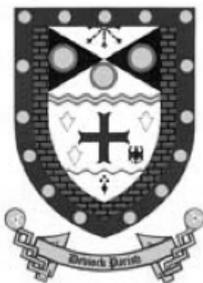


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Nature Notes

Sometimes the weather and landscape combine to produce a rare treat. It's the first Sunday in March, just after sunrise, with a cloudless sky, slight frost and absence of wind. The sun's energy begins to take the edge off the cold, despite its low angle. From my elevated position the panorama of the estuary unfolds before me, dropped into the undulating mix of farms and woodland, with the dramatic backdrop of the railway viaducts astride the Tiddy and Lynher. I can almost hear the silence of the air, helped by a lack of cars at this early hour. But there are bird calls to distinguish.

On the water a male Shelduck whistles in laboured pursuit of his mate during spring courtship. The deep honking of Canada Geese travels far and the fluty, sad calls of Curlew pierce the air. Some birds go about their business quietly, such as the Wigeon grazing on Erth Island. Like the Curlew they will soon depart this sanctuary. A stalking Heron is annoyed by the low flight of a pair of Mallards, too close for comfort. Behind me a Robin sings vigorously and a Wren seems to scold me for my intrusion. The rhythmic cooing of a Wood Pigeon and the descending notes of a Chaffinch add to the variety. Listening carefully, I can just pick out the drumming of a distant Great Spotted Woodpecker. It's a rare pleasure to be here.

Fast forward to the following Sunday and another early start. It is a welcome return to quieter weather after the gales a few days ago. Above the Seaton Valley the moving clouds indicate some wind, but in the country park the valley floor is sheltered. As I walk north only the turbulence of the cascading stream interrupts the general tranquillity along the path except, of course, for the birds. I am pleased to encounter the twittering of Siskins, as a small party of these delicate finches flies over. They are easily overlooked. Croaking Rooks leave their roost and cross to feeding grounds, their calls contrasting strikingly with the chattering of Jackdaws. High in woodland on one side of the valley a Pheasant calls, as if clearing its throat, to be answered by another hacking individual on the other side.

One song in particular draws my attention because it is new for me this year. The yaffle of the Green Woodpecker – I cannot see the bird across the valley but the distinctive laugh stands out from the more familiar sounds. For a large bird, it is not easy to encounter. In all, over twenty species are identified as I continue my walk. I take the opportunity to peer into a shallow ditch and there is a reassuring blackness – hundreds of frog tadpoles. At one of the large ponds, I search for toads but there is no sign yet. They were here last year. In my own garden toads have already laid their strings of spawn. Then I hear the familiar, onomatopoeic song of a Chiffchaff, a recent arrival from the south. I turn and retrace my steps and chance upon a vigilant Jay, one bird that refuses to call. It is resting just above me, staring silently; then it seems bored and flies off. Time for me to return too. After two enjoyable hours, I will relish breakfast.

Alan Payne

St Germans Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is 26th April 2021 at 6pm unless everything changes before then it will be online. Joining instructions will be on the website and notice boards.

The effect of the COVID “pause” has slowed the almost glacial movements of some organisations to even slower and all sorts of projects and repairs will now have to compete with all of the last year's damages to get fixed. I am sure that in time things will get better.

Eventually, for those of you in Tideford, the restricted play area is open. The lease has moved on to Draft Two so we hope to set in motion returning to normal use as soon as possible, but this will not be a fast process, as every item has standards that it has to comply with in distances and construction.

Preliminary discussions are taking place on the A38 Safety Scheme (Trerulefoot to Carkeel). It is likely that they will ask for public consultations in local meetings in Spring next year. The proposals will be in a pot with 32 other schemes; none will be starting before 2025. When the meetings are announced, every voice will need to be heard or we may lose out again.

Please note local council elections are taking place on Thursday 6th May 2021. It's your opportunity to stand to become a Councillor for your Parish. The qualities you need are a desire and passion to make a difference and improve the community you represent. Councillors make a huge difference to the quality of life for local people. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences to stand for election.

Please visit Cornwall Council's website for the candidate pack or contact the Clerk at clerk@stgermansparishcouncil.gov.uk (Please note there is a deadline date for applying; 4pm on 8th April 2021). Keep safe.

