

The South Hill Connection Newsletter

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No one has come forward to help with **The Connection Newsletter** so this is the last edition.

To receive news about the parish
There are 2 options
One option is new.

As well as looking at the parish notice boards and word of mouth.

Option One: Our South Hill Parish Facebook group.



Anyone can post in this group and we have admins that regularly monitor the group.
www.facebook.com/groups/southhillparish

Option Two: Our new South Hill parish and friends. Cornwall. group on nextdoor

Anyone in the group can post and see posts.
<https://nextdoor.co.uk/g/pef1v5i3q/>

Both groups are ideal for sharing news, photos, lost pets, for sale items, road closures and ask questions. PLUS our advertisers can post on either of these groups.

Potential new advertisers should email editor@south-hill.co.uk for details.

Costs £30 for 2 years.

FB & NEXTDOOR

This will mean your news will be up to date and not rely on one person to collate this monthly. I can offer any assistance, if needed.

Please join and invite your neighbours.

Ali

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Events:

April

12th Callington NEW Repair Café 2 – 5pm The Mustard Seed downstairs room.

13th Sam Sweeney Fiddle player St Sampson's church 7pm

18th Polhilsa charity Tractor Run 11am

19th Easter Egg hunt St Sampson's

26th Coffee morning 10 – 12pm. Cakes & plants sale, raffle to raise funds for the 64th South Hill Horticultural Show on 16th August 2025. Any enquiries to Pat Brewer Secretary via pat.brewer@btinternet.com Take a look at the schedule, plan what to make or grow ahead of the show in August. Let the little ones get creative and enjoy the children's activities that may even spark their enthusiasm to enter in the show. ALL WELCOME.

Elections - **May 1st**

Callington Mayfest **May 10th**

Parish Council AGM & meeting **May 13th**

Church Baroque concert - **May 16th**

Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting **May 20th**

Parish Hall Jubilee Celebrations – **May 24th**

Church Summer Fayre - **June 28th**

May 24th Parish Hall Jubilee Celebrations. Entertainment for all. Live Music, Dog Show, Stall Holders, Car Booters, Food n Drink. Vintage transport, E Bikes. Bouncy Castle.... Get involved and join in the family fun day.

Stall Holders book your spot

Car Booters book your spot

Both £5 contact Ali by email

iamalihumphreys@yahoo.com

Helpers please email

secretary@southhillparishhall.org.uk



St Sampson's Unlocked Update

The past couple of months have been a whirlwind of activity with grant applications for **St Sampson's bell restoration**. Hence I didn't manage to write anything for Connections last month, but here's an update. We've applied to five different organizations for the bell restoration including Tesco's—(if we are accepted) keep an eye out for the blue token scheme with our name on it soon! Other applications include the levelling up fund, the Give to Green match funding scheme, and the Cornish Historic Churches Trust, who have generously supported us over the years. We're also preparing a submission for the Heritage Lottery Fund, so fingers crossed. If we receive all this support, it promises to be an exciting and busy year ahead!

The tower's decorative doors are set to return shortly, and we're eager to see how glorious they'll look. Behind the scenes, a lot is happening—planning, tendering, drainage testing, and of course, ongoing fundraising efforts.

February saw a fantastic concert by Barretts Privateers, which raised an impressive £1000. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone for your support and generosity.

Coming up next is a very special concert with the talented Sam Sweeney, the renowned fiddle player from Bellowhead. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

Let's keep the momentum going for St Sampson's—thank you all for being part of this journey.

Bring your children to the parish Easter egg hunt and easter trail on Saturday 19th April.

Refreshments, crafts and our lovely miniature donkeys to say hello to. Free event, with donations welcome.

The next Churchyard working party will be on 26th April 10am-12pm. We are doing our best to keep the churchyard a haven for wildlife and people. Please do come along and help or see what we are doing and ask questions. If you want to know, more contact me.

