



We endeavour, each month, to provide a copy of Nut Tree on every doorstep, containing non commercial information of interest to the residents of 'Nut Tree Land' (the two parishes of St Germans and Deviock). We welcome copy in any form, however if it is of equal ease to contributors to send it electronically then please do. Don't hesitate to send hard copy if you have no alternative. It's also much appreciated where possible that submissions are made once, and not altered and resent - I'm sure contributors can appreciate the extra work created when multiple submissions are sent each month! Again, it is appreciated that sometimes this is unavoidable, and every effort is made to ensure requests are honoured, but please appreciate that the production of nut tree is entirely dependent on volunteers. Also remember that you can always access a copy online at either parish website, or pick up a hard copy from any of the shops in the communities. Please email copy to nuttree.editor@yahoo.com, or send hard copy to 'Tremaye' Donderry PL11 3LL by the 17th of the preceding month. Email or ring 01503 250629 with any enquiries.



Spring in Nature

Within the birding world spring is an exciting time. It starts in March with Chiffchaffs and Wheatears and extends well into May. By now Swallows and House Martins have arrived and Swifts will follow soon.

Whilst residents such as Blackbirds and Robins have been nesting for weeks, other species arrive from the south and need time to settle. The dawn chorus is therefore an extended period. Small birds such as warblers migrate by night and their song may be the first sign of their arrival. Visible migration is always fascinating to observe. Occasionally at headlands such as Rame many birds are grounded in bad weather and I remember on one occasion in April every bush was occupied by a Goldcrest. I look forward to observing waders such as Whimbrel which stop to feed

amongst seaweed on the beach. They may be disturbed by walkers but quickly return further along the coast. Some stop off at farmland and golf courses too. Gannets and Manx Shearwaters can be observed offshore on lengthy feeding trips, whilst a passing skua may be on its way north to Scotland or beyond. There is an overlap too with wintering birds such as Great Northern Divers that remain offshore well into May and even later before their return to Iceland . Alan Payne

From the Parishes - Devoick Parish

Devoick Parish Council - Notice of Casual Vacancies

Notice is hereby given that by reason of resignations two vacancies have occurred among the members of the Parish Council. There is one vacancy in Donderry Ward and one in Seaton Ward. Any person willing to fill either of these vacancies should apply to the Clerk in writing / email (address below) on or before Friday 17th May 2019. The applicant's name must appear on the current register of the Voters List or the applicant should during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date have resided in or within three miles of the parish or the applicant's only place of work during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date is in the parish. The applicant must not be debarred from standing as a Councillor.

PUBLIC elections cannot be held until the year 2021 but for the interim period the present sitting Councillors may co-opt to fill the vacancy.

MEETING DATES MAY 2019: -

Parish Council Meeting (A.G.M.): 9th May 2019, 7.30 pm

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: 16th May 2019 (Revised Date), 7.30 pm

Planning Committee: 23rd May 2019, 6.30 pm (if required),

All at Donderry Methodist Church.

Donderry Memorial Gardens A group of gardening volunteers meet once a month on Saturday mornings 10 am – 12 noon to help maintain and improve these gardens which are a great local asset. Please come along and join in. The List of Dates for 2019: - 11th May; 15th June; 20th July; 17th August; 14th September & 12th October.

Devoick 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.

Recent Grants made by Devoick PC

- 1) Up to £150 towards cost of plants and planters for Bridge Road Car Park, grass verge, Seaton
- 2) Up to £250 to Donderry & Seaton W.I. towards cost of plants and gardening items for the Broads Yard Car Park flower bed, Donderry.
- 3) £50 contribution to production and printing of the 2019 CHAT Directory

Temporary Road Closure, Downterry

Brenton Road, Downterry - 14th to 20th May 2019 (19:00 to 07:00)

Contact: South West Water, Tel: 0344 346 2020

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

Opening hours are:-Wednesdays: 2pm – 4pm, Thursdays: 9am – 12 noon

Check out: www.deviockparish.org.uk (Agendas and Minutes are on the website)

St. Germans

Doctor's Lane in St Germans is now repaired and is open again.

The flooding at Budes Shop is being addressed, at present Cornwall Highways are proposing the use of CCTV cameras to identify the problem.

A big thank you to everyone who attended our traffic consultation meetings at Tideford and Polbathic. (St Germans yet to come at the time of writing). Parking and excessive speed are recurring issues. It is difficult to cross the main road safely at Polbathic, and at Tideford the busy A38 is a real problem. Both villages have houses on each side of the road, and yet a car park on only one side.

