The Villager Christmas 2024



A Cornish Christmas card — by a pupil of Dobwalls Primary School

Merry Christmas One and All

Dobwalls Parish Council





Lest We Forget!

THE Christmas 2024 edition of The Villager devotes the following pages to reflect on this year's Remembrance Sunday in Dobwalls. As the years go by the importance of remembering all those lost and affected by the two World Wars and all wars since and present should never diminish.

At the service in Dobwalls United Church were members of Dobwalls Football Club's under-12 team who then laid a wreath at the war memorial — children who are our future remembering the past and the 18 names proudly listed on the memorial.



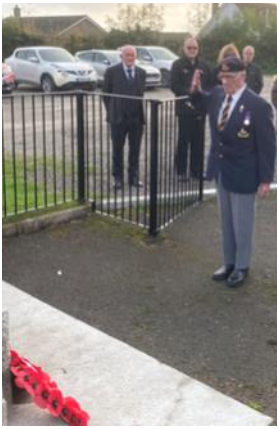
During the church service the Reverend Bill Stuart-White, a retired Archdeacon, commented on the significance of young people's awareness of what happened in those two wars and in the numerous conflicts across the decades since then.

The memorial was refurbished ahead of the ceremony by parish councillors Sean Jackson, Brian Clark and chairman John Dunn and a villager by the name of Peter. A modest military veteran, who wishes to remain anonymous, repaired the railings and repainted them.

Cornwall councillor Jane Pascoe, invited Toby and Joseph Dinnis, members in the under-12 team, to help her lay a wreath on behalf of Cornwall Council.



Veteran John Worrall, who served with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, saluted after placing a wreath on behalf of Dobwalls United Church where he is a member of the congregation.





And, on the left, parish council vice-chairman Tracey Kitto, laid the parish council's wreath, accompanied by Derek Pownall whose uncle E G Rowe died in World War II aged 23 and is one of the names on the memorial.

On the right is Royal Navy veteran Andy Butterworth, placing a wreath as the chairman of Dobwalls Memorial Hall trustees.





The church was decorated inside and out.

This poppy display was created by members of the Knit and Knatter Group which meets in the church.



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Steve Ayres, from Liskeard Silver Band, played the Last Post and Reveille.

The services in the church and at the war memorial, which were both well attended, were led by the Reverend Bill Stuart-White.



Trustees of the memorial hall served teas, coffees and biscuits after the wreath-laying ceremony.





There are 18 names on the memorial and 18 poppy stones. These were painted several years ago by members of Dobwalls Girls' Brigade and repainted for this year's Remembrance Sunday.

LEST WE FORGET!

See Page 11 for local historian Adrian Wilton's thoughts on the war memorial

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Dobwalls Memorial Hall

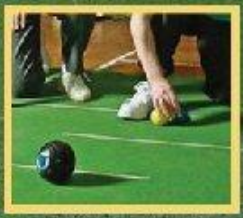
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A BENCH WITH A VIEW IN MEMORY OF TONY AND JEAN WALLIS



THE four children of Tony and Jean Wallis, who were well known in the village of Dobwalls, have donated a lovely bench and two trees in memory of their parents. The work to put the bench and trees in the Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field was done by parish council chairman John Dunn, Cllr Sean Jackson and Colin Kitto, the husband of council vice-chairman Tracey Kitto, who also helped and took this photo — left to right, John, Colin and Sean.

Tony was born in Whitchurch in Oxfordshire and Jean in Plymouth. They met when Tony did his National Service with the army at Plumer Barracks. They married on Jean's 20th birthday in December 1952 and lived in Germany for a year or so before settling in Plymouth until just before Tony retired, when they moved to Dobwalls. Jean worked at Dobwalls Theme Park for a while and was involved in Dobwalls Women's Institute. Tony passed away in January last year and Jean only a month later.

Their son Kevin lives in Eswatini, formerly Swaziland, and one of their daughters Alyson Shin lives in Reading. So it was down to their other daughters, Lesley Church and Elizabeth "Liz" Drysdale, who both live in Plymouth, to make the arrangements for the memorial.

Liz says her parents' great love was being members of Dobwalls Short Mat Bowls Club: "I believe dad was a committee member at some point and I know they both loved to play and be involved in competition, as well as for fun and community spirit. My son Thomas has happy memories of joining in when he was younger when he stayed over at his grandparents' home. In later years, when my mum was no longer able to live with dad due to her dementia and dad was unable to get around so well, he was eternally grateful to club member John Cole for his unwavering support to get dad to the venue, even when dad could no longer join in."