Nigel Witton

Deviocck Parish Council

Forthcoming virtual meetings: Full Council 8th April 7.30pm; Planning Committee 22nd April 6.30pm. See Agendas for details prior to each meeting. See the website at: www.deviocckparish.org.uk (where Agendas and Minutes are available).

South West Water foul water discharge: We are pleased to report that the leaking manhole cover at the entrance to Seaton car park has now been dealt with. South West Water has carried out pipework modifications in Tregunnick Lane which we hope will fully resolve the longstanding problem. The situation will be monitored.

Parish assets: The memorial garden shelter roof has been refurbished by a local contractor. A new noticeboard has also been delivered, to be installed inside Seaton bus shelter once the refurbishment of the shelter roof has been completed.

Housing Needs Survey: A final report has been received from Cornwall Council and will be posted on the new website in due course.

Planning: Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/ to comment on a planning application,. See Agendas for planning applications due for discussion at the next Full Council or Planning Committee meeting.

As the Parish Office is remaining closed until further notice, please contact the Clerk via email if you have an enquiry (clerk.deviockpc@btinternet.com, Mon-Fri).

Deviock Parish 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.

Karen Pugh - Parish Clerk

News from County Hall

Are you passionate about your local community? Do you want to help shape the future of Cornwall? If so, Cornwall Council or your local Parish Council needs you.

On May 6th, voters will cast their votes to elect their local Cornwall Councillor. On the same day elections will also take place for many town and Parish Councils as well as the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner.



Following the Electoral Review of Cornwall Council there will be 87 electoral divisions across Cornwall a reduction from 123. Voters will elect one Cornwall Councillor to represent each division for the next 4 years. Cornwall Council and the Parish Council needs people from all walks of life to represent, help and shape their local communities. If you would like to stand you must be quick as nominations end at 4pm on the 8th April 2021.

Unfortunately, I will not be standing for election to Cornwall Council on 6th May. I have enjoyed my time representing the Trelawny Division in Nuttree land but it is my time to step down and as I do so I can reflect on the wonderful people I have met over the last four years in Deviock Parish. I have tried to help everybody who contacted me and I hope I treated everybody with respect. I would like to thank Marion and all members of the Parish Council and Karen, the Parish Clerk, for all your help and I wish you all well for the future.

Well that's it - the end of my 4 year term so it's 'Goodbye' from me and to everybody stay well and stay safe

Richard Pugh

Editorial

This edition marks the passage of another full calendar year of the Nut Tree's production. As we move into Edition 36, it is timely to give a 'shout out' for the very many members of our local community who, come rain or shine, thick and thin, take to the streets to deliver the Nut Tree to your doors. They do so without great fanfare and many have done it for years - decades even. As the nation is reminded more generally of our dependence on the often unnoticed key workers of the economy, and those who serve us in so many other ways, let's not forget the Nut Tree 'delivery elves'; the Nut Tree would not be possible without them and we owe them a big vote of thanks - and never more so than throughout the last year. Thank you all.

Ed

News from DaSRA - Donderry and Seaton Residents Association.

Membership. DaSRA's membership is off to a good start. A big thank you to all those who responded to our invitation to join DaSRA's membership scheme. It is difficult to predict the next issue that will require a community effort, but DaSRA will be much better placed to share information and to act on behalf of residents if we have a strong membership base. Membership begins when we receive a completed application form and your annual membership fee. At that point, our Membership Secretary, Jeanette Langfeld, will send you a welcome email with your membership number. There is no cut-off date for membership, so if you haven't joined yet, we hope you will; please complete the form on our website, www.dasra.co.uk or pick up a leaflet next to the DaSRA postbox in Donderry Stores.

Local Artists Calendar 2022 We did miss producing a calendar showcasing the work of local artists in 2021. The calendar we produced for 2020 was well received, but the Covid lockdown closed our sales outlets, and we feared, justifiably, not being able to sell enough calendars to recoup the printing costs. At this moment, things look more hopeful for a return to some normality, and our friends at the Village Hall and The Zone are working to open up their venues in the next few weeks. Of course, we know only too well how things can change, but we are tentatively planning to produce a Calendar this year for 2022, as long, of course, we have the interest of local artists to submit artwork. If you are a local artist and you would like to showcase one of your paintings, drawings, or photographs featuring scenes of Donderry and Seaton, please let me know. We will then be in contact with you with a brief and a timetable.

