#### IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!

# The VII Lager Christmas 2022 Welcome to this special Yuletide edition of your parish magazine



Here's a selection of the Christmas cards made by pupils of Dobwalls Primary School. Lots of imagination involved!

And, inside, Dobwalls has a "warm space" for local people





Also inside, how the village and parish marked the passing of Queen Elizabeth and the Accession to the Throne of King Charles III

The Beer & Cider Festival has raised almost £25,000!!





Local historian

Adrian Wilton talks about panto time almost 100 years ago - and sets a challenge for next Christmas



Dobwalls Parish Council wishes everyone in the village and parish a lovely Christmas and New Year and All the Best for 2023 - Stay safe and warm



# THE VILLAGER CHRISTMAS 2022 BEST WISHES ONE AND ALL



Hello, and welcome

to the Christmas/Winter edition of your magazine. There's lots inside including, apart from what's mentioned on the front cover, - more school news, Christmas messages, some very special daffodils, Monday Monkeys is back, the importance of bingo to the Memorial Hall, What's On at the hall, Dobwalls United Church and Dobwalls Football Club and Sean Jackson sets out on a walk round Dobwalls village, perhaps an ideal, relatively easy stroll around Christmas time. And, below, great news that the Dobwalls and Trewidland Neighbourhood Development Plan has reached a crucial stage.

The editorial team of The Villager wish all our readers a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and Good Luck for the Year 2023. Editor, Michael Taylor.









THE Dobwalls and Trewidland Neighbourhood Development Plan has been submitted to Cornwall Council by Dobwalls Parish Council. Cornwall Council will now carry out a thorough check of all the documents before a six-week public consultation on the proposals. Everyone in the area of the former Dobwalls and Trewidland Parish, statutory bodies and local organisations

can comment. The final version of the documents approved by Cornwall Council will go to an independent planning examiner. If they require any changes, these will be made before the plan is put to a Referendum. Everyone on the Electoral Register in the area of the old Dobwalls and Trewidland Parish can vote. Only if a majority supports the plan will it be adopted by Corn-



wall Council and become part of the official planning policy for the area covered by the plan - all of Dobwalls Parish and the Trewidland ward of the new St Keyne and Trewidland Parish. The plan co-ordinator Mhairi Mackie says: "It has been a very long haul for all those who have been a part of the plan steering group, several years, to get to this point. Parish boundary changes and Covid-19 have not helped, but we hope that everyone who has contributed to the process can feel that we have worked towards something valuable in setting out the ambitions for the future of the Dobwalls and Trewidland areas and their communities."

#### DOBWALLS WARM SPACE

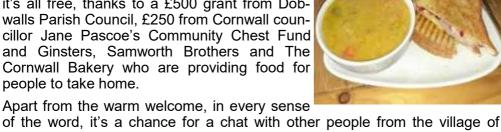
DOBWALLS Warm Space is all about community, caring and companionship. We are all being hit by the cost-of-living crisis, some more than others. Everything is going up - in particular the cost of feeding ourselves and heating our homes.

So, wouldn't it be nice, once a week, to be able to go somewhere warm, with a warm welcome and something warm to eat and drink?

That's exactly what's happening in Dobwalls United Church hall, starting on Tuesday, November 15, and every following Tuesday, from 11.00am to

3.00pm, up until December 20. Dates after that will be announced later, depending on the use of the warm space during its first six weeks.

The refreshments include piping hot soup and a roll, tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits. And it's all free, thanks to a £500 grant from Dobwalls Parish Council, £250 from Cornwall councillor Jane Pascoe's Community Chest Fund and Ginsters, Samworth Brothers and The Cornwall Bakery who are providing food for people to take home.



of the word, it's a chance for a chat with other people from the village of Dobwalls and the surrounding area. There'll be newspapers and magazines to read and board games to play. And, in the run-up to Christmas, a chance to enjoy the decorations in the church.

It's very clear the cost-of-living crisis is hitting some much harder than others, so this "warm space" is for those who feel they could really do with a "warm up" and, at the same time, hopefully save on their food and heating costs at home.

One of the people organising the Dobwalls Warm Space says: "We just want to reach out to anyone who might be looking for some warmth and comfort.

"This is not about offering sympathy, it's about showing empathy, understanding what you're feeling and going through. We're all in this together so there will be no pre-judging and no need to feel embarrassed or ashamed to pop along."

