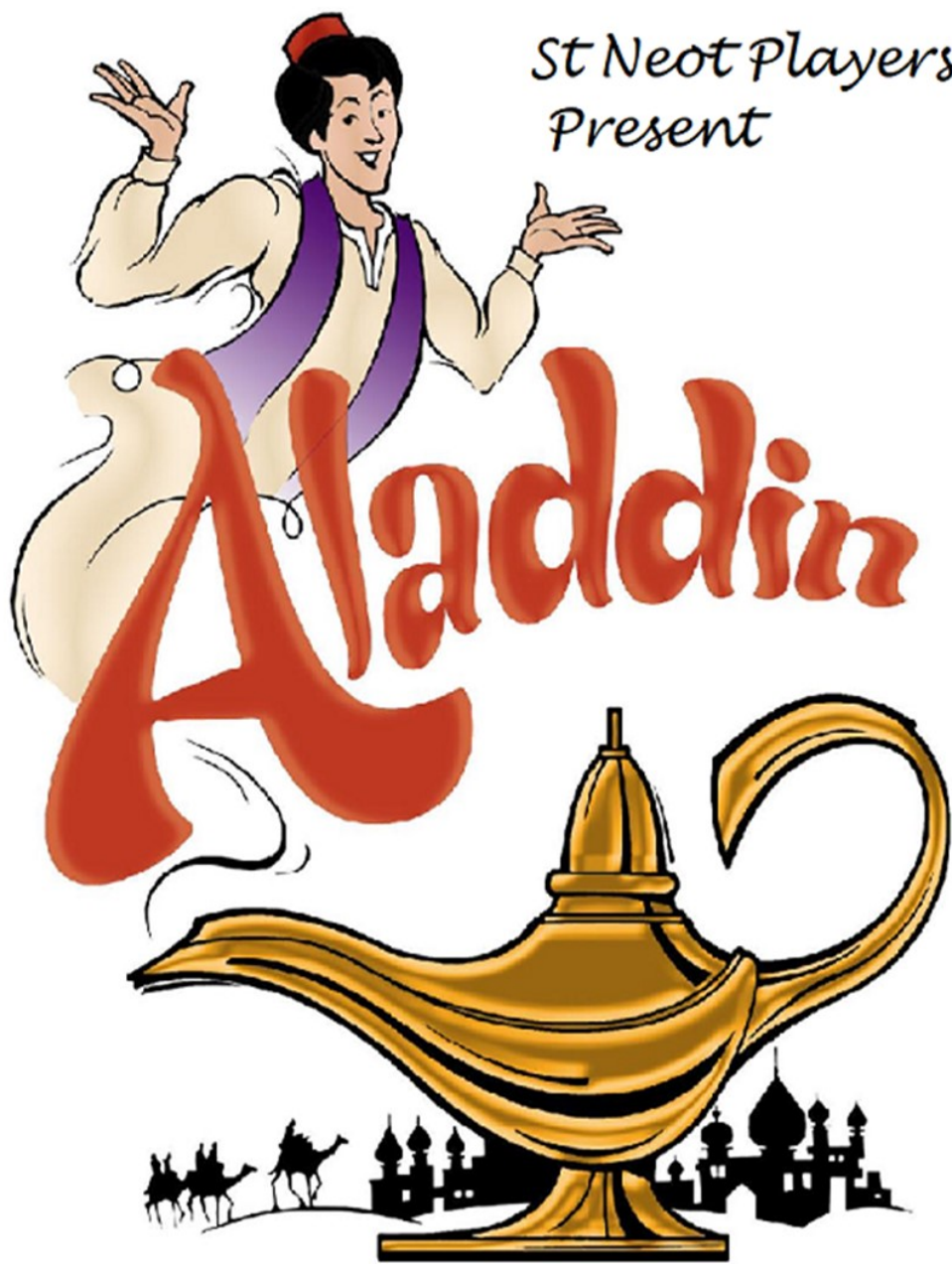
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Update of the Shop Meeting

Heating oil consortium review

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Editorial

February may be the shortest month of the year, but that doesn't mean this month's News is not packed to the rafters. From the market at the start of the month, coinciding also with a charity concert later that day, to the latest panto during February half term, there is something for everyone. Plus, do read the report from Tracey Hooper about what's happening with the village shop and the article from parish chair Haviland Bunt about what's planned for the future, especially regarding the coronation of our new monarch.

