The Villager Autumn 2024



The wildflower meadow at Penhale Pantry ablaze with colour

Captured on one of this Summer's brighter days by Doreen Clark

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE AILSA

COUNCILLOR Ailsa Tween has decided to step down from Dobwalls Parish Council after many years of loyal and dedicated service.



Council chairman John Dunn paid this tribute to her: "Ailsa has been a much-valued member of the council for a number of years. It is very difficult to find people of her ability who are prepared to give up their time for the benefit of their local community. I know I speak for all members of the parish council when I say that it has been a privilege working with her. Her knowledge and keen participation in community projects and events will be sorely missed.

"Ailsa, we hope that you will not be a stranger and if your circumstances allow it in the future we would welcome you back with open arms."



Bradley Champion has joined the council to fill the vacancy left by Morgan Ball, who resigned because of increasing work commitments. Bradley says: I grew up in the area and have lived in the village for over 20 years. I come from a farming family who have farmed in the area for generations and I work locally.

"I wanted to join the council to give something back to the community and show my interest in the future of the village and the parish. I'm looking forward to working with everyone in the team."

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There are still two vacancies for councillors on the council, so would you like to join and make a difference in your local community?

The council can co-opt members so if you're interested just contact the parish council clerk. The council is non-political and councillors don't get paid for what they do, which includes attending council meetings every month except August.

To find out more, write to Laura Storey, Clerk to Dobwalls Parish Council, PO Box 82, Looe, PL13 9DG or email clerk@dobwallspc.org.uk

ANDY YEATMAN — TO BE REMEMBERED FOR EVER



THE LOVE of Andy Yeatman's life was Dobwalls Football Club. Now, following his sad death, his name will live on as a new stand is to be named in his memory and as a tribute to his devotion to the club.

The club's temporary secretary John Blake says: "We are hoping to construct a small new stand to be dedicated to Andy. This decision was reached by our club committee and is wholeheartedly approved by Andy's wife Berni and her family."

Berni says: "My family are absolutely overwhelmed by the kindness shown by everyone who donated to this memorial and we would like to thank everyone. We are very pleased with the club's decision to build a stand in Andy's memory and we look forward to seeing it completed and being used on match days."

Andy was club secretary and on Facebook the club asked for donations towards a permanent memorial to "this great man" at Lantoom Park. £1875.59 was raised. **See page 38**

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GOOD RECYCLING NEWS: CORNWALL Council says it is reinstating, by the end of August, residents' disposal of household do-it-yourself waste at the Connon Bridge Recycling Centre. In January, the council's waste team introduced a six-month trial during which the centre did not accept tyres, tiles, rubble, toilets etc.

During the trial local Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe photographed and reported every incident of discarded rubbish and fly-tipping and campaigned to get the council to reconsider its decision.



Cllr Pascoe says: "The consequences of that decision were a significant increase in fly-tipping in our countryside. It also meant residents who wished to dispose of their waste responsibly were having to make long journeys."

The waste team reviewed the situation after the trial and decided to reinstate the service.

Cllr Pascoe is welcoming the move: "This will help reduce fly tipping, increase the geographical spread of the service, shorten journeys in South East Cornwall and alleviate some of the pressures on the St Austell and Saltash centres."


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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DROP-IN SESSION FOR STEVE



STEVE Edser, the Devon and Cornwall Police Liskeard Neighbourhood Police Community Support Officer, has held his second of three informal drop-in sessions at Penhale Pantry. Again, it was a success and Steve is looking forward to his next visit to the pantry in October.

Steve says: “I chatted with several members of the public who had questions for me and I was able to give them advice on alternative approaches to their various issues.”

The next drop-in at Penhale Pantry is on October 9 from 10.00am to 11.30am.

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TRAINING THAT COULD SAVE LIVES!

FOLLOWING a recent thread on the Dobwalls Community Facebook Page for requests for CPR and defibrillator training for people in the village and parish, Peter Scott organised a training session in the clubhouse at Dobwalls Football Club.

