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Thank you for reading, writing, and sharing
in the life of our village. Here's to a happy,
creative, and active year ahead!

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With warm regards,

It's been a busy time of year, and many of our regular contributors are taking a well-earned rest. Despite that, we've still been treated to some fantastic pieces celebrating village life, and it's wonderful to see the creativity and stories that make our community so special.

In this issue, the children's section is particularly exciting — we're encouraging our young readers to design their ideal play park! We can't wait to see all the imaginative ideas that will be sent in. We look forward to featuring these in the next issue.

As always, any excess funds raised by The Stithians Times go directly to the Playing Field Fund, helping to maintain and improve

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The Sithians Times is your community magazine, lovingly put together by volunteers under the guidance of Sithians Parish Council. Our goal is to celebrate the people, stories, and events that make our parish such a special place to live.

We hope you enjoy reading *The Stithians* Times as much as we enjoy creating it. We'd love to hear your thoughts, ideas, or stories—just drop us an email.

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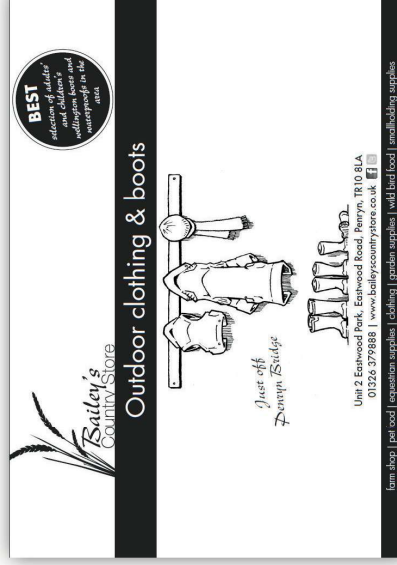
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This month before I even I put a call out for a cover photo for this edition of the Stithians Times, I already found some in my inbox- thank you Hamahl! Our cover photo was taken by Hannah Vinson and additional photos by Annie Bell (one of our fantastic distributors). If you feel that you have a great cover image for us then please share with us by emailing: stithians.times@stithiansparishcouncil.org.uk Our next topic will be signs of spring.





SEWAGE ISSUES IN STITHIANS

Ongoing Sewage Issues in Stithians: What's Happening and What Residents Can Do

Many residents in Stithians will have experienced, or been directly affected by, serious and ongoing sewage problems across the village, particularly in the Hendra Road and Foundry areas. Reports of raw sewage on roads, footpaths and private land have understandably caused significant concern, especially where children walk to school and wait for buses.

Summary of the issues

Residents have described repeated incidents of:

- Raw sewage and wastewater flooding public highways and footpaths
- Strong and persistent odours affecting nearby homes
- Sewage debris visible in the street and splashed by passing vehicles
- Flooding of private gardens with contaminated water
- Discharge of sewage into a local stream that flows towards Stithians Reservoir

These incidents have occurred repeatedly, often following rainfall, and in some locations have persisted for days rather than hours. Residents have raised concerns about public health, environmental damage, and the impact on daily life, particularly for families with young children.

Action Taken by Stithians Parish Council

Stithians Parish Council has been raising concerns with South West Water (SWW) for many years regarding the adequacy and resilience of the village's wastewater infrastructure. Following the most recent incidents in December, and a Parish Council meeting where some residents aired their concerns about the issues, the Parish Council wrote formally to the Chief Executive of South West Water to express its deep dissatisfaction and to demand urgent action South West Water December 2025 ..

In its letter, the Parish Council highlighted:

- The discharge of raw sewage onto private land and public areas
 - The failure to prevent sewage entering watercourses
 - The lack of pre-emptive measures, such as deploying wastewater tankers despite advance severe weather warnings
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John Thomas (Cornwall Councillor for Lamer, Stithians & Gwernap and Vice Chair of Cornwall Council) - 01209 215162 or 07503 547852 (cell: john.thomas@cornwall.gov.uk)

Looking Ahead

The Parish Council has made it clear that the current situation is unacceptable and that long-term solutions are needed, not temporary fixes. While South West Water has attended incidents, residents and councillors alike are seeking reassurance that meaningful investment and preventative action will follow.

The Parish Council will continue to press for answers and keep residents informed of any developments. In the meantime, continued reporting and community engagement remain vital to securing lasting improvements for Stithians.