Heather
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Copy deadline for the March issue is February 18

In anticipation of this year's panto, here's an Aladdin-themed wordsearch:
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St Neot Parish Council News

Dear all,

Last week's meeting started on a sombre note when it was my duty to inform the other Councillors of the Sad passing of Cllr Stuart Stevenson. Stuart has been a good member of the team over the past couple of years and will missed by us all. Regards to his wife and family.

We had an informative visit to the Fish Hatchery at Colliford just before Christmas so we on the council have a better understanding of the very important work carried out by Richard Grieve and his team. Thank you, Richard.

A new hand rail has been added to the Jubilee footpath in the Village Orchard for those that need it. Glad that the path is being well used.

Among the normal items on the agenda for February's meeting are ideas for the upcoming Kings Coronation in May and how the Village Newsletter is run and delivered to you all. This has come about after the delays experienced when the postal strikes were on last month and how we can cut costs as well as helping the businesses who advertise in it. As usual we will have a representative at next month's Farmers Market if you have any ideas on these or any other issues you think the Parish council should be involved with.

Best wishes to our Clerk Sue in her recovery after a small procedure and thanks to Dianne who has stepped in to take the minutes at our monthly meetings.

Feel free to get in touch.

Until next time.

Haviland

Chair, St Neot P.C.

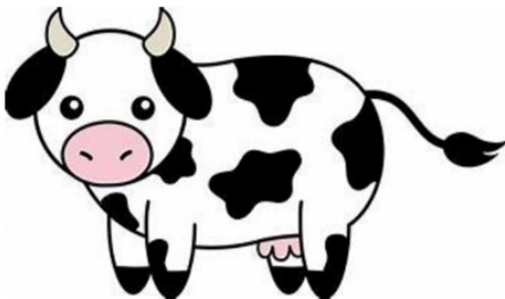


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St Neot United Charity

St Neot United Charities can help

St Neot United Charities exists to help individuals and families in need who live in the parish of St Neot. It has a small amount of annual income, supplemented this year by St Neot Parish Council, which it can use to relieve personal hardship with a grant of money. If you believe you need help then have a confidential chat with any of our trustees. They are Rev'd Garry Swinton (Chairman), Nigel Ball, Poppy Crichton, Martin Eddy, Tracey Hooper, Haviland Bunt, Graham Kent, Charles Masters, Fernley Rowe, and Mark Rodwell.

We have a Vacancy

St Neot United Charity Trustees retire after a fixed time in office and can offer to re-stand. There is currently a vacancy and the existing Trustee has offered to stand again. However our constitution opens this vacancy to all in the parish. Trustees meet twice a year and communicate using email. They are expected to act in confidence and with discretion, sometimes acting as an advocate for those seeking help. The role lasts for 4 years and we aim to have a good geographical spread of Trustees across the parish. If successful your name will be published in this newsletter as a point of contact and registered with Charity Commission.

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee then please email an expression of interest by 26th February to the Honorary Secretary, Martin Eddy, at martineddy2@btinternet.com. Please include your address, together with details of your experience and qualities that would make you suitable for the post.

Martin Eddy

Secretary to St Neot United Charities

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Update from our Shop Meeting

Thank you to all those people who were able to turn out in cold conditions on the 18th January to begin our conversation about a new Shop. Revd Garry Swinton set the scene explaining that our shop is an important part of our community infrastructure and whilst we're losing one that has served us well, we have a great opportunity to bring together a new venture for our future. Malcolm informed us that he will be closing the Shop doors on the last day of August this summer and he was thanked enthusiastically for his enduring service over the years. I'm sure there will be plenty more gratitude shown to Malcolm in the coming months.

