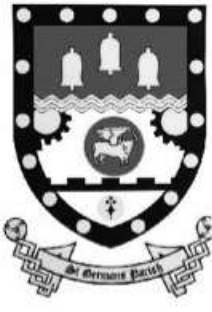
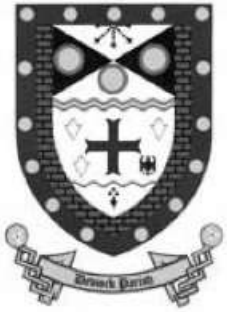


NUT TREE



Nature Notes

It is cold and damp as I arrive at the quayside early in January and I take shelter from the icy sharpness of the light rain behind a wall. Daring to look into the wind, I am not rewarded with anything on the incoming tide. There is still some mud visible but scarcely a bird in sight. Far into the distance I make out a few gulls, but the familiar Canada Geese and Shelduck are nowhere to be seen. It is disappointing but soon the rain ceases and the odd patch of brightness emerges through the turbulent darkness above.

Turning to view upstream I search for birds beyond the imposing arches of the viaduct. There is a single Curlew, its long, down-curved bill probing deep into the mud. Close to it, another wader, this one small and largely white, grabs my attention. It sweeps its contrasting thin, up-curved bill from side to side through the shallow water. This is an Avocet, a bird impossible to mistake in the open with its very distinctive feeding action. Then I notice a couple more partly hidden by the grassy curve of the estuary. Deciding to get a closer view, I move towards the viaduct and change the angle of observation. A wary Redshank rises from the edge of the mud, loudly calling and annoyed by my interruption into the solitude of its feeding. With a clearer view beyond the viaduct, eventually I settle on nine Avocets, not many for this river in particular but encouraging nevertheless.

Every winter I search for Avocets along this estuary. They are part of a larger number that arrive from further east to feed in the huge complex of the Tamar and its tributaries. Each winter more than a hundred appear in our corner of the county, arriving mainly in November and almost gone by the beginning of March. It is poignant to consider that the species was extinct in Britain by the end of the 19th century but came back in the 1940s in East Anglia. Now almost 2000 breed in the UK and many more spend winter here. As

the logo for the RSPB, it is well-known to the public, but I cannot tire of seeing this enigmatic species. There is something exotic about the Avocet, its black and white plumage, that delicate and unique black bill and the way it detects prey by touch. It is unlike any other bird.

As I enjoy the small spectacle of the Avocets, behind them a group of Wigeon spills from the grassland into the water. This is another winter visitor, but numbering into thousands. I count about 70 in this strangely quiet flock. As I return to the car, the evocative call of a Curlew breaks through the dull silence of the morning. I spend some minutes looking through the allotments, rewarded only by the welcome winter song of a Robin. There is not much variety to see on this occasion, but worth braving the elements to acquaint myself once again with the iconic Avocet.

Alan Payne

St Germans Parish Council News

The burial ground has been spruced up, with fresh paint on the fence and new felt on the roof of the shelter. It is a peaceful haven. Unfortunately, people have, on occasion, left beer cans and bottles lying around. Please have consideration for others who want to pay their respects to loved ones in a pleasant environment and take your litter home!

We as a Council are very aware of road safety issues in our area, and push for measures such as “20 is plenty”. We are constantly in touch with Cornwall Highways at Cornwall Council, to make sure that as much as possible can be done, within their budgetary limits. While the statistics show that most motorists are obeying the speed limit, it appears that some are not, and this is particularly frightening for pedestrians walking along the sections of road which have no pavements. We hear that recently there have been one or two near-misses. We will continue to do everything we can, but it may be that a resident could help by setting up Speedwatch. This will require a visit to the local police station and a short training course.

There is a helpful website: communityspeedwatch.org. If you would like to speak to a councillor who is experienced in Speedwatch, please contact our clerk.