Dates for your diary, all at St Sampson's Church in April

Sunday 6th April - 11.15 Morning Worship

Sunday 13th April - 11.15 Celtic Morning Worship

Sunday 13th April 7pm - Sam Sweeney Concert with a bar... tickets -

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sam-sweeney-concert-doors-open-at-7pm-tickets-943313113917?

Friday 18th April All day Good Friday stations of the cross. An opportunity for quiet reflection

Saturday 19th April 2.30-4.30 Easter in the wild. (Egg hunt and Easter trail)

Sunday 20th April 11.15 Easter day Holy Communion

Saturday 26th April 10am-12pm Churchyard working party

Sunday 27th April 10am Sunday with a difference

Future dates for your diary

Friday 16th May - Baroque concert with Aderyn tickets - www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/baroque-evening-with-the-aderyn-string-quartet-tickets-1137638801279

Saturday 28th June - Medieval Summer Fayre

Judith Ayers

Church Warden and local leader

stsampsonssouthhill@gmail.com

07748773416



**Sam Sweeney Concert at St Sampson's Church
April 13th Doors open at 7pm
Bar available**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/943313113917?aff=oddtcreator>



**BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 2019
Nominated Musician Of The Year**

Sam is a veteran of the mighty Bellowhead, former and inaugural artistic director of the National Youth Folk Ensemble, founder member of the acclaimed instrumental trio Leveret, and "Britain's Premier Fiddler" (Songlines), at the forefront of the revival in English traditional music.

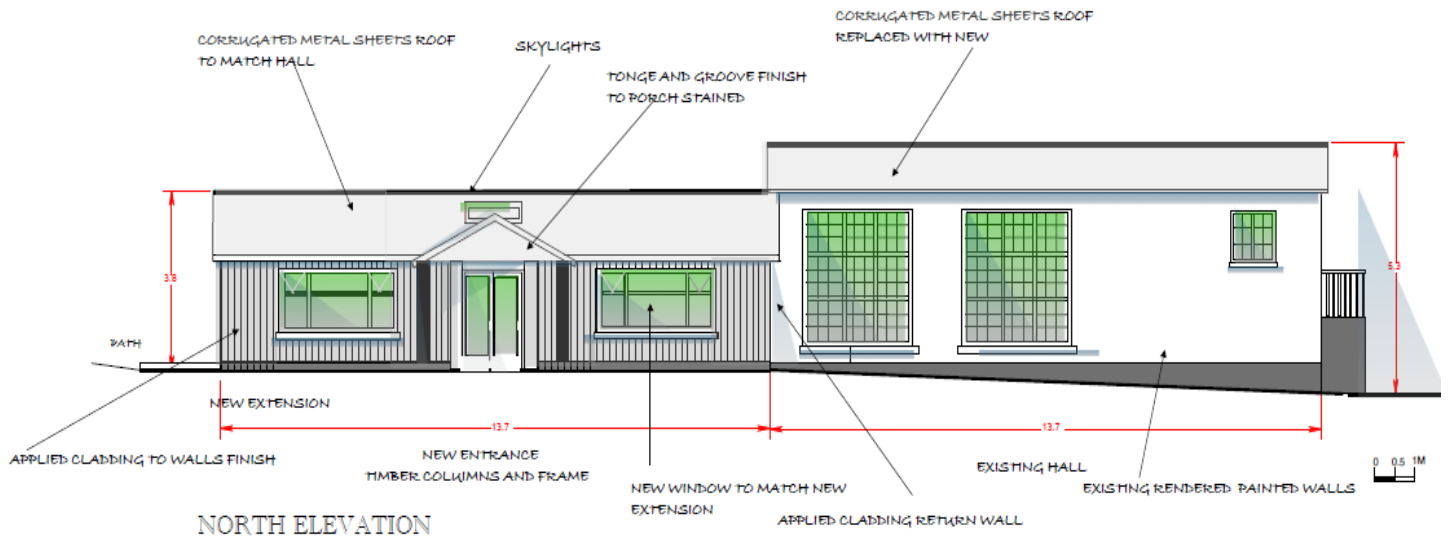
After taking to the road for his first totally solo tour in 2023, Sam Sweeney is embarking on another tour... just him and a fiddle for an intimate evening of solo fiddle tunes and stories.

