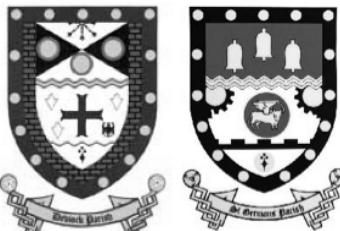


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Nature Among our birds there is a fascinating overlap between summer and winter visitors at this time of year. One day in mid October I saw a few Swallows flying over the village on their way to Africa. The following day I noticed a Black Redstart, a winter visitor to our coast. I now look forward to the possibility of a Blackcap or a tiny Firecrest in the garden or wintering thrushes in hedgerows. The Blackcaps that stay for winter are not the same birds that breed in our woodlands. The latter have moved south whereas the newcomers are a separate population that will have bred further east on the continent. A series of mild winters has enabled the Blackcaps to survive here instead of flying south and they have passed on the habit to later generations. They will stay until March when they begin to sing and become aggressive towards other birds at feeders. This takes me on to a sad situation that I noticed in September. Trichomonosis is a deadly disease that affects the digestive system of some birds and I saw the symptoms among Goldfinches. They become lethargic, cannot feed successfully and soon starve. A parasite is passed on by individuals around spilled and regurgitated food. If you feed your birds, please make sure that cages and tables are cleaned and that water in birdbaths is refreshed regularly. If possible you could rotate the feeders around your garden. Alan Payne

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From the Parishes – St. Germans

The Parish Council have for some considerable time been pressing the Highways Authority to mend the broken fence at Branchcombe corner, on the St Germans - Polbathic road. At long last the council have been informed that the funding and man-power are in place, and the repairs can go ahead. Car parking and road safety generally remain an issue in all our villages. The Parish Council intends to arrange meetings so that members of the public can give their views on what should be done to ease the situation. News from the playparks: St Germans now has a splendid new wetpour surface. The lovely new rocking horse has been installed at Tideford.

Next parish council meeting: 26th November at 7pm, Eliot Hall, St Germans.

Deviock -Date of next Parish Council Meeting: 8th November 2018, 7.30 pm at the Coastal Zone, Downderry. Planning Committee: 22nd November, 6.30 pm, at the Coastal Zone.

Local Neighbourhood Plan meetings normally take place at the Coastal Zone, Downderry on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend

Roadside Vegetation Reminder to all landowners with land adjacent to the highway.

Overhanging branches and vegetation on the road cause highway safety issues. It is your responsibility to ensure that hedges and undergrowth are kept trimmed back from overhanging the road. With autumn and winter upon us this is a good time to carry out this work. Cornwall Council can enforce action if this work is not done.

The Deviock Parish Office is located at:- The Vestry, St. Nicolas Church, Main Road, Downderry PL11 3LE Tel. No. 01503 250 052 clerk.deviockpc@btinternet.com

Opening hours:- Weds:2pm–4pm, Thurs: 9am – 12 www.deviockparish.org.uk

(Agendas and Minutes available on the website) Tim Pullin, Parish Clerk

News from County - Jesse Foot

Winter Wellbeing: With the shorter and colder days of winter upon us, staying warm and healthy through the darker days can be a challenge for many. Cornwall Council run a number of Public Health Campaigns aimed at keeping one and all in good health. If you or anyone you know struggle to keep your home warm and dry, are on a low income, or have health problems, then the Winter Well Being and Warm & Well Winter campaigns could help. Please contact the Winter Well Being team on 0800 954 1956 who can advise and connect you with 30 partner organisations or ring Bev from the Warm and Well Winter campaign on 01872 326552.



Drive Safely: The Safe38 group have been selling stickers and placing banners to raise awareness of their campaign for improved road safety along the A38. The group have had a number of key meetings with Highways England, Cornwall Council, and other stakeholders. Please support this group if you can on Facebook, by attending their meetings, buying a sticker, or campaigning with them. While the road needs to be made safer, dangerous driver behaviour causes many collisions. So, until the road sees

improvements, I'd like to remind and encourage both myself and other drivers with some tips to improve driver behaviour and make trips on any road a bit safer.

1) Leave Plenty of Stopping Distance - many accidents are due to drivers following too closely, 'tailgating', not leaving enough space between themselves and the car in front - one local resident now leaves 6 seconds between the car in front - that's triple the recommended time - and remember to look ahead down the road to see what's coming.

2) Drive 5mph slower than the speed limit - take your time, go a bit slower than the limit, enjoy the privilege of driving and remember that you shouldn't be exceeding the speed limit to pass someone. Living in the countryside means walkers, cyclists, animals, horseback riders, agricultural vehicles and others are using the roads as well so please slow down.

3) Stay Focussed - Turn off your phone! or use a hands free device if absolutely necessary - That all important text, email, post, or phone call can and will wait until you are able to stop safely.

4) Keep Calm & Drive Safely - A vehicle is one of the worst places to get angry and lose one's temper. We all make mistakes and errors in judgement - even the best drivers - so try to be gracious when others make mistakes. Keep Calm, Breathe deeply, Leave Space, Slow Down, Focus, and Drive Safely.