Laura Done, Chair, DaSRA. Email info@dasra.co.uk. Tel no: 01503 250911

Quay Lane Surgery News - Dr James Moore is retiring

Dr James Moore trained at the Royal London Hospital and qualified in 1980. He worked in Plymouth, Devon and Cornwall before joining the practice in St. Germans in 1987. James and Dr Parrott developed the new Quay Lane Surgery premises in 1991 which was extended in 2006. James has worked at Quay Lane Surgery as a Partner for 32 years and then as a Salaried GP for almost 2 years. He has looked after and cared for many patients in our locality, sharing the joy of bringing new life into the world with new parents and holding the hands of families as they said goodbye to their loved ones. He will be finishing his working life as a GP on 28th May 2021. Whilst we will be very sorry to see him go, I feel sure you would like to join us in wishing him well for the future in his retirement. If you would like to send a good luck message to James or make a donation towards a gift then please contact our PPG – Details below or enquire at the surgery, thank you.

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

We are delighted to be organising the collection for Dr Moore's retirement. Many patients will have special memories and we welcome your stories and messages that we will be presenting in a booklet to him along with a gift. If you would like to donate to the collection we have the following options:

Bank transfer: Sort code 56-00-63 Ac No: 38055449 Ref: Dr Moore

By cheque: To Quay Lane Surgery PPG with Dr Moore on the back.

By cash: Envelopes marked PPG Dr Moore's collection can be handed in at either of the surgeries.

Messages and stories can be emailed to quaylaneppg@gmail.com or alternatively posted to the PPG c/o Quay Lane Surgery, Old Quay Lane, St Germans, Saltash PL12 5LH. If you are housebound and would like to contribute - please get in touch - we can help you.

Mrs Claire Croft - PPG Chair

COVID Vaccination News

We are delighted to announce that almost half of our practice population have now received their first COVID-19 vaccination. As I write this article we have finished inviting and vaccinating our patients in Priority Groups 1 – 6 and are now inviting groups 7 – 9. In the next week or so we will start to invite patients for their 2nd vaccination, starting with those vaccinated in January.

The NHS are sending letters inviting you to book appointments at Mass Vaccination Centres, this is separate to the programme being run by Quay Lane Surgery and is designed to offer choice. If you choose to book through this method then you will be offered centres in Plymouth, Wadebridge and Truro to name a few, but you will NOT be able to book at Millennium House, Pensilva or the China Fleet Club, Saltash. On receipt of a letter please do not ring the surgery asking if you can be seen at Pensilva or Saltash instead because we may not be offering the same Priority Group. If you would rather have an appointment locally - ignore the letter and wait for the practice to contact you by text, telephone or letter as soon as we have availability.

We are still receiving large numbers of calls from patients enquiring about COVID vaccinations which is stopping patients with an urgent medical need from getting through to the practice. We kindly ask that you do not ring the surgery to enquire about a COVID vaccination but wait until we contact you. The practice website and Facebook page is regularly updated with information about the vaccination programme so I urge you to visit these sites first, thank you.

Mrs Debbie Todd - Practice Manager

The Zone - Donderry Methodist Church

We are delighted that we are able to now start the process of reopening the Zone & welcoming back our regular groups - and hopefully accommodating new ones - over the next few months.



We would also like to hear from anyone who might be interested in trying out new activities at the Zone as we have secured a limited amount of money to pay for Taster Sessions which needs to be spent by the end of July. Maybe during lockdown you have thought of an activity which is needed in the village which you would like to develop, in partnership with the Zone, or you have decided you would like to support us in the running of any of the current activities. We are particularly interested in developing the use of the two table-tennis tables, activities for children & young people, maintaining our small garden & I.T. support for the community. Anyone interested should contact: Jenny Mellor on 250392 or jennymellor2004@gmail.com or Viv Parker on 250519 or parkerviv@aol.com.

