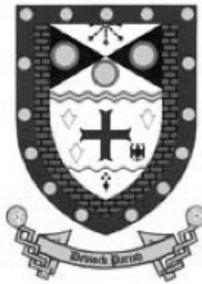


NUT TREE



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This is the penultimate edition of the Nut Tree in its current format with the current editorship. The joint Nut Tree Committee is currently exploring ways in which Parish news can continue to reach residents each month, and will provide an update in the March edition. If anyone is interested in committing to editing the Nut Tree each month, then please email clerk.deviocckpc@btinternet.com for further information.

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Nature For those with a keen interest in nature the new year is an appropriate time to look back at one's own observations of the past and plan new tasks for the year ahead. At a practical level we can put up a birdbox, plant a tree, create a pond or establish nectar-rich plants. In terms of observing wildlife, weather permitting, January is an opportune time to reconnect with familiar animals and plants or to venture further to seek out a species you have never seen before. An early goal for me visiting the Seaton Valley is locating the first frogspawn and at one site I noted the first clump on the 7th. Eight days later there were sixty. In the case of birds, I like to reacquaint myself with the commoner species that are easily ignored. So far in this mild, sodden January there have been opportunities to hear the early birdsong of Dunnocks and to watch individual Blue Tits visiting potential nest sites, for example. But sometimes it is what you don't see that is just as informative as what you do see. For instance, a few walks around Donderry and Seaton early in the month revealed no Greenfinches. Of course, species move around in winter and I may have been unlucky, but to see none was worrying, especially given the debilitating effect of disease on the population nationally. Fortunately, I did come across a couple in Narkurs. Hopefully there will be better news as the breeding

season arrives. All of this reminds me of the Starling, a species easily taken for granted. Numbers have dropped and we have already lost it as a breeding bird in Downterry. So, with apologies to Joni Mitchell, you don't know what you've got until it's gone. Alan Payne

From the Parishes - Deviock

Full Council Meeting: 13th February 2020, 7.30pm at Downterry Methodist Church.
Planning Committee Meeting: 27th February 2020, 6.30pm (if required) at Downterry Methodist Church. Please see website for a list of 2020 meeting dates.

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.

The DEVIOCK PARISH OFFICE is located at: The Vestry, St. Nicolas Church, Main Road, Downterry PL11 3LE. Tel. (01503) 250052 (Wed and Thurs afternoons) / Email: clerk.deviockpc@btinternet.com (Mon-Fri).

OPENING HOURS: Tuesdays: 1pm–2pm (Church Hall, Hessenford); Wednesdays: 2pm–4pm (The Vestry, Downterry); Thursdays: 1pm–3pm (The Vestry, Downterry). www.deviockparish.org.uk (Agendas and Minutes available). Karen Pugh (Clerk)

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY 2020

You will have received notice of the Deviock Parish Housing Needs Survey, which is available to complete online between 31st January and 12th March 2020. The survey is open to all residents, whether you (or a family member) have a housing need, or if you would just like to have your say on housing need within the parish. Please go to cornwall.gov.uk/housingneedssurvey and click on 'Deviock' to complete the survey. The Parish Council welcomes your input.

St Germans

Fore Street St Germans, the proposed footway/buildout public consultation, ran for two weeks during January. Outcome was not available before going to press.

The bus shelter outside Lynher House. St Germans. It is hoped to be tidied up, after being damaged, tenders are being sought for prices to apply a vandal proof coating.

For dog walkers, five new dog poo bins are being installed.

In St Germans, at the top of Longfield. Doctor's Lane and Old Quay Lane.

Tideford, the bottom of Bridge Road. Bethany, opposite the noticeboard.

A38 Highways England, are going to be clearing vegetation to improve vision and safety for motorists, during January February (prior to bird nesting season). From Saltash to Trerulefoot, this will be a phased process with traffic control, it is intended that noisy work should be finished before 11pm.

