

# NUT TREE

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## Parish Council Statements re. Covid -19

We are aware of the potential impact of Covid 19 on all communities worldwide. Devoick Parish Council is no exception and we are considering ways to support parishioners whilst we all have to change our lifestyles significantly. Local and central Government are providing daily updates and all advice **MUST** be followed to ensure the safety of everyone.

In rural communities such as ours, we are still ahead with limited reported infections, therefore we can all help slowdown the spread. **We implore you to reduce your face to face contact with others and discourage visitors.**

Community groups are very active in our parish and will remain active in some form to offer support. Please ensure that you all look out for your immediate neighbours, and if you feel able to offer your phone number to them for remote contact and support then please do so. If everyone does this then we can reduce the risk of isolation particularly for our vulnerable residents.

The Parish office is no longer open to the public. All contact must be via email or telephone. We have opened a facebook page for ongoing communication. We are considering ways that the Parish Council can provide practical support to individuals and local businesses in the medium and long term. We are also making decisions regarding the short term availability of public toilets, other services provided by the Parish Council and meetings. Please see our website, noticeboards and Facebook page for updates (details below).

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*Marion Temlett (Chair) and Bidy Lloyd (Vice Chair)*

## St Germans Parish Council Covid -19 Statement

Local and central government are providing daily updates and all advice must be followed to ensure the safety of everyone. As your local council we will try to inform and support residents with reference to information on Covid-19. All contact with the Parish Council can now only be via email, telephone or facebook. Please contact the Clerk in the first instance:

Email: [clerk@stgermansparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stgermansparishcouncil.gov.uk) Tel: 07845130596

Web: [www.stgermansparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.stgermansparishcouncil.gov.uk) FB: <https://www.facebook.com/clerk.stgermans.7>

We are considering ways regarding future meetings, planning and expenditure decisions provided by the parish council. For all information please refer to our website, facebook and noticeboards. Take care.

*St Germans Parish Council*

### Nature Notes

It is the middle of March and I am already experiencing signs of birds' spring migration and the arrival of the first summer visitors. I have heard a few singing Chiffchaffs and saw on the 11<sup>th</sup> a very early House Martin above the Seaton Valley. I now await a Swallow or Wheatear before April. My attention is also drawn to the ocean and on one morning I am scanning the birds moving west into the wind. Plenty of Gannets and Kittiwakes, a few divers and auks, and then in the distance the characteristic flight of the Manx Shearwater – four of them. These are true oceanic birds and have spent the winter in the south Atlantic, first off the coast of Brazil and then across to Africa. As they return, they fly close to North America before reaching Europe, so taking a figure-of-eight migratory route. They appear as dark crosses, stiff-winged, flapping and gliding over and between the waves with ease. In rough seas they can disappear from view in the troughs before reappearing metres away high above, true masters of their environment. However, on land the shearwater is ungainly and shuffles with bent legs, even using its bill and wings over rough terrain. The nearest breeding sites to us are on Lundy and the Isles of Scilly, but they can be seen offshore here from now until autumn since they forage widely. Each year I note hundreds off our coast and occasionally they form rafts in calm conditions when they dive and compete for food. They breed on remote islands with steep, grassy slopes across the west coast of Britain and Ireland, which account for 80% of the world population. Because of the risk of predation from large gulls, they visit their burrows only after sunset, avoiding the clearest of nights. The female lays just one egg and after about 60 days the parents bring less food for the youngster, which is forced to leave its burrow a few days later if it is not to starve. If it survives, the juvenile probably will not return to a breeding colony for at least two years. For the birds I have seen, it is proof that they have survived a lengthy and demanding flight back to Britain and also that the world's seasonal rhythms are still in force.

*Alan Payne*

**Cornwall Council Coronavirus updates:** <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-health-cornwall/information-about-coronavirus-covid-19/>

## **Other News from County Hall**

Several residents have asked me why so many trees are being removed in Seaton Park. The tree removal works have been approved by Cornwall Council as part of a highway strengthening scheme.



Adjacent to the tree removal works, a section of the Seaton /Hessenford road is retained by a dry stone retaining wall, which in various places is now showing signs of failure as the river has meandered to the edge of the highway retaining wall. The tree felling has been required as part of these permanent works. Working in partnership with the Environment Agency it is proposed to straighten meandering sections of the river where this is impacting on the highway. Negotiations on the route have been undertaken and agreement is being sought for the profile and make up of the proposed diversion.