Anyone catching a bus has to cross the road for one leg of their journey. How can crossing the roads be made safer?

We are collating all your comments and proposals and will bring them to the attention of the Highways authorities where appropriate, and do what we can to try to solve some of the problems.

Finally, we were very sorry to lose our friend and fellow councillor Avril Gowring, who died in March. Avril was an enthusiastic member of the council who will be much missed. There is now a vacancy for a new councillor in Polbathic ward.

Next Parish meeting is on 20th May at Polbathic Hall, 7pm. Please contact our clerk Emily if there is any issue you would like to see on the agenda.

News from Cornwall - Jesse Foot

At April's Full Council meeting, Cornwall Councillors voted to support a South East Cornwall regeneration package investing in a number of projects around our lovely part of Kernow. This investment into South East Cornwall is long overdue and to be welcomed. The package includes commitments to invest in and seek further funding into some very exciting projects that will bring a variety of benefits to our communities including significant funding for Flood Defences at Looe, Cattle Market Regeneration at Liskeard, the Tamar River Links project investigating maritime strategy and river links between Saltash, Torpoint & Rame Peninsula, a South East Cornwall network of cycling and walking trails, and the Kerdroya Project. The benefits to residents from these schemes will help deliver on the following priorities for Cornwall Council: Homes for Cornwall, Green and Prosperous Cornwall, Connecting



Cornwall and a Healthier Cornwall. While I am supportive of all of these schemes and look forward to seeing them delivered, I hope this package is only the beginning of investment in our area that will bring benefits for many years to come like the Kerdroya Project. 2019 marks the 60th anniversary of Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty designation, and, inspired by the rock art labyrinths at Rocky Valley, Tintagel the Kerdroya project aims to celebrate this. "Kerdroya is both a physical celebration of this important milestone with our partners and with the communities of our 12 AONB sections as well as an opportunity to celebrate one of the most special aspects of what makes Cornwall's AONB landscape so special – the humble Cornish hedge." That's right the Cornish Hedge! Some of our Cornish hedges are believed to be over 4000 years old and are still being used for their original purpose. Cornish Hedges have ecological, cultural, and historical significance. From May to September 2019, a series of events around Cornwall celebrate the Cornish hedge with free day-long Cornish Hedging taster sessions. I managed to attend the first of these sessions in Lansallos. The project celebrates unique Cornish Hedging techniques across the AONB areas encouraging visitors to venture into Cornwall ending up with a final Cornish Hedge labyrinth at Colliford Lake (yet to be constructed but planning approved). If you are interested in taking part in one of the sessions alongside a master Cornish Hedger, helping create something that will last thousands of years please contact kerdroya@goldentree.org.uk, bring your Cornish Shovel and lump hammer! If I may assist with anything Cornwall Council related, please get in touch on 07449372274 or jesse.foot@cornwallcouncillors.org.uk. Enjoy the May Flowers, Gwella, Jesse -

Simple Ways to Help Protect our Planet

It's been really wonderful to see our parish councils leading the way in declaring a climate emergency. Collectively their declarations will mean a greener, cleaner future for all of us. And there are many ways we can support our councils. One of the most important things for wildlife is to have corridors; places where they can move freely from one haven to the next. This means long grass, pollinator friendly plants, a mix of trees, shrubs and bushes, water and food all year round. Can you make your garden a wildlife haven? Importantly this also means using no sprays. Nature has a great way of balancing itself, given time. Ladybirds will eat aphids, birds will tackle snails, frogs will eat slugs. Areas of long grass will provide cover for small mammals, and in turn attract owls. A small hole in your garden fence will give hedgehogs the ability to extend their territory and a log pile will provide them with shelter.

Now that our parishes have declared a climate emergency, we can look forward to longer grass verges, and all the additional interesting wildlife that comes with it; moths, butterflies, dragonflies, hoverflies, frog hoppers. Take a magnifying glass and sit for a while, you'll be amazed at what you see.

The living graveyards project is a fine example of what happens when nature is left to its own devices. I was at Hessenford churchyard last spring and felt overcome with how



beautiful it was; filled with primroses, red campions, bluebells and many other wild flowers. So let's embrace the wild, take time to enjoy slow things, of which we are enormously blessed in this area; the sea, streams, rivers, beaches, and all the many life forms with which we are lucky enough to share our planet.

On a tangent (and I make no apologies for repetition on this one), there are few better ways of saving the planet than staying local. The less money spent, the less miles travelled, the smaller our carbon footprint becomes. Spending money within your community will keep it vibrant; slower forms of travel, such as walking and cycling, have the added bonus of lots of social interaction along the way. And a big thank you to Deviock and St Germans councils for all the great work they do. L.S.

