

July 2014

The First World War

In August 2009 Stuart House mounted a major exhibition of the part that Liskeard and District had played in that terrible conflict. It involved a vast amount of research, led by Tony Ball, and was so popular and sought after from far and wide that it ran into the following year. Liskeard is joining the national effort to commemorate the outbreak of the war and a new exhibition will open in August.



LISKEARD'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Liskeard's initial response following the Declaration of War on 4th August, 1914, was to produce over 300 men and two women for service in the armed forces. Their names were carefully recorded in the Cornish Times and more particularly on the 'Roll of Honour' which hangs in the Council Chamber, in the Public Hall. About 100 were serving in the Royal Navy and 50 in the Army. Most of the remainder were members of the Territorial Force with a few reservists, national guards and early volunteers. Not a mean feat for a town with a population of about 4,500. (Half the number of current residents).

The Town also actively pursued a search for volunteers and whilst early results were encouraging the task became harder as the War progressed. The efforts of the civilian local recruiting committee knew no bounds.

As an acknowledgement of the sacrifices and service of those caught up in the conflict Stuart House has kindly allowed me space to hold a series of Exhibitions during the next few years which I hope will be a fitting tribute to all those who contributed to the Victory in 1918.

The first of these Exhibitions will take place from Monday 4th to Saturday 16th August. It will concentrate on the early days of the War, primarily 1914, taking into account life in a Cornish Market Town. Even during this early period several local families lost loved ones. Unfortunately worse was to come as will become apparent in the next Exhibition which will cover 1915.

It seems to me appropriate that in every Exhibition we should acknowledge and remember those who died, many of whom are listed on the War Memorials in the Town. A section will be set aside for this purpose.

Although I have sufficient information which will, hopefully, be relevant and of interest I can always use more.

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Music

Sunday 6th July 7.00pm

2nd. FESTIVAL OF YOUTH MUSIC at LISKEARD PUBLIC HALL



Stuart House Trust is again sponsoring the above event, which was set up in memory of our friend and supporter Bo Foaks, who wished to encourage musical performance by young and talented musicians.

This year sees an even greater range of music, with local students from Truro College in the west to Kelly College in the east, and Looe Academy in the south to Callington in the north. Performers ages range from 7 to 17.

Please come along and support our young musicians in what should be a feast of entertainment. Tickets are priced at a modest £3 to encourage a full house, and are available from Reception at Stuart House.

We are especially indebted to the Music Department at Liskeard School under the leadership of Judy Whitlock and Jane Warwick, and to Bianca Phillips Libby for their enthusiastic support.

John Batey

The Stuart House Garden



Tony Wood has managed the garden for the last 25 years and is now looking for someone to take on this responsibility. There is an enthusiastic small team of active gardeners from the U3A who do much of the planting and trimming. It is the larger and heavier work which Tony usually takes on these days, although it is John Batey who regularly mows the lawn.

Jo Hoskin



Members' Garden Party

The guaranteed blisteringly hot day predicted for July this year will be Sunday 20th, the day of the members' garden party. The fun will start at 12.30pm, so arrive in good time with a plate of food for the shared lunch and liquid refreshment of your choice, though this will be provided.

John Batey will have manicured the lawn and Tony Wood and the U3A team the shrubs and borders. What more could be needed for a fine summer day?

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 with the Town celebrations and Carnival Week culminating on

July 5th with a Charter Fair. This will include exhibitions in Stuart House of the lives of Cornish miners, and the Pensilva History Group, 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

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 there will be a programme of walks and talks led by authorities on various aspects of our local culture and natural environment.

Look for full details in the Liskeard Lions Carnival Programme

**PARTICIPATION IN ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES IS
FREE OF CHARGE!**

Our Project Partners



Classical Suites

Nicky Brice Ballet School

Nicky Brice has been teaching ballet at Sterts since 2000 to children from three years upwards. *Classical Suites* provides a platform for the ballet school to celebrate and share its achievements.

Sat 19th July. 11.00am £6/£3

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To Sleep

Yap Theatre

Covering one night in the lives of two strangers, *To Sleep* is a brand new play by Matt Fox which explores how people deal with the most difficult human situations. With warmth, compassion and dark humour *To Sleep* shows how relationships can develop between different people no matter how appalling their shared experiences might be. 16+ recommended.