The Company Wildanet say they will write to residents of St Germans over the next few weeks about meetings for the proposed full fibre broadband roll-out.

The bench in the Millennium Garden became unsafe and has been removed.

Our next Council meeting is Monday 24th February at 18:30 in Polbathic.

Patricia Pipe. Ward Councillor for Bethany, St Germans Parish

Deviock Parish Council

There will be two meetings in February: Thursday 13th February (Full Council, 19:30) and Thursday 27th February (Planning Committee, 18:30). All meetings take place at The Zone, Dowederry Methodist Church. See Agendas for details prior to each meeting.

Elections: Cornwall's elections (county, town and parish) will take place on 1st May 2025. If you are interested in standing as a parish councillor, please contact the Clerk for further details about the work of a councillor and how you can make a difference. There is also information about the elections and temporary work at election time on Cornwall Council's website at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/the-council-and-democracy/elections/elections-and-referendums/>.

Neighbourhood Development Plan: Further to the review of the Parish Council's NDP by Cornwall Council in 2024, the next stage will be to input new housing figures and make minor revisions in line with planning policy changes.

Axe Field: A replacement bench is in place, thanks to a local contractor.

Procurement Act: The new Procurement Act 2023 will become law in February 2025. Its purpose is to make it easier for smaller contractors in particular to bid on public sector contracts; more information can be found online.

Saltash Tunnel: For ongoing updates on the upgrade of the A38 Saltash Tunnel, including the night-time closures, go to <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-west/a38-saltash-tunnel-technology-upgrade/>.

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.deviockparish.org.uk/. The Parish Clerk can be contacted Monday - Friday by email at clerk.deviockpc@btinternet.com. The Parish Office at the Vestry in Dowederry is open to the public on the first and third Wednesday of the month (non-meeting weeks), 14:00 to 17:00. (tel: 01503-250052).

Karen Pugh, Parish Clerk

Deviock 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.

Hessenford News February 2025

Though Yuletide and Saturnalia have ended long since, it is not too late still to give thanks for those responsible each year for the magnificent tree, which Alison kept lit. This generous gift to the community always brings such traditional Christmas pleasure to Hessenford and those passing through slowly enough to notice it.

Daffodils have been seen in bloom over a week ago, and spring is on the way, so it is not too late to think about the four yearly Parish and Cornwall Council elections which are due in May.

Hessenford is one of three wards in Deviock Civil Parish Council, the others being Seaton and Donderry, all representing together a population of 1,529 (2021 Census). Whilst Parish Council powers are limited, party politics do not interfere and much can be achieved locally; for example Deviock has had some notable victories influencing Cornwall Council planning decisions. It will be understood that money is short and getting shorter, however, Parish Councils do have funds to do things and their work is vital and worthwhile. Local democracy works best if there are lots of candidates and existing councillors welcome competition. Without more candidates in May Hessenford might have more councillors who are resident in another ward. This is an invitation to consider the opportunities in the elections in May as publicised elsewhere in the Nut Tree.

David Cormack

A38 Saltash Tunnel Technology Upgrade

We are carrying out a major technology upgrade of the A38 Saltash Tunnel. The works will help keep journeys safe, reliable and reduce the risk of unplanned closures.

Overnight closures will begin on Monday 13th January. From this date through to the end of February, the Eastbound carriageway of the tunnel will be closed on weeknights (20:00 to 06:00) to enable works in and around the tunnel.

To limit disruption, our initial closures will only affect Eastbound traffic. Westbound traffic will be able to use the tunnel as usual. Eastbound traffic will use local diversion routes. The tunnel will be open as normal during the day and at weekends.

More information can be found at: nationalhighways.co.uk/saltashtunnel

National Highways

Lynher Church at St Germans

A belated but heartfelt happy and blessed New Year to you all. As a church we have a busy year ahead, not least because this year our church here in St Germans will be 200 years old. We will be holding celebrations later in the year and look forward to seeing you.

