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IT'S that time of the year again. 'Christmas Angels' from members of the Dobwalls Knit & Knatter group who meet regularly in Dobwalls United Church hall.



Look out for them around the village, early in the morning on the last day of the school term, just a few days before Christmas.

The group members have also been busy making these lovely cuddly Trauma Teds for children who have to attend Launceston Community Hospital.



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WREATHS were laid at Dobwalls War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday in a tribute to those from the village and parish who gave their lives in the two World Wars and also all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and served in every conflict since. The ceremony followed a service in Dobwalls United Church.

The service and wreath-laying were particularly poignant this year which marks the 80th anniversary of the end of World War 2. Wreaths were laid by Dobwalls Parish Council chairman Cllr Tracey Kitto and Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe and also on behalf of the memorial hall and church.

Below, the Dobwalls Knit and Knatter group cascade of poppies in the churchyard.








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THE Cornwall Air Ambulance base had a visit from the Queen, but then a team of volunteers from the Dobwalls Beer and Cider Festival committee had an opportunity to visit as well.

One of the committee, Brian Clarke, explains: “Unfortunately the Queen had already named the new helicopter so that was not an option, so we settled on handing over this year’s donation from the festival of £ 5,500.

“However, as luck had it, the helicopter crew was not on a call out which meant we had a nice shiny helicopter to look at and pose in front of — the brand new Helimed 02.

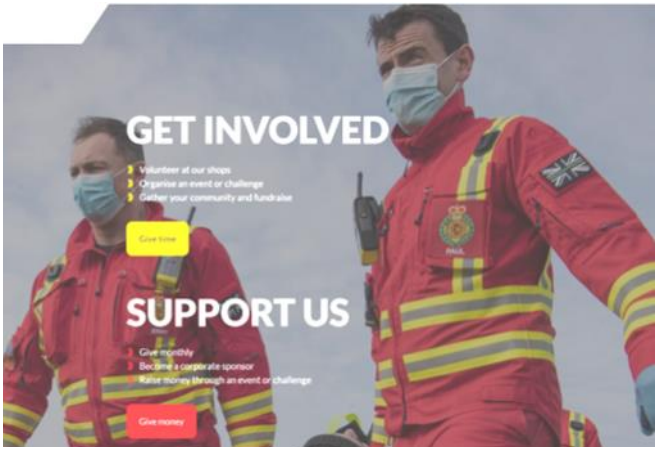
“For the techno nerds this is an Italian Leonardo AW169 which is an updated version of the existing air ambulance, having winglets, tailplane and deflectors, which we were told makes it more economical to fly and more stable at slow speed.”



This year’s donation means the festival has now raised £33,750 over the past 14 years for the air ambulance.

Brian adds: “In 2027 Cornwall Air Ambulance celebrates its 40th birthday, So next year, 2026, we are hoping to raise more than £6,250 to take our total to over £40,000.

“So, keep the dates free, Friday and Saturday, July 17th & 18th at Dobwalls Football Club and help us make this both an excellent two days and something to be proud of achieving.”



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President Janina Waterman says: "The WI is what you make it. Whether you are interested in making new friends, campaigning on an issue that is important to you, gaining self-confidence or enjoying a favourite craft with like-minded women, then we would love to welcome you.

"On the third Thursday in the month we also hold a Crafty Chatty morning from 10.00 to 12.00 in the St Neot Village Social Club. Anyone, even non-members, are welcome to come along and bring a craft they are currently involved with, or simply just sit and have coffee, cake and chat.



Members onboard on the River Fowey

"In the last year, we have had a variety of speakers and outings. We went on a river trip along the Fowey River, followed by fish & chips. We do like our food, so try to include this on any outing.



Rachel Kent in Loveny River

"Every year in August, we hold the St Neot WI Village Show. All members help at this and also enter the classes. This year, there were over 600 entries.

"One of our members Rachel Kent who is our Climate Advisor, has become a Citizen Scientist and every month, along with other members, checks the Loveny River that flows through the village for signs of pollution. Rachel also keeps us up to date regarding any green issues."

There is a very varied and interesting programme for 2026 so if you would like to know more about St Neot WI just contact Janina on 07967 822524 or via St Neot WI Facebook page.

