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STOP PRESS

Tesco is coming to town!

Caradon Planning Committee has given the go ahead for the development of a new Tesco supermarket at the Pengelly site off Tavistock Road.

A Tesco spokesperson said: "We are very pleased that the committee approved the application and thank all the local people who supported us."

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The Town Clerk's Office and One Stop Shop are open 9am-2pm Mon-Fri. At other times an answerphone is available. Post can be put in the letter box in front of the office or through the entrance door.

One Stop Shop up and running

I am sure that by now you have either read or heard something about Cornwall becoming a Unitary Authority with Caradon District Council disappearing from Wednesday 1 April.

As a consequence of this amalgamation I expect you are wondering where on earth you can go with your enquiry regarding council services?

The answer is relatively simple: it's your new 'One Stop Shop' and the good news is that it will be located with

Callington Town Council's Clerk's Office within the reception area of the Town Hall on New Road. There will be a specially trained customer services advisor, called Angela Marvin, on hand to deal with your enquiry from 9am-2pm Monday to Friday.

Angela should be able to respond to your enquiry or deal with your payment immediately, including advice on environmental issues such as street repairs and litter. If she can't help because the matter requires the attention of a dedicated officer for a particular service (development control officer, social care officer or an environmental control officer, for instance), Angela will arrange for an officer to deal with your request; she may also be able to arrange an interview with a visiting officer for you in the comfort of our new interview room, again



located within the Town Hall.

Other features will include a public access internet console and eventually a pay-point machine to deal with your payments for domestic rates, rents and so on. These will be located in the foyer which will be fully accessible with a platform lift and semi-automatic opening doors at the entrance.

You can contact Cornwall Council and your One Stop Shop on 0300 1234 100. The 0300 numbers are the new-style numbers for public services. Calls cost the same as ringing standard (01 or 02) landline numbers - even from a mobile phone. They will also be included as part of any inclusive minutes or discount package.

Please feel free to call into the Town Hall to see the changes to the entrance, foyer and office.

Vernon Anderson, Town Clerk

Church Services for Easter

St. Mary's

Sat 28 March 2.30-4.30pm Easter Extravaganza (cream teas, cake stall, mammoth bring and buy stall, and an Easter treasure hunt, run by the children and young people, for Precious Lives and Safecare charities)

Sun 5 April 10am Family Palm Sunday service (with donkey)

Mon 6 April 6pm Joint event with Churches Together at the Mustard Seed; experiencing the Last Supper

Thurs 9 April 7.30pm Maundy Thursday, Commemoration of the Last Supper

Friday 10 April 11am Good Friday Devotional service

Sun 12 April Easter Day services at

8am Holy Communion (spoken)

10am Holy Communion (family)

6.30pm 'Revive' Easter Praise service

Methodist Church

Sun 5 April 10.30am Baptism service and Palm Distribution led by Rev Martyn Smith

Thurs 9 April 7.30pm Maundy Thursday, Communion service led by Rev Martyn Smith

Fri 10 April 10.30am Good Friday service led by Rev Malcolm Richards

Sun 12 April 8am Communion service led by Rev Martyn Smith

10.30am Communion service led by Rev Chris Tomlinson

6.30pm Evening Worship led by Rev Martyn Smith

Mustard Seed Evangelical Church

Fri 10 April 10.45am Reflections on the Cross

Sun 12 April 10.45am Morning Worship with Norman Wilkerson

6.30pm DVD 'How great is our God' Louie Giglio

'Our Lady of Victories' Catholic Church

Sat 4 April 6pm Mass with reading of The Passion. Blessing and Distribution of Palms

Wed 8 April 6-7pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Stations of the Cross

Fri 10 April Walk of Witness (Churches Together in Callington)

Sun 12 April 12noon Mass (note: there is no Mass on Saturday evening)

YOU SAY. . .

May I bring to the notice of all who are using the Catholic Church car park without authority - please stop it.

