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CHRISTMAS 2021



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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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AND A GREAT 2022



# DING DONG MERRILY....

AND WELCOME to the Christmas 2021 and Winter edition of your Dobwalls Parish magazine THE VILLAGER.

In this edition we feature two schools—the village school and Sheila's School of Dancing—two important parts of the parish community.

As for the village school, there's what you could arguably call "nine of the best" of pupils' Christmas cards, in no particular order, something from the headteacher and a bit about what's inside the school's amazing Covid Time Capsule which was buried recently. Watch out for the poem!

And we've got Christmas messages from Andy and Steve, that's Andy on the right and Steve pops up later.

Matt Exall introduces himself as the latest person brave enough to join the parish council.

And, there's initial reaction to the planning appeal decision on the field opposite the school and the latest on the parish's open space project. Christmas Greetings

*Villager editor Michael Taylor*

*The front page photo and mini pictures inside are from the Dobwalls United Church Christmas displays two years ago. The Drone pictures and snow photographs are by Cllr Brian Clark.*



Happy  
New  
Year



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL METHODIST MINISTER

AT THE suggestion of a friend, I recently did an online questionnaire that claimed to tell me what I am worth. It asked for things like my age, height, education, health etc, which were fine. However, when I admitted that I have more fillings than a sandwich shop and am left handed... well let's just say that investments can go down as well as up!

That questionnaire placed a value on me, based on what someone else thinks is valuable and attractive. However, as I grow older and less athletic my value would decline accordingly – until like the Beatles I'll be asking: 'Will



you still want me, will you still love me, when I'm 64?'

It seems that so often we find our value in what others think of us, how we compare with those around us. Television programmes like Bargain Hunt, Cash in the Attic and Antiques Roadshow and the National Lottery all tell us that we can be worth more, we just need to be 'in it to win it'.

The theory then goes that if others value us less, we are worth less. It hurts when we feel that we do not get what we should, or that others are not treated fairly.

Having made us, God knows us, all our good and bad bits and unlike us and unlike others, He knows our true worth. In His eyes, we are worth everything to him, like the parent who gives all they have to find their lost child, like the friend who never gives up or goes away.

Christmas is that moment in time where God sends His Son to reveal to us our true worth. The Son who would grow up to teach us about the Father's love and went to the cross for us. Why? In the words of one advert, 'because we are worth it'.

In that stable, we see our great worth in God's eyes revealed, a value that can neither go up nor go down, because we are worth everything to Him.

We sometimes need reminding that 'we are worth it'.

Well guess what? You are worth it.

Every Blessing this Christmas,

Andy Day



# YOUR NEWEST PARISH COUNCILLOR

Matt Exall is the latest person to join the parish council. He was recently co-opted and brings the number of councillors up to eight. There is still one vacancy.

Hi. I run Glendale Boarding Kennels & Cattery, down in the valley opposite Moorswater. I have lived in the area since 1988 when my family moved down from Hampshire and bought the farm. The kennels were opened about two years after in 1990 and have been going ever since.



I went to school in Liskeard until 1994 and then disappeared off travelling and working abroad and up country until about 2010, when I moved back home to take over the family business and help with the up-keep of the property. I like to get out and about, when I can get away, either Kayaking, swimming or catching up with old friends scattered around the county of Cornwall now.

I have been threatening to join the council for a number of years and figured now was a good time to get involved with village and parish affairs.

I feel I may have a bit to offer and, now I know a fair few folks around the area, I would like to help out if I can, as well as offer my opinion on some of the issues that come up.

I hope to get to know more people as time goes on.





Merry Christmas

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CHRISTMAS CARDS BY PUPILS OF THE VILLAGE SCHOOL



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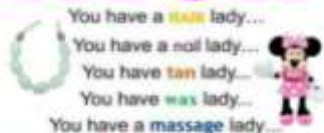
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# CHRISTMAS DANCE SPECTACULAR

THE THEME for this year's Sheila's School of Dancing Christmas Show is a colourful "80's & 90's Retro Party" All the children from the school's Looe and Dobwalls classes will be taking part. That's more than 85 dancers, from three years old up to 18.