The meeting considered that basic groceries including dairy, bakery goods, local produce such as meats, fish, veg boxes, basic cooking ingredients, healthy ready meals, chocolates and sweets, pet food, cleaning materials, toiletries, news papers, alcohol and tobacco were essential, along with the ability to pay by card. The 'nice to have' things included incorporating the post office into the shop and providing a parcel collection and returns service. Other ideas on the wish list included a delivery service for the less able, a consulting room for a doctor or therapists, a prescription service, a café, drop in space, library of used books, and a photocopier, printer and Wi-Fi. Much of this will depend on where and how a shop is run, but they are definitely good ideas for the future.

A keen discussion was had about where a shop might be hosted. Many thought that Cott Yard would be a good location, but there were also other excellent ideas put forward. For example, extending the Pavilion, redeveloping the toilet and bus stop area in the car park, put a static unit on the car park or near the Pavilion, or have a mobile shop in the short term whilst a permanent site is agreed. It was noted that there is much to be considered regarding the site for a shop, such as parking, delivery vehicles and of course the safety of pedestrians etc.

There were a number of ideas about who might operate the shop. For example, would an existing shop provider or franchise want to come in to the village, or would a business already here like to take this new venture on. Also, it was suggested that we develop a Community Shop staffed by a manager and volunteers, and the question was raised as to whether the shop should be run for profit or not. This led to a discussion about funding and a number of opportunities were identified.

As can be seen from the short summary above there is a lot to think about going forward, so the meeting agreed that a steering group should be appointed. Nominations to set up a group were put forward and Joe Rowe (farmer), Martin Eddy, Sandra Rowe, Garry and myself have been asked to seek out people who have the time, commitment and skill sets to lead on a feasibility study and draw together the most appropriate format for our shop and get it up and running in what is a tight time frame. The skills we are looking for include governance and legal structures, accounting and finance, business planning, fundraising and bid writing,

operations and health and safety etc, HR and 'employee' relations, and marketing, PR and social media.

So this is a call to arms, please come forward if you feel you can contribute to the Steering Group either as a member or an advisor. Furthermore, if you'd like to get involved and dip in and out, there is likely to be small subgroups to focus on these areas when additional resource is needed, so let us know your interests. Finally, going forward there will be further meetings and perhaps a survey, to ensure we can all get involved if we want to.

And so our conversation begins ...please get in touch if you'd like to play a part in this exciting journey traceyhooper1@me.com Looking forward to supporting you.

Tracey.

St Neot Produce Market

We held our monthly market in January - on the first Saturday of the month, as usual. Unfortunately the butcher could not come - the family firm are still recovering from the Christmas rush, and Karen, who usually comes with young Matthew is finally having her knee operation - so we all wish her the best for a good recovery.

Hugh came again with his honey - this will be his last visit to the market for this season, but bees allowing, we hope to see him again later in the year. Jan Bolitho has been sewing again, and did some good trade with her sewn goods, and the rest of us did OK - a quiet market as one might expect in January, but a happy one nevertheless. The WI did good business on the tea trolley - thanks to them.

In February we have no-one to operate the tea trolley. If any group wants to step forward, please do so. Let me know on email: jennyhart316@gmail.com or telephone me on 01579 320683. Perhaps the Church Brew group would like to do it and raise themselves a bit of cash?

Talk was had of Nick Hinchliffe, who is not at all well, and in Liskeard Hospital - we all wish him and his family the best - we miss him at the market. He was always on hand to lend a helping hand, and would always run the market if I was absent. Best wishes also go to Hilary Edwards - I believe she had a fall just before market this month, and John had to come on his own. We hope to see her back in February.

I am writing this while visiting my family in France. I brought them the St Neot cookery book which provoked much interest - both Jim and Maud being keen cooks. Maybe some of our recipes will take off in Murbach where they live.

Our next market will be on 4th February - so come along then - the butcher will be back, as will the Barnecutt pasties and all the other goodies. Take care and see you all soon.