Cornwall Council is working with the Environmental Agency to ensure ecological mitigation remains a key consideration. The tree felling has been commissioned at a time with the least ecological impact (outside of the bird nesting season), approximately 50 trees have been identified for felling associated with the proposals.

The river diversion works are also being planned to be completed before September 2020 in order to avoid the fish spawning season (subject to EA agreement). The design for the river diversion and the road reinforcement is still in progress, so we cannot yet confirm the expected duration or start date at this stage. In addition I can assure that the footpath will not be permanently closed. During the construction works we are anticipating that footpath users will be safely escorted through the construction area or a fenced off path will be provided.

I would like to thank the residents who are collecting detritus from the beach in Downderry and leaving it by the bins on the slipway. The bins on the slipway are emptied every Wednesday and Saturday as per the contract for this time of the year. Any rubbish left within 5 metres of the bins should be collected but occasionally large items are left on the slipway and the local operatives are unable to lift the heavy items so they maybe left for a few days until specialist lifting equipment can be used.

South West Water are in regular attendance at Seaton to monitor the sewerage system and to make sure the process runs smoothly after all the rain we have had. Some of the water from the system is being removed by tanker in order to alleviate pressure so that we do not have any problems. SWW are currently looking into what can be done to action any modifications to the sewerage system to iron out any pinch points.

If I can help anybody with problems with Cornwall Council please contact me on 01503 220768 or [richard.pugh@cornwallcouncillors.org.uk](mailto:richard.pugh@cornwallcouncillors.org.uk)

*Richard Pugh*

## St Germans Group Parishes – A note from the Vicar

Due to the advice given by the government about non essential contact the community lunches and the soup and pud days at St Nicolas Church Donderry have been cancelled. We are very sorry to have to do this as we know that people enjoyed the weekly contact and the lovely home cooked meals.

We also know that during this time of uncertainty there will be apprehension, anxiety and loneliness amongst those who will have to isolate themselves from others. Please be assured that the church community will be praying daily for peace, healing, and a swift end to this dreadful virus. Our churches will also stay open to allow people to have a space for personal prayer and reflection. We can also offer help from our pastoral team of trained and licensed church visitors. If you feel you need to talk to someone, even if it is just a phone call, please phone our designated number 07979 515100 and leave a message. Pat our coordinator will arrange for someone to contact you.

This is a time when neighbourhoods need to pull together and look out for one another, and although we cannot get too close, we can still do this through a phone call or an email or a friendly wave over the garden fence. Please be assured that my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Revd Lynn Parker*

## Debut Editorial

Well! What a month to take over editorial responsibilities! For reasons you'll understand, we're sadly mostly announcing cancellations of events this month. By the time the Nut Tree arrives on your doorsteps, more may have changed or been cancelled. Please check before making any firm plans. The Nut Tree is entering its 35<sup>th</sup> year as a familiar icon of community life in Nut Tree Land; it was therefore inconceivable that it could be allowed to end at the conclusion of Bidy Daniel's tenure at the editorial helm. New volume, new year, new (nervous!) editor. If I can be even half as successful as Bidy has been at keeping the editions flowing I'll feel I've made a difference. Bidy certainly has, and we owe her, and her family through their own long association with the Nut Tree, an enormous debt of gratitude. For the future, the routine remains the same. Items for inclusion by the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month please, to the email address above or, less ideally, in hard copy to our Parish Clerks.

*New Ed*

## The Zone a Fresh Expression of The Methodist Church in Donderry - The Chapel by the Sea

Sadly, all church activities at the Zone are cancelled for the foreseeable future.



## St Germans Parish Council – Other News

Housing - At our February meeting, Noreen Jefferies, rural housing enabler at Cornwall CC, gave an informative presentation on the delivery of affordable housing. There is a need in our parish, and this is something we will be looking at in the coming weeks.

Transport. At long last, the St Germans area is reasonably well served by public transport. There are frequent stopping trains in both directions; there are many buses, including 8 per day from St Germans to Derriford. Hats off to the rail and bus user group for all they have achieved. Citibus has the bus contract for the next 8 years.

