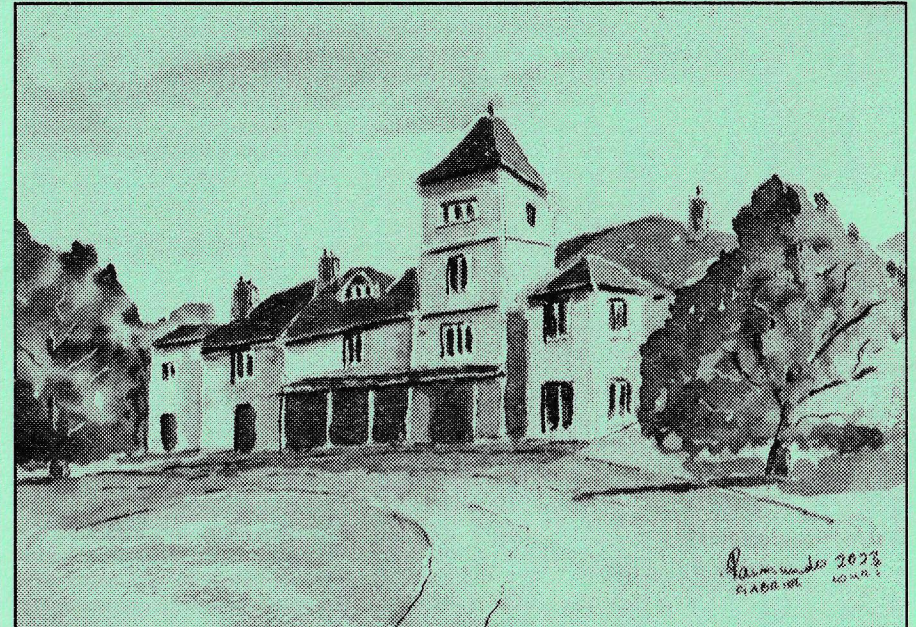


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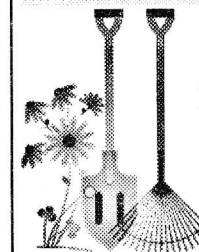
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From the Revd Chris Martin

Dear friends,

If October was a month for saying 'Thank you', then November is the month for 'Remembering.' It begins on the 1st with the marking of All Saints Day, a chance to remember the wonderful men and women who have gone before us and inspired us in their Christian living. Living in Stoke Gabriel as we do, one can hardly forget to 'Remember, remember the 5th November' with all the wonderful festivities that accompany bonfire night in the village. Then, on Remembrance Sunday, we remember again the bravery of those who gave their lives for the freedom we so often take for granted today. My own father died at the end of one November many years ago, and so the month has added 'remembering' poignancy for me. In the Christian tradition, 'remembering' is important. God gave instructions to his Old Testament people to keep the Sabbath, a weekly block of time enabling us to re-orientate ourselves towards God and to remember who God is and who we are. God gave commands to perform certain rituals and observe particular festivals commemorating some of the mighty acts of God in the past, to help God's people remember for generation after generation. These days, Sunday by Sunday, in the village church and across the whole world, we partake of those simple yet very powerful symbols of bread and wine as we seek to follow Christ's command to 'Do this *in remembrance* of me,' and saying together the Church's seasonal liturgy, which is such a helpful aid to remembering and experiencing afresh the deep truths of God. One of the things I notice about my own faith journey is how 'forgetful' I am. I don't mean those occasions when I go into a room for something and can't remember what (though that seems to happen with increasing regularity too!). I mean I am quick to forget that I am loved, that I am enough, that my life matters, that my life has both purpose and meaning, that I am forgiven. I often forget and lose my sense of true 'self'. So it is good to find ways of remembering together who we are and how much we are loved, as this helps to put us back together again – 're-membered' if you like. Whatever you are remembering this month, may you know too the remembrance of how much you are known and loved by the One who holds us all.

