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JOHN Dunn has stood down as chairman of Dobwalls Parish Council after serving almost 20 years on the council, the last eight of them as chairman. John decided to retire for a number of personal and family reasons, so he didn't stand at the recent election.



At his last council meeting vice-chairman Tracey Kitto presented John with a bouquet of flowers for his wife June and a special edition of The Villager magazine. Councillors thanked him for his service on the council and with a number of other organisations in the parish.

John moved to the village in July 1985 with June and their children when he was appointed store manager of the Co-op supermarket in Liskeard. In 1989 he became a financial adviser and retired in December 2023.

John and June have four children who all attended Dobwalls School. They now have 16 grandchildren and, John says, a dozen or so great grandchildren—at the last count!

John was a governor at Dobwalls Primary School and spent around 20 years as the finance governor. He also managed Dobwalls Football Club first team and says: "I took on a number of roles at the club and although I'm no longer on the committee I do still watch a few matches."

John had this to say about his years in the village and his time as a parish councillor: "Since moving to Dobwalls the village has changed tremendously and more than doubled in size. Before the bypass was built the traffic in the village was bad during the summer months but has been a lot better since it opened.

"During my term as a councillor we have completed the Neighbourhood Development Plan, provided the Jubilee Community Field and helped to secure funding to provide additional pitches for the Dobwalls Junior Football Club.

"The parish council took on the village grass cutting contract from Cornwall Council and the village often gets praise from visiting councillors and visitors alike. The contractor does a great job.

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John adds: “I have enjoyed my time on the council and apart from the odd issue I think the village has flourished in recent years.

“There will always be the odd issue that people are not happy about but if we all work together and follow the guidelines we can overcome most things.

“I wish my successor all the best for the future. The few volunteers who give up their time to be parish councillors and try to make a difference deserve everyone's thanks. There are a few vacancies on the council and anyone interested should either contact the parish clerk or attend one of the monthly meetings.”

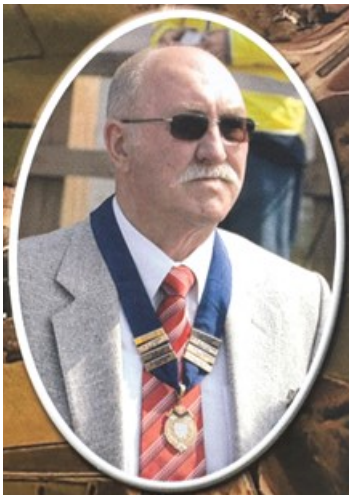


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The Biggest April Fooler of them All!

DEREK Newton, who was a long-serving member of Dobwalls and Trewidland Parish Council and its chairman for many years, passed away recently at the age of 86. But Derek was much more than a parish councillor and a council chairman, as those who attended a service to celebrate his life at Dobwalls United Church found out.

A Plymothian, he did his National Service in the RAF, ran his own plumbing business, played football for Liskeard and was a massive Manchester United fan. In Dobwalls, where he lived in Highwood Park, Derek was involved with the football club, cricket, the youth club, the indoor bowls club, the carnival committee, the memorial hall committee and the cub pack and he was a school governor.



Derek, wearing the insignia of chairman of the council

The tribute to Derek was paid by his great friend Adrian Wilton, who spoke of him as: “A lovely man whom we all admired and respected so much. A loving husband to his late wife Lynne and a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. A great friend and companion of Chris, a friendship which lasted some 21 years.”

Adrian said Derek was one of the leading campaigners for Dobwalls bypass: “He fought tooth and nail for it and I have always considered the bypass Derek’s lasting legacy.”

