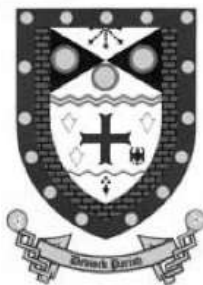


NUT TREE

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Nature Notes

The elegant Grey Heron patrols the shallow, wide pool, prodding its powerful, dagger-shaped bill into the water. This is a regular haunt and at this early hour there is little to disturb it. I stop to admire its presence then give it a wide berth. There are a couple of Moorhen, far fewer than the number I would expect to encounter in winter. The Mallards are almost all males, since the females are nesting locally in secret. Leaving the wetland, I take the narrow road that soon gives way to a path leading into a small woodland. It cloaks one side of the valley and it is like entering a different world. Leaves are emerging from the trees above, so the canopy is still incomplete. Yet it is the vivid colour of the woodland floor that grasps my attention. Carpets of Wild Garlic just manage to emit their distinctive scent. They compete for space with Bluebell, Primrose, Greater Stitchwort and Lesser Celandine, though the intensity of the yellow flowers of the latter is now fading. It is a cool morning and the sun struggles to penetrate the blanket of thin, grey cloud, but I am simply pleased to be outside, enjoying a few hours in a short sequence of rainless days.

There is plenty of bird song and calls and I choose to stand at one location and attempt to identify the owners of the sounds. A nearby Song Thrush produces its distinctive range of repetitive notes, whilst a passing Raven croaks high overhead. At a lower level there is the loud, angry outburst from a Wren, one of the loudest songs in the avian world. In contrast, the soothing, flowing song of a Blackcap, competes for my attention. Its notes rise and fall in a beautiful, musical sequence, perhaps the finest song in the wood at present. Then follows the scolding, dismissive yaffle of a Green Woodpecker and the loud drumming of its relative, the Great Spotted. A Chaffinch chinks monotonously and a Coal Tit sings its rapid series of double notes, similar to

that of the larger Great Tit but faster. Several barks come from Pheasants spread across the valley. I add the familiar songs of Blue Tit, Robin, Goldcrest and Wood Pigeon to the list and realize that I have scarcely seen any individual birds. With no wind or rustling of branches and leaves, the soothing flow of the stream adds an extra dimension to the collective sound.

I retrace my steps and leave the wood, whereupon the sound of local gulls and corvids replace the earlier soundscape. There are now breaks in the cloud. The Heron has departed to be replaced by a pair of Canada Geese that honk occasionally. They turn up here every spring, perhaps with the hope of breeding, but do not stay for long. Privacy for such a large bird is still unavailable here. I pass a couple eating breakfast after their walk. They pay particular attention to the inactivity of a road sweeper, whilst I reflect on my connection with the natural world!

Alan Payne

Deviocck Parish Council

There will be two meetings in May: Thursday 9th (Annual Meeting, 7.30pm) and Thursday 23rd (Planning Committee, 6.30pm). All meetings take place at The Zone, Dowederry Methodist Church. See Agendas for details prior to each meeting.

Devolution: Talks are progressing between the Parish Council and Cornwall Council regarding the devolution of assets in Seaton and Dowederry. Two meetings have taken place so far this year, with a third due to take place in the next month.

Community housing: Heads of Terms have been agreed for the land in Dowederry (see Minutes for further information). Deviocck Community Trust will be taking this forward to the next stage, which will be a viability report and an application for the next round of funding.

Dowederry toilets: Refurbishment work is due to start by the end of April.

Tree removal: The Parish Council has received a notice from Highways to fell an elm tree on Parish Council land at Seaton. A local tree surgeon will be removing the tree according to the required timescale provided by Cornwall Council.

Planning applications: To comment on a planning application on the Cornwall Council Planning site, search online for 'cornwall council planning applications'. You will need to log in to use the Planning site. Any comments posted on the site are viewed by the Parish Council's Planning Committee and Cornwall Council Planning Officers. See Agendas for applications due for discussion at the next Planning Committee meeting.

Forthcoming road closures around the parish: These can be found at <https://one.network/>. For any other Parish Council business and news, go to our website at: www.deviocckparish.org.uk/.

The Parish Clerk can be contacted Monday - Friday by email at clerk.deviockpc@btinternet.com. The Parish Office at the Vestry in Donderry is open to the public on the first and third Wednesday of the month (non-meeting weeks), 2pm-5pm (tel: 01503-250052).