This tour is a rare opportunity to spend an informal evening with "one of the defining fiddle players of his generation" (Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio 2).

South Hill Parish Hall – Proposed Extension Approved

The Parish Hall committee has been developing plans for a possible extension (using a small grant awarded by the Cornwall Council Community Capacity Fund) to provide an additional room that could be used independently of the main hall and so provide additional opportunities for community meetings/classes/etc. We applied for planning permission in December and have been waiting for a decision. We are now pleased to report that approval was granted in early March. You can view the plans on the Cornwall Council website using this link (or search for application ref PA24/09791):

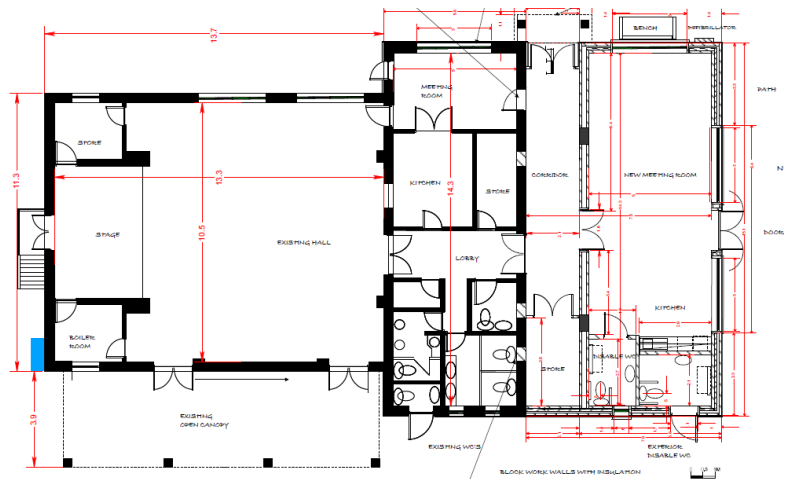
<https://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SOYE9LFGJYU00>



You may already have seen our news featured in the Cornish Times:

<https://www.cornish-times.co.uk/news/planning/planning-council-approval-for-house-extension-and-work-to-village-hall-771472>

Realising these plans is of course a significant undertaking and making this happen will depend on fundraising and primarily whether we are able to attract sufficient grants. Indications are that we need to consider a budget of around £300,000. The committee will be considering whether, how and when we take our plans forward to a construction project. We encourage anyone interested in assisting us in any way to get in touch.



Chris Beckett, Hall Chair
shphchair@gmail.com

Contact Paula, hall bookings, to secure your event dates.

[https://www.southhillparishhall.org.uk/whats-on/
bookings@southhillparishhall.org.uk](https://www.southhillparishhall.org.uk/whats-on/bookings@southhillparishhall.org.uk)

South Hill Parish Hall, Golberdon
Watercolour Painting class
with Shari, Mondays 2 – 4pm



A friendly, informal and creative group. Ideal for all abilities.
Focusing on a different subject each week, we will explore a range
of watercolour techniques that will help you to develop
your own particular style.

Classes will take place each Monday afternoon
£15/session by cash or card on the day.
To reserve a place please email shari.arnott13@gmail.com
www.shariart.com

QUIZ
BEETLE DRIVE
BINGO
Fundraising evenings.

Want to raise some money for
your charity?
Quiz Night?
Beetle Drive?
Bingo?
Something else!

South Hill Parish Hall is
available on the last Saturday
of every month, 7pm to 11pm.
Free venue hire –
all proceeds will be for your
charity.