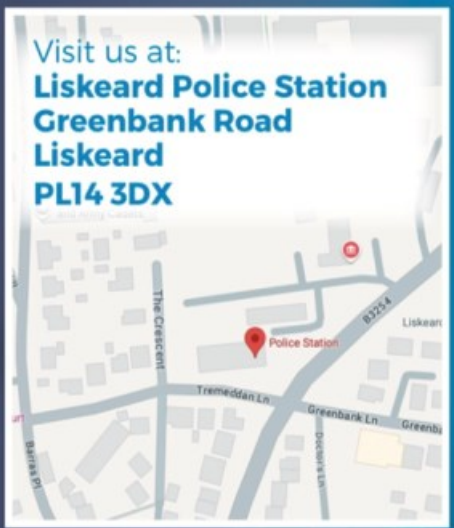
But many will also remember how Derek always brought humour into every aspect of his life.

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Adrian explained how on one particular day every year he became the target of Derek's wicked wit and humour: "Why I loved Derek so much I cannot really understand because every April Fools Day he gave me such a hard time. So much so that to this day I dread April 1st.

"He once managed to buy a load of artificial flowers in a charity shop in town and came over late at night and stuck them all in my lawn. Our daughter Emma, who was only about four, came running in looking all worried and said 'Dad, the garden's full of flowers'. I said 'No', she said 'It is'!



Derek Newton, on the left, with Adrian Wilton in the pram, on one of their hilarious carnival outings!

"He once put an estate agent's 'for sale' sign on my roof and I had to get ladders to get it down.

"Another April Fool he knew I was working at the filling station in the village and he put a sign near the pub saying 'Blow your horn as you pass the garage, it's Adrian's birthday'. People were blowing like mad until I found out about the sign.

"However, these April Fools were outshone by the piece de resistance. One year April Fools Day corresponded with the publication of the Cornish Times.

"I had not seen the paper, but my dear sister rang me and asked if I had a garage sale at our house on that day. I said 'No' and she said 'Well, there's an advert in the Cornish Times which says you have'. You can imagine the panic. I didn't know quite what to do. So I stuck two signs in the window saying 'Due to sickness the garage sale has been cancelled'. Then we cleared out for the day, but apparently between 10.00 and 12.00 in the morning the road outside our house was very busy."

The service, which was very well attended, was conducted by the Vicar of Liskeard, the Reverend Mark Wade. Donations in Derek's memory were for Children's Hospice South West. The funeral director was F D Hall & Sons, of Upton Cross.

Sean Jackson's Very Special Longer Walk



SEAN says: Call me crazy, but I have gone a bit adventurous and decided to go further afield. For this edition I will be following a section of the Smugglers Way to get to Duloe, which can be used, if you like, to get to the Duloe Ale and Cider festival in September. As the information below shows, this walk is a little longer than normal and it involves using buses to get back but it will be worth it.

For some interesting facts about the Smugglers Way look at the website moortosea.org.uk/the-smugglers-way/.

Information about the ale and cider festival is available on their Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/DuloeCharityBeerFestival

Route 11 — Dobwalls to Duloe via the Smugglers Way
Distance — 9.5 kms/6 miles approximately
Time — 3 to 3.5 hours depending on how many stops you have
Difficulty — Strenuous due to time taken and the steep hill
Pram/Wheelchair Friendly — No, due to the terrain
Additional Equipment — A map would be useful
Bus Duloe to Liskeard — Number 73
Bus Liskeard to Dobwalls — Numbers 11/77



So, let' s start the journey using our normal start point, The Highwayman. From there go east to the double mini roundabouts and turn south on to the Duloe Road, passing the Spar, school and footie club. Over the railway bridge on to the "permissive path" towards Penhale Pantry and, if it is open, pop in for a quick brew and a slice of cake (Aunt Sally!).





Back on the Duloe Road, up to the crossroads with the Cornish Celtic Cross. This is my least favourite part of any walk up this road due to the traffic. Walk on the right hand side of the road, facing oncoming vehicles. At the crossroads take the road to the right and head west towards South Bosent. You are now on the Smugglers Way.

Approximately 300 metres down, the road bends round to the right and there is a track on the left which you should take. Word of warning, this track at times can be very muddy but the time I walked it it was pretty dry. Follow this track south until you come to the tarmac road.





At this T junction take the right option downhill in a westly direction towards Scawn Mill. At the bottom of the hill the road again bends round to the right with buildings on the left. Here you will find a track on the left where you can see some sort of ornamental stone garden on the right as you start to walk south along it.

