



Callington News

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Entertainments in the Park

Summer is the time for outdoor entertainment—and there is plenty happening in and around Callington.

The re-opening of the Launceston Road recreation area on **Saturday 30th June** at 11.00hrs starts the summer activities. A well-known radio personality will be opening the site and then there will be plenty to do to support from the new equipment specifically for toddlers, juniors, teenagers and the disabled. There will be a bouncy castle, ice cream, candy floss, barbeque etc. Remember there is no parking at or adjacent to the field but it is within easy walking distance of all parts of the town.

The next important date for your diary is on **Saturday 14th July** when St. Mary's Church are holding their Summer Fair being opened at 09.30hrs by George Alagiah, the BBC Newsreader. This is not in the park but in the equally peaceful church grounds. There will be stalls galore including Fair Trade, children's craft tent, raffle, a rare chance to see the 15th century brass of the Ayssheton family, refreshments (bacon butties and more), games etc. There will also be a competition, open to all Primary School age children, for a decorated face mask, which will be judged at

10.00hrs. During the morning you could also pop up to the Car Boot Sale at Saltash Road Car Park [09.00-12.00hrs] which is run by the Town Band. Bargains everywhere!

After St Mary's Fair you can stroll up to the Saltash Road Recreation Field at 12 noon for Gala Day. All monies raised after costs, will go to Cornish Charities, being The Cornish Air Ambulance and The Merlin Project. Admission to this event is free. There will be lots going on including Dog Show, Tractor Pull, Children's Races, Rowlands Fair, Screech Owl Sanctuary, Magician, Barbeque, Charity, Plants and Craft stalls.

There will be a marquee containing a licensed bar and an area for cream teas. In the main arena there will be several displays including Falconry, Morris Dancing, Town Band, Unicycle display, Tamar Valley Westerners and Taekwondo. The dog show this year will have The Best Waggiest Tail, Best Trick, Most Appealing Eyes, Dog/Bitch Judge would like to take home with them as well as the standard classes. Registration at 11.00hrs, judging starts at noon, open to all comers.

From 18.00hrs there will be live music from top local band Bad Habitz. If you wish to have a stall, the cost will be £1.50 per foot unless it's for Charity then there will be no charge.

Please support the Lions and bring the family along for an enjoyable day with The Lions of Callington for a roaring good time!

Please note the earlier start time of 12 noon and finish time of approximately 20.00hrs.

To book a stall or offer your services of help, please contact Tony Stentiford on 01579 384775 (evenings) or e-mail family@stentiford.eclipse.co.uk.

Don't forget Gala Bingo at the Town Hall Monday 9th July doors open at 19.00hrs eyes down at 20.00hrs!

The following weekend there is the **Whiteford Music Festival** just to the north of Kelly Bray. There is a selection of music on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 20th, 21st and 22nd of July, so you are bound to find one evening that suits your tastes. There are leaflets in the Town Hall or a web site is available.

**POSTPONED
to 21st July
due to weather**

The copy deadline for the August issue is Friday 13th July

Please note space is limited and inclusion cannot be guaranteed, the *News* goes to print as soon as it is full. 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

Seaside Special

Callington's PrimRaf are presenting a Seaside Special in the PrimRaf Hall, Biscoombe Lane, on the 5th, 6th and 7th July, commencing at 19.30hrs. Tickets £5, under 16's, £3, are available at Noakes and Habermehl Opticians or at the door. But hurry because seating is limited to 40 each evening to accommodate tables bearing wine, soft drinks and nibbles.

Summer Fair

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Barn Dance

Callington Lions Club is holding another popular Traditional

Barn Dance at the Latchley Show Ground on Saturday 28th July. Live music is by the Smiley Boots Ceilidh Band. It starts at 19.30hrs with a £5 admission charge for adults, £3 for children. There will be licensed Bar and Bar B.Q. Signpost directions will be erected on the A388 and A390 roads. All proceeds to the Lions International Charities.