Viv Parker

Simple ways to save the planet – April 2021

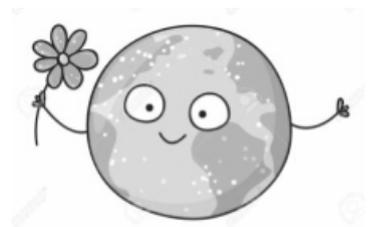
Weeds are curious things. We have a very mixed relationship with them. What can be more cheering than banks of primroses, fields of dandelions, playing *What's The Time Mr Wolf* as children with dandelion clocks? They can be enormously useful – at the moment I am collecting armfuls of wild garlic and handfuls of bramble tips (the fresh shoots have a nutty taste) to make wild garlic pesto.

Grasses provide excellent cover for small mammals, which in turn help feed our owl population. I always look forward to seeing scarlet pimpernels, also known as poor man's weathervane, that closes when the atmospheric pressure drops, warning of rain. Umbellifers such as cow parsley, alexanders and hogweed provide useful flowers for pollinators. For me the scent of early summer is that of herb robert, as I pull this wild geranium from places I no longer want it in my flowerbeds. What can be more beautiful than scarlet poppies, or hedges of buttercups, red campions and bluebells?

Nature has a wonderful way of creating a palette of beauty and food, without needing our interference. Which leads me to wonder how much we really need to trim or weed-kill our public places. In a time when nature needs all the help it can get, reducing strimming or abstaining from sprays could be an easy way of assisting it, and for free. Imagine the saving in council money if verges were only cut twice a year, or we no longer sprayed every inch of tarmac. I feel now is the time to embrace some of our many wild flowers, and let them be. If you don't like them outside your house, simply remove them with a trowel. But let's enjoy wildness while we can.

To quote the wonderful poet Gerard Manley Hopkins from his poem *Inversnaid*;

“What would the world be, once bereft Of wet and wildness? Let them be left, O let them be left, wildness and wet; Long live the weeds and the wilderness yet.”



As an aside, if you need a wild flower guide I can highly recommend the wonderful Majorie Blamey's *Wild Flowers by Colour*, or any of her other guides. They are all excellent.

Lizzy Stroud

St Germans Thursday Club

Thursday Club members have been enjoying the often sunny weather for walks, gardening and sitting in the sunshine - each to their own inclination.

Thursday

When we return to our twice monthly meetings, we hope to see our members and visitors too. Men and women are always welcome, indeed encouraged, to come to our meetings - as a one-off, to have a look-see, perhaps to become members.

Be brave, and adventurous, and meet new folk or reminisce with old friends. This reporter couldn't possibly name names, but we do have more than several people in mind that we would love to have the company of. So if you're reading this with some interest, then get in touch! Through the Nut Tree and via posters we aim to keep you 'au fait' with what's on.

Thursday Club for tea and chat, speakers on a variety of topics, without and with audio-visual aids - maybe a table full of samples? And outings - Exeter, Truro, Tavistock, the seaside and the moors. The future of the club is unpredictable at present, but keep thinking of what YOU want it to be.

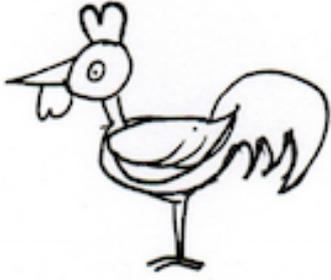
Did you send, and receive messages for Mothering Sunday? We are pleased to hear that many of us did. From the suggestion that we all write to mothers we know, this resulted in a poster for Mother Earth. 22nd April is Earth Day. We know that none of us is alone in considering ways to "Take care of Mother". This reporter has learned so many useful ideas for living well and "walking lightly on the Earth" from friends in the Thursday Club. So let's all enjoy ourselves, thoughtfully and following Covid rules. Looking forward to meeting others out and about, and having a brief chat.

By the way, has anyone found an object, picture or poem you might like to share with others when next we meet? Have you a story to tell about it?

Meanwhile be happy, careful and stay well. Keep in touch - phone our Chairperson, Jean Mills (01503-230324), or leave me a note at Merryweather Cottage (just along from St Germans shop).

Sue Cousins 230106

Hessenford News



Hello again, can't believe another month's gone by already! Apologies but I don't think there's too much news about at the moment as there's not been too much happening but let's see what we can conjure up! We hope Ayliffe, Lee & family have settled happily in to No. 2 St Anne's View after their move and we look forward to welcoming whoever moves in to No. 4.