Climate Change. Councillors attended the workshop run by Cornwall CC in Liskeard. There were interesting talks from Cornwall councillors who have many exciting ideas, including Forest for Cornwall. There was an enthusiastic interchange of ideas from representatives from parish councils and environmental groups. Our parish council is committed to the Climate Change Initiative and will be looking at all the options.

Dog poo (again). Sadly, some dog owners are allowing their dogs to foul footpaths and also fields where there may be crops and there is no right of way. The bins are there. Please use them.

Council Meetings. Next meeting was to have been 27<sup>th</sup> April, Tideford British Legion (Annual Parish meeting ) Now tbc.

*Councillor Patricia Pipe*

## Deviock Parish Council – Other News

Meetings. The Parish Council is currently waiting on government advice regarding the statutory process of meetings and whether these can be held virtually. We will keep you informed as to how meetings will proceed via the Deviock Parish website. Please also see the website (see below) for a full list of 2020 meeting dates.

Deviock Parish Council Loan Fund. Deviock Parish 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, Donderry PL11 3LE. Tel. (01503) 250052 (Wed and Thurs afternoons) / Email: [clerk.deviockpc@btinternet.com](mailto:clerk.deviockpc@btinternet.com) (Mon-Fri).

Deviock Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed at the Deviock Parish Council Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March that pending statutory approval, the Annual Parish Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> May should be postponed due to concerns about a large gathering of people, Any speakers who had been approached to give a talk at the meeting will be contacted with a view to the talks being re-arranged for later in the year. The Parish Council apologises for any disappointment. *Karen Pugh (Clerk)*

## **Local business support for those affected by Covid -19.**

Several local shops and businesses are making arrangements to offer free or subsidised deliveries. Although Nut Tree does not normally accept commercial advertising, we are aware that Donderry Stores, St Germans Community Shop, Tredinnick Farm Shop, Bond Timber and Bray's butchers are all planning delivery and/or support services as a public service to those unable to shop for themselves. Several pubs and cafés are now offering take away food services. This is neither an exclusive list nor an endorsement by Nut Tree – just those we are aware of at the time of going to print. Speak to shops and businesses direct for full details and do try to 'buy local'.

### **St Germans & District Garden Club**

We've sadly had to cancel our planned meeting on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April. Tim Ellis was coming to talk to us about his favourite subject 'Euphorbias'. We are hoping this will can be rearranged but we will inform members by email. The Table Top sale on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> is also postponed indefinitely.

*Ann Drew*

### **St Germans Thursday Club**

Club meetings recently have developed into wonderful opportunities for reminiscing about the history of St Germans. One of our members brought in two large, very fascinating albums containing many old photos and postcards of St Germans and environs and matchbox covers and matchbooks from a lifetime's collecting. We would still like to hear from anyone who wishes to share photos and memories of our village.

All meetings are now regrettably cancelled for the foreseeable future. Since we will not have our usual get-togethers, please get in touch with other club members for a chat, and for short and medium walks around the village; eg, short trips to the Quay to sit on the benches and watch birds and chat, or up on to Longfield for the view and the fresh air.

*Sue Cousins*



**Cornwall Hospice Care** Regrettably it has been necessary to cancel the last Baked Potato Lunch of the season which was to have been held on Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Thank you all for your support this season & we look forward to seeing you all again soon. Stay safe

### **URGENT - St Germans Flower and Vegetable Show**

Notwithstanding CV19, St Germans Flower and Vegetable Show's future is also threatened by lack of support! **Final deadline for new volunteers is Thu 30th Apr 20.** The few remaining committee members met as advertised this week hoping to welcome new volunteers (some villagers had previously suggested they may be

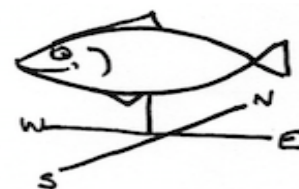
attending) only to face an empty room. Not one member of our parish or surrounding areas attended nor got in contact to offer their support of this long standing community event and so it is with very sad hearts that we must announce that **if we cannot find new supporters by the end of April the show will close.**

Come on Folks, this will be the show's 49th year and WE NEED YOU! YES, we need committee members, YES, we need volunteers on the day but as the old adage says 'many hands make light work.' Even if you could only spare a half hour to help serve refreshments or an hour the night before to help us get the tables out of storage WE NEED YOU! And of course we always need more exhibitors because 'the more the merrier.' Judges are already booked, printers ready to run schedule copy, the dates pencilled in the diary, now it is up to you our community. If you feel able to help in any shape or form please contact our Chairperson Jenny Putt on 01503 230766.