One last reminder is that the **Tamar Valley AONB** are holding a consultation event about their future management plans on Saturday the 10th November at Eliot Hall, St Germans from 10am-2pm. Please come along to give your views on how best to shape the future actions and priorities of this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. As always, please get in touch if I may assist with anything Cornwall Council related - Tel: 07449372274 or jesse.foot@cornwallcouncillors.org.uk - Gwellia.

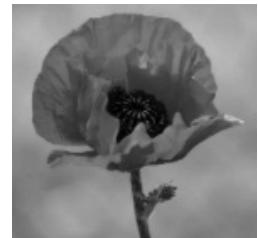
Remembrance Sunday 11 November 2018

Commemorating 100 years since the End of the First World War

The Great War brought so much suffering, so many young lives were lost and families left in tatters. They died for us and the freedom we enjoy today. We say thank you for their sacrifices.

A short **Act of Remembrance** will be held outside the Royal British Legion War Memorial in **Tideford on Sunday 11 November commencing 10.45am**. A separate wreath will be laid for those from The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry whose names are on the memorial and those who wish are invited to plant crosses in the Remembrance garden.

The Last Post will be sounded and the **two minute silence** observed. The Standard will then be carried to **St Lukes's** church for a service of Remembrance conducted by the **Venerable Patrick Evans**. Church collection in aid of the Poppy Appeal. A wreath will also be laid on the commonwealth grave within the church yard. All are welcome, service and non service personnel, groups, children and any youth organisations to join at any stage. Meet up afterwards at the Royal British Legion for a complimentary buffet lunch. The bar will be open. We would like to see more people than ever attend this **special Remembrance Sunday**, please make an effort to come along and pay your respects to the proud young men who fought for us so bravely a century ago.



'We will Remember Them'

Further details: 01752 851406

Remembrance Sunday will be observed at War Memorials in Downderry, Hessenford, St Germans and Tideford on 11 November at 11am when the two minute silence will be observed. Those wishing to attend should assemble at the War Memorials at 10.45am and you are invited to carry a momento or photograph of anyone from your family who has been lost in combat. This will make the reading of the names of those we remember more real for us all. The Act of Remembrance will be followed by church services at Downderry (11.30 - Morning Prayer at St Nicolas) and at St Germans and Tideford - see local notices. David Watters

St Germans Methodist Church

Christmas Craft Afternoon - Saturday 17th November 2.30pm. Come and join us in a little pre-festive fun when we hold our popular Christmas Crafts afternoon. This is an opportunity for both adults and children to try out various craft activities for Christmas, demonstrated by friends and members and to take home what you have made. No skills necessary. Don't miss the fun, bring along a friend and enjoy some festive refreshments. All materials are provided and there is no charge but donations towards costs are invited.

The Zone a Fresh Expression of the Methodist Church in Downderry

The Chapel by the Sea. The service for November is Sunday 4th at 5pm. The service will be taken by the Reverend Iris Bray. We welcome everyone to join us.

The Remembrance service at the War Memorial on the 11th November at 10.45 am will be taken by Rev Iris Bray



Stroke Befriending Service

I work for Volunteer Cornwall on the Stroke Befriending Service which launched this summer. It's a completely free service where we can match trained volunteers who have themselves had a stroke, with someone who has had a stroke and would like to speak to someone who understands. Our volunteers can visit people at home, in hospital or in a care home and we can also offer telephone, email and vide call befriending. We've found this service really helps to build confidence, reduce social isolation and make people feel more connected to their community. It's a new service and we need to get the word out so that people who have had a stroke and need some support can access the service, but also to help with recruiting volunteers who would like to help someone else in their recovery journey.

There is more information about the service on our website and I'm happy to answer any questions you have: <https://www.volunteercornwall.org.uk/how-we-help/health-social-care/stroke-befriending-service>. Laura Smith, Community Maker - East Stroke Befriending Co-ordinator Volunteer Cornwall, 6 Church Street, Liskeard, PL14 3AG 07968 706112 or 01579 344818

St Germans & District Garden Club

On Wednesday 17th October we held our AGM. We had a successful year with some good speakers and three very good garden visits in May, June and July with an additional visit to Boconnoc.



Our finances are still looking good helped by the boost to funds from the Table Top sales. The Committee was re-elected. Gilly Gurr decided to stand down and we thanked her for her input over the past two years. In her place we elected Jenny Crawford who will bring some professional expertise to our meetings.

The business meeting was followed by the customary wine and cheese accompanied by delicious homemade bread.

This month on Wednesday, 21st November at 7.30pm, we have Jeremy Wilson coming to talk to us about Camellias which as we know grow so well in our climate. Jeremy exhibits at RHS Chelsea so we look forward to hearing some of his wisdom.

Eliot Hall Community Centre

Table Top Sale Saturday 10th November 10 am to 2 pm

Visit our Autumn table top sale to seek out some bargains. Pasties and refreshments served. Some tables still available - contact Peter Daw 01503 230505

Shameless Angel at the Eliot Hall Community Centre, St Germans

Saturday November 17th Doors and Bar open 7:30pm Performance 8.00pm

A first for St Germans! To avoid disappointment be sure to buy your tickets early for this cabaret performance. Charlie Bicknell is Shameless Angel - her new show simmers, steams and from time to time boils over. Brazenly witty, the show is packed with contentious and often achingly funny songs from the likes of Tim Minchin and Fascinating Aida, as well as her own wicked and inimitable songs. An unusual approach to childcare and a radio programme of "Climactic Interludes" feature in this eclectic and often startlingly athletic performance.

