



Reports from Parish Organisations to
Stoke Climsland Annual Parish Meeting 2021
Parish Hall 30th May at 7.30pm



Report from Bonny Lightfoot, Chair of Stoke Climsland Parish Council

Since our last Annual Parish Meeting in September, we have continued to work to strengthen our Governance. We have already implemented changes to our finance reporting and validation process. We continue to work to ensure all clerical systems are providing all the Management Information required for the smooth running of the Council.

A Working Group of volunteer Councillors are to write our Business Plan and build it into a Medium-Term Financial Strategy, so that plans made can be brought to a successful fruition. Our Clerk is studying for her CiLCA qualification which will enable us to assume the General Power of Competence, allowing us much wider opportunities in the future of Local Government, which we are sure will see many changes.

Last Autumn we set the precept, which appears to be a large increase, but is in fact 25p per week for a band D household. It is still lower than the majority of neighbouring Councils and is essential for the viability of the Council.

A Zero Carbon Working Party has been set up, chaired by Nigel Cooper, to bring together the strands of Climate Change mitigation within the Parish and to facilitate projects which can bring real benefits to our residents.

Following some difficulties with posting to the Community website, the Parish Council now has its own site www.stokeclimslandparishcouncil.org which deals solely with Council information. It is very important that you type in the word council in the web address.

We have also worked with organisations across the Parish to put together the programme of Jubilee events, which will hopefully run smoothly over the next week end. We have contributed financially by paying for the Children's Platinum Jubilee medallions, the Marquee on the Green and generator and PA equipment. Other groups have organised their own events as part of the Celebrations like the Sports and Social Club with the Dance on Saturday, and Luke's Scarecrow Competition. SCATS, Venterdon Chapel, the Scouts, Scottish Dancing Group, WI, Pop Ups and many more are all contributing to the festivities.

Stoke Climsland WI Report

The WI weathered the pandemic fairly well with the use of Zoom for some meetings when the infection rates were at their worst. We also had walks and outdoor get togethers. We have lost a few members, all for good reasons, and would welcome any new ones!

We held our AGM on the Football Field later than usual in June. Our speaker was Geraldine Hiscott from the WILD project.

We returned to the Hall for our July meeting and managed to have all further meetings in the Hall except for October when the numbers of Covid infections in the Village seemed to have increased. In August we belatedly celebrated the Stoke Climsland WI's Centenary with a Garden Party at Brigitte Cox's home.

We've had some very interesting speakers starting with Rosemary Griggs about Tudor clothing, Mike Heywood who 'busted the myths' about the Mayflower's voyage to America, Chrissie Le Marchant treated us to a look around the Callington murals as the Zoom meeting for October. We had a willow making workshop come November, did some Carol Singing in the Village and a festive evening together for Christmas. Terry Gimblett started the New Year for us with a look round Callington with old photographs and in February we welcomed Rupert Kirkwood with his photographs and tales of the wildlife he has seen whilst kayaking around the South West coast. We held our AGM in March, followed by a talk from Geoff Provis about the fishermen of Post Isaac. We have also been walking the circular footpath from Lockington for a WI competition entitled 'Rediscovering Footpaths'. We chose this Footpath as it was the one that featured in the Parish project back in the 90's.

Report from the Stoke Climsland Bridge Club

The Bridge Club continues to meet on Friday evenings as it has done for the last THIRTY YEARS.

During the nationwide lockdown starting March 2020. regular meetings were suspended but we were able to meet again in September and October but our numbers were constrained by the "Rule of 6" which meant that we could only have one table of four playing bridge. You will remember that all public venues were closed again for the November "fire-break". We met again in December and we were making plans for when to meet next but another lockdown prevented further meetings until May 2021, but still under the Rule of 6. Normal service was resumed on 3 July when we were able to meet again as normally as possible.

