

**Arts  
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Heritage  
Centre**

# Stuart House



July 2013

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CARADON HILL AREA  
HERITAGE PROJECT

The Caradon Hill Project has some opportunities for interested individuals to become involved in hands-on community archaeology and surveying. 15th - 19th July, geophysical and geological surveying at Liskeard Castle site. Please contact Iain Rowe if you are interested in getting involved:

[irowe1@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:irowe1@cornwall.gov.uk)

### ***Did Liskeard Castle really look like this?***

Young people joining in (age 8 and above) may find answers in the

### **The Front Gardens**

The Planning Officer, when consulted about the planned new signs, felt that the shrubberies in the front two gardens were concealing too much of the house. Consequently we have now cleared both sides of the bushes and are working out a planting programme for the north side. It gets very little sun so it is a bit of a challenge. The south side's roses are doing all right and will be left there. The last stumps will be dealt with when the present notice-boards are removed.

Tony Wood



Liskeard Church Trail booklet which will be available, and covers the castle site too. The church is open from 10.00am to 3.00pm for exploration.

A similar project is planned for the Hurlers in September.

### **A name to watch for -**

Buried in the tiger country between Dobwalls and Herodsfoot lies the home of **Scawn Art**, where Sarah Lambourne and her friends and students fashion amazing and characterful predominantly ceramic, artwork. Their recent exhibition in Stuart House was an eye opener, let's hope they come again.



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# Music at Stuart House

## Sunshine from Senegal

And do we not need it? Fortunately Diabel Cissokho and his broad smile were on hand on the 16th June to raise our spirits once again with the eerily melodious but percussive sounds of his Senegalese harp, the Cora.



We were driven from the garden to the Gallery by the weather, but Diabel's songs atmospherically transported us to a balmier country, even if only in the imagination.



## Miner Quay the Looe Shanty Group

Miner Quay hold a shanty evening on Thursdays entertaining visitors with sea shanties, sea songs, fishing songs, in the Jolly Sailor Inn West Looe Cornwall. They are small group of dedicated friends who sing for enjoyment with the aim of keeping the old songs alive. Their influences are the late Stan Hugill (1906 –1992) known as 'The Last Working Shantyman' and for some of the modern maritime songs Cyril Tawney, Stan Rogers, Tom Lewis and Tim Laycock.

For something different on Tuesday they entertain visitors at the Jolly Sailor with their 'Friends of Miner

Quay' acoustic session singing a mixture of Shanties, Fishing & Sea Songs, Cornish Mining & Folk Songs, and Traditional Folk with a smattering of Blues.

The group has a nucleus of five members, Brian vocals and Bodhràn, Andy vocals, guitar, banjo, mandolin, harmonica, mandola and whistles, Victor vocals and guitar, Mary Vocals, guitar, ukulele, Lamorna on fiddle. We occasionally have some friends of Miner Quay who join us as backing singers when the need arises.

In 2012 Andy & Brian carried out a series of shanty singing workshops at Polperro, Duloe, Antony, Fourlanesend (Cawsands) & Malborough (Devonport) Primary schools with a Grand Finale Concert at the Polperro Music Festival.

Come and join them at Stuart House on Sunday 21st July

My Visitors Book tells me that SECA has again prompted favourable response to their Exhibition over the May Bank Holiday, hosted again this year by Stuart House as part of the 'Open Studios Cornwall' event.

Unfortunately, due to sudden and major ill health, Adam Halls was unable to show with us this time, so we missed his contribution of wonderful textiles. However, we are happy to hear that he is now recovering well and intends to continue working with SECA.

With a really good footfall of visitors hailing from various regions of the country, and abroad, our visitors book contained charming reference to Quality, Diversity, 'ambience' and

# SECA

## South East Cornwall Artists

Presentation.... Therefore, I have to assume that the poor result in sales is due to a struggling economy, and that actually both Stuart House and ourselves, are doing 'OK'!

After all, we cannot as a true profession, 'sell our Souls' for what we simply feel is commercially 'popular'.

Linda Maynard

### COLIN BROWN - JOURNEY

Stuart House, this month welcomed talented Artist Colin Brown with his exhibition of paintings entitled JOURNEY.



Colin lives and works as a Church Army Captain in Falmouth. His art depicts the times of ups and downs in his life with the clever use of paint in colour, dark and light taking us to some of his favourite areas of Falmouth, where

he has lived for most of his life. We were led in and out of the alleys and lanes in the town, depicting his journey through life, many showing the light at the end of his own personal tunnels.

On the Thursday evening of the exhibition Colin gave an in depth talk about his life and work as an artist and a minister. He

spoke of how his Spiritual life together with his art helps him to come alongside young artists living and studying in the town.

Following his time at Stuart House Colin's work was taken to St Martin's Church for a further week.



