

**Arts
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**Stuart
House**



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The New Chairman -

It's usual, said the editor, for incoming Chair of Trustees to write a piece for the newsletter so it is that with some trepidation I put fingers to keyboard and see what happens.

It is a great privilege to be part of an institution like Stuart House. Those entrusted with the mantle of Trustee have much to live up to and the sometimes daunting task of keeping the organisation solvent. As the new chair I am acutely aware that not only have my predecessors done a wonderful job in this respect but also that the trustees as a team have worked tirelessly to build and improve on what has gone before. So, priority number one for me will be to keep that tradition going.

Growing up in the town Stuart House did not feature on my radar. I was blissfully unaware of its age, history or importance. I left the county to pursue a career in the army and came back 11 years ago to find a building that had been rescued for the public, renovated and dedicated to promoting the arts and heritage of Liskeard and its hinterland. One thing about a service life is that regular moving brings with it opportunities to work in and visit many historic buildings. This brings with it a realistic understanding of the complexities and costs of maintaining such buildings as well as appreciation of history and architecture. The building's structure and evolution fascinates me and will keep me

intrigued for a long time to come. Keeping that structure in a good, safe condition will be important – raising the funds to do that will be another priority.

With age has come more interest in history and heritage so I was delighted to see that today's youngsters are told more about the town and seem to take more interest in it. The recent production of 'Squalor' was a good example combining humour and information about our past in a fun way – let's hope there will be other such productions for adults as well as children in the future.

The 'Squalor' project is also a fine example of cooperation between different groups to their mutual benefit. This is not something new but it is something on which I think we would do well to invest time and effort. Many people I spoke to on the first 'Squalor' Saturday had not been inside Stuart House before and were unaware of what it had to offer. That they now know better can only be good for us.

Enough pontificating – I have probably taken up too many column inches already. I'm looking forward to listening to views and ideas that can be taken up and contribute to sustaining this precious facility.

Bruce Hawken



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Our next task?

As many of you will be aware, an application for planning permission for new noticeboards was unsuccessful. A meeting between Tristram Besterman, Bruce Hawken, and Conservation Officer David Moore proved very useful and points were put forward on both sides following which it is hoped the trustees will soon be able to make a fresh application, with favourable results. David Moore was not taken with the initial impression of the House: at the time of his visit there were (too!) many banners on the railings, with noticeboards and random posters as well. Whilst he saw the necessity to publicise events, the overall appearance was untidy and with so much signage is counter-effective. We now have to present a more professional appearance. This is not new! Those of us who were trustees under

Tony Piper's chair very well recollect his efforts to smarten the exterior of the House insofar as signage is concerned. Indeed, our booking forms lay down strict requirements on publicity of events – and those requirements will be rigorously enforced in future. The trustees now have to consider not just noticeboards to draw attention to what we are – ie Arts & Heritage Centre, cafe, craft shop and the like, but also as to how posters for events are displayed in future. You will all be informed, in due course, the procedures to be adopted but in the interim, please do not display notices or banners on the railings to publicize your event. Sioux will give guidance as to how and where posters can be displayed. We are indeed grateful to Tristram for his continued and valued assistance.

Sue Glencross

STUART HOUSE CRAFT SHOP

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. daily (until noon on Saturday)

The Stuart House CRAFT SHOP opened after Easter and got off to a good start. With a wide variety of Members' craft on display, sales have been steady and will build up as the season progresses. The Trust benefits from commission on all sales.

An extra benefit to the Trust is that we have welcomed several new members who will be bringing in their families and friends – increasing the community's awareness and use of Stuart House.

We also have a rack of books and puzzles that have been donated, to be sold to raise funds for the house (100% of revenue to the Trust) – we can always accept more.