Karen Pugh, Parish Clerk

Deviok Parish Council Loan Fund

The Council provides interest-free loans (up to £1,000) to local organisations for specific projects (subject to terms and conditions). Please contact the Clerk or one of the Councillors if your organisation thinks it could benefit from this service.

St Germans Parish Council

The May Council Meeting will be held in the Polbathic Village Hall on Monday 27th May, commencing at 18:30.

Jenny Hoskin

Looe East And Deviok Ward

I have been a councillor for 21 years and still love helping people each and every day but, in saying that, in May I enter my last year as a councillor. I will be standing down to take time with my family and planning a special visit to my son and grandchildren in Australia. Yet I always believe I could have done better, said more, or helped more as this is not a 40 hour week it's as many hours as needs to do the job. You can be called out to a fire, landslip, flooding, fallen tree or a family crisis at any time of the day or night. But in the main people are appreciative of what you do and a simple "thank you" is a great reward. As you sit and read this are you able to spare time to support your community and become a councillor, do a litter pick or just clean up your area? Being an active member of your community shows you care and the rewards are a better place to live. Deviok Parish Council works hard for the community making changes which make life better for the community and makes well considered decisions. If you need any help, please contact me on the numbers below or email me, I will do what I can to help. (Telephone 01503 264823 or 07398994834)

Cllr Armand Toms

Sir Walter Moyles' Almshouses, St Germans

Would you like to become one of our Trustees?

The Almshouses are run on a day to day basis by our Clerk, but overseen by a Board of Trustees. We meet quarterly to ensure that this invaluable local housing resource is meeting the needs of local people and that the historic and attractive building in the centre of the village is well maintained. We are seeking further Trustee(s) to join us - for an informal chat with our Clerk about what is involved, please contact the Clerk to the Trustees on 07811397392, weekdays only.

Briony Woods

Hessenford News

I can barely believe it has been a month since I last wrote the article for the Nut Tree. It seems to be a case of long days, short weeks at the moment. The wild garlic is flowering more now and has already made appearances on the dinner plate, leaving the taste buds revelling in a carousel of delight! The bluebells have carpeted the woodlands. Nature just seems to be doing its thing at the moment. My flip flops have edged their way out of the wardrobe and the knobbly knees have been exposed to the occasional ray of sunshine. At least I think that's what the big yellow thing in the sky is!! The smell of freshly cut grass wafts its way through the village from gardens and is a smell that invites nostalgic memories of previous summers, in order to remind us that better weather is coming, and we must be sure to enjoy every moment of it.

The village hall grass is starting to grow, and people will soon be out in the hall garden. I am sounding a rallying call, in order to ask for volunteers to carry on cutting it over the summer. We have a mower and provide the fuel. Could you spare a bit of time to help out on the mowing roster? It does not need to be regularly, but every bit of help would be appreciated, to keep the village looking as charming as it deserves to look. If you can help, please give Dave Moore a call on 01503 240756. Please feel free to add my name to the list, Dave.

There is not much else to report this month. The flower festival at St Anne's church is on from the 19th – 21st so I will be able to report back on how that went, in the next article. I hope it is a success and I look forward to hearing about it all. That readers, is that and just leaves me to say please keep doing the sun dances, get the BBQ prepared so it is ready to go at a moments notice and check in on those who you have not spoken to for a while.

James Parkinson

Quay Lane Surgery

A message from Dr Simon Fullalove:

I have been truly overwhelmed and humbled by the numerous retirement cards and the generosity of people with gifts and donations to my leaving presents. The messages expressed have really moved me.

I have had a wonderful working life in South East Cornwall over the past 30 years and consider myself very fortunate indeed to have been part of the Quay Lane Surgery medical practice. The demands on General Practice are constantly changing, but I have been lucky working throughout my time here in a fantastic and dedicated team of receptionists, dispensers, managers, nurses, doctors, community staff and the Patient Participation Group. It has been a real honour and great to work with such support, always focussed on trying to do our best for the local communities. Thank you all so very much.

