

**Arts  
and  
Heritage  
Centre**

# Stuart House



*April 2013*

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## The New Team

At the Trust's Annual General Meeting on March 18th we bade farewell to Chairman of Trustees John Batey who retires to his country estate, and Eileen Crouch who retires to enjoy the house rather than toil away organising Heritage exhibitions, but we anticipate (and expect) seeing no less of them. We welcomed new Chairman Bruce Hawken and committee members Roger Catchpole and Tony Wood. Other Co-Trustees who

we are glad to see continuing to serve are Gill Bowman, John Gliddon, and Dave Howard. Bob Hollingdale now takes on the post of Vice Chairman.

We are heartily relieved that Sue Glencross and Tony Britton will respectively continue in the posts of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Their expertise maintains the good order of the Trust on which everybody else's work depends.

## John Harvey, a tribute.

John and Barbara moved to Liskeard in the early eighties and both joined the Trust soon afterwards. John joined the committee and took over the bookings from the Secretary, Jimmy James in the nineties. This involved keeping the diary and being available on his home telephone and arranging when and in which room a booking could go and then arranging who could open up and close up after the event. All this was before we had the services of a House Manager. Without that input of time and goodwill, getting the Arts and Heritage centre going would have been impossible. We owe him a great debt.

John was an artist of rare talent but he fought shy of exhibiting his work until 2008 when Barbara and his daughters eventually overcame his reluctance. His exhibition was outstanding and brought home to everyone the depth and extent of his talent. He remembered the occasion with pleasure and some justifiable pride.

We shall all miss John, especially the little group of old hands who tend to gather in the house on a Saturday morning. Our love and sympathy go out to Barbara and his family.

*Tony Wood*



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## Two significant contributors

to Stuart House have stepped back from the committee this year and it is right to record in the Newsletter the very impressive contributions each one has made.

### **Eileen Crouch**

joined the Trust in 1997/8 and made an immediate impact by her enthusiasm and organising ability. In 2000 she became chairman and arranged an exhibition of Christian Art for the Millennium Celebrations. This involved getting a grant and then decorating The Parade with banners. She organised and welcomed the Prince of Wales visit in June 2002 and persuaded the Esmee Fairburn Trust to fund a House Manager post. After stepping down as chairman she joined with George Vaughan Ellis to start the Henry Rice Project which she pursued with him until its culmination in 2009 with the publication of the album launched at a beautifully organised event in the Public Hall. She has chaired the Heritage committee for many years organising a range of exhibitions on Mining, the house's history and Moorswater. She organised a poetry competition from which came more than one published book of verses. Her efforts have been unflagging and she promises to continue her efforts for the House although no longer on the committee. To illustrate this, do go and look at the Henry Rice exhibition in the King's Room, her latest contribution.



**John Batey** joined the Trust in the 1990s but became a very active member after his retirement in 2001. He not only organised several auctions of furniture but actually transported and manhandled the pieces into and from the house himself.

He organised a very ambitious but successful Art competition getting sponsors and arranging the collection of works offered and the prizes for the different categories. Perhaps his most important contribution was developing the Coffee Shop aspect of the house, something which has become our major source of income and saved us from going under. During his two years in the Chair he has continued Tony Piper's work of implementing the changes recommended in the Petersham Report and has followed the advice given by Tristram Besterman in how best to use the rooms upstairs. We have seen the new carpeting and lighting in the Cross Passage and the ramp and lighting in the Porch but also the development of the Civil War Museum in the Trussed Room now secured with CCTV. The Tudor Room too is being developed as part of this strategy. Under his time in the chair and with his enthusiastic support, Iain Rowe has completed the project to install a computer suite in the Rouse Room

These two energetic and enthusiastic members have driven the Trust forward for over ten years and we are all heavily in their debt and offer them our warmest thanks.

