

June 2014

## International recognition -

Our "Spirit of Cornwall" poetry books have found a home in the U.S.A. in Waukesha Wisconsin. They were purchased at the Penryn Gorsedh last September by Kathryn Herman. Kathryn is Chair of the Planning Committee for their 17th Gathering of the Cornish Cousins, which will take place in Milwaukee Wisconsin August 13-17, and she has requested permission to reprint several poems from Volume 1 in their 60 page Program Book for the Gathering. The Cornish Diaspora come to this biennial event from all parts of the U.S. and Canada, as well as guests from Cornwall – this year Bert Biscoe (described as Cornwall's own cheerleader) will entertain with poetry and song.



On sale now in Stuart House, £4.00 a copy!

The poems selected are:-

YER'S ME POEM, LOVER! by Mark Housden  
LOOK BACK by Bo Foaks  
SUMMER SOLSTICE by Trish Rowe  
CORNWALL IS THE PLACE by June Toms  
DAYMER BAY by Olive Pearce  
TIZ 'ANSOME COUNTRY by Anna Max

## PHOTOGRAPHY

The flowers in our Hidden Garden are bloomin' lovely and a credit to Tony Wood and the U3A team who plan and care for the garden. Appreciation has been recorded in photographs contained in an album, kept in the coffee room, to be enjoyed by visitors. This is now full and a second volume will commence in a newly donated album – to encourage a follow-on record of the garden's delights. If you take pictures in the garden and would like to donate a 6"x4" print, please do so – and add a caption and name. While at it, send a copy of your picture and caption to the Editor to share your pleasure with other members.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOP

Our Arts and Crafts Shop is set up again in The Surgery and appreciation is extended to all who exhibit and steward the shop. Open again all through the summer until St. Matthews Day, with frequently changing displays, there is sure to be something to appeal to everyone who drops in. Please support this fund-raising project for the Trust.

Eileen Crouch

## Music at Stuart House

### Sunday May 18th

**Valley Voices** - A very appreciative audience was treated to a delightful musical journey from Elizabethan madrigals to present day arrangements of popular songs by a member of the choir. The vocal blend of the voices weaving in and out of very intricate and complex phrases of music was thrilling to listen to. Liz Saudek not only skilfully conducted and inspired the singers, she provided a full and interesting commentary on each piece. This included some audience participation of a repeating chorus line.



Valley Voices also performed several solo pieces such as “The Little Turtle Dove” where a solo voice was accompanied with spine-tingling pianissimo humming and singing from the other choir members. The complex eight part harmonies of some of the songs, with clearly articulated words from each line, was a joy to listen to. The delightful encore of this memorable concert was the choir repeating one of the songs during tea in the garden on what was a warm and sunny afternoon.

Jo Monks

### Then on **Friday 20th June**



we have a special evening performance with the renowned harpsichord player, **Caroline Bergius**, and cellist, **Meinhard Holler**. They are touring England with a programme for cello and harpsichord, including works by Vivaldi, Eccles, Geminiani and J.S.Bach. Please make a note in your diary for this full evening performance, beginning at 7.30pm and including an interval with wine and nibbles. Caroline’s harpsichord was made personally for her by a Scottish maker. She was, in recent years, made the German equivalent of a Dame for her services to music in Germany. Both she and Meinhard have regularly run award-winning workshops for talented young players, who often go on to a prestigious career in music. They also perform extensively in their own right, both together and in other ensembles. They are looking forward to performing in the excellent acoustic at Stuart House.

Angela Wunnam

## Max Lock Gallery

**Derrick Wharton** presented Stuart House with a remarkable exhibition of quality Artworks.

Beginning at the age of 14, this collection spanned some 30 years of the Artist’s life; from 1950 - 1980. A wonderful example of traditional watercolours, skilfully executed and drawn from his own, obvious appreciation, of places he has visited.

These paintings, together with a number of charming drawings, display the skill, observation; and true draughtmanship of a seasoned Artist.