The show will open with the whole school dancing, followed by the dance routines from each class, all choreographed by Sheila Brock and her team.



And then there's the grande finale, with the whole school taking to the stage.

The mums of the dancers help out behind the scenes with the costumes, hair and make-up.

The show is on December 10 &

11 at Tencreek Holiday Park, starting at 7.00pm. At least 150 people are expected to attend each performance. Tickets are available from Sheila on 07866771429 or [sheiladancing12@gmail.com](mailto:sheiladancing12@gmail.com) £5.50 for adults and £4.00 for children. There's a licenced bar and bar food.

The school's chosen charity this year is the RNLI Lifeboat Appeal to replace Looe's D class inshore lifeboat Ollie Naismith with a new one to be named Ollie Naismith II.

The classes in Dobwalls are on Wednesday evenings in the clubhouse at Dobwalls Football Club—4.30-5.15 pm for Rainbows, three to seven years old, and 5.30-6.30 pm, older children and young teenagers.



## **Dates for your Diary over the next Three Months**

### **December 2021**

- Sat 4 1.00pm-3.00pm Bacon Butties and Buns DUC hall
- Sat 11 10.00am-3.00pm Craft Fair DMH
- Sun 19 9.30am Nine Lessons and Carols Service DUC  
4.00pm Family Dress Up Nativity Service  
(Costumes provided) DUC
- Fri 24 8.00pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service led by  
Rev Andy Day
- Sat 25 10.00am Christmas Day Service
- Sun 26 No service at DUC

### **January 2022**

- Sun 2 No service at DUC
- Sun 9 10.00am-3.00pm Table Top Sale DMH
- Wed 12 10.00am-11.30am Coffee Morning for Christian Aid DUC hall
- Sat 22 10.00am-3.00pm Craft Fair DMH
- Sat 29 1.00pm-3.00pm Bacon Butties and Buns DUC hall.

### **February 2022**

- Sat 12 10.00am-3.00pm Craft Fair DMH
- Sat 19 1.00pm-3.00pm Bacon Butties and Buns DUC hall
- Sun 20 10.00am-3.00pm Table Top Sale DMH

These diary dates may change.

DUC = Dobwalls United Church

DMH = Dobwalls Memorial Hall



## **Regular Club Meetings and Activities**

### **Sunday**

9.30am Morning Service DUC

7.30pm-10.00pm Short Mat Bowls DMH

### **Monday**

Nothing for Monday at the moment

### **Tuesday**

10.00am-11.00am Keep Fit with Denise Bond DMH

6.15pm-7.30pm Boogie Bounce Class DMH

### **Wednesday**

10.00am-11.00am Gentle Aerobics with Sam Holman DMH

11.30am-12.30pm Pilates with Sam Holman DMH

5.30pm & 7.00pm Slimming World DMH

### **Thursday**

9.30am Slimming World DMH

2.00pm Knit and Knatter Alternate weeks DUC hall

6.00pm-7.00pm Power hoop with Jayne Martin DMH

7.30pm-10.00pm Short Mat Bowls DMH

### **Friday**

10.00am-11.00am Keep Fit with Denise Bond DMH

6.00pm-7.30pm Clubbercise with Lisa Maunder DMH

### **Saturday**

6.00pm-9.00pm Hall Bingo every third Saturday of the month DMH

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# HOMES IN FIELD OPPOSITE DOBWALLS SCHOOL GET THE GO-AHEAD

DOBWALLS Parish Council has expressed its “disappointment” at the decision by a planning inspector to give permission for residential development in the field across the road from the primary school.

The inspector has allowed an appeal against Cornwall Council’s refusal of an outline application for an affordable-led housing scheme of 24 properties on the land.

The parish council had strongly objected to the proposal on valid planning policy grounds.

The council chairman Cllr John Dunn says: “Obviously we are extremely disappointed by the decision because we did not consider the proposal was suitable or appropriate for that site or the village.”



