

**Arts
and
Heritage
Centre**

Stuart House



March 2013

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Advance Notice

Stuart House is to promote a concert for promising young musicians in the area. This is in accordance with the wishes (and in memory) of Bo Foaks, a great supporter of the House, who entertained us many times with his singing and guitar playing. We have promises of support from Liskeard School (Jazz Band plus individual performers), Hill Fort Junior School, students from Looe School, and pupils of Jonathan Delbridge and Bianca Phillips-Libby. We intend to have a major feature on this concert in the Cornish Times, and hope

that everyone who would wish to support musical performance in our young people will publicise and attend this celebration.



Youth Music Concert

Sunday 12th May 2013 in the Public Hall, Liskeard at 7.00pm

John Batey

...and a Music Event you might have missed: *Java 5 at Stuart House*

- a 'catch-up service' is now available at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dykq2ml3M_U&feature=youtu.be

Not to be missed:

***Stuart House Trust Annual General Meeting
Monday 18th March 7.30 pm***

This is your chance to vote for officers and Committee members, even to become one if you have ideas on the running or the future of the house.



Newsletter sponsored by Coodes
Honorary Solicitors to Stuart House Trust

Computer maintenance 01579 349212 / 0773 6305 009

PC KERNOW



Henry Rice, again

A. A. Milne's Mary Jane would be totally paranoid had she lived in Liskeard, such was the Rice influence in the area, but what a beneficial influence that was, and how wide reaching for just one man. March sees a number of events commemorating his memory and Stuart House plays a part in nearly all.

Inspirational
**HENRY
RICE**

1808-1876

Liskeard Architect, Borough Surveyor
and Nuisance Officer

Our exhibition in The King's Chamber

From 25th February 2013

To support the "Playitagain" Promenade
Shows

On 2nd & 16th March : 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturday 2nd and 16th March

Roll Up for Liskeard's Fabulous Promenade
Show featuring Liskeard's finest
entertainers! This fun, interactive show is
aimed at the under 12's and their families.

The drama begins inside Stuart House,
then the audience follows the actors,
singers, musicians, dancers and rappers
along Fore Street, before ending back
at Stuart House for a grand finale in the
garden where warming refreshments can
be purchased. Wear warm, waterproof
clothing as much of the play will take place
outside.

11.00am and 2.00pm.

Tickets (limited to 30 per show) available
from 1st February from Stuart House on
01579 347347 (cash only, must be col-
lected in advance). Tickets £1 (adult) 50p
(children).

HENRY RICE (1808-1876)

Liskeard's Foremost Architect

Let's take a walk on the Henry Rice Trail
admiring this architect's eye for detail
in Victorian buildings, both humble and
grand
built in our town where, enduring, they stand

Lucky for Liskeard that he was around
when mining brought great wealth from
under the ground;
his inns, homes and chapels, toll houses
and banks
are now his memorial, for which we give
thanks

As Borough Surveyor he cared for the town
improving conditions as slums came down
his "Nuisance Books" show he reported
each case
of conditions where poor had dire hardships
to face

The Medical Officer for Health was his friend
and together they worked to establish an
end
to sickness and squalor, early death and
disease:
mains water and sewers the problems would
ease

With so many properties to his name
they're all now enshrined in a "book of fame"
describing the style, size and purpose of
each
extolling his standards – still worthy to teach

From the centre of town – north, south, east
or west
you will see Henry's buildings stand out from
the rest
our respects can be paid for the service he
gave
in the graveyard at Lanchard where lies his
grave.

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Art Exhibition

WILD CORNWALL

by
John Batey

at

STUART HOUSE, LISKEARD

Mon. 18th - Fri. 22nd March 9.30am - 3.30pm
And Sat. 23rd 9.30am - 12.30pm

Research at Stuart House

Until this year the only research undertaken in the house itself took place in the Trecarrel Room, the inner sactum of the Liskeard Old Cornwall Society, where Recorder John Rapson assisted members of the public to delve into the enormous data base in the Liskeard Old Cornwall computer, and the even more extensive one in his memory, to research their families and properties. This work continues with new Recorder, Paula Arthur, and in addition the Caradon Hill Area Heritage Project has enabled access to the earliest editions of the Cornish Times and other archives for local and family history research facilities in Stuart House.