The next St Germans PC meeting is 24 February 7pm at Polbathic

News from Cornwall Council -Richard Pugh

On the 16th January 2020 at a meeting of the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee agenda item number 8 was “Consultation results-Renewal of Seasonal Dogs on Beaches Restrictions Public Spaces protection Orders- to come into effect in April 2020”. The committee members agreed to accept the status quo for Donderry and Seaton beaches so unrestricted use for dogs will remain. The Portfolio holder has made it very clear that where no changes were made dog owners must look after their dogs at all times and it comes with increased expectation that dog owners must comply with current legislation on fouling and if complaints are received by Cornwall Council the Public Spaces Protection Orders could be reviewed within 12 months. Cornwall Council has agreed a new waste collection and street cleaning contract with Biffa. The contract for waste and recycling collection, street and public open space cleansing will start on the 3rd October 2020 and run for 8 years with an option to extend for a further 2. Biffa is a very experienced waste management company and has been supplying waste services to Cornwall Council for several years. Visible changes next year will include a new state-of-the-art collection fleet, wheeled bins and food waste collection. There will be fortnightly recycling and rubbish collections plus a weekly separate collection of food waste. With the new waste contract the Council will try to transform recycling rates from a disappointing 38% to over 50%. Liskeard Library, which is operating temporarily from Luxstowe House, Greenbank Road, PL14 3DZ is extending its opening hours from 1st February to include Saturdays from 10am to 1pm. This is in addition to the Monday to Friday hours 9am to 5pm. There is free parking onsite and there will be a children’s story time every Saturday. Our road network provides a vital link for communities across Cornwall and National Pothole Day on 15th January highlighted the need for further investment in our road network. Cornwall Council repaired more than 25,000 potholes in 2019 –around 68 per day. Council investment will see an extra £20m spent on highways by 2021 having resurfaced over 300 roads in the last year. Making the best use of Council resources has meant Cornwall’s main A and B roads continue to rank among the top 25% in the country. Our biomethane powered pothole filling machine trial has proven a huge success and has demonstrated how efficient it can be while reducing carbon emissions. Our roads are inspected regularly but the public can report defects by visiting www.cornwall.gov.uk/reportit

If I can help anybody with Council related issues please contact me on 01503 220768 or richard.pugh@cornwallcouncillors.org.uk



Thursday Club

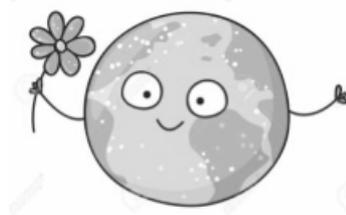
The 47th Birthday of the Thursday Club will take place on the 13th February. There will be a general members' meeting on 27th Feb. in the Eliot Hall at 2:30 pm. We will look at the new programme of outings, speakers and activities. Come and find out what we have to offer our members. Visitors welcome. Raffle and refreshments as usual. Chairperson Brenda Crago 01752-851199 S.Cousins 230106

DEFIBRILLATOR USAGE

Further to the recent defibrillator training in Seaton, Stephen Matthews from South Western Ambulance Service shares this reminder for cardiac situations: Always ring 999 in order for emergency services to be dispatched, even if you have access to a defibrillator. Assess the situation quickly using the following acronym: **D** – Danger (check for hazards in the immediate vicinity), **R** – Response, **S** – Shout for Help, **A** – Airway, **B** – Breathing, **C** – CPR. Use the defibrillator as soon as possible until such time as paramedics arrive and take over from you. Statistically, if you are able to use a defibrillator on a patient who is unconscious and not breathing within the first five minutes, they should have a 70% chance of making a recovery. Every minute after that, they will lose another 10%. If you have no way of delivering ventilations (breaths), then chest-only CPR is advised. Please note there are defibrillators in Downton, Seaton and Hensford. Don't be afraid to use a defibrillator if needed; there is voice instruction to guide you and you cannot make the situation worse by using it. The NHS sometimes advertises for volunteer Community First Responders. If you would like to be made aware of forthcoming recruitment for the local area, please e-mail Claire Croft, Chair of Quay Lane Surgery's Patient Participation Group, at quaylanepg@gmail.com.

