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Nature Notes

Scanning across the ocean for signs of wildlife can be fairly predictable, despite seasonal changes. For example, one can be reasonably certain of seeing Gannets on any day in the year, though numbers are substantially reduced in winter when most have headed south. Other birds such as gulls are always around though the proportions of different species vary. At present the young Herring Gulls are moving from rooftops to the beach and the number of Black-headed Gulls that have bred elsewhere is building up along our coast. Of course, the predictability of observations is vital because it proves that the environment is behaving. If I did not have these regular observations, I would get worried. On the other hand, when the unexpected encounter happens, it is immensely rewarding.

On one clear morning in June, visibility is good across the calm, silvery sea as I peer out. Nothing unusual amongst the birds, though numbers are low. Suddenly the dorsal fin of a dolphin comes into view, but I recognize immediately that this does not belong to a Bottle-nosed or Common Dolphin, the species normally observed here. The tall, dark, curved fin contrasts with the paleness of the upper body, indicative of a male Risso's Dolphin. Then I note a few other fins, all belonging to a family group of different-sized individuals. They are moving very slowly, mainly submerged as I follow their westerly progress. Older individuals of the species are the palest and help to give it the alternative name of Grey Dolphin. Their bodies show haphazard, whitish streaks, blotches or scarring. It is thought that the scars are the result of fighting or play among individuals. Bites from squid may also be involved.

There is no active breaching or acrobatics as in other species noted in the bay and it is frustrating not to see the full length of the body. Eventually, after many minutes of observation, I manage to see the blunt, almost white head and tapering tail of the hefty, ghostly male. Its size might remind one of a Killer Whale. In fact, Risso's Dolphins are the largest of their type with a length of nearly four metres. The species is more typical of the deeper water of the continental shelf, so I am very pleased to witness this passage close to home. The only other observation I have had of this species of dolphin was off Rame Head when a similar family group came within metres of the coast. I did not see the individuals that moved up the Tamar and surfaced off Torpoint many years ago, a very unusual record.

Thinking about the observation later, I am reminded that I have not seen the other two species of dolphin recently, or a Harbour Porpoise, a smaller cetacean. Perhaps it is bad luck, or not being in the right place at the right time. Yet I know that the oceans are always under threat from pollution and over-fishing and I cannot hide a tinge of worry.

Alan Payne

St Germans Parish Council

Greetings to you all. Council business seems at times to be glacial in movement but there is a lot going on behind the scenes. 30 months have passed since we started negotiation with Port Eliot Estate to renew the lease on the Tideford playpark for 10 years, things go back and forth between solicitors and costs go up, but we would like to reassure residents that as soon as the lease is signed by the ward Councillor works should proceed apace with consultation on any new ideas you might wish included.

We have started research on what will be needed in St Germans when 20mph speed limits can change (trials are going on in Cornwall). Traffic calming measures will probably be necessary, and we hope to have a public meeting about the choices as soon as we have the Feasibility Study plans in draft form, probably in September.

Polbathic will be changing when the work starts on the Brenton Works site. This might mean enlarging the car park, new bus shelter and a pedestrian crossing, EV spaces, Disabled space etc. as soon as we know what is actually possible there will be a village meeting to discuss the options before the plans are agreed or moved on to the next stage. We are also looking at Emergency Planning for the Parish or local communities and would like some help with this please so if you can get in touch via the website or email the Clerk on clerk@stgermansparishcouncil.gov.uk and get involved after all you know more about the resources available in each area for help like places for shelter etc. it might not be needed but it is best to be prepared.

There are rumours of a bus reduction planned for September and we are all trying to avoid the problem of no consultation which happened before.

I nearly forgot Bethany, as requested we are asking for better signing at the Power Sub Station bend and a speed check in the village to see if change is needed.

I hope that you have filled in the A38 consultation whatever your opinion is, as if no comment is made then we cannot grumble about the outcome as now it is too late.

At this time of the year, we get grumbles about overgrown hedges on the paths and the resultant bonfires that occur. Please be responsible neighbours and not smoke each other out or burn items that cause offence like tyres and plastics. Check on the Cornwall Web site if you have a problem or even “report it” on the site.

Our next meeting is not in August but 5th September at Polbathic Hall.

