



Callington News

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Callington's Very Own Panto - Oh Yes it is!

Callington is very fortunate to have its very own panto based on an original script written by Janie Tilbury amended by Teresa Mitchell and performed by the Prim Raf at their hall in Biscombes Lane.

Sheepnapper

Based on numerous Nursery Rhyme characters, the Baddies are led by the dastardly, money grabbing, Mr Wolf and his gang of Goldilocks, who has a crush on him, and Jack, of Beanstalk fame, together with the hoodlum Hoodies, plan to kidnap Bo Peep's little lambs from Kit Hill. They are destined for Mr Wolf's Lamb Kebab restaurant, situated in a perfect position on Fore Street. He obtained it by eating it's previous owner.

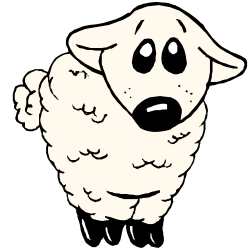
But they have not reckoned with The Old Lady and her gang of The Magnificent Seven, a description well at odds with the members capabilities. Red Riding Hood, a tough lady, who has no fear of Mr Wolf, is joined by the newly sobered up Humpty Dumpty and a rather effete Robin Hood, who plans to turn his arrows into knitting needles. They, together with a bored Cinderella are joined with the newly arrived Dick Whittington and his cat, who, heading for London, somehow land up in Callington. That's pantomime for you. Dick

reckons he would like to be the next Portreeve, having heard, according to him, from Sheila Tredinnick, that there is a lot of money involved in the position. In stating this, he is depending on the rumour that pantomimes are protected by the libel laws. They are further joined by The Three Bare Bears, who are not a pretty sight. They upset the increasingly hungry Mr Wolf, by pointing out that they are vegetarians and are about to enter a period of fasting and certain 'health practices', which would bring tears to most people's eyes.

But will The Old Lady and her gang arrive in time to save the little lambs? Oh, no they won't! Oh, yes they will!

Once again, Primraf's youngsters play a large part, with 18 appearing. Unfortunately, many more had to be turned away such was the demand for parts.

Come along with the whole family and hiss and boo and laugh with The



Primraf. But be careful as you may finish up on stage, especially if you're a granny.

So head down to Noakes and Habermehl, Fore St, who have once again kindly agreed to sell the tickets. Tickets are £5 adults, and £3 children. These may also be bought at the door, if available.

All evening performances will start at 7.30; the matinee performances at 2.30 on Saturdays. The dates are Wed 6th to Sat 9th, and Wed 13th to Sat 16th, with matinee performances on both Saturdays.

Any enquiries to Andy Frost on (01579 382279 or by email to andy@acfrost.co.uk

Below. Two of the 'lambs' during rehearsals



The copy deadline for editorial for the March issue is Friday 19th February.

Please note space is limited and inclusion cannot be guaranteed, the News goes to print as soon as it is full. Advertising space needs booking in advance. Please post or hand in copy to:- Lynda Small, The Town Clerk Callington Town Council, Town Hall, New Road, Callington, PL17 7BD, (01579 384039

or preferably E-mail clerk@callington.uk.net

The Town Clerk's Office is open 0900-1400hrs Mon-Fri. At other times an answer phone is available. Mail can be put in the letter box in front of the office if the hall is open or through the entrance door.

NEWS FROM CLUBS & GROUPS

Town Band

December proved to be a busy month for the Callington Town Band. They began on December 1st by taking part in a concert at Saltash Wesley Hall and were at Callington Community College on the evening of the 8th for a concert organised by Callington Rotary Club. In between these two events they were playing carols at Tesco's in Launceston on the 6th, the Training Band was at Callington Town Hall on the morning of the 8th for the arrival of Father Christmas and the Main Band played in the Town Square for the switching on of the Christmas lights in the evening. The following morning they were providing some Christmas cheer at Trago Mills.

Two engagements followed on Saturday 15th, Callington Pioneer Store in the morning and Waitrose at Saltash in the afternoon and the evening of Thursday the 20th saw the senior members playing for carols at the Bulls Head, Albaston. Their last pre-Christmas engagement was back at Callington Pioneer Store for the morning of the 22nd.

