# The Villager Summer 2026



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# Dobwalls Village Annual Litter Pick

THE weather was ideal for this year's pick and the team included probably the youngest ever volunteer, Maeve, just two-and-a-half years old, daughter of Meg, who's joint landlady of The Highwayman pub with her mother Tamsyn, also known as "Tams". Here are the pickers just before they set out, with Maeve and mum on the right.




The pick was organised by Dobwalls Parish Council chair Cllr Tracey Kitto: "Many thanks to everyone, including Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe and her husband Paul who came along. There was less litter than last year which was good.




"However three full recycle bags of plastics and cans were collected and unfortunately the village seems to be starting to suffer from fly tipping in the stream area of the skate park near Beechwood Drive (see photo below) and the old toilets in the Twelvewoods area.



"Please if you see anyone dumping this sort of waste, if possible take a photograph and report it. Just search 'Cornwall Council fly tipping'.

"Also, many people have 'Ring' or similar door cams which can record this happening and this can be submitted to the council.

"Thanks also go to the pub which provided refreshments at the end, courtesy of the parish council, which went down a treat, and the cooperation of waste management company Biffa."

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A full page advert for the four editions per year costs £120, just £30 an issue. A one-off full page is £60.

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And a quarter page for all four editions will set you back a mere £42, only £10.50 per issue. A one-off quarter page is £30.

It you want to have an advert in The Villager just contact Doreen Clark at

**villageradvertisers@dobwallspc.org.uk**

The deadline for adverts for the Autumn 2026 edition is the end of **July**.

Have you got any photos or stories you'd like to see in The Villager or any events in the months of September, October and November you'd like to publicise? Then all you've got to do is contact the editor Michael Taylor

**michaelgtaylor@yahoo.com** by early **August**.

# Deliveroo With A Difference

CAN YOU spare a little bit of your time just four times a year to join the team of volunteers who deliver The Villager magazine?

Then get in touch with Doreen Clark, who's a member of the magazine editorial team. You can contact Doreen by email at:

**villageradvertisers@dobwallspc.org.uk** or ring her on 07870 464 208.

Doreen says: "We are very grateful to our volunteers for giving up some of their time to do this, but we could do with a few more."

Having the band of volunteers also helps to keep down the costs involved in printing and distributing the magazine.

The Villager goes to almost 1000 homes, businesses and other premises in the village and parish of Dobwalls.

The other members of The Villager editorial team are Brian Clark (distribution) Sean Jackson ("The Villager" Facebook page) and Ailsa Tween (text proofreader).

# Vandalism at Dobwalls Memorial Hall

# The difference between LIFE and DEATH?

THE life-saving defibrillator outside Dobwalls Memorial Hall has been vandalised. The door of the cabinet was bent to force it open and was left like that. Fortunately, the machine itself was not damaged. It was checked by an engineer and confirmed to be working. The incident has been reported to the police and the hall has CCTV cameras.




The hall trustees have issued this statement: “The defibrillator is for the entire community and is a vital asset for Dobwalls. Any damage which compromises its effectiveness could mean the difference between life and death for someone. More generally, any vandalism in this area undermines the community spirit and effort of the vast majority of local people who support the hall and at worst could compromise this vital equipment.”

The trustees had to cancel a bingo night at short notice because of illness and although every effort was made to make everyone aware of the cancellation some people did arrive at the hall. The trustees write: “We are very sorry that happened. It is the first emergency cancellation of the bingo and we had no choice as we couldn’t risk spreading an unpleasant bug and simply did not have enough people available to run the bingo that evening.

“But this incident is a stark reminder that we have a very small number of volunteers and little or no back up to run the hall and support events, like our very popular bingo nights. So please do think about volunteering, either as a trustee to occasionally helping out, including with bingo nights. If you have moved to Dobwalls recently, getting involved with the hall is a great way to meet people and find out more about the village.”

If you’re able to help in any way, please contact Alison Butterworth on 07980303967 or email butterworth.alison61@gmail

There have been some recent changes to the regular events held at the hall. Full details, along with information about how to book the hall, its history and constitution and much more are on the website

https://www.dobwallsmemorialhall.org.uk

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# Speed Watch is slowing down the traffic

DOBWALLS Community Speed Watch Group, which was formed at the beginning of the year, is having a positive impact. Group co-ordinator Sue Kennedy says: "Before the group was formed Dobwalls experienced the highest level of speeding drivers of any village in East Cornwall, not an accolade to be proud of. But during the period we have been operating we have noted a significant decline in drivers exceeding the speed limit on traffic entering the village from the Moorswater direction."