Peter says: “The club generously provided the venue free of charge. There was an excellent attendance, including a surprisingly large number of young people.”

Liskeard St John’s Ambulance Cadets and supervisors provided demonstrations on DRAB (Danger Response Airway Breathing), CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and Recovery Position. Dobwalls Parish Council made a donation of £150 to St John’s Ambulance in appreciation of the members’ efforts in helping arrange and carry out the training.



Comments from those who attended included: “Thanks guys. Learned a lot”, “Very informative session”, “Thank you very much. Me and my son learnt a lot”, “Excellent session. Well done to St John's Ambulance Cadets and supervisors. Thank you”, “A big thank you to the organisers and St John's Ambulance volunteers for today's instruction”.

FANCY DRESS IS NOT COMPULSORY!

DON'T worry...You don't have to wear silly fancy dress to join Dobwalls Short Mat Bowls Club! But these four members did to take part in the Saltash club's Summer Madness event. So it's name and shame time! They are, from left to right, Graham Bickle, Eileen Taylor, Brenda Sleep and John Cole.



John says: "Our club is always looking for new members of any age. Why not come along and give it a go. You can have a 'free trail' to see if you like it."

The club meets in Dobwalls Memorial Hall on Sunday & Monday at 7.15pm and Thursday at 7.30pm.

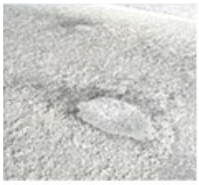
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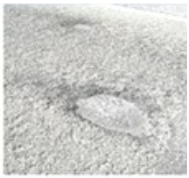


ALL THE LEAVES ARE BROWN. COULD BE AUTUMN AT GOLITHA FALLS?

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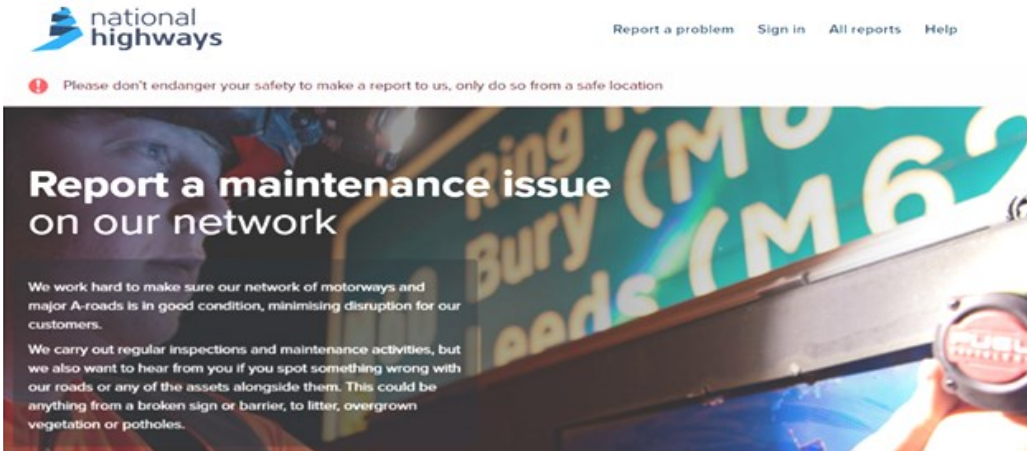
OUR POTHOLES WILL BE FILLED IN



NATIONAL Highways has told Dobwalls Parish Council it will repair a number of potholes on the slip road onto and off the bypass just down the hill from the village.

A spokesman wrote in an email received on August 12: "We are planned to carry out repairs in this area within the next month, barring any unforeseen circumstances. In the meantime we'll continue to carry out frequent safety patrols to monitor the condition of the road. Repairs are prioritised, based on the severity of the defect. We know that a damaged road surface can, on occasion, be potentially dangerous and we have processes in place to ensure any hazardous defects are repaired quickly."