Simple ways to save the planet

I'm not great at making resolutions. I always find that January, with its dark evenings and wild weather, just makes me want to retreat into the comforts of old habits. However dark evenings do offer time for contemplation, and are often a time for holiday planning. And so perhaps there is space for one resolution that really will make a difference to your carbon footprint; to find alternative ways of travel that do not involve flying. Last summer we had a thoroughly enjoyable exploration of Europe by rail. This was not as difficult as it sounds; there are many fine websites that can help with holiday planning by train, www.seat61.com being my favourite. If you would like further advice about planning a holiday abroad by train, do feel free to contact me on 01503 230783 or lizzy@railholiday.co.uk. Alternatively you may like to cut out the travel altogether and look at holiday options closer to home. We have some fabulous retreats in Cornwall and the South West. In chasing an ideal of exploration, we often fail to recognise the beauty on our doorstep. And travel could never be easier! Cornwall Council is subsidising bus travel and in December 2019 a new GWR timetable was published which has over 22 trains from St Germans in each direction. (www.gwr.com) So as we enter the new year I will be making a simple resolution; never to lose sight of what a beautiful place we live in, but always be grateful for lightening evenings, fresh air, rain, sunshine and the emergence of spring.



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The Zone - a fresh expression of the Methodist Church in Donderry

The Chapel by the Sea

The services for February are - Sunday 9th at 5pm. This is Holy Communion taken by The Reverend Jonathan Budd. There will be refreshments after the service.

THE ZONE-DONDERRY METHODIST CHURCH is a

great asset to the village & we need to look after it for generations to come. We receive guidance & support from the Saltash Circuit of churches through our Minister Reverend Iris Bray. However, we are dependent on fees raised from our hirers to cover all our running costs e.g. heating, utilities, repairs, garden maintenance, kitchen & domestic items. The premises



are managed by a small dedicated group of volunteers & we hope to widen the scope of our activities in 2020. Ideas we have had so far are: More activities for young families & young people, Community I.T. support / Hot Desking Hub. Pop-up activities in the summer holidays. We also have 2 good quality table tennis tables which we would like to see used! If you would like to: assist with any of the above, start up a new group, be part of our team of volunteers or offer us a skill. Please contact us: Elsa emguilfoyle@btinternet.com 250118, Jenny jennymellor2004@gmail.com 250392, Viv parkerviv@aol.com 250519

Donderry and Seaton Village Hall

BIG Breakfast - Join us at the Donderry and Seaton Village Hall BIG Breakfast on **Saturday 22nd February** and enjoy a hearty breakfast including tea or coffee for only £4.95. There will also be a Bric-a-Brac and Book Stall. Doors open at **10am until 1pm**. All are welcome at this event, including well behaved dogs on leads who will also get a little treat. **Bingo Nights** - Come and join in the fun at the weekly bingo nights as they restart on Thursday 27th February. The Village Hall doors open at 6.30pm for eyes down at 7.30pm. There is also a raffle and refreshments on sale.

Donderry and Seaton Drama Group present Treasure Island -

Ahoy there, me hearties – all aboard for the adventure of a lifetime! Long John Silver and his fearsome crew may think that treasure is within their grasp, but they've reckoned without the ladies of the Smuggler's Cove Women's Institute! Filled with mischief, custard pies, songs and laughter, this is a voyage into panto mayhem that you



definitely do not want to miss! Performances are **Wednesday 12th to Saturday 15th February 2020** at the Donderry and Seaton Village Hall. **Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start** and there will be a bar and raffle. Tickets (Adult £7.50, Child £3.50) are now on sale from Summink Different and the website (www.donderryandseatonvillagehall.co.uk).

Cornwall Hospice Care

The next **BAKED POTATO LUNCHES** will be on **THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY & THURSDAY 5TH MARCH**
11.30am - 1pm £5 all welcome.



An Update from St Nicolas CE Primary School, Donderry.