But Cllr Dunn was unable to elaborate further as he says he could not give any detailed reaction until the appeal decision has been discussed by the parish council. The monthly council meeting at which the decision has been considered didn’t take place until after this edition of The Villager had gone to the printers, so we are unable to report the outcome.

However, by the time you read this the council and the Liskeard South and Dobwalls Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe will have given their views and the parish council’s response to the planning inspector’s decision will be on the council’s website [www.dobwallspc.org.uk](http://www.dobwallspc.org.uk)

## A VAST FOREST OF TREES AND LOTS MORE IN THE PARISH OPEN SPACE

A FOREST of more than 1,100 trees is part of the plan for the open space to be created by the parish council on the edge of Dobwalls village.

The council is buying two fields—one for the use of the football club and the other to provide an area for the local community to enjoy.

Council chair John Dunn is excited about what might be achieved in the open space field: “We are looking at approximately 1200 trees which includes a forest of more than 1,100 trees. The grass will be cut so planting can get under way.

“We’re also creating a small memorial area where people who have lost loved ones can place a plaque in front of a tree. The open space will also have an orchard which we hope will include some Cornish varieties of apples.

“And we’re hoping to enlist the expertise of the Lost Gardens of Heligan to



create a large wild flower meadow to attract bees and insects.”

The remaining area will provide somewhere for people to sit and relax or to watch their children play, with some benches and a couple of picnic tables, and it could also be used to host parish and village events.

The other field will be developed and co-ordinated by the trustees of the football club and will be funded from grants secured from various sources. The field will provide a number of additional sports pitches. Once they are ready, anyone wishing to use them can contact the football club to find out how to go about making use of the facilities.

(The purchase of the fields has been progressing in recent weeks)

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## **THIS AND THAT**.....

Dobwalls Girls' Brigade is looking forward to restarting its fun evenings early next year. It's for girls aged five and over. If you'd like to find out more just contact Wendy on 01579 320233.....

The "Monday Monkeys" toddler group hasn't met since March last year but hopes to be able to get things started in the Spring, so keep an eye out for updates on the Monday Monkeys Facebook page.

The group is for children from newborn to four (pre-school) and their mums, dads, carers etc and will meet in the church hall on Mondays from 1.00pm to 3.00pm .

The group was started by the late Linda Feek and some of her friends are keen to see the activity continuing. The helpers are always on the look out for new people to join them and perhaps take over the helm from those who are "not getting any younger" and have other commitments too.

If you want to find out more, why not give Sarah a ring in the New Year on 07967 049707.....

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***Kathryn writes:*** "I'm very proud to have become the headteacher in February this year. Having grown up locally, it's delightful to be back in the area once again.

I am fortunate to be working with an amazing team of staff and such super children who are caring, kind and eager to learn. I look forward to meeting more people in the community.

At the moment, I'm looking for anyone in the community who may be interested in helping us with a gardening area.

We hold monthly coffee mornings for parents on the second week of each month from 9am to 10am, although the day in the week changes each month. The next one is Monday 13th December. Everyone's welcome. Just bring a re-usable cup if you can!"

The dates early next year are: January 14, February 9 and March 8.

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## SCHOOL COVID TIME CAPSULE—OPEN IN 20 YEARS!



THE CHILDREN of Dobwalls Primary School have buried a Covid time capsule to recognise the strange times we have all lived through in the last 18 months. It's a significant period in history the pupils felt should be marked. Each class created a page for the capsule including memories, poems and more.

Headteacher Kathryn Pipe says: "The school council has done a super job at burying it underground and we have asked for it to be uncovered in 20 years' time. We all hope Covid will be a distant memory by then!"



There are seven pages in the capsule and a letter from the head explaining what life was like in the school during this unique period.

The school council is made up of ten pupils who were democratically voted in by the rest of the pupils at the beginning of the school year.

They are: Chair Lowenna, secretary Toby and treasurers Joshua and Isabella. The other members are: Arlo, Eseld, India, Noah, Daisy and Bill.



## *THE COVID TIME CAPSULE POEM BY YEAR 4*

2021 what a strange year, everyone's been living in fear.

We didn't know what would happen, we had no idea.