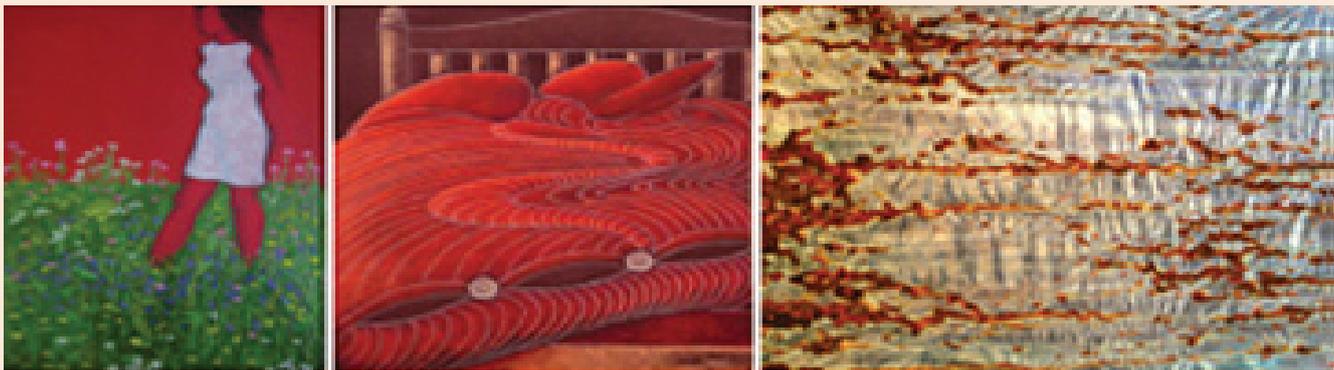
Thanks to all who have, and are, stewarding – we will be pleased to welcome other members to share these pleasant and enjoyable two-hour duties during the time the Craft Shop is open (until St. Matthews Fair Day, end September) Please phone **Valerie Moore** on **01579 342683** to book a time – or call in to the Craft Shop when you are in town.

Eileen Crouch

The Newsletter

If you know anybody who should, or better still would like to, receive the e-mail version of the newsletter please ask them to send me their e-mail address. The letter as you know is sent as a pdf attachment, but is also available as a hyperlink should you prefer this slightly tidier method of downloading it.

Tony Piper



SECA

South East Cornwall Artists

OPEN STUDIOS CORNWALL is an annual event. A celebration of the diverse and wonderful range of artwork that is created by Artists living and working in one of the most varied and visually exciting landscapes in Britain.

During this event, Artists throughout the County open doors to their Studios to present their work and engage with the Public.

This Year SECA is hosting their OPEN STUDIOS event at Stuart House, Liskeard.

Artists presenting their work will be as follows;

ADAM HALLS, Textiles.

IAN PURVIS. Painting.

DAVID BEER. Painting/ Mixed media

LINDA MAYNARD. Painting/ Mixed media..

This Exhibition will run from Mon. 27th. May. - Mon.3rd.June inclusive.

Doors will be Open 10am.- 4.30pm Daily. FREE ADMISSION.

Coffee and light refreshment will be available in the Old Kitchen Cafe, during the usual Cafe hours. 9.30 - 2pm.weekdays. and 9.30 - 12noon Saturday.

It's official - Spring has Sprung



In the garden:- Bo Foulks memorial cherry tree has come into blossom against the Library wall.

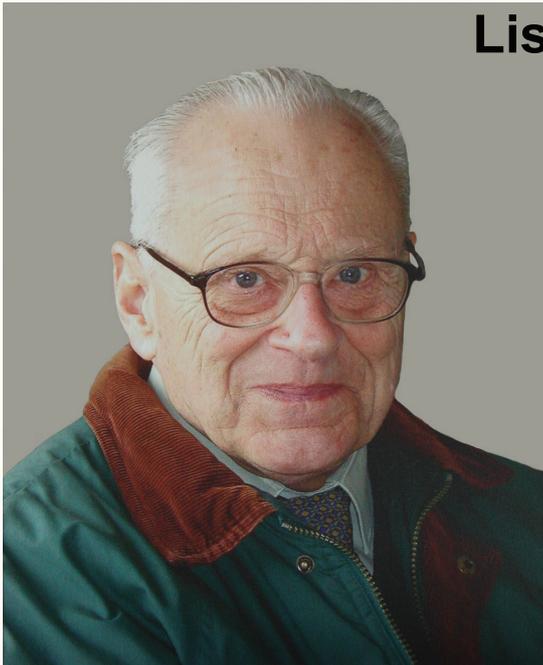
There is some new planting in that bed which promises well for later.