Save the Children Soup and Pud lunch 11th May

Come along on Saturday 11th May for a Coffee morning/soup and pud lunch in St Nicolas Church, there will also be the usual raffle and sales tables with a variety of plants, preserves and other treasures.



Summer Charity Party

Sandra from Rockley promotes a Summer Charity Party

Saturday 8th June 7pm 'til late Live music/Disco/Raffle/bar and snacks

@ Donderry and Seaton Village Hall

Rocksea, a dance band and special guests. £5 on the door in aid of:

The Air Ambulance, Cornwall Hospice, Parkinson's UK

St Germans Thursday Club

Our March 28th and April 11th meetings were well-attended; with thanks to both our speakers. Visitors are always welcome; watch for our quite assorted posters.

On March 28th, fashions from Kernow Mill were on display, and the complications of marketing were presented in a most fascinating and colourful talk by Julie Bishop. Julie began as a window-dresser, when it was the Mill Shop; she is now the Marketing Manager. We are most fortunate to have such a well-stocked emporium in our neighbourhood. The afternoon was enjoyed by all. The talk on April 11th by Philip Stansfield, founder and owner of the Cornish Cheese Company was very entertaining, and informative. The samples of Cornish Blue and Cornish Nanny, blue cheeses were very tasty, really appreciated, and were purchased by most all of us. Later there was a speculative tasting of the cheeses in our village shop. Yummy! Our May 9th trip to Liskeard /Looe by branch-line train is fully booked, but there may be last minute cancellations. Members please note:- pick-up time at the triangle will be 1:30 pm. May 23rd we will go to The Bungalow in Crafhole for afternoon cream-tea, a perennial favourite with Thursday Club. (pick-up 2:30 pm at the triangle) Contact Trish Gregory 230697. Non-members may book for outings; priority to members, of course. Membership is still only £10 a year.

Chairperson - Brenda Crago 01752- 85119 Report-SmC- 230106

St. Nicolas Church

There will be no May Soup and Pud Lunch in St Nicolas Church due to a shortage of helpers, the next lunch will be Saturday July 13th.

Fisherman's Mission

The annual door to door (H2H) collection in Hessenford for the Fishermen's Mission, AKA Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen (RNMDSF), will take place 11-24 May 2019. This is earlier than usual as henceforth it will be brought forward from September/October to the lighter months in consideration of the potential risk to householders opening their doors to a stranger on the darker evenings. A donation envelope will be left at every house without a "No Cold Callers" sign and a volunteer will call to collect it within a few days.

Not everybody will either wish or be able to support this charity. If this applies to you, please leave the envelope in a prominent position outside or return the envelope empty to the collector. This will save the collector's time and avoid their calling at your house repeatedly if you are not at home.

No resident of Cornwall can really be in any doubt about either the dangers facing the people working in the fishing industry or of the vital work of the Fishermen's Mission. If any encouragement to donate is needed however, please take time to visit: <http://www.fishermensmission.org.uk/> Every contribution helps and a taxpayer can donate the tax they have paid on it already, at no extra cost, by completing the gift aid form on the envelope. David Cormack 01503 240749



M.A.D. Spring Fever

Put a spring in your step and dance to two great bands at Dounderry & Seaton Village Hall on **Saturday May 18th 2019, 7.30pm till late**. Music Around Deviock are pleased to bring you the big sound of Cornish Groove Collective performing classic funk, soul and Motown tunes, and Kenoby, a Plymouth-based duo who play uplifting, beachy, surfy sing-along tunes with great harmonies.

Tickets available on door: adults £5, under-16s £2, under-12s free. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult of over 21. Food and licensed bar available, no alcohol to be brought into the hall.

Cornish Groove Collective is the performing big band which grew out of DCM, our local community music project which brings together musicians of all ages and always welcomes new members! (More info at www.deviockcommunitymusic.co.uk.) This is the first of a series of events by MAD to raise money for the Cornwall Air Ambulance New Heli Appeal.

www.musicarounddeviock.co.uk

Dowderry and Seaton Village Hall Events

Now is the time to start planning your garden so it will be full of colour for when the sun comes out and your salads will include lots of home grown goodies. There will be lots to choose from at our **SUMMER PLANT SALE** on **Friday 3rd May from 7pm to 8pm**. You can also buy plants at our **COFFEE MORNING** on **Saturday 4th May from 10am to 12 noon** and enjoy a biscuit with a drink of tea or coffee while you decide what to buy. All are welcome, including well behaved dogs on leads.