This busy band is extremely anxious to locate a bass player, a trombonist and a first baritone to help it fulfil its commitments for the coming year. Instrument and uniform are provided at no cost to the player. It also has a student quality euphonium that has been bought for the band through the auspices of the Joan Gee Trust and would like to know of any Primary school child who would be prepared to learn to play this beautiful instrument and become a member of the Training Band. The band also has cornets, tenor horns, baritone horn and basses available for anyone, experienced player or beginner, who would like to join them. For information about any of the above please contact Musical Director, Paul Boase, telephone 01579 383741. He would be delighted to hear from you.

Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion are holding a short service for the rededication of the Standard and the reforming of the Callington & District R.B.L. branch, in St. Mary's Church Callington on the 14th February 2008 at 7pm. The service will be conducted by the branch Chaplain the Rev. Canon Andrew Wilson. Serving, ex service personnel and members of the public are invited to this service, and a reception buffet will be held in the Phoenix P.H. on completion.

Football Club Lottery

The Callington Football Club Lottery winners for December were First Prize N Smith (£100), P Brown (£50), S Justel (£25), W Smith (£15) and A McPherson (£10).
Mary Houghton

Women for Women

Wednesday 30th January, between 11.30 and 2.20. Langmans Restaurant, Church St. will be open for light lunch. Freshly made hot soup and sandwiches made to order. Eat in or Take Away available. All proceeds to Women for Women.

Santa Breaks Down!

Callington Lions and Father Christmas would like to say thank you to everyone who came out to wave and receive a satsuma or apple on his musical journey around Callington. Unfortunately due to technical breakdowns he was unable to reach Broadmead, Lamorna, Coronation Road or Kelly Bray. We apologise to those who were waiting for us and will try to do better next year. It seems that reindeers, a sleigh and magic beat modern machines every time!

Karen Toft, Lions Club of Callington

CARBON FOOTPRINT. Would the gentleman who responded by e-mail to the article on carbon footprints, please contact the office again. Thank you

Fond of Fashion?

What did the ladies of Callington wear between 1850 and 1950? Come along to a talk at the Callington Heritage Centre which will be illustrated with examples of our recently acquired costume collection of dresses and underwear. The talk is entitled 'From Corsets to Crimplene' and will take place on Friday evening at 19.00hrs. As space is limited at the Centre in Liskeard Road, would you please book your seat by telephoning Lynda on 01579 362139 or e-mailing lynda@research2004.fslife.co.uk If there is sufficient demand the talk will be repeated the following evening. Friends of Callington Heritage Centre are free and non-members are asked for a donation of two pounds.

Phones for School

Callington Primary School has joined the fones4schools mobile phone recycling campaign to raise money for improving and refurbishing their early years playground. The phones we collect can be of any age and in any condition. They will be recycled and diverted from landfill where they cause serious environmental damage. If you have an old mobile phone in your drawer at home you could help us immensely by handing it in to the school office ((01579 382233).
Dee Easton (for Sue Cuff)

Do you have a baby/ child under 5 yrs?

If so, you will be very welcome to 'toddle in' for free tea/coffee and play, to Callington Methodist Church [side entrance in Valentine Row] on Thursday mornings between 09.30-11.30hrs. The first session is on February 7th. All are welcome for part or all of the time.

Accident Prevention

If you walk along roads and lanes without a pavement please consider your visibility, especially on these gloomy wet days.

A high visibility/fluorescent jacket can be seen many metres away and motorists can take appropriate avoidance action and hopefully slow down! However, if you are in a dark coloured coat, under trees on a grey day you may not be seen to the very last minute especially as many motorists are just tuned to seeing cars and vans and not pedestrians.

High visibility jackets are available from local stores such as Cornwall Farmers, Trewarths and GB Tool Hire. They only cost a few pounds—what is your life worth?