"A high octane mix of English rose, vamp and Cruella de Vil, Charlie is shamelessly sexy, murderously funny". The Observer

Tickets available online at www.carntocove.co.uk or by phone on 01726 879500 or at St Germans Community Shop PL12 5NR or Summink Different, Downderry, PL11 3LX. Contact Scholars Wine Bar 01503 230600 for a tasty pre-theatre supper.

Eliot Hall Community Centre **Annual General Meeting** Friday 16 November 7.30pm. All are welcome to give your ideas about how our hall should be run.

Polbathic Hall

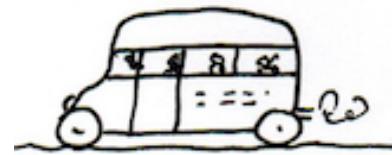
Polbathic Hall has a new bookings clerk. For any bookings please ring Dawn on 01503230 412. You can leave a message and I will get back to you. If unable to leave a message ring Ruth on 0103230836 as standby.

Christmas Lunch

Update from Ann, Jean, Sandy and Maggie, details for our Christmas day lunch are coming together now. Doors will Be open at 12.30 for lunch at 1oclock, followed later by tea. The tea pot will always be full. Come when you can, go when you must. " It's OPEN HOUSE" Are you interested? Speak to one of the girls or contact Maggie at magiluvs2sing@gmail.com or on 07929930584. Venue still to be decided. Final details in December's Nut Tree.

Community Bus News

Downderry and District Community Bus News
.....IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....



Elsa Guilfoyle will be standing down from her bus booking roll at the beginning of this month. You can phone her until 5pm on Friday 2nd November. Thereafter, from 9am on Monday 5th November, you must call our newest member of the bus team - Kath Banks on 01503 250611 to book a seat on the bus. You can of course chance it and just turn up but to ensure a seat, call Kath on 250611, Monday to Friday from 9am to 5 pm. Please do not call her outside these hours. We convey our thanks to Elsa for her dedication in this roll during the last eight years. Thank you Elsa. Also standing down from the bus "team" is Sue Langridge. Sue has run the 300 club for the last 9 years and has managed to raise an amazing £16,600 towards bus funds during that time. We are keen to find somebody to take over from Sue from November onwards. The role involves attending the coffee morning on the last Friday of each month for 3 hours plus an additional 2 hours per month paperwork. And, you get the chance to collect money from lots of lovely people ! We thank Sue for all her time spent persuading people to part with money during the last 9 years. Thank you Sue. £16,600 over 9 years "pro rata" equates to around £9,000 over 5 years. This money is used entirely towards the funding of a new bus every 5 years. The new bus which we hope to purchase in 12 months time will cost over £60,000 ! The remaining £51,000 comes from money raised by the Friends Of The Bus group - £11,500 over 5 years, the donations which you put into the donations box in the bus - £7,400 over 5 years and the fares you pay to use the bus, plus, the grants we receive from councils for our community using the bus. There are actually 7 different sources of our income and since 1985, we have raised sufficient funds to purchase a new bus every 5 years If any one of these income sources were to reduce, we would struggle to keep our bus on the road. It is of concern to the bus committee that we are seeing an overall reduction in passenger numbers, little by little, year by year. Unless we can halt this reduction, we will begin to struggle to maintain a viable community bus service at some time in the not too distant future. So, I make this appeal to everyone in NutTree land to support our community bus by using it ! If you are reading this, then I mean you ! We run trips to Plymouth, Liskeard and Trago every week. You can use your bus pass on these trips. We also run trips to Truro, Exeter, Tavistock, Totnes on a monthly basis. We are always willing to listen to our community for suggestions of other trips. As a

result of recent requests, we now have a regular trip to Looe on the first Monday of each month. Depart 11.30, return 3pm and all for £2.00 ! Call Kath Banks on 250611 to book a seat.

Steve Liddicoat

DATE		DESTINATION	DEPART	LENGTH STAY	FARES SINGLE	RETURN
Nov						
Thursday	1	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.70	£2.30
Tuesday	6	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.40	£3.40
Thursday	8	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.70	£2.30
Friday	9	TAVISTOCK	9.30 am	4 Hours	£3.40	£4.50
Saturday	10	Trago Mills	2.00 pm	2.25 Hours	£2.70	£2.90
Tuesday	13	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.40	£3.40
Thursday	15	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.70	£2.30
Tuesday	20	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.40	£3.40
Wednesday	21	TRURO	9.30 am	4 Hours	£4.10	£5.50
Thursday	22	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.70	£2.30
Friday	23	EXETER	9.30 am	4 Hours	£5.50	£7.00
Tuesday	27	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.40	£3.40
Thursday	29	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.70	£2.30
Dec						
Saturday	1	Christmas Bazaar at the Village Hall, come and support us				
Tuesday	4	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.40	£3.40
Thursday	6	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.70	£2.30
Friday	7th	Tavistock Dickensian Evening, Depart 4.00pm			3 hours	£4.50
Saturday	8	Trago Mills	2.00 pm	2.25 Hours	£2.70	£2.90
Tuesday	11	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.40	£3.40
Wednesday	12	TRURO Victorian Mkt	<u>4.00pm</u>	3 Hours	£4.50	£5.50
Thursday	13	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.70	£2.30
Tuesday	18	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.40	£3.40
Wednesday	19	TRURO	9.30 am	4 Hours	£4.10	£5.50
Thursday	20	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.70	£2.30
Friday	21	Coffee Morning+Mince Pies, with Hospice. 10.30-12.00pm, entrance £1.50				
Tuesday	25	Chrismas day	no service			
Thursday	27	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.70	£2.30
TO BOOK SEATS TELEPHONE DOWNDERRY (01503) 250118 <u>Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm</u>						
Under 5's to be accompanied by a responsible adult.						