We started the Autumn term with 18 new Reception children (a record high for a number of years) who have grown in confidence both socially and academically and we are very proud of their achievements. We also welcomed a new teacher into our Early Years setting this term. Mrs Chrissy Gardiner has already had a huge impact on the life of the school. We started the year with a KS2 overnight camp. Children across Key Stage 2 still speak fondly of their 'Learning to Learn' camp experience. Some have even asked the kitchen if they can add 'campfire cowboy stew' to the menu! Learning in the great outdoors is our overarching aim at St Nics. So far this year, we have sent children fishing for carp, climbing to the highest point on Bodmin Moor and Mountain Biking through the woods. Other particular highlights include the opportunity to raise money for children's mental health awareness charity 'Young Minds' by going #helloyellow. Also, our PTA firework and bonfire night raised over £1000 in profit which allowed the whole school to go and see Mr Poppy and Cracker the Dog in 'Nativity the Musical' at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth. Our sports teams were out in force competing in qualifier tournaments last term, including Rugby, Football and Grass track Cycling. Also, 2 classes have undertaken a 6 week block of Wild Tribe Learning; Swimming sessions have been taking place weekly in Saltash and children have taken part in sessions with instructors from Zero Gravity Gymnastics. This term, we will be competing in a swimming Gala, Sportshall Athletics and much more... During the last 2 weeks before Christmas, children selected the school Christmas tree, took part in a decoration 'Supermarket Sweep' around B&M and took part in reading and singing in care homes in and out of the community. We already have lots planned for 2020 including geocaching, trips to London, Cardiff and Dorset, surfing, mountain biking and den building! Best wishes for a prosperous 2020, Jake Imrie Head of School

St Nicolas Church

Community Lunches at St.Nicolas restart on Wednesday 5th February at 12.00pm . These lovely 3 course lunches are a great for catching up with other, making new friends and a chance for a hearty meal . All welcome, local residents and visitors alike. There is no fee, voluntary donation's welcome.

Soup and Pud Lunch Saturday February 8th , St.Nicolas Church 10.30 -1.00 pm . Come along for hearty homemade soups and puddings, perfect for a winters day . Charity stalls including Save the Children and W.I cake stall . There is no fee, voluntary donation's welcome.

Downderry and Seaton Community Bus



TO BOOK SEATS TELEPHONE DOWNDERRY (01503) 250055 Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm							
No Weekends, and no chasing Bev down at the pub to make a booking - Bev might bite!							
DATE		DESTINATION	DEPART	LENGTH OF STAY	FARES SINGLE	RETURN	
Feb							
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	
Tuesday	11	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90	
Thursday	13	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60	
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					
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	Tarquins Gin Tour, Wadebridg , Poss Padstow for lunch		9.30 am	4 Hours	£10 plus £6.50 bus	
Mar							
Monday	2	Looe	11.30am	4 Hours	£1.50	£2.10	
Tuesday	3	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90	
Thursday	5	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60	
Tuesday	10	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90	
Thursday	12	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60	
Tuesday	17	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90	
Wednesday	18	TRURO	9.30 am	4 Hours	£4.60	£6.20	
Thursday	19	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60	
Friday	20	Coffee Morning + 300 club, Village Hall, 10.30-12.00 noon					
Tuesday	24	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90	
Thursday	26	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60	
Friday	27	Lost gardens of Heligan		9.30 am	4 Hours	£10.80 + £5.00 bus	
Tuesday	31	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90	

Downderry and Seaton Community Bus 300 club

What a wonderful turn out for our last coffee morning of 2019! We all enjoyed lots of chatter and mince pies. The winners of the 300 club draw 1st. no. 56 John Batten 2nd. no. 133 Audrey Yarwood and 3rd. 139 Dorothy Coventon. There will be no coffee morning in January but the February coffee morning will be held in St. Nics. We look forward to seeing you all there. Happy New Year. JO WOODLEY

St Germans & District Garden Club

Last month we had a really interesting talk about plants of the Caribbean from Trevor Wiltshire with beautiful photos of sun and warmth to cheer us up on a stormy night. We were privileged to have him as it was his birthday! This month our meeting is on Wednesday 19th February at 7.30pm in the Eliot Hall when Nick Bacon is talking to us on 'Patio Containers' – food for thought for the Spring. Visitors always welcome.



DOWNDERRY & SEATON VILLAGE HALL AGM

on FRIDAY, 28th FEBRUARY 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

VILLAGE HALL MEMBERS and the COMMUNITY* ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND. The AGM AGENDA will be on

display in the main Hall, Porch, the window adjacent the Hall entrance, Snooker Room, on our website – www.downderryandseatonvillagehall.co.uk – and on local noticeboards on Friday, 14th February, 2020. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting. We look forward to seeing you

*Non-members are welcome to attend and participate but cannot vote.