Every blessing - Chris

Parish Register

Interment of ashes:

September 28th : **Colin Andrew Love** of *Clovers*, Waddeton Road, S.G .Aged 73
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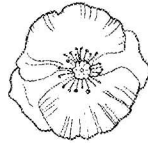
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Wednesday 6 th	10:00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 th	8:15am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:55am	Royal British Legion Service
Wednesday 13 th	10:00am	Communion by Extension
Sunday 17 th		Second before Advent
	8:15am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Choral Matins
Wednesday 20 th	10:00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24 th		Christ the King
	8:15am	BCP Holy Communion
	11:00am	Choral Eucharist
	6:30pm	Sung Compline
Wednesday 27 th	10:00am	Communion by Extension
Sunday 1 st Dec		Advent Sunday
	8:15am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Team Service at St John's Bridgetown <i>(to say farewell to Rev Canon Deborah Parsons)</i>
	6:30pm	Advent Carol service (bring a torch!)

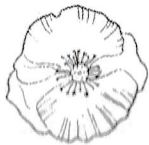


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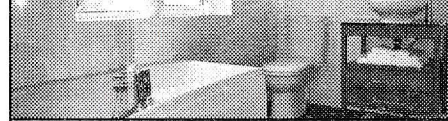
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Sunday 10th November

The Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance will be held in the Church at 11.00am. If you intend to come to this please be there by 10.55am so the silence can start promptly. The Standard will be present and also the Uniformed Organisations Standards who are taking part this year. We will follow the usual Service with participation from the various organisations. Tony our trumpeter will be in attendance. The Uniform Organisations plus the British Legion will muster outside the Church prior to the Service. At the end of the Service we will proceed behind the Standard and lay the wreaths at the War Memorial.
(Please also see page 11) *Robert Stewart-Bam*



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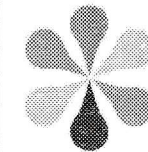
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Between **Friday 6th December and Friday 20th December** you simply drop the Christmas cards for your friends and family in the village into the Christmas Card Box at Stoke Gabriel Stores (NOT the Post Box outside!), enclosing with them your donation for the Children's Society in a separate envelope and we'll deliver them for you. The deliveries will be made in 2 tranches. To assist us, please ensure that the name and address of the recipient is written clearly on all your cards.

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The Village Hall Trustees are indebted to Robert Stewart – Bam, who generously arranged for a legacy from his late brother Alex, to enable this work to take place.

AGM. Wednesday 13th Nov. 2024 at 7pm in the Hall. The AGM is OPEN TO ALL.

The Hall is one of our village assets. It is well maintained, well supplied for all occasions and has a modern AV system, all run by a small management committee for the village at reasonable rates. The aim has always been to cover costs not to make a profit.

All are welcome to attend the AGM, we look forward to seeing you there!

Evelyn Watson. (Sec.)



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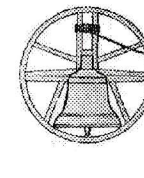
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Bellringing News



Church Clock

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Ringling for Remembrance Sunday – 10 November

The National Service of Remembrance, held at The Cenotaph in Whitehall, honours all who have served and sacrificed. British and Commonwealth soldiers, sailors, airmen and women, along with emergency services and civilians, are remembered to ensure that no one is forgotten.

On Sunday, 10 November, we plan to ring from 10:00 to 10:50 ahead of the 10:55 Remembrance Sunday service. The National Service of Remembrance will also take place at the Cenotaph in London, starting at 11:00. It will commemorate the contributions of British and Commonwealth servicemen and women, both military and civilian, from the two world wars and later conflicts.

The public can watch the ceremony from the pavements along Whitehall and Parliament Street (though entry may be limited if the area becomes full). You can also watch the service on BBC, Sky, or ITV.

Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to honour those who have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

Ringling on the Six Bells at Kingswear

Our ringers have been busy ringing the six bells at Kingswear. Originally, there were three bells, but they have been augmented to a peal of six. The new treble is the Peace Bell, appropriately introduced in time for Remembrance Sunday. This bell was generously funded by Gary Lewis in memory of his father, who was an evacuee to Kingswear from London. The second bell commemorates the Coronation of King Charles III, and the third celebrates Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.

You can watch a 10-minute moving YouTube clip relating to the background of raising funds for the bells and the journey of the bells to Kingswear.

(Do watch this, it's wonderful! Brought tears to my eyes! – Ed)

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Bell Ringing news, continued

Devon Association of Ringers AGM 2024

This year's AGM will be held on Saturday, 9 November at the Jubilee Hall in Chagford, starting at 4 pm. Several important matters will be discussed for approval by affiliated towers including marking the Association's 100th anniversary in 2025.