Cllr Nigel Witton

Deviocck Parish Council

Forthcoming meetings in August and September (to take place at The Zone, Donderry Methodist Church): August: no Full Council meeting; Planning Committee 18th Aug 6.30pm. September: Full Council 8th Sept 7.30pm; Planning Committee 22nd Sept 6.30pm. Social distancing and reduced capacity will continue to apply. See Agendas for details prior to each meeting.

Highways: Further to submitting Expressions of Interest to Cornwall Council for the funding of various highways projects around the parish, we have received the news that there will be some financial support for the Keveral Mill ‘pinch point’ and a Seaton ‘gateway’, both on Hessenford road. Other works due to take place are the installation of a speed visor at Seaton and the repainting of the yellow lines outside the Zone in Donderry.

Bathing survey: The Parish Council is in the process of requesting bathing water designation for River Seaton. (The coastal water is already designated.) The first part of this process is a bathing survey to evaluate activity/usage at peak times during the summer season. The RNLI is kindly undertaking this survey at Seaton on our behalf from July to September, given coastguards’ presence on the beach over this period.

Co-option (Seaton Ward vacancy): Notices will be going up soon, so please keep an eye out on our website and noticeboards if you are interested in becoming a Councillor. Please note you don’t have to live in Seaton itself to be a Seaton Councillor; email the Clerk if you would like further information on what being a Councillor involves.

Planning applications: The Parish Council has submitted two planning applications to Cornwall Council. The first application is for Changing Places Toilets (next to the existing public toilets in Seaton), an accessible portable building for those who require additional support, with space for one person and their carer. We will shortly be

receiving government capital funds for the CPT after a successful bid. The second application is for the tank traps project, to include moving the traps from the beach to the green at Seaton, and erecting a heritage information board. We have received £500 from the Heritage Trust to contribute towards this project.

For any other Parish Council business and news, please do take a look at our Minutes as there is a lot going on. See the website at: www.deviockparish.org.uk for Agendas and Minutes and any important announcements.

Planning: To comment on a planning application, search for ‘cornwall council planning applications’. Any comments posted on the Cornwall Council site are viewed by the Parish Council. See Agendas for applications due for discussion at the next 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).

Karen Pugh, Parish Clerk

News from our Churches

July has been busy with weddings and baptisms, which has been such a joy! We have also been working with our schools to celebrate the year and to say goodbye to the year 6 leavers.

The plan for the East Wivelshire Deanery has been approved for the next decade, more details will emerge and legal processes will be followed. There are no plans (despite the rumours and article in Private Eye!) to close any of our church buildings, however the way we do mission and ministry will change and there will be a reduction in the number of clergy as priests retire and parishes are restructured. We will be recruiting lay people, one of our first appointments will be a Debt Centre Manager working with Christians Against Poverty to help those in the PL10, PL11, PL17, PL18 postcodes. With the cost of living crisis this post is much needed.

Finally, our Rector, Revd Canon Lynn Parker will be retiring this summer. Revd Lynn’s last service as Rector will be on Sunday 28th August at Sheviock. Under the new plan, we will not be recruiting for a new priest until the reorganisation has taken place which will take a while. However, I will continue to serve the Benefice until the end of my curacy and so the Benefice will carry on as normal for now – as I am typing this I am also drawing up the plans for Christmas!

We hope to see you at one our events this summer. God bless

Revd Laura Bushell Hawke
Curate, St Germans Group with Antony and Sheviock - RevLauraBH@gmail.com

St Germans Methodist Church

We had a very successful Chapel Anniversary which started with a Strawberry Cream Tea, held outdoors in glorious sunshine. Our Anniversary Service was led by Professor Noel Morgan and included a local history quiz which was enjoyed by all.

Sadly, we have to bid farewell to our minister Rev Iris Bray who is going to pastures new. A service to bid our goodbyes will be held on Sunday 7th August at St Germans and will be led by Rev Jonathan Budd and Rev Iris.

Our Coffee Morning this month is on Saturday 20th August 10.00am to 12.00. This will be in aid of the RNLI, no charge but all donations will go to this very worthwhile cause. As well as our normal Bring and Buy/Cake stall there will be an RNLI stall. Please come along and give your support.