As usual we will be holding our charity coffee mornings on the third Saturday of each month and our February one is on the 15th from 10:00 to 12:00. This month we will be giving any donations we receive to Quay Lane Surgery. Please come and support this event for our excellent doctor's surgery.

Services are, as usual, at 10:30 each Sunday except for the sixteenth when we will be worshipping with our friends at Pelynt Methodist Church.

We have a Bible Study group who meet on the first and third Thursday of the month (please call 230403 if you would like to join with us).

Please join us at any of these events when you are assured of a warm welcome.

Steve Gerrard

Downderry Post Office

Downderry Post Office needs your support to stay open. Below is a list of the services offered. Please consider visiting St Nicolas Church the next time you need Post Office services.

What we offer:

- Purchase stamps
- Post parcels and letters - including international
- Withdrawing cash
- Depositing cash to your account
- Paying bills - e.g. electricity, water, telephone, (TV License, Car Tax, Passports or Driving License not included)
- Charging electricity key
- Gift Tokens up to £120 for Amazon and One for All
- Return parcels (Evri, DPD or Yodel not included)

Michelle Davies

St Germans Gardening Club

For our second evening of 2025 on Wednesday 19th February at 19:00 for 19:30 in the Eliot Hall we have Mike Stephens talking about "The Easiest House Plants". Members and Non-members welcome. Best wishes to all gardeners for a good gardening year in 2025.

Roger Whitehead

St Germans Thursday Club

Our annual mince pies afternoon with festive musical entertainment by 'Just Voices' on 12th December went very well. It was lovely to see the Hall looking so festive and there was a good turnout. A very pleasant afternoon indeed.

Unfortunately, our meeting on 9th January had to be cancelled as so many people were poorly, there is a lot of illness about currently it seems.

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have been able to hold our meeting scheduled for 23rd January and we will have made some headway with planning the coming year's events. If you have any ideas for outings, events or presentations for 2025, it is not too late, the programme will not be finalised until the end of February.

Details of our upcoming meetings to be held in the Eliot Hall, St Germans and starting at 14:30 are as follows:

13th February 2025 – Thursday Club AGM to include presentation of the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 and more discussion regarding the programme for the rest of the year.

27th February – It will be the Thursday Club's 52nd Birthday, so we will be holding a party. You are very welcome to join us for the celebration, please bring a plate of party food.

All events cost £2 at the door and include a cup of tea, biscuits and entry to our fun raffle. For general enquiries please contact Jenny Putt on 01503 230766.

Anita Jarvis

Eliot Hall Community Centre, St Germans

Coffee Morning Saturday 22nd February 10:00 – 12:00

Come and join us at the Eliot Hall for tea, coffee and toasted teacakes. It was lovely to see you all at our last Coffee Morning of 2024 - hope to see you all again at the first one of 2025.

New Yoga Class Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 – 10:00

We are very pleased to welcome Elena and her yoga class to the Eliot Hall. Students of all levels are welcome to join. Text Elena on 0744 2421111 to book or for more information.

Briony Woods

British Legion Coffee Morning

February 3rd Coffee morning 10:30 – 12:00.

Join us for coffee and a slice of cake for only £2.50 at the British Legion Tideford.

Everyone is welcome. Looking forward to seeing you all. Proceeds to the Poppy appeal. Sorry folks but there will be no coffee morning in March.

Julie Luscombe

Downderry and Seaton WI

Happy New Year everyone and may I take this opportunity to thank those who came along to our three crafting workshops leading up to Christmas. It was lovely to see so many old and new faces, thank you for your support and making them a great success. We will be offering workshops in 2025 so keep your eyes peeled.

We are currently finalising the list of speakers for our monthly meetings. Although these are primarily for WI Members, from time to time they will be offered out to the local community so again watch this space.

Fancy meeting some of the locals, our next general meeting will be at The Zone on Tuesday 11th February 14:00 – 16:00 with our craft group meeting on the 18th February again 14:00 – 16:00.