A very sensitive emotional exhibition - thank you Colin, well done.

Margaret Eglin

# *The Stuart House Garden*

## **Growing Herbs in Stuart House Garden**



Before I became a volunteer along with several other members of the U3A "Down to Earth" gardening group I had noticed that there were beds labelled as culinary, scented and medicinal herbs but had taken them for granted. I assumed that a garden which attempted to recreate 17th century Gentleman's garden would contain herbs but had very little idea which plants were grown and for what purpose.

This all changed when I joined the research project to set up the Birth Room where William Jane was born in 1645. It was suggested that I research the herbs which were likely to have been used and grown in the garden at Stuart House. One of the earliest books to describe the cultivation of a Kitchen Garden where herbs would have been grown was the *Gardeners Labyrinth* by Thomas Hill (1591) – a fascinating book which describes in detail the best way to cultivate herbs and other plants.

Nicholas Culpepper's *Complete Herbal* was another useful resource which described herbs and explained their uses. For example the Foxglove which we know so well would have been used to heal wounds and sores and alleviate heart ailments. Marjoram is reported to strengthen the stomach and head and treat coughs and other lung conditions. Self-Heal is a low creeping herb with purple flowers often used as ground cover. As its name suggests it was used for inward and outer wounds.

I discovered that we have many herbs already growing in the garden and have had much enjoyment finding others to add to the collection. Weeding and planting with U3A friends on Saturday mornings has become a regular start to the weekend.

Gillian Bowman

July 14th, 12.30pm good weather and better company is predicted for

### ***The Summer Garden Party,***

£3.00 a ticket, available now from the Office.

# Diary of Events

## July 2013



|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Thursday 4th and every Thursday   | “Knit n’ Knatter”, 10.30am – 12.30pm  |
| Monday 8th                        | Poetry Group meeting, 4.30pm - 6.30pm   |
| Wednesday 10th                    | Caradon Archaeology AGM 7.00pm<br>Part of the Caradon Hill Area Heritage Project,<br><a href="http://www.caradonhill.org.uk/">http://www.caradonhill.org.uk/</a>      |
| Thursday 11th - Saturday 13th     | ‘Lancaster and Cornish’ with their pop-up shop of beautiful organic fabrics <a href="http://www.lancasterandcornish.co.uk/">http://www.lancasterandcornish.co.uk/</a> |
| Sunday 14th                       | Stuart House Members’ Garden Party.<br>Start 12.30pm. Tickets £3.00 from the office.  |
| Wenesday17th                      | Launch of the Stuart House ‘Civil War – Birth Room’ project.  |
| Sunday 21st                       | Concert with Looe shanty group ‘Miner Quay’<br>Start 2.30pm. Tickets £7 -includes tea, biscuits.  |
| Monday 29th - Saturday 3rd August | Exhibition of Artwork by Jack Carberry Todd<br>9.30am – 3.30pm  |

### *until Saturday 28th September*

### **STUART HOUSE SHOP**

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

*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

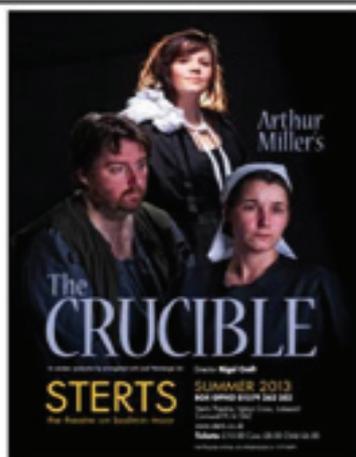


## The Sound of Music Sterts Theatre Company

As Maria, the novice nun turned governess wins the confidence of the von Trapp children, she also wins the heart of their father. With Austria subsumed by Nazi rule the family are forced to make a dramatic escape across the Alps. Part love story, part thriller, part comedy this Family Show, with songs such as "Do Re Mi", "My Favourite Things" and "Edelweiss" has been enthralling audiences for over half a century.  
Directed by Steve Jefferies

Tickets £10/8/6 on the door  
50p discount applies if bought in advance.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm & Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2.00/7.30pm



## The Crucible Sterts Theatre Company

The Crucible, written in 1953 is widely regarded as one of the finest plays of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The story is based in New England during the 17<sup>th</sup> century when the town of Salem was torn apart by accusations of witchcraft and the subsequent trials and hangings. It is a formidable story in its' own right and is a powerful allegory of the anti-communist McCarthy hearings that were taking place at the same time. It was last performed here in the 1980's when it was one of the first plays by The Linkinhome Players from which Sterts was formed.  
Directed by Nigel Croft

Tickets £10/8/6 on the door  
50p discount applies if bought in advance.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm



## les Misérables school edition Sterts Theatre Company

Les Miserables is the world's longest running musical. It has since been seen by millions of people in dozens of productions worldwide, not including the wider audience now reached by the recent release of Les Miserables as a major motion picture. Les Miserables (schools edition) provides a unique opportunity for Sterts to showcase the talent of its young people. Come hear the people sing in this exciting new venture which promises to deliver on talent, passion and determination.  
Directed by Phil Croft

Tickets £10/8/6 on the door  
50p discount applies if bought in advance.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> /Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm

Tickets - [www.sterts.co.uk](http://www.sterts.co.uk) or 01579 362382/36296  
and also for pre-show meals!