Join us at our **BIG BREAKFAST** on **Saturday 18th May, 10am to 1pm**. Enjoy a hearty breakfast and pick up a bargain on the Bric-a-Brac and Book Stall.

Eye's down it's **BINGO** time. Join us **every Thursday in May** for a fun evening. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. Drinks and snacks can be purchased and there's always a great raffle.

ART & CRAFT SHOW 2019, 27th July to 4th August. Time is running out if you want to book a table at this annual and very popular event. Closing date for booking tables is **Friday 17th May**. Go to our website (www.dowderryandseatonvillagehall.co.uk) where you will find details and a booking form, or contact Keith or Mandy Smith on 01503 250412.

GARDEN and PRODUCE SHOW, Saturday 10th August. If you live within a ten mile radius of Deviock School and whether you are a grower, arranger, crafter, photographer, writer or cook and no matter your age or expertise, it's now time to start planning what you will enter, that is, if you haven't already started. There are a wide range of classes to choose from for adults and children. The full list and rules can be found on our website (www.dowderryandseatonvillagehall.co.uk), posters in the Village Hall or contact Steve Brunning on 01503 250459 email me@stevebrunning.co.uk for a copy. Nominations are now open for the **Residents' Association Cup** for the best managed garden in a manner appropriate to the site. Also **The Vittle Shied** for the best Window Box or Hanging Basket. Any villager may nominate a Garden, Window Box or Hanging Basket; simply obtain the owner's permission and then give details to any committee member, post in the Village Hall post box or complete the online form on our website (www.dowderryandseatonvillagehall.co.uk) by 10th July. They will be judged between the 17th and 24th July.

Dowderry and Seaton Carnival July 2019

Summer is just around the corner and that means it's nearly Carnival time. We are looking for a boy or girl under the age of 16 to become our **Carnival Monarch for 2019** and lead the parade in an open top car on Sunday 7th July. So don't delay parents, for more information and the nomination form,



go to our website (www.dowderryandseatonvillagehall.co.uk). Closing date for nominations is **Monday 27th May 2019**.

You could be the first winner of our **Carnival Golf event** which will take place on **Friday 12th July** at Whitsand Bay Golf Club. For more information and to reserve a

place, contact Keith Smith on 01503 250412.

Other dates for your dairy - Picking of the Carnival Monarch (**1st June**), Crowning of

the Carnival Monarch followed by children's entertainer (**29th June**), Coffee Morning (**2nd July**), Adult Bingo (**4th July**), Children's Bingo and Disco (**5th July**), Family Treasure Hunt (**6th July**), Carnival Day Parade followed by BBQ, Bar, refreshments, stalls, bouncy castle and face painting (**7th July**), Quiz (**12th July**) and to end it all Beach BBQ following the Raft Race (**13th July**).

As details are finalised, they will be added to our website (www.downderryandseatonvillagehall.co.uk) and posted on Facebook.

All proceeds for the above events go to the Village Hall.

Butterfly Garden



The next working party is 13th May 10-12.30ish - always the second Monday of the month, so put them in your diaries. We are there most dry Mondays, so come along another Monday if you can't make the working party - my phone number is 250293, if you'd like to check before you come. Welcome to Vivienne, who has joined us, and started to work on the back part of the garden. The primroses have been looking lovely for over a month now, and with the hedge trimmed right back at the front, they can be seen by a lot more visitors. The volunteers have put a lot of work into that area, to "unclog" them, and it looks like it's paying off. The bindweed, and "sticky stuff" weed is starting to come through, so it needs to be dug and pulled, and we are also planting a few more shrubs and plants, to "freshen" it up a bit. We have chippings to put down, and more things to do than would fit on a list, so any help would be wonderful. And if you are just out for a stroll, you can go in any time for a wander around. Enjoy the Garden. Heather 250293

St Germans Priory - The Winding World

Friday 10th May 2019

Performance starts 7.30pm doors open at 7.00pm

Originating from a local tale about a baby found in the snow, in a Cornish cove, THE WINDING WORLD, is a love story told through words, poetry, songs and music.

Annamaria Murphy is a writer with Kneehigh theatre and BBC Radio 4

Wine will be available £3 per glass fruit juice will also be available.