Interested? Please email..
bookings@southhillparishhall.org.uk
for more information.

Sampson's **Supertots** **welcomes new faces**
For preschool children accompanied
by a parent or carer

Monday 9.30am - 11.30am
(drop-in anytime)
at The Parish Hall, Golberdon
PL17 7ND

Refreshments **Sensory play activities**
Toys and crafts
Stories and songs



Free



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Coffee Morning
Saturday 26th April
10 am - 12 pm
Golberdon Village Hall

Tea & Coffee
Cake sale, Plant sale
Childrens activities
Raffle
Schedules available



Raising money for the
South Hill Horticultural Show



An afternoon at St Melors

Sunday April 13th
2:30p.m.

Andrew Doney will lead us through The centuries of fascinating history this church holds within our parish and beyond.



Walking for Women's Health

Saturday 5th April

Please support our small group of friends who have decided to challenge ourselves to walk from Natural Styles Hair Studio in Callington to the Gynae Oncology Unit at Derriford Hospital.



Our route will take us from Callington to Harrowbarrow; Cotehele Quay and on to Calstock before catching the train to Bere Alston. We will then walk to Bere Ferrers; Lopwell Dam; Tamerton Foliot and then on to Derriford Hospital finishing at the Lancaster Suite on Level 6 which is the home of the Gynae Oncology unit.

Please note, the route may change a little subject to weather conditions and tide times at Lopwell Dam.

Our walking group consists of a group of friends who have either been directly affected by one of the Gynaecological cancers or who have relations or close friends affected and who have benefitted by the excellent care provided by the Gynae Oncology team at Derriford Hospital. We are trying to raise funds to help the team enhance the facilities and level of care they are able to offer to many women in the Plymouth catchment area who are receiving a cancer diagnosis or in the process of treatment.

Walking so far is Kay Barriball; Molly Jacketts; George Maunder; Gaeli Jacketts; Jamie, Helen, Thomas and Minnie Dowdall and Scott & Marie Delbridge. Anyone else wishing to join us for part or all of the walk is more than welcome!

Please scan the QR code to go to our just giving page and donate if you can!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/kay-barriball-1728141278734?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



Callington
Town Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



Callington & Kelly Bray Parish

7.00pm

Council Chamber, Callington Town Hall. PL17 7BE

**This is your chance to have your say,
ask questions and make comments**

01579 384039

enquiries@callington-tc.gov.uk

Sponsored by:



Launceston and Callington Ploughing Association

CHARITY TRACTOR RUN

In aid of Gynaecology Oncology
Derriford Hospital

18th April 2025 (Good Friday)

At Polhilsa Farm PL17 8PP
(what3words: greet.plodded.unroll)

Meet at 10.30am for 11 start
£10 a tractor £5 Passenger
Refreshments at start and finish



Enquiries: Tim Lightfoot 07779 372606

Jake Lightfoot 07399 601370

Tom Barriball 07400 253131



Group Travel

Day Trips & Coach Holidays

Enterprise Park, Midway Road, Bodmin, Cornwall PL31 2FQ Tel: 01208 77989

Coach Excursions & Tours 2025

8th April	Geevor Tin Mine & Lands End
6th May	Enys Garden, Bluebells
13th-19th May	Melrose & the Scottish Borders
27th May	Thorpe Park (book early for tickets)
11th June	Marwood Hill Gardens, Barnstaple
24th June	Mount Edgecombe & Harbour Cruise
3rd July	Tiverton Canal Barge & Bickleigh Mill
14th-18th July	Visit Chester
29th July	Port Eliot Estate with Kernow Mill
5th August	Legoland (book early for tickets)
13th August	Plymouth Firework Championships

Visit our website for all our excursions & tours.