A bemused Cllr Sean Jackson reported the potholes to National Highways on April 27 with photographic evidence. He was beginning to think there would never be a response, but is glad there has been one, albeit three-and-a-half months later!
Sean is urging people to report potholes to keep highlighting the problem. He says: "It's easy to report them online. If they are the responsibility of National Highways, just go to report.nationalhighways.co.uk/ and follow the instructions."



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FESTIVAL FALLS SHORT OF FUNDRAISING TARGET BUT JUST WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR!

DESPITE a valiant effort by the organisers and participants (the drinkers), the Dobwalls Beer & Cider Festival narrowly missed hitting its ambitious £30,000 fundraising target for the Cornwall Air Ambulance charity.

Spokesman Brian Clark says: "We raised just short of our goal of £30,000 for the charity since the festival started many years ago. Rain and cooler weather on the Saturday reduced the turnout and that contributed to the shortfall."



However, the spirit of the festival, in the beer garden of The Highwayman, remained alive and high and everyone expressed their support for the cause.

Brian adds: "Everybody had a fun time and we're still proud of what we achieved. Our heartfelt thanks go to all our supporters including volunteers, sponsors and everyone who came along and braved the weather to contribute to the cause.



"We may have come up short, but the support we received was overwhelming and we're grateful to everyone who made the effort to come out and support the event."

Next year's festival is already in the planning stages with a new, bigger venue set to host the event.

TALK ABOUT LETTING YOUR HAIR DOWN!

Brian says: "The 2025 festival will feature expanded family activities in addition to the usual array of beers, ciders and live entertainment. We aim to draw in larger crowds and hopefully surpass this year's fundraising efforts.

"The committee is optimistic the changes will help us reach and even exceed our future fundraising goals, ensuring that this much-anticipated annual event in the community continues to be a staple of the village's and parish's calendar, while again supporting a vital cause."

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MIKE LIKES TO TITIVATE THE BORDER AND MAKE IT LOOK MORE PRESENTABLE

HAVE you noticed how nice the border is in the village car park? Well, it's all down to Mike Newton who lives in the bungalow next to it. Mike retired earlier this year after 40 years as a landscape gardener with Plymouth City Council.

He moved into the bungalow just over four years ago and has gradually transformed the border: "There was Japanese Knotweed in here so I cut down the trees, gave the good wood to residents and planted the hedge."

And Mike's put in loads of plants: "The parish council chairman John Dunn and myself got the plants and I also brought in some from my own garden. It's a bit of a mix and match, anything is better than nothing, anything which I think will grow in here."

Mike says it could be better, but then he's a professional! Recently he trimmed the hedge, weeded and picked up a considerable amount of litter — something he does on a regular basis.



MIKE HARD AT WORK WEEDING



But why does he do it? "I look after the border for two reasons, one, purely because I live here, and two, I like to give something back to the community. I like to titivate and make it look a bit more presentable for everyone."

His efforts are much appreciated by Dobwalls Parish Council which recently took over the car park from Cornwall Council.



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YOU or someone you may know has probably had a bad experience with "Cold Callers"" or "Rogue Traders". So, in this edition of The Villager, we are devoting a couple of pages to share vital information from Cornwall Council Trading Standards service website. There's a lot to take in, but it's worth reading it through more than once and on a regular basis to refresh your memory on how to deal with uninvited people on your doorstep.



The trading standards service says: Doorstep criminals affect the lives of Cornwall residents all year round. In the last year alone they took over £125,000 from homeowners for work that either wasn't needed, was poorly done or, in some cases, wasn't carried out at all.

These conmen offer anything from driveway cleaning, roofing repairs and new windows to investment schemes and antique valuations. They often deliberately target the more vulnerable members of the community and attempt to extort money for little to no work. The work offered is generally home improvements services – guttering, soffits, fascias, roofing, tarmacking or block paved driveways.

Recently we have seen an increase in cold calls relating to energy saving products such as new storage heaters or insulation. Visits are often proceeded by a telephone call to make an appointment for a 'surveyor' to attend your home in an attempt to make the business seem more legitimate.