Tony and Jean Wallis

Liz adds: "Mum and dad lived through some difficult times but enjoyed life too. They were great parents, firm but fair, and believed that you get back what you put into society. We had what we needed as children and not necessarily what we wanted. We had a very happy childhood."

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....AND HERE ARE THE BENCH AND TREES — AND THE VIEW!





The volunteers and others, including Cornwall councillor Jane Pascoe and her husband Paul, also planted more Marie Curie daffodils to add to the hundreds already planted in the community field since it opened.

The bulbs were donated by Fentongollan Farms, of St Michael Penkivell, near Truro.



The cancer charity creates “Fields of Hope”, areas of daffodils which provide a special place for those who have personal experiences of terminal illness to reflect and remember loved ones.

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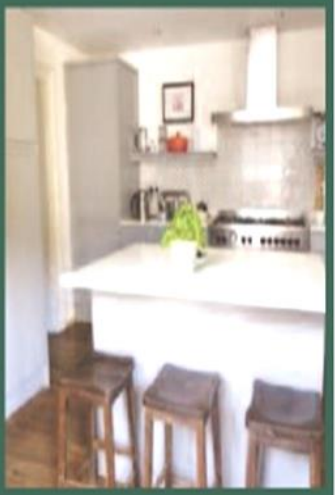
SANTA’S BUS IS COMING TO DOBWALLS ON DECEMBER 10

HELLO, Father Christmas here. Hope you’re all, young and not so young, excited about Christmas! As you can imagine, I’m pretty busy just now getting ready for the big night. As Christmas Eve gets nearer I’ll be coming through Dobwalls just to make sure I’ve got all the right names and all the right addresses so I don’t forget anyone’s presents. Rudolph and the rest of the reindeer won’t be with me as they need plenty of rest ahead of flying through the skies all over the world. But Go Cornwall Bus have loaned me a bus, Santa’s Bus, so I’ll be in the car park outside the pub on Tuesday, December 10 shortly before six o’clock in the evening, probably around 5.50. Hope to see you all there. Ho, Ho, Ho! ++++++++++++++++++++



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THE CENOTAPH — THE THOUGHTS OF LOCAL HISTORIAN ADRIAN WILTON

I'M SO pleased that Dobwalls War Memorial or Cenotaph has been cleaned up and the railings have been re-painted and I thank all who have been involved in doing it. I have always been a great supporter of the Poppy Appeal and over the years have helped to organise choir concerts to raise money for the appeal. So, it naturally follows that the Cenotaph in our village has a special place in my heart.



It was originally sited at the top of the village, just past Rowes Garage at the beginning of the last terrace going west from the village. Each year services were held in the road and around the memorial. There was always a large crowd with various flag bearers from different organisations in the community. I can't give the exact date, but it was during my time on the parish council that we all made the effort to move the Cenotaph to its rightful place outside the Memorial Hall. After much hard work and dedicated fund raising by so many in the village, the hall was built in memory of all those from our community who paid the ultimate price to give us the peace we have today. There were many organisations that helped to allow this to happen and we thank them all. It is so heartening to think the hall continues to be such a wonderful community asset and that the Cenotaph is being cared for and looked after for future generations to appreciate.

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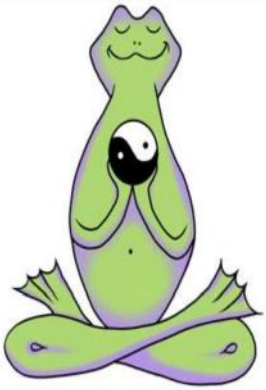
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THE East Cornwall Primary Care Network (ECPCN) covers seven GP practices — Oak Tree, Old Bridge, Port View, Quay Lane, Rame Group, Rosedean and Saltash Health Centre. Roland Gude, from the ECPCN, tells our readers: "We want to make sure our primary care system works for you and you understand the changes and improvements that are being made nationally to the NHS. It is undoubtedly a challenging time and we are working hard to ensure the right services are there for you.

"We have recently created a GP clinical hub at Liskeard Hospital, closely followed by St Barnabas Hospital at Saltash, for single ailment treatments ready for the winter season. All our practice staff are trained to ensure you get the right service at the right time. This means that practice teams may ask you about your condition and get you to a healthcare professional that is best placed to help you, which could include GPs, nurses, physiotherapists, care navigators and others.