Callington Town Band

There was a good attendance when Callington Town Band held its Annual General Meeting in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall in May. Shirley Morse was elected Chairman. During the meeting Chairman of the Trustees, Roger Ellard, gave up-to-date information about the progress of the insurance claim following the fire in the bandroom at the Heritage Centre. Retiring Chairman, Cliff McKane, reported on a very busy year and he was thanked for his exceptionally hard work and special thanks were extended to his wife, Beryl, for her support. Musical Director, Paul Boase, reported on the marvellous musical events that the band had organised or taken part in which included a massed band concert and a joint concert with the Band of the Royal Corps of Signals, in which musicians from Callington Community College also took part. He looked forward to a busy year ahead. Retiring members of the Committee were thanked by the Chairman for their hard work and the new committee is as follows:

Chairman - Shirley Morse, Vice-Chairman - Paul Boase (Musical Director), Secretary - Lauren Rossiter 12 Launceston Road, Callington, Cornwall PL17 7BS, e-mail: Sporen55@hotmail.com, Librarian - Pam Hussyin

Activity Club

Every Tuesday from 14.00hrs in Callington Town Hall the Activity Club meet for country dancing. We are a jolly group who often get our steps wrong but we have Ray, a very patient caller who tries to keep us under control. We pay £3.00 which includes a raffle and tea and biscuits. If you are 50+ years, we would love to meet you. We don't dance fast! For more details contact Joyce on 383540.

Royal British Legion

It is intended to hold an exploratory meeting with the view of the feasibility of starting a Callington sub-branch of the Royal British Legion. Several years ago Callington had a very active branch of the Legion, but numbers dwindled because of various reasons mostly old age etc. The Branch Standard was never laid up and is still paraded on Remembrance Day by R.B.L. member Mrs June Trevithick. Although membership is usually open to serving and ex- members of the Armed Forces, anyone over 18yrs. can now join the Royal British Legion. Present members or anyone interested in joining this worthwhile organisation are invited to this inaugural meeting. Further information from David Jones on 07875075755.

Royal Observer Corps

The Royal Observer Corps Association is a social club, run for past members and their families. and is open to any one who was or had a family member, who served in the ROC until it was stood down in 1991. We meet occasionally for get togethers and social events. Anyone interested in joining our group please contact S Abell 384528 or G Pridham 384187

Callington Methodist Junior Church

During the Summer we will be changing our usual programme of events and meeting at an earlier time. We cater for children aged 4 - 16 and also have a creche for the very young. Please see the Diary Dates on page 6 for details. In September on the 8th we are having a BBQ with games at the Church from 16.00-18.00hrs. All ages welcome. Numbers required for catering purposes please.

Save a few trees!

Further to queries on how to stop junk mail we have had two useful tips.

We have been quite successful stopping both unwanted mail and telephone calls by registering with the following web site :-

www.mpsonline.org.uk

If you look on the left side menu there is a link TPS, clicking on this will enable you to register to stop unwanted phone calls.

This does not stop everything but does cut it down dramatically. Another good idea is to stick special labels on unopened mail, and return it to the sender. These are available on :-

<http://ecotopia.co.uk/stop-junk-mail.ir?>

The label requests the sender to remove the address from their data base.

I hope this information will be useful,

Regards,
Brian Riley.

MPS is the mailing preference service and TPS is the telephone preference service. This does work although it can take a month or two to notice the difference. Once it takes action, the only addressed mail and phone calls you are likely to receive are those for which you are/have been a customer. If you are not on the internet you can phone (0207913 310 for MPS and (05480 700 707 for TPS

I have successfully stopped junk mail by going to the Royal Mail depot @ Moss Side & filling in a form to say no more is to be delivered.

Hope this helps.

Regards
Vivien Sewell

This will cut out all junk mail delivered by the postman but remember circulars and leaflets such as the *Caradon Courier* are delivered this way, so you may miss out on information. The choice is yours!

Friends of the Orchestra

A year ago we launched Friends of the Callington Scratch Orchestra which has attracted some members. For a minimum of £10 per year 'Friends' receive newsletters about the orchestra and a ticket to attend our main Annual Concert.

We cater for all ability of players and tackle music of varying degrees of difficulty.

Due to the varying ages and ability of players we would find it very difficult to charge for the experience of playing in the orchestra and indeed we would not want to preclude anyone from this valuable learning experience due to a financial burden. We are therefore dependant on donations as well as ticket sales to cover the cost of administration and our main expense of purchasing music.