Appreciation

1. Thank you from the Community Centre to Mrs Jean Stokes for all the work she has done throughout the year.

2. I would like to thank all friends and neighbours who supported me during the illness and loss of my friend Cyril. Special thanks to Callington Lions for their very timely and practical help. *Iris Ellis*

Nationwide Bus Pass

A new scheme has been announced for the over 60's. This scheme is similar to the existing Cornwall Key Card concessionary bus pass scheme but operates nationwide. All existing Keycard users will automatically receive an application form for the new card which can be used from April 2008. New applicants can collect a form from the Town Hall, the Library or by contacting Cornwall County Council public transport department on 01872 322003

Senior Citizens New Year Tea Party

A Tea Party with entertainment will be held by the Lions Club of Callington in the Town Hall, Callington at 14.00hrs on Saturday the 9th February. The event is free and tickets are available from Lion members and the Town Council office in the Town Hall.

Transport can be provided by Lions to anyone who needs this service. To arrange transport please telephone 0845 833 7527

Car Use

There has been a change in the law means the exemptions from licensing, previously available for the contract hiring of a vehicle and driver for a period of not less than seven days, will no longer exist. Therefore if you provide one of the services listed below for hire, reward of profit you may be required to obtain the relevant licences from Caradon District Council:

- « Stretched limousines
- « Airport Travel
- « Park and Ride -
- « Chauffeur services
- « Novelty vehicles
- « School contracts
- « Executive Hire Works contracts
- « Courtesy cars
- « Hospital cars
- « Pub mini buses
- « Volunteer driving or, any vehicle of 9 seats or less used to convey passengers for hire, reward or profit.

More information is available from Licensing Services Caradon District Council (01579 341324/84 or 341239



MANNEQUINS WANTED
Callington Heritage Centre would like to borrow tailors dummies for either short term or long term loan or receive as a gift. If you can help please telephone Lynda on 362139

Royal Best Wishes

Further to the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in the summer of 2006, an essay about the visit, written by Mr Clayton, was sent to him.

In the letter of appreciation that was received from his secretary in October 2007, the following paragraph was contained:-
"The Prince of Wales has asked me to send you, your colleagues, Mr Clayton and other residents of Callington his best wishes."

Calendars

Through the pages of the *Callington News* could we thank everyone who bought a copy of our 2008 calendar, all 100 were sold by early December. We would like to thank Smiphees news, The Barber Shop and the Coachmakers Arms for helping to sell the calendars'. All of them gave there services for free, we were able to send a donation of £25 to both the First Air Ambulance and the RNLI.

The success of the calendar has given us the confidence to forge ahead with another one for next year; 'Callington Scene through the lens 2009' will be available from mid August. Copies can be reserved by calling Sue or Gary on 01579 382059. If any readers feel they would like to see there own work printed in our next calendar. Please do come along to our informal meetings at the Coachmakers Arms every other Tuesday and show us your suggestions for the edition. You never know you may like our style and join our enthusiastic group.

*Gary & Sue Hannaford
Callington Photographic Fellowsip*



NOT CLEARING UP IS AN OFFENCE IN CALLINGTON and it is surprising what can be seen on CCTV!

Pensioners Lost Millions

Pensioners are missing out on millions of pounds worth of state help. Many older people look forward to a comfortable retirement. A lack of cash can sometimes make the reality very different. Pensioner poverty is now at crisis levels and two million pensioners live below the government's poverty line. Many older people find it difficult to cover day-to-day living costs, never mind luxuries. But the good news is that many pensioners could boost their income by claiming new benefits.

Since the introduction of Pension Credit, half of all pensioners should be entitled to a cash top-up. It's just the complexity of the different benefits and a lack of awareness which sometimes stops the cash from reaching older people's pockets. Pensioners are more likely than anyone else to miss out on benefits. Each year hundreds of millions of pounds in benefits cash lies unclaimed.

The main benefits older people should check their entitlement to are:

Pension Credit

Pension credit has two elements: The Guarantee Credit and Savings Credit. The Guarantee Credit can be claimed by pensioners who are 60 or over, while the Savings Credit can only be claimed by pensioners who are 65 or over. This guarantee element tops the income of single people and couples up to a minimum of £119.05 a week in 2005/2006 and couples to £181.70 a week in 2007/2008. The levels can be higher

in some circumstances - for example for some disabled people and carers. You do not need to have paid National Insurance (NI) contributions to qualify but your income and any savings and capital over a certain level are taken into account. The Pension Credit also goes a step further and provide extra cash for people aged 65 and over who have made moderate savings for retirement. You can get a claim form by calling the Pension Credit Information Line on 0800 99 12 34.

Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit

Many older people find council tax a major drain on their income. Council Tax Benefit, which can reduce your bill, is the benefit pensioners are most likely to miss out on. It can be claimed by homeowners as well as tenants - the value of your home is not taken into account. Housing Benefit helps with rent and certain service charges. These benefits are based on your income and savings. Other factors such as people in your family, whether you are disabled, and the level of your rent and council tax may affect the amount. Currently up to 1.4m eligible older people miss out on Council Tax Benefit, resulting in up to £580m remaining unclaimed each year. The average amount unclaimed is £7.50 a week, or £390 a year. Up to 270,000 eligible older people are not claiming Housing Benefit, resulting in up to £400m remaining unclaimed each year. If you apply

for Pension Credit you should be asked if you wish to claim these benefits as well, otherwise contact your local authority. Age Concern's fact sheet 17 also gives information about Housing and Council Tax Benefit.

Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance

People aged 65 and over who are physically or mentally ill or disabled can get extra cash to help with the extra costs of disability through Attendance Allowance. It is for people who need help with personal care. If you receive it you choose how you spend it. Attendance Allowance is not related to income or savings and is paid at two different rates: £41.25 if you need help in the day or night and £62.25 if you need help during both. There is no upper age limit but if you are under 65, you should apply for Disability Living Allowance instead - this can provide extra money for people with care and/or mobility needs. Age Concern's fact sheet 34 gives more information about Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance. To get a claim pack from the Department of Work & Pensions ring 0800 88 22 00.

Further information

Contact the DWP above [or go to their web site] for claim forms for some benefits, obtain leaflets, publications and other information including details of your social security office. The Pension Credit Information Line is 0800 99 12 34. Age Concern: most areas have a local Age Concern which may provide benefits information. Alternatively you can get free fact sheets from Age Concern's Information Line on freephone 0800 00 99 66 or see the Age Concern website. Age Concern also publishes a range of finance-related publications including Your Rights which are available from 0870 44 22 044. Citizens Advice Bureaux: these provide advice and information on all kinds of subjects. See page 6 for the local branch.

From an article by Sally West, Income Policy Officer at Age Concern England. First published on the BBC web site in July 2007

Drop-in Parent Support Group

From 17th January there is a drop-in group in Callington Town Hall every Thursday 13.00-15.00hrs. Free childcare is available and you can offload your problems and have a cuppa, share concerns and find out where to get help for a wide variety of problems and queries. For more information contact Nicola or Tracey on 01579 324950, or just turn up, you will be made welcome.

Unwanted syringes & medicines

If you are clearing a house and find unused hypodermic syringes and needles the only way to safely dispose of them is to ring Caradon District Council on 01579 341054. Neither the chemist or the Health Centre can take these.

For other information on how to dispose of items if you are clearing a house, get a free leaflet from the Town Hall.

100 Years of Education

On the 4th May next year, the original school building at Callington Primary School will be 100 years old.

The school is planning a big celebration for this event. On Friday 2nd May we would like to invite former pupils and teachers at the school to our celebratory events. During the school day there will be performances from the children representing changes that have taken place over the past 100 years. Visitors will also be invited to visit classrooms where children will be working on themes linked to different decades since 1908.

Before we can make firm arrangements for the day, we really need to know how many visitors to expect! If you taught at the school, or if you attended the school and would like to be part of our celebration on 2nd May, please contact Louise Barrington at our office on 01579 382233. In early March we will then contact everyone and let you know the full programme.

In addition, we would like to organise an exhibition of photographs of the school, school events and anything to do with the school. This would run from Monday 28th April to Friday 2nd May 2008. If you have any

photographs we would love to borrow them for that week.

Again, if you speak to Louise in the office or bring them into our reception we would be very grateful. Details on the exhibition and when you can visit will be sent to everyone with the details of our 2nd May celebrations.