Simon Fullalove

The Patient Participation Group

Dr Simon Fullalove's last official day with the practice was 11th April after taking some well-earned annual leave! After liaising with Simon's wife Amanda, the collection provided equipment for their campervan, garden furniture, a case of champagne, a Waitrose voucher and a couple of bottles of his favourite tippie. He was absolutely thrilled and totally overwhelmed by the generosity of his patients.

Simon made it very clear from the start, that he didn't want any fuss about his retirement, which was quite a challenge! As a result a small presentation was held in the practice staff room at lunch time. The staff had made a lovely buffet themselves for him and I went along to say a few words. I reminisced about an old practice bulletin I had found dated September 1995 which read.... 'Farewell to Dr Parrott and Welcome to Dr Fullalove'! I said that many patients remembered this time and how quickly he put them at their ease; that his dedication as a Doctor and kindness as a human being was remarkable and had been unflinching throughout. The collection showed an overwhelming wave of appreciation and good wishes, and the book of messages said everything that could possibly be said. On behalf of his patients I wished him a very Happy, Healthy well deserved retirement.

The PPG will be attending the Groups and Organisations Event in Donderry Village Hall on Saturday 11th May 2.00 - 5.00pm - please do come and say hello! Our fundraising team will be out again at the Craft Fair in Donderry Village Hall on Sunday 26th May. They had a wonderful day at the Eliot Hall Coffee Morning in St Germans last month and raised £93 to enhance care services and patient experience at both surgeries. Thank you so much for supporting our fundraising.

Claire Croft, Chair quaylaneppg@gmail.com

Practice News

It is with sadness that we said goodbye to Dr Simon Fullalove on his official last day at the practice on 11th April 2024. The practice team came together at lunchtime to wish him well as he goes into the next phase of his life.

We have all been flabbergasted by the number of cards, messages and donations from so many of his patients. Our Patient Participation Group have done a fantastic job collecting cards and messages and turning the donations into wonderful gifts chosen by Simon and his wife Amanda. The book of messages was truly amazing and something Simon can treasure forever. It was a pleasure to invite Claire Croft, PPG Chair, along to present the gifts to Simon on behalf of his patients on this day. We understand that patients were disappointed not to be involved and had no retirement party to attend, but this was Simon's wishes. He wanted minimal fuss and just wanted to be with his practice team on his last day. Please head to the practice Facebook page to view some of the gifts and book of messages presented to Simon on behalf of his patients. Happy retirement Simon from all the team at Quay Lane Surgery!

Debbie Todd, Practice Manager



This is my last contribution to Nut Tree as Chair of DaSRA. For the last six years, I have shared news and updates on issues of interest to residents of Downderry and Seaton. Through it all, a real sense of community prevails in our village. Inevitably there have been changes

resulting in new dynamics, and this is what makes involvement with DaSRA so interesting. We are always looking to make our village community stronger, or, to quote our Neighbourhood Watch campaign, to make it “A Better Place to Live.”

DaSRA is here to respond to change but also to retain what matters to residents. The real threat of losing the local post office back in 2016 motivated residents to donate to a Fund to subsidise its continuation until an outreach service took over in 2018. The Fund continues to grow thanks to regular donations from some residents, (see <https://www.dasra.co.uk/community-fund>), as does the Post Office service 1pm - 3pm every Tuesday and Friday at St Nics Church. The Community Fund, managed by DaSRA, gives an enviable resource, restricted to financing local initiatives that safeguard community assets. Just in the last few months support from the Fund has gone towards buying Downderry’s new community bus, and to paying the set-up costs to establish and register a community benefit society - the Downderry Community Shop Ltd - which is determined to retain a local shop in our village. It needs all our support.

Communication with, and between, residents is key to building a sense of community. DaSRA remains faithful to Nut Tree, in print form, with an army of volunteers hand-delivering to local houses. Our Facebook page and website complement Nut Tree, giving different levels of information about what is going on locally. They can also, of course, be up-to-the-minute. We email directly to some 350 households, in Downderry and Seaton, half of whom are subscribed members able to vote on the direction of DaSRA. Obviously we would like all households to be members - why would you not support the body that can best represent your interests as a resident? Please check membership details on www.dasra.co.uk

We are blessed with having several venues available to bring people together - The Village Hall, The Zone, St Nicolas Church, and of course two pubs, two restaurants and a cafe. Getting together, interacting, knowing our neighbours, all this gives us the best of opportunities to strengthen our community. All these venues are worth fighting for - to quote the Village Hall’s mantra – ‘*Use it or Lose it*’. This must be a priority over the coming months as we give support to the investment needed in the Village Hall, The Zone and the Shop.