The spring flowers are all showing well and the tulips have now joined the daffodils and primroses to make the lawn edge live up to its name of 'the Jewelled Border'

Tony Wood

Liskeard Old Cornwall Society



Mr. John Lewis Rapson

Reaches 'a certain age' on 28th April and the Society plans a Reception in his honour on Monday 29th in the Long Room of Liskeard Public Hall, at noon. Stuart House Trust members are invited.

Come and wish him a 'Happy 90th'!

Liskeard O.C.S. has an extensive collection of archives which include burial records, many photographs, press cuttings, family histories, some census records and the Secretary's minute books from the start of the Society, which are all listed and easily found.

The gargantuan task of ordering and indexing all this material has been completed (if such a task ever is) by John beavering away in the Trecarrel Room. It is frequently said, however, that there is still far more information stored in his brain than there is in the Society's computer!

All this can be accessed by contacting John's successor as Recorder, Paula Arthur, (Tel 01579 344808).

Music at Stuart House



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.

Angela Wunnam

and in the Public Hall

FESTIVAL OF YOUTH MUSIC

Liskeard Public Hall, Sunday May 12th at 7.00pm

Stuart House has organised a concert



featuring talented young local musicians in celebration of the life of Bo Foaks, himself an accomplished Folk musician, who sadly died last year. Supporting the concert are *Liskeard School Jazz Band*, *SAAB (Singers and Acoustic Band)*, *Caradon Strings*, *Pupils of Jonathan Delbridge and Bianca Phillips Libby*, *Singer/guitarist Josh Taylor*, and a number of other (to be confirmed.) soloists and instrumentalists. Tickets are priced at a very modest £3 to encourage a full house to hear this unique gathering of local young musicians. Tickets are available at Reception at Stuart House.

I would like to thank Judy Whitlock, Jane Warwick, Olivia Loewendahl, Philip Montgomery Smith, Sioux Dunster, and those named above for their support in this venture. Can I invite all Members of Stuart House to support the Festival?

John Batey



Diary of Events

April 2013



Thursday 2nd and every Thursday	"Knit n' Knatter", 10.30am – 12.30pm
Sunday 12th	Festival of Youth Music , Liskeard Public Hall, 7.00pm Tickets £3.00 from the Office in Stuart House
Monday 13th	Poetry Group meeting, 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Monday 13th - Saturday 18th	'Textures and Beyond' Exhibition, 9.30am – 3.30pm
Sunday 19th	'In Latin', a concert with Judy Whitlock and John Broad. Starts 2.30pm prompt, earlier arrival advised. Tickets £7.00 includes tea and biscuits and meet the performers afterwards.
Friday 24th - Sunday June 2nd	Open Studios Exhibition with SECA - South East Cornwall Artists 9.30 - 3.30pm
Monday 27th	Office Closed for Bank holiday

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

**STARTS
THEATRE**



**Friday 24th -
Monday 27th May**



The second Bodmin Moor Poetry Festival, based at Starts, will feature, introduced by **Ann Gray**, the exciting new young American poet **Mathew Dickman** from Portland Oregon.



He will be reading with fellow American **Anthony Caleshu**, the newly appointed Professor of Poetry at Plymouth University.



Poet and critic **John Goodby** will be launching his new book on the legendary Welsh poet Dylan Thomas, in the run-up to his centenary. (Dylan's, not John's)



Phil Bowen will once again be our Poet-in-Schools and our festival bookseller **Liskeard Bookshop**.

The full programme will soon be available and details can be found on

www.bodminmoorpoetryfestival.com

Tickets available from STARTS Box Office 01579 362382/362962 or on line at www.starts.co.uk



Bish Bash Bosh
Friday 17th May
7.30pm

The Incomers

A play in verse by Murray Lachlan-Young

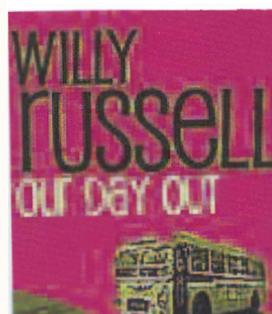
Windswept Productions

Saturday 25th May
7.30pm.
Not suitable for children



StageKids

Thursday 30th May
2.00pm
Friday 31st May
7.00pm
Saturday 1st June
2.00pm



StageKids Seniors

Thursday 30th May
7.00pm
Friday 31st May
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Saturday 1st June
7.00pm