In a recent session for an hour one morning 127 vehicles were recorded, with eight drivers doing 35 mph or over. Two were recorded at 43 mph.



**Co-ordinator Sue Kennedy with two Group volunteers**




**Watch Your Speed!**

The group now has six volunteers which means it can increase the number of sessions, times of the day, locations and camera directions and also include roads covered by 20mph speed limits. The group is also responsible for sessions in Doublebois and East Taphouse.

But it would like to recruit more volunteers. Sue Kennedy: "We would love to expand the team to enable us to promote safer roads in our area. The role of the team is to raise awareness of the speed limits and provide safer roads for residents and visitors."

Anyone who feels they could offer at least an hour just once a month to help promote safer roads should email Sue at **suekennedy5@btinternet.com**



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## OK, it's Summer but, come Winter, this will be a godsend

THIS Grit-Salt bin has been installed at the bottom of Wherry Way on the Treheath Road Estate. Dobwalls now has seven of them—and they don't come cheap. This one, provided by Cornwall Council and filled to the brim, cost Dobwalls Parish Council close on £350. Cornwall Council provides one free top up of the bins and then the cost of replenishing them through the winter months falls on the parish council.




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# DOBWALLS

## Charity Beer & Cider Festival

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## Jason Higgs, one of the festival organisers, sets the scene:

🍺🎉 **Dobwalls Charity Beer & Cider Festival 2026** 🎉🍺
**Friday 17th & Saturday 18th July | From Midday 'til Late | Dobwalls Football Club**

Get ready to raise your glasses for a cause that truly soars—because the **renowned Dobwalls Charity Beer & Cider Festival** is back for its **15th year**! This beloved local tradition returns in **2026** with one clear mission: to help push our total donations for the **Cornwall Air Ambulance** over the incredible **£40,000** milestone for their 40th Anniversary due April 2027.

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!

📍 **Same Venue, Bigger Vibes**
We're taking over **Dobwalls Football Club again** this year, giving us extra space to breathe, dance, and play. Saturday will be especially **family-friendly**, with plenty of activities to keep the little ones smiling while the grown-ups explore a rich selection of **craft ales and ciders**.

🥖 **Tuck In**
Whether you're craving **BBQ classics** or something **plant-based and tasty**, we'll have something for every appetite.

🎶 **Feel the Beat**
Live music will light up both days, with more bands performing from a **curtain-sided trailer stage** than ever before—adding an extra festival flair to the atmosphere.

⏰ **Doors open at 12 noon** on both Friday and Saturday, and we'll be going strong late into the evening.

Let's raise a pint (or two) to great music, good company, and an incredible cause.
For full details, visit: 👉 www.dobwallsbeerfest.co.uk or scan the QR Code.



# A Very Big Green Day

DOBWALLS Primary School had a fantastic Green Day, linked to the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child. Article 29 states: “Education must develop every child’s respect for the environment.”

Headteacher Kathryn Pipe says: “It was a brilliant day. The school was full of green as we welcomed a range of visitors who each shared such important messages with all our children to help develop their knowledge and skills to be able to care for our environment. It was also super to welcome Trewidland Primary School to spend the day with us. A massive ‘thank you’ to Mr Jones for organising the event and to all our guest speakers.”



## Beach Guardian

Rob from Beach Guardian talked about micro plastics and children sieved sand samples to extract unnatural materials.



Skol Gynsa Fosow Dobb
Dobwalls Primary School

## Biffa



Will and Verity from Biffa told the children about the 3 Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle) as well as the importance of clean, good quality recycling.

They learnt about what some everyday materials are made from and what they could become in the future. Will and Verity gave the children an understanding that finite resources create these materials and an awareness of the climate impact involved in creating them. They now know that, by reducing waste, they can save energy and natural resources.

Will and Verity shared examples of items which can be reused in the home and items which could be made using recycled materials.

Delia and John from **Cornwall Plastic Pollution Coalition**



They focused on beaches and the impact of plastic pollution on marine life, through song, dance and workshops. Did you know? The 24hr hotline number for marine medic assistance with entangled or hurt marine creatures is: 01825 765546.

## South West Water




Sophie talked about water conservation and children made and decorated their own water butts to be used to water plants.

# Sean Jackson's back with Something Different









Sean's been threatening to do this for ages—a walk outside the parish of Dobwalls! So, over to Sean: A walk around Siblyback Lake has been a favourite of mine as it's just 10 minutes up the road and offers all year round walking. The lake site is a charity run by the South West Lakes Trust and it has great amenities.