Call: 01208 77989 for bookings and brochure
website: www.grouptravelcoachhire.co.uk
email: grouptravelcornwall@btconnect.com

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High Vehicles & Motorhomes
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Annual & Interim Vehicle Servicing

Commercial interim inspections available
including brakes and lights

Helping you stay compliant

Bodmin MOT Centre
Enterprise Park, Midway Road,
Bodmin, Cornwall PL31 2FQ



A total of £1,678.55 was raised by Callington Young Farmers following their annual dung run held last month.

**Callington YFC
Charity Tractor
Run**

And Cream Tea ☕

Sunday 13th April

11 am Dupath farm for 11:30 departure

Payment on arrival
£10 per tractor
£5 per passenger
Price Includes a cream tea

Cream teas dupath barn from 1 pm!

Enquiry's:
07984305372

Email:
Yfccallington@gmail.com

FCN THE FARMING COMMUNITY NETWORK

CANCER RESEARCH UK

Tractor and drivers attending must comply with all requirements to be on the public highway

Vintage and modern all welcome!



Look who's on the front cover! Caz who lives in Golberdon and her Tregaver Fibre business where she produces ethically sourced fibre from her Teeswater and Wensleydale sheep and Angora Goats.

CALLINGTON HERITAGE CENTRE

Heritage Centre



Opening times

(from 4 April 2025)

Friday 10am-4pm

Saturday (first in month)
10am-1pm

Liskeard Road

CALLINGTON

Cornwall

PL17 7HA

callingtonheritagecentre@gmail.com
01579 389506

Callington
Heritage
Centre

Needs YOU!

- Are you fascinated by local history?
- Do you want to find out more about Callington?
- Do you enjoy research?
- Are you a Family Historian?
- Do you like meeting people?

We are looking for volunteers:

- To steward at the museum.
- To research and create materials for display or articles in the Member's newsletter.
- To help maintain our collection... etc etc

If you can spare a few hours a month, or if you want to find out more, contact us at

callingtonheritagecentre@gmail.com

The Heritage Centre will be opening at Easter. The hours remain Fridays 10am - 4pm and also on the first Saturday of the month 12 noon - 4pm. These hours as stated on numerous occasions are dictated by our lack of volunteers / personnel to help run the place. So if you have a passion for Family History research / the history of the mines and mining generally, geology, the history of your house or even boundaries, those are just a few of the subjects we cater for. We have a huge photo / Newspaper archive to delve into, these are not confined just to Callington but all our surrounding Parishes as well. Volunteers need not be those born or brought up in Callington, in fact we have several from outside the County-all volunteers are accompanied and may come in for as many hours as they like-totally flexible. If you are interested you can pop in to see us, we keep a watching brief most Fridays leading up to our official opening or give us a ring initially on 01579-389506 / 01752-851403 to express your interest, you may also e-mail us on callingtonheritagecentre@gmail.com We are located in Liskeard Road in the Chapel at the entrance to the Cemetery roughly opposite Travis Perkins. We look forward to seeing you .

Are you interested in researching the history of the parish or the stories of the people who lived in your home?

There is lots of information to discover and help is available if you don't know where to start. As part of the St Sampson's Unlocked project, I'm trying to continue research some us started ages ago on the stories of some of the people commemorated in the church and churchyard, but there are all sorts of other parish stories to explore and memories of long term residents to record.

I'd love to get an informal group together to swap information and eventually maybe write a short history of the parish.

If you are interested, please email me mlawranceowen@icloud.com or pass this message on to anyone you know who might be interested.

Thank you

Miranda Lawrance-Owen.

Also looking for any photos you can email or we can scan.

THE MEN WHO WENT TO WAR

An insightful talk by Peter Sharp about the men behind the names on the War Memorial

Thursday 8th May
Rilla Mill Village Hall
7:30p.m.





Members visited The Box, Plymouth. They looked around the museum and stayed for lunch.(Of course!) They are pictured with Mildred the mammoth.

March meeting subject was personal finance, presented by Tim Layton-Hyslop a financial advisor from Lostwithiel. Interesting and thought provoking.