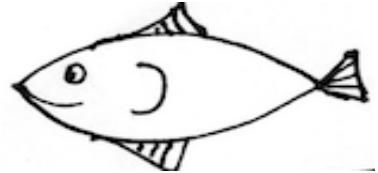
DOWNDERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUS 300

The community bus held its October coffee morning and the draw was made for the 300 club. The winners were:- 1st..no. 114- Kitty Pearce, 2nd..no. 103-Simon Mather and 3rd..no. 74- Keith Bonham.

However, nine people did not renew their number in time for the draw !! sorry folks, you have to be paid to date to get the prizes. Better luck next time.

VACANCY . I wish to retire from my post as 300 club secretary and am looking for someone to take over. After 8-9 years, I have the tasks down to a fine art and easy peasy. Guidance will be available and I could do stand in duty should the events clash with ones diary. Call 250 532 or e.mail me on sue.asplins@gmail.com

Sue Langridge.



Downderry and Seaton Village Hall

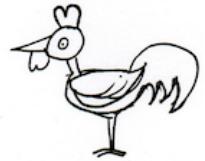
Sun 4th Nov – **TABLE TOP SALE**, to book a table, please contact Keith on 250412, or website downderryandseatonvillagehall.co.uk. Full table £10, half table £5.00. Doors open at 10.30-1.00, open earlier for setting up, you never know what you might find. There are also refreshments available - Tea/coffee/cake, so you can chat about what goodies you uncovered. The **COFFEE MORNING** on Tue 6th November, 10am -12. The theme is “Brioche” which will be great on a chilly November morning.

Fri 9th Nov, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. **Camp Theatre – Lord Arthur Savile’s Crime**. Lord Arthur Savile, a wealthy young man, is blissfully happy as he approaches his impending marriage to Sybil but her mother, Lady Julia is less enthusiastic. Adapted from a short story by Oscar Wilde this charming comedy is packed full of wit with a rich cast of character Tickets are £9.00, and a bar is available. To book tickets online you can go to the website downderryandseatonvillagehall.co.uk, or you can buy them from Summink Different, and on Wednesdays, the box office is open in the Village Hall, 10.30am-Noon. The Carnival Week **OPEN MEETING** is Fri Nov 16th, this is open for everyone, in the Village Hall 7.30, new ideas welcome for the 2019 events Saturday November 24th is The **BIG BREAKFAST** 10.00am-1.00pm for your big plate of egg, bacon, beans, tomatoes, sausage, toast, tea or coffee, all for £4.95. It’s starting to get wintery, so bring a few friends with you too, you can all enjoy the indulgence of a fry-up!....and browse the bric-a brac stall. Coming next month. On Sat 1st Dec Downderry and Seaton Village Hall holds its **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**, it's on **10am-3pm**. Tables are £6 for a full table, £3 for half table Phone Sue on 250811 to book a table, tables for Charities/ good causes only. (Setup Fri eve and 9.00am Sat). Tue 4th COFFEE MORNING. Friday 7th December is the **CHRISTMAS QUIZ AND SUPPER NIGHT**, 7.00pm for 7.30 in the Hall . As always, to help the deductive process, a bar will be available. Price/food etc to be decided closer to the date, If you are a veggie, please call Sue on 250811 to ensure you have your veggie option. Tickets are available from the Box Office in the Hall, keep your eyes open for the posters and board to see what time the box office is open. 13th XMAS BINGO. 20th LAST BINGO OF THE YEAR

Hessenford WI



Our speaker this month was Louise Nichols from Quethiock. After graduating with a degree in Fashion and Textiles she worked freelance designing upholstery fabric, wallpaper, cards and wrapping paper. It was fascinating to see how ideas were meticulously developed and transferred to the end product. As one member commented “We will look at wrapping paper in a totally different light now”! However later Louise transferred her talents to her main passion which is textiles. She showed us examples of her work such as purses, pouches and pictures. Louise also uses Lino prints to produce designs which she prints onto fabric and hand embellishes. We all enjoyed sharing her talent and enthusiasm. Our next meeting is Tuesday 6th November at 7p.m. in Widegates. “The Life of an Opera Singer” with William Shimmell.