A research 'hub' with a suite of computers and a large format printer gives users access to local newspaper files from the middle of the 19th century, Cornish Parish Records, Cornwall-wide census material, information on births, deaths and marriages, along with

access to selected web sites. More records will be added over time. Use of the computers is free except for a charge for printing.

These research facilities have been sponsored by the Caradon Hill Area Heritage Project with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and DEFRA.



The **Stuart House Research Group**, working on the Civil War Birth project, recently visited the County Record Office at Truro. Dr Jo Mattingly arranged this visit for us and Archivist Tamsin Mallett kindly arranged to open the centre especially for us. Tamsin gave us a guided tour of the vaults where



an enormous number of documents, maps and plans and maps are stored on many miles of shelving. These are kept at a steady, controlled temperature and at a controlled moisture level. Some of the documents are

800 years old but the writing on them looked as though it had been done that morning.

We then shown a wide variety of documents relating to Liskeard, including the registers of births marriages and deaths, ancient court rolls, details about the Clock Tower and even Second World War defence plans. The largest item was the Tythe map of 1840, one of the earliest maps of the town.

The visit concluded with us all pouring over old documents trying desperately to read the obscure or unfamiliar writing.

The next stage of our education is to learn just how to decipher the Secretary Hand of the 17th century and to be able to read the wills and inventories from the town.



Tony Wood

Events Diary

March 2013



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| Saturday 2nd | SQUALOR! Fabulous Promenade Show |
| Thursday 4th and every Thursday | "Knit n' Knatter", 10.30am – 12.30pm |
| Monday 4th - Saturday 16th | Table Top sale by Terri Alcock, open 09.30am - 3.30pm |
| Monday 11th | Poetry Group meeting, 4.30pm - 6.30pm |
| Monday 11th - Saturday 16th | Vital Spark Exhibition 'Walking with stile/style' 9.30am – 3.30pm (see the Caradon Hill' item in Partner Group Events) |
| Wednesday 13th - Thursday 14th | Trewolland Web 'Basic Internet training and website building' 9.30am - 3.30pm |
| Saturday 16th | Fabulous Promenade Show SQUALOR! |
| Monday 18th | STUART HOUSE TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7.30pm |
| Monday 18th - Saturday 23rd | Art Exhibition and Sale by John Batey 9.30am – 3.30pm |
| Monday 18th - Saturday 23rd | Charity Sale in aid of St Cleer Church, open 9.30am – 3.30pm |

"Once Upon A Myth"

Open Art & Craft Exhibition, Monday 25th - Saturday 6th April
 Ever wanted to show your fantasy artwork, pottery, jewellery, glasswork, etc.?
 Here's your chance! The work has to be inspired by a myth or legend from anywhere in the world, let your imagination run wild!
 You can submit up to three items, these items can be sold with 25% commission on sales to Stuart House. Items need to be delivered to Stuart House by **18th March**, along with an entry form which can be obtained from Stuart House in Liskeard and Tiger Treats of Looe, 3 The Quay, East Looe.

Sponsored by Tiger Treats of Looe



Easter

Closed Good Friday 29th March, Open Easter Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm

Closed Easter Monday 1st April

*The House, Garden and Computer Research Suite are open 09.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.,
 The Old Kitchen Café 10.00 a.m till 2.00 p.m., each weekday,
 and until 12.30 p.m. and 12.00 noon respectively on Saturdays.
 The Computer Research Suite may be open at other times on request.*

*The House is open these same times for all events unless otherwise stated above.
 The Office is open every weekday until 2.00 p.m.
 Subject to change depending on the availability of volunteers (could you help?)*

SQUALOR!