Gateshead Council started "warm spaces" and the Methodist Church has adopted the idea to help people during the winter months.



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#### A Christmas Message from Liskeard Parish Church Rector Rev Steve Morgan, whose "patch" includes Dobwalls United Church

HERE'S a quote from Nelson Mandela - "In my country we go to prison first and then become President."

I once spent a day in Dorchester Prison as a guest of the chaplain – just before it closed down. I've worked inside a number of prisons before and, as a visitor, I knew that I could play my get out of jail free card whenever I wanted to but, even so, the experience was still daunting. It was the entrance to the prison that did it - it always does. You walk through a small doorway into an enclosed area about the size of two double garages – just big enough to take a prison van. This door is then firmly locked behind you. After the inevitable security check, the door at the other end is opened and you can enter the prison itself. The system is designed to the prevent anyone taking the opportunity to escape whilst a door to the outside world is open, but what it also does is to emphasise the difference between the outside world

and the other world behind the iron gates.



Once inside, the overwhelming feeling is that of control. You move amongst people whose lives are controlled day and night, governed by rules enforced by the prison officers. Most of the inmates at Dorchester were convicted criminals, but many were on remand. They were still innocent – yet they had to follow the same rules as those convicted. They were even told what underwear they have to wear.

It was a very different world to the one that we all inhabit – a world of freedom and choice. We can decide to go down to the shops for a newspaper or to go out on a Saturday night.

Prisoners can't do this. I think this must be the hardest part of being in prison – having your freedom taken away. I can't imagine anything worse really – can you?

We eventually went into the chapel for a communion service. We had to go through the same double door procedure to get into the chapel – one door locked behind us before the chapel was opened up in front of us. It was quite a strange start to a church service and one that definitely reminded you that you were still in a prison. But as the service progressed, I found myself forgetting where I was. The familiarity of the words and the worship of a God who cannot be contained lifted all of our spirits up and out of the prison.

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The prophet Isaiah spoke of Jesus as the one who will bring good news to the poor and proclaim liberty and release to captives. This doesn't mean that Jesus will come along as a kind of supernatural jail breaker and empty the nation's prisons, but rather that he can and will release us, all of us, from the things that hold us to ransom - the things that imprison us. Being in jail curtails every aspect of your freedom, but so too does being in debt or suffering illness, stress or depression. I am sure most of us know people imprisoned in this way, or trapped in a cycle of unforgiveness and bitterness.

Christmas time reminds us that Jesus went far out of his way to bring release and hope to those who had none. I hope we can follow his example and bring good news and hope to those around us, as well as learning to accept it ourselves.

The chaplain of a prison in Leicester tells the story of one particular Christmas Day. He was walking towards a cell block when he heard, in the distance, the bells of the parish church ringing for the Christmas Day service. When he got to the cell block, he found a young man sitting against the wall of his cell. The chaplain sat on the other side of the cell, not saying anything. Eventually, the prisoner asked: 'What are you doing here?' The chaplain replied: 'I am sad that you are here on this particular day.' The chaplain staved and talked, and when he had been there for over an hour and a half the young man - who it turned out had a serious drug problem - stood up with a sense of dignity and shook the chaplain's hand.

As the chaplain returned to his study, the bells were ringing again to mark the end of the Christmas Day service. He thought about all that would be going on in the church - the people, the hats and scarves, children singing carols and so on. How different from the grey world he was standing in. The chaplain thought to himself: 'It would have been lovely to have celebrated Christmas properly.' A still small voice said to him: 'But you have.'

And, from Steve, just for fun, it's the Father Christmas identification parade!







#### BRIDLE & GROOM WEDDINGS Love Naturally!

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#### OH NO THEY DIDN'T-OH YES THEY DID!

A LONG, long time ago a pantomime was part of almost every village and parish life. No more. But here, Dobwalls resident and historian Adrian Wilton, recounts what happened almost 100 years ago-and challenges us all to revive the tradition next Christmas and New Year:

Many Christmases ago, before televisions, laptops and iPhones, self-entertainment was the order of the day. To this end, in 1925 the combined members of St Peter's (Anglican) Church and Dobwalls Methodist Church, which I suspect consisted of most of the inhabitants of Dobwalls which was a small village then, plus many from Doublebois and the surrounding farms and other parts of the parish, decided to put on a show-come-pantomime, the proceeds to go to the National Children's Home and Orphanage.