In association with Callington Primary School celebrations, old students of the former County Grammar School are having a reunion in the Town Hall on Friday 2nd May. Anyone interested in attending please contact Margaret Bailey [née Coad] on (01822 832955 or Pamela George [née Maker] (01872 552392 before 15th February.

There will also be a third location for old teachers and



Grammar School 3rd form girls 1950

students to visit as the Callington Heritage Centre will have a small display running throughout the season on the anniversary. On the weekend of the 2nd-4th May this will be extended to show our collection of school photographs, including the long photos showing all the pupils, we have a good selection of these mainly from the 1960's as well as smaller ones. Come along and help identify staff and students.

We are also looking for 'school' artefacts for our collection—items that you no longer get in school, such as inkwells, those wooden pencil boxes, monitor, prefect and head girl/boy badges, etc. Another cane would be welcome as many of the boys have memories of these! Also for our costume collection a girls school uniform with tunic, we have a badge, cap and scarf which survived the fire with little more than a slight whiff of smoke attached to them! Please drop anything off at the Town Hall.

Our photograph above comes from 1950 and although we have the names of some of the girls we do not know all of them, can you fill in the details?



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Diary for February

Fri. 1st Tea Dance, Town Hall 14.30hrs
 Mon 4th U3A, Town Hall 10.00hrs
 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th 'Sheepnapped' at the Prim-Raf Hall, Biscombes Lane, 19.30hrs with extra 14.30hrs performance on Saturday
 Fri 8th Town Hall Market, Town Hall 09.00hrs - 13.00hrs
 Sat. 9th Lions of Callington Tea Party for Senior Citizens 14.00hrs
 Wed. 13th Celliwic Evergreens at the Town Hall 14.00hrs
 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th 'Sheepnapped' at the Prim-Raf Hall, Biscombes Lane, 19.30hrs with extra 14.30hrs performance on Saturday
 Fri 15th Tea Dance, Town Hall 14.30hrs
 Mon. 18th Old Cornwall Society at the Town Hall 19.00hrs
 Fri 23rd Town Hall Market, Town Hall 09.00hrs 13.00hrs
 Sat 23rd Free Children's Film Show at the Town Hall, doors open at 14.00hrs for 14.30hrs start
 Tues. 26th Probuc Mens Club at the Town Hall at 10.00hrs
 Fri 29th Tea Dance, Town Hall 14.30hrs
 Sun. 2nd Antiques & Collectors Fair at the Town Hall 10.00hrs
 Sat. 23rd Diabetes Support Group Charity Concert at Methodist Chapel at 19.30hrs

Weekly events in the Town Hall;- Weightwatchers

Taekwondo Yoga Activity Club

Fit 4 Life Parenting Sessions

Short Mat Bowling etc

Town Hall Market [2nd & 4th Fridays]
 Please contact the Town Hall [384039] if you want details of any of these activities.
 Country Markets: every Wednesday 08.45-11.30hrs
 Scout HQ, New Road Car Park.

**PORTREEVE'S
CHARITY DAY
15th March 2008
Town Hall**

Would Callington Groups and Charities please book their tables now at the Town Council Office

UNCLAIMED. We have unclaimed raffle prizes from the Christmas Fair at the Town Council office. White tickets 87; 99; 209; 214; 254; 266; 268: Yellow tickets 350; 369; 440; 476; 491; 498;

Large print copies of the 'News' are available for delivery. Please contact the Town Council on (384039



Did you know there is a CAB facility in Callington?

Every Thursday morning the CAB are in the Town Hall, but you **MUST** make an appointment for them to attend. This means you have to telephone either the Liskeard or Saltash office for an appointment. The lines are frequently busy so ring well in advance and be patient.
LISKEARD (01579 344444, phone times; Mon:Tues. Wed. 10.00 - 12.30 Thu: 10.00 - 12.30 & 13.00 - 13.30
SALTASH (01752 845515, phone times; Mon: Wed: Fri: 10.00 - 12.30 Tue: Thurs; 09.30 - 12.00, & 13.30 - 16.00

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