"We are working with our Patient Participation Group on these initiatives and will provide more information and updates in future editions of The Villager."

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HELLO, I'M THE REVEREND MARK WADE

I'M the new Vicar at Dobwalls United Church and also at St Keyne and St Martin's in Liskeard. I arrived in September and over the last few months I've enjoyed meeting many of you every first Sunday of the month, at Monday Monkeys and Dobwalls School. Also, I'm looking forward to meeting you all at Dobwalls Warm Space and getting to know many more of you over the coming months.



I'm married to Toni and we have three children Izzy, 10, Asa, 9 and Imogen, 6. For the last seven years we have lived in Wigan in greater Manchester, but moving to Cornwall is a homecoming as I was born and brought up in Cornwall. It is great to be back home.

I love to eat good food, particularly pasties, I love sports and support Manchester United, and I love the beach, so Hello!

This December as we begin Advent in the church, I'm looking forward to Christmas puddings, Christmas carols with school and services and then on Christmas Eve at seven o'clock joining in Christmas Communion at Dobwalls United Church. I love Christmas — and the reason is that in a dark world where we see more people homeless, more families struggling to feed their family and more people isolated, there is an invitation in the Christmas message to come to a stable, come to a stable in the darkness of the world, and come and see the light of the world come upon us. That light that shone bright on that Christmas night shines bright in Dobwalls over 2000 years later. This Christmas I have a challenge for you. Maybe life is challenging or hard, maybe you need to come into that light and hope of Jesus. The heart of the Christian message is very simple — "Come and follow me, all who are hungry, come." So, my prayer for us this Christmas and New Year is that in the darkness of our world we come to the stable and encounter God in that stable, who invites us into the light.

I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks. Also, if you want to get in touch my contact details are: Revmark@smartchurchliskeard.co.uk

01579 683089. May you be blessed this Christmas season. Love and prayers, Rev Mark.

Turn the page to meet the new Methodist Minister Rev Janet Park



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The Reverend Janet Park — and her Oranges & Lemons

JANET is the new minister for the South East Cornwall Methodist Circuit which includes Dobwalls United Church.

Here are her thoughts this Christmas: Naked, the orange and lemon stare back at me from inside the fridge — stripped of their zest, they await their fate wrapped in cling film, chilling in the fridge. This is the first sign of Christmas in our house. The cake has been mixed, baked and wrapped up to mature on a shelf — and another item is crossed from my lengthy Christmas list. This will be the first season serving in my new appointment, with my time shared equally between the new South East Cornwall Methodist Circuit, as minister to several churches in the Liskeard area, and supporting the core leadership team of the South West Peninsula Methodist District. Brian and I have moved from North Wales with our two Golden Retrievers Daisie and Titch and are enjoying exploring the area — whenever time allows!



Janet — and Daisie and Titch — saying "farewell" at a special service in the Conwy & Prestatyn Circuit in North Wales.

With Christmas approaching, we anticipate gatherings of family and friends, look forward to exchanging news and gifts as houses and trees are decorated, yet the lemon remains resolutely in the fridge, unused and unloved. The orange will have been squeezed of all juice to quench a thirst, remnants thrown on the compost to provide food for future growth — perhaps not loved, but used and useful. Expectations of Christmas meals develop and catering plans are enacted, the fridge filled with treats and still a lemon lurks in a far corner, waiting to be found. Christmas Eve finds a turkey in the midst of preparation, with stuffing stuffed and bacon wrapped, but crevasses need filling with something giving juice and flavour. I know just the thing! Where did that lemon go?

Christmas celebrations can easily overlook the Christ of Christmas, becoming a birthday party for Jesus without leaving space for the main guest. The flavour of love, joy and peace Christ brought to the world over 2000 years ago, still has the ability to add the zest of life, light and hope to all our Christmas celebrations in 2024 and into the years beyond.