The name of the show was "Pearl the Fishermaid". As we know, there was no Dobwalls Memorial Hall until the 1950s, so a venue had to be found. They were fortunately made very welcome at the music room at Doublebois



House, a magnificent Victorian Gothic-style Manor House. It was built in 1883 and extended in 1896 for the then Vicar of St Neot, George Hermon. He then built his personal theatre to the right of the house.

also known as the music room.

The house is now divided into separate wings and the music room, which I am pleased to say has been lovingly restored, is now part of the Hoburne holiday complex, serving as a gym under the old stage and a games room in the rest of the building.

Just as a matter of interest, during the

Second World War the whole of the Doublebois Estate was requisitioned by the War Office and hundreds of American troops were stationed there prior to D-Day. **TURN OVER NOW** 

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#### Here's the caption for the photograph below:

Back row - Nellie Pearn, Norman Ede, Eva Doney, George Bunney, Len Tozer,
Jack Doney, Russell Opie, Jim Govett, Mr. Young.

Middle Row - Meta Allen, Florrie Rawlings, Olive Martin, Fred Allen,
Muriel Philp, Albert Allen, Elife Hodge, Inez Bunt, Maud Cory?

Front Row - Fred Wilton, Olive Short, Edith Short, Winnie Snowden, Doll Ede,
Cecil Giles, Lil Nicholls, Doris Ede, Dick Rowe, Phyllis Mitchell,
Fred Snowden, Kathleen Govett, Jack Pearce.



Adri-

an adds: When you look at this picture, like me, you have just got to be in awe of the wonderful costumes, scenery and make-up and the sheer number and varied age groups taking part.

We are extremely lucky to have the names of most of those taking part. (There are 35 people in the photo, but only 31 names in the caption) I hope some of our readers will recognise not only many of the old Dobwalls names but, maybe, grandparents, aunties, uncles, cousins etc.

I am especially grateful to my great, long-standing friend Mike Wilton, for his help with the photo. It's his dad, Fred, in the bottom left corner.

So, there you are folks, food for thought for Christmas and New Year 2023/24. Have we any budding script writers, directors, actors, costume makers, scenery constructors and make-up artists lurking in this wonderful village and parish of Dobwalls?

Could we put on something special - and help one of our great charities?



As mentioned in the last Villager, Carnglaze Slate Caverns have new owners, Tony and Lisa, who now run this amazing venue with family members James, Nicky and Charlie.

We would all like to send out a very big "Thank You" to all those lovely people who have already made us feel so welcome here, with genuine offers of support and guidance, and packets of Cornish Fairings — we do like biscuits! We feel particularly lucky and honoured to be taking on the responsibility of the Caverns and we promise that we will do our best to be good caretakers of this magical place.

We are planning to do a bit of re-modelling over the winter, updating some of the infrastructure and making some space for a proper café and outside bar. We will remain open for weddings, events and concerts, but we will be closed for self-guided tours until February.

Regarding our commitment to the music scene, we are thrilled to be hosting Mad Dog Mcrae here again in December - and it is already a sold-out gig! Behind the scenes, Tony is working tirelessly to get some great bands booked in for us next year and we'll keep you up-dated with news as and when we can.

We look forward to welcoming you here at Carnglaze soon. With best wishes from us all.





#### DOBWALLS WILL HAVE HOSTS OF GOLDEN DAFFODILS

VOLUNTEERS from the Marie Curie charity chose Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field as their last location in the Liskeard area for planting daffodil bulbs this season.

Members of the Liskeard and District Marie Curie Fund Raising Group have been digging away and planting thousands of bulbs at numerous sites and they finshed their efforts by planting hundreds in the community field. A couple of extra spades came in handy, wielded by the chairman of Dobwalls

Parish Council Councillor John Dunn and council member Michael Taylor.

The charity's "Fields of Hope" are areas of daffodils which provide a special place to reflect, for those who have had their own personal experience of terminal illness, to remember a loved one.

The Dobwalls daffodils are a large trumpet variety which do not fully bloom in their first year but have more flowers from the second year.



Volunteers from Marie Curie planting bulbs in the community field

These bulbs - four massive sacks of them - were kindly donated by Rowe Farming of Camborne.