On Sunday 21st August at 10.30am we will be joining with our friends at Craffhole Methodist Church therefore our own chapel will be closed for the morning. This service will be led by Mr Mark Pellow. On the other Sundays worship will be as normal and we look forward to welcoming you to any of these events.

Stephen Gerrard

Coastal Zone Donderry - The Methodist Church -The Chapel by the Sea



Sunday August 14th at 3.00pm - A Service taken by Mr Alan Libby from Saltash

Coffee mornings are held every Wednesday from 10.00am-11.30am. Always there for friends and strangers, who become friends. A warm welcome to all

Elsa Guilfoyle

QUAY LANE SURGERY

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

I would like to thank the Donderry and Seaton W I very much for inviting me in July to talk about Quay Lane Surgery and the important role of the Patient Participation Group.

Communicating practice information to patients and representing the patient's perspective to the practice is at the top of the list and benefits all concerned. We fund medical and ancillary equipment to enhance patient care and experience through our own fundraising, donations from patients and particularly over the last 2 years with grant assistance provided by our Parish Councils. We continue with our medicine deliveries

on a Wednesday to the housebound and particularly vulnerable. Our goodie bags for children having their pre-school immunisations are greatly appreciated by not only the children, but also their parents and the Nursing team. In the Wellbeing Hubs the PPG has been available to provide information and can demonstrate how to access the online services. Jessica Hirons, Quay Lane Surgery's Social Prescriber joined me at the WI talk to explain her role and the tremendous work she is doing both in GP Practice and the new community Wellbeing Hubs in this area.

If you would like more information about the PPG - please get in touch with me by email or write to the Practice Manager, Quay Lane Surgery, St Germans, PL12 5LH for more information about our membership options.

Claire Croft, Chair quaylanepgg@gmail.com

Thank you from Dr Penny Thomson

Thank you so much for your generous presents. I have really appreciated them, your kindness and lovely messages of goodwill. I will look back at my 21 years at Quay Lane Surgery with great affection, it has been a privilege to look after so many in the community.

I will miss my patients, but know you will continue to be looked after well.

Practice News

We have been experiencing some issues with our text messaging module. This has resulted in patients not receiving a text when their medication is ready. The programme is not an automated service within our clinical system when an item is dispensed, so please do not rely on receiving a text to remind you when to collect your medication. We are still asking patients to allow a minimum of 5 full working days from ordering to collection.

The Spring booster COVID vaccinations are being rolled out during July to our housebound patients. The surgery will contact all eligible patients to make the necessary arrangements.

Information will be posted on our practice website and Facebook page, ahead of the Autumn COVID booster campaign, with eligibility criteria once it becomes available.

Debbie Todd, Practice Manager

Deviocck 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.



Downderry & Seaton Ukrainian Refugee Support Group. The practical help and gifts that continue to flow in from our local community to support our new Ukrainian residents are so gratefully received. Children's **life jackets** for a 5-8 year old and **spare boogie boards** are high on the current wish list now that all spare time is being spent on the beach! However, the greatest ongoing need is for **transportation** in to, and out of, the villages for job centre appointments in Plymouth, to St Germans to catch the train and for medical appointments at Quay Lane Surgery, transport to Torpoint for work, swimming lessons for the children in Saltash etc. Would anyone be willing to take on a **coordinating role** for helping to arrange transport? This would involve identifying and organising the people who have offered lifts and then liaising with our local Ukrainian refugees to determine what their transport needs are and when. If you take regular trips into Torpoint or regularly drive to St Germans and wouldn't mind carpooling with a Ukrainian, please be in touch as well! If you, or anyone you know, are interested, in helping coordinate this all important transport need, or you can help in anyway, please contact Leanne Spencer-Harper at: leanneronk@yahoo.com or [07895804935](tel:07895804935). Also do look at their Facebook page (downderryandseatonukrainiansupportgroup)

Scouts. DaSRA Committee member Michelle Davies is receiving sufficient interest from parents in having a **Scouts group** in the village for her to follow through with plans to try and get one up and running. To do this, she needs help. She is looking for a few adults to volunteer to lead the group on a casual rota basis so it isn't all left to one or two individuals. Without leaders, no Scouts group can develop. St Nicolas School has very kindly agreed for the group to use the school as its venue. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in knowing more, please please do make direct contact with Michelle on 07817945374 or email info@dasra.co.uk .