Stoke Gabriel Bell Ringers' AGM

Our ringers' AGM is usually held in November to elect officers for the coming year and to discuss various matters, such as organising a Christmas dinner in January (to avoid the busy holiday period) and planning group outings. To encourage attendance, the meeting is held on a practice night, and we aim to keep it brief so ringing can follow.

Devon Bellringers' Carol Service – Crediton, 14 December, 4pm

The traditional carol service with a difference will take place at Crediton Church on 14 December at 4 pm, with ringing available from 3 pm and after the service. Everyone is welcome—ringers, friends, and anyone curious about bellringing. The service typically features music, an orchestra, a choir, and handbell performances, all organised by bellringers. Do come along and let me know your thoughts on the service!

Devon Young Ringers (Under 18s) Meet Monthly

This group is for young ringers under 18 who want to meet other young ringers in Devon. Practices are held monthly at St Michael and All Angels, Pinhoe, on the second Sunday of the month from 2 pm to 4 pm. All abilities are welcome, including method ringers and Devon Call Change Ringers. Please contact Elena Brake at: yrcoordinator@devonringers.org.uk.

Events and Competitions for 2024

- 2 Nov – Tawstock Competition and at Bishops Tawton (6)
- 9 Nov – Devon Association of Ringers AGM at Chagford from 4 pm
- 10 Nov – Remembrance Sunday ringing from 10 am
- 14 Dec – Devon Ringers' Carol Service at Crediton Parish Church, 4 pm

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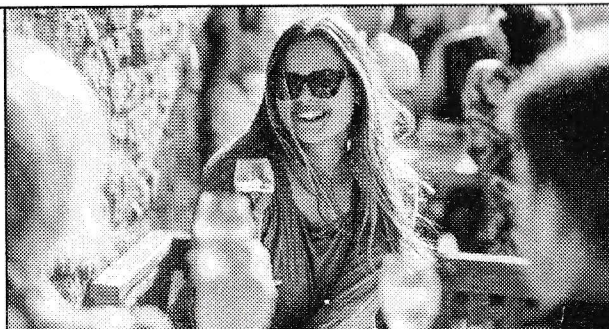
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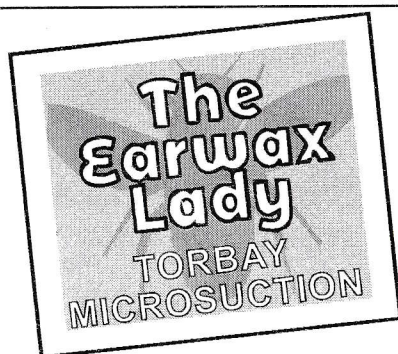
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We also focussed on our upcoming Christmas Fayre to be held on 30th November, in the Village hall. Members of the WI, plus others who wish to, will run stalls with Christmas in mind. Stalls will include produce, crafts, a bottle stall a raffle and much more, including refreshments. Please come along and support us.

Competitions

These were poorly supported this month, with only 1 entry for each category. Chris Potham won the bloom competition with her nerine and Shirley Elmer the general one, which this month was a carved pumpkin.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th November, but at the earlier time of 2pm. We are trialling the afternoon meetings over this winter, to see if it suits our members better. It will be a crafting afternoon with Jackie Bufton showing us Iris folding. The competition is a handmade Christmas card.

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28/9/24: Lucy Hall and Hannah Healey £75 each - (Winning number 12)

5/10/24 Garry Drew £75 and Rollover - (Winning number 19)

12/10/24: Kris Chapman £75 and Rollover - (Winning number 37)

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tim@stokeandtorbaypolicefc.com with any times you would be available to help.

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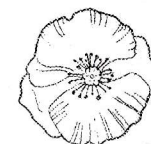
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Book of Remembrance for the Service Men and Women of Stoke Gabriel



This year Remembrance Sunday will mark the first anniversary of the project team set up after last year's service to try and identify all those from the Parish who served in WW1 & 2, and subsequent wars, yet were not recorded on the village War Memorial. Many villagers served in the wars were lucky enough to return fit but other were not so fortunate and came back injured or permanently scarred by the horrors of war.

The Book will record the bravery of all who have resided in the Parish so that their sacrifice is not forgotten.

