



# Callington News

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## STOP PRESS

A summer bus service has been launched, DAC's no. 79, which links Callington to Morwellham Quay, via Gunnislake station and the new Tamar Valley Centre [see the Princess Anne story below]. It leaves Callington bus station at 11.30am and returns from Morwellham to Callington at 3.25pm. Contact DAC on 01822 834571 for more information about stops en route. Make the most of the summer holidays!

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## Ready for the big TV switchover?

The time has come; all TV channels transmitted from Caradon mast from 12 August will be digital.

There has been a long campaign by Digital UK to ensure that everyone is aware of the switchover date; however, it does seem that some people are unaware of the full implications of the change. After 12 August you will not be able to receive your customary analogue channels on TV, unless there is a delay in installation of equipment at Caradon. This seems unlikely, and therefore you only have a few days to prepare for the change.

Contrary to widespread perception, you do not need to buy a new telly - you only need a Freeview box plugged in to your television to receive the main digital channels. These converters are

available from dealers from about £15, and are easy to install: simply a black box plugged in to the TV aerial input, and then to the TV.

If you have already installed a Freeview box, you will need to re-tune it to continue receiving your favourite programmes; in many cases this will simply involve unplugging the box from the mains electricity for a short time, and then re-connecting. Note that unplugging means just that: it is not sufficient to switch it off. In other cases, you may need to go to the menu list and re-tune manually - see your handbook for instructions. You will also need to re-tune on 9 September, when the switchover is complete, and signal strength goes to maximum. If you experience any major difficulty contact Digital UK on 08456 505050.

## Swine flu: what you should know

**Avoidance:**  
Avoid crowded areas.  
If you cough or sneeze, use a tissue, then throw it in a waste bin.  
Wash your hands.  
Keep door handles and bathroom fittings clean.

People already at risk due to an existing condition may qualify for the new vaccine when it becomes available, but that is not expected before the end of August.

In the meantime, try to avoid pestering the pharmacist and health centre for flu prevention drugs, as supplies take time to

arrive, and we don't want a shortage when the drugs are really needed.

**The symptoms:**  
High temperature  
Sore throat  
Coughs and sneezes  
Headache

Aching joints  
Upset tummy  
Loss of appetite  
**What to do:**  
Phone your Doctor, or phone NHS Direct.  
Health centre: 382666

NHS: 08001 513 100  
**DO NOT GO TO THE HEALTH CENTRE.**  
Take an aspirin or paracetamol. Drink plenty of fluids.



Princess Anne was at Drakewalls last week to open the Tamar Valley Centre. This stunning building and its grounds are well worth a visit during the holidays: turn right straight after the petrol station on the approach to Gunnislake.

## A message from councillor Andrew Long

It seems like months since I stood at Lux Park to hear the results of the first elections to Cornwall Council on 4 June. I was humbled and very proud to have been given a mandate by the people of Callington to represent them on the new council and would like to thank you, the voters, for putting your trust in me.

Since that eventful day, I have been rushing from Truro to St Austell and Callington in order to complete the exhaustive training regime set up by the Officers to give the 123 councillors a grounding into the work of the Council. To say that these days have been eventful would be an understatement. We have enjoyed some excellent training in Planning and the Code of Conduct, but also had to sit through the first full council meeting when the petty politics that had so marred the run up to these elections came back to the fore.

Following the meeting, the Council will now be a Conservative and Independent administration and they have shared the 10 portfolio positions between the two groupings, with the Conservatives holding six chairs, and the Independent group four. For my part, I will sit on the Planning Committee covering the east of the county, and also on the Environment and Economy Overview Scrutiny Committee, which is a check against those

Executive Cabinet decisions.

I am now sorted regarding the internet, so have many ways you, the people of Callington, can contact me.