**Route 11** — Siblyback Lake www.swlakestrust.org.uk/siblyback
**Distance** — Approximately 5 km.
**Time** — 1.5 to 1.45 hours depending on your pace and the number of stops.
**Difficulty** — Very easy, no hills!
**Pram/Wheel chair friendly** — Very much so.
**Cycle Friendly** — Bikes can be ridden on the path.
**Additional equipment** — A picnic!

Although a great location and walk which is well worth it, it's best to think about the following before you set out:

There is no public transport to get you there so it's either a car, a motor bike, a bicycle or walk!

Parking is not free. More about this later.

The access road is a single track lane. Extra care is essential getting there and coming back!




So, to get there from the village, from the double mini-roundabouts head north up Havett Road and join the road up to Minions. After passing the King Doniert's Stone on your right, look for the next junction on the left which is where you must take care as this is the access road. Follow this to the lake.




Now, this is where it hits your pocket. And keep your ticket, just in case there's a hiccup with the charging system: Up to 1 hour – £2.00, Up to 3 hours – £3.00, All Day – £6.00.

But if you intend to visit the lake regularly it's well worth becoming a friend of SW Lakes Trust www.swlakestrust.org.uk/friends £35.00 covers you for an entire year.



Even if you don't fancy doing the walk, around the parking area there are a number of amenities to enjoy, like the play area where you can tire your kids out!



There is also the Olive & Co Café www.olivecocafe.com if you fancy a brew before and or after the walk, or while the kids are playing.




Not far from the café there's a dedicated fenced dog exercise area.

**Just stroll over to Page 19**

DOBWALLS SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB
Dobwalls Memorial Hall

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Now, for the walk itself. As this is a circular walk it doesn't matter which direction you take as you will end up at the same place! The path is always in good condition, as the picture shows, and it's easy to follow.

Highlights of the walk are the views around the lake, and there are plenty of benches and picnic tables where you can take time to enjoy them.








When you get to the Nature Reserve it's worth keeping an eye out for the bird-watch cabin.



Once you finish the walk, head back to Dobwalls and perhaps pop into The Highwayman. If you've driven, you can leave your car there and head in for a couple of post walk drinks.

As usual, mine's a pint of Guinness. Be safe and please remember to respect the Countryside Code. It would be great to get your feedback on the walks and the state of our Public Rights of Way. If you have any suggestions for future routes, inside or outside Dobwalls Parish, then just email The Villager editor **michaelgtaylor@yahoo.com**




***Sean*, the parish council's unofficial perambulating person**

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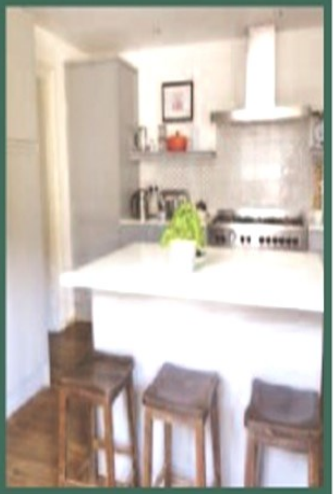
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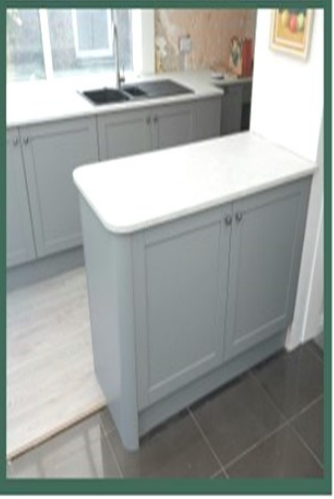
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# Proper Cornish Cream Teas



THERE'S nothing quite like a nice Cream Tea on a summer's afternoon and the perfect place to enjoy one is in the friendly atmosphere of the hall at Dobwalls United Church. The very popular combination of scone, jam and cream-in the right order of course-is served up on the third Saturday of the month at 2.30pm. It's £5 a head in aid of church funds.

The church senior steward Dave Merry reflects on a very busy time getting ready for and celebrating Easter: "The preparations ran right through the Lent period and ended with visits from Dobwalls Nursery and Primary School. The nursery children took part in a playlet about the Entry into Jerusalem, led by members of the Open the Book team from St Martin's Church in Liskeard, including a very popular donkey costume! The primary school students took part in a short service led by Rev Mark Wade and several certificates were presented. The church was represented at the Parade of Witness in Liskeard on Good Friday."