Since the full stay-at-home lockdown in England didn't officially end until 29 March, the strictest restrictions will have remained in place until the last couple of days and you'll only have been able to make essential journeys including going to school, which I hope has gone well for all our school age children and they're all enjoying lessons in the classroom again, plus parents are enjoying having been relieved of their 'teaching duties'! However, since 29 March, up to six of you or two households have been allowed to meet in an outdoor space, so time to play on the church hall grassy area again. I hope you're all still complying with the social distancing rules though.

It's great to see there's still some community spirit around with David & Angela's litter picking on their walks around the village and Peter's work in the churchyard. I hope those of you that are able have taken the opportunity to go for a walk up to the Churchyard/Graveyard to see the flowers, which are quite magnificent.

I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and hope your children have enjoyed reading the 'All About Easter' Resurrection Rhyme and/or the 'End of the Road?' booklets. No doubt you've all enjoyed that rush of chocolate too!

The Copley Arms won't be able to open on 12 April like some establishments as there's not enough covered space if the weather becomes particularly inclement again, and we don't want to waste barrels of beer, do we? So instead keep the next government date of 17 May free on your calendar....looking forward to it. But we do wish Terry & Diamonds and Pearls a successful re~opening.

Don't forget to celebrate Earth Day on 22 April and join thousands of organizations as they call on the world to come together for THREE DAYS OF CLIMATE ACTION April 20-22, 2021. Check out www.earthday.org

Keep staying safe. I expect some of you will soon, if you haven't already, had your second vaccine. Continue being kind to one another and fingers crossed for a Coffee, Chat & Cake get together in May or maybe we'll have to wait until June!

Fran Moore

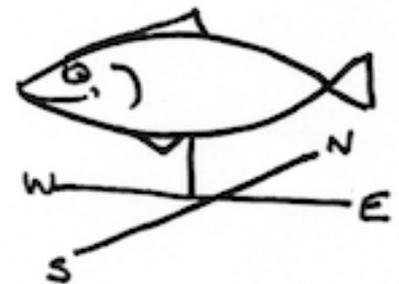
Hessenford Hall

The plan is to open the Hall for use again from 17 May 2021 in accordance with Government guidelines. The same provisions for recording those who use the Hall, for washing hands and maintaining hygiene and social distancing will apply. If you wish to book the Hall please go to www.hessenford.com where you will find the online booking form.

Fiona Bristow

Dowderry and Seaton Village Hall

We hope you are well and looking forward to the time when we can safely meet again? Based on the Government's current Spring 2021 Roadmap out of Lockdown, we hope to reopen the Main Hall and Snooker Room from 17th May 2021.



Events we hope to put on in May include, Coffee Mornings on Tuesday 18th and 25th, Little Breakfast on Saturday 22nd and our postponed AGM on Friday 28th, see below for more details of this event.

We are now also taking Hall bookings for events such as birthday parties, and if you want to run any type of regular event or class and are looking for a suitable venue, then telephone Mandy Smith on 01503 250412 go to our website www.dowderryandseatonvillagehall.co.uk or for more details.

Looking further ahead our Art & Crafts Show 2021 will be on from Saturday 24th July to Sunday 1st August and we are now taking bookings for tables. So if you have been busy in lockdown and have pictures or craft items to sell, why not book a table. More details, including an online booking form are available on our website or, to request a booking form, telephone Keith or Mandy Smith at dowderryandseatonvillagehall@gmail.com or on 01503 250412. Letters should be addressed to the Secretary and posted in the Hall's mailbox by the front entrance. We look forward to welcoming you back.

We are hoping to hold our Annual General Meeting on Friday 28th May 2021 at 7.30pm, however, the format is yet to be finalised as it will depend on the

COVID-19 restrictions at the time. The AGM Agenda will be on display in the Village Hall and Snooker Room, our website and local notice boards on Friday 14th May 2021. Non-members are welcome to attend and participate but cannot vote.

Election of the Village Hall Committee:

1. Village Hall members are invited to:
 - a. Propose changes to the Rules.
 - 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 May 2021. 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 and candidates' names will be published in the AGM agenda.
3. The deadline for receipt of all proposals and candidates' details is noon on Tuesday 27th April 2021, at the latest.