In Trading Standards' experience this type of trader will - do a poor job, charge over the odds for the work, ask for cash and then simply disappear or offer to drive homeowners to the bank to withdraw cash.

Others will misrepresent the condition of your home. They may intentionally damage parts of the property to convince you that extra work needs doing. Once they see that someone is prepared to pay for extra work being done they will often 'find' more problems. They may even inflate the original quoted price. They are usually untraceable when things go wrong and are often not contactable on their mobile phones.

Typically, these traders will only work for cash. Their written contracts, if given at all, will not provide the required information about cancellation rights. By law, all traders who sign someone up to a contract at their home should be giving a 14-day cooling off period. This gives the homeowner time to change their mind and must be specified in writing.

Occasionally, there are also reports of traders offering goods such as mattresses or sofas door to door. The products they sell may have been stolen and in some cases will not conform to the relevant fire safety standards. It is never advisable to buy these goods and you will often not be able to trace the seller should the product be faulty.

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"LIVE LATER LIFE WELL" IN DOBWALLS PARISH

A CHARITY wants to hear from people in the Dobwalls area who are 55 years and over. MHA Communities Cornwall is part of Methodist Homes, one of the largest charity care providers in England and Wales.

Manager Liz Hewer says: "At the moment we only provide befriending services in the Dobwalls area, but we are looking at expanding our services and friendship groups and would love your ideas and suggestions as to what you would like to see more of. If there is enough interest, we could run a monthly trip, picking members up from home and dropping them home. We also could set up a regular coffee morning or friendship group in the area if the need is there. We can also look into providing minibus transport to pick up Dobwalls residents to bring them to our Memory Café and Wednesday Group in Saltash."

Liz adds: "We support people over 55 plus to Live Later Life Well and we have members across Cornwall including Saltash, Liskeard and as far as Penzance. We run activity groups, clubs, outings and coffee mornings, befriending services — a weekly befriending telephone call or home visit can make such a difference to an older person who is unable to get out and about — and we have our MHA Active online activities.



"You can find out more about us online at MHA Communities Cornwall or what we have been up to on our Facebook Page @MHACommCornwall. You can also call us on 07547 657543 or email Cornwall@mha.org.uk. We have 34 dedicated volunteers but we always need more so, if you are interested in making a real difference, please get in touch."







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Doorstep Crime Information Pack:
A Doorstep Crime Information Pack and 'No Cold Callers' door sticker have been produced to protect residents from criminals who come knocking on your door. The leaflet offers advice on how to deal with callers, tips on how to keep safe and contact details of organisations that can help.
You can download these documents: Doorstep crime information pack, No cold callers window sticker and Identification guide.

Tips to avoid being ripped off:
Say 'no' to uninvited callers. Don't be pressured into agreeing something on your doorstep. Get three written quotes from legitimate traders (a quote is binding, an estimate is not). Use a trader from the Cornwall Buy with Confidence Trader List. Know exactly who you are dealing with so you can contact them in the future if problems arise. A mobile number is not enough. Ask your family and friends to recommend a trader. Don't let a trader rush you into agreeing for work to be done because they're offering a time limited offer. Check to see if the trader is a member of a Trade Association. This may offer you extra help and protection should things go wrong. If you agree to purchase goods or services over £42 as a result of an uninvited visit by a trader, by law, you should receive a written notice clearly setting out your right to cancel within 14 days. If you are not given this notice, the contract may not be enforceable. You should report the trader to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133. If things do go wrong, phone Citizens Advice Consumer Service. They offer free, confidential and impartial advice. Their number is 0808 223 1133 or visit the Citizens' Advice website.

We would urge everyone in Cornwall to be vigilant and be a good neighbour. If you are concerned about anybody in your neighbourhood 'knocking' on the door offering to carry out home maintenance work, then please make a note of: Any names they give you, vehicle make and model, vehicle colour, vehicle registration number and any descriptions of what the trader looked like.