Residents’ associations represent the interests of local residents, no more than in planning matters, and there have been several issues of concern in recent times.

DaSRA gets involved in issues that affect the wider community, not in an individual's application. On-going examples include a business operating in the centre of Donderry, which converted a single dwelling site into four holiday lets without planning permission. Cornwall Council refused retrospective permission and we continue to track the outcome of an appeal from the owner, which is currently with the regional Planning Inspectorate. The South Shore development off Keveral Gardens, Seaton, has long been a concern for local residents. This has been exacerbated by a visible lack of adherence to good constructors practice for well over two years. The company involved has applied for a Variation on the previously approved planning application but has constantly delayed the submission of revised plans for Cornwall Council to make a decision. DaSRA has worked closely with a group of local residents to campaign for a decision to be made, and with the active support of our County Cllr Armand Toms, we are now submitting a report to go directly to the Council Portfolio Holder for Planning. This an an example of how an active relationship with our Councillors - both parish and county - is of benefit to all.

After six years as Chair, it is time to hand over to my successor, Maura Swabey, our current Deputy Chair, who will bring her values and commitment to the role. I will enjoy working with her, and with the management team as I plan to remain for another year on DaSRA's Committee. www.dasra.co.uk

Laura Done, Chair, DaSRA: 01752 466313/ 07980 907410 info@dasra.co.uk.



In autumn 2023, Neighbourhood Watch received over 28,000 responses to our National Crime and Community Survey - an amazing number. Some of the key findings include... Antisocial behaviour (ASB) is the most feared and most experienced crime in the UK; 28% of Brits don't feel safe in their own homes. People from the South-west feel the safest. Over half of Brits who experience a crime didn't report it to

the police. For full details visit www.info@dasra.co.uk/neighbourhoodwatch.

In Donderry we have had a wave of antisocial behaviour over the last 12 months. In responding to incidents, we have also developed a strong relationship with the local Police Neighbourhood Team as well as learning valuable lessons about dealing with such behaviour. Very sadly one of those involved suffered a sudden death recently and we must offer our condolences to his family and friends. I feel we must keep in mind that a life lost is a child, parent, sibling, or friend.

On a positive note, the trees and hedging planted in partnership with our Parish Council and Forest for Cornwall are doing well in Tanver Yate field.

Nigel Jones, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. info@dasra.co.uk

Community Bus News

No doubt you are as confused as we are about the recent spate of road closures around our villages. Apologies for any inconvenience caused if you have been travelling on the Community Bus. We do our best to work our schedules around any road works, but obviously we can only do this when we have good information in advance!

A good place to look for the latest updates is the residents association's website www.dasra.co.uk and its Facebook page, but of course that is also dependent on receiving timely information from the contractors or Cornwall Council. The website also hosts a special page for the Community Bus with the latest information and the current timetable. Just click on the links.

With Spring in the air, and hopefully a spring in all our steps, there's lots going on to keep our wonderful new bus busy. On Friday May 3rd we are heading to Looe, departure time from Broads Yard at 11.30, for the service designed to give you a long, leisurely lunch-time visit. We return from Looe at 15.00.

We are then off to Tavistock on Friday May 10th and as spring-time progresses it is Truro on Wednesday May 15th. This month's excursion on Friday May 31st will take us to Torre Abbey, Torbay's most historic building, an ancient scheduled monument dating back to 1196. It is set within 18 acres of garden and parkland. It's also a multi-award-winning visitor attraction housing an impressive art collection boasting over 600 works of art from the 18th Century to the present day.

A quick heads up for June, we are planning to go to the Royal Cornwall Show on two days, if demand is strong enough, on Friday/Saturday June 7th / 8th. Then we are off to the Falmouth Sea Shanty Festival on Friday June 14th, departure at 11.30, and we visit Truro on Wednesday June 19th and Totnes on Friday June 28th. Of course, every week we visit Plymouth on a Tuesday and Liskeard on a Thursday.

Do remember the next Friends of the Bus coffee morning in the Village Hall will be on Monday May 20th.