Much as the planters tried, they couldn't quite plant all the bulbs in the community field, so the leftovers will be popping up at the primary school and in the border of the public car park in the village.

Marie Curie provides end-of-life care and support for those with any terminal illness and their families. The parish council has donated £150 to the charity, which last year cared for 40,000 patients across the United Kingdom.



#### A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM DOBWALLS UNITED CHURCH

"IT'S THE most wonderful time of the year" - as the Christmas song goes. A time of giving and receiving, family and friends, food, celebration, fizzy drinks. It's also a time when we remember those loved ones we have lost.

Everything about the joy of Christmas originates from the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ and it's worth remembering the word "Christmas" comes from "Christ's mass", the special church service to mark his birth.

However, as the years go by, Christmas has, for many, become all about commercialisation, less about Christianity.

The Bible says: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."

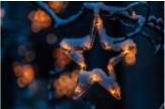
That began with the first Christmas which led, 33 years later, to the first Easter - birth, death and resurrection - and the hope that brings. So, we can't



have Easter without Christmas and we should never forget the true meaning of Christmas!



The stewards of Dobwalls United Church (Methodist and Anglican) wish you a Bright and Blessed Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe and warm start to 2023.



#### WHAT'S ON IN DOBWALLS UNITED CHURCH AND HALL

MOST Sunday mornings there is usually a service in Dobwalls at 9.30am. However, occasionally there are additional services at Dobwalls at different times and also joint services at other neighbouring churches. So, check out this list:

NOVEMBER 2022: 15th - Dobwalls Warm Space 11.00am-3.00pm. 20th - Joint Service, Dobwalls 10.00 am. 22nd - Dobwalls Warm Space 11.00am-3.00pm. 24th - Knit and Knatter 2.00pm. 27th - FREE Tea and Cake Afternoon 3.00pm-4.30pm. 29th - Dobwalls Warm Space 11.00am-3.00pm.



<u>DECEMBER 2022:</u> 6th - Dobwalls Warm Space 11.00am-3.00pm. 11th - Family dress-up Nativity Service 4.00pm. 12th - Ladies' Group Carol Service 7.00pm. 13th - Dobwalls Warm Space 11.00am-3.00pm. 20th - Dobwalls Warm Space 11.00am-3.00pm. 24th - Christmas Eve Holy Communion 6.00pm. 25th -Christmas Day Service 10.00am.

JANUARY 2023: 1st - No service. 5th - Knit and

Knatter 2.00pm. 15th - Circuit Service (venue and time to be announced). 19th - Knit and Knatter 2.00pm. 21st - Soup and a Roll 1.00pm.

FEBRUARY 2023: 2nd - Knit and Knatter 2.00pm. 13th - Ladies' Group 2.00pm. 16th - Knit and Knatter 2.00pm. 18th - Soup and a Roll 1.00pm. 19th - Joint Service (venue and time to be announced).



MARCH 2023: 2nd - Knit and Knatter 2.00pm. 13th - Ladies' Group 2.00pm.





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# MANY SAY CHRISTMAS WILL NEVER BE QUITE THE SAME AGAIN!

IT'S GOING to be very different this Christmas. A yuletide message from the King, not the Queen.

The next few pages reflect how Dobwalls village and parish once again, as when the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was marked, captured the moment, albeit on this occasion the loss of Her Majesty and the welcoming of a new monarch.

A Book of Condolences was opened in Dobwalls United Church, the Proclamation of Accession to the Throne of King Charles III was read and a special commemorate service was held in the church for the life of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

The Proclamation: The chairman of Dobwalls Parish Council Councillor John Dunn stood beside the war memorial in the village to read the proclamation. He was accompanied by members of the council, including the vice-chairman Councillor Tracey Kitto.

There was a good gathering of people from the village and across the parish to hear the historic words delivered, followed by a rendition of the new National Anthem "God Save the King" and "three cheers" for Charles III.

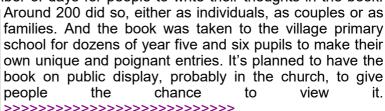
The Book of Condolences: Dobwalls United Church was opened for several

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PARISH COUNCIL DOK OF CONDOLENCES

HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926-2022

hours over a number of days for people to write their thoughts in the book.





HERE are the entries of all eight members of Dobwalls Parish Council, the parish clerk and your local Cornwall councillor.