My home number (383982) has an answerphone message system so if you have a non-urgent enquiry, please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as practicable. For urgent assistance, you can contact me on 07812 597257 which, if I am in a meeting, also has an answerphone facility. Finally I also have two email addresses that should reach me. The first is the new council one which is

[ajlong@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:ajlong@cornwall.gov.uk) or my own personal email [ajlong@supanet.com](mailto:ajlong@supanet.com). In the coming months I also hope to have a facebook open group set up and a mini site on the web so you can leave messages or catch up on the latest news. If you have either a Town or Cornwall-wide matter that you need to discuss face to face, I will be continuing my surgeries together with Councillor Heather Jones. These will be on the second Saturday of each month at Kelly Bray WI hall, and the fourth Saturday at the Committee Rooms in the Pannier Market in Callington. Both will run from 10am till 12 noon so if you would like to come in for a chat, please come along to one of these events.

*Andrew Long*

Callington Town entered into the spirit of things at 'Five Towns' rowing event that was held at the Saltash Regatta on Saturday 4 July, taking on seasoned challengers Looe, Saltash, Torpoint and Liskeard. The Callington team was made up of four councillors - Chris Thomas, Mike Green, Andrew Long and Denise Winfindale - and Town Clerk Vernon Anderson. Newly appointed Councillor Phil Harriman's son Dan stood in as reserve.

Considering that Denise and Vernon were both



extreme novices Callington reached the final but were sadly beaten by more experienced crews such as Looe (which won) - a much younger team which obviously had been practicing and had a longer rest period

than the other two finalists. Although the river had a heavy current and the wind was brisk, and there were two novices to contend with, Chris did try his best to steer us to victory but alas it was not to be. Although we didn't disgrace ourselves, as we had a very reasonable time for both heats, Callington finished third overall - not bad for a town with nowhere nearby to practise: maybe next year we will have a fitter, leaner team (not a chance I hear you say!) or one of those outboard motor thingies.

*Vernon Anderson*

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A local retired banker who dedicates his spare time to volunteering and fundraising has become the new president of his local Rotary club.

Roy Barraclough was welcomed as the president of the Rotary Club of Callington in July at Louis Tea Rooms, Kit Hill (Louis Tea Rooms is well known for its spectacular views towards Plymouth Sound).

Roy has been a Rotarian for four years and his commitment to the club has earned the respect of fellow members who were only too pleased to vote him in as their new president for the coming year.

Pictured above are Mike Gill (left), the outgoing president, handing over to Roy Barraclough (right).



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Gala draw winners

The winners of the Lions Gala draw were:

1st: £150 of Co-op vouchers - Mike Gill of St Dominick,  
2nd: Dinner for two at Langmans - Paul Webb of Callington,  
3rd: Spa day for four at St Mellion - Den Nickel of Cox Park.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Lions Club charities by entering the draw.

### Thanks for the support

A big thank you goes to those who generously supported the coffee morning, and bring and buy sale for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. The total raised was £146.70. Special thanks to friends and helpers Judy, Michelle, Fran, Jill, Jan, and Monty and his handler. Many thanks, too, to Wendy Johnson, Assoc. ACC Companion animal bereavement counsellor.

### Summer Fete

Saturday 1 August sees a Summer Fete at the Methodist Church from 10.30am-4pm. There will be stalls, games, sideshows, drumming, puppet workshops, live music, BBQ and refreshments. All proceeds to Operation Sunshine.

### Help for Show wanted

Schedules for the Autumn Show, to be held on Saturday 19 September in the Town Hall, are now available at Hindle's, the Library of from Josee Williams on 382626. Will anyone willing to help with the heavier work on the Friday afternoon or Saturday, please ring Andy Frost on 382279.