Tickets £10 Adults, £7 under 18's available from www.crbo.co.uk. 01726879500

also available from St Germans Community shop

Celebration

Tim and Tina invite friends and acquaintances to afternoon tea on May 23rd, 2.30-4.30 in St Nicolas Church, to celebrate Tina's big birthday and 50 happy years living in Downderry. Thanks

Hessenford WI

As we expected our talk by Sarah Cummings on behalf of the charity “Medical Detection Dogs “, whose patron is the Duchess of Cornwall, did not disappoint. Their research is based on a dog’s ability to detect minute odour traces created by diseases. They train dogs to detect signs of illness and infections in breath, urine and sweat samples and are aiming to assist scientists in the development of electronic systems (E noses) that will give an earlier detection of some cancers and neurological diseases. The charity also train Medical Alert Assistance dogs which can give an early warning alert of an emergency situation. An extremely interesting and informative talk. Our next meeting is Tuesday 7th May when we will be discussing the two Resolutions ahead of the NFWI Annual Meeting in Bournemouth in June.



Downderry and Seaton Women’s Institute

The main aim of the Women’s Institute is to provide educational opportunities for women. We are now putting more emphasis on this in our Centenary year. There has never been a better time to become a Women’s Institute member here in Downderry and Seaton.

As a full Women’s Institute member you will also be able to attend all our affiliated groups (Craft and Singing) for free. That’s a £10 saving per year*. In addition you will have all the benefits of membership of the Cornwall Federation and the National Federation of Women’s Institutes (NFWI) see <https://www.thewi.org.uk/>

**Current annual membership cost £42 per year so non-members pay £52 to attend the affiliated groups with none of the benefits that members have.*

Monthly meeting 14th May will look at the NFWI resolutions and will give members the opportunity to discuss these campaigning issues.

Craft group 21st May will enable you to make a “Dorset button” – gorgeous little gems to delight the eye.

Gardening group Great News!!! We have been awarded £250 by Deviock Parish Council to buy plants and shrubs for the garden at Broads Lane that we tend. We are very grateful to the Council for this contribution to help us with the work we do in the community.

Next meeting 25th May Broads Lane Car Park at 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. Just bring along some gardening equipment and money for coffee afterwards.

Singing group 28th May will be back in the Zone.

Date for your Diary: Photography on the beach 25th June. Teaming up with Woolacotts of Liskeard once again, we will be offering a splendid evening on Downderry beach learning more about our cameras followed by a simple BBQ. This is an open event for which there will be a charge. Please contact Sue Dobinson for more information on the Photography evening on 01503250325

For all other enquiries, please phone Maura Swabey 01503250322

Downderry and Seaton Community Bus



DATE		DESTINATION	DEPART	LENGTH STAY	FARES SINGLE	RETURN	
May							
Thursday	2	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60	
Monday	6	Looe	11.30am	4 Hours	£1.50	£2.10	
Tuesday	7	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90	
Thursday	9	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60	
Friday	10	Tavistock	9.30 am	4 Hours	£3.60	£5.15	
Saturday	11	Trago Mills	2.00 pm	2.25 Hours	£3.00	£3.40	
Tuesday	14	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90	
Wednesday	15	TRURO	9.30 am	4 Hours	£4.60	£6.20	
Thursday	16	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60	
Friday	17	Fowey - Daphne du Maurier Festival	9.30 am	4 Hours		TBA	
Friday	17	Coffee Morning + 300 club, Village Hall, 10.30-12.00 noon				£1.00	
Tuesday	21	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90	
Thursday	23	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60	
Tuesday	28	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90	
Thursday	30	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60	
June							
Monday	3	Looe	11.30am	4 Hours	£1.50	£2.10	
Tuesday	4	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90	
Thursday	6	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60	
Friday	7th	CORNWALL Show	9.15 am	ticket price TBA		£5.00	
Saturday	8	Trago Mills	2.00 pm	2.25 Hours	£3.00	£3.40	
Tuesday	11	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90	
Thursday	13	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60	
Friday	14	FALMOUTH - Sea Shanty Festival	9.30 am	4 Hours		TBA	
Tuesday	18	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90	
Wednesday	19	TRURO	9.30 am	4 Hours	£4.60	£6.20	
Thursday	20	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60	
Friday	21	Coffee Morning + 300 club, Village Hall, 10.30-12.00 noon				£1.00	
Tuesday	25	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90	
Thursday	27	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60	
Friday	28	TOTNES	9.30 am	4 Hours	£4.10	£5.70	
TO BOOK SEATS TELEPHONE DOWNDERRY (01503) 250611 Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm							
Under 5's to be accompanied by a responsible adult.							