About 100 metres along this track you will come to a fork in the road with the left option heading up to Liggars Farm. You should take the right option which follows the valley towards Herodsfoot through Liggars Wood.



Just stroll over to the next page...



Continue along the track until you come to a metal gate with a green public footpath signpost which points across the field. The footpath goes across the field and enters the woods. You can see the entrance into the woods in the distance, so head for that and you will be confirming you have the right path as there is a gate slightly set back from the woods' edge.



As this picture shows the path is well used and continues through the woods for about a kilometre. So enjoy the peace and the sound of the river, which you should keep to your right. You know you are coming to the end of the path as you start to come across a number of buildings.



At the end of the footpath you meet a vehicular track where you should turn right and follow it to the T junction in Herodsfoot. At the T junction you turn right and go down the hill.





At the bottom of the hill you come to the village war memorial and a great place to take a rest break with a brew or a spot of lunch (apologies for the Morrison van in the picture, there are other home delivery services available!). I also noticed there is a defib station on the green which hopefully no one will need to use. Once suitably refreshed, you should take the road which passes the old red telephone box on towards Looe.

Approximately 50 metres along this road there is a further road junction where you take the left option to remain in the valley floor. This is a tarmac road, so the going is quite easy.





Again, you remain on this road for some time and at 800 metres approximately the road bends round to the right going up the hill. Here you will find a car park area and the entrance to Pendruffle Wood, I believe. This section of the route is well used and we lost count of the number of dogs and dog owners we came across, but everyone and the dogs were extremely friendly. It is an easy walk.



Stay on the bridleway all the way along for about one kilometre where at the exit there is a further car park and the first marker we saw for the Smugglers Way. Walk through the car park on to the road where you start to head down the hill to the bridge.



When you cross the bridge you are no longer on the Smugglers Way and heading east. Should you want to continue on it, you should take the track on the right just before the bridge in Churchbridge. After the bridge you really do earn your beer tokens. From the bridge this section of the walk is up a very long and steep hill.



Follow this road for about one and half kilometres to Duloe. Once in the village stay on this road until you come to a T junction almost directly opposite the village Jubilee Centre. To your right is The Plough Pub, but it is only open at certain times, so it would be worth checking on line for when it is open.

The bus stop is to your left only about 30 metres from the junction. You are now in the hands of the Bus Gods!



There is no direct bus back to Dobwalls so it is a trip into Liskeard on the Number 73 and more information about this service can be found at:

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Once back in Dobwalls, if your walk didn't allow you a few quiet ones at the Duloe Ale and Cider Festival, it would be rude not to finish off the day by having a beer in The Highwayman. And, of course, as you well know by now, mine's a pint of the black stuff….Guinness! Or, if the weather's really hot the next time I'm finishing a walk, maybe I'll be tempted to have a cool cider.

Be safe and please remember and respect and follow the Countryside Code. It would be great to get your feedback on the walks I do for The Villager and the state of Public Rights of Way around the village and parish. And, of course, any suggestions for future routes will be welcome.


Sean: "Where's the pub to then?"

Just to finish, here are a couple of good sources of information from Cornwall Council which you might find helpful. The first is a link to Cornwall Council's webpage informing us about Public Rights of Way (PRoW):
www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/countryside/public-rights-of-way/

And, have a look at the **NEW** Cornwall Council Interactive Map on their website."

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Skol Gynsa Fosow Dobb - Dobwalls Primary School

Dydh Da! - Hello!

YOU will know from previous editions of The Villager magazine that the pupils and staff of Dobwalls Primary School are well into learning the Cornish language. And, in keeping with that theme, pupils and staff have been enjoying a very famous Cornish tradition — the Helston Flora Dance.

Headteacher Kathryn Pipe explains: “During this year, our brass band has been busy learning the music for Flora Day and we joined the Helston Flora Dance on its annual date. Our brass band played brilliantly! Huge thank you to all the band members, along with Steve and Laura-Beth from Liskeard Silver Band who have been teaching them. I played my own trumpet with the children too. The teachers danced first then the whole school, including the staff, had a go! An amazing time!”