Hessenford News As many of you will know the Copley Arms was packed out with friends at the beginning of last month to spend a very enjoyable but emotional evening to say cheerio to our Betsy, who has been a pivotal member of our community. She will be greatly missed & we all really appreciate everything that she has contributed both to our village & the local community but wish her much happiness in her new home. Copies of photos from the evening can be ordered from Angela on 241058 & the book is still available if you haven't had the opportunity to sign it yet. Remember, remember the 5th November & make sure all your pets are safe & warm before you go out to a display [details below] or let off your fireworks at home. You will have seen the silent silhouette display around our war memorial as this year sees the 100th anniversary of the end of the first world war. We would love as many of you as possible to join in our **Remembrance Service on Sunday, 11th November starting at 10.45am** to show our respect for those individuals who gave their lives. Nigel Sylvester-Thorne has tracked down some information on some of the individuals who were part of our community and are named on our memorial. It would be lovely to have a large crowd & stop the traffic! The posters are up & the flyers will have been pushed through your letterboxes for the **Murder Mystery** at the Copley Arms on **Saturday, 17th November 7.00 for 7.30pm**. Anne's looking out for three ladies to take part in the proceedings so please contact her on 240702. The scene is set in the 1950's where Gangsters are eating in a New York Restaurant. There's a three-course meal & a prize for the best costume for the audience so get those tickets booked if you haven't already done so. Hessenford Hall's the place to be the following **Saturday, 24th between 2.00 & 4.00pm** for the **Christmas Bazaar**, come & spend some pennies and enjoy some tea & cake. Please keep looking for the ducks that are still AWOL, for some reason they haven't surfaced yet & we don't want them heading out to sea!! And finally don't forget to contact me, Fran, if there's anything going on that needs a mention, I'm always glad of a bit of news from the grapevine. **Gardening tips of the month:** Remember to check out Alison's table. Clear up fallen leaves. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent water logging. Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock. Plant out winter bedding. Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem. Insulate outdoor containers from frost. Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks. Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden. Use a seasonal bonfire to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting. **Thought for the Month:** A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself [*Joseph Campbell*]. Sorry that the October Birthday people didn't get a mention but I got edited! **Dates for your diary/calendar:** Warm Up to Christmas, Tavistock Town Hall, Sat 3rd Nov; Polperro Firework Display, Sat 3rd Nov; Port Eliot Firework Display, Mon 5th Nov; St Germans; Open Mic Night, Wed 7th Nov for all you budding musicians, the Copley Arms Hessenford; Murder Mystery Evening Sat 17th November in the Copley Arms; Christmas Bazaar, Sat 24th Nov, Hessenford Hall; St Mellion Christmas Fair, Sun 25th Nov; Glass Shack Christmas Decoration Workshops, various dates in November. Polperro Christmas Lights, Sat 1st Dec.

St Germans and District Twinning Association



November is a busy month for Twinning! We are holding our AGM on Friday 9th November at 7.30pm in the Polbathic Village Hall. We hope you have all submitted your photos for the competition. We will be picking the winner and presenting a prize. There will be wine and cheese after the business meeting and an opportunity to catch up with friends. We are hoping for a good turnout from our members to support the Committee and help us with some new ideas to improve future visits and fundraising events. On Saturday 24th November we are trying a new fundraising venture and will be holding a Horse Racing evening at the Quay Sailing Club in St Germans from 7.30pm. Come and pit your wits against the runners, have a flutter! There will be cottage pie and crumble to sustain your enthusiasm and the Bar will be open. Non members also very welcome. Tickets: £8.00 which includes a free bet on the first race. Available from: Ann 232932, Hilary 230305 or Biddy 250010.

Whitsand Harmony Concert

On Saturday September 22nd, Whitsand Harmony choir gave a concert in Downderry village hall, for the benefit of the National Coastwatch Institution at Rame Head. A superb concert was enjoyed by a very large audience, and the choir, conducted by musical director, Ann Wills, gave an outstanding performance. Seven watch keepers, and their wives, from Rame Head manned the bar, sold tickets at the door, organised a raffle, and helped to serve the considerable amount of food, all of which had been provided by volunteers. During the interval, the Station manager from Rame Head, Colin Scott, gave a short talk, outlining what NCI did and was able to announce that all funds raised would go towards a new tracking camera, which had just been ordered, to add to the new radar set, recently installed. This equipment would greatly enhance the abilities of watch keepers at Rame Head, thereby hopefully contributing to safety on the seas in that area. He thanked the choir, and all the helpers, for a wonderful evening.

At the end of the evening, the choir suggested that this should be made an annual event, given how successful everyone thought it had been. After all expenses were taken into account, the total sum raised for NCI was £370, for which everyone at Rame Head is very grateful. **Future events** ... Whitsand Harmony Choir invite you to join them at their Christmas party on Wed 5th DEC. in D & S V H. During an informal evening we will sing a Xmas program, and there will be a raffle and stall in aid of Parkinson's UK. Bring a plate of food to share if you wish and a drink, or buy wine and beer at the bar. Donations to the choir. Free entry from 7 for 7.30 p.m. .