*Tony Wood*

## WORLD HERITAGE SITE OFFICE

If, in common with others, you had heard that the World Heritage Site office was closing, this notice is to correct that misapprehension. Deborah Boden, Cornish Mining WHS Co-ordinator, has advised that they have moved to new accommodation in New County Hall, and transferred from the Environment to the Economic Development Service – and are very much still in operation. This is reassuring news because Deborah Boden is very supportive of Stuart House – most recently in relation to our John Harris Festival – and the Cultural Olympics. Should anyone wish to contact her, the address is:

World Heritage Site Office, Economic Development, 4th floor – County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY.  
T 01872 323474 E [dboden@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:dboden@cornwall.gov.uk) W [www.cornishmining.org.uk](http://www.cornishmining.org.uk)

*Eileen Crouch*

# Another Henry Rice

This remarkable man is well known for his architectural achievements through the Henry Rice Trail leaflet and the commemorative album 'The Life and Work of Henry Rice', both still available (if you hurry) from Stuart House. Another facet of his incredible level of activity was recently demonstrated, in a way impossible for tables of statistics, by the 'Play it Again' theatre group with their promenade



**SQUALOR!** on the 2nd and 16th of March.

This excellent production showed his systematic collection of evidence of the appalling insanitary



and diseased condition of 19th century Liskeard,



his fight to have the causes acknowledged,



and what must have been a source of satisfaction, to see the evidence accepted and the problem remedied in his own lifetime.



I suspect that his friend and collaborator, Dr Andrew Hingston, Medical Officer of Health, might have acknowledged that Rice's work had prevented more disease and saved more lives than all the pills and potions popped by his patients.

If only today's people in power would emulate their Victorian predecessors more often!



# Music at Stuart House

We are delighted to announce the beginning of a new series of music concerts at Stuart House, beginning with *In Latin* on Sunday 19th May. The concerts will be in the familiar format on Sunday afternoons, starting at 2.30pm, lasting about an hour and followed by tea and biscuits and an opportunity to meet the performers.

We have had a tremendous response from performers and have a full programme right through until March 2014 and beyond. It is an interesting and varied programme with some of the familiar favourites and some completely new performances.



*Judy Whitlock* will be opening the series on 19th May with another sparkling 'In Latin' performance of delightful Latin

American songs and instrumentals. She and *John Broad* have expanded their group to include another guitarist and a drummer to make the music even more scintillating. If the weather allows, they will be in the garden again.

On 16th June we have a return of the celebrated Senegalese Cora player and singer, *Diabel Cissokho*. He is somehow finding time in his busy international touring life to come to Stuart House again. If we are very lucky he might even be able to bring his sister, an equally renowned singer.



On 21st July we have the first appearance of *Miner Quay*, the sea shanty group from Looe. They promise a light-hearted afternoon with plenty of opportunities to join in should you so wish. If the weather permits, all these performance will be in the garden.

In the autumn we have another first with the brilliant oboist, *Paul Boase*, accompanied by *Jonathan Delbridge*. In October there will be a celebration of the work of the *Music Department at Liskeard Community College* with their talented students performing. Finally, in November, we will see the return of the internationally renowned classical guitarist, *Catherine Thom*.



In **2014** we will see *Tango Sonoro* again, *Jonathan Lewsey* singing lieder, and a performance by pupils of local teachers, and other exciting events.

So look out for the leaflet, coming out soon, and for individual events. Please come and support our Music Programme and the artists who have so enthusiastically responded to coming to perform at Stuart House.

Angela Wunnam

# Diary of Events

## April 2013



### Easter

*House Closed Easter Monday 1st April*

until Saturday 6th April	<b>"Once Upon A Myth"</b> Open Art and Craft Exhibition by Tiger Treats of Looe	
<b>Thursday 4th and every Thursday</b>	"Knit n' Knatter", 10.30am – 12.30pm	
Saturday 6th	<b>Bo Foaks Memorial Walk</b> , Stuart House, 10.00am (earlier for coffee!)	
Monday 8th	Poetry Group meeting, 4.30pm - 6.30pm	
Tuesday 9th	Scarf Assembly, part of the "3 Bags Full" programme. 10.00am - 4.00pm	
Wednesday 10th	"The Wonderful World Of Herbs", a lecture by Linda Moran (Medical Herbalist) 2.15pm start. Tickets £3 from the office.	
Thursday 11th	Story Blankets Workshop, part of the "3 Bags Full" programme, 1.00pm - 3.00pm. Tickets £2, from the office.	
Friday 12th	Woven Bookmarks Workshop, part of the "3 Bags Full" Programme, tickets £2 from the Office. 10.00am - 12.00pm	
Monday 15th - Saturday 20th	Busy Beaks exhibition and sale of work, 9.30am - 3.30pm	