*Catherine Miles*

**Downderry and Seaton Village Hall** ([www.downderryandseatonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.downderryandseatonvillagehall.co.uk))

Membership: Membership runs from our AGM, which was held on 28th February, to the end of February 2021. Please support us by becoming a member or renewing your membership this month. The annual membership fee is £7.00 per person and juniors (14-15 year olds) £3.50 each. For ease, you can become a member or renew your membership via our website, speak to a Committee Member or, as usual, collectors will visit current members to collect your subscription.



Bric-a-Brac: The Committee would like to thank Sue Langridge for all her hard work for previously collecting and managing the bric-a-brac and book stall on their behalf.

**Sadly due to the emerging situation we have decided to cancel all events for the foreseeable future.**

Looking further ahead (and these still remain subject to change of course):

Art & Crafts Show 2020: Sat 25th July - Sun 2nd August. If you'd like to book a table at this very popular event see our website or forms in the Village Hall and Shop, or contact Keith or Mandy Smith on 01503 250412. Last date for booking tables is Mon 4th May.

Garden and Produce Show, Sat 8th August. If you live within a ten mile radius of Deviock School and 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. There are a wide range of classes for adults and children. The full list and rules can be found on our website and leaflets in the Village Hall and Shop. Nominations are now open for the Residents' Association Cup for the best managed garden in a manner appropriate to the site. Also the Vittle Shield for the best 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 email details to [downderryandseatonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:downderryandseatonvillagehall@gmail.com) by 10th July. Judging will take place between the 17th and 24th July.

*Mandy Smith*

## **News From DaSRA -The Downderry and Seaton Residents Association**

While the crisis triggered by the Coronavirus is global in scale, it is demanding a response from each of us individually in our local communities. To inform our responses we need information, and with your help and support DaSRA is seeking to play a key role in our own community by acting as a conduit for information through our website [www.dasra.co.uk](http://www.dasra.co.uk). If you, your community group or your business provides a service to local people, and you want to communicate information about what and how you are operating during this uncertain period, do send an email to [info@dasra.co.uk](mailto:info@dasra.co.uk) and we'll put information on the DaSRA website. Obviously we can only add what is sent to us, so do stay in touch. *Laura Done 01503 250911*

## **Simple Ways to Save the Planet – April**

My very wise mother always said “actions speak louder than words.” This may be true, but it can sometimes feel like a hard mantra to follow. Time is often short, and actions require time. By sharing things on social media we can feel like we've achieved something, but I have a suspicion that social media platforms have the opposite effect; by manipulating and eroding our time we leave less room for actually doing physical actions. And it is actions that count; planting, mending, making. Sometimes words can be actions; for example writing this article, or canvassing a councillor or MP, but ultimately they are only effective if the end result is action. So the question must always be ‘what do we want to achieve?’ If tree planting is your thing, make sure you leave space in your life to plant trees, or to change your energy supplier to a green one, or to plan a holiday that doesn't involve flying, or to set up Ecosia as a web browser, or to put up bird boxes and make log piles etc etc. However none of us are superhuman, so by all means share things that you know you'll never do. But if you can, see if you can draw them to the attention of someone who may be able to follow it through. Make your words become actions and life will feel much fuller for it.

Tip for April: Now is a good time to let your grass grow long. Bulbs like crocuses and snowdrops will benefit from having their leaves left to die back naturally and small mammals will find shelter. You'll be amazed at the diversity of plants that will grow in a little plot of uncultivated meadow, and the number of moths and butterflies that they will attract.

*Lizzy Stroud*

## **Nut Tree Distribution**

As many of our normal delivery network are over 70 or otherwise vulnerable, there is a requirement for temporary delivery helpers in all Nut Tree areas. Over 16s only please but perhaps a really helpful time filler and spot of exercise for those now unexpectedly off school or Uni? Please email the editor if you are able to help.