Mike Stott and his team have so far identified 155 names for inclusion in the Book. A summary of their service has also been recorded, where they served and more tragically where and when they died, and also of their place of residence and occupation.

If anyone in the Parish believes they have relatives who should be included in the Book, then please come forward and contact Mike so that their details can be recorded. The relevant contact details are: mike.j.stott@icloud.com

The aim is to try and close all the entries by early next year so that a professional calligrapher can enter the names by hand onto sheets to be bound in the final Book. This is a very time-consuming process but we hope to have the book completed and ready for dedication next year, a year which marks the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2 in Europe.

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Stoke Gabriel Art Group

The beautiful palette of Autumn colour brings us into November and gives inspiration at our Thursday morning sessions. From 9am until 12noon we sketch, paint, doodle, flick, splash, collage and chat our way through the mornings! You are very welcome to pop in any time just to see what's going on, and maybe, just maybe, feel inspired to join us.

On November 5th at 7.30 pm we have our monthly demonstration with Belinda Reynolds, a contemporary landscape artist who will paint a Treescape for us. You are most welcome to join us..£3 for non-members and £2 for members which includes unlimited refreshments.

Our members look forward to our eat, drink and be merry **Social Evening** on **November 16th** with fun quiz, an Art competition with Autumn theme, laughter, conversation and start getting us into the (dare I say) Christmas spirit!

On Tuesday December 3rd we welcome Allan Shaw to the Village Hall, who we have seen previously produce the most amazing Animal portraits. This time he'll be painting an unsuspecting audience member in Oils!

We'll have our final Thursday morning session of 2024 on December 19th finishing off the morning with festive nibbles.

Please look out for Stoke Gabriel Art Group on Facebook, many artists have their work displayed, some of which is for sale. If there are any works on there you would like to know more about you can send a private message.

Please feel free to contact me with regard to any details regarding the Art group.

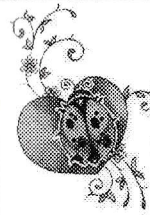
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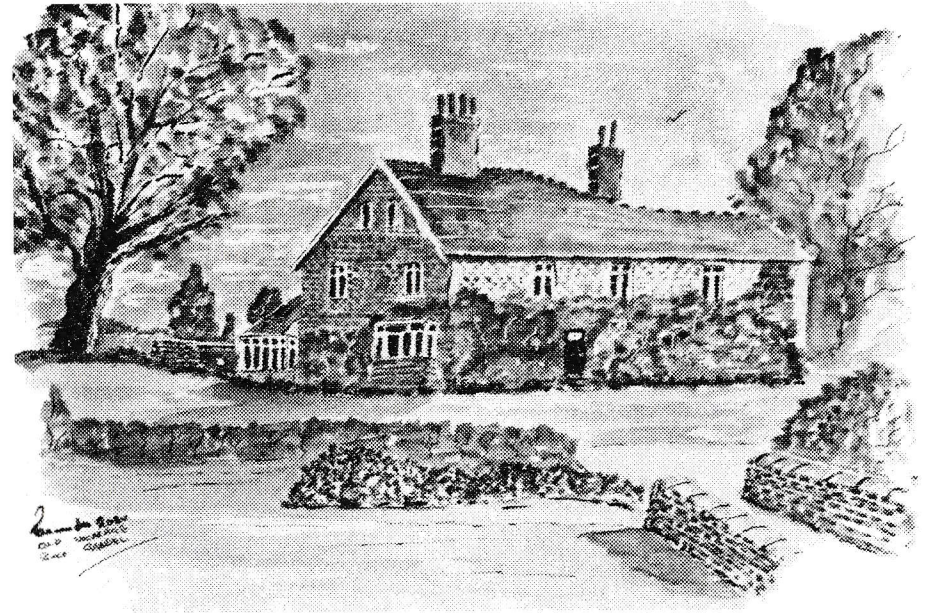
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Another extract from Ray Hifle's illustrated book about the village:



