



# Callington News

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## STOP PRESS

The telephone number for enquiries about residents parking turned out to be a fax number. Caradon can be reached on 341000.

Congratulations to Mrs Vera Ghey on her recent 100th birthday. Vera is the oldest pub landlady in Britain, having taken over the Bulls Head in 1949, and still doing the accounts.

**The copy deadline for the April issue is Friday 20 March 2009**

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The Town Clerk's Office is 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.

## New Town Clerk comes to town

At the Callington Town Council meeting of 24 February the retiring Town Clerk, Lynda Small, handed over the keys to the new Clerk, Vernon Anderson.

When Lynda took over the post of Town Clerk, following the illness of her predecessor, she said she would give the town five years until her retirement age. Just over five years later she is leaving and from 1 March the new Town Clerk will be Vernon Anderson from Devizes Town Council.

Lynda says: 'I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the town. Callington is so lucky to have a young and proactive Council, who voluntarily give up so much of their time in the best interests of the town. The job requires so many different skills and there is always something happening - there is never a dull day.'

During her time in the post Lynda has raised over £200,000 in grant money which would not otherwise have come to the town. Through grant work and the Heritage Lottery grant to the Heritage Centre, she has become involved with that organisation and will therefore find plenty to keep her busy in the future.

As the Mayor and Portreeve Rick



A big welcome to Vernon Anderson

Lumley said: 'We will of course miss Lynda, as she has done a great deal for the town, putting in many extra hours and managing various projects. Having recognised her wish to retire, the position was advertised nationally and we are very pleased to welcome Vernon to the town.'

'Having worked in local government he can bring a wide variety of experience to the role as well as assisting with continuing to move Callington forward within the challenge of the new Unitary Authority.'

## Concert on behalf of Marie Curie Cancer Care is rescheduled for this month

Due to the bad weather at the beginning of February, the concert planned to benefit Marie Curie Cancer Care had to be postponed - it will now take place on Sunday 15 March, still at the Harrowbarrow village hall and with the

same performers. It starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £3.50 (under 16s free). Tickets bought for February will be honoured for March. Enquiries to Shirley on 350336 or Josée on 382626.

## Just4Kids fun

Just4Kids is holding an Easter crafts and activities day at the Methodist Church on Saturday 28 March 9am-2pm. Lunch costs £1.

Contact 383479/383490 for details, or visit [www.CallingtonMethodist.org](http://www.CallingtonMethodist.org)

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## New leaflets from the Town Hall

Callington Town Council has just published a new set of walks and information leaflets, using grant money from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Caradon District Council.

### Murals

The reprint of the Mural leaflet, which has been updated to include new murals, is an introduction to the town and can be combined with the Heritage Trail.

### Walks

The new leaflets, which are for visitors and residents alike, not only promote the heritage of the town but encourage walking as a healthy exercise. The fourth heritage walk takes people to the Holmbush mine and can be a gentle stroll of three kilometres or there is a longer option of eight kilometres. Once you are

really fit there is the challenge of the Ultimate Walk! This 25-kilometre walk circumnavigates the town through some of the lovely countryside with many stunning views.

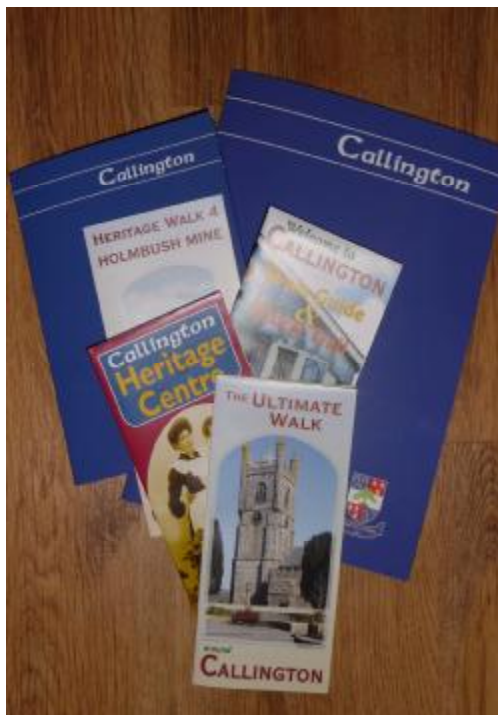
### Heritage Centre

The final leaflet introduces the town's Heritage Centre which has now recovered from the disastrous fire of March 2007.