If you would like to become a 'Friend of Callington Scratch Orchestra' please ring Katherine Bunkum on (01579 350338

Fairtrade



Since the Council's welcome decision of last September to support Fairtrade status for Callington, the steering

committee has made significant progress.

The application requesting approval is about to be submitted and an answer is expected in about eight weeks. It is extremely heart warming to discover the extent to which the people of Callington want to help those in poor countries. We have received the support of a large number of businesses in the Town all of whom have confirmed their intent to supply or use Fairtrade products. The impact of buying Fairtrade products is enormous. For little effort on our part we can be sure that the producer, the small-holding family

farmer, will receive a fair price for his produce rather than the amount the large controlling wholesalers are prepared to offer. Fairtrade status for Callington is important. Apart from a large degree of self satisfaction we are showing that we care; that we want a fairer world, a world with opportunities for all for education, health care and the basic necessities.

If you want to find out more or comment on the campaign we would like to hear from you. Messages can be posted on the site or you could drop a letter into Cornerstone in Fore Street.

Appeal for Witnesses

On Thursday 7th June between 7.00pm and 8.30pm a car was broken into in the Co-op car park in New Road and items were taken. If anyone has any

information please contact 4791 PC Treeby on 08452 777 444 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111



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

Wanted water voles!

There is serious concern that the Water Vole is now extinct in Cornwall. With Callington sitting midway between two important river systems, the Lynher and the Tamar, residents are ideally situated to observe wild life along waterways as we go on walks, or about their business. Next time you hear a rustle in the vegetation by the side of a stream, watch and wait and see if you can see what it was. If you are certain it was a water vole phone Cornwall Wildlife Trust to report a sighting or if you see an otter or mink corpse [probably by the roadside] phone them on 01872 273939 or email kate@cornwt.demon.co.uk

Water Vole (*Arvicola terrestris*)
They have a blunt 'chubby face' which distinguishes them from a common rat. The body length is 14-



Otter

22cm with a 10cm tail. The water vole is Britain's fastest declining mammal. It has suffered catastrophic losses. Not only because it is a favourite food of the mink, but also due to the loss of its habitat - drainage, development and neglect of wetlands. Water voles have been recorded throughout Cornwall, but have been rare since the 1970s. The last known positive water vole records were 1998. -We fear the water vole may be extinct in Cornwall.

European Otter (*Lutra lutra*)
The otter can be up to 70cm long with a tail half the length of its body. It has a less pointed face than the mink and a smooth brown coat with a paler underside. They have webbed feet. The otter was nearly wiped out in the 1950s and 1960s, mainly due to pollution. As water quality has improved, otters have made a good comeback, in part due to their mobility and ability to return to old haunts. The otter is a flagship species for the health of our rivers. Cornwall has good otter populations and can proudly boast it is part of the lowland stronghold.



Water Vole

American Mink (*Mustela vison*)
Mink were introduced to Britain in the 1920s for fur farming. They are 30-50 cms in length with a 20cm tail and can be black, brown and may have white patches, they have a more pointed face than the otter. They escaped from captivity into the wild and bred successfully, when otter numbers were low. As otters have increased, mink appear to be declining. Mink still have a devastating impact on our wildlife including birds and water voles.



Mink

Your Councillors

Please note different e-mails for Cllr Gist & Cllr Jones

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Restoring, Recording, Repairing

The work of restoring Callington's archive continues due to the many volunteers who are giving up their time to clean smoke damaged items.

To every cloud there is a sliver lining and it turns out that this disaster is giving us a wonderful opportunity to stock take and reorganise everything. The 'Lawrence Maker' news cuttings have come out of the dark depths of the store room and it has been decided that these should be more readily available on the ground floor. These newspaper cuttings, all about Callington, date from the first world war and with additional work by the Local History Group go right up the present day. They are a fascinating history of the town- so fascinating that work on them is slow! Once we have



checked the originals against the photocopies that were stored elsewhere we will be organising a complete index of all the articles.