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Above, the members of Dobwalls Primary School Brass Band taking a well-earned break from belting out the Flora Dance tune, along with the other players, Steve and Laura-Beth from Liskeard Silver Band and headteacher Kathryn Pipe.

Another highlight of the Spring term was the whole school taking part in an Easter Magic Mission fundraiser.

It was organised by the school council to raise money for school funds to improve the playground markings as well as raise and give some money to charity.

The charity money being raised is for The British Heart Foundation - the pupils' chosen charity for the school year 2024-2025.

Kathryn says: "It was such an excellent afternoon as the sun shone with the children making memories for life. Thank you to everyone who sponsored us. The children used their SECRET skill to set themselves a challenge and gained sponsorship from their parents, carers, family members and friends.

"They chose to run either half a mile, a mile or one and a half miles.

"Along the way, there was a range of obstacles to take part in including, lob the lamb, the limbo, pancake toss, tyre jump, hurdles, bouncers and more!

"Thank you to the PTFA who ended the afternoon with our snack shop.

"So far this year we have raised a total of £1022 for The British Heart Foundation and the total for the whole year will be presented to the charity at the end of July."

And, to finish with, a little more Cornish...

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The Memorial Hall trustees answer their critics

IN THIS Summer Villager, the hall trustees want to address some of the myths which they say have appeared in the Dobwalls Community Facebook Group:

The hall was left to the hall trustees to be run as a meeting place for local residents and those in the surrounding area. It was to be run as a business to preserve the building for as long as possible.



The hall has been maintained and renovated over the years, and a great deal of work (too extensive to list here) has been done since 2019. Finding money for substantial repairs has always been difficult and we were particularly concerned about the car park surface and the potential safety risk that posed. There have been periods when we have had to close the car park because of this, although we did our best to patch it up and keep it available.

In May 2023 one of the trustees approached Coastline Housing with a suggestion of providing help to renovate the car park. Two years of consultation with Coastline Housing resulted in the car park we have today. It had become badly damaged because of heavier vehicles using it as a turning circle and we were very close to closing it to the public before Coastline completed the current works. Several local offers of help were very welcome, but were not as extensive, so were not taken up.

We are very grateful to Coastline for the work they have done, but were advised by the engineer overseeing the upgrade that the surface would tear up very quickly if we allowed tractors, lorries and other large vehicles to continue using it, which a width restrictor at the gate would prevent.

Since the beginning of the school term we have monitored car park usage and for the first three days there were between 22 and 24 cars (including SUVs) using the 25 available spaces, so removing the width restriction will not reduce parking on nearby roads. If you can park your car in a standard council run parking bay then your car will fit through the entrance. In response to feedback, we have made the exit from the car park easier by including a hatched zone from the pole to the exit. We have also had feedback that the pavement is now safer for children, as cars are leaving the car park more slowly and carefully.

The current car park is not a forever fix. Repairs would cost from £30,000 (current standard) to £100,000 (public car park standard). We could never afford this and would have to close the car park to the public if it showed serious deterioration and was a safety risk. We receive no contributions towards car park maintenance and we do have to prioritise hall users.

The hall supports the local community at every opportunity. We have raised £1200 a year for Cornwall Air Ambulance, Marie Curie and Macmillan Nurses and a further £800 plus in recent months for Marie Curie. We have also supported fundraising efforts by local individuals, including someone running the London Marathon for Cancer Research UK. The twice monthly bingos, attended by up to 120 people, are completely run by volunteers with a combined total each session of 30.5 hours, with one volunteer providing 8.5 of those.

The hall has provided free use of the hall to the primary school for pupils to learn the art of Short Mat Bowls with the Dobwalls SMB team who very generously give their time to teach the youngsters.

The trustees are a mix of retired and working volunteers who give on average approximately 80 to 100 hours of their time each month to keep the hall open. We are few and do not have unlimited time, so it is unfair to criticise us for not arranging a VE Day celebration when no one had expressed any interest or volunteered to help in one.