The leaflets can be presented in folders which are also going to be used to provide essential information for new residents.

As the Mayor and Portreeve, Rick Lumley said: 'We are delighted that in these restricted economic times, we are able to take advantage of grant money to promote the town and healthy exercise.'

The leaflets have been designed by Lynda Small, the Town Clerk, who will be retiring shortly. 'I have been delighted to be able to design and obtain grant funding for a range of leaflets for the town and I am



pleased to see these published before I retire,' she said.

The leaflets, which are all free, are available at the Town Hall. The leaflets will be available in the main foyer from 24 February, after the current refurbishments have been completed.

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## Gospel Choir wins the Lottery with a grant from Awards for All

In mid-February the Callington Community Gospel Choir celebrated its success in applying for grant funding. The Choir was formed by Steve Dawe back in November 2005 and has become one of the largest Gospel Choirs in the UK.

Last year the choir was invited to train with the London Community Gospel Choir, one of the most prestigious in the world. The total cost of the trip was around £10,500. The choir looked for financial support from 'Awards for All', a lottery-funded organisation which awards funding to charities, community groups and others involved with encouraging sport, performing arts and community projects. The choir has been raising its own funds towards the training costs and put in an application for £7500 - and Awards for All awarded the full amount.

'It was like winning the Lottery without a ticket,' said the choir's secretary Dawn McIntyre. If your organisation is looking for grant funding, look at the Awards for All website [www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/)

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## Songsat Prim-Raf

As part of its 60th year Anniversary celebrations, Prim-Raf is presenting the excellent Sterts Singers in the Biscombes Lane theatre at 7.30pm on Saturday 14 March.

The Singers cover every form of singing. Tickets, at £5 or £3 for the under 18s, are available from Noakes & Habermehl, or at the door.

## Charity help needed

Is there anyone who can help Marie Curie with its street collection on Saturday 7 March? Contact Lynda Thomas on 07798 638099.

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# Show calls on budding authors

With the disappointment of not being able to hold the Autumn Show in the Town Hall last year behind them, the Show's committee is now preparing for this year's Show, to be held on Saturday 19 September.

All entrants for the 2007 Show may rest assured that they will be sent this year's schedule in June. These will also be available from Hindle's Newsagents. One of the additions this year will be a section for A Short Story, maximum 1000 words, so the committee would like to hear from any budding authors out there.

At the recent Show AGM concern was expressed at the decreasing number of people on the committee, as well as those who help on the Friday afternoon and the day of the Show itself, including stewards, who set up sections, then accompany the judges, recording their decisions. The committee is also looking for a few muscular individuals, of either sex, to help transport tables and so on, to and from the Town Hall.

If you would like to join the happy band or wish to contact the committee for any reason, please ring Andy Frost on 382279 or by email on [andy@acfrost.co.uk](mailto:andy@acfrost.co.uk)

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## Callington's medical history makes an interesting and enjoyable read

A hugely interesting and informative booklet of 60, A4 size pages, it names the doctors of Callington from 1696 onwards, telling many an interesting tale about them. It also covers the days when only the well off could afford medical treatment, through a pre-runner of the National Health Service, The Poor Law, up to the present day.

All doctors had their own private patients, which made many of them rich, some earning £1,300 annually, equivalent to about £122,000 today, as well as tending paupers. Callington's first doctor was Edward Hunt. The second was John Knill, who, on his retirement, set up a charity to educate, and buy books and clothes for the poor and sick children of South Hill, Launceston and Callington.

Medical treatment at the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century was based on Grecian beliefs from the 4<sup>th</sup> century; these being that the body consisted of four fluids, blood, phlegm and yellow and black bile, which had to be kept

in balance. The treatment to achieve this will make your eyes water.

The story of how a medical connection got Moonsfield its name is also recounted.

The winter of 1850 saw 27 Callington children die of smallpox. In 1882 a report itemised the shocking state of Callington's overflowing and open sewers and fouled water systems, the well in Well Street being polluted by leaking sewerage pipes. The sewage was spread over many fields around Callington, in what are now well known built up areas. It was James Venning, printer and publisher, who set up a company to build Callington's first reservoir, providing 'never failing and virtually pure water'.