## It's going to be hot in the library!

The annual Summer Reading Challenge was launched on 18 July and runs throughout the holidays in all public libraries. We challenge children between the ages of four and 11 to read six books over the summer holidays and tell library staff all about them. As a Quest Seeker, your child will enjoy the three tasks set and earn prizes along the way. There is also a fun website with games, jokes and activities. Children can leave messages, read exclusive blogs from authors and illustrators and fire off questions. The Summer Reading Challenge is great fun; it's free and gives children a real sense of achievement. What's more, research shows that children who take part get a head start in the classroom when they go back to school.

Register at Callington library

from Saturday 18 July – be quick, the registration packs are limited!

A special childrens' event is being held on Thursday 27 August 10am-12noon. The National Marine Aquarium presents 'The Truth behind Nemo'. Find out about the real Nemo and his friends, learn about underwater life with the experts and then enjoy a craft workshop making Nemo puppets and much more. Limited numbers - £1.50 per child.

The library is open to the public year round: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm and 2-5pm, Tuesday and Friday 9.30 am-12.30pm and 2-7pm, Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm.

Find us through the Callington Community College gate in Coronation Road – free parking. Phone 0300 1234 111 or e-mail [callington.library@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:callington.library@cornwall.gov.uk)

## New Outlook spies sea ahead

A few months ago Callington New Outlook was advised that the Community College was looking for sponsors to send students on a Tall Ships Challenge at a cost of £260 each. Apparently the college is struggling to find help. After discussion, and a very generous donation by one of New Outlook's members, it was decided to raise enough money to send a student on this trip of a lifetime.

At the beginning of July Keith Hubbard, a teacher at the college, and two students, Liam and Troy, who all sailed on the ship 'Leader', came to tell the group about their journey. Five students from Callington and five from Tavistock, teachers and crew, all learned to sail the ship, never having done

anything like it before. At one point they were doing a rota of three-hour shifts throughout the night as the weather turned nasty - how refreshing in this day and age that youngsters can still do this!

But Mr Hubbard was not sure if there would be another chance to do this again - time will tell.

Perhaps more sponsors in the area could find a little money to put in the 'kitty' to help these young people learn about how to live as a team, if only for a week - New Outlook is sure the benefits will last a lifetime.

For more information about New Outlook and the various meetings and activities that are arranged, phone Shirley on 350336 or Josee on 382626.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

This year's Horse and Family Dog Show was held at Polhilsa Farm, near Callington, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs P Barriball. Bright sunshine with a fresh breeze, a great view and good going made it ideal for the horses, dogs and competitors. Approximately 220 competitors took part in show classes, having up to 24 entries a class. A big

### The New Unitary Authority

thank you must go to all the judges and stewards whose excellent job in keeping things flowing made the day run smoothly and finish at a sensible time. Proceeds from the show raised £1300 for local charities including the Primrose and Chestnut Appeals. The show committee welcomes all constructive

One of Callington's resident psychics, Elizabeth Francis, started an open development circle in February this year, held at her home. The response has been so successful that the circle is now full and will be closed until February 2010. This means that all those who have already attended will have their places kept, but any newcomer cannot be guaranteed a place until then. For further information phone Elizabeth on 384708.

Callington Bowling Club is holding a car boot sale/ coffee morning on Saturday 1 August from 9am-12noon. For further information contact Alan Jones on 382972.

## Rain holds off for Carnival

Callington Carnival, held on Saturday 18 July, saw a triumphant end to the town's new Festival Week.

Thankfully, after the downpours that put a slight dampener on Gala Day, the Carnival was blessed with dry weather.

The Festival was a huge success, with the Greek Night being particularly so - it was completely sold out.



Denise Winfindale (above) made a very fetching fairy, while the colourful foursome (left) featured Rick Lumley looking splendid in his Henry VIII garb.





# Callington Town Council Annual Report 2009

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## PORTREEVE'S REPORT

### The New Unitary Authority

Are you confused about where to go for help and information regarding Cornwall Council services such as council tax benefits?

#### Well don't worry!

As far as Callington is concerned we are lucky to have a Cornwall Council One-Stop-Shop co-located within the Town Hall in New Road, Callington.