Wishing everyone joy at Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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DOBWALLS MEMORIAL HALL IS A BUSY, BUSY PLACE

IT'S been another busy and eventful year for Dobwalls Memorial Hall.
Here's what hall trustee Rowena Fletcher has to say in her seasonal update for The Villager: "We sadly said 'goodbye' to our long-standing chairman Alan Mayne, well known as our regular bingo caller, but happily said 'hello' to two new trustees, Angie Geoghegan and Ian Sheer, who are both proving fantastic additions to our small team of volunteers.
Saturday bingo sessions continue to be extremely popular. There will be two Christmas Bingo sessions on the first and third Saturdays in December, the 7th and the 21st. In the New Year, bingo will continue to be held twice a month on the first and third Saturdays, but please keep an eye on the noticeboard outside the hall and on Dobwalls Community Facebook page for any changes.



The kitchen refurbishment is now completed and looking good. Our thanks go to a local businessman who gave his time for free to fit the kitchen.
There are a number of regular activities in the hall ready to give a friendly welcome to new faces, so please do have a look at the full schedule opposite.
This includes contact details for all the events if you would like to find out more. There are two new sessions on a Wednesday evening:
Fit on the Floor - A 30-minute strength and endurance workout based on an exercise mat toning legs, bums and tums as well as some upper body work.
Walk-fit Groove - A great low impact dance and walking fitness class suitable for all fitness levels, providing the cardiovascular benefits of a traditional dance class whilst protecting your joints.
Both classes are led by Jayne Martin, who also runs the regular power hoop classes on Thursday evening. Power hoop is a fun, fast, full-body workout covering strength and endurance, balance, cardio as well as great core toning using a weighted fitness hula hoop. It's suitable for all fitness levels.
Whether you are a bingo fan, attend some of the many regular activities, pop in to the craft fares or have hired the hall for a party or an event, that's what keeps the hall going as an important part of the Dobwalls village and parish community. A big thank you for supporting the hall over the past year. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you at the hall in 2025."





Regular events: Indoor Bowls: Monday & 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)

Fit on the Floor: Wednesday 6.15pm. Jayne Martin 07597383171 jaynemartin769@gmail.com

Walk-Fit Groove: Wednesday 7.00pm. Jayne Martin (details as above)

Powerhoop: Thursday 6:00pm. Jayne Martin (details as above)

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

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WHAT'S THE CORNISH FOR DOBWALLS PRIMARY SCHOOL?

"DYDH DA!" That's "Hello" in Cornish, headteacher Kathryn Pipe proudly announces. And, why not? Kathryn says: "We are delighted to be learning about our Cornish heritage through engaging with the 'Go Cornish' programme. It encourages children to learn some Cornish language and to discover the culturally rich heritage of our amazing patch of the planet. We began the term with a book week and all classes enjoyed a Cornish story or two. Our pupils, and staff, are having great fun with the Cornish language!

Also, we welcomed Jo from the Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association. All classes learnt a lot and really enjoyed the workshops, about harvesting crops, animals, food chains and even a bit of dressing up! All the children were able to take part in discussions, watch videos and take part in hands on activities to explore and learn.











We held our Harvest Assembly and donations were collected for the Foodbank. It's many thanks to Reverend Mark, the new Anglican minister, whose churches include Dobwalls United Church. Mark came along to enjoy our brilliant singing and a lovely harvest poem performed by Year 1."



Rev Mark at the Harvest Assembly

Kathryn adds: “In other news, each year we raise money for a charity voted for by all our children in the school. The School Council members led discussions with classes and then a vote was held. The charity chosen for this year is the British Heart Foundation.

We are looking forward to our annual festive celebrations with nativities and performances all being planned as well as a visit to Dobwalls United Church. A wonderful time of year in every school - glitter, singing, learning together, performances, smiles and laughter! Wishing one and all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Nadelik Lowen!”





Below are three more Christmas cards, like the one on the front page, designed by school pupils. To the parent or guardian of any of the four cards we have featured (we hope it hasn’t been a bit of a spoiler) we’d like to put the cards on The Villager Facebook page in the run up to Christmas, with their names. Just email The Villager editor michaelgtaylor@yahoo.com

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SLOW MEANS SLOW.....

THIS “Slow” sign at the beginning of the lane leading to the Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field means what it says: **“Slow”**. Especially as the football club is getting on with turning part of the field on the left beyond the houses into much-needed pitches for its junior teams. That will mean lots of young footballers walking on the lane on a regular basis.





Also, this sign should be read and obeyed!

Oh — And don’t leave your dog poo hanging around!

Two recent examples of the lengths some users of the jubilee field will go to bag up their dog’s poo and then not take it home or to the litter bin at the end of the lane. Hanging the bag on top of the gate is bad enough, but would you eat off this picnic table?