Cornwall Hospice Care

Please note that the next **BAKED POTATO LUNCH** will be on:

Thursday 1st November 11.30am -1pm £5

In December do come & support our stall at the **Christmas Bazaar** on **1st December** & our **Coffee Morning** later that month with the Community Bus. Buy our Christmas cards at the **Blue Plate** on **Thursday 8th November** from **11am**



1st St Germans Guides

As a supporter and behind the scene helper of the 1st St Germans Guides I feel sad that such a brilliant world wide organisation will have to call it a day in our lovely village. Clare Eastment, Guide Leader, took on the role thirteen years ago when no one else could. During her non paid voluntary role she has successfully qualified to cover mandatory requirements and also an array of qualifications to enable her to take advantage of the many fantastic trips and activities that the guides enjoyed over the past years. It has been a tough decision to close but with only three non village girls (only one new member on the horizon), girls staying longer at Brownies on a Wednesday and the pull of the local youth club as helpers on a Friday, she has been faced with closure. Although, Clare has successfully raised funds and been awarded grants this has been to provide trips, activities and reduced (in most cases cleared) the expected cost to parents. Few, if any, grants can be applied for to cover running costs, the running costs far out weigh the income. Clare has liaised with other guiding units and the governing bodies including parents to ensure that the remaining girls have every opportunity to re join another provider. Clare will 'go out with a bang' at the annual 1st St Germans Guides pantomime trip in January with her last village session to be held on Friday 30th Nov. On behalf of Clare Eastment, Guide Leader, thank you for all your past support

Port Eliot Fireworks

Port Eliot Estate and Gardens will be hosting their second annual bonfire night celebrations on Monday November 5th 2018. With refreshments, bar, food, live music from Vince Lee and the Big Combo and fireworks by The Fireworks Mining Co the event starts at 6.30pm. Tickets available from the Estate office, Tuesdays & Thursdays 09.00 to 12.00, Saturday & Sundays 1.00 to 3.00. From the St Germans Community Shop and online via our Facebook page Port Eliot House and Gardens. Adults £5 and Children £3

No Rules Pumpkin Competition (held here in St Germans this summer)

Preliminary results with several possible ' also ran ' results to come are these - Heaviest so far.... Lisa : 25 kg with a circumference of 1.323 metre

Hanna : 5.984 kg circumference of .875 metre

Alison : 5.5 kg circumference .875 metre

Brian : 5.049kg circumference .84 metre (a possible prize winner was removed from his garden . suspected theft.)

Monica : 2.15 kg circumference .620 metre

For the information of Nutree readers. Originally 'Unwins ' the seed people generously donated some pumpkin seeds to a group of local allotmenteers who decided it would be fun to stage a no rules comp using only the seeds donated. Anything goes rules . it is possible that next year another comp will be held using seeds from the winning pumpkin from the previous year, look out for details. Thanks also to Brays the butcher at Tideford for weighing the pumpkins as there were no scales nearer that could cope with the size of pumpkins grown . Look out for details of next years comp. Martin Reed

Tour De Moor 2018

Chris & Gail Brett would like to thank all of you who sponsored us in aid of St Luke's Hospice. We are pleased to say that we completed the 23km and have raised over £180 this year. Thank you to Kim & Richard along with staff members at the shop in Downderry for helping with the sponsor form & monies. 1600 cyclists took part in this annual off road bike challenge from Harrowbeer Airfield, Yelverton across Dartmoor and back. At the start we were told that this event last year raised over £80,000.00 for St Lukes. We hope to be able to take part again next year.

Soup and Pud Lunch Sat Nov 17th 10.30 - 1.30 St Nicolas Church, Downderry

Another chance to come to the ever popular Coffee morning, soup & pud lunch and charity stall. An opportunity to buy Christmas cards and goodies. There are always goodies and homemade produce from the WI. Come and enjoy a natter and lunch. There no fee for the Charity stalls but do contact David Watters 01503-250521 to secure a Charity stall and sell Christmas gifts.

Downderry and Seaton Residents Association (DASRA)

DASRA has a website: www.dasra.co.uk. Our aim is to make this site a relevant, go-to, factual source informing residents, and visitors, on what is happening, and what services are available, in our adjacent villages. Obviously the website can only be as good as the information it provides, and to satisfy that, we do need residents to share news on their organisation and their services. Do keep us in touch by emailing info@dasra.co.uk We are geared up to keep the site up-to-date, and we can handle updates, and changes, at any time. In September, the DASRA Committee held a meeting with many of those who have been subscribing to the **Downderry and Seaton Community Fund**. The Fund was set up in February 2016 when residents came together to discuss what to do on hearing of the imminent closure of our local Post Office Service. It was recognised that this could be just the first of a number of key facilities and services which could come under threat now or in the future. Those present agreed to the creation of a Community Fund which would be available, as and when action was needed, to maintain key services and to support initiatives that would enhance the lives of local residents. Since then, the Fund secured two years of subsidy to retain a Post Office Service until March this year when a 4-hour a week outreach service was agreed with Post Office Ltd. No further subsidy is required so current subscribers came together in early Sept to consider the future of the Community Fund. Following discussions on potential benefits, the audience agreed that the Community Fund should continue and hoped that more residents would be encouraged to support its growth into the future. It was also agreed that the Committee Members of DASRA be given responsibility to manage the Fund on behalf of the community. If you would like to support the Community Fund, take a look on the DASRA website, email us on info@dasra.co.uk or write to The Committee, DASRA, c/o Downderry Stores who offer a postal collection service for the Residents Association. Thank you. Laura Done, Chair, DASRA.

Open Hearts Open Borders - Gift Boxes for refugee children.