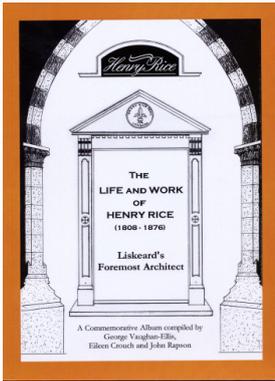
An Exhibition we would be proud and delighted to host again!



Thankyou,

on behalf of Stuart House,  
Linda Maynard.

# Heritage Matters



## Henry Rice

Work is currently in hand to create a series of professionally made display panels to exhibit Rice's enduring 19th century architecture. When completed they will hang in the Rowse Room.

## Stuart House' Archives

It is great news that our new Trustee, Rachel Bennett, is interested in the considerable heritage archive amassed by George and Eileen for their exhibitions over the past ten years. She is currently familiarising herself with everything and will, in due course, be taking an active role in heritage and, hopefully, enthusing others to become involved in this fascinating aspect of the Trust's "work".

*THE HENRY RICE ALBUM available @ £8*

## Pendean, West Street

This property is included in the Henry Rice Album (page 20). Owned by Cornwall Council, it is now vacant and for sale. There are some particularly nice features in the house, such as carvings on the staircase and fireplaces plus a set of striking stained glass windows. It is hoped that the purchaser will appreciate the property and its place in Liskeard's heritage, home of the Glubb family for many years. There was a proposal by Cornwall Council to apply for a demolition order so that the site could be sold for redevelopment, but such were the protests, that that has now been dropped. The property is not derelict (as was believed by Truro-based officials) – in fact, having been fitted quite recently with a very expensive new boiler and heating system, the property is dry and sound – offering a wonderful opportunity for refurbishment.



**Henry Rice Heritage Group** Such were some local citizens' concerns about Pendean, they approached architect George Vaughan-Ellis to see whether anything could be done to protect the Henry Rice Heritage (it was through George's interest in the Rice legacy that the town now has a Henry Rice Trail and Album of his Life Work). A number believe it is worth creating a Henry Rice Group in order to monitor what is happening to Rice buildings, a significant part of Liskeard's built, 19th century, heritage. A public meeting was called for 2 p.m. on 20th May, at Seasons (courtesy of Mr and Mrs Pascoe). Duncan Paul Matthews, President of Liskeard Old Cornwall Society, chaired the meeting. One item on the agenda was an application to English Heritage for the Listing of Pendean, for which George has the papers. Other Rice properties in the ownership of Cornwall Council that may be considered for sale in due course are Graylands and Westbourne House – both abutting Pendean. Trewithen is also another Council-owned Rice building.

Liskeard's imposing villas, as well as banks, chapels, toll houses and cottages, were built during the mining boom and are therefore of particular historical interest as Liskeard is included in WORLD HERITAGE SITE FOR MINING. When the Council's purpose-built accommodation is finished in Bodmin, the Liskeard buildings will be vacated and offered for sale. The Group will find out which buildings are listed and monitor what is happening. It is suggested that affiliation to "Liskeard Matters" would be beneficial. This is an established group interested in all development plans for Liskeard until the town's own Neighbourhood Plan is completed. Until such time the developers seem to have a free say in what they build or destroy. Our particular interest is, of course, the Henry Rice buildings, but as members of our Arts & Heritage Centre, everyone might be concerned about the possibility of developers over-running the town inappropriately– including the site next to Stuart House.

Eileen Crouch

# PHOENIX 100



**How time flies!** Five years ago we celebrated the centenary of the re-opening of the Phoenix Mine near Minions. Now Phoenix 100 and the Caradon Heritage Partnership, successor to Caradon Hill Area Heritage Project, will 'celebrate' its failure and closing. An exciting selection of events has been arranged to complement the Liskeard Lions Carnival Week, with the Town celebrations culminating on July 5th with a Charter Fair. This will include exhibitions in Stuart House of the lives of Cornish miners, running for four weeks, the new Liskeard Museum permanent Geology Exhibition, and a day-long programme:

**10.30 a.m. "Wild West Liskeard"** - walk led by Iain Rowe on the social history of Liskeard in the mining boom years. You may have thought the saloon brawls beloved of Hollywood were due to drunken cowhands; wrong, it was Cousin Jack. The action will start at the fountain on the Parade.