The car park is in a state of disrepair due to the continual turning of cars. May I remind you that it is a private car park, only for the use of Catholic community members plus members from the visiting churches.

Very shortly, after the damage has been sorted out, the car park will be locked at all times, and only opened when a service is on.

Valerie Williams, Health and Safety person for the Catholic Community

Town Band in Spring Concert

Callington Town Band will be presenting its annual Spring Concert on Saturday 4 April at the Methodist Church. The members will be joined by the Cantorum Choir and the band's Awards ceremonies will take place during the evening - it's hoped that the band's president Edward Woodward and his wife Michelle Dotrice will be in the audience.

The concert begins at 7.30pm and costs £4 with under 16s admitted free. Tickets available from Miller Countrywide Estate Agents.

Kick yourself fit with boxing

A kickboxing group, the South West Kickboxing Academy (SWKA) holds weekly meetings on Fridays.

The classes meet between 7.30-9pm at Callington Sport and Leisure (the Sports Centre) in the dance studio.

Everyone over the age of seven is welcome, at any level of ability.

The group has been running for a year: you can contact 2nd Dan Steve Lilley on 07773 863510 or he can be found at www.southwestkickboxingacademy.com, or emailed at sculpting_fitness@hotmail.com

YOU SAY specialhow bad parking and the zig-zags drive you mad - and can be lethal

I READ THE FEBRUARY ISSUE Callington News and was interested to read about the issues of parking on the zig-zag lines in Fore Street.

The very next day, lo and behold, two cars were parked on the zigzag lines! Antisocial parking is a really big issue in Callington, one which is not being addressed adequately either by the Police or by the Council.

I have written many letters of complaint to them about this problem, specifically in and around Moonsfield area.

My story of antisocial parking could have cost me my life during the snowy weather earlier this year. I won't go into the details, but the bad, illegal and thoroughly inconsiderate parking caused a serious

ambulance delay - very serious. Cars regularly block the free access and egress of Moonsfield residents.

In situations like this where we need an ambulance, this ignorant, selfish and antisocial parking could cause a fatality. It is an offence to cause an obstruction on the highway, and yet some people in Callington seem to think that they are above the law, and show no regard for other people's safety whatsoever.

Neither the Council nor the Police seems to be doing anything about these breaches, and as long as people are allowed to get away with this kind of unthinking behaviour, they will continue to do so.

Mrs Paula Phelps
Moonsfield

THE ILLEGAL PARKING ON zig-zag lines in Fore Street, in the February issue, is also a regular occurrence outside the Primary School in St German's/Saltash Roads. This offence takes place throughout the day, as well as at drop-off and school pick-up times. Cars are even left on these lines while the driver goes into the school.

This extremely dangerous junction is being made even more lethal by these actions. The double yellow lines are also regularly ignored.

All this is an accident waiting to happen - remember, it could be you or your child.

A concerned local resident
[See the article below about how to avoid illegal and dangerous parking outside the Primary School.]

Permission granted for school drop-off parking

There have numerous grumbles from drivers using the approach to Callington from Saltash Road, at the junction of St German's Road, about the parents who consistently park on the zig-zag lines outside the Primary School.

It is understandable that parents want to ensure their children's safe delivery to school premises, but not at the risk to other parents whose children use the school lollipop crossing just along the road.

There is an entrance to the school from the main Co-op car park, accessible from New Road, and this provides safe transfer of the

children to the school without causing obstruction to rush-hour traffic. Assurance has been given by Caradon Council that bona-fide 'drop-offs' will not be charged for the temporary stop in the car park. A time zone of 8.40-9am and 2.50-3.10pm has been suggested. During these times the Car Park Attendants have been given discretion regarding the issue of parking penalties. The extra time taken to reach the 'safe zone' is in the order of about 30 seconds.

Please be more considerate to other road users, and make sure all the children are safe - use but don't abuse the town's facilities.

Going to the dogs?