There are services in the church on Sundays at 9.30am. The 1st and 2nd Sundays are Anglican, the 3rd Sunday is at one of the six churches in the small local cluster, generally beginning at 10.00am. The 4th Sunday is a Methodist service. When there is a fifth Sunday in the month a short informal service is held at 9.15am, followed by a 10.30 service at St Martin's ++++++++++++++++++++++



# NEWS *from* Dobwalls Into Gardening





Caroline Stone has a national plant collection of Peonies in Cornwall and recently gave us a very interesting talk and slide presentation on the different varieties of Peonies, two of which are shown here.



Richard and Leigh Woods brought along some plants for members to buy.

They talked about poisons in the garden – although flowering plants like nasturtiums are edible, it was amazing to hear how many common plants could cause you harm if used in the kitchen.

***Meetings are held at Dobwalls United Church Hall, generally on the first Monday of each month but do vary for arranged visits or to avoid public holidays. For up to date information, search for our Facebook page 'Dobwalls Into Gardening Community' or phone 01579 326158.***

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# Party on The Pitch!

JOEY THE LIPS, described as the country's funkiest 10 piece band, is back at Dobwalls Football Club on Saturday, June 20, to throw another big "Party on The Pitch" in aid of club funds. The band went down a storm at last year's party and is promising more of the same this year.




The gates open at 6.30pm and, apart from the music, there are bars and plenty of food. The £15 tickets are available from:
Patrick Mutton paddychair@51outlook.com or 07552205007
and John Blake johnblake@jefferys.uk.com or 07721689380
or any other committee member.



**Dancing the night away at last year's Party on The Pitch**

The football ground is also hosting the Dobwalls Charity Beer & Cider Festival on Friday and Saturday, July 17 and 18, from 12.00noon both days. Entry is free.

During the summer months the club will be working on ground maintenance. John Blake says: "We would welcome help from anyone. We are usually at the ground on Tuesday mornings and will provide tea, coffee, biscuits and sometimes some cake! Any help would be greatly appreciated."




## Discover a unique, farm wedding venue near Dobwalls, Liskeard

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BRIDLE & GROOM

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# PRAISE FOR "THE VILLAGER" PARISH MAGAZINE

CORNWALL Councillor Jane Pascoe was at the meeting of the South East Cornwall Community Area Partnership in East Taphouse. It was well attended and representatives from the 29 parishes, including Dobwalls, swapped copies of parish magazines and newsletters.
Jane says: "They discussed how helpful these publications are in informing and connecting with residents. I would like to thank the editor Cllr Michael Taylor and his hardworking team of volunteers for producing and delivering The Villager. It shone out as an excellent example."

Cornwall Council voted unanimously to pause starting the use of chemical weed treatment until proper public consultation is carried out. Jane comments that the council debate was not only about the use of the chemical substance Glyphosate: "It was also about the way the parish councils were given short notice of what was going to happen and this was after they had already set their budgets for the next financial year. Your views on how to deal with the weeds causing deterioration of the pavements and kerbs in the village and parish of Dobwalls will be welcome."



Jane in the Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field

Jane is asking people to give their backing to the numerous events which will be held over the summer months: "Almost all of them are run by volunteers in aid of local charitable organisations. We can thank and support these kind people by attending the events and at the same time enjoying a get together with our local community. Look out for the Dobwalls Beer & Cider Festival and other events.

"Finally, as another year in the council calendar comes to a close I would like to thank Dobwalls parish councillors for their support and their dedication to the parish. All of them are volunteers, giving up their time graciously, to represent the best interests of the residents, and often it is necessary to make unpopular and difficult decisions. It is a privilege to work with them and I am confident the parish is in the safe hands of the chair Cllr Tracey Kitto, her team of councillors and the parish clerk."

Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe
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| 15th August | RHS Rosemoor Garden Flower Show |
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| **21st-25th Sept** | **Autumn Tour - Oxford & The Cotswolds** |
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# We Need Your Help!




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**villageradvertisers@dobwallspc.org.uk**

**or ring 07870 464 208**

**Dobwalls Parish Council**





**Early Summer in the Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field. It's worth a visit!**

**Photo montage by Doreen Clark, The Villager editorial team member**

# The Young are the Future of our Music

DO YOU know anyone between the ages of five and 12 who might fancy a free go on the drums or a blow on a bugle before they decide they'd like to stick with it?

St Pinnock Brass Band is offering taster sessions. Tim Whitehead, the band's resident conductor and manager, explains: "We are developing a School of Brass and Percussion and have a vibrant Youth Band of 17 children. Recently we started a Drum School to run alongside the Youth Band and we already have 15 children attending these classes.