**2.30 p.m.**, from what might be left of the fountain, a walk "**Geology of Liskeard Town**" led by Callum Beeson who will demonstrate the many different rocks used in Liskeard's construction and decoration. Information handouts and loan of hand held microscopes will be available.

**2.30 p.m. Make your mark – Pewter Workshop** with Melanie Guy

The experience of pewter - a metal alloy which is mostly tin. To texture or scratch, or make marks on it. Create a drawing or simply, your 'mark'.

**£5 Charge for your piece of Pewter which you will keep.**

16 places only - **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** by email to [derris.watson@btinternet.com](mailto:derris.watson@btinternet.com)

**4.00 p.m.** On the Parade – **Con Brio** will sing a selection of Cornish songs.

During the afternoon (look for posters on the day) -

Street theatre '**Play it Again Theatre Company**' (they of 'SQUALOR') will give dramatisations of the lives of the mining community

**Caradon Writers** will read from their anthology of Cornish Mining Stories.

During the preceding week activities will include:

Monday **30th June 8.00 p.m. Horses in Agriculture and Industry**, Millennium House Pensilva, an illustrated talk by Gerald Williamson for Pensilva History Group.

Tuesday **1st July 2.30 p.m. Mines and Mineral Vein Formation at Golitha Falls.**

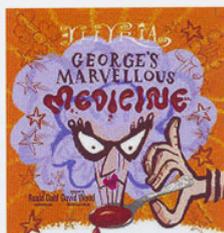
A walk around the mines of Golitha Falls with Calum Beeson for Caradon Geology.

Wednesday **2nd July 4.00 p.m.** Walk to explore the **History of Phoenix Mines**, led by Iain Rowe.

Thursday **3rd July 2.30 p.m.** Walk "**Wild Flowers of the mining landscape**"  
Led by Dr Colin French for Pensilva Wildlife

Look for full details in the Liskeard Lions Carnival Programme

## Our Project Partners



### George's Marvellous Medicine

*Illyria*  
It's the first day of half-term and George's Grandma is coming to stay. It wouldn't be so bad if Grandma were a nice Grandma, but George's Grandma is horrible! So George creates a special concoction to give Grandma - with hilarious results. *Illyria* returns with another Roald Dahl classic full of (literally) larger-than-life characters, and just a twist of malicious fun. Suitable for ages 5+.

Friday 6th June 6.00pm £10/£8/£6

# STERTS THEATRE

## Summer 2014@Sterts



### Mevagissey Male Voice Choir

Mevagissey boasts one of the largest and most successful male voice choirs in the county and 2014 is their 40th anniversary year. The Choir has performed at the Royal Albert Hall and Westminster Abbey, as well as in the USA, Canada, Madeira and throughout Western Europe, raising many thousands of pounds for local and national charities. Special guests Culdrose Military Wives Choir.

Sat 7th June. 7.30pm £10/£8/£6



**mnda**  
motor neurone disease  
association

### Midsummer Ball

Fetch out your black ties and glamorous evening dresses for a grand fund-raising evening at St.Mellion Golf & Country Club in aid of the Sterts New Canopy Fund and the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Enjoy a three-course dinner and dance to the music of celebrated swing band Company B. There will also be a grand auction and raffle. More details on our website.

Friday 20th June 7pm for 7.30pm

with carriages at 1am

Tickets £45 each



### The Tempest

*Miracle Theatre Company*

Take a trip with Miracle into uncharted waters. Find yourself wrecked on a treacherous shore beset by puppy-headed monsters and ringing with the cries of enemies, beating with old jealousies and young love, all stirred up by a cross magician.