A PERFORMANCE
FEATURING
GRUESOME GAGS
AND REVOLTING
REALITIES OF
LIFE IN
LISKEARD IN
THE 1860S

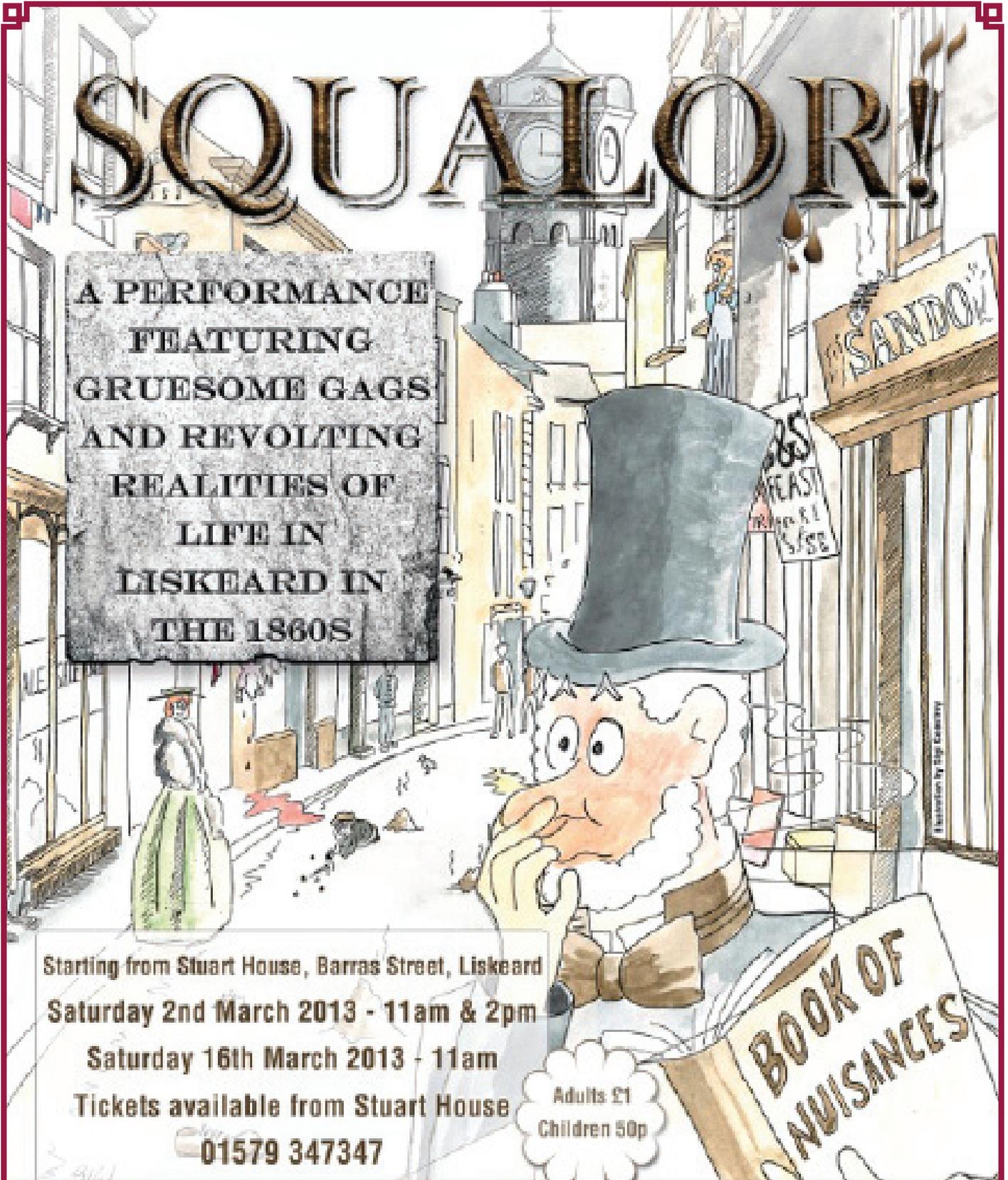


Illustration by Pip Conway

Starting from Stuart House, Barras Street, Liskeard

Saturday 2nd March 2013 - 11am & 2pm

Saturday 16th March 2013 - 11am

Tickets available from Stuart House

01579 347347

Adults £1
Children 50p

BOOK OF
NUISANCES

A show aimed at under 12s and their families • Yummy warm food available after the show

