



Didn't we all do well? Up and down our county of Cornwall churches led the way on 19<sup>th</sup> May offering free cream teas to members of their communities.

It is known that collectively, we served many thousands of cream teas. As Rev Doreen says, "There's no straight comparison - the previous record was a one venue event with about 350 served. Obviously we knocked that into a top hat - at least three venues individually topped the thousand mark.

But Guinness Book of records won't accept it because we didn't film each one from beginning to end (or pay for adjudicators to attend each event - which we only heard about in the last week). But didn't we all have a good time."



Bishop Tim and Rev Steve holding the kindled flame from the lit beacon at Chapel Carn Brea



The three 'More Than Gold' prayer batons were filled with Cornish prayers, written by students from both Primary and Secondary schools and from Churches Together Groups. From Chapel Carn Brea the three batons

travelled up to Plymouth where the prayers were read out and Plymouth prayers loaded into the baton. Then onto Exeter and Taunton, going forward to 70 venues throughout the UK, each community praying for the other. Similarly with the kindled lit candles from the Chapel Carn Brea beacon lit on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, each of twelve lanterns, one for each deanery, available for all churches to receive a light from, symbolising the Celtic Missionaries bringing the Christian faith into Cornwall.

**NEWS FROM**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN THE LAUNCESTON AREA**

Please come to our stand at Launceston Agricultural Show all day on Thursday 26th July serving tea, coffee, fruit juice and biscuits to the public and including bookstall run by Launceston Christian Bookshop.

Delivery of Christmas cards sponsored by Launceston Churches and arranged by the committee. The cards are delivered to about 5000 homes in Launceston, Tregadillett and Lawhitton by volunteers from every church.

We shall probably be arranging study courses during Advent and Lent this year and next year to take place on church premises or in course leaders' homes.

We have four committee meetings a year in various church halls or offices, attended by up to 16 committee members. We are arranging for the printing of an information leaflet giving details of church services etc. and other local facilities, which will be delivered to houses and residential homes in the area by volunteers from the various churches.

## NEWS FROM CTE

Work is being done through CTE to revise a model constitution for Churches Together Groups and this should be available in the summer. It is hoped that this will include a number of different options to take account of the different sizes of CT groups. There is also a proposal to look at the ways in which non-CT ecumenical (those normally entitled Love for..., Hope in... etc) are constituted in order to see what lessons can be learnt from them.

One key area of work being accessed is the production of national guidelines for the sharing of church buildings by Pentecostal and other groups not currently covered by the Sharing of Church Buildings Act.

It is good to celebrate that the ecumenical net continues to widen. Elim and the Free Church of England have both recently joined CTE, and it is likely that the Pioneer Network, Ground Level Network and Assemblies of God will soon be brought into full membership.

In addition, both the Church of the Nazarene and Mar Thoma Church have been gazetted under the Sharing of Church Buildings Act, thus allowing them to enter into Sharing Agreements with other Churches covered by the Act.

Lee Batson

I would be grateful to receive any information about what your Churches Together Group is up to regarding activities, programme and services. Do please send to:- David H Smith – CTC Missioner Chyreene Warra, Rosehill, Marazion, TR17 0HB or send to: [ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk)

Your joint activities, services and programmes can then be uploaded and advertised as part of the Churches Together in Cornwall website :-

[www.churchestogetherincornwall.org.uk](http://www.churchestogetherincornwall.org.uk)

## OUR QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Up and down Cornwall, at the Big Lunch or at various street parties, Churches Together groups were busy bringing communities together to celebrate in this very special British way – truly enjoyed by all participants.



MILAN (CNS) -- As tens of thousands of families from all over the world gathered for the World Meeting of Families, Pope Benedict XVI urged them to use their Christian values and strengths to help bring peace, joy and solidarity to everyone in their lives.



"It is within a family that one experiences for the first time how the human person was not created to live closed up in himself, but in relationship with others," the pope said as he appealed for continued help for those affected by two deadly earthquakes in northern Italy.

While the May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 3<sup>rd</sup> world meeting centred on the joy and celebration of families living their faith, the pope said it was impossible to not remember all those who were suffering in the world as he called for greater solidarity.

The pope arrived by plane from Rome June 1 to jubilant crowds who lined the streets from the airport to a packed square in front of the soaring spires of Milan's Gothic cathedral.

The pope emphasized the love and concern he held in his heart for all those in difficulty, those who feel isolated, the unemployed, the sick, prisoners, the homeless and those living in conditions that strip them of their dignity.

He praised the church for coming to the aid of those in need, especially during a time of continued economic crisis, and he thanked everyone for helping those hit by two earthquakes near Bologna May 20 and 29. The total toll was estimated to be at least 24 people dead, hundreds injured and thousands made homeless.

He said it was hard to fully celebrate knowing there were so many people suffering from the recent quakes, but he said he hoped the music and lyrics would inspire everyone to turn that suffering into love and concrete solidarity.