A RESIDENTS VIEW

I live opposite the sewage on Hendra road. It splashes my front door and windows. The smell is beastly and so strong we can't open our windows, I work in the school and know of children that are now driven because of the risk of contamination from walking through the sewage and have risk of cars splashing them and to top it off our water levels in our toilets are now rising to an alarming level when they are flushed. We have spoken to SWW and coastline who both promise to do something but never do.

Deborah Queen

ST STYTHIANS MALE VOICE CHOIR



St Stythians MVC at Camborne Music Festival 2025

St Stythians MVC, under the leadership of Ken Downing and accompanist Katy Matthews, competed in the 54th Camborne Music Festival on Saturday 15th November. The prestigious five-day festival provides a wonderful showcase for the plethora of local musicians to exhibit their talents and gain valuable experience in performing and competing. The large and appreciative audience included choir stalwart Garnet Martin and his wife. Lovely to see them looking so well. The Choir entered Class 69 (Male Voice Choirs under 30 voices) and scored a very creditable 90 % (honours) overall, winning this section. The adjudicator, Malcolm Green, remarked most favourably on the Choir's performance. An added bonus was that Choir Chairman Andy Christophers won the coveted Championship Class (male section) with his version of 'Some Enchanted Evening' (South Pacific). To say that he was delighted is somewhat of an understatement. His choice of song reflected the Choir's experience of the competition.

The Choir will now be concentrating their efforts on Christmas music in preparation for the Carol Concert on December 14th in Stithians Chapel, the concert with St Stythians Band on December 16th in the Stithians Community Centre and singing in Trellissick Gardens December 19th.

The Choir always welcomes new voices to its rehearsals on Tuesday nights 7.45- 9.30pm. We practice in Stithians Chapel (TR3 7AN). There's plenty of parking. Why not give it a try.

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AT HOME IN TOP TIPS IN THE GARDEN FROM NICKY STITHIANS

I write this on the winter solstice, a very, very wet shortest day of the year but with the promise of light to come.

I keep off the grass as much as possible and certainly no digging !
There are jobs to do whilst the garden is in its dormant stage :

- Plant bare-root roses, and shrubs, hedging and ornamental trees, as long as the ground isn't frozen
- Take root cuttings of fleshy rooted perennials such as oriental poppies, acanthus and verbascums
- Check for rot on stored bulbs and tubers, and ensure dahila and canna tubers haven't totally dried out
 - Plant snowdrops & hellebores

Happy Gardening

Nicky

SEASONAL FOLKLORE

Plough Monday recorded since the fifteenth century but likely harking back further, marks the beginning of the agricultural year when ploughman traditionally returned to the fields to prepare the spring crops but not before the last of the frivolity.

The painful plough

"Come all you jolly ploughmen of courage stout and bold
Who labour all the winter in stormy winds and cold
To clothe your fields with plenty, your barnyards to renew
To crown them with contentment , behind the painful plough."

HELPING WILDLIFE

Offer bird food with high fat content to give extra energy for the colder months. Suet treats are ideal.

On freezing days, break the ice on bird baths and water bowls. Refresh the water supply daily.
Enjoy a winter rest at the same time as the hedgehogs do. Let piles of leaves and logs sit undisturbed, so hedgehogs and other creatures can enjoy their dormancy.

IN THE VEG PATCH

- Order seed potatoes, onions, shallots and garlic bulbs for planting in spring
- Sort out your seeds, throwing away empty or out-of-date packets and noting down any to buy for the coming season
- Plan this year's crop rotation to ensure you grow each type of crop in a different bed to last year

STITHIANS BOOK CLUB

We meet 6 weekly on a Monday at 8pm in the stars throughout the year, great group of peoples of mixed ages. All welcome. We also do 3 social meets a year - spring, summer and christmas. We have a whatsapp group and a facebook group. Its a very friendly and relaxed group.

Our next meet is on Monday 26th Jan
Contact Nic Rowberry for more info

Our last read

Our next read(s)

THE STITHIANS CENTRE

A message from the new Chairman of The Stithians Centre Management Committee (TSCMC), Phil Blease.

It was a great honour to be nominated and duly elected Chairman of The Stithians Centre at the Annual General Meeting in November 2025.