Hours of opening are:

Monday to Friday

9am to 2pm

Outside these hours

Tel: 0300 1234 100

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It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve as Portreeve and Town Mayor of Callington over the past twelve months and I would like to thank the many people in the town who have given their support in so many ways. Above all, I should like to thank my fellow councillors who have given so freely of their time and have proven to be such an enthusiastic and pro-active set of colleagues, not only through their attendance at regular meetings but also at a wide range of additional meetings. They have also unfailingly pitched in to help out at the many functions during the year, both formal, civic events as well as the more social community events.

The last year has seen a definite rejuvenation of community spirit: the re-introduction of Callington Carnival must be the highlight of the year. It brought out the very best in groups and individuals, and the support it received from the crowds on the day was beyond the wildest dreams of the organisers. My sincere thanks go to the Lions Club, the Rotary Club and the rest of the backroom staff who made it all possible. I look forward with excitement to the developments in 2009 as the Festival Week takes shape. In a similar vein the re-invented pancake Race was received tremendously well and sits perfectly alongside the many other events in **Callington's social calendar**. What other towns can boast of such a rich diet throughout the year, encompassing Easter festivities, Gala day, Carnival, Honey Fair, the Autumn Show, Halloween, the annual Fireworks Display and the many activities surrounding Christmas? These are the main town-wide events

and do not even touch upon the weekly and monthly meetings which take place for individual groups. The town has so much to offer people of all ages and it is a joy to see the various clubs, societies and organisations providing such tremendous opportunities across the generations. I should like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of these **clubs' leaders and organisers**.

The town will always see changes: this year we had to say goodbye to Lynda Small who had worked tirelessly for five years as Town Clerk, but we are fortunate to have found a replacement in Vernon Anderson who is showing the drive, energy and enthusiasm to convert ideas into practice which is so necessary if Callington is to continue to progress. We have had disappointments with some of our bids for grant funding, but also a great many success stories. The present financial crisis is not easy, and the arrival of Tesco will provide both benefits as well as challenges to the community.

I believe that our community is strong and resilient enough to make sure that we grow in all respects, not only in terms of sheer population but also in terms of our sense of civic pride and community awareness. I pledge my commitment to continue to help build on these positive aspects to create and maintain a town of which we can all be proud.

*Lumley, Portreeve & Mayor 2008-2009*

Portreeve & Mayor for  
2008-2009

Your Portreeve and Mayor for the forthcoming year is Councillor Rick Lumley. The Deputy Portreeve is Councillor Karen Gold.

## Outside Services Committee

One year it would be good to **start this report with 'what glorious weather we have had', but as** normal July has been one of the wettest on record.

The workload of the grounds men has significantly increased due to the reduction in man power, we have struggled around the town maintaining our standard. Recognition of the hard work and effort put into the presentation of the Cemetery was received and passed on to Roger and Steve. May we also say thank you to Hannah Proud from Duchy College, who joined us under a work experience scheme in June this year and will be kindly helping out full time throughout the summer **months [that's if we have any]**.

Although we have not managed

to plant all the flower baskets and troughs this year, with the help of the Town Forum, a small number of flower displays have been created which is much appreciated by the town. A big thank you to all those involved.

Minor vandalism around the town is still an ongoing problem, particularly in Callington cemetery resulting in the locking of the W.C. This prolonged means of vandalism is costly and time consuming to the town. We are looking into some form of improved security for the toilets as we feel they are important to visitors, although budgets and grants will have to be looked into to facilitate this.

Work at Launceston Road Park still needs to be finalised. We have successfully installed fitness

equipment offering a free inclusive provision for all ages, we have received a number of raving reports and as a result of this we are looking to extend the provision of this type of equipment.

The next major project for Outside Services will be the Saltash Road Recreation Ground. The Town Clerk is exploring different avenues of funding and is currently consulting children of all age groups and abilities in order to upgrade the existing equipment within the park. Watch this space!