### *Tuesday 2nd April until Saturday 28th September*

#### **STUART HOUSE SHOP**

A selection of quality art and craft items for sale to support the House. Also on offer are the following **STUART HOUSE HERITAGE PUBLICATIONS:**

- 'Liskeard Heritage Trail' maps, available free of charge
- 'The Life and Work of Henry Rice –Liskeard's foremost architect' book
- 'Henry Rice Trail Map' -companion to the above book
- 'Architectural History of Stuart House ' booklet

*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?)*

# Our Partner Groups Events

# STERTS THEATRE

## Summer 2013 at Sterts



## Sterts Summer Season

Brochure is at the printers. If you can't wait some shows are on sale online now. The rest will be on sale in the next few days.

[www.sterts.co.uk](http://www.sterts.co.uk)

01579 362382



## Big Breakfast at Sterts.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast with friends and family.

Full English breakfast to include coffee or tea and toast and juice; all for £5 per person.

9am – 12.30pm

At Sterts Café, Upton Cross, nr Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 5AZ.

**Big Breakfast in aid of Sterts Canopy Fund.**

Vegetarian Option available too.

For any further information; please ring Wendy on 07531 653 233.



## CARADON HILL AREA HERITAGE PROJECT

## Bo Foaks Memorial Walk -

**Meet Stuart House Saturday 6th April 2013  
10.00am**

Bo was a good and generous friend to the House and loved to explore his adopted countryside. Join us and follow in his footsteps exploring Caradon in the Spring .

Three mile stroll, taking in some of the beautiful footpaths and lanes that radiate out from Liskeard.

Stout boots & waterproofs are a must as are all dogs to be on leads, some steep descents & inclines, could be muddy!

Contact Iain Rowe for more details:  
07791 136704

## Be Moor Aware

Crosslink Centre, Upton Cross,  
Saturday 20th April

9.30am – 4.30pm, - booking essential.

We are running a FREE day school where those who walk on the moor can gain a bit of knowledge about basic navigation skills, survival techniques, what to do in an emergency etc. Advice will be given regarding the legal requirements of organisers of visits, events etc. and who to approach when thinking about organising a visit or holding an event on Bodmin Moor.

Not suitable for under 16's.

Contact Iain Rowe at [irowe1@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:irowe1@cornwall.gov.uk)

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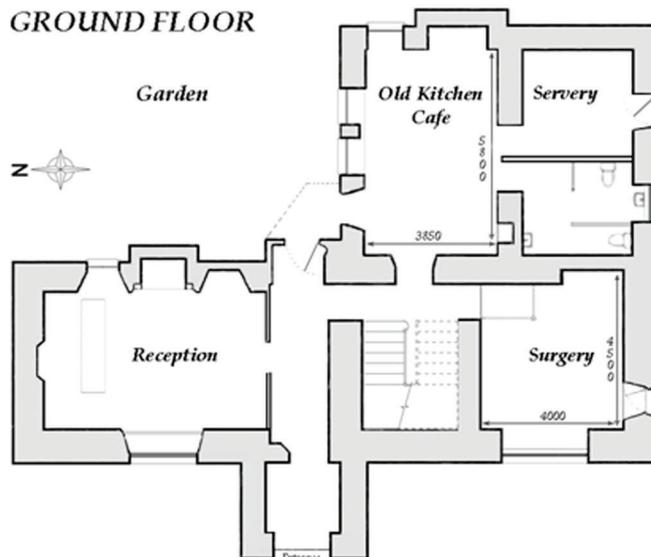