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The space is open every Tuesday from 11.00am to 3.00pm.

Weekly Sunday morning services are at 9.30am, with the following exceptions: January 19, 11.00am, St Neot and February 16, 10.00am Trevelmond. The church is looking forward to welcoming everyone over the Christmas period.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS: Sunday, December 1, 3.00pm. Enjoy the festive decorations in the church and hall, with seasonal music. FREE tea or coffee and cake.

Sunday, December 15, 9.30am. Family dress up nativity service.

Sunday, December 22, 9.30am. Informal carol service led by Niall and Ian on their guitars.

Tuesday, December 24, 7.00pm. Christmas Holy Communion with Rev Mark Wade.

Wednesday, December 25. No service, but Anglican and Methodist services in Liskeard.

Sunday, December 29. No service, but 10.30am joint service in St Martin's, Liskeard, with the congregations of St Keyne and Dobwalls.

IN THE HALL: KNIT & KNATTER: Thursday, 2.00pm to 4.00pm. December 5, January 9 & 23, February 6 & 20, March 6.

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Sean Jackson's Village Christmas Walk 2024



Well where has the year gone! So it is time to dig out the funny hats for our traditional Christmas route. I will follow the same route as last year, but I am open to suggestions for a new route next year, so please let the editor know your thoughts.

To view the Christmas lights around Dobwalls you could do this amble early evening to enjoy the stunning displays people have taken the time to put up around their homes. That said, it could be done pre-Christmas lunch to build up an appetite, after your dinner to walk of the huge amount of food consumed before the King's speech or even before a winter Sunday roast.

Route 10 – Dobwalls Village Christmas walk.
Distance - Approximately 4 km.
Time - 1 to 1.5 hours, depending on how many times you stop to admire the lights.
Difficulty - Moderate, with a steep hill near the sewage works.
Pram friendly – It could be if you cut out the cross-country parts of the walk.
Additional equipment - Torches, if doing in the evening may be helpful.





The Public Rights of Way (PRoW) this walk uses are 607/10/1, 607/33 and 607/35. More information about PRoW can be found at: Cornwall Council Inactive Map

From the parish council car park in the centre of the village head towards Liskeard (East) to the double roundabouts, then turn left up Havett Road (North).

Just before the A38 bridge you will find a gate with a yellow arrow path marker which leads to a footpath (West). This area is maintained by National Highways and was recently cleared, but it can get overgrown.



Once through the dog walking area you come to a gate which leads to an alleyway to Upper Rowe Court where you should turn right.



When you come to Rowe Court, turn right towards the playground. This is a chance to tire your kids out. You have been following a PRoW from the Havett Road gate all the way to the children's playground.





Just after the playground turn left and head down towards the old Rowes garage (South) past the disused toilets to the Five Lanes junction. From the junction walk down Tremabe Lane, to the left of Olden Days Antiques, towards the BT exchange.

Before taking the route above, you could decide to go to Twelvewoods Roundabout and back to make more space for the Christmas pudding!

Continue down Tremabe Lane, passing the telephone exchange and mobile phone mast on the left, towards Bridge End Farm.

Just turn the page to complete your walk…..

Stay on Tremabe Lane down the hill passing the sewage works on the left (I really do show you the bright lights of Dobwalls!). Then up quite a steep hill to the T junction with the Duloe road. At this junction turn left and head north towards the school. Or nip into Penhale Pantry for a mince pie!



Please take care on the road as there is no pavement or footpath until you get to the lane by Dobwalls Football Club.

Just after the lane to the Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field a footpath starts which goes alongside the Lantoom Meadows estate. Continue up to the entrance to the school and the lane heading towards Treheath Farm.



There is a PRoW which runs next to the school and should carry on to an exit point on the Moorswater road but it remains blocked at the school end so cannot be accessed. So cross the road and take the footpath signposted next to the Treheath Farm entrance.



This takes you down to a gate which leads on to Treheath Green. Walk straight across The Green to Treheath Road where you will see a pathway to the right of the northern part of The Green. Follow this up to Dawes Close then into the car park.





Be safe and please remember and respect the Countryside Code. It would be great to get your feedback on the walks, any photos you take of the lights for future editions of The Villager, the state of the other PRoW and, of course, any suggestions for future walk routes, just send them to The Villager editor.