Finally, our members celebrated the 79th anniversary of the founding of South Hill WI with a birthday meal at The White Hart at Chilsworthy. They catered for nineteen of us. The food was delicious and plentiful and we were made very welcome by the staff. Judith's epic lemoncello tiramisu!



SOUTH HILL WI

CLASSIC EASY TEA BREAD



12 ozs mixed currants and raisins
1/2 pint of tea
6 ozs brown sugar
1 tsp mixed spice
1 egg
12 ozs self raising flour

Soak the fruit, spice and sugar in the tea overnight.

Mix in the egg and the self raising flour.

Bake in a loaf tin for 1 - 1/2 hours at about 170°C (medium oven) until cooked through.

Good on it's own, but even better sliced with butter!



The next meeting of South Hill WI is on Wednesday 1st April at 6.45 pm in the Parish Hall, Golberdon, when the speaker will be

YVONNE TOMS

on

HOUSEMAID AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Please note the slightly earlier start time this month. This is because the Annual Meeting will follow the talk and the normal business meeting. If you are interested in joining the WI, please come along!



Stoke Climsland Show JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 26th April 2025

9:30am to 1:00pm



THE OLD SCHOOL & PARISH HALL (PL17 8NY)

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE (INCLUDING BACON BUTTIES!) - RAFFLE

Jumble to be dropped off on Friday 25th April only (from 7:30am to 5:30pm)

Clothes: Parish Hall Other Jumble: The Old School

All money raised will go towards staging the annual Village Show



Repair Café

2 - 5pm

The Mustard Seed

PL177BS The Bottom of Church Street

Callington

April 12th

the 2nd Saturday of the month

All Volunteers welcome

Bring items to fix, + chat & cake.

Don't Bin It, Fix It!

onecallington@gmail.com

Table Top SALE
Linkinhorne Parish Hall
at Upton Cross

Saturday 5th April
10:30 till 12:30

5ft Table - £5
3ft Table - £3
Clothes Rail - £2

SOLD OUT

Bookings is essential:
bookings@linkinhorneparish
hall.org.uk

All proceeds of table sales go to
Linkinhorne Parish Hall
Linkinhorne Parish Hall - Upton Cross

RECYCLING FOR CHARITY project.



Since starting our project in 2019 we have raised over **£18, 500** on items normally thrown away.

The items we collect must be sorted into programmes which are sponsored by manufacturers, then boxed by our volunteers to send to TERRACYCLE to be recycled.

Terracycle work with McVitie's, Warburton, Cathedral cheese, Burts and more, and points are awarded for each box we send. Every 6 months these points can be redeemed and money is sent to our nominated charities.

Our list of accepted items changes when the manufacturers make alterations. We can no longer take crisps & snack packets which generated a vast volume and was a great earner. No more sweets and chocolates packets and recently all dental items have been stopped and the latest to be struck off the list has been coffee packets.

Last year we raised **£3644** And hopefully we can match that and maybe beat that amount this year.

Our latest success and maybe our biggest success was just before Christmas 2024 when we entered the Playground contest sponsored by SISTEMA.

Collectors were invited to send as many old Tupperware, takeaway and all food containers plus reusable drinks bottles. The collector who sent the most, would win a playground made from the recycled plastic for their school of choice. I love a challenge and thought hard about which school to partner with that could generate the sort of volume needed to win this national contest.

I reckoned a town school would have a chance, a town with a few takeaway food outlets, charity shops and lots of groups to ask for their support. I approached Brunel School in Saltash and they were so enthusiastic. They emptied kitchen cupboards, lockers and store rooms in Saltash and the surrounding area. The staff and children canvassed every outlet on the Fore street. Local groups were dropping off and we collected lost property bottles from all the local leisure centres. As well as massive support from our regular collectors. IT WAS CRAZY. We sent over 1 Tonne of plastic... ie. over 100 boxes weighing 10kg each.