Any questions please contact us at downderryandseatonwi@gmail.com or speak to one of us when you see us out and about.

Julie Green, Secretary

Seeking New Trustees

Sir Walter Moyles Almhouses is a charity which manages a Grade 2* listed Almshouse, a historic building in St Germans originally built in 1587. It consists of six one-bedroom flats, providing affordable accommodation for local people who meet the charity's criteria.

They are managed by a board of volunteer trustees which currently comprises five experienced members and a part time paid clerk who runs things on a day to day basis, and acts as the residents first point of contact.

We would particularly welcome people with a legal background, however, if you have an interest in social housing and listed buildings, we would still like to hear from you, for other possible vacancies.

We are a friendly group and meet four plus times a year.

To find out more, and our application process, please contact our clerk

Tel: 07811 397392 or email: sirwalterma@gmail.com

Jo Holborn

Quay Lane Surgery

The Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The PPG would like to thank Hugh Parker for his contribution to the group, particularly as a volunteer supporting the surgery and patients since he joined at the onset of the pandemic in April 2020. He became our Vice Chair last summer and he will be greatly missed. We would like to wish him well for the next exciting chapter!

Claire Croft, Chair. Email: quaylanepgg@gmail.com

Practice News:

Stay Protected: Flu Vaccines Available for Eligible Patients Under 65

As we continue through the flu season, it is important to remember that flu vaccines are still available at the practice for patients under 65 who fall into eligible groups. Protecting yourself against the flu is crucial, especially for those who may be at higher risk of complications.

Who is Eligible?

The flu vaccine is recommended for individuals under 65 who fall into certain categories, including:

- Those with chronic health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease
- Pregnant women
- Carers who provide essential care for someone vulnerable
- Individuals with weakened immune systems

Why Get Vaccinated?

Receiving the flu vaccine not only helps protect you from the flu but also reduces the risk of spreading the virus to others, including those who may be more vulnerable. The vaccine is safe, effective, and the best way to safeguard your health during the flu season.

How to Get Vaccinated

If you are eligible and have not yet received your flu vaccine, please contact our practice to schedule an appointment. Our team is here to ensure you receive the necessary protection.

Important Notice: Be Aware of Imposters Posing as Healthcare Professionals!

We have been informed by two Saltash Surgeries that several patients have received telephone calls and subsequent visits to their homes by individuals falsely claiming to be healthcare professionals from the surgery. These imposters have attempted to check on

patients' conditions, but they are not affiliated with the surgery or the wider community healthcare team. This incident has been reported to the police.

We urge everyone to be vigilant, remember to ask for an individual's identification and do not invite them into your home if you are not confident of their true identity. If you are not expecting contact and something feels unusual, please contact your surgery immediately.

Stay safe and protect yourself and your loved ones from potential scams.

Debbie Todd, Practice Manager

Libraries plus!

Mobile Library dates are Tuesdays 4th February and 4th March 2025 - times and locations as before. If you have any questions about the above, about getting a library card, requests for particular books, ebooks, e-audiobooks: ask mobile librarian Peter on his mobile: 07354 163217.

Why not consult the Library Service catalogue and make reservations to be delivered to your local library, including the Mobile Library.

Saltash Library (next to the Leisure Centre) has a monthly book group on the last Saturday of each month from 11:00 to 12:00, the next dates are 22nd February and 29th March. There is also a very popular story-time for little ones every Monday at 10:30.

But the most exciting activity at the Saltash Town Council Library Hub is the over-the-seasons project: citizen bio-watch. This activity can be done by ALL of us, within any part of the Saltash town and surrounding countryside. So, if you come to visit Coombe Woods, Forder Creek, Churchtown Farm, and Tincombe Park etc... and see (or capture a picture of) something notable - birds, animals, insects, fungi, trees, flowers, etc. Get in Touch: Pop into the Saltash Library Hub and let one of the team know... or email - david.orton@saltash.gov.uk. The project involves creating a physical map of Saltash local environment and changes across the seasons. People in Nut Tree land can help when visiting Saltash, because the map will cover only Saltash places.... contact friends@tincombe.insaltash.co.uk.