Have a good Christmas, Bah Humbug! The Grinch of Dobwalls

Santa, not Sean, on his 2023 walk round Dobwalls delivering presents

YOU MIGHT NEED TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR YOUR JOURNEY!

BELOW is the latest update on the massive National Highways project to upgrade Saltash Tunnel. It's going to take a while and pretty significant delays are expected as some stage during the works so it will be important to plan ahead, particularly if you have a hospital appoint or you're visiting someone in hospital. Most of the initial work will involve weeknight closures.
Cornwall councillor Jane Pascoe says: "National Highways are keeping me informed so I'll be made aware of any changes. There should be no real disruption until late summer. Also, National Highways are liaising closely with the NHS in relation to Derriford Hospital and other NHS facilities in Plymouth."

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Saltash Tunnel Technology upgrade

November 2024 update

We're undertaking a major modernisation upgrade of the A38 Saltash Tunnel in Cornwall. This represents a £25 million investment from National Highways to improve journeys and maintain the safe operation of the tunnel for many years to come.

We are now fine-tuning the programme of works for the scheme. As with any complex scheme, dates are subject to change while commercial and programming decisions are finalised.



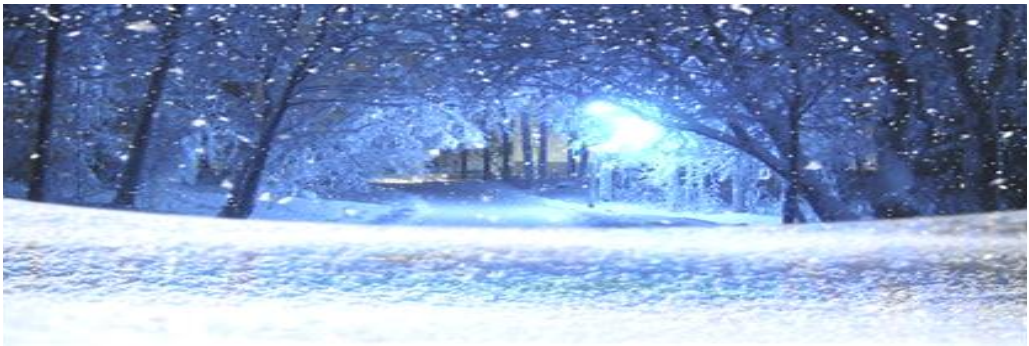
Current proposed key dates are:

- **Early 2025 to late 2025** - The tunnel will be closed in both directions on weeknights with traffic using local diversion routes.
- **Summer 2025 for 5 months** - 'The Switch-off'. The tunnel and bridge will no longer operate on a tidal flow basis. Fixed lanes will be in operation with clear directions for each lane, until work is complete.

More details about the works will be available on the National Highways webpage as the scheme progresses:
nationalhighways.co.uk/saltashtunnel

If you have any questions call us on **0300 123 5000** or email **info@nationalhighways.co.uk**

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THE WINTER FUEL ALLOWANCE

MANY readers of The Villager are pensioners like me and you will have been shocked, upset and worried by the government's decision to withdraw you winter fuel payment if you don't qualify for Pension Credit. Many people who are entitled to Pension Credit don't claim it because the eligibility criteria is pretty complicated and complex. And, many more pensioners who do try to claim it miss out because they are just above the low threshold by a very small amount.

Here's what I think. Give the payment to those pensioners who are genuinely worried sick and believe they face a winter of real hardship, having to choose between eating or heating their homes.

Then the government deducts the amount of fuel allowance paid to individual pensioners from their 2025/26 pension which is set to increase by £460. The triple lock remains in place, with those who opted to take the winter fuel payment this year receiving less of a pension increase because they did so.

This gives pensioners the option to take it or not take it and would bring peace of mind to millions of people. Then, by this time next year, when the government hopes its overall strategy will have started to turn things round, perhaps it will be in a financial position to put in place a range of policies and initiatives which will improve the quality of life of pensioners.

When I was a journalist on the Western Morning News one of my colleagues was Jason Groves, now the political editor of The Daily Mail. Jason thinks my idea is "a pretty ingenious solution" and told me: "I'm not against means testing per se, but I think the cut off is far too abrupt and the threshold is too low."

The government says it needs the money it will save to help fill the black hole it was left with by the previous government. Well, if it can change the debt rules to fund tens of billions of pounds of investment, then just borrow another billion or so to invest in our pensioners. They deserve it because they have paid into the system throughout their working lives.