DaSRA's Calendar 2023. We are delighted to once again showcase the artistic talents of local artists living in our villages. This is the third time that we have published an annual calendar and we appreciate the enthusiasm with which participating contributors donate their works of art. This year's calendar also celebrates the memory and artistic talent of Jan Doyle, who sadly died in 2021. Her contribution to village life over the years gave pleasure to many, whether as director and actor in many drama group performances, as a member of Whitsand Harmony or as an artist with her paintings expressing life and joy. Indeed, Exhilaration is the title of her image for July 2023. We are grateful to her husband, Robin, for providing entries for selection, and we hope that the new calendar does Jan proud. The 2023 Calendar, at £8, is now on sale from Downderry Stores, and other local venues or via contact through info@dasra.co.uk

Laura Done, Chair, DaSRA info@dasra.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch in partnership with DaSRA

July was a busy month for Neighbourhood Watch with the installation of the last flower boat on the verge opposite St Nicolas School. I was supported by an enthusiastic team to position the boat and fill with 1.5 dumpy bags of topsoil. Thanks to David Batiste and Terry Stokes who have helped with the heavy and practical tasks on all three boats. The final boat has been planted and decorated by children from the school under the expert guidance of Suzie Hartshorn, the school's outdoor adventure leader. It is great to see the environmental aspect in the children's work, encouraging zero use of plastic. The next part of the project is provision of water butts to encourage us to use rainwater. Overall, there has been much positive feedback about all three boats - the other two sited in the Memorial Garden and in the centre of Seaton. If anybody would like to contribute time or money towards future upkeep of the boats, please get in touch. - info@dasra.co.uk

During the fine weather many residents and visitors are enjoying our beaches and country walks. Sadly, some dog owners fail to act responsibly but it is heartening to meet many of our local dog walkers clearing up after less responsible owners, not a nice thing to do but well done and thanks! All too often the problem relates to allowing a dog to run free and owners not being aware of what their dog is doing. This is particularly the case at the start of the off-lead period. As a responsible owner, you must be vigilant and know what your dog is doing at all times, particularly on a mixed-use beach.

Nigel Jones, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator info@dasra.co.uk



Downderry and Seaton Village Hall Events

Coffee Morning Tuesday 2nd August and 6th September 10am to 12 noon - Come along for a chat and enjoy a hot or cold drink with a little treat. It only costs £2.50 per person and there will be a Book Stall and Raffle Tickets for that morning's draw.

Little Breakfast Saturday 20th August and 17th September 10am to 1pm - Come and enjoy a Breakfast Bap of Sausage, Bacon & Egg or the veggie option of Egg & Hash Browns with a hot or cold drink for just £4.50. There will also be a book/DVD sale.

Everyone is welcome at these events, including well behaved dogs on leads.

Film Night 3rd September doors open 6.30pm for 7.30pm start - Come and join in the fun and watch a film favourite, the title of which will be announced shortly. There will be a licenced bar and refreshments on sale. Limited space so please come early to avoid disappointment. Tickets cost £5.00 on the door. (Family Film Matinees start in October.)

Camp Theatre Friday 30th September doors open 6.30pm for 7.30pm start - This year's production is 'Heroes' It's 1959 and three veteran French soldiers plan their "escape" from their Retirement Home because it's rumoured that one of the nuns is trying to murder some of the residents. But why does Philippe keep blacking out? What is Henri's fascination with the local girls' school? And why does Gustave want to carry a large stone dog? Want to know why? Then come to the Village Hall for what promises to be an entertaining evening. There will also be a raffle, licenced bar and refreshments on sale. Ticket price is £10 and they will go on sale shortly. You will be able to reserve tickets from the Village Hall website or by telephoning Marion Candy on 01752 852155.

Resuscitation - You too can save a life! Saturday 1st October 12 noon to approx 2pm - Flick Murdock will be covering adult basic life support, care of an unconscious person, how to deal with choking and a demonstration on how simple it is to use a defibrillator. The session will also include a brief talk on dealing with children in similar situations. There will be no charge but donations to the Village Hall would be very much appreciated. As there are only 20 places, please email downderryandseatonvillagehall@gmail.com or telephone Mandy or Keith Smith on 01503 250412 to book your place. If necessary, another session will be arranged.