Submitted by Sue and Alan Cousins, who are still using and watching buses and trains. All the best to Thursday Club and Public Transport Group folk, and the St Germans Community Shop which is still the best convenience store and Post Office.

Sue & Alan Cousins

Downderry & Seaton Residents Association (DaSRA)

DaSRA's Community Notice Board Update.

We are pleased to announce that the new DaSRA Community Notice Board is now in place in the centre of Downderry thanks to resident Jem Hall's hard work. While the design remains familiar, there are a few important updates. The door now opens from the right, improving stability and preventing the wind from blowing notices away. Additionally, the new system limits access to the board; users will no longer be able to add their own posters. A notice explaining the new system has been displayed on the board and shared on our Facebook page to inform the community.

This change was necessary due to frequent damage to the old door's locking mechanism, which was often broken by uncontrolled access. After discussions with the supplier, they agreed to replace the board at no cost.

To ensure smooth operation we now have a dedicated key holder. We are grateful to DaSRA Management Committee member, Flick Murdock flickjmurdoch@outlook.com 07733 224766 for taking on this responsibility.

We also found a new home for the old notice board at The Zone, where Michelle Davies and the team were thrilled to receive it. We would like to thank Jem again for volunteering his time and effort, and to also thank Nigel Jones and Chris Clarke for their assistance with the installation. We are confident that the new board will continue to serve our community well, without the need for string to hold it together! As always, we welcome any feedback from residents. Please email: info@dasra.co.uk

Maura Swabey - Chair of DaSRA

Neighbourhood Watch News

There is much to be thankful for in our wonderful part of Cornwall where thankfully reported crime is low and whilst dog fouling, mess from beach BBQs and occasional fireworks give rise to frustration there can however also be a dark side which some may find it hard to believe is relevant to our community. Domestic abuse is prevalent in all walks of society and not restricted to the big cities.

Definitions and types of domestic abuse.

Psychological/emotional abuse: Includes name-calling, threats and manipulation, blaming you for the abuse or 'gaslighting' you.

Coercive control: When an abuser uses a pattern of behaviour over time to exert power and control. It is a criminal offence.

Physical abuse: This isn't only hitting. They might restrain you or throw objects. They might pinch or shove you and claim it's a 'joke'.

Tech abuse: They might send abusive texts, demand access to your devices, track you with spyware, or share images of you online.

Economic abuse: Controlling your access to money or resources. They might take your wages, stop you working, or put you in debt without your knowledge or consent.

Sexual abuse: This doesn't have to be physical. They might manipulate, deceive or coerce you into doing things you don't want to do.

For further information read "Our News" at info@dasra.co.uk/NeighbourhoodWatch

Nigel Jones Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator

DeviocK Activities Group (DAG) At The Zone (PL11 3JZ)

Follow us on Facebook.

Craft Café & Art Group (Mondays 14:00 – 16:00. Suggested donation £3)

FEBRUARY PROGRAMME

3rd and 10th Valentine cards and papercraft hearts

10th and 17th Visit from Awenek Studio. 17th Slow stitching

24th Artswell Project with Helen Round. Final session completing the wall hanging.

Low Cost Workshop

Thursday 20th: Aromatherapy with Sarah 19:30 - 21:30.

Contact parkerviv@aol.com for more information and to book.

Music Club. From February 5th this has moved to Wednesdays at 14:00 - 15:30

£3 per session. Refreshments and all equipment provided. Join us for singing, ukulele playing or just listening and enjoying. No musical ability or experience required!

Table Tennis

Wednesdays 18:00. £2. No experience needed; all abilities welcome and all equipment provided.