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## Rooms available for hire

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

### GROUND FLOOR



### Suggested Donations

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

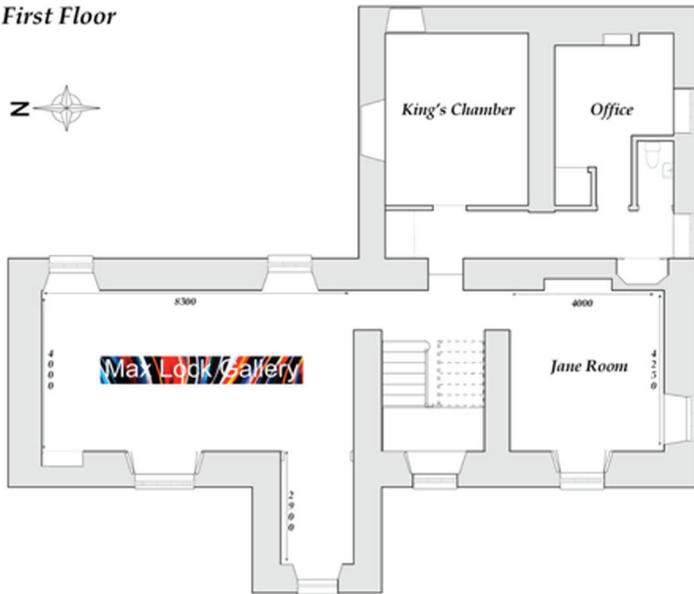
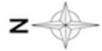


The Surgery



The Old Kitchen Café

**First Floor**



*The Max Lock Gallery*



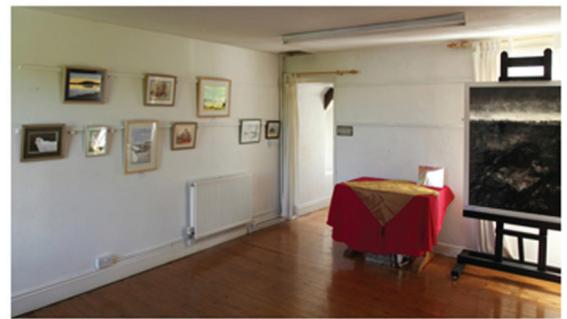
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	4 hours	per day	6 day week
Max Lock Gallery	£14.00	£22.00	£110.00
Jane Room	£10.00	£15.00	£75.00

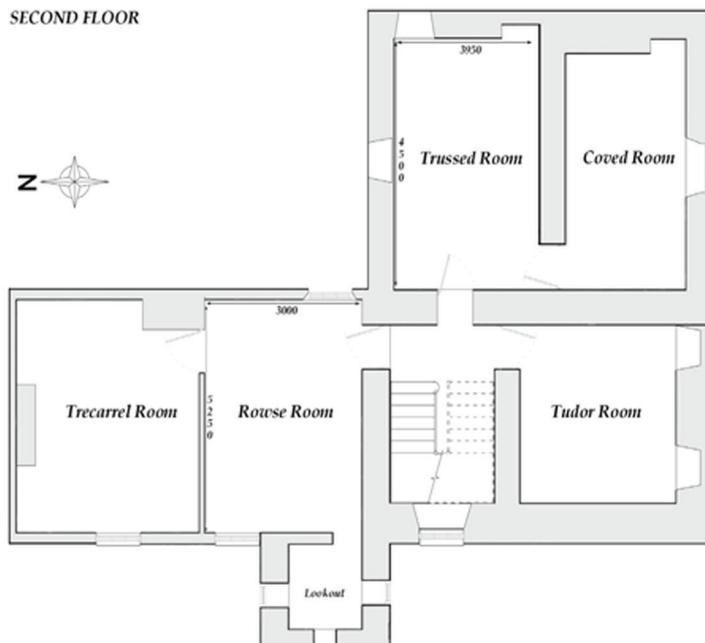
*The JaneRoom*



*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*