Jenny

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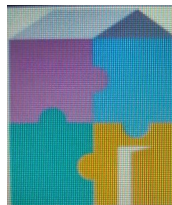
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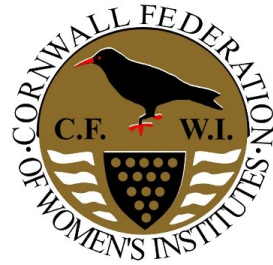
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***For further information contact Janina Waterman 07967
822524 or janinawaterman@gmail.com***

A History of St Neot Local Historians

Recent newcomers to the parish may be interested in why the St Neot Local Historian Society came to be. It all happened following the purchase of our home, Tremarkyn or Tremorkin as it was then on April 21st 1988.

All our friends, relatives and colleagues thought we were mad to buy such a ruinous wreck which was not fit to live in but we were determined to do all the building work ourselves. After we got some basic work done in almost a year, we camped in it and began to wonder about the history. First what about the name? I got in touch with Oliver Padel who at that time lived in Truro and Mrs Veronica Cheshier who had helped local history classes in St Germans where we previously lived. She agreed to come and do a similar thing here. Some local people thought that all the history of St Neot had been done and there was nothing more to find out others said they would come to the classes to see if Mrs Cheshier knew more than they did. But Mrs Cheshier did not come to tell us the history of St Neot but to show us the way to begin to discover it for ourselves. There was no internet at that time and no Census returns except at the Record Office in Truro.

So, we had to make regular visits for copies. One of the first items was to TRACE off the tithe map. One of these two maps had been donated by St Neot for safe keeping and was rather torn at the bottom of this very large map. The other map was torn at the top so between the two of them I was able to make a reasonable copy. Then of course there was the index which was photocopied for us. When we heard that the Churchwardens' Accounts for St Neot from 1602 had also been given to the Archive for safe keeping and we heard that they were in need of repair we asked for photocopies. This was done and what a wealth of information is to be found there. We were also so pleased to get a copy of Palmer's Survey of St Neot 1793 as it was also undergoing a repair. We couldn't get copies like that now. With outdoor visits in the summer to farms to do a farm survey our documents began to build up as all our findings had to be written by hand on card dexes and files. Our visits took us to many farms on the outskirts of St Neot, Wortha, Harrowbridge, St Lukes, Westerlake, Mennabroom, Great Hammett, Trewindle, Trevenna, Gazeland and several others. We were meeting, just a few of us, (Fernley Rowe is the only

founder member who is still a member of St Neot Local Historians) in an old stable that we had turned into my artist's studio where we were not armchair historians but 'hands on' everyone had a designated job whether it be old hedges, gateways, farm machinery, orchards, keeping a check on houses for sale or cuttings from local newspapers. Today's news is tomorrow's history, we must remember. We did not form ourselves into a more formal group until 1990. It cost money to get the photo copying done and there were other outgoings that we funded ourselves. Martin Eddy was able to a small grant for us which was a great help. We were running out of space to house our collection and wondered if we could find somewhere in St Neot, perhaps to rent and run as an antique shop. It was suggested that we ask Agnes Olliver if we could have her old barn, the one nearest the pub. It was in a very bad state and how we were going to fix it? we had not thought but none of us had the courage to ask Agnes. It was not long after that the Parish Council when Martin Eddy was the Chairman that a similar idea was considered as a parish amenity and Bevil Bunt approached Agnes with a similar idea as ourselves. Agnes agreed as had her late husband who was a great benefactor to the parish for other projects.

Of course, there was opposition, local housing should be preferred but the proposition that Agnes should be approached to buy the rest of the buildings in Cott Yard to provide a local amenity with premises for a future shop when the need occurred. A great deal of effort was put in by the Parish Council to secure Lottery Grants and funding enough to get a local architect to draw up plans for the buildings to be changed into a village amenity. At first the buildings in Cott Yard with all the state of the arts provision lacked the best internet connections to attract would-be tenants so we had the buildings to ourselves for some time. That brings the story of the St Neot Local Historians up to date. We meet from February onwards in the Chapel Sunday School Room for talks and films indoors and from late Spring to the beginning of September we are on outdoor pursuits. Our brochure for this year will shortly be available. We are open mainly on a Tuesday and Thursday morning in the Olliver Room at the Archive in Cott Yard. If you want to find out more about where you live, parish history or your own family come and see us there.