Chairman John Dunn - Rest in Peace Your Majesty. You served us well. Vice-chairman Tracey Kitto - Thank you for your loyalty, 70-year service and duty to us all. Rest in peace. May God look over and protect you on your final journey to be with your beloved husband Prince Philip. Ailsa Tween - Thank you. Morgan Ball - Wishing to pass my thoughts, prayers, hopes and good wishes to the Royal Family at the saddest of times. The Queen was a remarkable woman whose reign will live long in the memory of everyone. RIP. Sean Jackson - Thank you, Your Majesty, for your service to the country. It was an honour to serve as a member of your Armed Forces and as a Crown servant. Rest in Peace. Matt Exall - Passing on my respects for the Royal Family in this time of remembrance. Brian Clark - Thank you and God bless. Michael Taylor - Born to reign! What a Sovereign! What a leader! Total devotion to duty. You well and truly earned the right to rest and peace - so RIP.

Linda Coles, clerk to Dobwalls Parish Council - A great Queen, a remarka-



ble woman, who devoted her life to the service of her country and the Commonwealth, and the like of whom we will never see again. Rest in Peace Your Majesty.

Cornwall Councillor for Liskeard South and Dobwalls Jane Pascoe -My thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family at this difficult and sad time. Her Majesty's devotion to

duty, her life-time commitment right to the end was truly remarkable. The Queen reached out to and inspired so many people and she will be hugely missed by her family and her subjects. Thank you to Her Majesty for 70 glorious years of unbroken service to the nation.

PEOPLE of all ages from across the village and the parish came to the church. Some brought floral tributes which were laid by the side of the path leading to the church door. Everyone had time and privacy to look at the book and make their personal entries. Here is a compilation of what was written. Your contribution may well be here and, through it, you have become part of the history of the Parish of Dobwalls. Perhaps you will keep this edition of The Villager for future generations of your family to see:

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Fond memories+We were fortunate to have you. You will be greatly missed+You will always be remembered+You were our perfect Queen+You have a special place in our hearts, unlike any other public figure, for your lifetime of dedication to serving others. You have been a constant companion through our lives and we will miss you+Thank you ma'am for everything x+We have been blessed with a dignified, dedicated Christian Queen. We thank you+A great lady+Amazing lady+Safe in the Arms of Jesus+May you



Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory+God bless to a wonderful lady+My grateful thanks for your long service to us all+A loyal servant of God. A wonderful role model to all your subjects+As you said: We are just visiting this world. Now it is time to move on. RIP+A guiding presence of God in your heart+Peace be with you+Constant and true to the end. Our beloved Elizabeth II+Thank you for being part of our lives and setting standards to live by+Thank you for all the time and effort you put into our country and Forces+In memory of our wonderful Queen Elizabeth II. Thank you for your duty and dedication and giving us a wonderful King+Fair winds and following seas. RIPx+A fantastic lady who set a perfect example to us all+I pay tribute to my be-

Thank you Queen Elizabeth II for your life with unbreakable faith in Jesus Christ - to serve the UK and Commonwealth with such dedication and commitment. Now may you enjoy your days with our Lord Jesus Christ with love, peace and joy for eternity+Rest in peace, Rise in glory, Our beloved Queen+Such a fantastic inspiration to us all. You were loved so much by so many and will be so missed+A true monarch will be sadly missed+Our beloved Queen. Thank you for your dedication. RIP+You have been a constant presence throughout my life, epitomising grace, dedication and elegance in your life of service to our Nation. Rest in Peace Ma'am+Such a sad loss to us all. You are in my thoughts and heart. Rest Easy Your Majesty+Thank you Queen Elizabeth II for devoting your life to the Commonwealth, this Nation and its people, walking with Father God in your wonderful faith, being led by Him, and for the Rich and Blessed example you have left for us to follow. RIP+She served her God and country well. RIP (Well earned)+She was an inspiration to the whole country. RIP with Prince Philip+What a wonderful lady. What dedication she gave to us all+Your endless grace of heart and mind will be eternally missed+You gave us standards we all need to aspire to. Love+Thank you so much for your devoted service to the country and your people. We were so lucky to have you as our Queen+Our dear Queen. We will miss you so much. God be with you+You have been in our lives forever. RIP ma'am+Always a constant in our lives - "THE" Queen. Amen+Great job xxx+Cheers boss. Was a pleasure to serve.

