

# CONTACT

News & Views from  
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## SEPTEMBER 2007

<b>SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion - Rev Rog
	12:30pm	<b>COMMUNITY LUNCH - Lower Deck Hall</b>
	6:00pm	Salvation Army Meeting - Col Joan
<b>SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am	Worship - Rev Rog
		Church Members' meeting - NB change of date!
	6:00pm	Salvation Army Meeting - Col Joan
<b>SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am	September Songs of Praise - Garth & Liz Sanders.
	6:00pm	Salvation Army Meeting - Col Joan.
<b>SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		<b>A HARVEST FOR OPERATION SUNSHINE</b>
		10:00am & 6:00pm United URC/SA services.
	12 noon	<b>HARVEST LUNCH in the Lower Deck Hall</b>
<b>SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00am	Worship - Revd Mrs Phyllis Ball.
	6:00pm	Salvation Army Meeting - Col Joan.



On Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> 3 new members were officially welcomed into the fellowship of Tavistock URC. First, Rev Rog baptised Mrs Pam Dixon and all the congregation renewed their own baptismal vows. Then Pam and Peter Dixon and Mrs Anne Snook were received into membership of the United Reformed Church.

We pray that God will bless them .



# FUND RAISER

Here is an update of money raised over the summer months!

June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Market Stall - £65	
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	TASS Charity market stall - £6.80 and over 200 signatures of support.	
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Strawberry Tea @ Pearl's - £250.29p	
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sankey Evening - £197.05p	
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Market Stall - £60.60p	
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	URC District Dinner profit - £81	
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Auction - £576.42p	
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch @ Mike and Sue Silcox - £ 165	
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Brunel Harmony Chorus - £82	
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Market Stall -£82	
	Computer Courses to date - £1000	Totalling: £2566.16p

We have also received donations from the following:

Viscount Amory Trust : £1000	
Mansbridge & Balment : £150	
Tavistock Duplicate Bridge Club : £200	
Ganges Indian Restaurant : £50	
Tavistock Rotary Club : £100	Totalling : £1500

**A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR ORGANISING AND SUPPORTING THE ABOVE EVENTS. YOUR TIME AND EFFORTS ARE MUCH APPRECIATED.**

Ideas for future events welcome!!!!

THE TOTAL AMOUNT IN THE ROOF FUND IS.....  
(not counting the £16,000 grant from Synod!!).

**£ 10,491.44p**

# SPOT-LIGHT ON...

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TAVISTOCK U.R.C.

As a Church we are privileged not only to have a good location in the town but also a building that has been refurbished to suit the needs of the community. It is also a privilege to be able to share our building with groups looking for premises to hold their activities. This is all made possible thanks

to the dedication of its members who clean and care for the building week by week. **THANK YOU!** The majority of people who ring to enquire about hiring the premises have been recommended us by others. There is a copy of days and times of our regular hirers on the vestry and hall noticeboards and the calendar in the vestry gives an idea of what is on each week - but it is wise to double check with Sue as things get added or cancelled at short notice! A few recent updates are as follows -

At the end of the summer term, we said goodbye to FOOTsteps school of dancing. Gary & Mandy Williams are amalgamating their two groups from Tavistock and Princetown to form a new group in Yelverton. . Mrs Caroline Secombe (Bodywise yoga) has now moved to Truro but her classes are being taken over by Mrs Kirsten Tatum.



In July we welcomed the Millennium Bridge Club from Harewood House. They meet every Thursday evening from 7pm using the hall and kitchen. We are also offering temporary accommodation to a support group while their current premises are undergoing refurbishment.

From September a new hire is a fun group for pre school children to learn a new language - called "Lingoweenies" They will meet term time on a Wednesday morning - led by Manuela Sonnentag. Also in September is a new series of 6 week computer courses led by Mrs Janet Mashford . These will be held in the church all day on Mondays and Tuesdays and on a Wednesday morning.

In October we welcome back the South Devon Carers Consortium (NHS) who are holding another 8 week course for carers starting on Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 - 3:30pm. This time they will be using the church and vestry.

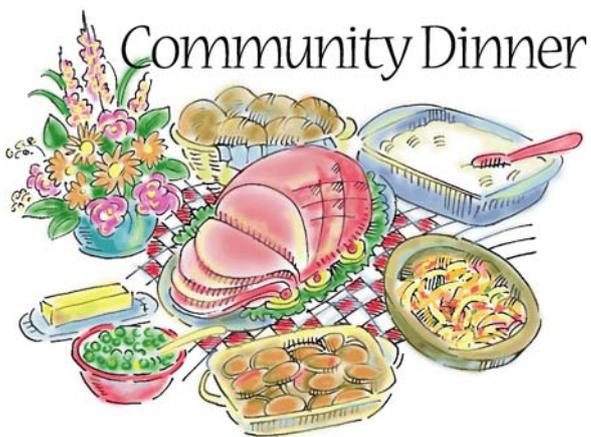
**Would church cleaners and flower arrangers please take note of the additional use of the Church when planning to come in and avoid any disturbance. Thank you.**

Also in October, Cards for Good Causes will be setting up "shop" in the Meeting Room from October 16<sup>th</sup> - December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Any queries about the use of the URC premises, please contact Sue Cornish Tel 614613 or email [suzannecornish@breathe.com](mailto:suzannecornish@breathe.com) Thank you.



**CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES**  
....caring at Christmas with Charity Cards



## Community Dinner

Tavistock URC and Salvation Army Corps

**COMMUNITY LUNCH**  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
at 12:30pm  
in the Lower Deck Hall

If you live alone and would enjoy a home-cooked meal in the company of others you would be most welcome to join us!