Downderry and Seaton Community Bus 300 club

Wonderful to see so many people at the coffee morning held on Good Friday in Downderry and Seaton Village Hall. The draw was made for the 300 club, the results being 1st. No.153 Carol Tavener 2nd. No. 74 Keith Bonham 3rd. No. 101 Mike and Jules Green. However, 10 members have not paid to date, please ensure you give your subs to Jo Woodley before the next coffee morning to be held in the hall on FRIDAY MAY 17th.

Thank you, JO WOODLEY (01503250489)

The Zone - A Fresh Expression of the Methodist Church in Donderry.

The Chapel by the Sea

The service for May is Sunday 12th at 6pm and will be taken by our Superintendent the Reverend Jonathan Budd. There will be refreshments after the service. We welcome everyone to join us.

Welcome to a St Nicolas School, Donderry update!

During the Spring term...The scientists in **Nursery & Reception** conducted some very cool and intriguing experiments during British Science Week that included; discovering how static electricity is made and making raisins 'dance.' The children took great joy in taking their experiments around the other classes, showing them off to everyone! The writing produced by some of our youngest children this term has been fantastic- the children in Key Stage 2 couldn't believe it was written by children so young!

The monkeys of **Year 1 & 2** met the monkeys at Newquay Zoo this term during their day trip at the beginning of the second half of term. They also got up close with the penguins as a hook for their writing text. Year 2 also performed a special version of 'Baby Shark' in front of a real-life baby shark during their sleepover at Plymouth Aquarium. A particular favourite for the **Year 3 & 4** crew this term was watching a performance of 'Matilda The Musical' live at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth. This included a morning workshop at TR2 where they met some of cast and crew to try on some costumes and props and find out how a hit stage musical is produced. (Coming out of the theatre at 6.00pm to find out it had been snowing for the last 2 hours was quite exciting too!) The professors of **Year 5 & 6** had an exciting scientific adventure in Bristol this term when they visited the 'We The Curious' museum. They spent the day wearing lab coats and became forensic scientists, analysing blood samples and evidence in a real life crime lab- the KFC & Burger King visit on the way home was the main thing they talked about when they got back though! We also had a Literacy and Technology learning day in the Apple Store, Drake Circus followed by a climb to the top of Smeatons Tower. We have had lots of sporting successes this term and have taken part in many different tournaments, some of which we qualified to represent East Cornwall in. We took part in the Sportshall Athletics Qualifier event in Saltash, the Grass Track Cycling event in Liskeard and many more. The team certainly enjoyed their celebratory milkshake at Route 38! We were also very proud of the children who qualified to take part in the Cornwall Games, securing positions in the top 20 of the whole of Cornwall! All of our children have taken part in a series of gymnastics lessons at Zero Gravity in Saltash, exploring the equipment and spending lots of time swinging over the foam pit. We have a very busy Summer term planned including residential trips to Cardiff, London & Dorset as well as an end of year trip to Harry Potter World!

Finally, next term, we will be beginning our transition arrangements for new children starting in September 2019. Our 'Planned Admission Number' is 15 however, we have 18 new Reception children joining the St Nics family this year. We look forward to welcoming them. Mr Jake Imrie (Head of School) St Nicolas CofE Primary School.

Polbathic Hall AGM - Thursday 16th May 2019

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Polbathic Village Hall will be held on the above date. The Hall will be open from 7pm in order for subscriptions to be paid prior to the meeting which will start at 7.30 pm prompt (please note if you have not paid your membership you are not eligible to vote at the AGM). The hall committee is always looking for new committee members and new ideas. The Polbathic Hall needs your support so please come along to the AGM - you will be most welcome.