*Mandy Smith
Secretary Downderry and Seaton Village Hall*

Devioc Activities Group (D.A.G.)

Activities are all at the Zone. Follow us on our Facebook page. Our Monday afternoon Craft Cafe is taking a break in August & will return on 5th September 2pm-4pm at the new charge of £3.

We have a Patchwork taster session with Sue Rowe on 12th September For more information contact Sue on webstersue62@gmail.com

Table Tennis will continue during August running from 7pm -8pm on a Wednesday evening. For more information contact Maggie on magiluv2sing@gmail.com.

Activities for children

“Wake Up, Shake Up” Under 8’s dance class. Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. A 5 week course starts on 29th July. £20 for the 5 week term. £5 drop-in. Sibling discount: £10 5 week term, £2.50 drop-in.

For more information contact Leanne on leanneronk@yahoo.com & check the Deviock Activities Group Facebook group or the DASRA Facebook group for up to date information on our summer activities planned for children which include a children's beach scavenger hunt and found objects children's crafting workshop.

Potential new Group for the Autumn Weekly Art Group with regular Tutor support. For more information contact Viv on parkerviv@aol.com or 250519.

Viv Parker

Downderry Bread & Babes

Bread & Babes has had a busy July playing and crafting. We have done some beautiful rock painting and even made our bread into hedgehogs.

We are however going to take an official break in August for the summer but we will be regularly meeting up at the beach instead (bottom of slipway, Downderry). If you would like to be kept up to date on when we plan to meet please contact us on breadandbabes@gmail.com and we will add you to our messaging group.

Bread & Babes is a local parent/carers baby and toddler group. If you have a little one and fancy a cuppa and a chat plus craft, toys and bread making, come along and see what you think. We have plenty of toys, always have a craft to do and the bread to make, once cooked it will be your little ones snack at the end.

We run every term time Thursday at The Zone, Downderry, PL11 3LY 9.30am to 11.30am. First session is free then £3 per session per family.

We have a Facebook group for more information or message us with any questions. Bread and Babes Downderry play group.

Michelle Davies

St Germans Thursday Club

At our July meeting in the Eliot Hall, we discussed health, the weather, transport, and looked back at events in the history of the Thursday Club and of the village. Enquired after absent friends, and the state of the Causeway, with the "tree that grew too much"...and is now pushing the wall out onto the path. Our conversation was accompanied by much laughter - as one can in such good company.

Later this month (28th July) we'll be on a visit to Tavistock, tell you about that later. It's a favourite place for most of us.

Our next 3 meetings will all be in the Eliot Hall, at 2:30pm (doors open 2pm). At our meeting on August 11th we will look at our future programme, considering old favourites and new ideas for outings, speakers and activities. Sept 8th will be a musical

meeting, with Roger and his Ukelele. Not sure yet about singing-along?! On the 22nd, we will have our Harvest Service, which this year will be led by Revd. Laura Bushell Hawke.

Visitors and new members welcome. Come and see what we're up to! Enquiries please to our Chairwoman Jean Mills 01503-230324.

Sue Cousins

Cornwall Hospice Care Cream Tea

Cream Tea at the Donderry and Seaton Village Hall on Friday 18th August 3pm – 4pm £5. It would be lovely to see some familiar faces again!

Elsa Guilfoyle

St Germans Recycling

Did you know you can recycle your popcorn packets?

Thank you to everyone that came to recycling for charity collection in July, it was nice to see you all after not holding a collection in June.

A couple of changes have been made to our collections which hopefully can simplify your sorting. All bread and bakery products can go in together (except Warburtons waxy which are still separate). Also, all crisps and savoury snakes can go together (so popcorn goes with crisps). Just remember that any baked snacks like mini cheddars or cheese twists still go in biscuits and cakes.

There are many more groups of items I accept, details of which, alongside collection dates, are advertised on Posters, Facebook, and the website (<https://south-hill.co.uk/charity-recycling/>). If smaller packets are packed inside bigger packets (creating bricks of sorted items) we can pack them more easily and ultimately recycle more. It is really helpful if you can do this and it certainly puts a smile on my face.

The next two dates are:

Sunday 7th August 10:30-11:30

Sunday 11th September 10:30-11:30

So, thank you again to all of those who drop items off with me. It's wonderful to see and be part of the difference we can all make.