*Denise Winfindale,  
Chair of Outside Services*

## Town Hall & Premises Committee

The TH&P Committee has continued to work throughout the year on maintenance of the main town hall complex and the Pannier Market. Much work has been carried out to ensure a healthy and safe environment for the occupants of the Pannier Market and leases have been redrawn where necessary. I am very grateful to the committee members for their hard work and commitment to making all this possible.

Major work has been carried out in conjunction with Cornwall Council for the installation of facilities for the newly opened One-Stop-Shop and this has meant that the creation of upgraded office facilities, a new interview room and a redesigned foyer. Automatic doors, easy wheel-chair access and the new lift have all meant that we are now DDA compliant and town residents have easy access to both our Town Hall Office and the facilities provided by Cornwall Council. The refurbishment will really come into its own as Callington develops its role as a centre to the hub of the new Community Network Area and becomes a base for additional

Council Officers.

The Town Hall complex now offers a range of facilities which are available to business, private and community users at very reasonable rates. The hire charges have been reduced considerably to make the Town Hall a viable alternative to other venues in the locality. We can provide the main hall and rooms of varying sizes to cater for meetings, conferences or private parties. The hall has a large, twelve-foot screen for the **projection of DVD's, videos, TV, PowerPoint presentations**, etc and there is a full audio system including a wireless microphone. Broadband and a hearing loop are available. We also have flip charts, overhead projectors and other equipment available, most of which is free of charge with the bookings. Catering and bar facilities are available or local caterers can supply food and refreshments.

Following the disappointment of the grant bid last year discussions are ongoing to improve the kitchen facilities so that the Town Hall can become available for an even greater range of events.

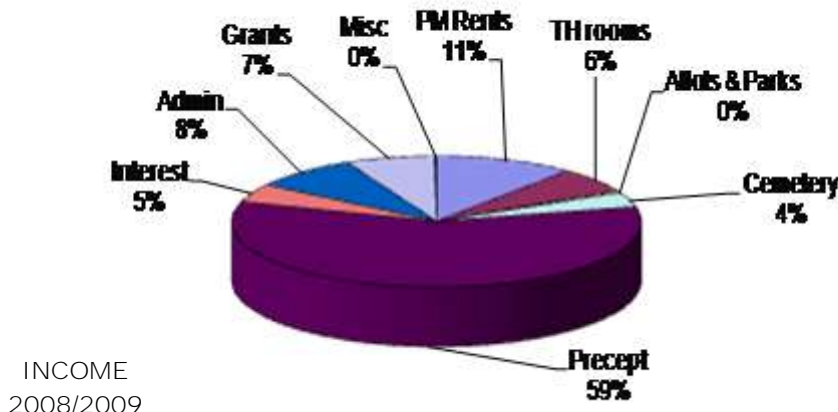
The Town Hall has been successfully used to provide free Saturday film shows for children on a monthly basis; in spite of a slow start people are becoming more aware and numbers continue to grow. It is hoped to expend this idea this autumn to provide films for an older audience. We have also hosted two drama performances by a professional company of actors and it is planned to extend the range of live entertainment on offer to include music, drama and dance. In this way local people will have access to entertainment on their doorstep without having to travel far afield.

We aim to make the Town Hall a well-used, central hub for community activities and look forward to it being fully supported by Callington residents. We would welcome any ideas from parishioners and users so that we may provide the best possible facilities.