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DOBWALLS MEMORIAL HALL IS FLOURISHING — BUT NEEDS YOUR HELP

THE annual general meeting of the hall trustees was a chance to look back over another busy and successful year.



Trustee Rowena Fletcher says: "The building is now in a very sound state of repair with major electrical works completed, a newly refurbished kitchen, improved insulation and a new fire door. We've been able to do this much-needed improvement work thanks to everyone's support, particularly the regular bingo nights which continue to be very popular, as well as numerous other regular events in the hall. And the hall is proving a popular venue for hire, including for children's parties. So 'thank you' to everyone from Dobwalls and further afield who have used and supported the hall over the past year. The hall also continues to raise funds for three charities — Cornwall Air Ambulance, Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie.

"We were very pleased to welcome a new trustee at the AGM, Ian Sheer, and a new chairman Andy Butterworth, following Alan Mayne stepping down, as regular readers will recall from the Summer edition of The Villager. The other trustees are treasurer Alison Butterworth, Graham and Brenda Sleep, Brian Clark, Maurice Fletcher and myself.

"Looking ahead, we really do need more help to run the hall. You don't need special skills, just a willingness to volunteer for around 10 hours or so each month, either as a trustee or on a more informal basis. We are completely dependent on volunteers to keep the hall going and ensure the future of this vital facility for our community. We'd also like at least one more person to help as a volunteer bingo caller. No experience is needed, as we will provide full training with practice sessions and support. If you're able to help in any way please contact Alison Butterworth on 07980303967 or email

butterworth.alison61@gmail.com to find out more."

Regular hall events: Indoor Bowls: Sunday & Monday 7.15pm, Thursday 7.30pm. https://www.dobwallsmemorialhall.org.uk/events1aa170d5

Boogie Bounce: Tuesday 6.30pm & 7.45pm. Stacey Meller 07712173389 staceymeller@hotmail.co.uk

Workout Wednesday - Gentle Keep Fit: 10:00am. Sam Holman 07813281407 sam@hol-man.co.uk

Pilates: Wednesday 11.15am. Sam Holman (details as above)

Powerhoop: Thursday 6:00pm. Jayne Martin 07597383171 jaynemartin769@gmail.com

Saturday Bingo: 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month. Doors open 6.00pm. Eyes down 7:00pm.

ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC OPENS IN DOBWALLS

A DOBWALLS resident who has lived in the village for more than 20 years has opened an acupuncture clinic in her home. Melissa Shapland recently graduated with a Degree in Acupuncture from the prestigious College of Integrated Chinese Medicine, where she spent the last nine months treating patients in the college's clinic in Reading.



Melissa is a member of the British Acupuncture Council which states: "Acupuncture significantly helps many complaints such as migraines, low energy, IBS, anxiety, menopausal symptoms and muscular skeletal problems such as tennis elbow or sore knees."

Melissa says: "Acupuncture is an ancient holistic therapy which believes the body, mind and spirit must be balanced to attain good health. I'm passionate about helping people feel better by alleviating their health complaints using a holistic approach. Feel free to message me to see if Acupuncture can help you."



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I wanted to do something completely different, but I didn't want "a job" and a friend suggested voluntary driving. It takes me all over the place and quite a few of my passengers are from the Dobwalls area. My journeys include school runs, taking people to hospital appointments, carrying young people to events organised by charities like Carefree Cornwall, the Wave Project and Barnardos, and many other trips.

It's much more than getting people from A to B — my passengers become friends. I do it because I love driving and I like meeting people and helping them. And, it gets me out of the house and doing something worthwhile!

If you fancy giving it a go, you don't need to pass any kind of driving test and your car insurance covers you without any additional premium. But you will need a DBS certificate and some training. Good luck!

Michael The Villager editor

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VOLUNTEER Cornwall Transport Officer Chris Price says the charity is always looking for new drivers, but there's much more to VC than that: "We are dedicated to building and developing the wellbeing of individuals and communities in Cornwall. We do this by working in collaboration with a wide range of organisations to promote and support active citizenship and voluntary action covering the emotional, social, environmental and economic needs and opportunities in Cornwall.