November 9th , St Nicolas Church. Fill a shoe box with items for refugee children in Greece: toys, personal care and craft items. We have a box filling and collection session on Friday Nov 9th in St Nicolas Church, Downderry, from 1.30 to 4ish. Everyone welcome to come along, you don't have to bring a complete box! We need empty boxes as well as craft items such as pens, crayons, pencils, notebooks, colouring books, paints, brushes, stickers etc. We are also collecting toothbrushes and paste, shower gel, wipes, new socks, underwear and new PJs. Small toys and games including puzzles, story books, travel games, skipping rope, lego, small balls, yo-yo, dolls and action/superhero figures and finally vegetarian Halal candy and biscuits. We'll be making up boys for boys and girls , under 5s, 5-8 etc Donations can be left with Chris Wiseman (250614) or Biddy Lloyd, but we'd love to see you on 9th for tea, cake and packing.

Family Surf Event at Seaton Beach

Saturday 1st December is the date for the South East Cornwall Surf Clubs "Ice Cube Classic 2018" surf competition at Seaton beach. This popular event has historically been held in February but organisers have, this year, opted for a pre-Christmas event when some optional, "sea-sonal" fancy dress can be given a first outing. So competing or not, please dress up if you are coming to Seaton beach on 1st December and bring your camera! Competitor registration opens at 8.30am for surfers who can enter in teams of four. There are adult, under 16s and under 14s categories. Entry is £10 per adult and £5 for under 16s. The event will run all day and there will be lots of great prizes from generous event sponsors Cloudbreak Surf Shop (Saltash) and Waves Bar (Seaton). The competition is being run under Surf England rules with judging by Christian Surfers UK. For surf competitors and spectators alike there will be plenty to do and see. Along with the the surfing there will be some fun beach games, challenges and prizes to keep everyone entertained. Refreshments will be available from local businesses in Seaton with Waves Bar putting on a special event BBQ. Prize giving will be at an evening event, also in Waves Bar, where there will be live music and a party atmosphere to round off what should be a great day at Seaton Beach, on land or sea, for everyone. All are welcome! Note, the event may be adapted according to conditions but will only be cancelled in the event of extreme weather. Check South East Cornwall Surf Clubs Facebook page for live updates and for any questions about the event.



Seaton Butterfly garden. A big thank you to all of you who come to help on the working party days, and also the other Mondays in the month. We have started to uncover the lovely stone walls along the paths, and it's looking "tended" now, Jenny, the Ranger, is getting a group together to weave in the willow arch, so we should start to look quite smart. Mon Nov 12th - the second Monday of the month, is the next working party, but you can come along any dry Monday you're feeling fit. We are doing a "planting" day, on 12th if you have been dividing plants, and have anything surplus to requirements, that is bee/butterfly friendly, then if you could bring it along, we'll find a home for it

St Germans Flower and Vegetable Show 2019

Now the clocks have changed and winter approaches the show committee would like draw your attention to some of the different classes that you may wish to craft during the dark evenings to while away the time. Our **Handicraft** section was very popular this year and again we have some interesting challenges for those of you with nimble fingers or fine attention to detail. As well as our soft toy, hand knitted/crocheted item, cross stitched item, an item made from patchwork and any other handmade items we would like you all to try your hand at **a fabric doorstop, a peg bag and an item made from paper or card, including decoupage**. Our new look **Photography** section was an eye to behold with entries brightening the displays within the show. For 2019 we would like your interpretation of “**Garden landscape**” “**Unusual perspective**” “**Celebration**” – to be presented on photographic paper or “**Garden Scene**” “**Surprise! Surprise!**” “**Let’s Party!**” on non-photographic paper. Finally all children are invited to get crafty with any medium of their choice. St Germans School has kindly chosen the class topics for this year’s children’s section early and the children will all be entering a picture as part of their learning during the year ahead as normal- we look forward to their entries every year and thank them for making an eye catching display. **Under 5s we would love to see a picture of a Butterfly, children ages 4-16 years we have classes for a picture of “Our Village” again using any medium and for anyone aged 0-16 years we have classes for a piece of handicraft in any medium.** **CURRENT VACANCY – Show Secretary** – having spent many years supporting our village shows it is with sadness that Margaret Walker has decided to step down as Show Secretary so if you can volunteer your time to help keep this show thriving please do get in touch. If you have some fresh ideas to help take the show forward towards its 50th year anniversary in 2021 or can spare a couple of hours around show time next year then **please do contact Margaret Walker on 01503 230471.**



Scottish Dancing at the Eliot Hall, St. Germans

Thursdays 7– 9.30p.m. If you would like to keep fit and have fun at the same time then why not come along to the Eliot Hall, St Germans on a Thursday evening and join our Scottish Dancing group. All ages and gender welcome and no need to have any previous experience as there is a great teacher with infinite patience and skill in teaching. Only £2.50 a session so come along and give it a try. For further information contact Chris on 01503 230281.