## Community Bus News.

In response to the challenge posed by the Coronavirus/Covid-19 pandemic until further notice the DOWDERRY Community Bus has cancelled all planned excursions and regular services to Truro, Tavistock, Totnes, Looe and Exeter. IT WILL CONTINUE for the moment to operate the two weekly service routes to Plymouth (every Tuesday at 09.30) and to Liskeard (every Thursday at 09.30) to offer the community a means to do essential shopping and visits to pharmacies, banks, post office etc. IT WILL ALSO operate the early morning 08.45 Seaton to DOWDERRY service route on weekdays until March 27 and again from April 14. These continuing services may also have to be cancelled at short notice, however, in response to the rapidly changing challenge of the pandemic. Updates and the timetable can be found on the DaSRA (DOWDERRY and Seaton Residents Association) website [www.dasra.co.uk](http://www.dasra.co.uk). Sadly the Community Bus coffee mornings have also been cancelled until further notice, but we will still make the 300 Club draw and winners will be notified accordingly.

*Kevin Done, 01503 250911, or [kevindone@hotmail.com](mailto:kevindone@hotmail.com)*

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Thursday	19	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60
Tuesday	24	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90
Thursday	26	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60
Tuesday	31	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90
<u>Apr</u>						
Thursday	2	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60
Tuesday	7	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90
Thursday	9	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60
Tuesday	14	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90
Thursday	16	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60
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
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Tuesday	2	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£2.70	£3.90
Thursday	7	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60
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Thursday	14	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60
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Thursday	28	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£1.90	£2.60

TO BOOK SEATS TELEPHONE DOWDERRY (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!

## Buses and Trains - St Germans & Area Public Transport Group

Trains We'll be working soon on the May train timetable and hope to have it ready for the beginning of May - if we don't get the details in time for the next month, we'll put copies in shops and pubs before 16<sup>th</sup> May and you'll get your own copy with the June Nut Tree. There will be a number of useful changes. I hope the improvements suit your needs.

Buses Don't forget to check the revised 70 and 75 timetables for minor changes - due to start on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March. And a reminder that the new 71 route will enable you to get direct to Derriford (42 minutes from St Germans, and 6 buses a day). The first bus from St Germans is at 8 a.m., and the last one back from Derriford leaves at 16:45. If you want to get into Plymouth it's 24 minutes from St Germans to Saltash and then buses every 10 minutes into the city centre. Look out for our flyers in shops, pubs etc., giving brief details of the times. The full timetable continues to be in the Go Cornwall red booklet. Cornwall Council has agreed a tender with Go Cornwall for subsidised buses throughout the county, and is very supportive to building an improved system - we can support this by making sure the buses are well used.

Are you on our mailing list? Keep up to date with events and other information: [sgrug@railholiday.co.uk](mailto:sgrug@railholiday.co.uk); Facebook - sgrug. *Alan Cousins 01503 230106*

## Save the Children Plants

Although we have had to cancel all fund raising events, there will still be a supply of useful and decorative plants for sale in Sunnyside car bay in Donderry, At the moment there are echium pinniniana (the big ones), echevaria, a few onions ready to plant out, house leeks and aeoniums, Coming soon: ricinus, ox eye daisies, nicotiana, french beans, runner beans, nerines, courgettes and more . Any requests ?

I have set up a Nutree gardeners Facebook page , if you are interested please sign up and contribute! Stay safe and well and happy gardening *Chris Wiseman*

## Donderry and Seaton WI



The WI meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April is cancelled

The committee are working hard to provide as many members as possible with opportunities to socialise from a distance and we are planning ways of trying to work with the new measures that are being put in place to "shield" our more vulnerable members. As we find out what will be allowed to do, suitable activities will be organised and technologies developed to assist good communication and the upkeep of positive mental health.

We are going to be doing a lot of gardening during April especially on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> from 2.00 p.m. and on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00 a.m. Please meet

down by Broad's Yard and bring any gardening equipment that you can. Anyone who wants to join us would be most welcome. Contact [downderryandseatonwi@gmail.com](mailto:downderryandseatonwi@gmail.com) for more information. Also look out for our Facebook page coming soon.