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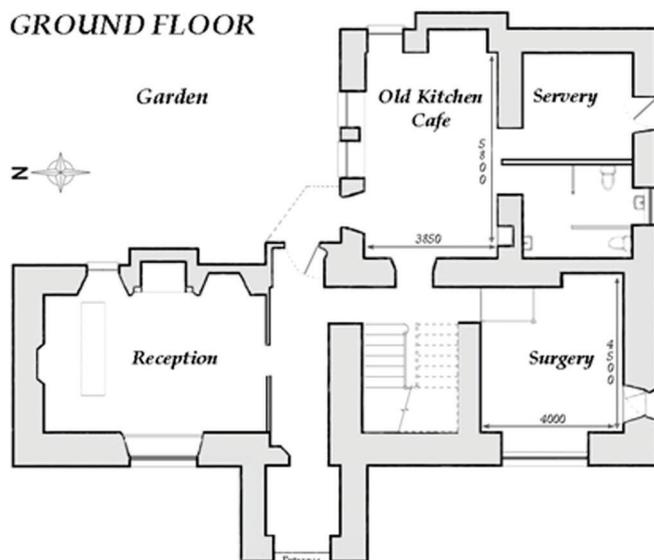


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## Rooms available for hire

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' |

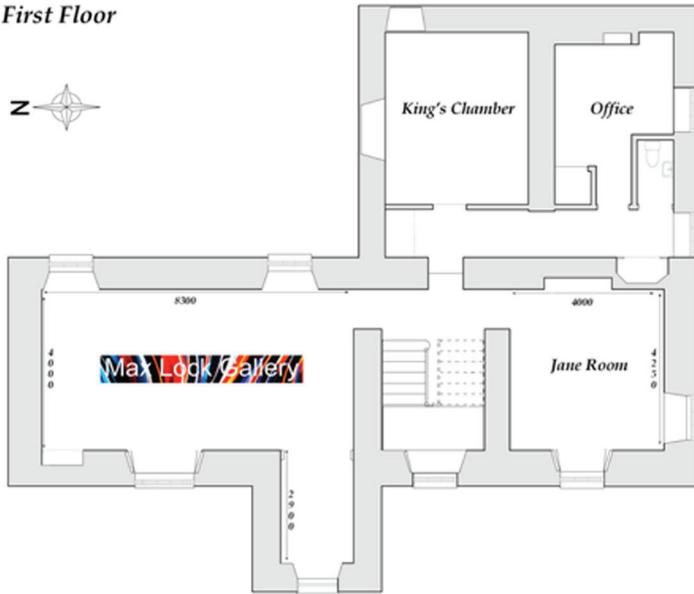


The Surgery



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     |

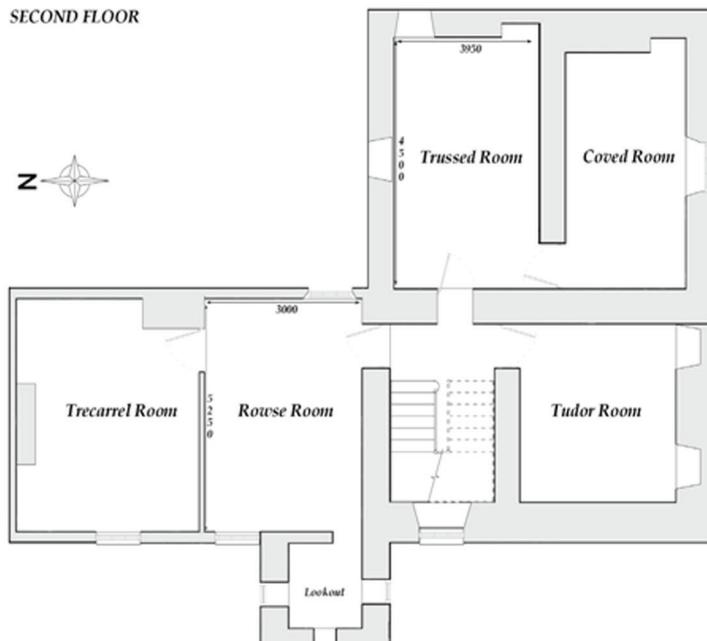
*The JaneRoom*



*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*