"From our head office in Truro and our outreach teams across Cornwall, we provide support to all aspects of volunteering across the county. Have a look at our website and you'll see the range of projects and services we are involved in www.volunteercornwall.org.co.uk"



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NEWS *from* Dobwalls Into Gardening

During the summer, members took part in social activities such as the potatoe competition and cream tea, and a visit to Trevina House near St Neot. Kevin and Sue Wright welcomed us to their extensive gardens which included a Victorian cottage garden, kitchen garden, orchard, trout pond and rewilded woodland.







There has been a general reduction in bumblebee numbers over the years but single flowers like these will encourage them into your garden.

Running up to Christmas, talks will be given on 'Growing and Drying Flowers' and also 'Growing Flowers for Cutting'. Meetings are held at Dobwalls United Church Hall on the first Monday of each month at 7.30 pm and new members are always welcome.

For more information search for our Facebook page 'Dobwalls Into Gardening' or phone 01579 320417

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IT'S NO LONGER "DRECKLY" - IT'S "BEE"

BEE Unique Hair and Beauty — that's the new name of Dreckly Hair and Beauty in Dobwalls. It's the same owner — Beth, and the same friendly staff, including Emma.

Beth says: "I decided to re-name the salon and make it my own after I took it over last year when Rob left. We welcome everyone and hope you like the re-branding."

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DOBWALLS Warm Space starts again in the Dobwalls United Church hall on the first Tuesday in November, the 5th, at 11.00am. It's every Tuesday from then on through the winter months and a warm welcome is guaranteed. There's coffee and biscuits, a hot meal, followed by coffee and cake and a savoury snack to take home.

Warm Space has received of grant of over £8000 from the National Lottery and this, with two donations, will be used to refurbish the hall kitchen in early September.

The church's senior steward Doris Taylor says: "We are very grateful to the National Lottery, St George's Lodge in Looe and a member of the congregation for their generosity. Without their contributions it would have been impossible for us to upgrade the kitchen, including a much-needed dishwasher and a new cooker. The refurbished kitchen will make a huge different for everyone who uses it, especially for the weekly warm space."

New Methodist and Anglican ministers are joining the church during September, Reverend Janet Park and Reverend Mark Wade. Janet will be part of the new South East Cornwall Methodist Circuit, which replaces the Liskeard & Looe Circuit. Mark has responsibility for St Martin's, St Keyne and Dobwalls churches.



Weekly Sunday morning services in Dobwalls United Church are at 9.30am, with the following exceptions: September 15, no service; October 20, 10.00am, Connon Chapel; November 17, 10.00am, Trevelmond.

ALSO IN THE CHURCH: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Remembrance Service, 3.00pm, followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial, 3.45pm.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Enjoy the Festive display in the church and hall, with seasonal music, Sunday, December 1, 3.00pm. FREE tea or coffee and Christmasy cake.

IN THE HALL: KNIT & KNATTER: Thursday, 2.00pm to 4.00pm. September 12 & 26, October 10 & 24, November 7 & 21, December 5.

DOBWALLS WARM SPACE: Starting Tuesday, November 5, 11.00am to 3.00pm. Every Tuesday.

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The Smugglers Way

Moving away from the norm for this edition, our walkaholic walker Sean Jackson would like to share some information about the work of Moor to Sea (moortosea.org.uk) to improve the visibility of the route in stages. So sadly, for Sean, no post walk beer until The Villager Christmas edition!

Sean writes: The Smugglers Way is a long-distance coast-to-coast walking route from Looe to Boscastle, which is around 36 miles (58km) in total.



The Smugglers Way came to prominence thanks to the work of the late Frank Squibb who documented his experiences of the route and produced a series of guides in 2002.

You can find out more about the full route at:
moortosea.org.uk/the-smugglers-way/.