The volunteers at the unit have also decided which Callington newsletters we should be keeping full sets of. Although an old *Callington News* may not be very interesting now, in 50 years time it will provide even more information than the old newspaper cuttings. Below are the issues of the *Callington News* which are missing - can you help by either giving or loaning us an issue to photocopy? Other newsletters which we require are junior and senior school publications, Methodist and parish news and from our adjacent parishes, *Parish Pump* and *Link*. Lists of the missing issues are on the web site - go to the Heritage page.

Nearly all the paperwork has been cleaned and is now being checked against the catalogue. The next task to tackle is the cleaning of all the artefacts, which being different materials provide more of a challenge. As you can see we need assistance with our extensive geological collection. More volunteers are still very welcome, with the holiday season upon us our numbers are reduced. If you can help please telephone Lucy on 350018 or Lynda on 362139.

Our financial position is still uncertain, we are awaiting the results of a rates appeal and the time we have to stay in the present unit is crucial. We still do not know if we have enough money for some specialist repair work. One fact of which we are certain, is that without the help of all those people listed on the right we would have had to stuff everything in a shed and turn our backs on it! The towns response has been wonderful.

The Heritage Centre Trustees would like to offer sincere thanks to all the following who have made donations, some large, some small, but all valued. Without them Callington's Heritage would have been lost.

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 Others not yet emptied, but thanks to all the anonymous people of Callington who have donated. If anyone has been inadvertently omitted from this list please let us know.

Do you know Manganese from Malachite?

The Heritage Centre has a large collection of geological samples. As these were left behind and recovered after the fire many were black and have to be washed clean. Consequently many of the identity numbers have disappeared and we don't know what the samples are. So **GEOLOGICAL EXPERT URGENTLY NEEDED** to help sort out our collection and match rocks to descriptions. Can you help? Or do you know someone who can? If so please phone Lucy 350018 or Lynda 362139

Missing Callington News

1992 August
 1993 February
 1995 May
 1999 January
 2002 Sep., Oct., Nov., Dec.
 2003 Jan., Feb., March, April, July, Aug., Sep.

Diary for July

Sat.30th	Re-opening of Launceston Road Recreation Field 11.00hrs
Mon. 2nd	U3A, Town Hall 10.00hrs
5th,6th,7th	Prim-Raf Seaside Special, see page 2
Fri. 6th	Tea Dance, Town Hall. Starts at 14.30hrs
Wed. 11th	Celliwic Evergreens, Town Hall 14.00hrs
Fri. 13th	Town Hall Market, Town Hall 09.00-13.00hrs
Fri. 13th	Tea Dance, Town Hall 14.30hrs
Sat.14th	St Mary's Summer Fete [09.30hrs] & Gala Day [12.00hrs] & Car Boot Sale [09.00hrs]
Wed.18th	Caradon Social Club for the Disabled, Town Hall 14.00hrs.
Thur/Fri. 19/20th	Blood donor sessions, Town Hall, afternoon and early evening.
Sun. 22nd	Methodist Junior Church Painting & Sketching at Minions meet at church 09.30hrs
Wed 25th	Coffee Morning in aid of the Children's Society organised by Co-op 10.00 – 12.00 Callington Town Hall. All Welcome
Fri. 27th	Diabetes Support Group, 10.00-12.00pm Bring & Buy coffee morning at the Cricket Club.
Fri. 27th	Town Hall Market, Town Hall 09.00-13.00hrs
Sat. 28th	Lions Barn Dance at Latchley, see page 2.
Sun.29th	Methodist Junior Church Painting, Part 2 at the church 10.00hrs

Weekly events in the Town Hall;- Weightwatchers, Taekwondo, Yoga, Activity Club, Scratch Orchestra, Fit 4 Life, Baby Signing, Short Mat Bowling, Yoga, etc. 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.