Viv Parker

56th Annual Exhibition and Sale of Art & Craft

In support of Cancer Research UK (UK Reg Charity 1089464) this annual event will be held over a number of days in early March at the Public Hall, West Street, Liskeard, PL14 6BW. For more information, email crukliskeard@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page @crukliskeard.

Handing in day: Sunday 2nd March 09:30 – 15:00

Open evening: Tuesday 4th March 19:00. Admission £6 to include wine & cheese

Opening hours: 5th to 7th March 10:00 – 19:30 (except Sunday 15:30). Admission £2

Big Breakfast: Saturday 8th March 11:00 – 14:00

Liskeard Local Committee

Downderry and Seaton Village Hall (Registered Charity 1210090)

'Save our Village Hall' appeal: Together we have raised £51,500 (Donations £10,100 & Fundraising Events £41,400) as of 24th December. The Village Hall Trustees would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the 'Save our Village Hall' appeal and helped surpass our first milestone of raising £50,000 in 2024. We are thrilled to have your support. You truly will make a difference to our community and we are extremely grateful. This year is going to be one of the most important years in the history of the Downderry and Seaton Village Hall since it opened in 1890. We need you now, more than ever, to come together and help save our Village Hall. Your donation will help secure the future of this vital building owned by the community. Every £1 helps, and if you are a UK taxpayer, please allow us to boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. To donate go to our website www.downderryandseatonvillagehall.co.uk or complete a form available in the Village Hall. There are also other ways you can help save our village hall, details of which are on our website. You are also invited to attend our open day on Saturday 29th March so you can see for yourself just how vital this building work is.

Coffee Morning, Tuesday 4th February 10:00 to 12:00 - 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.

Snooker Room - Due to the Panto, the Snooker Room will be closed from 9:00 on Wednesday 12th February. It reopens at 14:00 on Sunday 23rd February.

Panto - Beauty & the Beast

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th February doors open 13:30 for 14:30 start.

Thursday 20th to Saturday 22nd February doors open 18:30 for 19:30 start.

Fast-moving and hilarious, this recent pantomime version sets new standards for the famous title. The inspirational new script brings Beauty & the Beast well and truly into the realm of traditional panto, whilst being packed with originality and comedy to die for! Tickets: Adult £9, Child £4.50. The performances on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd are already sold out, so check our website soon to see what tickets are still available. Tickets can be purchased at the Coffee Morning or by using the contact details below. At the event: There will be a reasonably priced bar and raffle. Payment by cash or card.

Save these future Dates:

- Open Day – 29th March
- Table-Top Sale - Sunday 30th March
- Casino & Auction Night - Saturday 5th April
- Craft Fair - Sunday 20th April

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

Mandy Smith Trustee & Secretary, Downderry and Seaton Village Hall

The Zone, Donderry Health & Wellbeing Hub (Charity 1210322)

We are thrilled to announce that we have taken a significant step towards securing the funding to purchase The Zone, an important asset for our village.

Cornwall Council has endorsed our ambitions with substantial financial support and we are incredibly grateful for their significant contribution. The £80,000 funding, from the 'Community Infrastructure Levy', is a strong endorsement for our ambition and marks the first step in our funding strategy coming together. We will however need to more than match this figure over the next 12 months to see the project completed.

Cllr Armand Toms of Cornwall Council said "The funding is great news for this project but there is still a long way to go to fund it as a whole. The award of CIL money is greatly appreciated by everyone involved."

The Zone Management Group

Simple Ways To Save The Planet

I couldn't write a new year's column without making some reference to resolutions. A new year offers the opportunity for life evaluation.

For me, the question is always how can I personally play a part in making the world a better place, in a way that is also life-enhancing for myself?

I love gardening, so the early part of the year will be spent working out how to manage our woods and gardens for optimum pollinator and wildlife benefit. I'll be planting trees, hedges and bulbs, mulching beds and making log piles and habitat boxes.