*Maura Swabey*

## **Hessenford WI**

March was the month of our AGM but before that we had the presentation of our annual cups and trophies. Miriam won both the Bloom of the Month and the Competition Cups. Rose received the President's cup and members voted that Marie should have the Molly Bersey cup for her valued contribution to the well being of our W.I.

Moving on to the AGM, we were pleased to welcome Jenny Daniels as our teller. Jean presented the financial statement which was duly adopted. As Secretary, Rose gave the annual report which showed the many varied and interesting speakers and activities in which we have participated over the past twelve months. A surprising number of events considering we are a small Institute.

As our President Jackie was unable to attend, Marie read out her report. Jackie said how much she had enjoyed being our president, gave her thanks to the committee for the support they had given her and complimented us on being such a cheerful friendly group.

Marie became our new president, with Yvonne as vice president also continuing as Minutes Secretary. Jean continues as Treasurer and Rose as Secretary and Press Secretary. Jane stays as MCS rep. We were pleased to welcome Jaz to the Committee.

Unfortunately in the light of the current COVID19 situation we have decided to suspend our meetings until July, when we will review matters. *Rose Gething*

## **Hessenford News**

Well I guess it's a fast and ever changing situation but there are definitely worse places to live than Hessenford during this present, devastating for some, crisis. The next few weeks may be tougher for some villagers more than others. Best made plans and normal routines may be affected, but it's good to know that you're living amongst a caring community, with people looking out for and looking after one another. Let's hope the extreme measures being taken have the desired effect sooner rather than later and we can resume our normal lifestyles without restriction. In the meantime get out in the fresh air when you can and enjoy the wonderful display of daffodils and primroses on our verges and in our hedgerows, make a plan to take a walk in the woods as the bluebells should be coming into flower soon, see what you can do in your garden and see what wildlife you can attract to your garden.

Notwithstanding restrictions that are in place and the events that have had to be cancelled, have a lovely Easter and don't eat too much chocolate.

**Gardening tips of the month:** Keep weeds under control, protect fruit blossom from late frosts, tie in rambling and climbing roses and feed them, sow hardy annual, herbs and wild flower seeds outdoors, start to feed citrus plants, increase the water given to houseplants, feed hungry shrubs, sow new lawns or repair bare patches, prune fig trees and divide bamboos and waterlilies.

**Thought for the month:** Acts of love are the normal reaction to those in need (*Justin Welby & John Sentamu.* *Fran Moore*

**Rita's Rota** – Things may change further so please check before making plans.

**Set in stone**

- 10 Good Friday
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 13 Easter Monday
- 21 Queen Elizabeth's birthday

**Maybes**

- 2 9.30 CB to Liskeard
- 7 9.30 CB to Plymouth; Mobile Library;
- 9 9.30 CB to Liskeard
- 14 9.30 CB to Plymouth
- 16 9.30 CB to Liskeard
- 18 10ish Garden gang DMG
- 21 9.30 CB to Plymouth
- 23 9.30 CB to Liskeard
- 28 9.30 CB to Plymouth
- 30 9.30 CB to Liskeard
- May 2 9.30 CB to Plymouth

**Cancelled**

Hessenford WI, Donderry Chapel Services and coffee mornings; Thursday Club, EHSB Table top sale; Hospice baked potato lunch, SNCh all services, community lunches and soup and puds; St Germans Garden Club, S&DVH Fund raising events

Copy for Rita's Rota to [ritasrota@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ritasrota@yahoo.co.uk) by 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

**CZ Donderry Coastal Zone; CB Community bus; DMG Dderry Meml gardens; DSVH Dderry & Seaton VH; PolH Polbathic Hall; EHSB 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 FOOD BANK You will have read in the press that the need is greater than ever. Shortages: TINNED MEAT – HAM, CORNED BEEF etc. TOILET ROLLS / TISSUES, FRUIT JUICE (LONG LIFE) STEAMED or SPONGE PUDDING, LAUNDRY POWDER, WASHING UP LIQUID', DEODORANTS

PLEASE – no baked beans, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, teabags or cereals – the Foodbank has plenty of these items. A real requirement now is cash for electricity meters to cook the food provided.....

If you can help please contact the Liskeard & Looe Foodbank. Tel: 07512 011452.

Stay well everyone and we will have the biggest street parties ever when this is all over Rita

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