Freddie Brasher

Hessenford Fête and Duck Race

Don't forget the Annual Hessenford Fête and Duck Race will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 6th of August. Fête starts at 2pm and the Duck Race will 'launch' at 4pm.

Downderry and Seaton WI

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The July meeting was an open meeting, the speakers were Jessica Hirons (the Social Prescriber Link Worker at Quay Lane Surgery and Rame Group Practice) and Claire Croft (Lay Member of the East Cornwall Primary Care Network and Chair of Quay Lane Surgery's PPG). They gave a very enlightening talk on the Drop in Wellbeing Hubs in our area, particularly regarding the hub in Downderry. Claire gave a very passionate talk on Quay Lane Surgery and informed us of the way both surgeries were now operating post pandemic, which the people who attended found useful. Jessica gave us a detailed description of her role as a Social Prescribing Link Worker, she can be contacted through Quay Lane surgery. Thank you both for taking time out of their busy schedules and for their invaluable work in our community.

It is lovely to see the WI boat flowering profusely and to see the local school's boat rise from the sea and bloom. Lots of young conservationists at St Nics School! The Broads Yard Garden is blooming, the herb garden in particular is flourishing.

Thank you to those who attended the Mid Summer Madness in early July and for supporting the WI stall. The doggie raffle was drawn at our July meeting, the winning ticket was held by June who is a member of the Keltique Ladies Choir in Looe, June's grand dog is going to get a lovely surprise.

We will be publishing news of our September meeting via Facebook and posters around the villages in August so watch those spaces.

As ever if anyone has any queries regarding your local WI please contact us via email. Sorry we don't deal with complaints about noise disturbance in the villages.

Julie Green

Downderry&SeatonWI@gmail.com

St Germans & District Garden Club

We have had two enjoyable garden visits this summer to Trethew near Lanreath and South Lea Gardens in Pillaton blessed by this summer's fine weather.

In September we are starting again with our talks programme with a talk by an old friend of the Garden Club, Trevor Wiltshire, who is going to tell us all about Cyclamens. It is on Wednesday 21st September at 7.30pm in the Eliot Hall. Visitors always welcome.



Ann Drew

Community Bus News

Services and Excursions during August 2022

DATE		DESTINATION	DEPART	LENGTH STAY	FARES SINGLE	FARES RETURN
August						
Tuesday	2	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£3.00	£4.00
Thursday	4	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£2.00	£3.00
Friday	5	LOOE	11.30am	3 Hours		£3.00
Tuesday	9	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£3.00	£4.00
Thursday	11	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£2.00	£3.00
Friday	12	TOTNES	9.30 am	4 Hours	£4.00	£6.00
Tuesday	16	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£3.00	£4.00
Wednesday	17	TRURO	9.30 am	4 Hours	£5.00	£7.00
Wednesday	17)Fireworks			Leave 8.00pm	£3.00
Thursday	18)competition from)Mount Edgcumbe			Leave 8.00pm	£3.00
Thursday	18	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£2.00	£3.00
Tuesday	23	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£3.00	£4.00
Thursday	25	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£2.00	£3.00
Tuesday	30	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£2.00	£3.00
Sept						
Thursday	1	Liskeard	9.30 am	2 Hours	£2.00	£3.00
Tuesday	6	Plymouth	9.30 am	4 Hours	£3.00	£4.00
Excursions/Trips for September.....						
Friday	2	LOOE	11.30am	3 Hours		£3.00
Friday	8	TAVISTOCK	9.30 am	return 3.00pm from Tavi		£6.00
Friday	16	TRAGO MILLS	9.30am	3 hours		£4.00
Wednesday	21	TRURO	9.30 am	4 Hours	£5.00	£7.00
Friday	30	Camel Valley Winery	9.30am	3 hours		TBA

TO BOOK SEATS TELEPHONE DOWDERRY (01503) 250944 Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm

Next time you need a couple hours in Plymouth or Liskeard, why have the hassle of driving, paying for parking, paying for fuel? The community bus makes the journey from Dowderry and Seaton to both destinations every week, Plymouth on a Tuesday and Liskeard on a Thursday. If you have a freedom travel pass, you can travel for free. What is there not to like? The departure time for all services unless otherwise specified is 9.30am.