For all passenger bookings please call Bev Brighton on 01503 250944. For 300 Club and details of the monthly draw call Jo Woodley on 01503 250489. For any other questions, including on driver recruitment, please contact Kevin Done, chairman on 01752 466313 (I have NOT moved to Plymouth, it's a BT glitch!) or by email at kevindone@hotmail.com.

Kevin Done

Community Bus Timetable May/June 2024

DATE		DESTINATION	DEPART	LENGTH OF STAY	FARES SINGLE	FARES RETURN
May						
Thursday	2	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£2.00	£4.00
Friday	3	LOOE	11.30am	3 Hours	£2.00	£4.00
Tuesday	7	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£3.00	£5.00
Thursday	9	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£2.00	£4.00
Friday	10	TAVISTOCK	9.30 am	4 Hours	£4.00	£8.00
Tuesday	14	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£3.00	£5.00
Wednesday	15	TRURO	9.30 am	4 Hours	£5.00	£10.00
Thursday	16	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£2.00	£4.00
Monday	20	Tea and Biscuits at VILLAGE HALL , £2.00			10.30 am -12.00	
Tuesday	21	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£3.00	£5.00
Thursday	23	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£2.00	£4.00
Tuesday	28	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£3.00	£5.00
Thursday	30	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£2.00	£4.00
Friday	31	Torr Abby, Torquay	9.30 am	4 Hours	£9.50 plus £11 bus	
Excursions/Trips for June						
Fri/Sat	7,8	Royal Cornwall Show	<u>9.15am</u>	4 hours	£21.50 plus £10 bus	
Friday	14	Falmouth Sea Shanty	<u>11.30 am</u>	8 Hours		£13.00
Wednesday	19	TRURO	9.30 am	4 Hours	£5.00	£10.00
Friday	28	TOTNES	9.30 am	4 Hours	£5.00	£9.00

TO BOOK SEATS TELEPHONE DOWDERRY (01503) 250944 Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm

Friends of The Bus Update

The Friends of the Bus would like to thank everyone who donates (often anonymously) or supports us in many ways, from cash donations to raffle/hamper gifts and valuable time setting up events. To thank you all individually is impossible.

We would especially like to thank all those who helped at the Easter Hamper and Quiz night run by the Smugglers Inn. This raised over £900. Very special thanks to Chris and Debbie at the Smugglers who hosted this amazing event and continue to support the Bus. It was a truly amazing night. Keep an eye out for their bingo and vinyl nights.

Our next event is our regular coffee morning Monday 20th May, DOWDERRY and Seaton village Hall 10.30-12 noon £2 entry. There is a raffle, a joint Parkinson's and Bus stall and books for sale.

This year we are planning two amazing Summer and Autumn sumptuous afternoon teas and a Barn Dance in DOWDERRY and Seaton Village Hall so keep an eye out here for updates.

The 'Friends' are an informal group who just like supporting the incredible bus in a friendly way, we need it! If you would like to join us or want to know more please contact Sandra Pearce on 250798.

AGAIN THANK YOU ALL

Sandra Pearce

Community Bus 300

The winning numbers for the month of April 1st. Sue Cousins (St.Germans) £20.
2nd. Richard James £15 and 3rd. Downderry Village Hall £10.

Jo Woodley (01503250489)

Downderry and Seaton Village Hall News and Events

Membership - Please support the Village Hall by becoming a Member or renewing your Membership. Adult subscription is £9 and Junior/Child Group Member subscription £4.50 for 2024/25. Your financial support will help secure the future of this vital community asset. So the Village Hall can continue to hold a variety of events and to provide a venue for activities where the focus on people's mental and physical health is key. You can pay by bank transfer, please see the details on our website (www.downderryandseatonvillagehall.co.uk), posters in the Village Hall or speak to a Committee Member at one of our fundraising events.

Coffee Morning Tuesday 7th May 10am to 12 noon - Come along for a chat and enjoy a hot or cold drink with Crumpets. It only costs £2.50 per person and there will be a Book Stall and Raffle Tickets for that morning's draw. Everyone is welcome, including well behaved dogs on leads.

Downderry and Seaton Associations and Groups Event Saturday 11th May from 2pm to 5pm - Chat with representatives from some of the associations, groups and organisations in our area and find out what they do, how you can get involved or just show your support for the amazing work they do. Entry is free and there will be hot and cold drinks available and a pop up bar.