Convening with like-minded individuals to campaign for social and environmental justice is another way to combine social interaction with positive action. Immersion in local projects will also help strengthen your community, as well as being a great way to make new friends. Think about your talents and interests. How can you best help in a way that suits you?

As a musician I believe in the importance of keeping music live, so I'll be supporting local music wherever I can. Without an audience events wouldn't be sustainable, so do pledge to go to a few live entertainments in 2025, whether they be music, theatre, dance or comedy.

Being so close to the sea, regular beach cleaning will also be on the list of key activities. Carrying a bag on my person means I can always pick up litter when I see it, and I'm never without one on the beach. If you are artistic, check out Instagram for some great art projects with beach waste.

So, in a nutshell, I hope 2025 brings joy, and that you are able to pass this joy on to others by living a positive, eco-conscious life that builds on your skills and interests and nourishes your soul.

Lizzy Stroud

February / March 2025

DATE		DESTINATION	DEPART	LENGTH OF STAY	FARES SINGLE	FARES RETURN
<u>February</u>						
Tuesday	4	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£3.00	£5.00
Thursday	6	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£2.00	£4.00
Friday	7	LOOE	11.30am	3 Hours	£2.00	£4.00
Tuesday	11	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£3.00	£5.00
Thursday	13	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£2.00	£4.00
Tuesday	18	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£3.00	£5.00
Wednesday	19	TRURO	9.30 am	4 Hours	£5.00	£10.00
Thursday	20	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£2.00	£4.00
Monday	24	Tea, Biscuits and mini quiz at <u>VILLAGE HALL</u>, £3.00			10.30 am -12.00	
Tuesday	25	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£3.00	£5.00
Thursday	27	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£2.00	£4.00
Friday	28	Tarquins Distillery, Wadebridge (Trelawney gdn ctre for early lunch)	9.30 am	4 Hours		£15 tour and tasting, £8 bus
<u>March</u>						
Tuesday	4	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£3.00	£5.00
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Friday	7	LOOE	11.30am	3 Hours	£2.00	£4.00
<u>Other Excursions/Trips for March</u>						
Wednesday	19	TRURO	9.30 am	4 Hours	£5.00	£10.00
Friday	28	Possible Bodmin Gaol	9.30 am	4 Hours		tba

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

Downderry Bus 300 Club

Lucky 300 Club draw winners for December 2024 are:

1st. No.71 - Mo Moore. 2nd. No.104 - Jane Hall. 3rd. No.2 - Sandra Watchman

Lucky winners for January 2025 are:

1st. No.73 - David Langford. 2nd. No.57 - Lorna Colson. 3rd. No.46 - Laura Done

Jo Woodley (0150325048)

Community Bus News

We know you are out there somewhere. We just need to connect. The Downton and District Community Bus needs to recruit more drivers. It is an ideal opportunity to do some voluntary work and to get to know our local community a little better along with some interesting destinations in Cornwall and Devon. The demands are not great. One or two days a month would be a great help. To drive our bus you will need the D1 category on your driving licence, but if you passed your driving test before 1997, this category is already automatically on your licence. If you are interested please contact Kevin Done, Chairman, on the telephone no. or email below.

The Friends of the Bus, our wonderful fundraisers, will be holding their coffee morning on Monday, February 24th from 10:30 to 12:00 (£2.00) in the Village Hall. Do come along for tea/coffee and biscuits and to meet up for a chat. It is also an opportunity to have an informal talk about driving opportunities, and of course it is also a chance - if you are not already a member - to join our 300 Club monthly draw for cash prizes. Meet Jo Woodley, the indefatigable organiser to sign up for this one.

Details of the Community Bus timetable are available in Nut Tree, on the village noticeboards and on the DaSRA (Downton and Seaton Residents Association) website www.dasra.co.uk. Please remember, the Community Bus is for everyone, for all age groups.