The tale is also told of the well-remembered doctor's surgery in Church Street, which lasted for over 100 years, before moving to the present day Health Centre in 1978. The early days of the surgery are covered, as are later years, with mention of several, much

loved and respected doctors.

Not until the First World War were nurses mentioned in an official capacity. Callington is hugely fortunate in having dedicated District Nurses, as described in this book. Also mentioned is their charity, Friends of Callington and Gunnislake District Nurses. If you wish to donate to this hugely worthwhile charity, please contact either Hazel Jones or Barbara Thorpe.

Callington's ambulance and chemists are also covered, although David Wakeford, chemist for almost 40 years and still one of Callington's more interesting characters, only gets a brief mention.

The book comes up to date with The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Set-up and Dr Fiona Prentice's view of our Modern Medical Practice. A fitting end by a true family doctor, one of many at our Health Centre. **Andy Frost**

*Callington Doctors Through the Ages*, produced by the Callington History Group and costing £6.50, is available now through Hindle's Newsagents in Fore Street. It will also be available from the Heritage Centre in Liskeard Road when it re-opens at Easter.

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## British Legion needs your support

The Royal British Legion is a UK charity that provides financial, social and emotional support to millions of Service personnel: not just those who fought in the two World Wars, but those involved in the many conflicts since 1945 and those still fighting today. Around 10.5 million people in the UK are eligible for its support.

The RBL provides assistance with immediate needs: small business loans, help with homelessness, help for Far East prisoners of war, prison in-reach, external grants, and property repair loans.

The National Poppy Appeal funds all of this support. In Cornwall The 2008 Poppy Appeal raised nearly £400,000. Thank you to everyone.

Membership is open to everyone. Subscription of The Royal British Legion is just £11 per annum. This money is used by the RBL for administration purposes – meaning that the more members we have the more of your Poppy Appeal money can be used for its beneficiaries: your branch is Callington & District.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 24 March at 7.15pm at the 'Phoenix' in Callington. Join by simply going along or by ringing Sid Sharp on 07758 524301 and asking for a membership application form.

British service people are in action around the world every day of the year. The Royal British Legion is always on active duty for them.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Amateur radio rally

An all-day rally held by the Callington Amateur Radio Society and Caradon Hill Repeater Group is being held at the Community College on Sunday 29 March from 10am-4pm. It will be opened by Bob McCreadie from Pirate FM, and will have all manner of amateur radio/CB items, and electronics equipment and components.

The Callington group meets at the College on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm: contact Jamie Hulme on 382592 for more details.

### Lions Club evening

The Lions Club of Callington is holding an evening of Food and Friendship on Saturday 21 March in the Town Hall.

There will be a three-course meal, live entertainment from Innerstate and a licensed bar and costs £12.50 a head.

Contact any Callington Lion or phone 0845 833 7527 for tickets or more information.

### Toddle along to toddler's group

The 'Toddle-in' group at Callington Methodist Church has been running for a year now. It provides an informal, relaxed venue for parents and carers with children under five years old. During the morning the children play and have a fruit snack while tea and coffee is provided for adults.

Toddle-in is every Thursday from 9.30-11.30am.

Everything is free, with car parking at the rear of the church, and there is a warm welcome for all.

For any further information, contact 350429.

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## The stars can be yours with U3A

At the February meeting of Callington U3A, Josephine King, chairman, gave details of an astronomy course which will start in June/July, and from the show of hands, many members were very interested. Also in the summer a trip to Eden has been planned.

The speaker for the March study day on 14 March will be Professor Neil Roberts, who was the only non-American to advise the US Congress on climate change.

The University of the Third Age's next monthly meeting will be on Monday 2 March at 10am in the Town Hall. If you're over 50 and not in full-time work, go along and see what horizons can open up for you. Contact Pam Barnett on 384309 for more information.

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## Zig-zag update

Following last month's article about bad parking on the zig-zags in Fore Street, *Callington News* has just received two letters from residents, which will be printed next month.

One concern was the trend towards parents stopping on the yellow zig-zag lines on Saltash Road, outside the primary school; the lines are there to protect your children - it is not a dropping-off point.