- Installation of 42 Solar panels on the roof & 2 Tesla Batteries
- New roof over Kitchen & Foundry rooms
- Creation of storage room (Charlie's Cupboard) & refit of toilets
- Replacement suspended ceilings & insulation
- Installation of infrared heating system
- LED lighting installed in most rooms
- Revamp of entrance hall
- New windows & door in the hall
- Blinds installed throughout

You can see from this list that the Management Team have been very active and busy improving and developing the facilities for the community and we intend to continue to do so going forward but we need your help.

Firstly we have a number of vacancies on the management committee, which meets 11 times a year on the first Wednesday of each month. If you think you would like to join the enthusiastic team of Trustees and help us take The Stithians Centre to the next level please feel free to contact me or any other member of the team for an informal chat.

If you would like to help, but not join the committee, we have a list of volunteers who assist us on an ad hoc basis when we are running events or fund raising. If you would like to be added to this list, we may occasionally contact you to see if you are available to help. There is no commitment, and you can always say "no".

So, if you are interested in either of the above volunteering opportunities or wish to make some comment about TSC or it's operation please feel to contact me (details below).

In the meantime, I am looking forward to leading the amazing TSCMC team & our volunteers to continue to develop & improve the Stithians Centre for the benefit of our Community.....that's you!

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ST STYTHIANS CHURCH



During Christmas, Stithians Parish Church has seen a real flurry of activity, with visitors from the very young to the less young attending carol concerts and candlelit services. The atmosphere of the wonderful old building always adds to these occasions as it does at other times of year for family events, baptisms, weddings and funerals. All the celebrations of life, the historic Church has seen them all.

And therein lies a problem, the Church building as it is so ancient, (there has been a site of worship here for over 1000 years,) has obviously got its issues.

The congregation, a small but merry band, do their best to keep everything safe and usable, by holding events that are not just fundraisers but wonderfully sociable times normally with gorgeous food involved!

Our next two events are as follows:

On **Wednesday 14th January** at 7pm there will be a fantastic candle lit concert by **Will Keating** and his guests the **True Foxes**. This is a folk concert and having attended one myself last year, I can thoroughly recommend them. This will be accompanied by our usual irresistible refreshments and tickets are just £12 per person but do need to be booked in advance either online at willkeatingcornwall.com/tickets or if you prefer not to use online sales, please private message Lesley Saunders on the Stithians community notice board.

Then on **Saturday 21st February** there is another chance to work out your little grey cells with our **annual quiz night**. Starting at 7pm in The Stithians Centre, teams of up to 6 people can compete for actual prizes as well as the kudos!!!

Booking is essential as our wonderful refreshment team needs to know how many treats to rustle up, contact : Mary on m.vague@btinternet.com With your team name and

numbers. Please bring your own drinks, glasses and all the facts you can remember!!!

Just to get you started... What is the capital of Turkey? If you can answer that you could be in a winning team. It's Ankara but I am sure you know many other facts which might crop up, if you didn't get that one.

Please try to support our events and keep our heritage church building standing proud for many more centuries.

ST STYTHIANS CHURCH SERVICES

January

Sunday 4th January. Holy Communion. 9.30am

Sunday 11th January. Matins. 9.30am.

Sunday 18th January. Holy Communion. 9.30am.

Sunday 25th January. Service of the Word. 9.30am.

February.

Sunday 1st February. Holy Communion 9.30am

Sunday 8th February. Matins. 9.30am.

Sunday 15th February. Holy Communion. 9.30am.

Wednesday 18th February 10.30am. Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes for the beginning of Lent.

Sunday 22nd February. Service of the Word 9.30am.

A QUICK HISTORY

St Stythians Church, the parish church of Stithians, Cornwall, has a long and well-documented history. A place of Christian worship is believed to have existed on the site since the early medieval period, possibly as early as the 6th century, associated with the spread of Celtic Christianity in Cornwall. The church is dedicated to Saint Stythian (also recorded as Stediane or Stidanus), an obscure local saint whose exact origins remain uncertain.

The present building largely dates from the 14th century, with the substantial granite west tower added in the 15th century, a common feature of Cornish churches of that period. During the 19th century, the church underwent restoration, including work by architect J. P. St Aubyn, reflecting Victorian efforts to preserve medieval churches. Further conservation and repairs have continued into the 20th and 21st centuries, particularly to the tower and roof.

St Stythians Church remains an active parish church and a significant historical landmark within the village, valued for its medieval architecture, stained glass, and its continuous role in the religious and social life of the local community.