Jill Thomas

Levow Kesson

Friends reunited!

2023 kicked off in grand style with the choir joining together for their annual social mixer, the Twelfth Night Banquet. We were royally treated to a fine feast and, in addition to such good food, there was also good fun, good entertainment, all in good company.

With the advent of a new year comes an all new singing season and an all new choral calendar. Since recommencing rehearsals in January, we've been refining our favourite numbers in time for our two forthcoming appearances of the year, the first of which will be on February 4. This special fundraiser, on behalf of St Neot Chapel, will be a musical thank you from the choir for giving us a great home to meet and rehearse each week. Our concert looks set to be great fun and we are thrilled to be reuniting with friends in our performance, as we will be joined by The Burraton Boys. See the publicity on the back page for full details.

Our calendar for 2023 is proving to be a busy one with a variety of other exciting appearances scheduled. Our next performance will be in the church on March 25. This concert is a doubly special one for the choir. Not only will we be raising money for Marie Curie, a charity celebrating its 75th anniversary, but we will also be joined by the Roseburg Community Chorale. This mixed voice choir, who will be touring the South West at the time, hail from Oregon USA. They are delighted to be coming to Cornwall, just as we are delighted to be forging new choral friendships.

It's said that the best thing about a concert is the audience, a fact that couldn't be truer. So come along and say hello to our friends from Burraton on February 4 and then meet our American choral cousins on March 25.

Heather Taylor
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Spring Term 2022

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas Fayre, the children did brilliantly running their stalls and were so well behaved. Congratulations to all those that won on the raffle. A total of £307.50 was raised by the PTA and £77 raised by the children of Fowey class towards their residential trip in May. The PTA organised a lovely evening at Trevenna making Christmas wreaths. Our special thanks to Barbara Smetherham for kindly giving up her free time to teach us, to Trevenna for hosting and to Laura for organising. They all looked fantastic! A total of £290 was raised by the PTA which is amazing.

It was wonderful to be able to celebrate together in Church for the Christmas Concert. The children were amazing and it was lovely to see so many of you in the audience. There are photos on the school website under the Events tab. Our thanks to all the parents who helped the children learn their lines; to Mr and Mrs Deacon, and all who helped move the stage to and from the church, and to Amanda and the PTA for providing refreshments and running the raffle. A total of £400.49 was raised which will help pay for school trips.

The whole school enjoyed the Bodmin & Wenford Santa Train where children were able to meet Santa and give him their Christmas letters. A huge thank you to all the parents and staff for their help in making it special for the children.

VISIT TO THE THEATRE ROYAL TO WATCH PINOCCHIO

In January, the whole school and oldest pupils in nursery had a wonderful time at the Drum Theatre watching Pinocchio. Oscar thought it was really cool, especially when they balanced the chair on their head. They used the table for multi purposes. Alyce 'I thought it was really good. I liked it when Pinocchio was eaten by the whale and found his Papa'. Amelia 'The theatre was fun'.

RECYCLING STAMPS, BATTERIES and CLOTHES

We are able to send all stamps, batteries and clothes off for recycling, not only does this help reduce landfill but the school will receive a small donation. There are recycling boxes in school, please collect at home and send them in. There is a Salvation Army clothing bank at the entrance of the school.

EASTER CONCERT

The Easter Concert is planned for Wednesday 29th March at 1.30pm. All our welcome to attend.

St Neot and District WI Report: January 2023

4 members enjoyed a County WI carol service on 2nd December, and 3 members went to the County WI Christmas lunch on 5th December. At our monthly meeting on 6th December Karen calling for a minute's silence in memory of Mary Rowe who had died. Mary had been an active member of St. Neot WI, including helping with the Flower Show and playing 'Jerusalem' at every meeting.

Thanks were given to Mim for making our Remembrance wreath, and thanks were received from Heather for our donation to the Poppy Appeal. Birthday cards were given to Janina and Jean Kelly.

As this was our Christmas party evening the competition was for the best homemade Christmas hat, won by Jenny Cook, with Barbara T coming 2nd and Rachel 3rd. We then had a 'snowman' craft session – with lots of chat and sharing - and quiz, followed by a drink and 'bring and share' supper. Secret Santa gifts were distributed and we ended with carol singing accompanied by Janina on keyboard.