AGM:- ELECTION of the VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

1. HALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO:-

(a) propose changes to the Rules and/or the 2021/22 Membership fee.

(b) stand, or nominate another Member to stand for election as either the President, a Vice President, Chair, Treasurer, Secretary or a Committee Member at the AGM on Friday, 28th February 2020. Every candidate and nominee must provide their name, full contact details and the position for which they are standing by email or letter. In respect of nominations, except for a Vice President, a letter is required, signed by both the nominator and the nominee. For Vice President nominations, a letter is required stating the reason for the nomination/s and signed by the nominator only.

2. All proposals & candidates' names will be published in the AGM agenda.

3. The deadline for receipt of all proposals & candidates' details is:-

NOON on TUESDAY, 11th FEBRUARY 2020 at the latest.

Email: val@glastonbury-engineering.co.uk / Letters, addressed to the Secretary:- posted in the Hall's mailbox by the front entrance

VILLAGE HALL SECRETARY - Val will not be standing for re-election to that position and so we need someone to take over at the AGM on 28th February 2020. If you are looking to become involved in our Village community, this would be a good opportunity to do so. Basic computer, admin and minute-taking skills would be an asset. If you are interested in this voluntary position, please contact the Village Hall Chair, Sue Slyfield:- Email: susanslyfield@btinternet.com Tel: 01503 250811 | Mobile: 07835 686950

Christmas Carols in Downderry

It was a truly magical afternoon on Sunday 21st December when villagers and members of the Whitsand Harmony Choir revived an old tradition of walking around Downderry singing Christmas Carols. They were then joined by many others at the Blue Plate for food and drink and more singing around the donated Village Christmas Tree. Even the rain didn't dampen everyone's spirit as many continued singing inside the Blue Plate well into the evening. We would like to thank all those who donated food and drink and items for the Raffle. Also for the Christmas tree and lights and those that helped set everything up. And an even bigger thanks to all who attended and helped raise an amazing £350 and thanks also to the Blue Plate for making it up to £550. The proceeds went to The Liskeard & Looe Food Bank.



Save the Children - Leap Year Lunch

On Saturday February 29th there will be a **Leap Year Lunch** at Donderry & Seaton Village Hall for **Save the Children**. Lashings of cake and soup, posh plants, ridiculous raffle, bargain bric a brac and more. If you would like a table there (for £5) please get in touch (250614). In the UK Save the Children has extensive programmes improving the lives of the millions of children living here in poverty. For example The Families Connect programme focuses on supporting parents and children to learn together by helping parents to support their children's learning in three key areas: Literacy and language development, Numeracy and Emotional development The eight-week programme provides a series of activities, techniques and games that parents and carers can do with their children at home. Each activity encourages parents and children to spend quality time together by talking about specific topics and reflecting on what they already do to support their children's learning. Parents also discuss the science behind the programme's activities. These informal workshops invite parents to explore new games and approaches that might help them to support their child's learning at home.



Donderry and Seaton WI

January saw us having a New Year Tea Party - There was food, fun and fellowship on probably the worst day, as storm Brendon was passing through. The table quizzes and a Beetle Drive was hilarious fun and we launched the competition for a cover photo or drawing for the new 2020/21 programme. The afternoon was finished off with a belated Secret Santa. Operation Hedgehog is taking shape. The aim is to monitor the number of hedgehogs in the area as nationally the population is declining. We propose to do this by using special tunnels (made by the WI and friends) which will be distributed during March. Those who expressed an interest in the project will be contacted shortly to see what part they can play. If you would like to help with this project please record your interest at donderryandseatonwi@gmail.com. Next meeting is on Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 1.30 p.m in The Zone and will be the Annual Meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

Hessenford WI December was our Christmas meeting. Vice President Marie led us all in making our own wreaths and centrepieces for the festive period. This we did with much enthusiasm and felt quite pleased with the results, many thanks Marie! Afterwards we shared a tasty assortment of food which we had all brought and also chose a "Secret Santa" gift. In January we went for a meal at The Copley Arms. Our next meeting is 4th February and is a "Cooking Demo" with Sharon Clemens, as always visitors are very welcome. Rose Gething

DaSRA Urgent Appeal...