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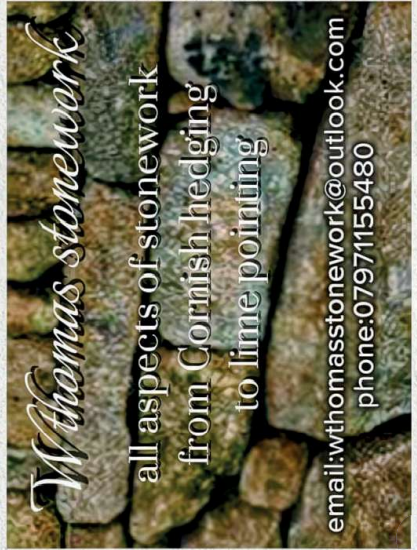
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STITHIANS METHODIST CHAPEL

A service of accreditation for a new local preacher – Mrs Sarah Smith – was held at Stithians Methodist Church on 17 November. All the churches in the Falmouth and Gwennap Circuit, which is part of the South West Peninsula District, attended. Sarah had come to the successful end of her training period.

The service was led by the Rev Jonathan Froggatt, superintendent of the Falmouth and Gwennap Circuit. Prayers were led by the Rev Andrew Mumford and Paul Langford, and Dr Euan McPhee delivered Bible readings. The Rev Paul Harold preached. Mrs Morwenna Bennett, circuit local preachers' secretary, the Rev Paul and the Rev Jonathan presided over the Admission of Sarah Smith as a Methodist local preacher. Morwenna read a letter from the President of the Methodist Conference, the Rev Richard Andrew, to the congregation and then presented the letter to Sarah. Sarah responded, outlining her journey to becoming a Methodist local preacher. Prayers of intercession were led by Ruth Bowen, a local preacher. Sarah introduced the final hymn, her favourite, Charles Wesley's And Can It Be. The organist was David Collins. Following the service tea, coffee and cakes were served in the downstairs hall.

Around 90 people attended the Baptism of Talwyn Gluyas, daughter of Matt and Lauren

STITHIANS METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

	4th January	10.45am	Dr Euan McPhee	Covenant Service
11th January	10.45am	Rev Paul Harold		
18th January	10.45am*	At Ponsanooth		
25th January	10.45am	Sarah Smith		
1st February	10.45am*	At Ponsanooth		
8th February	No service at Stithians, **			
15th February	10.45am	Rev Andrew Mumford		Communion
22nd February	10.45am	Morwenna Bennett		
				
	Different venue.			

** Only three services in the Circuit – At Lanner, Ponsanooth and St Day. Each one a different style of worship.

Gluyas, on the morning of Sunday 23 November. Leading worship and officiating at the Baptism was Pastor Jenny Lockwood. Sandra Roberts, cradle roll secretary, presented Talwyn and family with a certificate and a candle. Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake were enjoyed in the downstairs hall.

Everyone is welcome to services and other events and activities at Stithians Methodist Church. We wish readers of The Stithians Times a happy and healthy New Year.



L to R: Rev Andrew Mumford, Morwenna Bennett, Sarah Smith, Rev Paul Harold, Ruth Bowen and Rev Jonathan Froggatt. Photo by Jenny Lockwood.



Talwyn with parents Matt and Lauren Gluyas. Photo by Sandra Roberts.

By Tony Langford

STITHIANS METHODIST CHURCH

Various rooms for hire

Ample off road parking

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STITHIANS STORIES

ST STITHIANS COLLEGE, JOHANNESBURG

In the summer, our community Facebook account had reported that some young lads from St Stithians College, Johannesburg were visiting the village while on a cricket tour in Cornwall. This reminded me that I had read previously that a College bearing our village name had been founded by Albert John Collins born in 1859 in Stithians and his friend William Mountstephens from Falmouth. Both men were devout Methodists. The two of them left for South Africa in 1880 having trained as a builder and an architect. I had read about the College in 'The Book of Stithians*', we had gifted to us when we moved into the village over 30 years ago. Both men prospered and wished to endow a permanent benefit to the disadvantaged people of Johannesburg, leading to the building of the St Stithians College in Randburg, a suburb of Johannesburg. Our village also reflected their success with the playing field bequeathed to the village by Collins. We also have Collins Parc named after him.