The hall receives a great deal of positive feedback on its facilities by the people who use it, so it is disappointing to read negative, unpleasant and untrue comments on social media (again, too numerous to list and rebut here). Before you hit the keyboard, please remember these are real people who are giving up their time to run the hall and who deserve to be treated with courtesy and respect. Without the trustees and other volunteers who support the hall, it would be fenced off and lost to the community.

The hall AGM is advertised every year on Dobwalls Community page, Liskeard Community page and the pavement notice board. We also regularly put appeals for new trustees and volunteers in this magazine.

So, if you feel strongly enough and want to see why we make the decisions that we do, please apply in writing to join the team. Let us know your reason for wishing to join and a little about any extra talents or working experiences you think may be useful and drop it in the letterbox. Also, there is a page on our website dobwallsmemorialhall.org.uk/governance with more details and a form for applying.



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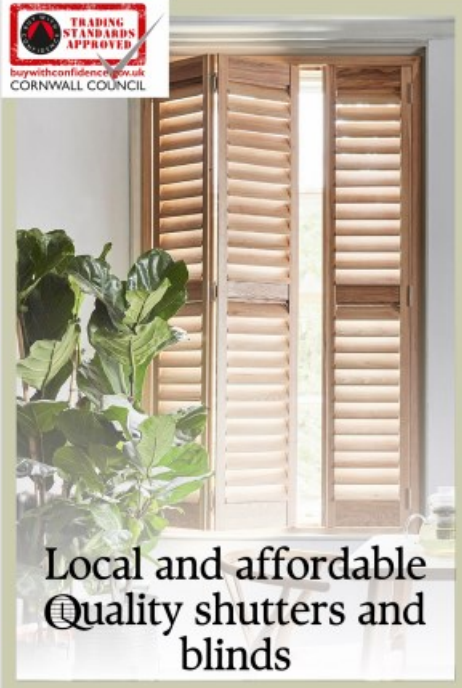


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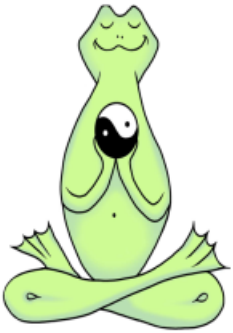
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NEWS *from* Dobwalls Into Gardening



DIG members have enjoyed three very diverse talks this Spring.

We had a very interesting talk on beavers and their reintroduction into the UK, currently a very topical subject. Chris brought along Trevor the Beaver.



Amelia from The Real Food Garden near Bodmin described how they grow their vegetables organically.

Two of our members, Becky and Jim, picked some flowers from their gardens, which are shown here. They shared some of their experiences in creating their own gardens and gave us lots of tips and information.



Two local gardens will be opening under the National Garden Scheme at dates throughout the summer starting on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th June. The gardens are at 9 Higman Close and South Bosent, all admission fees go to charity.

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.

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"Party On The Pitch"

IT'S GOING to be a big night at Dobwalls Football Club on June 28! Come and take your pitch on the pitch for an evening of top quality entertainment with one of the country's funkiest, if not THE funkiest, 10 piece bands, Joey The Lips throwing a "Party On The Pitch". Also, to get the party started and to finish the night there's DJ Danny Smith with all the party tunes. There's an outside bar and food and, of course, only food and drink bought on the premises can be consumed. Tickets, price £15, are available from all committee members, the clubhouse, The Cornish Pudding Company or online at www.eventbrite.co.uk. Any questions, just get in touch on 07771974383 or email patrick.mutton@biffa.co.uk



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Signs to Combat Anti-Social Behaviour



TWO signs like this are to be erected by Dobwalls Parish Council at the skate-park at Beechwood Park in Dobwalls. The council took the decision at its annual meeting in May in the hope that the signs will deter anti-social behaviour of the kind described by the wording on the signs.

The council has received regular complaints from residents about the impact on their lives by the behaviour of young people, particularly late at night. The police say they are doing what they can to address residents' concerns.