Here Mark Camp (www.facebook.com/walkaboutwest) is updating the route written by Frank, due to changes to the environment including the A38 bypass.

The first stage of the Moor to Sea Smugglers Way project is Looe to Liskeard, which has been funded by Cornwall Council's Community Capacity Fund which has levered in over 45% of match-funding from Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership, Liskeard and Looe Town Councils and the Cornwall and West Devon World Heritage Site Team.

Check out the notice boards at Liskeard and Looe railway stations.



The project has slightly re-routed the Smugglers Way through Liskeard to take advantage of the transport links and facilities. So now there are two ways to access the Smugglers Way from Dobwalls to Looe.

The original Smugglers Way route is from the double roundabouts in the village centre. Head south past the Spar and school to the football club where you will have to walk on the road over the railway bridge to the permissive path to Penhale Pantry (if open, always worth a brew and a cake). Here again you join the road towards Duloe up to the Medieval cross on the Bosent crossroads. Turn right here to continue on the Smugglers Way using the route outlined on the Moor to Sea website.



Just turn the page for more on the Smugglers Way...







SUMMER IN DOBWALLS JUBILEE COMMUNITY FIELD



BY DOREEN CLARK





AND, BY CONTRAST, A GLIMPSE OF WHAT'S TO COME





The new project route is from the double roundabouts in the village. Head east down to the Moorswater industrial estate. Go past the estate and follow the road round to the right. After crossing over the railway lines look out for the footpath signs and roundels. You are now on the new Smugglers Way. Go over the stiles into the field and head up the hill, looking for the railway bridge. Cross the bridge and follow the path to the road. Turn right and head up the hill all the way to the entrance of North Boduel farm.





Take the road towards the farm and pass between the farm buildings. The path becomes a muddy track which you follow round up to the road across from the houses in Boduel. Turn right here and you will come to the Medieval cross. To continue on the Smugglers Way just cross straight over the road and follow part four of the route on the Moor to Sea website.

Having done the Dobwalls to Looe leg of the Smugglers Way and finding it very enjoyable, I felt it was well worth highlighting the work the Moor to Sea team is doing on this evolutionary project.

You don't have to do the whole route as there are jump off opportunities along the way. For example, you could walk down to the Duloe Beer Festival on Saturday, September 7 and bus it back!



Normal service will be resumed in The Villager Christmas edition, as who doesn't like a drink at Christmas. Be safe and please remember to respect the Countryside Code.

Sean

WHERE DOES THE SCHOOL YEAR GO?

AS DOBWALLS Primary School reached the end of another busy year, head teacher Kathryn Pipe and the staff wondered “Where does the time go?”

Kathryn says: “For staff end-of-year is always filled with mixed emotions with both children and staff shedding a tear, but also smiles of delight! As a head, I always feel so proud to see the Year 6 find their wings as they move off into secondary school. I feel proud of the job we have done in teaching them through their vital primary years and preparing them for their years ahead. We, of course, miss them all very much and will all cherish memories of each and every child.



“Their final performance of the pantomime Aladdin was fantastic! They sang beautifully, with several children bravely taking on solos. The enthusiasm of each and every child was a pleasure to be part of. There were indeed tears and laughter in the audience of family and friends, with proud faces all around the hall!



“In other news, a massive congratulations to the Boys Football Team! They have won the South East Cornwall League and the Cup - absolutely fantastic! This has been against primary schools of all sizes in the area. A huge achievement. We are so proud of them all.

“Here’s the trophy being held high and the triumphant team.”



Kathryn adds that the School Charity of the Year, as chosen by the children, was The Cornish Seal Sanctuary: “The fundraising totalled £680, including a £250 donation from Howdens.



“We are very proud of our children's efforts. Oh, and Toasty Tuesday has been very popular every week!”





ARE YOU LOSING YOUR WINTER FUEL PAYMENT — READ THIS!