Members also donated to the Liskeard Foodbank, the total weighing 33.8 kilos (74lb 10oz). The postponed Christmas meal at Halfway House will now be held on 17th January. Our meeting on 9th January was chaired by Janina as Karen was unwell.

We each recorded our preference for the 4 WI resolutions to be voted for at the Annual Meeting later this year:

1. To improve water security in the UK
2. To persuade UK tea companies to facilitate a living wage for women tea pluckers
3. To update legislation to address the harms caused by problem gambling
4. To encourage the clean-up of river water

Thanks were given to Jenny R and Julie T for running the tea stall at the Produce Market, taking £46 for WI funds.

It is our turn to host the Group Meeting this year, and it was agreed this should be on 25th April when we will be having a speaker to talk about autism. Janina read out a card received from King Charles thanking us for our condolences sent to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth.

There will be a further skittles evening on 1st February. The International Women's Day of Prayer will be held in the Chapel on 3rd March and it was agreed that the WI would host a soup and rolls lunch afterwards.

Birthday cards were given to Sue Williams and Barbara S.

The competition winners were:

Flowers: 1st Bridget—Camellia;
2nd Barbara S—Camellia;
3rd Caroline—Primrose.

Wedding Memorabilia: 1st – Sandra F;
2nd – Bridget;
3rd – Janina.

I then gave a presentation to the meeting about my years as a Registrar of Marriages, starting with some time in Birmingham Register Office. This was a large office covering the whole of the city, and in busy times of the year there could be up to 7 rooms in use for weddings on a Saturday, each Registrar completing approximately 12 weddings.

I later worked in Bodmin Register Office for the period 2006 – 2014, at a time when venues such as stately homes could be approved for civil weddings and civil partnerships. The North Cornwall area has approximately 14 approved venues, with a similar number in Caradon. Venues include Trevenna, Carnglaze Caverns and Pencarrow House with others in Padstow, Port Isaac, Tintagel and occasionally St. George's island, Looe; and I described some of the more memorable occasions and the couples involved.

The half hour before the ceremony is normally the first time we meet the couple and their families, assuring them that the ceremony would go ahead as they wished it to be. There are however the occasional mishaps, with the couples' nerves playing a part and the involvement of children or pet dogs not always going as the couple had planned! Digital records have now replaced the marriage registers which had been in use since 1837 and, for the first time, there is space to record the couples' mother's names and occupations and, when appropriate, step parent's details.

In summary, it was a job I enjoyed tremendously, meeting families on their happiest of days and being so privileged to unite couples, including members of my own family, in marriage.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th February when we will have a Social evening. PLEASE BRING A CHILDHOOD PHOTO OF YOURSELF to the meeting. If you are interested in joining the WI please contact our President, Karen Rowe, on 01579 320751

Neighbours Together St. Neot, Warleggan & Mount Community Support Group

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February 2nd Menu - Beef Casserole, with a choice of Treacle Sponge or Fruit Salad.

March 2nd Menu - various Quiches (including veggie, and cheese free) with Jacket Potatoes and vegetables, with a choice of Marmalade Bread and Butter pudding or Raspberry Cheesecake.

£5 per head. Served at 12.30pm in St. Neot Village Hall.

If you would like to join us for a hot meal and warm place to natter to friends and other residents, please contact me by Sunday of the week of the lunch to book a place. If you would like to come but are on your own, new to the village, or on your own with a baby and nervous about meeting strangers, don't worry, we set places and sit new people next to volunteers or residents we know will happily chat to you. If you would like to come but do not have transport or are housebound and would like a meal delivered (if we have the volunteers available), please contact me.

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We have a set amount of funding to help those on low incomes stay warm this winter. An example of what it can be used for includes fuel, clothing, bedding, food, white goods (separate application has to be made which can take 2 to 3 weeks) and more. For further details please contact Poppy on

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Email: neighbourstogether@odlehill.f9.co.uk

ST Neot Heating Oil Consortium Annual Review 2022

Another year of keeping warm when we need it with heating oil prices spiralling to heights we have never seen before for members of this group. In 2020 prices were averaging approx. 38-40p per litre, plus vat. In 2022 the highest price we paid was 92,99p per litre plus vat.