Mandy Smith

Whitsand Harmony

Whitsand Harmony, our local community choir, hasn't had much to report for what seems like ages!! However, a slimmed down version of the choir did their best to give a bit of Christmas cheer during the festival season. After a socially distanced rehearsal, carols were sung gustily outside The Blue Plate before Christmas, and again during a sunny outdoor service on the slipway. The weather held (just) and both events were well received.

Although WH is not in rehearsal at the moment due to Covid restrictions, the committee has been beavering away behind the scenes and planning for the future. Beth (Chair) and Trish (MD) have been making sure there will be a safe way forward when the choir is eventually allowed to meet. There will be new pieces to learn and Trish has a few ideas up her sleeve! Everyone is really looking forward to the time when the choir can be together again.

Another new future facing innovation; Mandy has been updating the choir website (which will be live very soon) and setting up a Facebook page to keep you all informed, so look out for that in the near future.

The committee has been having regular Zoom meetings, and it was agreed that the AGM be postponed until later in the year, when it is hoped the choir can all meet up safely in person.

If you're toying with the idea of joining a choir, now is the perfect time. No auditions, friendly supportive people who just love singing together. Keep an eye out for our new website, all contact information will be found there. www.whitsandharmony.com

Jan Doyle

St Germans & Area Public Transport Group

Trains. You'll be pleased to know that by the time you read this the engineering works in these parts should have been completed, and that the printed timetable we issued in December is correct again (apart from no train to Plymouth at 1253 or to Liskeard at 0902). Perhaps you wish things were like the old story many will know of George Rapson, (the Land Agent for the Earl of St Germans) who lived in the house adjoining St Germans station. One day the Cornish Riviera Express broke down in the station, and George saw the driver looking over his garden wall, waving. Rapson went out and was asked if he had any spanners; in the garage was a selection, and he passed them to the driver. Soon the driver had made the necessary adjustments, returned the spanners and the Express was able to continue on its way.

Buses. In the middle of March, the government published an important new strategy for buses: *Bus Back Better*. The Department for Transport vision for the future of buses ties in very well with our own for St Germans and wider Rame peninsula. The following are some quotations from the document:

“COVID-19 has caused a significant shift from public transport to the private car. To avoid the worst effects of a car-led recovery – cities and towns grinding to a halt; pollution, road injuries, respiratory illness and carbon emissions all rising – we need to shift back quickly, by making radical improvements to local public transport as normal life returns.”

“Buses are the easiest, cheapest and quickest way to improve transport. Building a new railway or road takes years, if not decades. Better bus services can be delivered in months. Experience shows that relatively small sums of

money, by the standards of transport spending, can deliver significant benefits. In rural areas, more dispersed, lower density populations make it challenging to deliver widespread timetabled services run by traditional buses.”

“The next year provides a unique chance to change the way in which local authorities and operators work together and deliver significant improvements for passengers. That is why we are seeking urgent action. In lower-density areas and at less popular times, conventional fixed-route buses can never compete with the attractiveness or flexibility of the car. But now, aided by technology, demand responsive services can – offering a more personal, on-demand service, taking people from their doors or closer to their doors than a regular bus.”

“We have already established a Rural Mobility Fund to trial more demand responsive services and have awarded funding to 17 pilot projects. We will consider expanding this work, including piloting non-rural services. We expect all demand responsive services to be fully integrated with the mainstream network, accepting the same tickets and passes, using the same or similar branding and shown on timetables and journey planning apps and websites. We also expect them to be provided using accessible vehicles, including provision for a wheelchair user.”

Our group has already contacted Cornwall Council and have received a promising reply. Thus we hope that the above improvements can be put into practice soon in the Rame peninsula.

Alan Cousins

St Germans Rail Users Group

GWR have alerted us to a change in their compensation arrangements. For some time they have been paying compensation for delays over 15 minutes to daily and weekly ticket holders for some time. Season ticket holders however claimed through a discount on renewal. GWR have now had approval from the Department for Transport to extend Delay Repay 15 to season ticket holders and this will take effect from Thursday 1 April. There is more information on the GWR website www.gwr.com/delayrepay and the company is writing to all season ticket holders to let them know about the change.