We were planning a trip to Johannesburg and wondered if we would be able to fit in a visit

to the College and maybe get a photograph or two.

We travelled in September and hired a guide to show us around Johannesburg, Soweto and surrounding areas. All very interesting, especially visiting Mandela's home. As we chatted in the car we asked our guide if we could visit the College, with the use of Google maps we knew we were in the vicinity.

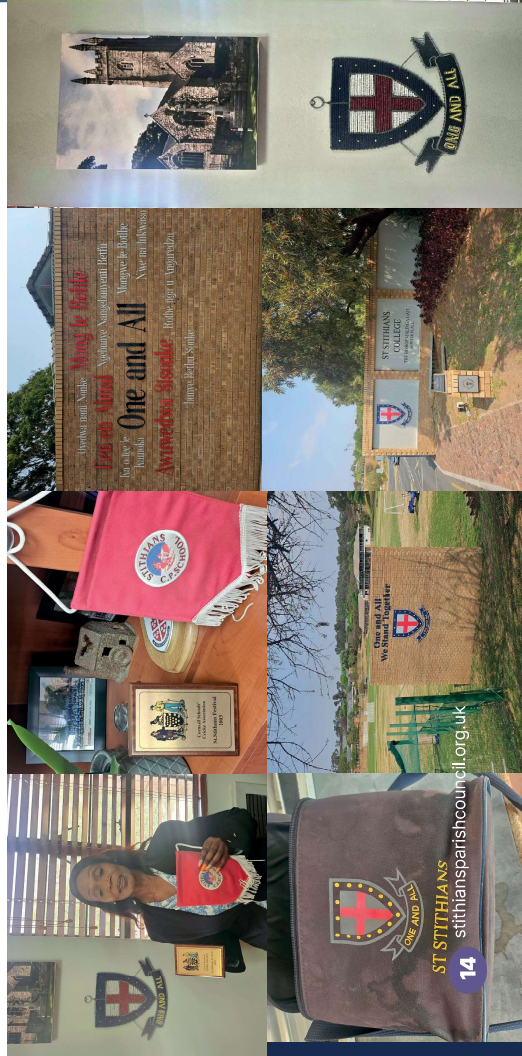
We had time, so off we went. We didn't know what to expect. On seeing the grand gates with security check point, we thought we would have to settle with only a photograph at the front gates. However, our guide explained our link to the school and a few phone calls later, security waved us through and we drove up 'Pentyn Bend' to the main office. Here we were greeted by some of the staff and teachers, and watched numerous happy children playing during their break time. How strange to see lunch boxes marked up with the Cornish Plaque and motto 'One and All'.

This motto was also proudly displayed on a huge wall, translated into the twelve recognised languages of South Africa. We were welcomed into the office by one of the Board members, Alistair Stewart. He has made several visits to our village and enjoyed a pint or two in the Seven Stars previously, while taking part in the cricket tours. On his office shelves were all sorts of Cornish artifacts, including a small pottery tin mine

and Stithians School banner. The walls also had numerous photographs including one of the Parish Church. How surreal to be so far away from home but with people who had such a strong link with our little village. We stayed for a couple of hours and came away delighted at having made the effort to go there and meet such loving and friendly people with a strong link to Stithians.

*This book and others describing St Stithians College early history are available in our library.

By Carol Mitchell



STITHIANS STONE CROSS

By Kathryn Conder

I saw a post recently saying we could send you items of interest for the local paper and I thought of my 12th C Latin stone cross which has been verified by Andrew Langdon the Cornish Cross expert. I found it in my garden and although it is small and the inscription is faint it is still important. Stithians has perhaps five stone crosses and this is a late addition. My cottage is situated almost opposite the old well and toll house along South Road so I guess it would qualify as a wayfarer cross being along a path to the well. Or as there are several granite slabs in the garden it may be been brought from another site. Anyway it has seen a lot of Christmases!



Stithians Stories is a special section of our magazine dedicated to celebrating the voices of our community. Each feature shines a light on the everyday people of Stithians and the fascinating, heartfelt, or inspiring stories they have to share. From unique life experiences to hidden talents and local memories, this space is all about giving our neighbours a platform to be heard and appreciated.

If you feel you have a story to tell or know someone who might, please get in touch. Remember it doesn't matter how long you have lived in the village.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF STITHIANS ENERGY GROUP

It all started eight years ago with this question to the Parish Council: "What are you doing to combat climate change?"