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CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AT DOBWALLS UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday 7th December-FREE TEA AND CAKE 3pm

Sunday 14th December-DRESS UP NATIVITY SERVICE 9.30am

Sunday 21st December-CAROL SERVICE 10.00am

Wednesday 24th December-CHISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION 7.00pm

Thursday 25th December-CHRISTMAS DAY CHURCH OPEN FOR INFORMAL WORSHIP 10.00am

And, after Christmas, Sunday 28th December-SERVICE AT ST MARTIN'S CHURCH LISKEARD 10.30am, Sunday 4th January-HOLY COMMUNION (Anglican) 9.30am.

Weekly Sunday services are held at 9.30am. The first Sunday is led by Anglican minister Rev Mark Wade and the second Sunday is also Anglican led. The third Sunday is a Methodist Cluster service held in rotation around the area and the fourth Sunday is a Methodist service.

MONDAY MONKEYS Parent and Toddler Group 9.00am to 11.00am (term time only). Thursdays KNIT & KNATTER 2.00pm Dec 11th, January 8th & 22nd, February 5th & 19th. Saturdays OCCASIONAL CREAM TEAS (see Cornish Times for dates). BIBLE STUDY fortnightly (dates to be confirmed).

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CHRISTMAS BINGO — AND "HELP" WE NEED SOME PEOPLE

MANY people are looking forward to the last of the Dobwalls Memorial Hall Christmas bingos for 2025 on Saturday 20 December. "It's always the best of the year," says Rowena Fletcher, one of the hall trustees, but she adds: "We will struggle to continue to run the bingos without more support. We need people to come along to help with things like handing out the prizes. It's lots of fun and you don't need to join the committee, but helpers will get a free pasty! Thank you all for your continued support of the Hall over the past year. That's what keeps the hall going and enables us to keep what is an old building in the best shape we can, including its latest fresh lick of paint."

Every week the hall hosts a fantastic range of activities with something for all ages and interests. A great way to get active and meet people, particularly during the dark cold winter months! Details of how to hire the hall and the hall's facilities are on the website at: https://www.dobwallsmemorialhall.org.uk/



Indoor Bowls - played at the Dobwalls Memorial Hall for over thirty years, short mat bowls is suitable for all ages and abilities Monday 7.15 pm Thursday 7.30 pm https://www.dobwallsmemorialhall.org.uk/events1aa170d5 **Boogie Bounce - cardio workout to music using mini trampolines**, targeting key areas, and improving aerobic fitness Tuesday 6.30 pm Stacey Meller 07712173389 staceymeller@hotmail.co.uk **Workout Wednesday - Gentle Keep Fit for all fitness levels covering cardio, functional strength and balance** Wednesday 10:00 am Sam Holman 07813281407 sam@hol-man.co.uk **Pilates - low impact exercise focussing on building core strength, improving posture balance and flexibility through controlled movements and breathing** Wednesday 11.15 am Sam Holman 07813281407 sam@hol-man.co.uk **Fit on the Floor - strength and endurance workout based on an exercise mat toning** legs, bums and tums as well as some upper body work Wednesday 6.15pm Jayne Martin 07597383171 jaynemartin769@gmail.com **Walk-Fit Groove - low impact dance and walking fitness class suitable for all fitness levels** Wednesday 7.00pm Jayne Martin 07597383171 jaynemartin769@gmail.com **Powerhoop - fun fast full-body workout covering strength and endurance, balance and cardio using a weighted fitness hula hoop and suitable for all fitness levels** Thursday 6:00 pm Jayne Martin 07597383171 jaynemartin769@gmail.com **Clubbercise – fun dance fitness class with easy to follow routines, high and low impact options, and using glow sticks** Friday 19:15 to 20:00 Kae Lee 07449 460583 kaelee79@outlook.com https://gymcatch.com/app/provider/8957/events

The hall trustees send everyone all good wishes for a peaceful and happy festive season and look forward to seeing you at the hall in 2026!

Sean Jackson's Christmas Walk 2025



Sadly, I was unable to do the Siblyback walk due to the weather and time, but it will be here in the Spring edition.

Another year nearly done. Where does time go! So 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 the village you could do this amble early evening to enjoy the stunning displays people have taken the time to create outside their homes.

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 you're doing it in the evening may be helpful.





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

The good news this year is The Highwayman pub is open. So we will carry on using that as our start point. So 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 so 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 there walk down Tremabe Lane (South Easterly) 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 come 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 OVER

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 T 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 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 path way to the right of the northern part of The Green. Follow this up to Dawes Close then into The Highwayman car park.