Brian Lupton Bridge Club

Report from Stoke Climsland Sports and Social Club

After being shut for almost 18 months, we opened in September. The club seems to be well attended with almost 166 members plus the footballers. While we did we restart the quiz and other events, there was concern about crowding and spreading Covid so the events were on ticket only basis. The issue of rising Covid proved to be right as the Government decided to impose restrictions on mixing, so events were cancelled for December and January. There was another restart in January, when we held our members evening. Despite not to ticketing this, people are sensible and so although we had about 60 members attending over the evening, there were not many people in the club at any one time. We did ticket the quiz evening in February but there are still many people who are reluctant to come to an event where there is a possibility of spreading Covid. We did manage to hold St Piran's evening, which included the postponed Christmas Draw. The numbers that all these evenings have been lower than usual. For other events, such as darts and snooker the numbers attending are self limiting. As we move from spring into summer, with warmer weather inhibiting Covid spread we hope, the committee is looking to put on events which more people will attend. The club is involved in the Jubilee celebrations and will be present at the Stoke Climsland Show. Due to the Jubilee, we will miss the date for the Fish and Chip night but hope to postpone that to the beginning of July. There are also plans to hold an 80's disco in July. The quizzes will be going ahead on the third Saturday of the month as usual. As the year goes on we hope that the Covid infection becomes less prevalent and more members are happy to attend the club. The club darts competition, involving 7 teams of 6 club members, has finished and there was a presentation evening on 29th March. People have enjoyed it and it has kept the club going on Friday night. Jenny Turner will contact Lockett club about the Stuckett Cup competition. We have a lot of events on in June and July, the Jubilee, Show, Fish and Chip night and one or two outside bars for weddings.

There will be some ongoing repairs this year at the club and field, for instance road repairs, the fence and possibly a new roof on the snooker room. The club depends on volunteers to run the bar as well as the Darts competition, Snooker and the regular quizzes. For more than 20 years this subscription has remained at the same at £4 for seniors, juniors and students and £7 for adult members, with a joining fee of £2. Membership is a requirement of our licence.

Report from Stoke Climsland Area Resilience Plan & Emergency Resource

Thankfully our services have not been called upon since our last annual report.

We continue to maintain our services such as our WhatsApp group of volunteers and prescription services when required.

Nigel Cooper stood down from our group and we welcome Ben Macinnes to our team. Ben is on our roster as a first aider and he will bring many new skills to SCARPER.

We continue to enjoy the support and advice of the Cornwall Council's Emergency Planning Team.

Geoff Giles, Chair, SCARPER

SCCCAG Annual Report

Following a most successful and well supported 'regrouping' virtual meeting late last autumn, where the x4 Working Groups of SCCCAG presented a summary of the individual findings as a taster for the virtual Winter Programme of Specialist Topic Events that followed.

January saw the first of these meetings – a well attended Energy Group lead by Susan Davies explored solutions to home insulation & energy efficiencies under the remit of 'retrofitting' with good practical advice from local expert – Kate Royston of Tamar Energy Community (TEC).

This was followed by another successful February meeting lead by Geoff Giles, who focused on Waste Management & Recycling, which saw presentations & advice from SUEZ, TEVI & Cornwall Council, amongst others.

The programme concluded with a welcome return to a 'real in person' event on farm in April. A good cross section of the community including the x5 focus farms who have piloted the Farm Carbon Audit throughout the past 12 months attended Deer Park Farm for the final meet lead by Bonny Lightfoot's Agriculture & Natural Capital Working Group. Demonstrations of Soil Sampling & Farm Carbon Crop Capture, along with a general debate on National Food Security, Environmental Stewardship & Net Zero Targets and the challenge of achieving the balance were discussed.

Plans for a Community Climate Fair in July are now well advanced, in working together with fellow leads from SCEN, Westcountry Rivers Trust, Duchy College Rural Business School and SC Primary School, with the aim to showcase the various initiatives already up & running within the Working Groups and others, plus further knowledge exchange in all aspects of both Carbon Neutrality and the Ecological Emergency. All with the prime aim of re-engagement within our local community and thus building back the vital mass support required to initiate measurable change by 2030.

SCCCAG – Supporting Your Parish & Cornwall Council's Climate Emergency

Martin Howlett (Chairman)