Further afield, Network Rail will be doing lots of rail improvement work on the railway during the coming weeks. This will mean changes for rail services in Devon, Somerset, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and on the North Downs.

Downderry Bus 300 Project

The lucky winning numbers for the month of March:

1st. No. 43 Sandra Pearce £20

2nd. No. 98 Alan Payne £15

3rd. No. 166 Richard Broad £10.

Thank you all for continuing to donate to OUR bus-not long I'm sure until she's up and running again.

Jo Woodley (01503 250489)

“Did you know?” - Seaton

- Seaton is thought to take its name from the river which was recorded in 1302 as Sethyn which is from the Cornish word seth, meaning "arrow" and a shortened version of vean, meaning "small".
- The source of the River Seaton is at Minions near the Cheesewring Hotel and it connects with streams running through St Cleer. It is just over 10 miles from the source to the sea at Seaton beach.
- Seaton Valley Countryside Park was awarded Cornwall's first Green Flag in 2005.
- The reserve with its variety of habitats including grassland, ponds and semi-ancient woodland, is home to much wildlife such as dormice, kingfishers, otters and varieties of butterflies such as fritillary butterflies.
- In the 1960s, Seaton was the site of a holiday camp which progressed from caravans to chalets and providing 3 meals a day for guests.
- The holiday camp lasted about 20 years and closed in the 1980s.
- 'The Smugglers Inn', was a farmhouse 100 years ago.
- The modern apartments are on the site of The Widesea Hotel which became a Nursing Home, and was then demolished in 1991.
- The Café on the Beach used to Doney's Café and in the winter Kathy Doney would open on Sunday afternoons so that local youngsters could enjoy playing the jukebox.
- In the 1930s there were plans to run a line from the main line at Trerulefoot to Looe via Seaton. It would have joined the Seaton Valley just north of Hessenford, then followed the River for two miles to Seaton. To complete the Looe branch line it would have taken expensive engineering works having to have Viaducts at Keveral and Millendreath and tunnels at Hessenford, Seaton and Looe. The project was (sadly) abandoned.

Geoff Williams

Rita's Rota

Things may change further so please check before making plans.

Deviock Parish	
1 Maundy Thursday 7.00 Maundy Th Zoom	18 10.00 Morning Worship Zoom; Communion SGPC
2 Good Friday 10.00 Morning Prayer zoom; 2.00 Devotional Zoom	19 7.00 Eve Service Zoom
3 7.00 Eve Prayer Zoom	20 -22 3 DAYS OF CLIMATE ACTION
4 Easter Sunday 10.00 Morning Worship Zoom; 10.00 Morning Worship SGPC; 5.00 Easter Service CZ	20 10.00 Morning Worship Zoom; 2.00 Dderry WI Craft Zoom
5 7.00 Eve Service Zoom	21 10.00 Morning Prayer Zoom
6 9.45 Mobile Library Alms Houses, 10.15 Quay Rd, 1.55 IOS, 2.45 Seaton Car Park; 10.00 Morning Worship Zoom	22 6.30 Deviock Planning Zoom; 7.00 Prayer course Zoom
7 World Health Day 10.00 Morning Prayer Zoom	23 10.00 Morning Prayer zoom
8 7.00 Eve Prayer Zoom; 7.30 Deviock PC Zoom	24 7.00 Eve Prayer Zoom
9 10.00 Morning Prayer Zoom	25 10.00 Morning Worship Zoom; 10.00 Morning Worship SGPC
10 7.00 Eve Prayer Zoom	26 7.00 Eve Service Zoom
11 10.00 Morning Worship Zoom; 10.00 Morning Worship SGPC	27 10.00 Morning Worship zoom
12 7.00 Eve Service Zoom	28 10.00 Morning Prayer Zoom; 7.30 Dderry WI Book Club Zoom
13 10.00 Morning Worship Zoom; Dderry WI Zoom	29 7.00 Prayer course Zoom
14 10.00 Morning Prayer Zoom	30 10.00 Morning Prayer Zoom
15 7.00 Prayer course Zoom	
16 10.00 Morning Prayer Zoom	
17 7.00 Eve Prayer Zoom	
	CZ Donderry Coastal Zone; CB Community bus; 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
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