*Rick Lumley  
Chairman TH&P Committee*

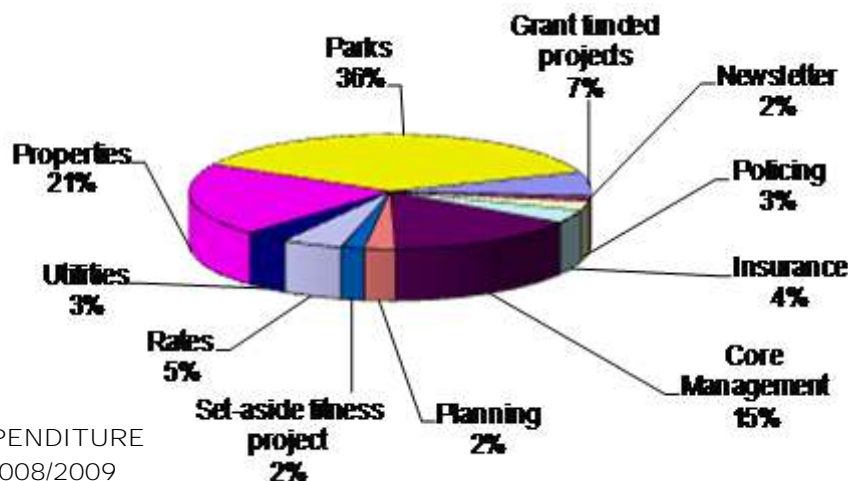
## The Money Report!

In 2008/2009 there was a total income of £243,031. Of this amount only £142,000 came from the precept which is through the rates you pay. The remainder (£101,031) was from other sources such as Town Hall bookings, commercial rents, cemetery income, grants for projects (mural restoration and leaflets), interest received from investments & banking and grants to maintain Cornwall Council public services such as the public conveniences in New Road.



INCOME  
2008/2009

Our expenditure for the year was £221,938 of which the biggest slice (36%) is attributed to Outside Services operations which include the maintenance of the cemetery, parks, allotments, public conveniences and dealing with anti social behaviour (graffiti and wilful damage). The current year end accounts are with the District Auditor, but copies are available at the Town Clerk's office if you would like more detail.



EXPENDITURE  
2008/2009

Vernon Anderson  
Town Clerk

## Finance & General Purposes Committee

It has been a very busy year for the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Town Council, meeting as we do at 7.30pm in The Council Chambers on the third Tuesday of every month and dealing with the administration and financial affairs of the Council.

In addition the Committee also **has the responsibility of 'picking up' items which don't fall within** the remit of the other Committees of Planning, Outside Services or Town Hall and therefore deals with a diverse range of subjects, which can range from Murals to CCTV and from IT to Staff Employment and of course this latter item has featured very prominently on our agendas with the retirement of Linda and our appointment of Vernon who has settled in rather

well despite arriving in the middle of a building site with the alterations to the Town Hall.

This past year has been a difficult one with the general economic climate impacting upon us as a Council just as it has upon you as private individuals, rising costs with lower interest rates and fewer external grants in the future will I am sure mean that the balancing act of providing a high standard of service at a reasonable cost will be upper most in our minds at all times, and whilst on the subject of money – **No we didn't invest any of Callington's reserves in Iceland!!**

The next year will, I am sure, be even more challenging

with Cornwall Council settling in to the role as a Unitary Authority, with our working in partnership to ensure that our **new 'One Stop Shop'** really does deliver and with changes proposed to improve efficiency, reduce duplication and control costs whilst ensuring that our local views really are heard in both tiers of local government.

I must end this report with a huge thank you, both from a personal level and on behalf of the residents of our Town for the hard work, long hours and support that I have enjoyed from both my colleagues and all our staff, both past and present.

Jeremy Gist.  
Chair of Finance and  
General Purpose Committee

## The Planning Committee

The last year has proven once again to be a tough time for Callington in terms of Planning permissions and large scale developments. It is disappointing to note that we are continuing to be pushed for medium and large scale housing developments while there is little or no revenue being put into infrastructure improvements. This situation cannot clearly continue for too much longer before the infrastructure in Callington will become unmanageable.

The committee are looking at ways of improving the design element generally with regards to new builds. It is anticipated that during the coming year that proposals will come before the Town Council,

and forwarded to Cornwall Council, to define acceptable designs within planning policy for Callington Parish.