Dates you should mark in your diary for August include lunch in Looe on Friday August 5. This monthly visit to Looe departs from Dowderry at 11.30 and is timed to give you plenty of time for a leisurely lunch and some shopping before returning at 3pm. No issues of drinking and driving, and we remove the problem of parking. This service is proving very popular, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

In addition, we will be visiting Totnes on Friday August 12 and then Truro on Wednesday August 17. Then it is time for the big bang and the spectacular of the Plymouth fireworks competition viewed from Mount Edgcumbe Park. We have two visits planned on Wednesday August 17 and Thursday August 18, both departing at 8pm. Looking to September we will be visiting the Camel Valley Winery on Friday September 30.

For reservations. please call Bev Brighton on 01503 250944. For 300 Club and details of the monthly draw call Jo Woodley on 01503 250489. For any other questions please contact Kevin Done, chairman on 01503 250911 or by email at kevindone@hotmail.com. As ever, many thanks for your support.

Kevin Done

St Germans & Area Public Transport Group

September Bus Changes. There will be a number of changes in bus routes and times in September. The 75 service will operate every two hours, but will no longer serve Great Park. The bus will arrive in Liskeard before 10.00 a.m. (0947) - responding to feedback at the June public meeting. We have been told that there will no longer be a 75A St Germans bus to Plymouth, as not enough passengers have been using the service. There will still be a morning and afternoon school bus, however. Cornwall Council are in ongoing negotiations with Saltash Red Bus to provide some feeder buses in the East Cornwall area. We will continue to attempt to get a service through St Germans, Polbathic etc that will suit people's needs - but I fear it will take some time for anything to be achieved.

Trains. Further strikes have been scheduled for August (18th and 20th), depending on negotiations. There will be some fairly minor changes in the timetable from September 17th.

Public Transport Survey We are pleased that a good number of you have responded - and we are grateful for any further comments you might have. We have begun to look at the responses, and will be publicising an analysis and report in the autumn. Almost 400 people responded to the survey, train and bus users, and some who did not use public transport but had views they wanted to share. What follows is a brief early comment on the results.

There was overwhelming support for a well-connected public transport system, linking villages etc to ferries, St Germans station, to market towns etc. There was also a wish to be able to get from an inland location to the sea. Of those people using St Germans station, 60% travelled by car. 35% used public transport to get to work or education, BUT there were frequent comments about NOT being able to get to work using public transport - for many it was that there is not an early enough bus or train. Clearly bus and train users generally appreciated having public transport. However, lots of people commented on matters of reliability (buses or trains delayed or cancelled) and mentioned high fares. There were also negative comments about the lack of connection between modes of transport.

Alan Cousins

Downderry Community Bus 300 Club

The three lucky winners for the month of July: 1st. No. 129 Linda Clarke, 2nd. No. 17 Viv Humphreys and 3rd. No. 163 Jean Evans

Thank you to all who attended our Summer Afternoon Tea Party on the 15th. Pleased to say it was a packed house!!

Jo Woodley 01503 250489

Polbathic Players Special One-off Event

For one night only - Enjoy a three-course dinner while you solve the Murder Mystery of:

“WHO KILLED THE SHIP’S CAPTAIN”

This evening of delightful entertainment will be held at Polbathic Hall and performed by Polbathic Players on 3rd September at 7.00 pm. A quiz with prizes for the team who can guess who the murderer is, and why! We will also have a prize for the funniest reason *why* you think the murderer murdered the murdered man. And it gets better because.....there will also be a licenced bar.

And all this for as little as £15 per person. Tickets will be on sale at TBC. In the meantime, if you’d like to buy tickets before we confirm, I’ll have some. Contact Kim Byles at 07803 125235. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Kim Byles

Grand Book Sale - Saturday 17th Sept

10 am to 2 pm in St Germans Community Centre in the Eliot Hall, St Germans

Books PLUS - refreshments and conviviality.

We are pleased to have heard from various people who are gathering up good books for the Book Sale. If you already have, thank you. And also feel free to tuck in a few words of review, of why you enjoyed the book, or who might enjoy it. We will add a few notes/bookmarks in the books we know. We also have jigsaw puzzles, some board games and postcards as well.