Pop into the pub for a pint or even a warm mulled wine. As usual, mine is a pint of Guinness. Be safe and please remember and respect the country code. It would be great to get your feedback on the walks, any photos you take of the lights for future editions, the state of the other PRoWs and, of course, any suggestions for future routes. So please send them to The Villager editor.



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

BONJOUR MES AMIS — FROM ACROSS THE CHANNEL

CORNWALL Councillor Jane Pascoe says people and organisations in Dobwalls Parish have the opportunity to join in the expanding links between Liskeard and Quimperle in Brittany. The Twinning Association between the two towns has been celebrating its 50th anniversary and Cllr Pascoe was one of the delegates who visited the French town to mark the occasion: “The association wants to offer the opportunity to make exchange visits that will include the rural parishes around Liskeard, including Dobwalls.

“There are plans for stronger connections with families, young people in education, armed forces veterans via the Royal British Legion, sport teams, agriculture and any other interested people.”

This could include Dobwalls School and Dobwalls Football Club.


Jane Pascoe in Quimperle

Cllr Pascoe adds: “There is much enthusiasm to continue with return exchange visits and to widen the interest and scope for many people to join in with the Twinning Association.

“Families in Quimperle are eager to invite families, clubs and individuals into their homes and act as hosts for any exchange visits. Their ambition is to make lifelong friends and connections.”

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Liskeard/Quimperle Twinning Association should contact townclerk@liskeard.gov.uk

KEEPING WARM THIS CHRISTMAS AND WINTER

Cllr Pascoe hopes the winter weather will not be severe as there will be many people struggling to keep warm.

She has this advice: “Please look out for your neighbours and if they need help please contact me or communitysafety@cornwall.gov.uk who will be able to guide them to the correct assistance. I am pleased to be able to use some of my Cornwall Council Community Chest Fund for the Dobwalls Warm Space again this year. Thank you to the volunteers who provide a warm welcome to our villagers during the winter months.

“A special thank you to all the assistants in the village Spar shop who work tirelessly every day to provide an excellent service to Dobwalls. You are a lifeline to so many parishioners.

“Finally, I wish one and all a joyous and peaceful Christmas, precious time with your family and friends and a Happy and Healthy New Year.”

Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe
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A round up of happenings at Dobwalls Primary in 2025

THE pupils of Dobwalls Primary School have voted for a new charity to support during the 2025/26 school year. Headteacher Kathryn Pipe says: “There were so many charities discussed, with the final vote and decision made by our school council.

This year we will be raising money for The Screech Owl Sanctuary at St Columb. Our first Toasty Tuesday morning snack raised £75.”

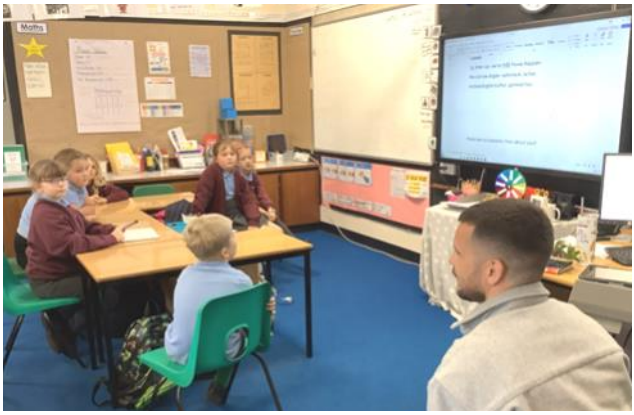




In May the school’s brass band, led by Steve and Laura-Beth from Liskeard Silver Band, performed the Helston Flora Dance. The dancing was led by teachers who then taught the children. Kathryn says: “We are delighted to announce we have won an award from the Gorsedh Kernow Awards.”

In September the school welcomed poet Matt Windle, from Birmingham. Kathryn says: “He led a superb assembly for Year 2 upwards encouraging children to think about their futures. It was interactive and filled with poetry, music, freestyle rapping and more.” Matt is a former Birmingham Poet Laureate, Young Poet Laureate and a Commonwealth Boxing Champion!

Kathryn comments: “The day was loved by one and all demonstrating that we are all poets! Children in classes Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 have written excellent class poems which they performed to the whole school.”



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Also in September a SMART Trust Primary Arts Day was held. It was a fantastic day where the oldest children of the three primary SMART Trust schools, Dobwalls, Trewidland and Landulph, were able to come together to share in learning, based around the theme 'Transporting Through Time'. There was a range of activities in Liskeard Town Hall including art with local artist Mark Gregory, music with music specialist teacher Sally Butlin, drama led by Reverend Mark Wade, a time capsule led by teachers from Saltash Secondary and a dance workshop led by a teacher from Looe Secondary School. Prior to the event, all the children learned two songs which they sang together in the Town Hall.