From Joyce Lawrence

Opposite where I live there is a triangle piece of ground which belongs to Caradon Council. There is a tree there, and shrubs, and when they come out in bloom it looks lovely.

However, people are using it as a dog's toilet. One young lady comes four times a day with her dog - she carries a bag but never uses it.

I have contacted the dog warden on four occasions but they have done nothing.

I'm so afraid for the

children who walk near it: if they should fall and get dogs' excrement in their eyes, it could blind them.

This week someone let their dog do their job right outside the bank in Fore Street. This wouldn't happen abroad - why does it happen here?

Our Edwardian heritage

Callington Heritage Centre is very proud to present as its first exhibition this year a unique collection of photographs from the Edwardian era that have not been seen for a hundred years.

The Gimblett family have been photographers in and around the Callington area for almost a century. In 1909 Reginald moved from Gunnislake to Callington and his branch of the family is still here. Using the heavy glass plates of the period he took photographs of everyone from servants to the aspiring middle classes. His grandson, Terry, rescued these plates several decades ago, and has recently been able, with the assistance of modern technology to 'reclaim' these unique photographs, and the quality of some of them is amazing. This is the first time these wonderful photographs will have been seen for many, many, years.

The Centre needs your assistance as few of the photographs have any names or indications of where the photographs were taken. There are many portraits and family groups set in the studio, but

there are also outdoor photographs featuring horses, groups and servants. The photographs would have been taken anywhere in the area. Copies of these photographs must have gone to the clients and there may be families out there who can assist with identification.

Alongside these wonderful photographs are displays featuring Edwardian shops and crafts, and a new book which is just being published to accompany the exhibition, 'Edwardian Callington', contains more of the Gimblett photographs. *[A review of the book will appear in next month's Callington News.]*

Fifty of the photographs will be on display until Saturday 18 July - after this the number will be reduced to 20 and the display on Edwardian life will be extended to include an Edwardian kitchen and more on domestic life.

The exhibition opens at the Heritage Centre in Liskeard Road on Good Friday and continues to open every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday 10am-4pm until the end of October.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lions Easter Bingo

The Lions Easter Bingo evening will be held on Monday 6 April in the Town Hall. Doors open at 7pm, with eyes down at 8pm. There will be seasonal prizes and all proceeds will go to local charities.

British Legion meeting

The next meeting of the Royal British Legion will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28 April in the function room of the Phoenix public house.

Red Nose Day success

The final amount raised by Prim-Raf's Red Nose Day pantomime was just over £284. Thanks to all involved.

Band practice

Every Thursday sees two practice sessions held in the Bandroom at the Heritage Centre on Liskeard Road. The Callington Town Training Band meets at 6.15-7.15pm, with the Callington Town Band meeting from 7.30-9.30pm. Phone 350336 for more details.

Lost cat

Smokey, a 4-year-old black and white cat, is missing from Coronation Close. If you have any information, please phone 384981.

Andy Frost writes:

In my book review last month I wrongly said that the charity was called Friends of Callington and Gunnislake District Nurses - it is in fact Friends of the Callington and Gunnislake Health Centres. Every penny donated is used for the benefit of their patients, and not for Health Centre personnel.

Songs go down a treat

Prim-Raf's posters described the Sterts Singers as 'excellent', and so they proved at their recent concert in Biscombes Lane. The mixed group of about 20 singers sang a series of songs from musicals in amazingly different styles. Steve Hill, Prim-Raf stalwart and a Sterts singer, interspersed the songs with a series of corny jokes. Also between the songs were a series of first-class acts by Prim-Raf girls, drumming, singing, dancing, and playing the saxophone and clarinet. If Prim-Raf can hold the interest of these young ladies, this Am Dram's future is assured.