Residents of Donderry and Seaton, PLEASE hear this loud and clear. We don't need your money. We just need you. We are a great community, but we can always be better. That's what DaSRA, the Donderry and Seaton Residents Association, is here to do. But we need more people to come forward to join the committee. It's not onerous activity, but it is vital. And you will be helping to make Donderry and Seaton a better place in which to live. We are already starting to make a difference. We have a great website already up and running as a hub for bang up-to-date community information. Try it out at www.dasra.co.uk. You want to find the latest timetable for the community bus? It's there. The latest on dogs and beaches? It's there. The latest on our pub and car park cameras? It's there. We are campaigning. You wanted to keep a post office operation at Donderry Stores? We fought for it. You want to modernise the Seaton play area and make it fit for use by our little residents? We are on the case. And £50,000 is coming from Cornwall Council to fund the work. And we have a growing fighting fund to help us deal with the next challenges and crises. But we can't keep this going without new committee members to share the load and to share the joy of helping to sustain our lovely community. It really is a case of use it or lose it. Without at least three new committee members we cannot go on. Don't think about it for too long. Just give me a call. PLEASE! Laura Done, DaSRA chair, phone: 01503 250911, email: info@dasra.co.uk. And thank you in advance

And **NEWS from DaSRA...** If you haven't heard already, the outcome of the three-yearly county-wide consultation on harmonising **seasonal restrictions for dogs on beaches** across Cornwall has resulted in the status quo for Donderry and Seaton - no change to dogs being allowed at all times on our local beaches. The Cornwall Council's announcement comes with the sensible proviso that dog owners must take responsibility for the behaviour of their dogs. The full statement is on DaSRA website. www.dasra.co.uk/news. The DaSRA Local Artists **CALENDAR** 2020 has been really well received - just a very few left for sale at the Shop and Blue Plate - so we are planning to publish one again for 2021. If you are a local artist, in any medium, and would like your work to be featured, please contact info@dasra.co.uk or phone DaSRA Chair, Laura Done, 01503 250911. Interest expressed, please, by 17 Feb.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who offered their help, support and condolences during Angie's illness and since her passing. I would like to thank you individually but there are far too many of you, so by doing it this way I will not miss anyone out. A special thanks goes to Kim and Sandra for reading the poems for me at Angie's funeral and to Sacha for making the service a personal one, I've had so many comments of how nice it was. Living in such a lovely village as Donderry has made things a little easier for me. Cancer Research UK will receive the grand sum of £ 1500.00 from donations given so thank you all. Many thanks once again, Jack



Hessenford News

What a fabulous display of lights we had in the village throughout December and early into January, it's a shame that we can't leave them up a bit longer. So thank you to everyone who made the village look special. The individual property lights, the reindeer and the two Christmas Trees, it didn't matter which way you looked, there was something to make you smile when entering the village in whichever direction, and it's something lots of people from outside the village appreciate and comment on too. There was also a particular someone to thank for the Christmas Trees who goes by the nickname of Jungle Dave (since there are half a dozen Dave's in the village). Some of you will know who I mean and for those of you who don't, ask around & find out ... he may be able to provide some of his 'woodland services' to you in the future. Once again it was lovely to see St Annes full for the Christmas Eve Christingle Service, and thank you especially to all the children who helped to make it special by reading and helping to dress the crib. I'm sure you'll be pleased to know that we raised a total of £263.03 from the collection which we sent to Children's Hospice South West specifically for Little Harbour. Thanks to everyone from all around the parish who attended and contributed. I expect you've all noticed the new wooden shed, and our thanks for this go mainly to Nigel. He and his team did a great job. There's also a permanent resident to welcome to the village and that's Philip who's moving into Fuchsia Cottage so we hope he'll be very happy living in the village. And finally don't forget to contact me before the 17th of February if there's anything you'd like me to mention. This month it's lovely to see signs of spring approaching with snowdrops and crocuses appearing, the daffodils starting to poke through the verges and light levels increasing. Let's hope we can enjoy some dry sunny days. **Gardening tips of the month:** Now is a great time to plan for the coming year. Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover. Chit potato tubers. Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches. Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off. Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering. Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'. Prune Wisteria. Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges. Prune conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea. Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter, remove dead grass from evergreen grasses. Keep putting out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden. **Thought for the Month:** You can't turn the clock back but you can wind it up again. *[Bonnie Prudden]*. **Dates for your diary/calendar: Open Mic Night, Wed 5th Feb, the Copley Arms Hessenford.**