I have to say it has been a bit of a challenge as Covid created delays in delivery due to sickness within the companies that I barter with, to obtain the lowest price, coupled together, with the problem that oil company staff are working from home and the standard catch all telephone number is answered by the first operative that comes available, rather than the person, you have, over the years built up a degree of rapport with.

Anyway, for those who are interested in statistics here are some figures: the total litres purchased for members in 2022 was 74,800, which is down on previous years when totals were over 100,000. An indication that members were economising on heating oil. Prices per litre fluctuated from 60.5p per litre in January 2022 (Just before the Ukrainian war started) to 85.91p per litre in November 2022. However, perhaps some better news for 2023, as we enter the 10th year that this Village group has been operating. The order just completed in January 2023 saw the price drop to 79.99 per litre plus vat. Not anywhere near what it used to be but a move hopefully in the right direction.

The number of members who are shown on my records stand at 121. However, I notice that some have not ordered for some time, so if you have found an alternative form of heat and are still receiving emails from me that are no longer relevant, would you please let me know

If anyone is interested in joining the group this is how it works:-
Orders are placed Bi monthly, starting in January. I send a round robin email to all members asking them if they wish to order any heating oil, min. order 500 litres. I then collate all the orders and barter the total with about 6 companies for the best price and then place the order. It is not possible to come back and ask members if they are happy with prices as heating oil prices are volatile and go up and down by the hour in some cases. I then advise all members immediately what the agreed price is and the contact details are so **THAT THEY CAN PAY FOR THEIR OIL** and give any delivery instructions. If you wish to join, the next order will be March 2023 and for new members I will need your full name, address, and contactable telephone number.

Here is hoping you all have an enjoyable 2023.

Andy Merrett-Jones

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Chapel News

Candlelit Carol Service

Following two years when our Carol Services have, due to covid, been held outside, it was wonderful to be able to hold an indoor Service, lit by candlelight, for the whole village. Led by Rev Garry Swinton, with superb foot tapping contributions by the School Choir and the newly formed St Neot Community Singers, a full Chapel joined in with lovely traditional carols and must have been heard in Mount.

Concert by Levow Kesson
7.30pm Saturday 4 February

How fortunate we are that Levow Kesson are performing a concert at the Chapel at 7.30 pm on Saturday 4 February with special guests, The Burraton Boys, for the benefit of Chapel funds. Entry is free with retiring donations for the Chapel.

Just a Thought

Poor old January. It really does get an awful press. Christmas and New Year are over, mornings are still dull and, invariably, dreary. It is, by nature, a wet and windy month and the bright, warm days of Spring seem to be so far away as to be nothing but a pipe dream. ♡ Truth be told, there could be an argument for cancelling the month altogether and moving directly to February. At least there is Valentine's Day to look forward to.

Perhaps we are being a bit unfair on January. For some it signifies the starting block for looking forward to a great event such as a forthcoming birth, celebration or special holiday, thoughts of which had been relegated to the back burner due to the hustle and bustle of the festive season. And many of us have remarked on the noses of daffodils poking their way above ground level, promising the wonderful panorama of yellow blooms to brighten our gardens and open spaces whilst there is still little need to bother cutting the grass. It is even only 3 months until the Chapel Salad lunches season starts. (Sorry for the advert - just couldn't resist).

Maybe there is a lesson here. Sure, there are times when all seems doom and gloom, but delve deeper and a little brightness can usually be found below the surface just waiting for its opportunity to shine. Mind you, perhaps a little more sunshine, less rain and a tad extra warmth might help our first month of the year in the popularity stakes!

Chapel Services in February

Sun 5th 11.00 am led by Norman Rowe

Sun 12th 11.00 am Community Service led by the congregation

Sun 19th 11.00 am Cluster Service led by Rev Andy Day with Holy Communion

Sun 26th 11.00 am led by David Wenmoth

Chapel Hire

The Sunday School Room and Chapel are available for hire. For further information and booking details, please contact Derek or Sandra Fairhall on 01579 320170.