Dress for the weather, as much of the show takes place outside

PLAY IT AGAIN THEATRE COMPANY

www.playitagain.org.uk



Our Partner Groups Events



Ivan Hussey, "Celloman", Friday
8th March 7.30pm Sterts Studio.
Tickets £8/6 from 01579 362382
or www.sterts.co.uk

**STERTS
THEATRE**

With a change of direction from the Celloman Sound, Ivan Hussey, accompanied by violinist Samy Bishai and Vincent Greene on viola present an acoustic collection of classically inspired compositions from around the world taken from the new album 'Moods, Broods & Interludes'. The music, composed by Ivan Hussey takes its influence from a variety of musical traditions and moods. From the Carnatic Southern Indian influenced 'Veena' to the African highlife of 'Georgetown', the flamenco sounding 'Scenes of you', to the brooding solo cello piece 'The Changeling'.

Sterts Singers in concert Friday 15th March 7.30pm
Sterts Studio. Tickets £8/6 01579 362382 or
www.sterts.co.uk

Sterts Singers sing a wide range of music including songs from shows, gospel, folk and pop classics. They have performed with many local and national choirs and will feature in the Sterts 2013 Summer season line-up.



**Come for a walk – discover
footpaths close to Liskeard town**

Walking with Stiles 5

Meet Mary Westlake on Wednesday
27th February

Time 10.30am

Date Wednesday February
27th 2013

Duration Approx. 2 hours

Meet by the stile on the road that
leads to the Premier Inn entrance,
Liskeard, far side of the granite
boulders blocking the road!

The last in the present series of walks
related to the 'Vital Spark'.

Well behaved dogs welcome
Weather permitting we will be
following both old and new footpaths.
Parts of Routes 12, 6, 5, 4, as listed
in "A Guide to Footpaths and Walks in
the Liskeard Area".
www.vital-spark-liskeard.co.uk



An exhibition of work
inspired by this year's Vital
Spark theme Walking with
Style/Stiles

9.30 to 3.30 Mon to Fri (until 6.00 on Sat)

Stuart House

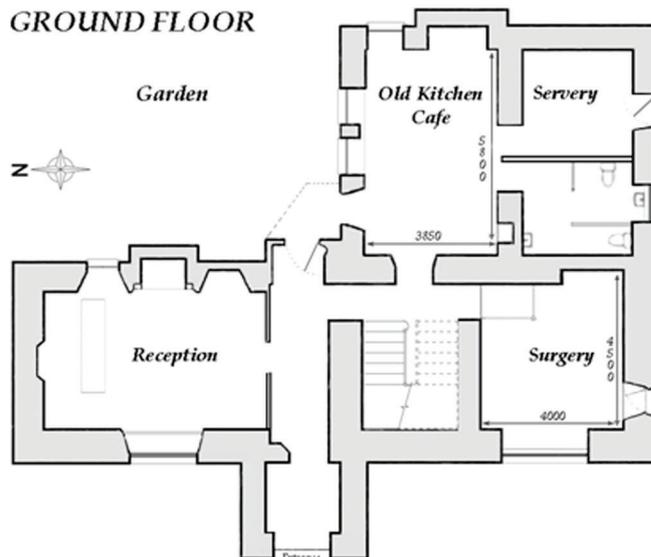


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Rooms available for hire

Call at Reception or telephone 01579 347347 for further details and conditions of hire.