AND we earned points on every kg sent, which equated to **£1148** for KICK COUNT charity who aim to reduce UK stillbirths.

AND we won the PLAYGROUND, which will be installed over the Easter break.

At the same time we were also collecting sweet tubs, Roses, Hero's, Quality Street & Celebrations for DCW Polymers at Exeter.

If you aren't collecting for us yet, I urge you to get onboard... read the list of items we can take, and drop them to Green Meadows just 200 meters from Golberdon crossroads on the South Hill Road. Not sure how to get started, give me a call. THANK YOU Ali.

THANK YOU

We won the Free PLAYGROUND

To be installed at Brunel school Saltash
Over ONE TONNE of plastic was sent
to Terracycle to be recycled
AND raised **£1,148** for **Kicks Count**.

Keep up to date by joining the
Recycling for Charity
[Facebook group](#) or [web page](#)

Ali 07305 044049
CornwallRecycling@outlook.com

South Hill Parish Council.

Details of the council meeting held on 18 March 2025 include the following topics:

PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr Chris Beckett attended the parish council meeting to provide details of PLANNING APPLICATION PA24/09791: South Hill Parish Hall Golberdon - The extension and associated works of the Parish Hall, which has recently been approved by Cornwall Council. This includes installation of additional solar panels to the extension roof and replacement of existing hall roof. The hard work will now begin to raise an estimated £250,000 to complete the project with more money required to provide additional car parking for the hall and playing field.

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Members of the public are encouraged to join us on the Parish Council. The elections will take place on Thursday 1 May. The deadline for submission of nomination papers is 2 April. Nomination papers can be obtained at short notice from our Chairman Cllr Andy Budd 01579 389328

THE RECREATIONAL FIELD:

The stone at ground level reportedly within the cricket area has been removed; the ground will soon be made good.

FOOTPATHS:

In connection with the new gate and fence, contact with Cornwall Council regarding access along footpath 638/20/1 has continued. Cornwall Council will be considering enforcement action in months to come if agreement over removal of the obstruction cannot be reached.

FIBRE BROADBAND for TREWOODLOE, BERRIO and EGYPT:

Following bank transfers from Cornwall Council, the Parish Council approved payment of the final bill from BT Openreach. Comments were made regarding the successful completion of this important project with special thanks expressed for the efforts of Cllr David Skelton, Cllr Dan Smith, Mr Ivan Callanan and our parish Clerk Jenny Hoskin.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The AGM and Parish meeting on 13 May following the election of Councillors. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 20 May.

UPDATE FROM: Cllr Pete Tunnicliffe (for fully accurate information as to council meetings readers should consult the minutes of council meetings at www.south-hill-pc.gov.uk)

All communication should be directed to Jenny Hoskin (Parish Clerk) Telephone 07810 234417 or email southhillpcclerk@gmail.com or write to Branston Farm, Bodmin Road, Bodmin PL30 4BB

Editor: Elections on 1st May for all town and parish council seats, together with all Cornwall Council seats. All candidates will be listed after 2nd April and you can check here.

www.electoralcommission.org.uk/polling-stations?postcode-search=PL177LT&Submit+Postcode=

Key dates and more information here

www.cornwallalc.org.uk/town-and-parish-council-election

Hand in completed candidate forms at Luxstowe House, Liskeard, in person before 4pm on **2nd April**.

Wednesday 2 nd April 4pm	Closing date for submission of nomination papers	Nominations papers must be submitted in person by the candidate or their representative at a Cornwall Council designated elections office no later than 4pm.
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Who can stand: In order to be able to stand for election as a parish or town councillor, an individual must qualify as being eligible for office, i.e., an elector who is over 18, who is a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a member state of the EU. Additionally they are qualified if they have registered as a local government elector for the area of the parish, and/or during the whole of the 12 months before the day of being nominated as a candidate or the day of the election, resided in the locality of within 3 miles (4.8km) of it, or occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises therein or had his principal or only place of work. There are also certain disqualifications which should be checked. NALC give further information on this at [Vacancies and co-option](#).