Menu: Roast Chicken; potatoes; vegetables. Peach Melba/ fresh fruit salad. £3.

Please telephone Col Joan Williams - 01822 617740 to book your place!



## **A HARVEST FOR OPERATION SUNSHINE**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**United URC/SA services at 10:00am and 6:00pm .**



Please bring flowers and foliage to decorate the Church on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and a gift for the people of Africa - soap, toothpaste / brushes , disinfectant, towels, bedding, candles, walking sticks, tools (gardening, carpentry, screws/ nails etc) ,

stationery, kitchen equipment :pots, pans, utensils etc

Not forgetting all your knitted jumpers and blankets!!

Following the Sunday morning service there will be a **HARVEST LUNCH** hosted by John & Judy Morton.

This will be a cold lunch followed by a sweet and tea/coffee.  
Please sign the list in the vestry if you wish to come. Cost £5.

## Weekly Activities in the Church

**Tuesdays** at 7:30pm - 9:00pm : Film Night!

**Wednesdays** at 2:30pm - 4:00pm : Midweek Fellowship

**Thursdays** at 8:30am : Morning Prayers

**Fridays** from 10:00am - 2:00pm : Lower Deck Internet Café.

Don't forget that **"CONTACT"** is now available online!!



The popular Tuesday night series of films starts again on **September 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30pm .

Admission is FREE but donations are welcome to help cover costs of films - as are any refreshments you may like to bring to share!!  
Tea/Coffee provided!

The Wednesday afternoon study groups recommence on **September 26<sup>th</sup>** at 2:30pm in the Church.

The Bible is the world's number 1 best seller - but it looks like a big book, feels like an old book, and - to many people - it remains a closed book. This new series of studies, which includes a dvd presentation each week, serves as a companion to the Bible and is made up of 60 studies divided into 10 main sections. The book to accompany this series is £10.00 - but will last for quite a while ! - and can be paid for in installments if you find that easier. (See Rev Rog for details.)

The course will be led by Mrs Jean Catton and all are welcome!



New Study Groups Begin



## WANTED!!!

### Cooks for the Lower Deck Café!

[Too many will not be a problem!!!!]

If you can offer to join a rota to cook on a Friday you will be an answer to our prayers!!

Please phone Rev Rog on 614613 or  
Mrs Isobel Houldin on 618448 .

**THANK YOU!**

The **Link Romania Family Shoebox Appeal** has been in existence since 1992. It's a really simple idea and anyone in the UK can pack up a shoebox to send as a Christmas gift to a desperately poor family in Eastern Europe. Over the years, 300,000 shoeboxes have been sent to over 80 different locations.



These boxes are given to poor families many of whom do not have running water, heating or electricity. They live in terrible conditions and struggle to survive. No one is interested in them and we want to show we love and care for them. One way is to wade through the mud to their 'houses' and give them a shoebox at Christmas. Shoeboxes are taken by horse and cart, often in snow and on the mud roads that are still very much a feature of the countryside! We cannot explain to you how much they are appreciated.

**We do emphasise that our Shoeboxes are for a family.** The need is just as great whether aged 8 or 80. The families that we give shoeboxes to generally live in one or two rooms together in the same house - Parents, children, grandparents and sometimes aunt, uncles and cousins too so we

want each member of the family to have a gift not only the children.

#### **It's Not Us!**

You may have seen some negative press about certain other shoebox appeals and we would like to assure you that we are an entirely separate organisation, with our own printed material, nationwide network of collectors, etc.

We **DO NOT** employ professional fund-raisers with a hard-sell approach to the appeal. Although we are a Christian organisation we do not add any Christian (or other) literature to the Shoeboxes. We do not distribute Shoeboxes according to the recipient's ethnic origin or faith, only their need.



# Fill a shoebox full of smiles

If you would like to fill a shoebox, please take a leaflet from the back of the Church which explains how to do it and ideas of things to put in it! The boxes have to be ready for sending off by the beginning of November - so they will get to Romania in time for Christmas!

If you need any more information - or there are no more leaflets left - please see Liz Sanders.

Visit the website [www.linkromania.co.uk](http://www.linkromania.co.uk)

# GOOSE FAIR

Yes - the goose returns!! The date of the Fair is **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Please note that certain car parks and roads will be closed off from Tuesday evening !!!

Planning has started for the Big Day with the first meeting held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far - still room for plenty more - it does not commit you for the whole day!

Meanwhile, please think about what YOU can do to help:

\*\*\*\* **Donations in kind:** eg soup- any variety as long as it is vegetable based - no meat; cakes, scones, fruit pies etc.

- but please check to see exactly what is needed before buying or making  
and sign the list so we know what to expect!!

Items to be brought on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October between 10:30am and 12 noon please or EARLY on the Wednesday morning!

\*\*\*\* **Cash donations** are always welcome to buy extras - to Revd Phyllis by Sept 30<sup>th</sup> please.

\*\*\*\* **Your presence on the day** - to help - a variety of job opportunities is available!  
People will also be needed to set up beforehand and clear up afterwards.

The church and hall has been cleared of all hirers on the Tuesday .

\*\*\*\* **Don't forget bric-a-brac!** Items need to be in a good clean condition - see Anne Snook.

\*\*\*\* **Your prayers are most important** - for the preparation, the day itself, the helpers and customers and not just for a successful financial outcome,  
but for a time of good fellowship and sharing the love of Christ .



The next meeting will be on  
**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
from 2pm - 4pm in the  
Church but updated  
information will be posted on  
the vestry noticeboard.

Thank you.

Revd Phyllis.