GROUND FLOOR



Suggested Donations

| | per day | 6 day week |
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| Surgery | £15.00 | £65.00 |
| Old Kitchen Café | £15.00 | evenings only |
| Servery | £10.00 | available with the 'Kitchen' |

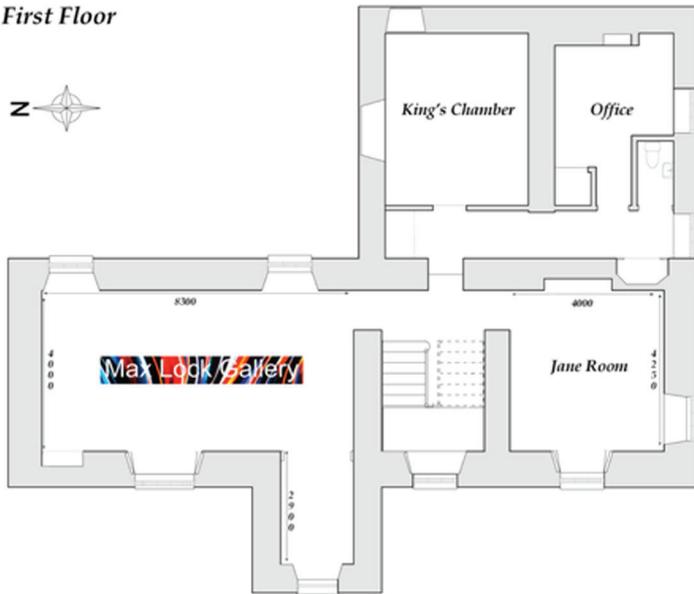
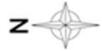


The Surgery



The Old Kitchen Café

First Floor



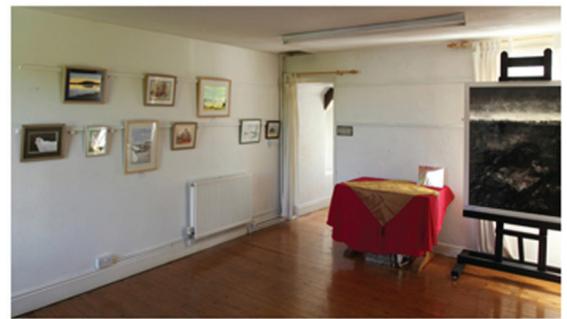
The Max Lock Gallery



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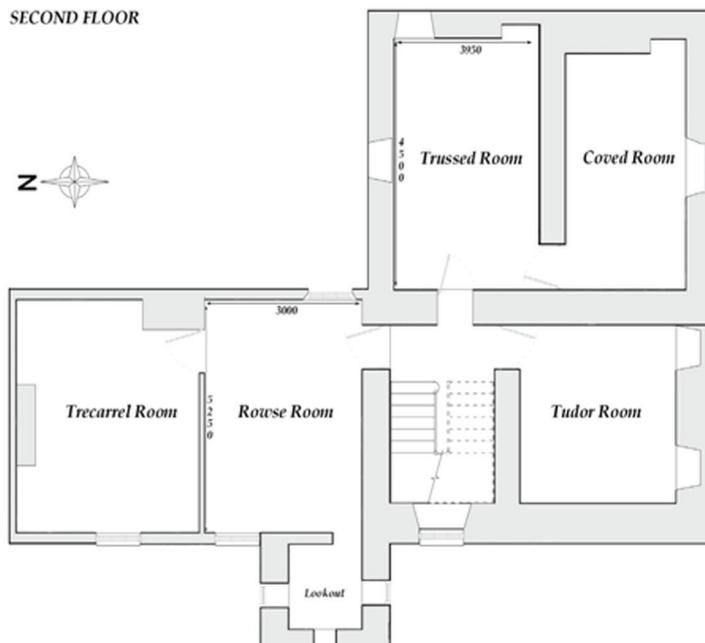
| | 4 hours | per day | 6 day week |
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| Max Lock Gallery | £14.00 | £22.00 | £110.00 |
| Jane Room | £10.00 | £15.00 | £75.00 |

The JaneRoom



The Rowse Room

SECOND FLOOR



Suggested Donations

| | 4 hours | per day | 6 day week |
|--------------|---------|---------|------------|
| Rowse Room | £8.00 | £13.00 | £60.00 |
| Trussed Room | £8.00 | £13.00 | £60.00 |

The Trussed Room