Both Cornwall Council and Devon and Cornwall Police have anti-social behaviour teams and residents are encourages to keep anti-social behaviour diaries which help the authorities take action. Just search anti-social behaviour and add Cornwall Council or Devon and Cornwall Police to find out more.

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DOBWALLS UNITED CHURCH ORGANIST APPEAL!



THIS is Paul Fergus, the Dobwalls United Church organist for many years, who has sadly passed away. Paul, who lived in the village, was an extremely talented amateur musician who played several instruments. The church's senior steward Doris Taylor says: "Paul was a lovely, modest man. If at all possible, he was there when we needed him to lead the singing at our Sunday morning services and to play on other occasions. We miss him greatly."

Now the church is looking for someone to volunteer to take over playing its electric organ or electric piano. Doris adds: "It's only for about an hour, usually three Sunday mornings a month, sometimes four. We'd love to hear from anyone who might be interested or from anyone who knows of somebody who could take on the role."

Weekly Sunday morning services are at 9.30am, with the following exceptions:

June 15, 10.00am Trevelmond; June 28, 10.30am Benefice service, St Martin's Church, Liskeard; July 20, 11.00am Mount; August 17, 10.00am Connon; August 31, (Time to be announced) Benefice service, St Martin's Church, Liskeard.

IN THE CHURCH HALL:

SATURDAY CREAM TEAS: 2.00pm, June 21, July 19, August 16. £5.

KNIT & KNATTER: Thursday, 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Every fortnight. June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24.

All dates and times are subject to change.

Can you play an electric organ or an electric piano? If you can, Dobwalls United Church would love to hear from you.

The church has both instruments and it would be great if you could join us on Sunday mornings to lead the singing.

Just contact the senior steward Doris Taylor on 07766 835455.



The Annual Litter Pick is still needed!

A SMALL but enthusiastic team of volunteer litter pickers, including Dobwalls parish councillors, villagers and Cornwall councillor Jane Pascoe, gave up a Saturday morning for the annual litter pick around the village.




The end result of the litter pick

The pick organiser parish councillor Tracey Kitto says: “Our sincere thanks go to everyone who took part. We appreciate their support in helping to keep our village clean and tidy. However, the litter appears to decrease each year and we put that down to the small core of people who we are well aware of that pick up litter around the village on their daily walks. Our thanks go out to them as well.

“Together we collected discarded crisp packets, sweet and food wrappers, assorted items and a whole recycling bag full of metal cans and plastic and glass bottles. I kept the recycling and put it out with my fortnightly recycling collection and the remaining rubbish bags were collected by Biffa the same day as part of the litter pick. Unfortunately, there are areas of the village which do have a problem with littering and we would be grateful if people could use the litter bins provided, of which there are many, to help reduce the problem.


A stream of litter

“If you have littering concerns about an area, please contact the parish clerk whose details are in The Villager and on Dobwalls Parish Council website.”

It's Back—and Day Two is a Big, Big Family Day Out!



DOBWALLS Charity Beer & Cider Festival 2025 is on Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26, from midday 'til late at Dobwalls Football Club.

The organisers say: "Get ready to raise your glasses for a cause that truly soars, because we're back for our 14th year! This beloved local tradition returns in 2025 with one clear mission—to help push our total donations for the Cornwall Air Ambulance over the incredible £30,000 milestone.

Since 2009 this festival has combined great beer with even greater generosity, bringing together music lovers, ale aficionados and families alike to support a life-saving cause. It's been an amazing journey and this year promises to be the best yet!

We're taking over Dobwalls Football Club for the first time, giving us extra space to breathe, dance and play. Saturday will be especially family-friendly, with the club providing plenty of activities to keep the little ones smiling, from bouncy castles to ice cream and lots between, while the grown-ups explore a rich selection of craft ales and ciders. And, whether you're craving BBQ classics or something plant-based and tasty, we'll have something for every appetite. Live music will light up both days with bands performing from a curtain-sided trailer stage, adding an extra festival flair to the atmosphere.

Doors open at 12 noon on both days and we'll be going strong into the evening, so let's raise a pint, or two, to great music, good company and an incredible cause."