Sun 27th July. 7.30pm £10/£8

This performance is in the Sterts Studio.



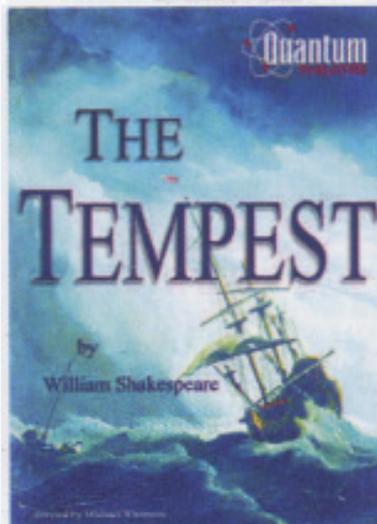
**ALICE THROUGH THE
LOOKING GLASS**

Alice Through the Looking-Glass

Quantum Theatre

The story of *Through the Looking-Glass* is a real family favourite, following Alice's fantastical adventures in the strange world she enters through the mirror above her drawing-room fireplace. This adaptation faithfully charts the fabulous, wonderful and rather perplexing world created by the great Lewis Carroll and retains the particularly British humour and quirkiness we've all come to hold dear in these classic tales: truly a show for all the family.

Weds 30th July. 2.00pm. £10/£8/£6



The Tempest

Quantum Theatre

'We are such stuff as dreams are made on'... A magical and enchanting comedy. On a remote island, Prospero, the rightful Duke of Milan, plots to restore his daughter Miranda to her rightful place using illusion, magical spirits and skilful manipulation. For those who are shipwrecked, trickery abounds, romance blossoms and monsters lurk in this fast-paced, musical family show.

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A NEW CORNISH PLAY OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR

THIRD LIGHT, a new play of the First World War being staged this summer, will tell the story of a group of neighbours who went to war - and came home again.

Set in Herodsfoot – Cornwall's only "fortunate village" whose men all returned from the "war to end all wars" – THIRD LIGHT follows the story of those who survived while thousands fell around them.

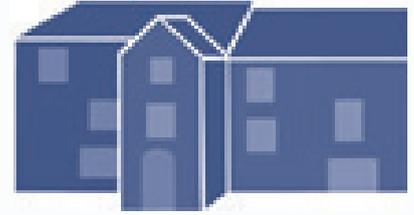
The production, being staged at Sterts Theatre on Bodmin Moor in July, will combine traditional theatre, contemporary dance and live brass band music.

Written by local playwright Simon Parker, the play follows the fortunes of the men as they leave their homes and peaceful lives and head for the trenches of the Western Front.

Third Light will be staged at Sterts Theatre in Upton Cross on the 8-12 July 2014. To book tickets, call 01579-362382 or visit www.sterts.co.uk

Diary of Events

July 2014



	Stuart House Craft and Gift Shop is open and will run until Saturday 27th September, St. Matthew's Day	
Every Thursday	"Knit n' Knatter". 10.30am – 1.30pm	
Saturday 5th - - August 2nd	Charter Fair for Exhibition: 'Aspects of Miners' Lives' and the work of the Pensilva History Group.	
Sunday 6th	Youth Music Festival in the Public Hall, 7.00pm Tickets £3 each from Stuart House Reception.	
Monday 7th	Caradon Archaeology Annual General Meeting and presentation "The Liskeard Castle Project 2013" led by Project Manager Colin Buck. 7.00pm in the Gallery.	
Wednesday 9th	Launch of the permanent Henry Rice Exhibition, 7.00pm on the second floor.	
Friday 11th	Antiques valuation day with Richard Hamm from Bearnas, Hampton & Littlewood, 10am-12 noon.	
Sunday 20th	Members Garden Party 12.30pm. The usual - bring a plate of food to share and protection against sunburn.	

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; photographs welcome, deadline 25th of the month for time sensitive items.

Situation vacant: for young, vigorous (at least in mind) person as Editor of the Stuart House News Review. Details available from the present incumbent.

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?)*