Early bird discount - see Sterts website.

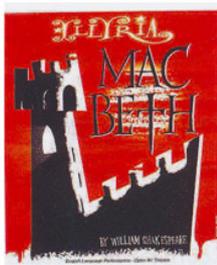
Fri 13th June. 7.30pm £14/£11/£8



### Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

Plymouth's own Symphony Orchestra has been central to the musical life of the city for 134 years, and continues to perform challenging music ranging from the traditional to the contemporary. The programme for the PSO concert in June is entitled *The Spanish Connection* including works by de Falla & Ravel among others.

Sunday 22nd June. 5.30pm £10/£8/£6

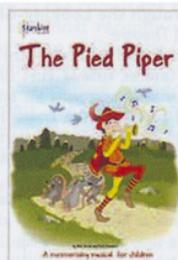


### Macbeth

*Illyria*

A brave military hero . . . A noble and devoted subject . . . A popular leader respected by fellow Thanes and trusted by the King himself. Macbeth's outstanding qualities and achievements ensure that he has a bright future ahead of him. Expect a gripping story and the dazzling swordplay for which *Illyria* has an unmatched reputation.

Thursday 19th June. 7.30pm £12/£10/£8



### The Pied Piper

*St. Cleer School*

A feckless mayor, a town council that's bankrupt and does nothing to rid the filthy streets of marauding rats, irresponsible adults expecting everyone else to do the dirty work... sounds like a cue for the Pied Piper to raise up a child hero in Hamelin town! This fantastic new version of the children's musical 'The Pied Piper' is a first rate end of year musical for juniors that will be a hit with boys and girls alike.

Details and tickets from St. Cleer School. 01579 342196 Weds 25th June.

## MEVAGISSEY MALE CHOIR

*Celebrating their 40th Anniversary Year*

*In Concert With Very Special Guests*

## THE CULDROSES MILITARY WIVES CHOIR



**SATURDAY 7th JUNE**

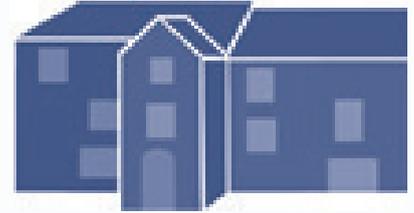
7.30 pm

**STERTS  
THEATRE**

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

# Diary of Events

## June 2014



	<b>Stuart House Craft and Gift Shop open and will run until Saturday 27th September, St. Matthew's Day</b>	
Monday 2nd - Saturday 7th	<p>Art Exhibition and Sale by Philippa Hodge  <i>My inspiration comes from family, friends and the beautiful scenery. Not formally trained, I paint intuitively, rarely using a paintbrush but preferring rags, my hands and rollers.</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.artistsandillustrators.co.uk/phillippa-hodge/artwork/33206">http://www.artistsandillustrators.co.uk/phillippa-hodge/artwork/33206</a></p>	
Every Thursday	"Knit n' Knatter". 10.30am – 1.30pm	
Tuesday 10th	<p>"Hammer Out Brain Tumour"            Cornwall Support Group meets 11.30am – 1.30pm.            The group is open to anyone who has been affected by a brain tumour, whether a patient, a family member, a friend or a carer.            See <a href="http://www.hammerout.co.uk">www.hammerout.co.uk</a></p>	
Friday 20th	<p><b>Concert in the Gallery, 7.30pm. Caroline Bergius, Harpsichord and Meinhard Holler, Cello.</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p>There will be an interval during which refreshments will be served.</p>	

### OUR NEWSLETTER

Remember !! This is the members' (and readers') newsletter – with a wide distribution outside the membership, and it is posted on our and other websites, too. If you have a news item please send it to the Editor, c/o Stuart House or [tony.piper1@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.piper1@btinternet.com); photographs welcome, deadline 25th of the month for time sensitive items.

Eileen Crouch

*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?)*