For full details, visit
www.dobwallsbeerfest.co.uk

See page 20



Dobwalls Junior Football Club players — the Stars of the Future

IT'S been a great season for every member of Dobwalls Junior Football Club. Here, Chris King, who coaches the Under11s and Under15s and sits on the junior committee as assistant welfare officer for the club, gives a roundup of just how well the teams have performed, from the Under7s to the Under16s, and talks about how important the new pitches are for the future of the young boy and girl players and the club itself:

Our newest team, the Under7s, finished their league games with a win over Liskeard, completing an unbeaten debut season for our youngest group.



Under7s with coaches Jordan Warwick and Phil Morford

Our Under8s are also a new team this season and have been equally competitive in competitions, facing several teams from Plymouth in regular friendlies as well as their league matches.

The Under9s and Under10s continue to challenge and improve. Both had tough campaigns in league and cup and did their coaches and parents proud with many great performances.

The Under11s finished their league matches with a 100% win record and won their league cup final to cap a fantastic season. (Here they are with coaches Chris King, Martin Ollerenshaw and Phoenix Quincey-Laing)



Please turn over

The Under12s also reached a league cup final which is fantastic progress for this team. Unfortunately they were runners-up on this occasion but can be really proud of their achievements. (They're in this picture with coaches Steve Nicholson and Ryan Speirs)



The Under13s have had an up and down season with some big wins and narrow defeats along the way. Never giving up, they will come back stronger next season! Dobwalls Under14s had a storming end to the season, winning their last eight games to finish as league runners-up!

The Under15s battled away in a tough division, but had some joy in the league cup, beating the league leaders in the semi-final to set up a cup final match against Holsworthy at Lux Park on May 18. Unfortunately, they were defeated, but it was a really close game which could have gone another way on a different day. But that's football sometimes! They have done brilliantly to reach the final, something this age group has never achieved before.



The Under15s whose coaches are Chris King and Gary Gleed

The Under16s tested out life in the DJM this season and performed brilliantly, recording several wins and finishing mid-table against mainly Plymouth-based opposition.

At Dobwalls Junior Football Club we are working hard to make the new pitches across from Lantoom Park playable for the new season.

This is going to take a lot of work to turn a livestock field into a decent playing surface but, with the aid of many volunteers and companies, progress is being made with that goal in mind.

Utilising this space for the juniors is fantastic for the club as it continues to grow and develop. With applications for new players always coming in, its important we can offer as much to the young community as possible.

It's a Big "Thank You" from Jane Pascoe

"IT IS a privilege and an honour to have been returned by the electorate as your representative on Cornwall Council for another four years," writes Jane Pascoe. "It means so much to me that the local people continue to support me and acknowledge my efforts. I will, as always, continue to fight for improved services, try to resolve issues, listen and hear the concerns of the residents in the council's Liskeard South & Dobwalls ward.

"In the eight weeks leading up to the election I walked over 20,000 steps every day delivering leaflets and talking to people. I especially want to thank all those people who greeted me and any other candidates with kindness and respect. Sadly this is not always the case. Candidates need to understand your concerns about local issues to help you live a better life. We stand for election because we care about our local community and the wider Cornwall and, most importantly, to represent your best interests.



Jane Pascoe on VE Day

"In Dobwalls I was constantly hearing about the cut to the No11 bus service to Bodmin. I can confirm that I had meetings prior to the election period complaining to the bus company. I have had discussions with councillors in Bodmin and we will work together to try to get a service resumed. In the meantime, please all write to GoBus Cornwall to stress how essential this service is to you.

"Litter and fly tipping is another local issue raised on the doorstep and is something I feel very strongly about. I am never afraid to roll up my sleeves and deal with rubbish. For the last eight years I have joined your local parish council annual litter pick and the most recent one was well supported. Please do help to keep your lovely village and parish tidy.

"I wish you all a wonderful summertime with your families and I look forward to serving everyone in the community over the next four years."

Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe.
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OUR anonymous Dobwalls photographer comes up trumps again! She-and that's all we're giving away-took these photos of combining and bailing hay in the parish and also the lovely shots on the front page. She has kindly contributed photos for several editions of The Villager and hopefully will continue to do so. But there's nothing to stop any other readers doing the same. Photos which reflect the coming seasons of Autumn and Winter/Christmas are most welcome. In the meantime, thanks to Ann Onymous (that was her husband's idea!)



Your councillors

Only five people stood to become members of Dobwalls Parish Council in the local government elections at the beginning of May. The council has nine seats so it would have needed 10 candidates for an election to be held. So it was what's called an "uncontested election" and the five who put their names forward, who were all members of the previous council, were automatically elected to serve for another four years. Matt Exall was co-opted as a council member at the annual parish council meeting on May 21.



Vice-chairman Michael Taylor

Chairman Tracey Kitto 



Bradley Champion



Brian Clark



Matt Exall



Sean Jackson

Their email addresses are all lower case with their first name followed by a dot, their surname and @dobwallspc.org.uk as in tracey.kitto@dobwallspc.org.uk

There are still three vacancies on the council to make up a "full house" of nine councillors. If you're interested in being co-opted, there's some information on page 43 which you might find helpful.

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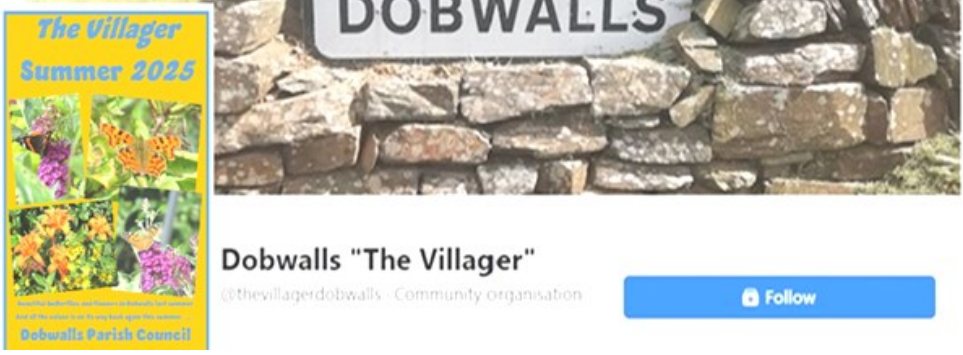
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Dobwalls Parish Council www.dobwallspc.org.uk

ALL parish council meetings are open to the public. 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 the meetings and speak. They are normally held on the third Wednesday of the month in the clubhouse at Dobwalls Football Club, starting at 6.30pm.
The next two council meetings are: **June 18 and July 16.**
There is no council meeting in August.
You can contact the councillors - their details are on page 41 - 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

Vacancies on Dobwalls Parish Council

AS John Dunn, who has retired from the council after many years service, mentions in his farewell words on page 5, there are vacancies on the council after the uncontested elections on May 1. Parish councillors are volunteers, they don't get paid for what they do. As John says: "They give up their time to try to make a difference and deserve everyone's thanks." It can be a thankless task, but it can also be a rewarding task, doing your best to make things better in the village and parish. Things usually tick along nicely but occasionally there might be a contentious issue and that's when, often unfairly, the council bears the brunt of any criticism meted out by angry and frustrated parishioners. So, if you think you can take the rough with the smooth, why don't you do as John suggests? If you want to make a difference in your community "either contract the parish clerk or attend one of the monthly meetings."

The Villager Editor *Michael Taylor*

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New Chairman and Vice-chairman



TRACEY Kitto and Michael Taylor were elected chairman and vice-chairman of Dobwalls Parish Council at the council's annual meeting on May 21. Tracey has been a member for 10 years and was vice-chairman for the last seven. Michael has been a councillor for several years. Matt Exall was co-opted to the council at the same meeting. Matt was a member of the council up until the elections in early May and had intended to stand for re-election but, due to an administrative error, that didn't happen. Now he's back on board and brings with him his valuable knowledge and skills.

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