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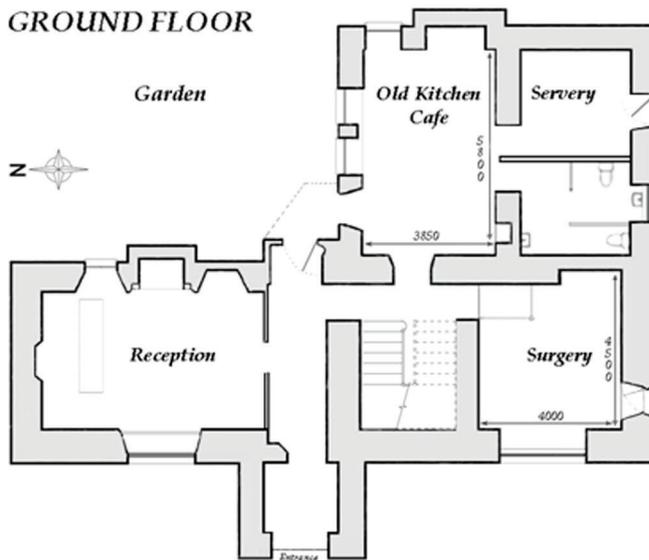


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Rooms available for hire

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'

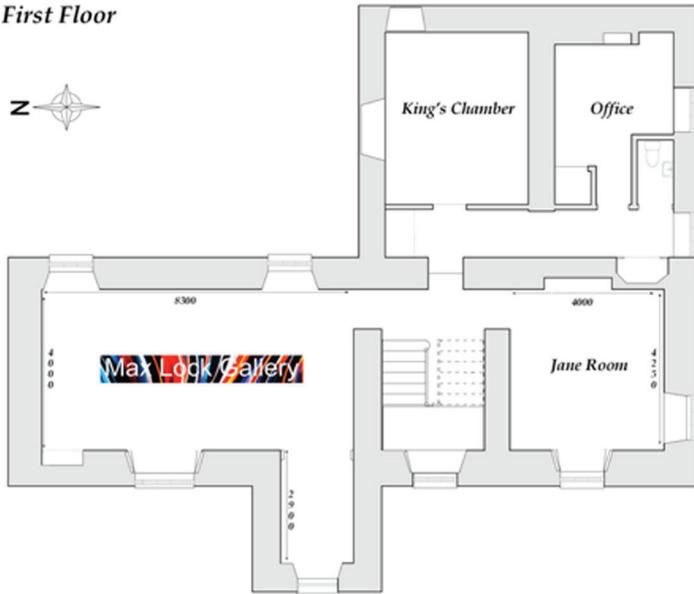


The Surgery



The Old Kitchen Café

First Floor



The Max Lock Gallery



Suggested Donations

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

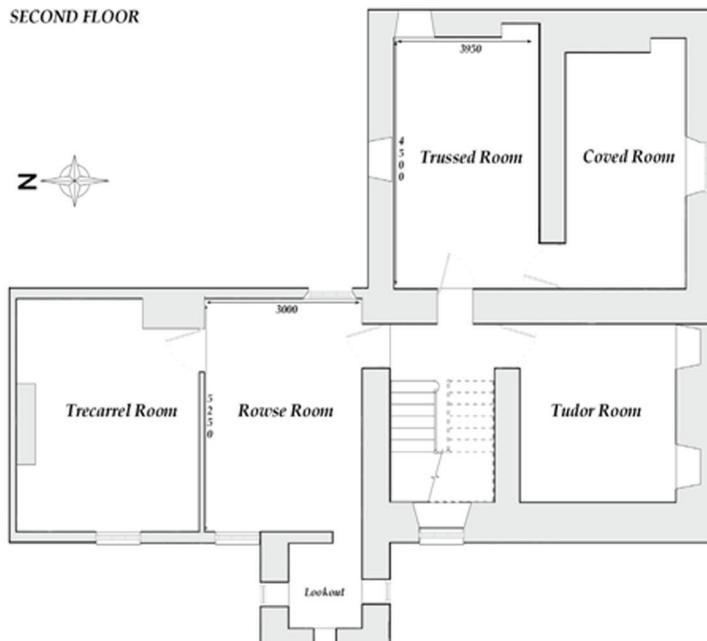
The JaneRoom



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