The council asked 'If I would investigate which resulted in me starting Stithians Energy Group (SEG). SEG has worked closely with the Parish Council and without their help we would not have achieved as much. However, at the age of seventy-eight, after eight years spent running SEG, I feel that it's time for me to step down. I'm hoping the Parish Council will continue with initiatives to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Meanwhile, this might be a good opportunity to look back at some of SEG's successes.

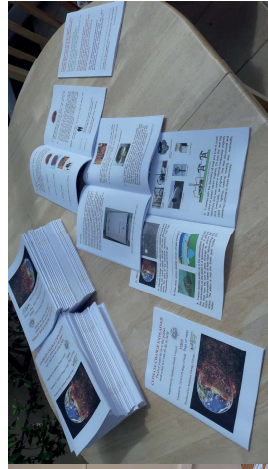
We now all know about climate change, but eight years ago this was not the case. So SEG decided to invite speakers to tell people what it was all about; we were quite aware that the necessary changes were unlikely to be made unless the implications of climate change were understood.

The Parish Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and compiled a 23-point climate mitigation plan. SEG helped to implement some of these initiatives, such as planting trees and writing to all businesses and services coming into the parish, asking what they were doing to mitigate climate change and where they expected to be in five years' time. We had a good response from most, including the Royal Mail, QTS bus service, Amazon etc. All are now switching to electric vehicles.

SEG organised sustainable home events to promote new green



By Brian Piper



technologies such as LED light bulbs, PV solar panels and batteries, heat pumps and electric cars. SEG also organised home insulation events, which included talks on available grants. All events were well attended.

In addition, SEG has written over 40 articles for The Stithians Times and this is something I would like to continue doing. SEG compiled a 40- page CLIMATE CHANGE EXPLAINED booklet and distributed it to each home in Stithians as well as to some surrounding villages. Various groups across the country expressed interest. We eventually made the booklet available as an electronic copy, while 8,000 hard copies were distributed to schools within the Penwith district.

Funding was obtained for 44 PV panels and two Tesla batteries for The Stithians Centre. The project's objective was to reduce energy bills and our carbon footprint, while using the solar system to demonstrate to the public how well these technologies can work together.



The Parish Council and SEG supported Kensa ground source heat pumps in their bid for ERDF funding for the Heat the Streets project.

The project was a pilot to demonstrate a split ownership model, where Kensa Utilities provided the ground array and people paid a standing charge to tap into the heat network. Twenty-eight homes were retrofitted free of charge. I have continued to promote the split ownership model as it has great potential for ground source heat pumps throughout the UK.

These are just a selection of the climate mitigation initiatives SEG has instigated. I like to think that in a small way we have helped transition away from fossil fuels towards a cleaner, healthier world. But we still have a long way to go to prevent the worst effects of climate change.

STITHIANS CRICKET CLUB

A letter from Polly

My name is Polly and I play at Stithians Cricket Club for the second team on Saturdays.

I am currently the only female player in the Stithians Saturday league where I hope to encourage and inspire other girls to play cricket. I regularly open the bowling for my county age group and have been in the Cornwall team for the last 3 years.

I have been fundraising for a Cornwall U18 girls Cricket tour to Sri Lanka and Dubai in February 2026. We are going for twelve days where 5 days are in Dubai and 6 in Sri Lanka.

I will have a training session and be playing 2 matches in Dubai and a training session and 3 matches in Sri Lanka. To give the players rest between fixtures, day trips have been planned for us, such as doing a dune 4x4 ride and a tour of Galle International Stadium.

Stithians Cricket Club have generously supported me with my fundraising and I am very grateful

for everyone's help.

Many thanks,
Polly



How do you feel this season is going, as a team and as a club?

I always knew this season was going to be a rebuild, and that we would probably need a season to settle.

With some players leaving last season, and lots of young exciting players coming in.

Alex Kemp is one who has added real quality, and watching the likes of Luke Downing and Finn Collins progress is great to see.

As a club we are delighted to have the new players blend with our existing squad, and feel everyone is settling in well.

What did it mean to you to be named captain of the side this year?

Being named captain this season was a big honour for me. Leading the team out each week, pushing players to improve and ensuring Stithians FC carry on the "never say die" mentality which has become part of what the club is all about.