After the success of last year's Carnival, the Town Council, together with the Rotary Club and Lions Club, is working hard to bring a Festival Week to the town. It will start on Saturday 11 July with Gala Day and end on Saturday 18 with the Carnival. In between there will be a variety of events with bingo, belly dancing and a barn dance, plus many more. Further details will be published as the programme firms up. You can find out more on <http://www.freewebs.com/callingtoncarnival/>

It's all in the grooming

Callington is really spoilt for choice when it comes to finding a hairdresser, writes **Gail Buttery**. There are nine in the town centre, including two barber shops, and another at Kelly Bray. For quick reference I list them here and also give you the first of three articles providing an insight into the people in the salons who work hard to keep us looking our best.

Adam's Barber Shop - Pilgrim's Arcade, Fore Street. No telephone.

Expressions - New Road, 384295

HairXtreme by Paula - 24 Fore Street, 389258

Head to Head - Fore Street, 383830

Natural Styles - Biscombes Lane, 384500

Picasso's - 1-2 Newport, 383035

Prisms - Biscombes Lane, 382830

The Barber Shop - 2-4 Pannier Market, 383939

The Beauty Arcade - New Road, 384473

Diva's - 3 Beeching Park, Kelly Bray, 383545

The team at **Expressions** - Grace, Mel and Zoe - is headed by salon owner Caroline Reed. Caroline admits to wanting to be a hairdresser from the age of six, starting with a Saturday job when she was 13. Caroline never wanted to do anything else: now not only does she oversee her business but she also works the equivalent of five days a week at Plymouth Academy of Training.

Expressions offers the full range of hairdressing treatments; cutting, colouring and perming, with some additional treatments. Zoe is also qualified to give Indian Head massage and to apply hair extensions. The massage

is a great therapeutic aid for relaxation, so call and ask Zoe for more information and to make an evening appointment.

Ear piercing is available to anyone over five years of age, and I've been promised that it doesn't hurt.

Expressions has been in Callington for 21 years: Caroline joined the previous owner, Shirley, in 1998 and took over the business six months later.

The salon moved from Fore Street to New Road in 2005.

Open: Tuesday 9am-4pm, Wednesday 9am-1pm, Thursday 9am-7pm, Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday 9am-12noon with discounts for OAP's on Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday. They pride themselves on being very friendly and cater for all ages, including men and boys.

Telephone to make an appointment or just call in: you may get an appointment straight away.

Expressions, New Road, 384295

Another shop owner who started in the profession at an early age is Hayley Brown of **The Barber Shop** in the Pannier Market.

Hayley has a great story to tell: she first worked at the shop when she was only 14 years old, for a week's work experience from school. The owner at that time was Carol Watson. This helped Hayley decide on her career, so she went on to Saltash College for two years' training in all aspects of hairdressing. Fortunately, when she qualified, Carol needed a member of staff and Hayley went straight back to work full time there, eventually taking over the business in 1999. Hayley is proud to have a traditional barber shop with old-fashioned values. This year congratulations are in order, as **The Barber Shop** celebrates 25

years. No need to make an appointment, just turn up and take a seat. If you think there are too many waiting, leave and go back later.

Hayley is assisted by Clare Johnson and Eddie Springer. The team will wash, cut and dry men's hair or give you a beard trim, and also dry cut hair for women. If you are a student and would like to try a week's work experience in a barber shop, like Hayley did, she would be happy for you to contact her to see if she can help.

Open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 9am-5.30pm, Thursday - 9am-1pm, Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday 9am-2pm.

The Barber Shop, 2-4 Pannier Market, 383939

Paula Hicks owns **HairXtreme by Paula**. She too started in the profession as a Saturday girl and working in school holidays. She moved to Callington as a teenager and started her apprenticeship at

Expressions: she has owned the salon since February 2005. Working alone means she gives 100% attention to her clients. She believes it is extremely important to dedicate the time for a consultation to help clients decide on the style and look they want to achieve and whether they will be able to take care of it - this is particularly important for new clients. Paula makes sure she understands the client's lifestyle and how they can manage their own hair. The salon holds Fair Trade status by serving Fair Trade tea, coffee and hot chocolate.