"Children don't have to buy an instrument to start with as the band provides all the equipment. The children can come along for a taster session and to learn what's involved before making any commitment to join.



The Youth Band leads the way at Looe Flora in 2025

"The School of Brass and Percussion, the Youth Band and the Drum School are the main focus of our whole organisation."

2026 is the band's 160th birthday — and what a year it's proving to be! Last November under its professional conductor Richard Marshall (principal cornet of The Black Dyke Band) the band became 2nd section champions of the South West Brass Band Association. Then in March this year, it became West of England Champions of the 3rd Section, under guest conductor Helen Varley (solo horn Grimethorpe Colliery Band), qualifying for the National Finals at the Barbican Theatre in York on September 20 this year.

The Youth Band meets once a week on a Monday evening at the St Pinnock Band Community Hall at East Taphouse, under the tutelage of Jane Whitehead with the support of Tim Whitehead, Kath Horsley and Liz Trinder. The Drum School starts immediately after the Youth Band.

Contact the band at saintpinnockband@gmail.com and look it up on Facebook — St Pinnock Brass Band.

# WOULD YOU LIKE THE CORNWALL HOSPICE POP-UP STALL AT YOUR EVENT?

CORNWALL Hospice is a Cornish charity which provides specialist end-of-life care for adults across the county, supporting people and their families when they need it most. Shannon Lenton is a new Community Engagement Ambassador for the charity and is keen to build stronger connections with communities the length and breadth of the county.

Shannon says: “I’m particularly interested in finding opportunities to get more involved locally, whether that’s through community events, fairs or other gatherings. We’d love to attend with pop-up stalls, bringing along a selection of items from our charity shops, as well as sharing more about what we do and raising awareness of the services we provide.”

Here’s how to contact Shannon:

**Mobile:** 07980 932389 **Phone:** 01726 839557
**Website:** www.cornwallhospice.org
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## Doesn't time fly when you're enjoying yourself

COUNCILLOR Tracey Kitto has just finished her first year as chair of Dobwalls Parish Council, after many years as vice-chair.

Tracey says: "Well what a twelve months that has been - and it went so fast.



"I would like to say a big 'thank you' for the support I have received in this role from my fellow parish councillors, our clerk Laura Storey and Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe.

"Also thanks go to the volunteer team who put The Villager magazine together and a special thanks to the many residents who help deliver it to your homes in the parish.

"I have been a parish councillor now for 11 years and have found the role very enjoyable. It has many interesting and different facets when it comes to making decisions regarding the parish of Dobwalls."

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## Dobwalls Short Matters buck the trend

No one would claim short mat bowls is a growing sport, as across the whole of Cornwall it seems it may well be in decline. However, Dobwalls Short Mat Bowls Club has weathered the storm and retained its numbers. It has between 20 and 25 members and most of them bowl on a regular basis.

It's a sport in which men and women can compete on equal terms and do so at club level. And, above all, the club tries to preserve a friendly atmosphere, with everyone given a chance to play in the teams.

If you would like to come along and give it a go you would be very welcome. You can try it for free for your first three visits. After that, membership costs just £15 a year and £3 for an evening playing. For club contact numbers, just turn to Page 18.





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THIS life-saving defibrillator outside Dobwalls Memorial Hall was vandalised when the door was prised open. Fortunately, the defibrillator itself was not damaged and was still working.

This comment from one angry villager:

“How would the vandal or vandals feel if the damage caused was sufficient to render the machine unusable and someone, whose life could have been saved, died?

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## Dobwalls Parish Council www.dobwallspc.org.uk

ALL parish council meetings are open to the public. The agendas are posted on the council website and are also on the council notice board in the village. You can attend the meetings and speak.
The monthly meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday of the month in Dobwalls United Church hall, starting at **6.30pm.** The next two meeting are on **June 17** and **July 15.** There is no scheduled meeting in August. You can contact the clerk Laura Storey at **clerk@dobwallspc.org.uk** or write to her at PO Box 82 , Looe, PL13 9DG
To contact any of the parish councillors or your Cornwall Council representative see page 21.

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**IF ANYONE has concerns about anti-social behaviour and vandalism, they can contact Cornwall Council and Devon and Cornwall Police which both have anti-social behaviour teams.**

**Their advice is to keep a diary of incidents. Evidence from CCTV, video and other recordings can help the council or police tackle any problems raised.**

**Just search "anti-social behaviour" and add "Cornwall Council" or "Devon and Cornwall Police" to find out more.**

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