If you want to unload your children safely, go to the main car park in New Road to drop them off. This is free of passing traffic, and you will not be pursued by parking wardens if you don't abuse the system. Caradon Council has confirmed that regular school-run drivers will not be challenged between 8.40- 9.00am for drop-offs, or 2.50-3.10pm for pick-ups.

However, if these guidelines are abused by overstaying, you must be prepared to pay. . .

# Gail looks at our places of worship

Although *Gail Buttery* promised to investigate looking good this month, since Easter is almost upon us, she decided that a history of the town's churches might be more timely.

'We are fortunate to have many churches in Callington so I've now found out more about three of the four of them. It will be no surprise that one of them is the oldest building in Callington, St Mary's, which was consecrated in 1483, but do you know which one of our churches started out as a coffee bar for the young people in town? Which of our churches has seen visitors as diverse as Billy Bray, Isaac Foot and Lord Tonypany? Read on: there are many interesting facts about our churches.

Can you imagine having to transport the body of your loved one, by hand cart, to South Hill for burial? It's three miles uphill, so no wonder the town's people complained and petitioned for a church in Callington and that's why St Mary's was built in the late 15<sup>th</sup> Century. It's the oldest church in town but what else is there to St Mary's? It contains two remarkable tombs. An alabaster tomb for Sir Robert Willoughby and a brass plaque marking the under-floor tomb of the Ayshton family, both senior figures of their time. Sunday services take place at 8am for a quieter communion and 10am for Morning Worship. There is also an evening service and once a month, Revive, which is a modern praise service offering a livelier time of worship. Children are provided for by Sunday School which meets at the Town Hall at 10am on Sundays. There are a variety of other groups, musical and social, which use St Mary's. The current Rector is the Reverend Peter Sharpe.

Another church with an interesting history is the **Methodist Church**. This began in the latter part of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century when Thomas Denner decided to open his home at Frogwell for religious worship. A small Methodist society was formed in Callington and the first chapel was built in Well Street in 1810. As the congregations increased so larger premises were needed. In 1844 Baron Ashburton, Lord of the Manor, agreed to let a part of a garden and field to the Methodists on a 99-year lease at £3 per annum rent. Work began almost immediately and the building opened for worship on 1 March 1845.

The present Methodist church in Haye Road, formerly known as West End, is the only surviving Methodist Church from several to be built in the town. It was originally used by the Wesleyan branch of Methodism. Other chapels built were at Newport, by the Bible Christians, and in 1852 the Free Methodist Chapel in Tavistock Road. Worship was conducted there until 1953 when the congregation was assimilated into the two other Methodist chapels. In 1903 the Bible Christians built a larger chapel in Launceston Road: this building is now used by the Mustard Seed, following a decision by the Trustees to amalgamate and remodel West End.

This building has seen many changes since 1845. The ancillary rooms, dating from 1872 have had various uses: a day school, a refuge for the people of Saltash following an air raid and a billet for American soldiers during WW2. It has even been used as a temporary Magistrates Court during the remodelling of the Town Hall in 1961/62. The current church

was re-opened on 12 November 1970 and is now the largest of the four churches which comprises the Callington and Gunnislake Methodist Circuit. Well-known personalities such as Billy Bray, Isaac Foot, Lords Caradon and Tonypany and Missionary Gladys Aylward have shared in worship there.

Worship continues regularly each Sunday with both morning and evening services at 10.30am and 6.30pm. Junior Church is from 10.30-11.30am with a crèche for the very young. Contact the Minister, Reverend Martyn Smith.

In 1966 the amalgamation of the Methodist churches meant the building in Launceston Road was for sale. It was bought by a group of people who were concerned about the local youth and became trustees of the work. These included Douglas Bond, May Uglow and Donald Came. This enabled a group of Christian volunteers to open **The Mustard Seed Coffee Bar** in the lower part of Launceston Road Methodist Church, to provide a facility for the young people of Callington and surrounding area. Sunday services then began with David Cole as the first Pastor of the now-established church. Currently the church is led by two elders, Peter Coombe and John Cole, supported by a group of Deacons. Sunday services are held at 10.45am and 6.30pm. By the way, if you are wondering how the name came about, you should refer to Matthew 13 verses 31-32.

At the time of going to press I had no details about the Catholic Church.'