March update

From Adrian Parsons - Cornwall Councillor for Altarnun & Stoke Climsland

At the most recent Full Council meeting, Cornwall Council approved its budget for 2025/26, which will protect frontline services and address the financial challenges facing local government across the country. The budget adopted by the council will see a 4.99% increase in Council Tax rates, which includes a 2% levy to be used for adult social care. The plans include an increase of £22 million in the council's net spending on care for adults and children. Cornwall Council is one of the largest local authorities in the country, based on population served and geography covered.

Its 2025/26 capital budget will include £173 million to create new school places and repair school buildings, investments in appliance replacements for Cornwall Fire and Rescue, new technology to create modern, low-carbon ways of working, and £1.5 billion on projects to support economic growth, maintain the transport network, and create homes and jobs for local people.

The Final Local Government Settlement issued on 3rd February unbelievably made the funding situation even more unfair and urban-biased. Without any prior consultation, the Government 'repurposed' the entire £105 million Rural Services Delivery Grant, so the £5.3 million we had assumed to get for 2025/26 evaporated. To add insult to injury, the Government created a new 'one-off' £600 million Recovery Grant which was allocated almost exclusively to urban metropolitan councils. It had been assumed we would receive at least £2.7 million from the Recovery Grant but have received nothing. In the interest of balance, a larger social care grant had been received than budgeted, but overall, the Settlement left us with a deficit of around £5 million to fund. The council also needed to find £1 million to cover the shortfall in the money allocated to cover the increase in NI employer contributions. All in all, we again see the Government fail to adequately address issues such as funding for adult social care.

With Plusha now being the worst accident blackspot in Cornwall, one of the positives to come out of the budget was that the administration took on board the importance of how change was required here and included £250,000 to support a full review of options to construct a grade-separated junction at Plusha on the A30 and associated business case in their 2025/26 budget, as I had requested in a recent motion. By taking this initiative, the council has clearly demonstrated its long-term commitment to road safety in the county and a clear understanding of the impact that substandard sections of the A30, such as the Plusha junction, have on the wellbeing of residents and road users, local connectivity, and Cornwall's economic prosperity. Whilst the decision of Cornwall Council to take the lead in resolving the issues at Plusha is a milestone, it is just the beginning of a lengthy process.

With the council now over a billion pounds in debt and haemorrhaging money, it feels like this is now a cycle that has become the norm. The very real concern is that there is no improvement in sight!

Finally, with the council elections looming on the 1st of May, we will soon be reaching the Purdah period. Officers must be politically impartial, preventing central and local government from making announcements about any new or controversial initiatives that could be seen to be advantageous to any candidates or parties in the forthcoming election. Clearly for me as a Cornwall Councillor, it will be business as usual up until the day of the election, but no doubt with regards to information coming out from the council, things will quieten down!

Regular Hall Events

Mon. 9:30 – 11:30am **Super Tots** group
Last Mon. month 6:30 -8pm **Freddies Fibre Friends** club with Julia

3rd Tues. 7:30pm **Parish Council** meeting

Wed. 9:15am **Zumba** Fitness with Liz

Wed. 10:20am **Pilates** with Sarah

2nd /4th 5:30pm **TT Taekwondo** with Dale

1st Wed. **Women's Institute** 7:15pm

Thur. 7 – 8pm **Pilates** with Judy

Fri. 4 – 8:30pm **TT Taekwondo** with Dale

Charity **Quiz** needs a coordinator
to book bookings@southhillparishhall.org.uk

South Hill Piecemakers

1st & 3rd Mondays 7:30 – 10:30pm and
2nd & 4th Thursdays 1:30 – 5:30 and one
Saturday a month.

Callington Colts Football. [Fixtures](#)

Cheesewring Cricket Club [FB](#)

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