Cards Our local postie was unable to deliver two Xmas cards because they were addressed to Eliot Drive but no number. Hence, she left them in the St. Germans Post Office. Please will you include an item in your next issue that the cards, addressed to Sally and Mr. and Mrs. Neil are safe and waiting to be collected. I have sent a copy of this to the shop manager, Jenni. Even if Mr and Mrs Neil do not read Nuttree, one of their neighbours surely will. Thanks for your help.

Rita's Rota

February 2020 Dates

- 1 10.00 Jumble & Coffee SNCh; 7.30 Aladdin PH
- 2 11.00 Communion SNCh
- 3 9.30 Prayer Service TC; 11.30 CB Looe; 5.00 Prayer Service SNCh
- 4 9.30 CB Plymouth; 10.00 Communion TC
- 5 12.00 Community Lunch SNCh; 7.00 Open mic CA
- 6 9.30 CB Liskeard; 9.30 Prayers HC; 11.30 Hospice Baked Potato Lunch DSVH
- 7 10.00 CM CZ
- 8 10.30 Soup and pud lunch and table top SNCh
- 9 9.30 Morning Prayer HCH; 11.00 Morning Prayer TC; 5.00 Service CZ;
- 10 9.30 Prayer Service SGPC; 5.00 Prayer Service SNCh
- 11 9.30 CB Plymouth; Mobile Library 09:45 Alms Houses - St Germans; 10:15 Quay Road. - St Germans; 12:10-12:30 Bus Stop – Crafhole; 13:55-14:25 IOS Donderry; 14:40 Car Park – Seaton; 10.00 Communion TC; 12.00 Soup & pud lunch EHS; 1.30 Dd WI CZ
- 12 7.00 Treasure Island DSVH
- 13 9.30 CB Liskeard; 9.30 Prayer Service HC; 2.30 Thursday Club EHS; 7.00 Treasure Island DSVH; 7.30 Deviock PC CZ
- 14 10.00 CM CZ; 7.00 Treasure Island DSVH
- 15 10.30 Messy Church SGMC; 7.00 Treasure Island DSVH

- 16 9.30 Communion SnCh; 11.00 Communion TC
 - 17 9.30 Prayer Svce SGPC; 5.00 Prayer Svce SNCh
 - 18 9.30 CB Plymouth; 10.00 Communion TC
 - 19 9.30 CB Truro; 7.30 St G Garden Club EHS
 - 20 9.30 CB Liskeard; 9.30 Prayer Service HC
 - 21 10.30 Bus CM DSVH
 - 22 10.00 Big Breakfast DSVH
 - 24 9.30 Prayer Service SGPC; 5.00 Prayer Service TC; 7.00 St G PCouncil EHS
 - 25 9.30 CB Plymouth; 10.00 Eucharist TC
 - 26 10 00 Service SNCh
 - 27 9.30 CB Liskeard; 9.30 Prayer Service HC; 6.30 Deviock Planning CZ; 6.30 Bingo DSVH
 - 28 9.30 CB Tarquin's Garden Wadebridge; 10.00 CM CZ; 7.30 DSVH AGM
 - 29 10.30 Save the Children Leap Year Lunch/Coffee DSVH
- March 2** 9.30 CB Looe CZ Donderry Coastal Zone; CB Community bus; DSVH Dderry & Seaton VH; PolH Polbathic Hall; EHS Eliot Hall St G; HC H'ford Church; HCH H'ford Church Hall; SGMC St G Methodist Ch; SGPC St G Priory Church;; SNCh St Nicolas' Church; TC Tideford Church; TRBL Tideford RBL Hall; WVH W'gates V Hall
- The (CB) Community Bus trips all leave from Broad's Yard Donderry
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Happy New Year all from Rita