Little & Bigger Breakfast Saturday 18th May 10am to 1pm - Come and enjoy a Breakfast Bap of Sausage, Bacon & Egg or the veggie option of Egg & Hash Browns with a hot or cold drink for just £5.00. More breakfast items available at an additional cost. There will also be a book/DVD sale. Everyone is welcome, including well behaved dogs on leads.

Producers Market Sunday 19th May 10am to 2pm - Support our local producers and buy some fresh produce. There will be hot or cold drinks and refreshments available and a licenced bar with reasonably priced drinks. Entry is free and all are welcome, including dogs on leads.

Craft Fair Sunday 26th May 10am to 2.30pm - Come and support our many talented local crafters and buy some unique handmade pieces which you, your family and friends will love. Entry is free and there will be a licenced bar and refreshments on sale.

Bingo Friday 31st May 6.30pm for 7.30pm start - Eyes down it's Bingo Time - this fun game is open to all and winners receive cash prizes. There will be a reasonably priced bar, snacks and a raffle draw on the night. Bingo tickets: 3 or 6 page book of 8 games and a 6 page flyer.

For more information about the above events see posters around the area, go to our website www.downderryandseatonvillagehall.co.uk, or Facebook Group. To contact us - email: downderryandseatonvillagehall@gmail.com or telephone 01503 250412.

Mandy Smith

Devioc Activities Group (DAG) At The Zone Downderry

CRAFT CAFE AND ART GROUP MONDAYS 2pm - 3pm £3

Bring your own project, try one of ours or just come for a cuppa and a chat.

6th May - Closed - Bank Holiday

13th May - Stitched phone/tablet stand

20th May - Open session

27th May - Closed -Bank Holiday

WORKSHOPS with Louise Nichols

10th June - Lino Printing

15th July - Embellishing

£12.50 each. Payment in advance needed to secure your place. To book contact: parkerviv@aol.com

NEW MONTHLY EVENING CRAFT SESSION

Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm

Donation based and facilitated by Craft Cafe volunteers. Bring along your own project or ideas for crafts you would like to have a go at.

TABLE TENNIS WEDNESDAYS 6pm £2

Friendly group, equipment provided, all abilities welcome. To use the tables at other times please contact: parkerviv@aol.com

SCALLYWAGS

School holiday activities for parents and children. For information about Half Term activities contact leanneronk@yahoo.com

FOLLOW BOTH DAG & SCALLYWAGS ON FACEBOOK

Viv Parker

St Germans Methodist Church

Hello again from the chapel in St Germans. First of all a big thank you to all who so loyally support us at our Charity Coffee Mornings. Without you we wouldn't be able to help all the national and local charities we do. Next month our chosen charity is Christian Aid falling, as it does, around the time of Christian Aid Week. The Coffee Morning is on Saturday 18th May from 10.00am until 12 noon.

We also have a concert on Saturday 11th May featuring the local choir Reflections. This is an afternoon "With Melody and Tune for a May Afternoon." No charge but donations for the RNLI. Please come along and join us and support this vital service.

Our services are as usual this month at 10.30am each Sunday and all are welcome. Our twice monthly Bible Study Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 2pm when we are joined by our friends from Crafhole. For further details please contact Janet at 01503 230403.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Steve Gerrard

Downderry & Seaton Book Club



The Book Club thrives and we now have an active WhatsApp group to share books and updates. Clearly we all simply love talking about books over cake, coffee, cocktails or whatever the lovely team at Bewshea's have to offer us. We have made new discoveries and friends. No need to read a book, just come and chat about the written/audible word. Some of us now read genres we would never have thought of.

Bewshea's by the Beach are now fully open on Tuesdays and we gather at the rear of the main dining area 12.30 to 2pm. (Just ask the lovely team if you cannot see/hear us!).

This is before the mobile library comes to the Inn on the Shore carpark 13.55- 14.25 (please do join Cornwall Council library and reserve your books/audio downloads to support this incredible resource) .

The Library is at Downderry on the following dates which is when will turn up to chat: 28th May, 25th June, 23rd July, 20th August, 17th September.

Amy and Nic Whiting, Sandra Pearce and Logan @ Bewsheas by the Beach

St Germans Thursday Club

Our session on 11th April proved illuminating. We had a very lively and enjoyable session on memories. Many of the attendees have been to amazing places and met some remarkably interesting and famous people in their time.