How do you think the future looks for Stithians FC, and what would you like to see for the club going forward?

I'm really excited about the future of the club. We have a really strong committee who are always looking to improve and are the reason

why our club is flourishing right now. For the first time in very long time we have a real presence in the village.

Although extremely grateful to the cricket club for the use of their facilities, I think the ultimate goal is to have access to our own changing rooms and training facilities

Any message for the village?

Thank you for your amazing support, to see so many people there supporting at home games is awesome!



By James Gill

What's on in Stithians

January



WILL KEATING & TRUE FOXES
CABLE-LIT WINTER TOUR 2026

Wednesday 14 January, 7:00 pm
St Skithians Church
Will Keating Winter Candlelit Concert tour, to be held in Stithians Church on Wednesday 14th January, 2026, 7pm to 9pm. Traditional Cornish and Celtic Folk songs. Details for ticket to follow £12pp, refreshments available. Save the date.

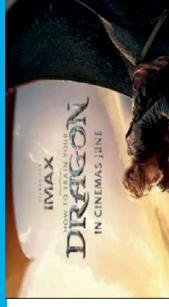


Craft and Produce Market
Saturday 17 January, 9.30-12.30
Pop along to The Stithians Centre for a great selection of crafts, local foods, and original gifts. Jewellery, glassware, handmade cards, crochet and knitted products, locally reared meat, fresh vegetables and fruit, cakes, pastries, eggs, preserves are just some of the stalls on offer. Cafe serving bacon rolls, toasted tea cakes, tea and coffee.
Free entry.



BURNS NIGHT
Saturday 17 January, 6.30pm
Save the date for this annual favourite, a Burns Night with supper and entertainment organised by the Stithians Carers Research UK Committee. **Saturday 17 January, 6.30 for 7.00 pm start. £22.50 per person. Admission by ticket only, purchased in advance, from:**
Janet Guyas - 01209 861240
Lynn Guyas - 01209 861094
Mary Downing - 01209 860728
Annie Bell - 07941 877704

Do you have an event coming up in Let us know by emailing stithians@stithians.org.uk before the 10th February 2026 for inclusion in the next what's on guide.



Film Night: HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

Saturday 24 January, 7.30pm
Doors and bar from 7.00pm
Join us for a new year adventure with How to Train Your Dragon, a film that rolls free-breathing action, epic adventure and big laughs into a captivating, fun and original story. Hiccup is a young Viking who defies tradition and befriends one of his deadliest foes - a ferocious dragon he calls Toothless. Together, the unlikely heroes fight against the odds to save both their worlds in this wonderful, feel-good hit.
Entry/door price for the Stithians Centre Film Club remains:
Adults £4.50
12-years to 15 years £2
Under 12's: a donation to the film club

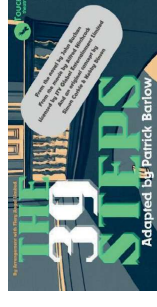
Entry/door price for the Stithians Centre Film Club remains £4.50 for adults.



Prize Bingo

Saturday 24 January, 2.00pm
Stithians Bowling Club
The perfect way to spend a gloomy January afternoon with Prize Bingo at Stithians Bowling Club. Come along on Saturday 24 January at 2.00pm.
£8 per person to include bingo cards, tea and biscuits, one raffle entry, and lots of fun

February



Touch Theatre presents

THE 39 STEPS

Friday 6 February, 7.30 pm
Local community and award-winning TOUCH theatre, bring you 'The 39 Steps'. A juicy and fast-paced spy comedy thriller following a fugitive's riotous adventure from London to the Scottish Highlands and back again. Packed with nonstop laughs, performed by a ridiculously talented cast of 4 playing multiple characters. Death-defying chases and nationwide manhunt via trains, planes and automobiles. The action involves sheep, nadoock, missing fingers, harcourts, mysterious strangers, bizarre accents, political rallies and some good old-fashioned romance. Drama, danger and derring do performed by an all female cast! Outrageous fun for everyone.
Tickets £14 + booking fee.



Craft and Produce Market
Saturday 21 February, 9.30-12.30



Film Night: HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

Saturday 21 February, 7.00pm
Quiz Night in aid of Stithians Parish Church on 21 February at 7.00pm in the Tregonning Hall of The Stithians Centre.