Michael Taylor The Villager editor…..

The views expressed here are mine and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of other members of the magazine editorial team or Dobwalls Parish Council.



NEWS *from* Dobwalls Into Gardening



We have enjoyed a successful autumn programme with three entertaining and interesting speakers.

Roy Knight grows and exhibits dahlias at local shows and brought with him a great selection of different varieties.



Jim received 1st prize in the annual DIG Dahlia Competition

Rowena Pearce, a flower farmer from Boscastle, brought along an impressive display of dried flowers.



Becca Stuart showed us how to make a bouquet of flowers and talked about how she grows them.

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 to join us. For more information, search for our Facebook page 'Dobwalls Into Gardening Community' or phone 01579 320417.

Wishing everybody a very merry Christmas from DIG

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POLICE SURVEY — HAVE YOUR SAY

THE Devon and Cornwall Police Community Survey is your chance to have your say about the force.

A spokesperson says: "Responses will influence the community engagement and delivery of services within your area. The service is keen to better understand what's great and what's not so great about where people live so that it can work with residents to help tackle any worries and issues they may have."

Here's the survey QR code. If you're sharing the hyperlink, it must be copied and shared exactly as below:

https://alerts-survey.dc.police.uk/Survey/GUID/4be542cd-672a-4842-9eb8-5aa000c42661

THIS AND THAT AND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM JANE PASCOE

I attended the Tamar tolls public inquiry in Plymouth, having previously submitted a written report on the impact on the residents of South East Cornwall who use the crossings regularly for hospital appointments, work and schools and colleges. The Inspector will report to the Secretary of State and we await his decision.

I especially wish to thank the volunteers of Dobwalls Warm Space in the church hall and I'm so pleased to contribute some of my Community Chest Fund to help with providing this regular event throughout the winter months.





I do enjoy getting out in the fresh air and gardening and I went along to help the Dobwalls Parish Council chairman, other parish councillors and long-suffering husbands, plant the Marie Curie daffodils in the Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field. I can say, I did more talking than digging and the credit must go to the other hardworking volunteers. This space for nature is a wonderful place for everyone in Dobwalls and I do hope the villagers will enjoy the newly planted bulbs when they come into bloom in the Spring.

Christmas is sneaking up on us and to encourage us to shop in Liskeard and support small businesses, Cornwall Council has allowed free parking in all its car parks on December 7, 14 and 23.

If you have overindulged on turkey, mince pies and chocolates, you will be able to work off the excess in the newly refurbished Lux Park Leisure Centre swimming pool. The pool side and changing rooms are currently undergoing a makeover and will re-open in the New Year.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and that you have a peaceful and enjoyable time with your families over the festive period.

My thoughts and appreciation go to those who work in the village and serve our daily needs, sometimes night and day. You do truly make Dobwalls a very welcoming and special place.

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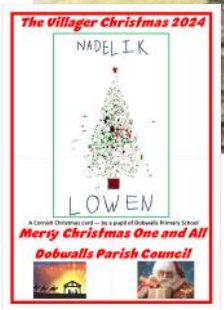
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You can also follow "The Villager" on Facebook.

Lots of people do: 404 Likes and 489 Followers.

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Dobwalls Parish Council www.dobwallspc.org.uk

THE members of the parish council and the clerk and The Villager editorial team wish everyone in the village and parish all the very best for this Christmas and 2025.



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. They are normally held on the third Wednesday of the month in the clubhouse at Dobwalls Football Club, starting at 6.30pm. The next three meetings are:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 6.00pm, JANUARY 15 & FEBRUARY 19

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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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FOOTBALL CLUB — JOIN THE CROWD

THE first team's Christmas home fixture against Bodmin is on Saturday, December 28, kick off 3.00pm, NOT Boxing Day!

Here's a list of the home games. Why not pop along to Lantoom Park and enjoy good football, fresh air and the club's hospitality.

First team (kick offs 3.00pm) Dec 7 Camelford, Dec 28 Bodmin, Jan 11 Wadebridge, Feb 1 St Day, Feb 8 Callington.

Second team (kick offs 2.30pm) Nov 30 Gerran & St Mawes, Dec 14 Bude, March 8 Calstock, March 15 St Dennis.



EVERYONE AT DOBWALLS FOOTBALL CLUB WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY FOOTBALLING NEW YEAR!

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