*Next month: Hairdressers*

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## DIARY FOR MARCH

Monday 2 U3A monthly meeting 10am-12noon Town Hall  
Thursday 5th National Blood Donor Session in the Town Hall from 1.30pm  
Saturday 7 Marie Curie Cancer Care street collection  
Saturday 7 Saturday Tea Dance, Town Hall, 7.30pm  
Wednesday 11 Celliwic Evergreen meet Town Hall 2.00pm  
Wednesday 11 Talk, 'Village Life in the Early Seventeenth Century' by David Seward, at the Callington Heritage Centre 2.00pm details Lucy Thomas ( 01579 350018  
Wednesday 11 Callington WI monthly meeting 7.30pm Town Hall Council Chamber  
Friday 13 Town Hall Market in Town Hall 9.00am—1.00pm  
Friday 13 Tea Dance in the Town Hall 2.30pm  
Saturday 14 U3A Study Day in Town Hall 10.00am  
Saturday 14 Sterts Singers 7.30pm Prim-Raf, Biscombes Lane  
Wednesday 18 Caradon Social Club for the Disabled, Town Hall. 2.00pm  
Wednesday 18 Social Club for the Disabled 2pm Town Hall  
Saturday 21 Lions Evening of Food and Entertainment 7pm Town Hall  
Tuesday 24 Royal British Legion monthly meeting 7.15pm Phoenix pub function room  
Friday 27 Diabetes Support Group monthly meeting 2pm Cricket Club  
Saturday 28 Just4Kidz activity day 9am-2pm Methodist Church  
Saturday 28 'Ask Councillor Andrew Long' 10am-12pm Town Hall Committee Room  
Sunday 29 Amateur Radio rally from 10am Community College  
Sunday 29th British Summer Time begins - PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD

Country Markets: every Wednesday 8.45- 11.30am, Scout Hut, New Road car park  
In the Town Hall - weekly events; Short Mat Bowling, Weightwatchers, Salsa, Tumble Tots and Tiny Tumble Tots, U3A yoga, Fit4Life.

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## Lost property at Town Hall must be claimed

Following the recent refurbishments at the Town Hall, various items left behind after parties, meetings and so on have been found.

They include:

Blue/beige/black umbrella  
thin wooden walking stick  
wooden walking stick  
purple umbrella  
blue umbrella  
green wool scarf  
navy cotton lightweight waistcoat  
black wool scarf

purple sweater  
navy 'Regatta' waterproof coat  
black 'Woodland' quilted gilet  
grey silky scarf  
child's Adams jeans age 7  
child's Next navy hooded age 6  
'Target' blue long, lightweight waterproof coat.

If you recognise any of these items as belonging to you, please go into the Town Clerk's office as soon as possible.

Items will be held until the end of March, after which they will be donated to Oxfam and St Luke's Hospice.

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## Disappearing Items

Callington Heritage Centre exists to preserve the industrial and social heritage of the area. We collect *small* artefacts, especially domestic items that have a local connection.

We are also looking to extend our collection of larger agricultural and mining tools that can be permanently displayed on a wall

If you can no longer buy it—we might be interested in it. For example one item that has disappeared recently are the brown glass

medicine bottles that used to come in a range of sizes. So if you have any, with an Underhill's label do think of us. Other items that seem to have disappeared are those wooden pencil boxes with a sliding lid and swivel top. Also we could do with extending our collection of lead farm animals.

If you have items you think may interest please telephone the Heritage Centre on 389506 and leave a message on the answer machine, or e-mail [enquiry@callingtonheritage.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@callingtonheritage.org.uk)

**If you can no longer buy it - we might be interested in it.**

## Psychic Development Circle

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**Elizabeth on ( 01579 384708**



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**Please see public  
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time for film  
title**

**Refreshments available**

# Portreeve's CHARITY DAY

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> April 2009

09.00-13.00hrs

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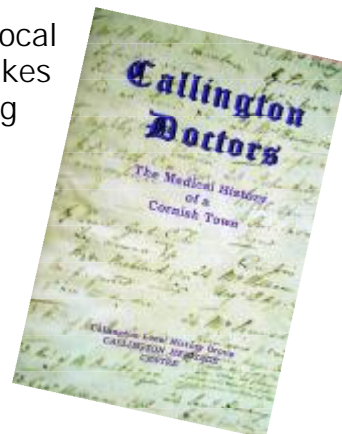
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