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St Neot Church and Warleggan Church

Rector's Ramblings - Towards Lent

Over Christmas our church has been a cinema, a jazz venue and a place of worship, the Chapel a packed venue for the Village Carol Service and the village itself the backdrop for our Walking Nativity. Whilst we celebrated Epiphany with a family service in which Harley Hopkinson was baptized, Ollie Webb took a part in leading the service, Jennifer and Lillian Rowe in reading the lesson and Eloise Thornhill by playing the piano and organ. Over the last few weeks there has been a real sense of community and a feeling that folks were determined to enjoy the things closed down by Covid.

Our Christmas celebrations end in church with Candlemas and this year we will keep the feast on Sunday 29 January, with a joint Benefice service at St Neot. We welcome Rev Canon Pat Robson as our preacher, an expert in Cornish Celtic Christianity, for a Celtic Eucharist.

In January and February Village Brew takes a rest, as we wait for the church to warm up in the spring sunshine. Thank you to Kathy Strang, Mim McCormack, and to the team of helpers, bring people together and raise much needed funds for the church and the community. The special Christmas Village Brew demonstrated the extraordinary spirit of our community and ended on a 'high' note with Ukulele Group warming everyone up.

As we move from Christmas and Epiphany, Lent starts on Ash Wednesday with a Eucharist in St Neot Church at 18.30. Just as we signed or 'Christened' Harley with the sign of the cross at his baptism, we will be signed with the cross in ashes, symbolic of belonging to Christ and a sign of leaving behind our mistakes of the past.

Ian Wheatley will be running a Lent group in the Social Club on Wednesday nights beginning on 1st March from 7.30pm. He will facilitate a discussion on some of the questions we have about life and faith, based on a program used by military chaplains to engage young recruits and nurture some spiritual curiosity. These sessions will run through Lent and be relaxed occasions open for people to drop in and out of.

We very keen to restart Open the Book, which you may know, are story, (bible story) sessions for the children in the Primary School. We hope to run these a few times each term from 10-10.30 am. If you would enjoy being part of a group and like telling stories to children, please let me know.

As I finish this first newsletter of the New Year, can I thank everyone who has made me so welcome since I moved into the village and making the start of my ministry in the Benefice such a positive experience. The three villages of the Benefice, St Neot, Mount and Warleggan are very special communities. I thought I knew that before I came here, but I really know it as I live it.

My prayers and best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous New Year. And remember, we are open for business every Sunday!

Garry Swinton

Rector

Rector: Rev Garry Swinton, 01579 321642 / rector@saintneot.church

Sunday	Service
5 February Third before Easter Septuagesima / Proper 1	0930 Warleggan Holy Communion (BCP) 1100 St Neot Holy Communion
12 February - Second Before Easter Sexagesima / Proper 2	08.00 St Neot Holy Communion (BCP) 1100 St Neot Holy Communion 15.00 Warleggan Evening Prayer
19 February - Sunday before Easter Quinquagesima	0930 Warleggan Holy Communion (BCP) 1100 St Neot Holy Communion
22 February - Ash Wednesday	18.30 St Neot Holy Communion
26 February - 1st Sunday of Lent	11.00 St Neot Holy Communion 15.00 Warleggan Evening Prayer 18.00 St Neot -Taizé Service for the start of Lent

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Short Mat Bowls	Marion Sargent	320617
Snooker and Billiards	Mark Gregory	321315
Social Club	Philip Rowe	326870
St. Neot News	Heather Taylor	321204
St. Neot Players	Steve Ashman	320966
St. Neot School	Sam Bowden	320580
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	www.stneotparishcouncil.org.uk
The Silver Line	0800 4 70 80 90



The caverns will re-open to visitors on 11th February
Here's a list of some of our upcoming gigs
We look forward to welcoming you back soon



Peatbog Faeries: Tuesday 21st March

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Barrett's Privateers: Friday 24th March

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Hang Massive: Saturday 13th May

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