Kathryn says: "A beautiful sound as the three schools sang with such life and enthusiasm! Dobwalls children in Years 5 and 6 also visited in smaller groups Liskeard Library, Stuart House and Liskeard Museum. We are so thankful to everyone who took part in this amazing day which was full of learning, laughter and collaboration. We look forward to further joint events working as our SMART Trust together."



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NEWS *from* Dobwalls Into Gardening



We started our autumn programme with an enjoyable visit to The Real Food Garden looking at their impressive vegetable plots and polytunnels and how they use livestock in their system.



An interesting talk followed on the jungle area at The Lost Gardens of Heligan and in November Adrian Langdon showed some wonderful photos of European birds and also kindly supplied us with this photo of a robin. Our Programme for 2026 kicks off on Monday, February 2nd with the AGM and a talk by Becky Martin on *Creating a Tropical Effect in Dobwalls*.

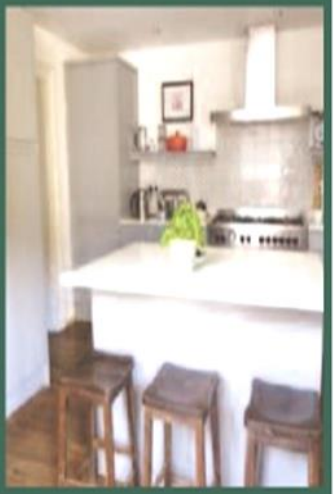
Meetings are held at Dobwalls United Church Hall on the first Monday of each month at 7.30 pm and new members are always welcome to join us. For more information, search for our Facebook page 'Dobwalls Into Gardening Community' or phone 01579 320417.



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DURING an hour long Community Speed Watch session in Dobwalls 112 vehicles were monitored and many were travelling at over 30mph, with seven recorded at 35mph and over, including one at 42mph. A number of the other drivers slowed down when they saw the CSW volunteers.

This is one of the highest percentage of vehicles exceeding the limit anywhere in the Liskeard area, so the local CSW group says there's a real need to increase the number and frequency of sessions.



Fancy wearing one of these!

Several Dobwalls residents have shown an interest in volunteering, but more are needed.

Liskeard and its surrounding areas have had a CSW group for over 10 years, encouraging as many drivers as possible to be more speed aware through 11 locations including Dobwalls and Doublebois.

CSW volunteers monitor the speeds of drivers but only record those travelling at 10% + two mph above the speed limit and report them to the police. The police write an advisory letter to the registered keeper which explains the dangers of travelling at excess speed and reminds drivers to reduce their speed.

The Liskeard Community Speed Watch team would like to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining them or wish to find out more about the scheme please scan the QR code below, or email speed-watch@dc.police.uk with your name and contact number.

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PHOTOS here of two very important developments at the club. Fantastic progress has been made to create the new pitches for the juniors in the field across the lane from the existing club facilities.



And work is underway to construct the Andy Yeatman Memorial Stand, named after the Dobwalls man who dedicated many years to the club to which he was devoted. Andy's wife Berni says: "The whole family is absolutely thrilled to see the stand being built. It will serve as a lasting reminder of Andy and the time he spent at the club."



Upcoming home fixtures. Please come along and support your local football teams: First team in red print. 3.00pm kick-off. Reserves in black print. 2.30pm kick-off: November 22nd - Illogan 29th – Wendron December 6th – Callington 20th – Falmouth Town January 3rd – Camelford 17th – Pensilva 24th – Liskeard 31st – Millbrook February 14th – St Newlyn East March 7th – St Dominick.



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In 2026 the meetings will be in **Dobwalls United Church hall**
and for the first couple of months the dates are
Wednesday January 21 and **Wednesday February 18** at **6.30pm**.
You can contact the clerk Laura Storey at clerk@dobwallspc.org.uk or write to her at PO Box 82 , Looe, PL13 9DG
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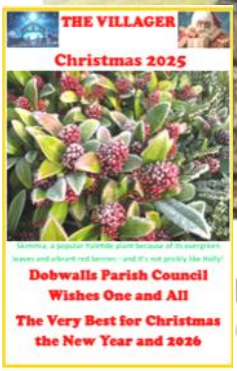
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