We are also conscious of the potential of planning gain for open market and economical development. It is important to work with the Cornwall Planning Service to ensure that any developments that are eligible do provide the maximum amount of planning gain for the people of the town.

I would like to thank the committee members for their hard work over the last year.

*Andrew Long, Chair of Planning Committee*

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## Gail rounds up art scene

In our busy lives we often run **out of time and space, that's just what happened in last month's issue, writes Gail Buttery.** Unfortunately, we ran out of space before the article was completed. I know there are many people who are interested in learning a new skill and would like to know more about sugar crafting. You will be delighted to know that you can learn everything you need to know from Nicky Lewis of Celebrations.

There is very little initial outlay required to start as a beginner; with just a small rolling pin, board and foam pad you could be away creating beautiful and delicate items to grace your cakes. If you have never tried this before and would like to find **out what's involved then I** suggest you sign up for Nicky's next class on Sunday 13 September from 10am-4pm at The Old School, Stoke Climsland.

Classes are held on the second Sunday of each month and cost £22.50. As numbers are limited to a maximum of 15 you will need to pre book your place. Alternatively, you could enrol for a six week course; Nicky holds these on Thursday evenings, 7-9pm at a cost of £48. This would suit absolute beginners as well as more accomplished sugar crafters - **after all it's always** possible to learn and practice new techniques.

Nicky stocks everything you need to take up sugarcraft as well as taking orders to make and decorate cakes for your special occasion.

Open: Tuesday-Saturday 9.30am-5.30pm. Tel: 382724

If you are keen to learn a new skill and are interested in flower arranging, it is possible

to have one-to-one tuition with Geraldine Sharp, who operates The Flower Workshop as a community florist. Geraldine's aim is to provide a service to local people by having a wide range of flower products available for flower arranging and also provide information and advice about flowers. She has already given a number of talks to local groups, of all ages.

Last year Geraldine organised four sessions suitable for absolute beginners who went on to become part of the flower arranging circle in their local church. Callington Brownies have also enjoyed a creative evening of flower arranging, which not only gave them a skill and possible interest for their adult life but they also had a lot of fun.

Geraldine combines locally sourced flowers from Cornish growers together with exotic flowers from South Africa and Malaysia, orchids from Thailand, carnations from Columbia, lilies and roses from the Middle East. Wherever they come from, great care is taken to select only the top quality available and to treat them so they have as long a life as possible as a cut flower. If you are a hay

fever sufferer or want an everlasting display then silk flowers can be used. Wedding flowers can be chosen in your own home, are individually designed to complete the **bride's day and all orders can** be tailored to meet individual budgets.

If you are a member of a local club who would like to learn more about flower arranging or wish to purchase florist sundries The Flower workshop could help you. Members of local voluntary groups are given a 10% donation for their group on all flower orders.

Contact Details: Phone 382349 Mob: 077 585 243 01 or look at the website [www.Theflowerworkshops.co.uk](http://www.Theflowerworkshops.co.uk)

Next month Gail will be talking with two residents of Callington who are involved in charitable projects overseas. I will tell you how organising a football match for one-legged players led one Callington resident into becoming a Trustee for a children's refuge in Kenya and how the Tsunami was just the beginning for a group of local people to support villagers in India.



Back in May I attended a reception at The House of Lords, hosted by Professor Robert Winston. This was arranged as a personal thank you from Lord Winston to those ladies who had answered his request for charity fund-raising and taken the Cycle Cuba Challenge. I was one of over 200 women who together raised a total of £500,000. Funds go to The Institute of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Trust and is used to help improve women's health and the incidence of healthy pregnancy.