Hessenford News

What a mixture of weather we've had recently but weren't we grateful for the wonderful weather we had over Easter for the Fun Day. Dug tells me that the Institute Funds were boosted by a good few hundred pounds so A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who organised, contributed to and supported the event. Inside the hall there were a lot of craft activities for the children to take part in and they obviously enjoyed producing their own unique decorations. A table was spread with some delicious small cakes & scones, plus there were two beautifully decorated large cakes for the 'Guess the Weight' competitions. These had been sponsored by Sarah & Angela and made by Rachel Collings from the Copley (it's a new skill that she's been working on so please contact her if you'd like her to make a cake for you). Inside the kitchen was kept busy providing teas, coffees, baps & rolls filled with tasty hot & cold fillings, while the children looked after the cold drinks & ice creams on the outside table. The children also played a big part in looking after the different competitions on the various outside tables, which gave the adults a break! The competition winners were: Daniella Williams from Bake for her Easter Bonnet; Rob Humphreys from H'ford the Simnel Cake and Sian Humphreys from Seaton the Easter Chocolate Cake for 'Guess the Weight'. Briley Winstanley from H'ford for getting the most Marbles in the flowerpot & getting closest to the right number of Lego Pieces in the jar; Evan Barnes from Seaton for getting closest to guessing the right number of Chocolate Eggs in the jar and Marian Temlett from D'derry for guessing where the Easter Egg was hidden on Treasure Island. Of course the highlight of the afternoon was the Men's & Ladies Tug of War (best of three pulls) won by H'ford in both cases. Look out for a return challenge from Seaton & D'nderry. Lovely to see the new owners of Peel Cottage at the Fun Day. I hope you got the chance to say hello to James, Carla, Georgia & Serena. **Gardening tips:** Don't forget to check out Alison's tables for plants and vegetables that are ready to plant out as she's got a great selection. Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month. Watch out for late frosts. Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining. Water early & late to get the most out of your water. Get a water butt if you haven't already got one. Regularly hoe off weeds. Open greenhouse vents & doors on warm days. Mow lawns weekly. Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges. Lift & divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils & other bulbs. Watch out for virburnam beetle & lily beetle grubs. **Thought for the Month:** Try to be a rainbow in somebody's cloud.



St Germans & District Garden Club

Back in March we were treated to an enlightening tour of ‘tender and unusual Perennials’ by Brian Hiley who had been a nursery man for many years, very ably assisted by his knowledgeable wife. We also had a visit to Trewithen Gardens to experience the delights of the garden that had been described to us by Gary Long in January.

Last month we had an equally interesting ‘world tour’ from John Price with pictorial evidence from his many travels showing us how so many of the flowers and plants we grow today came from growing wild in various parts of the world as well as some of our native species being transported to other countries and thriving in their wild.

This month our meeting is on Wednesday May 22nd and is a return of one of our favourite speakers, Pat Ward, talking about the ‘Gardens of the Lake District’. Visitors always welcome.



St Germans School - Governor Vacancy

The Governors of St Germans School are looking to appoint a governor to join their Governing Board.

The role, which is a voluntary position, is to contribute to their work in ensuring high standards of achievement for their pupils by:

- Setting the school’s vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governors are particularly keen to appoint someone who can strengthen existing links with the school and local community and those with skills in finance. If you would like to make a positive contribution to the education pupils receive at our community school, please complete an application form which can be obtained from the Clerk to Governors (contact details below). Further information on the role of a governor can be found at <http://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx> or from the Chair of Governors, Caroline Walke who can be contacted through the Clerk.

The completed application form should be returned to the Clerk, Debbie Stoneman by email to debbiestoneman@trailerland.co.uk or post at ‘Flerswell’, Trehunist, Liskeard PL14 3SD by Friday 26th May 2019.

All applicants will be contacted in due course.

St. Germans Community Centre 48th Open Flower and Vegetable Show – Eliot Hall

Saturday 3rd August 2019

2.30 – 4.30 pm

What a mixed bag of weather April gave us! Hopefully things are now on the turn and we can all look forward to a successful 48th Open Flower and Vegetable Show here in St Germans.



Our show schedules have been available in the local community for a couple of weeks now and we hope you have picked up a copy and

are already making your choices for the classes you will enter. The schedules are available from **ST GERMANS COMMUNITY SHOP – St Germans, QUAY LANE SURGERY - St Germans, DIRECT FROM THE DROP BOX OUTSIDE 67 ELIOT DRIVE - St Germans**, as well as other local business establishments.

CRAZY FOR CAKE - It is always a thought provoking process deciding what specific entries we are going to be putting into the show and this year is no exception. **Class 58**

– **A cake incorporating a fruit** leaves plenty of food for thought. Will we be going for

– dried fruit like Sultanas, Raisins, Cherries, Dates, Prunes, Apricots, Peaches, Apples Or Pears? Or perhaps Cranberries, Blueberries, Strawberries, Figs, or even Mango? We may choose instead to go with candied fruits such as Papaya, Kiwi Fruit, Mirabelle, or Greengages. Although probably fresh fruit will be a popular choice with such a wide range of fruits available - from Oranges to Lemons, Pineapple to Persimmons, Raspberries to Bananas and even Passion fruit or Kumquats! . How fancy will we go I wonder? Will it be play the safe game with a tried and tested quality cake? Or shall we push the boat out and go for something a little more unusual to grab the judges' attention...

HANDY MAKING HANDICRAFTS – An interesting class this year is **Class 68 – An item made from paper or card, including Decoupage**. This class leaves interpretation open to the imagination. Perhaps you may choose to Decoupage a money box or create a fancy 3D peacock or even whip up an origami Pokémon! This class is one that will be a site to behold on show day I am sure.