Teams of up to 6 people. £6 Per person to include refreshments. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Booking essential with m.vague@btinternet.com before 16 February.

March



Craft and Produce Market
Saturday 21 March, 9.30-12.30



Annual Quiz

Saturday 28 March, 7.30pm

The Stithians Centre Annual Quiz Fundraiser is usually a sell out event, so we are giving you plenty of notice! Save the date and start getting your team lined up for Saturday 28 March.

Teams maximum of 6. BYO drinks and snacks. More details in new year. stithiansparishcouncil.org.uk

REGULAR ACTIVITIES IN STITHIANS

Mondays

Post Office Outreach

Stithians Centre Foundry Room 10:00am to 12:00pm

Chair yoga

Stithians Centre Hendra Room 12.15-1.15pm,
More info: 07455 627765

Life active over 50s fitness

9.45-10.45am and 11.00-12.00 Jon 07889 016264
jongoddard@posteo.net

Art Club

Stithians Centre alternate Mondays 1:00pm to 3:30pm Anthea,
stithiansart@outlook.com 01209 860451

Ukulele group (adults)

Stithians Centre 4.00 pm Anthea, anthea.c@btinternet.com
01209 860451

Rainbows

Stithians Centre 17.00 to 18.30 (term time) Sam, 07772 090212

Brownies

Stithians Centre Monday 1900 to 2015 (term time) Tamsin, 07549 900721

Guitar technique class followed by guitar classes renaissance music

Monday, 6.15 to 6.45pm then 6.45 to 7.45pm
Ben, kernowconcerts@gmail.com

St Stythians Academy Band

6-7pm in the bandroom. We welcome players from age 7 upwards and any level of playing. Contact Phil 07769 661577 or eupho@sky.com for more information

Pub Quiz

Seven Stars Stithians, every other week- check the pubs facebook page for details

Tuesday

Cubs

Stithians Centre 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm (term time) Jane,
j.lepage01@btinternet.com 01209-862995

Scouts

Stithians centre, 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm (term time) Ben, benandni-chudd@mac.com 07749 867947

Lunch Club

Stithians centre, first Tuesday of each month Viv, 01209 860656

Parish Council Meeting

Stithians Centre, 3rd Tuesday of each month 7.00 pm (except Aug)
phil.blease@btinternet.com

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Stithians Centre, Tuesday 7.30 pm Yvonne, 01209 860402

St Stythians Male Voice Choir

19:45-21:30 at Stithians Methodist Chapel (TR3 7AN). There is no need to read music, just be keen. A friendly welcome awaits you.

Wednesday

W I Patchwork Group

Stithians Centre alternate Wednesdays, 2.00pm to 4.00 pm Dee Watkins, deeallison1@hotmail.co.uk 01209 213670

Beavers

Stithians Centre 5.15 to 6.30 pm (term time) Olly, ollyspooner@gmail.com 07879 474789

Clubbercise dance fitness

Stithians Centre 7.00 pm Amy 07541 994099 amy.mcg@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday

Stithians Ladies Voice Choir

Carnon Downs Community Methodist Church 7.30pm
Peggy, 07591 134765

Feet up! Foot clinic

Regular clinics, Thursday or Friday Karen Myers, 01872 834567

Zumba gold

10.00 am Contact Eve, 07817 186151

Friday

Post Office Outreach

Stithians Centre Foundry Room 10:00am to 12:00pm

Community Library

Stithians Centre 10:00 to 12:00

Coffee Stop

In the Stithians Centre 10:30 to 12:30- all welcome no charge, donations welcome

Create with Confidence Art lessons- Last Friday of the Month
Contact Alex Fowler- hello@cornishbooks.com

Bridge Club in the Stithians Centre, 7.30 pm John 01209 860451 or Judith 07931 346998

Saturday

Craft and Produce Market

Stithians Centre 0930 to 1230 Every 3rd Saturday of the month (except August).

Community Library

Stithians Centre 10:00am to 12:00pm

Film club, cfylm

Regular screenings, Saturdays 7.30pm Debby, FilmsAtTSC@outlook.com

Sunday

Mindful core and fitness

9.30 am Contact Jon 07889 016264, jongoddard@posteo.net

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7.30 to 8.30 pm Laurie, kazuochiba842@gmail.com 07423 123935

Sound bath

Regular Sunday afternoons Anderson, fishboltsix@gmail.com