The Old Vicarage

From the earliest times Stoke Gabriel was provided with a vicarage in which the parish Priest would reside. The original building has long since gone, but it was known to be located adjacent to the churchyard, probably on the north side: an inference that can be drawn from the litigation between the priest (Revd Daniel Getsius) and the Church wardens in the early 17th century as to whether the garden of the vicarage encroached on the churchyard, in the absence of a boundary wall at the time. In another lawsuit at about the same time, there was a successful challenge that the vicarage was part of the manorial estate acquired by the Earl of Pembroke from the Bishop of Exeter pursuant to the order of Henry VIII. As a result, for the next 250 years the parish had no vicarage, obliging the parish priests to use rented accommodation, including Rosemount and The Castle. Towards the end of the 19th century, however, the Diocese agreed to build a new vicarage and the then parish priest, Rev'd John Henry Napper Neville, moved into his new residence in what became known as Vicarage Road. The vicar was a tall handsome man and there were several spinsters in the area who were much attracted to him. One such lady was Miss Durant of Sharpham House, who reportedly installed a special window to enable her to gaze across the Dart in his direction. However, this was to no avail. Thereafter the vicarage was occupied by a succession of priests until the present, purpose-built and more central vicarage in School Hill was built in the 1960s, and the Old Vicarage was acquired by the Gillmore family.

Stoke Gabriel Cricket Club



We are now well into autumn but the club are looking well ahead to next season. Ground and facilities maintenance and preparation are an ongoing task throughout the autumn and winter. Looking back at the season gone, the club are holding their awards evening on Friday 22nd November at Dainton Golf Club. If anyone would like to attend then please contact Jack Tolley or

look out for our social media posts. It promises to be a great evening.

SGCC Juniors We have formed a junior side (under 13) to play hard ball cricket in the Devon youth league. This will be a progression for our Dynamos but is also open to anyone else who would like to come along. The side will be entering the Devon youth league next season and the club will be looking to launch more age group sides next season. For more info contact Jack or Jason.

Winter training The club will be looking to book winter nets sessions which will be open to senior, women's and junior players. More information to follow.

Social and Events Monday night indoor bowls will be running through the autumn and winter at the club. Contact Tony Rowe for more details.

Our Social membership is a great way to support your local club. Membership is just £10 for the year. Come along and sign up at one of our social events or email the club secretary. Thank you everybody who has supported the club over this season with memberships, volunteering, attending events or watching games. It has been great to have so many of you up at the club.

The club has also launched a 100 club draw, with a chance to win cash prizes each month. Sign up at the club or online <https://stokegabrielcricketclub.co.uk/100-club/>

For general club hire for parties etc please contact Tom or Tony, they will be very happy to speak to you.

Matt Kerr

Dates for the diary -

17th November - Sunday lunch; 22nd November - Awards night at Dainton
8th December - Christmas luncheon: Please contact Tom for booking a place.

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Tony Rowe (President) tonydrowe47@gmail.com

Club Secretary stokegabrielcc.secretary@outlook.com

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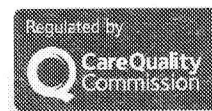
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The Gabriel Court was originally known as Hill House. The site was for over 450 years the home of the local squires, the Churchward family, and in that time has played a small part in the events of national significance. William of Orange reputedly spent his first night in England at Hill House after landing at Brixham in 1688. In an earlier age Sir Walter Raleigh's navigator, John Davis, on the first night of his return from America, did "retire to Hill House to partake of the tobacco plant", one of the first occasions that tobacco was smoked in England. The building was substantially altered in the 1540s, but was little changed when the house was completely remodelled and a new façade added. The last Churchward family left in the early 1920s whereupon Hill House became a hotel. Restored and converted, and operating as the Gabriel Court Hotel, it became a much-loved centre of village life, It now enters a new phase of its history as part of Gabriel Court housing development.

Thanks to Ray for two more extracts from his excellent book about the village, illustrated with his watercolour paintings (have you got your copy?)

Do watch the youtube film about the bells travelling from John Taylor's bellfoundry at Loughborough to Kingswear (see page 5.) The story of the evacuee reminded me of being put on a train at Bristol, aged 10, and sent to stay with my aunt at Kingswear. In those pre-Beeching days the steam train went from Bristol to Kingswear with no changes! That moment when the train puffs out of the Greenway tunnel and the Dart comes into view – magical.

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Georgina Foss, Editor



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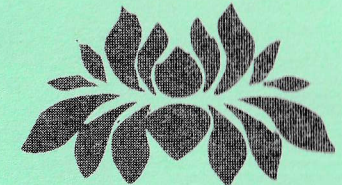
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