By the time you read this we will have been to the Otter nurseries, this trip, as expected has proved very popular, having already nearly filled the bus.

Our upcoming events include a talk on scam awareness by Anita Jarvis on 9th May, at 2.30pm in the Eliot Hall. The entry will be £2 to include raffle tickets and refreshments. All welcome.

On May 23rd we are off to Tavistock by minibus. We will be leaving St Germans at 1pm. Why not join us to visit this historic town, whether browsing the various independent shops or just a bit of sightseeing. All without the hassle of driving the car or trying to park it!

This promises to be another popular trip, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets £6 for non-members, booking is essential. Contact Trish Gregory on 01503 230697 for your ticket.

For general enquiries please contact Jenny Putt on 01503 230766.

Anita Jarvis

St Germans Gardening Club

On Wednesday 15th May, 7pm for 7:30pm in the Eliot Hall, St Germans we are welcoming back Saul Walker to talk about his passion for Woodland Gardening. Members and non-members are all welcome.

Roger Whitehead

Polbathic Village Hall - AGM

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting for the Polbathic Village Hall is on Thursday 23rd May start at 7.30pm, the hall will be open from 7pm for subs to be paid.

Jenny Warr

Tideford Coffee morning

Due to the Bank holiday the next Tideford coffee morning at the British Legion is Monday 13th May 10.30am until Midday.

Hope to see you, everyone is welcome.

Julie Luscombe

A Theatre Performance in St Germans

Bodkin Theatre presents "BIKE" at the Eliot Hall, St Germans, Saturday 25th May



Karen's parents are worried. She won't come out of her bedroom. Which is odd, given she's such a go-getter. Odder still is what she's doing in there... A poignant story for our time from acclaimed writer Jon Welch.

"It was properly thrilling. Like flying."

Tickets: Adults £10, 14-18's £5, Family £25. Available from St Germans shop or cornwall365.com

Doors open: 18:45 cash-only bar

Performance: 19:30 - 20:30

Premiered in 2019 at the Edinburgh Fringe. Please support the performing arts in your local community. Buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment - our last show sold out!

Charlotte True

Downderry and Seaton WI

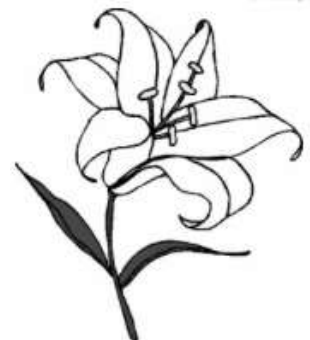


Fancy meeting some of the locals, why not come along and meet some of your neighbours. We meet at The Zone on second Tuesday of each month for our regularly meeting and the third Tuesday each month for our informal craft group. You don't need to be crafty just pop along for a chat. Any questions please contact us downderryandseatonwi@gmail.com.

Julie Green

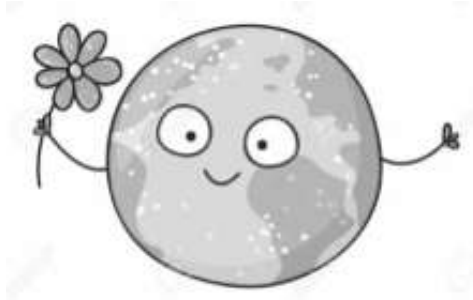
Downderry Memorial Gardens - Saturday Gardening

As a group of gardening volunteers, we meet once a month on Saturday mornings 10am – 12 noon to help maintain and improve these gardens which are a great local asset. We have the CORMAC Gardening Trailer on site so there is no need to bring your own tools. Please come along and join in on Saturday May 11th.



Tim Pullin

Simple Ways To Save The Planet



One of the highlights of our calendar is undoubtedly the St Germans May Tree Fair weekend. It's a time when the community gets together to enjoy live music, tug-of-war, stalls and more. The weekend is full of fun, from the mock mayor election on Saturday, to the procession of the May Tree from the rec to the pub on Sunday.

We wouldn't have this wonderful village party if it wasn't for the dedication of the committee and volunteers that go to making it happen, to whom we are very grateful.

Self-sufficiency is a much touted word when it comes to climate resilience. But I think there is one phrase that is more important, and that's community-sufficiency. As individuals we can only do so much, but our collective skills together give us far greater agency.