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## DIARY FOR AUGUST

Sat 1 Aug 9am-12noon	Bowling Club coffee morning/table top sale Liskeard Road
Sat 1 Aug 10.30am-4pm	Methodist Church summer fete Haye Road
Mon 3 Aug 10.00am-12.00pm	U3A Town Hall
Sat 8 Aug 10.00am-12.00pm	Councillor Surgery—Cllr Andrew Long & Cllr Heather Jones Kelly Bray WI Hall
Sat 8 Aug 6.30pm-11.00pm	Ballroom & Sequence Dance Town Hall
Fri 14 Aug 1.30pm-5.00pm	Tea Dance Town Hall
Tues 18 Aug 10.00am-12.00pm	Probus Council Chamber
Sat 22 Aug 10.00-12.00	Councillor Surgery—Cllr Andrew Long Committee Room
Thurs 27 Aug 10am-12noon	'The truth about Nemo', children's event, Library Coronation Road
Sat 29 Aug 10.00am-6.00pm	St John Ambulance Fun Day Saltash Road Recreation Ground. Stalls, Music, competitions, attractions etc

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. South West Kickboxing Academy: every Friday 7.30-9pm, Community College Sports Centre dance studio. Short Mat Bowling: every Monday, Town Hall 7.00pm-9.00pm. Stoneham Housing: every Wednesday, Committee Room 10.00-12.00. Mini Movers: Childrens play—1st and 3rd Friday of the month 9.00—11.00

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## YOU SAY: a letter about the young

Readers of The Cornish Times might have noticed the recent article about the bench in Well Street being a meeting point for those disposed to anti-social behaviour, to which the police response was to invite local residents to tell the police what was going on.

A lot of the anti-social behaviour is apparently instigated by export of other local towns' rejects, 'Care in the Community', and the need for housing 'underprivileged' people in 'affordable' housing. There is also the problem of local youth having little in the way of organised entertainment, or facilities for creating entertainment.

The installation of security cameras does not solve the problem; they merely record what happens in the field of view at a given time, and the process of identifying and tracking down of offenders frequently takes so long that the guilty parties have long departed, and are never traced.

Any initiative for creating an environment suitable for young people's leisure time should be encouraged for the benefit of the local community, but a Youth Café alone would only provide another centre for

rowdyism and drug dealing. In any case, the allocated police resources in Callington are inadequate to deal with the potential problems.

Central government dictates that every local authority has a duty to provide facilities for the so-called under-privileged, and local authorities (we) have to pay a fair share of the cost - what is 'fair'? We lose land to the developers of affordable housing, we pay for policing the anti-social element, AND we have to put up with the public misbehaviour.

Central government organised this Utopia to demonstrate its commitment to egalitarian principles; what disturbs me more than anything is that our democratic right to be heard is being overridden by a government which has demonstrated all too well that it knows how to spend our money on foreign wars and MP's expenses. Our views are ignored, or are not being presented!

What we need is a resolute demand to central government enabling local authorities to have the final say on how many, and what category, of under-privileged numbers can be accommodated, otherwise there will be a reaction.

So much for Democracy and Utopia!

Name and address supplied

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## **CALLING ALL VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND STATUTORY AGENCIES!**

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Cornwall Inter-Link was established to bring together a network of community and voluntary groups, statutory agencies and individuals. Inter-Link provides a chance for groups to talk about their common issues, exchange information and communicate with other agencies, groups, projects and organisations.

Do you want a **FREE** opportunity to tell the wider community about your group/project/service? Inter-Link and Callington Town Council are holding a public event on **Saturday 3 October 2009** from 9.30am – 12noon at Callington Town Hall! If you want to be involved, please contact your local Inter-Link Development Officer, Vicki Horner, to book a space! Spaces are limited, so please book as soon as possible!

For more information and to book a place, please contact me, Vicki Horner on 01208 832763 or [v.horner@eccvs.org.uk](mailto:v.horner@eccvs.org.uk) or visit our website [www.cornwallinterlink.org.uk](http://www.cornwallinterlink.org.uk).

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