Open: Flexible times to suit appointments Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

HairXtreme by Paula, 24 Fore Street, 389258

DIARY FOR APRIL

For Easter Church services, see page 2

Fri 3 Easter Family Disco,

6.30pm—9.00pm Town Hall, tickets available from Town Hall, Spar & Kivells

Sat 4 Charity Day

9am—1pm Town Hall

Sat 4 Town Band Spring Concert

7.30pm Methodist Church

Mon 6 U3A monthly meeting

10am-12noon Town Hall

Mon 6 Lions Bingo

7.30pm—9pm Town Hall

Sat 11 Councillor Surgery, WI Hall, Kelly Bray

10am—12pm Councillor Andrew Long & Councillor Heather Jones

Sat 11 Evening Dance featuring Len Jackman

7.30-11pm Town Hall

Fri 24 Diabetes Support Group

2pm Cricket Club

Fri 24 Annual Parish Meeting—all welcome

7pm Council Chamber, Town Hall

Sat 25 Councillor Surgery, Committee Room, Town Hall, Callington

10am—12pm Councillor Andrew Long

Town Hall Market: 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, Town Hall 9am-1pm.

Country Markets: every Wednesday 8.45-11.30am, Scout Hut, New Road car park

New Outlook: every Tuesday during school term time, 10am-12noon, Cricket Club

Town Training Band: every Thursday 6.15-7.15pm, Bandroom at the Heritage Centre

Town Band: every Thursday 7.30-9.30pm, Bandroom at the Heritage Centre

South West Kickboxing Academy: every Friday 7.30-9pm, Community College Sports Centre dance studio

While on the subject of parking. . .

After some very positive feedback on the subject of stopping on the zig-zag lines in the last issue of Callington News, it might be worth reflecting on other aspects of anti-social driver behaviour; for example, how many drivers stop outside the shops on the right-hand side of the road, facing oncoming traffic? Consider this: when you drive away you are interfering with the flow of two lanes of traffic, one of which is in your blind spot. Do you always check to see there's nothing there? You can't even rely on your mirror to provide this information – if it's correctly adjusted for normal driving there is a blind area on your left which is big enough to conceal the image of a fairly large vehicle. You might adjust your mirror to check, but then it will need to be readjusted for safe normal driving.

These problems are multiplied at night. How many times have you driven along Fore Street, for example, and stopped near the bank to use the cash machine at dusk or later? Do you switch off your engine? If you have been driving on headlights at dusk or

later, or in rainy weather, your lights, even on dipped beam, will be glaring into the eyes of oncoming drivers, reducing their chances of avoiding pedestrians on the crossing. This risk is hugely magnified by stopping on the right hand side. Bear in mind that each of these actions attract penalty points, Court costs and fines; you could lose your licence for one act of thoughtlessness. Can you honestly say that you never:

- ◆ Stop on the zig-zag lines;
- ◆ Leave your car facing oncoming traffic, especially at night;
- ◆ Leave your engine running while you are not in the car;
- ◆ Leave your headlights on while stopped.

These things are not confined to young drivers – they apply to all drivers, and are offences under the various updates of the Road Traffic Acts. Registered disabled drivers are entitled to limited concessions, but are still not exempt from the regulations; you can still be booked for obstruction if you consistently ignore the rules.

One more thing – double yellow lines mean 'No Stopping' – not even you!



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EASTER FAMILY DISCO

Callington Town Hall

Friday 3rd April
6.00pm—9.00pm

FANCY DRESS/EASTER BONNET
OPTIONAL



Refreshments and Raffle

TICKETS 50p
AVAILABLE from Spar,
Kivells and Town Hall

Portreeve's Charity Day

Saturday
4th April

9.00am - 13.00pm

The Town Hall

Refreshments
Meet the groups and
Organisations from Callington
Buy gifts etc.

With music from Callington Training Band

*Callington
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*Royal British
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New Outlook

St John Ambulance

*Callington Heritage
Centre*

Celliwic Evergreens

Callington Scouts

*Callington Country
Market & many,
many more!*