Fisherman's Mission /RNMDSF

Hessenford’s annual collection raised £133.10 for the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. Thank you to those who donated, no matter the amount, and to those who completed the gift aid form on the envelope, enabling the donation to increase by a fifth when the tax paid is reclaimed. For further information on the way your money is used, please take time to visit: <http://www.fishermensmission.org.uk/>

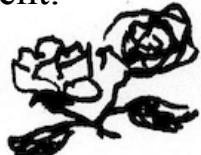
St Germans Thursday Club

MUSIC! with Lizzy Stroud was great fun for all - even those who can't hold a tune (oops that's me!) enjoyed singing along. And Lizzy played Bach, Chopin and Mozart, minuets and nocturnes, for a most relaxing afternoon. In November we'll have a film afternoon for members and visitors; come and bring a friend or neighbour. There'll be refreshments and a raffle. 2:30 pm Thursday 22nd November in the Eliot Hall St Germans. On Thursday 13th December, for our last trip of the year, we will go to the Christmas Market at Lemon Quay, Truro. The bus will pick us up from the Triangle St Germans at 10 am. if you'd like to join us, please contact Trish Gregory (01503-230697). Thursday Club members get preference, but we sometimes have spare seats. We welcome you to drop in to one of our afternoons, to become a member, and to suggest activities you'd like the club to organise. Further information from our chairperson Jenny Putt (230766) Report by Sue Cousins (230106)

Planned Development of Broads Yard Hillside

A planning application will be submitted in November by Cornwall Rural Housing Association (CRHA) for the development of 12 "affordable homes" on the land immediately adjacent to Broads Yard car park. An open day is being arranged by CRHA to enable Downderry and Seaton residents to inspect and discuss their plans. This should take place at The Zone in early November (date and time to be confirmed) so please watch notice boards around the village for more precise details. Residents who may have concerns about the implications of this upon a longer-term and wider-scale development of the hillside beyond the site may wish to raise these at the event.

Dave G. DASRA



Thanks

The Bradburn family and Angela and Ian would like to thank over 70 friends who supported our Celebration for Betsy on 6th October. Many of you also brought food and it was such a lovely evening we all had a wonderful time...even Betsy when she stopped crying!! The 'Memories' book is now at Betsy's house so if you forgot to sign go and see her and leave a message. Thank you for your support and keeping the secret.

Letters

I wondered if you would consider putting something in the Nut Tree in relation to Alan Payne's 'Nature' article from October's edition. It's always a wonderful read but I was saddened to note the Sparrow Hawk dying after hitting a window. We purchased light coloured tassel type curtains for our windows where net curtains were not wanted and thankfully have had no bird strikes since putting them up and they don't impede on the view. I don't know if this is something appropriate for the magazine but I thought I'd email in case Alan or yourselves thought it worthy of mentioning.

Rita's Rota

NOVEMBER 2018 Dates

- 1 9.30 Com bus Liskeard; 11.00 Hospice BP Lunch DSVH
2 10.00 CM CZ

4 10.00 table top DSVH; 5.00 Service CZ, TC
5 11.30 Com bus Looe; 6.30 Fireworks Port Eliot; 7ish Open mic Eliot Arms; 7.00 Kick off Christmas DSVH

6 9.30 Com bus Plymouth; 10.00 CM DSVH; 7.00 Hess WI WVH
8 9.30 Com bus Liskeard; 11.00 Hospice cards Blue Plate; 7.00 Scottish Dancing EHSG; Deviock PC CZ

9 9.30 Com bus Tavistock; 10.00 CM CZ; 1.30 Refugee Children Gift Box Filling SNCh; 7.30 Lord Arthur Savile's crime DSVH; 7.30 Twinners' AGM PolH
10 10.00 Table top sale EHSG; 2.30 COM BUS Trago
11 10.45 Remembrance Service Downderry, Hess, St Germans, Tideford & War Memorials; 11.30 Remembrance Service SNCh, SGMC

12 10.15 Butterfly garden Planting SCP
13 9.30 Com bus Plymouth
14 15 9.30 Com bus Liskeard
15 9.30 COM BUS Truro; 7.00 Scottish Dancing EHSG
16 7.30 AGM EHSG; 7.30 Carnival Meeting DSVH
17 10.30 Soup and pud & table top SNCh; 2.30 Christmas Crafts SGMC; 7.30 Murder Mystery CA; 7.30 Shameless Angel EHSG

- 18 9.30 Eucharist SNCh; 11.00 Eucharist SGPC;
20 9.30 Com bus Plymouth
21 7.30 St G Garden Club EHSG

22 9.30 COM BUS Liskeard; 2.30 Thursday Club EHSG; 6.30 Deviock Planning CZ; 7.00 Scottish Dancing EHSG
23 9.30 Com bus Exeter; 10.00 CM CZ
24 10.00 Big Breakfast DSVH; 2.00 Christmas Bazaar HCH; 7.30 Horse Racing QSC

25 9.30 Morning Prayer SNCh; 11.00 M Prayer SGPC
26 St Germans PC 7.30 EHSG
27 9.30 Com bus Plymouth
29 9.30 Com bus Liskeard; 7.00 Scottish Dancing EHSG
30 10.00 CM CZ

December

- 1 8.30 Ice Cube Classic Seaton Beach; 10.00 Christmas Bazaar DSVH

4 10.00 CM DSVH
CZ Downderry Coastal Zone; CA Copley Arms; DSC D'derry School; DSVH Dderry & Seaton VH; EHSG Eliot Hall St G; HC H'ford Church; HCH H'ford Church Hall; IOS Inn on the Shore; PolH Polbathic Hall; QSC Quay Sailing Club; SGMC St G Methodist Ch; SGPC St G Priory Church; SkMH Sheviock Mem Hall; SCP Seaton Country Park; SNCh St Nicolas' Church; TC Tideford Church; TRBL Tideford RBL Hall; WVH W'gates V Hall
Copy for Rita's Rota should be sent to ritasrota@yahoo.co.uk by 15th of the preceding month.