CORNWALL Councillor Jane Pascoe is very concerned that the stopping of Winter Fuel payments to pensioners, who do not have pension credit, will bring hardship to people living in rural areas like Dobwalls.

She has this message for those who are worried they will no longer have help with their bills in the coming months: “Many of our elderly residents live in older properties which are expensive to heat because they have no double glazing or central heating. They manage because they are prudent and far too proud to ask for pension credit.



“But please do not be too proud to consider applying. If anyone is having difficulty or is unsure about applying for pension credit, the Citizens Advice and the Foodbank in Liskeard can help with your applications.

“A representative of Citizens Advice Liskeard has advised me to tell people to apply for pension credit. Fill out the form anyway and see what happens. Even if you are only entitled to 10p, it could open other doors. Maybe free tolls on the bridge for hospital appointments or many other things. Every little bit helps. If you want help filling in the forms go to the Citizens Advice office, 21 Dean Street, or ring 0344 411 1444.
“Also, Liskeard Library is a good place to call in to ask for help with electronic form filling. Pension credit is an entitlement if your household weekly income is below £218.15 if single or, if a couple, £332.95.”

Cllr Pascoe has been re-elected as the chairperson of the Cornwall Council South East Cornwall Community Area Partnership (CAP). Your local CAP represents 29 parishes and our area is well represented by Dobwalls Parish Council vice-chairman Tracey Kitto. It is a platform to share ideas and raise important issues that impact on the parishes of South East Cornwall. Cllr Pascoe says if anyone has any issues they wish to raise they should contact Dobwalls Parish Council.

Cllr Pascoe comments that one of her most enjoyable “duties” recently was to go along to the Dobwalls Charity Beer and Cider Festival: “Despite the weather, I was pleased to see so many people supporting it. Congratulations to the organisers for an entertaining event which raised so much for Cornwall Air Ambulance.”

Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe.
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Dobwalls Parish Council www.dobwallspc.org.uk

ALL parish council meetings are open to the public and the agenda for monthly meetings is posted on the council website https://www.dobwallspc.org.uk Agendas are also on the council notice board in the village. You can attend and speak at the meetings which are held on the third Wednesday of the month, apart from August, in the clubhouse at Dobwalls Football Club, starting at 6.30pm.

The next three meetings are: **SEPTEMBER 18, OCTOBER 16 & NOVEMBER 20**

You can contact the councillors - see the page opposite - or the clerk Laura Storey, email address: clerk@dobwallspc.org.uk

You can also write to: Laura Storey, Clerk to Dobwalls Parish Council, PO Box 82 , Looe, PL13 9DG

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DOBWALLS FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS AND FIXTURES

THE club's new secretary is Mark Lees. Mark has taken on the role from John Blake who stood in as temporary secretary following the death of Andy Yeatman.



John says the new pitches for the junior teams are coming on well: "The field has been seeded now and we are just waiting for the grass to establish before moving on to our next stage."

Home Fixtures until December 31. Saturday matches – 3.00pm kick offs for first team and 2.30pm for second team. 7.30pm kick offs for evening matches. Boxing Day—11.00am. There will be some extra cup games.

Saturday 31st August – 2nd v St Newlyn East, Wednesday 4th September – 2nd v Lanreath, Saturday 7th September – 1st v Penzance, Wednesday 18th September – 2nd v Bodmin, Wednesday 25th September – 2nd v Gorran, Saturday 28th September – 1st v Sticker, Friday 4th October – 1st v Liskeard, Saturday 5th October – 2nd v Mevagissey, Saturday 12th October – Walter Parsons Cup – fixture tbc, Saturday 19th October – 1st v Truro, Saturday 26th October – 1st v Newquay, Saturday 2nd November – 2nd v St Columb, Saturday 9th November – 1st v Wendron, Saturday 16th November – 1st v Launceston, Saturday 23rd November – 1st v Bude, Saturday 30th November – 2nd v Gerrans and St Mawes, Saturday 7th December – 1st v Sticker, Thursday 26th December – 1st v Bodmin.

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