Charities of all sorts will gain - when you source the books, buy others on the 17th, read, share them, take them to a charity shop of your choice after the sale. Many/most will be of regifting quality.

Any questions, further requests and offers of books plus, and of help, please contact 01503-230096, or 01503-230106. If required, we will collect....

Save the date - 17th Sept. come in, stop & buy; enjoy the books, coffee and chat!

Editorial Note: Please note that, as customary, Nut Tree will take a break in September. Our next edition will be October’s. Rita’s Rota this month contains events we are aware of for both August and September. Submissions for inclusion by the normal deadline of 17th September please. One other request; if you are giving details of an event please be sure to give details of, at least, event title, date, time and venue.

Rita's Rota

August 2022 Dates

- 2 10:00 Coffee Morning (DSVH)
10:00 CoE Service (TC)
- 3 10:00 Coffee Morning (CZ)
- 5 11:30 Lunch Outing to Looe (CB)
- 6 14:00 H'ford Fete & Duck Race (HCH)
- 7 10:00 CoE Service (SNCh)
10:30 Rev Bray Farewell Service (SGMC)
10:30 Community Recycling (EA)
- 9 10:00 CoE Service (TC)
- 10 10:00 Coffee Morning (CZ)
- 11 14:30 St Germans Thursday Club (EHSG)
- 12 CB to Totnes (CB)
- 14 10:00 CoE Service (SGPC)
10:30 Sunday Service (SGMC)
15:00 Sunday Service (CZ)
- 16 10:00 CoE Service (TC)
- 17 CB outing to Truro (CB)
10:00 Coffee Morning (CZ)
20:00 CB to Plymouth Fireworks (CB)
- 18 15:00 Hospice Care Cream Tea (DSVH)
18:30 Devioc PC Planning Meeting (CZ)
20:00 CB to Plymouth Fireworks (CB)
- 20 10:00-12:00 Coffee Morning (SGMC)
10:00 Little Breakfast (DSVH)
- 21 10:00 CoE Service (SNCh)
10:30 SGMC Service (Crafthole)
- 23 10:00 CoE Service (TC)
Mobile Library:
St Germans - Alms Houses 09:45 - 10:05
St Germans - Quay Road. 10:15 - 10:50
Downderry - Inn. 13:55 - 14:35
Seaton - Car Park. 14:45 - 15:05
- 24 10:00 Coffee Morning (CZ)
- 28 10:00 Rev Parker Farewell (Shevioc Ch)
10:30 Sunday Service (SGMC)
30. 10:00 CoE Service (TC)

September

- 3 18:30 Film Night (DSVH)
19:00 "Who Killed the Ship's Captain" (PolH)
- 4 10:30 Sunday Service (SGMC)
- 5 14:00 DAG Craft Café (CZ)
St Germans PC Meeting (PolH)
- 6 10:00 Coffee Morning (DSVH)
- 8 14:30 St Germans Thursday Club (EHSG)
19:30 Devioc PC Full Mtg (CZ)
- 11 10:30 Community Recycling (EA)
10:30 Sunday Service (SGMC)
- 12 DAG Patchwork 'Taster' (CZ)
- 17 10:00 Little Breakfast (DSVH)
10:00 - 14:00 Grand Book Sale EHSG)
- 20 Mobile Library:
St Germans - Alms Houses 09:45 - 10:05
St Germans - Quay Road. 10:15 - 10:50
Downderry - Inn. 13:55 - 14:35
Seaton - Car Park. 14:45 - 15:05
- 21 19:30 St Germans Garden Club (EHSG)
- 22 14:30 St Germans Thursday Club (EHSG)
18:30 Devioc PC Planning Mtg (CZ)
- 30 CB to Camel Valley Winery (CB)
18:30 Camp Theatre – Heroes (DSVH)
- CZ Downderry Coastal Zone; CB Community Bus: DSVH Dderry & Seaton VH; PolH Polbathic Hall; EA Eliot Arms StG; EHSG Eliot Hall StG; HC H'ford Church; HCH H'ford Church Hall; SGMC St G Methodist Ch; SGPC St G Priory Church; SNCh St Nicolas' Church; SNS St Nicolas' School; TC Tideford Church; TRBL Tideford RBL Hall; WVH W'gates V Hall**
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