Other sections within the show you may be interested in are: Floral Art, Flowers, Vegetables, Art, Photography, and the much loved Children's only section. All the sections also have a class for children so if your loved one is a dab hand with a brush or has a keen eye with a camera pick up a schedule today to see what classes we have to inspire them.

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.**

Bus News

As reported earlier, new 71 and 75 timetables start on Tuesday May 28th

The **75 bus** reverts to its old route: a summary of the times (Monday to Saturday):

Liskeard	0723	0955	1155	1415	1655
Lloyds					
Widegates	0736	1008	1208	1428	1708
Downderry	0747	1019	1219	1439	1719
Crafthole	0759	1031	1231	1451	1731
Torpoint Ferry	0826	1047	1247	1507	1747
Torpoint, Ferry	0832	1102	1302	1524	1802
Crafthole	0848	1118	1318	1543	1818
Downderry	0859	1129	1329	1554	1829
Widegates	0912	1141	1341	1606	1842
Liskeard P.O.	0926	1156	1356	1621	1856



All buses stop at Liskeard train station, Liskeard Morrisons, Hessenford and Seaton

The new **71 service** runs between Liskeard, St Germans and Saltash:

Monday - Saturday

Liskeard	0905	1105	1305	1625	
Menheniot	0923	1123	1323	1643	
St Germans	1944	1144	1344	1704	
Landrake	0956	1156	1356		
Saltash	1005	1205	1405		
					(72bus)
Plymouth					1720
Saltash	1007	1207	1407		1742
Landrake	1017	1217	1417		1752
St Germans	1024	1224	1424	1704	1759
Menheniot	1044	1244	1444	1724	
Liskeard	1102	1302	1502	1742	
Looe					1825

For full details: <https://www.plymouthbus.co.uk/>, or 01752 662271

Saltash to Plymouth buses run every 10-15 minutes.

Meeting to discuss the new timetables with a Plymouth Citybus manager:

Tuesday 21st May, 11 a.m., Eliot Hall St Germans. All welcome.

Reminder! The May train timetable begins on Sunday 19th May

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Rita's Rota

MAY 2019 Dates

- 1 2.00 Deviock traffic consultation
- 2 9.30 CB Liskeard;
- 3 7.30 Summer plant sale DSVH
- 4 10.00 CM & Plant sale DSVH
- 5 11.00 Eucharist SNCh
- 6 11.30 CB Looe;
- 7 9.30 CB Plymouth; 7.00 Hess WI WVH
- 9 9.30 CB Liskeard; 1.30 Thursday Club to Looe; 7.30 Deviock PC AGM CZ
- 10 9.30 CB Tavistock; 7.30 the Winding World SGPC
- 11 10.00 Gardening DMG, 11.00 Save the Children CM & Soup and pud lunch SNCh; 2.00 CB Trago
- 12 9.30 Morning Prayer HC, 11.00 SGPC
- 13 10.00 Working party SCP Butterfly Gdn
- 14 9.30 CB Plymouth; **BRENTON ROAD D'DERRY CLOSED 'till 20th**; 2.30 Dd WI CZ
- 15 9.30 CB Truro;
- 16 9.30 CB Liskeard; 7.00 Hall AGM PolH; 7.30 Deviock PC meeting CZ
- 17 9.30 CB Fowey, 10.00 CB CM DSVH;
- 18 10.00 Big breakfast DSVH; 7.00 MAD Music DSVH
- 19 9.30 Eucharist SNCh, 11.00 SGPC

20 **BRENTON ROAD REOPENS**; 7.00 St Germans PC meeting EHSg

21 9.30 CB Plymouth; 11.00 Bus meeting EHSg

22 7.30 St Germans Garden Club EHSg

23 9.30 CB Liskeard; 2.30 Thursday Club to Craffhole; 2.30 Tim and Tina tea DSVH; 6.30 Deviock Planning CZ

25 10.00 Dderry WI Gardening Broad's yard

26 9.30 Morning prayer HC, 11.00 TC

28 9.30 CB Plymouth;

30 9.30 CB Liskeard; 9.30 Morning Prayer HC

31 9.30 Morning Prayer SGPC; 6.00 Evensong SNCh

June 6 11.30 CB Looe

CZ Donderry Coastal Zone; CA Copley Arms; DMG Dd Memorial Gdns; DSVH Dderry & Seaton VH; PolH Polbathic Hall; EHSg Eliot Hall St G; HC H'ford Church; HCH H'ford Church Hall; 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
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