The family is the first place people become aware that the world does not revolve around just themselves, he said. It's in the family one learns that the driving force is not egoism, but self-giving, and "it is in the family that the light of peace begins to light up in the heart," a light that is meant to radiate out into the world. Bringing Christian values to life is urgent, he said in his earlier speech to the city of Milan.

Faith in Jesus Christ must be alive and witnessed in everyday life -- both personal and social, public and private, he said -- so as to create a society that is stable and dedicated to the true well-being of people.

The city's Christian roots must spread forth and not be isolated from others, bringing hope and life to all of Italy and Europe, he said.

Secular society and people of faith are called to work together for the public good, he added.

## GWENNAP PIT 2012

Left: President of the Methodist Conference Revd Leo Osborn addressing the 760 Christians from all over Cornwall.

Below Leo, the St Ives Gospel Praise Male Voice Choir who were in attendance.

This year the weather was perfect for our Churches Together Pentecost service celebrating the birthday of the worldwide church was offered and we all witnessed the 'great noise'.

We still have work to do – to completely fill Gwennap Pit. With encouragement given to other churches to join us, next year we might just fill the Pit.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013**



To the delight of many children, and a few adults, Revd Steve (above) produced one of his frogs

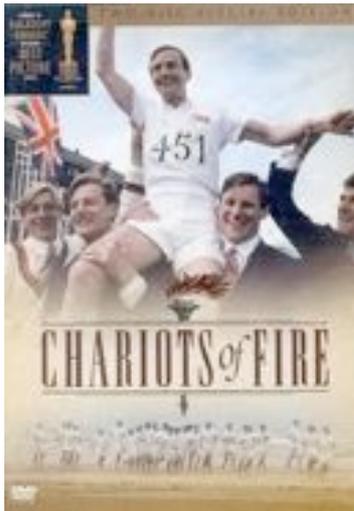


**CORNWALL CHURCH LEADERS MEETING WITH DENOMINATIONAL ECUMENICAL OFFICERS** at Trethorne Leisure Park, Launceston on 12<sup>th</sup> May. An important full one day conference at which Christian Leaders met together to pray and discuss future elements of unity; how the ecumenical work in Cornwall can continue to become ever more relevant and effective to all.

Present were: CTC Chairman Revd Steve Wild (Methodist) Revd Grosch Miller (URC) Bishop Tim (Anglican) Revd Jez Brown (Baptist) Fr Brian Stevens (for Bishop Christopher Budd) Major John Harris (Salvation Army) Revd Peter Willis Father Benedict Ramsden (Russian Orthodox) Tony Fitt (Quakers) Revd John Bradley (CTE- Churches Together in England)

DEOs: Revd Margaret Barnes (Methodist) Revd Andrew Shute (Roman Catholic) Lesley Chandler (Quaker) Revd David Pountain, Revd Elizabeth Foot (Angican) Revd Colin Biggs (URC) David H Smith (CTC Missioner)

## CHARIOTS OF FIRE



The forthcoming London Olympics serves as a reminder for this splendid Oscar winning film, originally released in cinemas in 1981, which has now been restored and will be re-released on 13<sup>th</sup> July. No doubt it will have a TV showing in due course.

It is the true story of Eric Liddell (portrayed by Ian Charleson), a 22 year old, devout Christian and Scottish student from Edinburgh, and the film concentrates on his participation in the 1924 Paris Olympic Games.

In her book, 'The Flying Scotsman', a biography of Eric Liddell (published 1981), the Author, Sally Magnusson, asked, 'Why is it Eric Liddell, who nearly 40 years after his death (he died in 1945) inspired a film about his part in those remarkable Olympic Games?'

'The answer of course is because he refused to run on a Sunday, he captured the imagination of millions of people by tossing away his chance of a gold medal in the 100metres, the race he was favourite to win, because his Christian Faith mattered more.'

'When he unexpectedly won the 400 metres instead, in 47.6 seconds, the country was at his feet.' In 1925, having gained degrees in Science and Divinity, he went to China to work as a Scottish Congregational Missionary.

During World War II, he was interned by the Japanese and not long before the end of the War, he died of a brain tumour.

It has been said that Eric Liddell was not running to win a gold medal, but to win for the glory of God. His courage to stand and be counted for his faith remains a shining example to all Christians.

Written by Arthur Bennett.

## Eve of Cornwall Show Service



This year, Lady Carew Pole, Royal Cornwall Show President, welcomed all to the Eve of show service.

The preacher was the Chairman of Churches Together in Cornwall, Revd Steve Wild who managed to evade queues of traffic to arrive just in time to give a resounding message. Bishop Tim commissioned fifteen or so Show Chaplains to support and pray for those who might be in need as they participate or visit the show.

The Bodmin and Trigg Minor Deanery Choir sang two pieces. The Minver Silver Band played their heart's out completing the service with "Trelawney."



Above shows Lisbeth Davey surrounded by two long standing volunteers and friends. Lisbeth was sincerely thanked by all Churches Together representatives for her commitment and dedication to the Churches Together Tent having completed 28 years of wonderful service.