As a community we know what we need and can act upon it. It was in this spirit of community-sufficiency that our excellent community shop was created and continues to operate (thank you shop volunteers!). It was the same spirit that developed the rec as a sports field and amenity area for our young people, and that started up a public transport group to fight for a better timetable when our rail service was threatened.

This strength within the community makes everything better for everyone, not just those who give their time. As a result it is easy to take it for granted; there are always that core of people who will step forward. The danger is that that core can become burned out; every group needs volunteers. The more people who are prepared to volunteer, the lighter the load becomes.

We are lucky to have such a plethora of community groups in the village; Gardening Club, WI, Twinning, Thursday Club, Sailing Club and more. Volunteering can be just for a few hours once in a while; for example, stewarding at the May Tree Fair, or it can be more onerous. Volunteering is fun and life enhancing and can be worked around your strengths. Every voluntary hour will be gratefully received. You'll find it a great way to make new friends. And together we can work towards community-sufficiency.

See you at the May Tree Fair! Mock Mayor election; Saturday 25th, May Tree Fair starts with stalls and games at the rec on Sunday 26th May from noon, procession at 3pm then music and dancing at the Eliot Arms into the evening.

Lizzy Stroud

Rita's Rota

May 2024 Dates

1	14:00 Badminton (DSVH)	21	14:00 Short Mat Bowls (DSVH)
5	10:30 Sunday Service (SGMC)		18:00 DAG Table Tennis (CZ)
7	10:00 Coffee Morning (DSVH)	22	14:00 Badminton (DSVH)
	14:00 Short Mat Bowls (DSVH)	23	13:00 Thursday Club to Tavistock
	18:00 DAG Table Tennis (CZ)		18:30 Planning Committee (CZ)
8	14:00 Badminton (DSVH)		19:00 Badminton (DSVH)
9	14:30 St Germans Thursday Club		19:30 Polbathic Village Hall AGM
	Scam awareness pres. (EHSG)		(PolH)
	19:00 Badminton (DSVH)	25	St Germans May Tree Fair Weekend
	19:30 Deviock Council Meeting (CZ)	26	10:30 Sunday Service (SGMC)
11	10:00 Memorial Gardening Group		Craft Fair (DSVH)
	14:00 Donderry & Seaton	27	18:30 St Germans Parish Council
	Associations & Groups Event (DSVH)		Meeting (PolH)
	Concert (SGMC)	28	Mobile Library
12	10:30 Sunday Service (SGMC)		Mobile Library Times / Locations:
13	10:30 Tideford Coffee Morning		St Germans - Alms Houses 09:45 - 10:05
	(TRBL)		St Germans - Quay Road. 10:15 - 10:50
	14:00 Craft Café (CZ)		Donderry - Inn. 13:55 - 14:35
14	14:00 Short Mat Bowls (DSVH)		Seaton - Car Park. 14:45 - 15:05
	18:00 DAG Table Tennis (CZ)		14:00 Short Mat Bowls (DSVH)
15	14:00 Badminton (DSVH)		18:00 DAG Table Tennis (CZ)
	19:00 St Germans Gardening Club	29	14:00 Badminton (DSVH)
	(EHSG)	30	19:00 Badminton (DSVH)
16	19:00 Badminton (DSVH)	31	18:30 Bingo (DSVH)
	19:30 Craft Session (CZ)		
18	10:00 Little & Bigger Breakfast		
	(DSVH)		
	10:00 Coffee Morning (SGMC)		
19	10:00 Producers Market (DSVH)		
	10:30 Sunday Service (SGMC)		
	Hessenford Flower Festival begins		
20	10:30 Friends of Bus Coffee Morning		
	(DSVH)		
	14:00 Craft Café (CZ)		

BBB Bewshea's By The Beach CZ Donderry Coastal Zone; CB Community Bus; DSVH Dderry & Seaton VH; PolH Polbathic Hall; EA Eliot Arms StG; EHSG Eliot Hall StG; HC H'ford Church; HCH H'ford Church Hall; SGMC St G Methodist Ch; SGPC St G Priory Church; SNCh St Nicolas' Church; SNS St Nicolas' School; TC Tideford Church; TRBL Tideford RBL Hall; WVH W'gates V Hall

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