This month let the Bus take the strain. We are heading to Looe on Friday February 7th. This service is proving to be increasingly popular, so please book early to avoid disappointment. We depart from Broads Yard at 11:30 and return at 15:00. It's a great opportunity to have a long, leisurely lunch in Looe with no parking problems. On Wednesday February 19th we will be heading back to Truro.

Our big excursion at the end of February will be to Tarquin's Gin Distillery, Wadebridge including the ever popular tasting tour. On the way we will be visiting the Trelawney Garden Centre with a chance for a late breakfast/early lunch. The normal bus departure time from Broads Yard, Downton is 09:30. Every week we visit Plymouth on a Tuesday and Liskeard on a Thursday, and on these two services you can use your bus freedom passes. No issues with parking. We are there for you.

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 07770 472375 or by email at kevindone@hotmail.com.

Kevin Done

Rita's Rota – February Dates

2	10:30	Church Service (SGMC)	17	14:00	Craft Café (TZ)
3	10:30	Coffee Morning (TRBL)	18	14:00	WI Crafting Meeting (TZ)
	14:00	Craft Café (TZ)	19	19:00	St Germans Gardening Club (EHSB)
4	-	MOBILE LIBRARY DAY		14:00	Music Club (TZ)
	10:00	Coffee Morning (DSVH)		18:00	Table Tennis (TZ)
	14:00	Short Mat Bowls (DSVH)	20	18:30	Panto – Beauty & The Beast (DSVH)
5	14:00	Badminton (DSVH)		19:30	Aromatherapy (TZ)
	14:00	Music Club (TZ)	21	18:30	Panto – Beauty & The Beast (DSVH)
	18:00	Table Tennis (TZ)	22	10:00	Coffee Morning (EHSB)
9	10:30	Church Service (SGMC)		18:30	Panto – Beauty & The Beast (DSVH)
10	14:00	Craft Café (TZ)	23	10:30	Church Service (SGMC)
11	14:00	WI Meeting (TZ)	24	10:30	FoB Coffee Morning (DSVH)
12	14:00	Music Club (TZ)		14:00	Craft Café (TZ)
	18:00	Table Tennis (TZ)		18:30	St Germans Council Meeting
13	14:30	Thursday Club AGM (EHSB)	25	14:00	Short Mat Bowls (DSVH)
	19:30	Devioc Full Council Mtg (TZ)	26	14:00	Badminton (DSVH)
15	10:00	Coffee Morning (SGMC)		14:00	Music Club (TZ)
	13:30	Panto – Beauty & The Beast (DSVH)		18:00	Table Tennis (TZ)
16	13:30	Panto – Beauty & The Beast (DSVH)	27	14:30	Thursday Club 52 nd Birthday (EHSB)
				18:30	Devioc Council Planning Mtg (TZ)
				19:00	Badminton (DSVH)

Mobile Library:

St Germans - Alms Houses	09:45 - 10:05
St Germans - Quay Road.	10:15 - 10:50
Downderry - Inn.	13:55 - 14:35
Seaton - Car Park.	14:45 - 15:05

BBB Bewshea's By The Beach; CB Community Bus; DSVH Dderry & Seaton VH; PolH Polbathic Hall; EA Eliot Arms StG; EHSB 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; TZ The Zone Downderry; WVH W'gates V Hall

Entries for Rita's Rota should be sent to nuttree.editor@yahoo.com by 17th of the preceding month.

Rita

A Huge Thank You And 'Bon Voyage' – Hugh Parker

If we had a budget at Nut Tree we would be buying Hugh Parker a Silver Watch to mark his 25 year service to delivering Nut Tree around Tideford – but sadly we don't have one! So, it leaves me to pass on a huge "Thank You" from everyone involved in Nut Tree over all those years, and a thank you from the residents of Tideford who have been kept in touch with Nut Tree news through the decades!

Thank you Hugh and we all wish you well in the future.

Ed!

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