THE BOOK of Condolences was taken to Dobwalls Primary School so staff and year five and six pupils could make entries. Kathryn Pipe, headteacher, wrote: Thank you for your service and strength. A shining example to us all.

And the pupils: She respected our country very much+I will miss the Queen, she will always be in my heart+I will miss you lots+You were an amazing Queen. I will remember you for the rest of my life+I hope you are happy in Heaven. Long to reign over us. God Save the Queen+Thank you for being a lovely, loyal Queen. I will never forget you+Thank you for being a wonderful Queen, no matter what+Thank you for your work as the Queen+We will never forget you Queen Elizabeth! Xxx+We will treasure you in our hearts Queen Elizabeth+She was a lovely Queen and a great person. Thank you for everything you've done Elizabeth+She was a magnificent leader+She was the sweetest Queen and the best leader. Thank you Your Majesty+She helped us throw our dark times. You were always there. Thank you for everything you have done+We will never forget her and she will always be in our hearts+Thank you for protecting our country for 70 years+You was the best Queen ever+Thank you for the card. Rest in peace+You have done a great job. I'm very greatful+Yamasin - You are amazing.

#### The Commemorative Church Service:

Dobwalls United Church was full for the service to mark the passing of the Queen and the accession to the throne of King Charles III.

The vice-chairman of Dobwalls Parish Council, Councillor Tracey Kitto, was joined by other council members, the local Cornwall councillor Jane Pascoe and representatives of a number of organisations in the parish and Dobwalls community.

After the opening prayers, a minute's silence was observed to remember Queen Elizabeth II.

The service was led by the stewards of the church and included traditional hymns and readings and closed with a rousing rendition of "God Save the King".

The organist was Paul Fergus.



#### **MONKEYING ABOUT ON A MONDAY!**

MONDAY Monkeys is officially out of hibernation! It's a toddler group which meets, you've guessed it, on Mondays, in Dobwalls United Church hall.

The group, set up by the late, much missed Linda Feek several years ago, welcomes little ones from nought to three and their adults during school term time.

We aim to be ready to warmly welcome you from 9.00 am to 11.00am. There is plenty of space to play and a variety of toys and a craft activity.

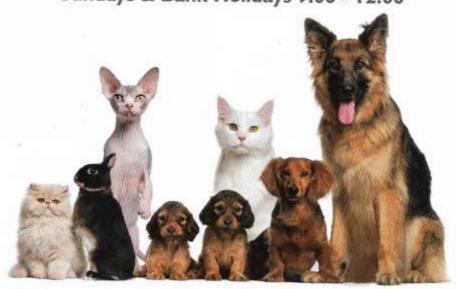
And, we provide a free hot drink for the adults and a free healthy snack for the children. All we ask is that you bring your child's own drink.

Feel free to come along at any time and see what we're about, or give Sarah a ring on 07967 049707 if you want any more information.

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#### HARVEST, SCHOOL COUNCIL BOOK SHED AND SCARECROWS

MOST of Dobwalls Primary School walked to Dobwalls United Church to celebrate Harvest. Headteacher Kathryn Pipe says: "We had a lovely visit to the church. Rev Andy led a wonderful service and the children sang beautifully! Many thanks to the church community for welcoming us in so warmly. We also collected donations for the Foodbank, with well over a supermarket trolley full of donations."





**Rev Andy Day in action** 

THE school has a new School Council for 2022-2023, voted for by the pupils. There are 10 members, two from each year. The council has held its first meeting and voted in the executive committee who are Ariel as chair, Noah vice-chair, Maggie secretary and Coco-Rose treasurer. Kathryn says: "All 10 members will be actively working with me to make decisions within



the school and support in raising money for charity."

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL FOR 2022-23



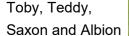
THE Reading Swap/Borrow Shed - and everyone's welcome to join!

Headteacher Kathryn Pipe explains: "At Dobwalls we love to share a love of reading. We are inviting all children and adults. Whether you have pupils at the school or belong to the Dobwalls community, we would love you to use our new reading shed. We encourage you to pop along any time during the school day to the shed at the main entrance. You are welcome to swap or borrow a book and we have books for children and adults."

HOW did you get on in the School Scarecrow Trail?

All you had to do was match the scarecrows to their locations! Kathryn says: "A huge 'well done and thank you' to scarecrow makers and their families:

Maggie, Henry, Ava, Eseld, Jasper, Leo A, Oliver G, Leo G, Jack, Oliver C, Chloe, Joseph,





Dobwalls School wishes One and All a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright New Year!



