Tamar Activities

1st July Sunday, A Gentle Journey – Bird Watching by Canoe. 16:30 – 19:30hrs . Enjoy a trip along the river Tamar in an open Canadian canoe, looking for birds along the way. A great outing for all ages. Cost: £20 per person (no charge for under 5s and dogs). Booking: essential – 0845 430 1208. Organiser: Canoe Tamar

6th July, Friday, Bats & Moths at Lockeridge Farm. 19:00hrs – late. Walk through reed beds along the shore of the river Tamar watching for bats and learning how they involved. Led by Martin Summers. Towards the end of the evening, count how many moths have been attracted, then stay for tea and cakes in the farmhouse. Meet: Bere Alston School (SX 444 670) Cost: Adults £2, Children 50p, payable on the night. Notes: suitable for all ages. Easy walk down, harder back. Please bring a torch. Wear suitable footwear and clothing. Booking: essential – 01579 351681, info@tamarvalley.org.uk Organiser: Tamar Valley AONB

8th July Sunday St Mellion Cherry Feast Venue: St Mellion

8th July, Sunday, Cornwall Orchard Safari. 10:00 – 15:00hrs. Visit a group of different local cherry and apple orchards to learn about orchard management for plentiful fruit and a wealth of wildlife, and about planning a new orchard. Led by Caroline & Richard Vulliamy and orchard owners. Cost: £5, to include light vegetarian lunch. Meet: The Old School, Stoke Climsland, to car share. Booking: essential – 01579 370411 (Richard Vulliamy) Organiser: Tamar Orchards Group

14th July, Saturday, Dowsing on Kit Hill. 14:00 – 16:30hrs. Learn how to dowse for archaeology and mineral lodes with Alan Neal on Kit Hill on a leisurely walk. The walk will be over rough and uneven ground. Children welcome with a responsible adult. Notes: bring waterproof clothing, sensible footwear and an open mind! Cost: £2 adult, £1.50 concessions, £6 family. Meet: Adit car park, Kit Hill (SX 379 714). Booking: essential – 01872 323468. Organiser: Kit Hill Country Park/Cornwall County Council

21st – 22nd July, Wood Weekend Information. Saturday - Sunday 01579 351346 Venue & Organiser: The National Trust (Cotehele House)

22nd, Sunday. North Dimson to Chilsworthy Walk. 13:00hrs start. Join John Tibbs for a walk up to Windy Bridge from North Dimson, through the Gunnislake Clitters mine workings, continuing to Chilsworthy along the path adjacent to the old railway track, through to Bittams, stopping near the riverside engine house. Walking east alongside the river Tamar, we will turn up into Clitters Wood to bring us back to North Dimson. Notes: The walk is steep in places, mostly in woodlands with short stretches on quiet roads. Strong footwear recommended. No dogs. Distance approximately 3 miles; allow two and a half hours with short rest. Meet: call for details – 01822 833738 Information : 01822 833738 (Kath Smyth) Organiser: Calstock Footpath Society

26th July, Thursday, Earth Magic. 14:00 – 16:00hrs. Come and discover the earthly wonders of Kit Hill. Be prepared to put your nose, ears and eyes into action. Notes: Please bring sun cream, hat, refreshments. All Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Sorry, no dogs. Meet: Adit car park, Kit Hill (SX 379 714) Booking: essential – 01872 323468. Organiser: Kit Hill Country Park/Cornwall County Council

31st July, Adventure Hunt. Tuesday, 14:00 – 16:00hrs. An afternoon of fun with a combination of challenges, activities and trails. Notes: Please bring sun cream, hat, refreshments. All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Sorry, no dogs. Cost: £1.50 under 16s. Accompanying adults free. Meet: Summit car park, Kit Hill (SX 375 713) Booking: essential – 01872 323468 Organiser: Kit Hill Country Park/ Cornwall County Council.

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Due to popular demand the Engine House Tea-rooms/Restaurant at Compton Park will be changing its hours of opening. The same family friendly atmosphere with locally sourced produce, home cooked menu and specials board will be available without increased prices. When asked Hamish said 'it was a fine balance, we wanted the same friendly atmosphere with locally sourced produce, home cooked menu and specials board but without having to increase the prices.' We have managed to do just that. Feed a family of four for well under £20 with drinks, that's under £5 per person which I think you will agree is a bit of a revolution for local quality dining out!

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The new exciting hours start on 24th July. Booking not necessary but is recommended. Please call the Engine House at Compton Park on (01579) 383069.

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Wed	10.00am - 5.00pm
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