In January we came to school just for one day,

But our teachers made sure we didn't lose our way.

Suddenly I was a home schooler, I didn't think life could get any cooler.

But with lessons online I struggled with concentration,

Now we were in isolation. No parties, no school, no pubs at all.

Must sanitise, limited exercise.

Thursday clap for carers, daily mask wearers.

Social distancing, sanity missing.

Lockdown life was scary, people were getting hairy.

Dad's grown a beard, so much hair you can't see his ears.

We are coming out of the Covid cloud, we should be very proud.

Adults have to get a jab from the emergency lab.

Rules are more relaxed as Covid will collapse.

Life can carry on, now it's nearly gone.





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## CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS FROM YOUR CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

IT IS an extremely challenging time for us all as we approach the winter season. COVID 19 is still amongst us, many people are still working from home and others may be without employment. Despite the hardship, I have been amazed by the kindness, resilience and determination of the parishioners of Dobwalls throughout this difficult period.

The Climate Emergency is another massive challenge and I know that together in Dobwalls we can help tackle the problem. In my small way I have taken steps to decrease my carbon footprint and I do believe that if we all make changes to our daily tasks we can help to make a difference.

Your parish councillors have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic and I want to thank the chair John Dunn, the clerk Linda Coles and the other councillors for their continued support and dedication to Dobwalls and Doublebois.

I am very aware that there are many older properties in our rural areas which are more difficult to heat. They are sometimes occupied by elderly people who find it difficult to keep warm and are often too proud to ask for help. This year the new Household Support Fund will provide a lifeline for those at risk and struggling to meet the increased fuel costs.

The fund will run over the winter and those who need support should contact their local council. Please help keep our community to stay safe and warm this winter and look out for our elderly neighbours.

At this time of year my thoughts and thanks go out to all those who have quietly and efficiently looked after us in our daily lives throughout the pandemic and who will also work over the Christmas period—the shop assistants, nurses, transport workers, many others and our hard-working refuse collectors who have recently topped the table as the most efficient rubbish disposal service in the whole country. Well done to them!

I send my warmest wishes to you all for a peaceful and happy Christmas. Hopefully this year we can enjoy some time with our families and friends.



Cllr Jane Pascoe

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## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL VICAR

WHAT'S YOUR favourite thing about Christmas? For me it's a toss up between tinsel, sausage rolls, fairy lights and Jesus. I'm a vicar so I guess the answer really ought to be Jesus! It is, but I do love the razzmatazz and colour of Christmas. Maybe for you the best thing is family and friends coming to visit. People journey from across the

country – across the world – to see each other for a few special days.

The more I think about it, I think I just love everything about Christmas! I love the journeys, the presents, welcoming visitors and all the celebrations that surround the birth of Jesus. This kind of fits, as right back at the start Mary made a journey, the wise men gave presents and the family welcomed the shepherds into their stable for the first ever Christmas party.



Christmas is the best party ever – it was the original illegal garage rave, although this one happened to be in a barn. Herod the king was not at all happy about this party and tried to stop it, but he failed, and it's been going on for over 2000 years now. What a party! 2000 years of constant celebration that goes nuts at Christmas. What's this party about? Why are we celebrating Jesus being born? It's because God became one of us at Christmas. Jesus is God downloaded and he is here to stay and wants to invite everyone to his party – and when you know him – it's a party every day!

Happy Christmas!

*Steve Morgan*





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The best thing about Slimming World is you can still eat your favourite foods every day - in my case crisps and chocolate. I've tried many different diet plans over the years but Slimming World has worked wonders for me.





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[www.dobwallspc.org.uk](http://www.dobwallspc.org.uk)

You can come to parish council meetings and speak  
You can attend any council meeting and raise an issue or talk about an item on the agenda which is posted on the council website and the council notice board in the village.

The regular monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month and normally start at 6.30pm.

The venue at the moment is the clubhouse at Dobwalls Football Club and the dates for the next three meetings are:

December 15, January 19 & February 16

If you have an issue you feel the council should know about then contact one of the councillors or the parish clerk Linda Coles.  
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