Dobwalls Primary School (three here!)

Railway Bridge, Penhale Pantry

Valle Vista, along main Dobwalls road

Double roundabout

Opposite the Honda garage

10 Rowe Court

Tamblin Avenue (two here!)

14 Tremabe Park



#### SEAN JACKSON'S CHRISTMAS WALK AROUND DOBWALLS

IN KEEPING with the Christmas theme of this edition of The Villager, this walk could be done pre-Christmas lunch to build up an appetite, after Christmas dinner to walk off the huge amount of food consumed before the King's speech, or even

before a winter Sunday roast. And, if you like to view the Christmas lights around the village, you could do this amble early evening to enjoy the stunning lights people have taken the time to display around their homes, if energy bills allow! This walk takes advantage of a number of Public Right of Ways (PRoWs) which we have around Dobwalls village.





Route 3 - Dobwalls Village Loop. Distance - Approximately 4km.

Time - One hour to one hour 30 minutes, depending on how many times you stop to admire the Christmas lights.

Difficulty - Moderate, with a steep hill near the sewage works.

Pram friendly - It could be, if you cut out the cross-country parts of the walk. Additional equipment - Torches, if doing in the evening, may be helpful.

The PRoWs this walk uses are 607/10/1, 607/11, 607/33 and 607/35. More information about PRoWs can be found at: Cornwall Council Inactive Map

So, let's get started. From the Highwayman Pub head towards Liskeard (East) to the double roundabouts, then turn left up Havett Road (North) to just before the A38 bridge, where you will find a gate with a yellow arrow marker which leads to a footpath (West). The area you enter can get overgrown, but it is maintained by National Highways.

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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 PRoWs from the Havett Road gate all the way to children's playground.

Just after the playground turn left and head towards Rowes Garage (South) past the disused toilets to the Five Lanes junction. When you hit the junction at Rowes Garage you can decide to go to the Twelvewoods Roundabout and come back, to get the steps in. (It's all about the steps) From the Five Lanes junction walk down Tremabe Lane (South Easterly) to the left of Olden Days Antiques shop towards the BT exchange building.



About 80 metres after the BT exchange you turn left into an alleyway which leads onto Pendray Gardens. Continue until you come to the T junction, turn right on to Treheath Road and then turn left and follow it down to The Green. At The Green look to your right past the Dobwalls Stonehenge and you should see a stile in the left hand corner - so head over to that.



Once through the stile turn right and follow the path round to the next one.

Please take care at this stile because it needed repair at the time this walk was undertaken. So please be VERY careful crossing here. Once through this stile you are entering working farmland, so respect the Countryside Code and if there are cows or sheep in the field, keep your dog on a lead.



Head across the field up to the hedgerow on the skyline. As you get closer to Tremabe Lane you will be able to see the stile which drops onto the road.

Be careful after climbing over the stile as it is quite steep down and can be slippery. This exit point is east of Bridge End Farm. If you are lucky you may find pigs at the gate in the field opposite. Again, you may be surprised to hear that you have been following PRoWs to here, all the way from the BT exchange on Tremabe Lane!

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Once on the lane, turn left and head down the hill past the sewage works then up a quite steep hill and carry on to the T junction with the Duloe Road. At this T junction turn left and head North towards the school.

Please take care on the road as there is no pavement or footpath until the lane by Dobwalls Football Club. Just after the lane to the Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field a footpath starts which goes alongside the Lantoom Meadows estate. Continue up to the entrance to the school.



There is a PRoW which runs next to the school and should carry on to an exit point on the Moorswater road but, unfortunately, it has been 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 the stile on The Green that



you used earlier on the walk.



Walk straight across The Green to Treheath Road where you will see a pathway to the right of the second part of The Green. Follow this up to Dawes Close then into The Highwayman car park. If the pub is open, why not pop in for a pint or even warm mulled wine. As usual, mine is a pint of Guinness.



Should you do this walk on Christmas Day please give Christmas Greetings to everyone you meet and make sure you wear your Santa hats!!

Be safe and please remember and respect the Countryside Code. It would be great to get your feedback on the walks, the state of the other PRoWs and, of course, any suggestions for future routes, please send them to The Villager editor.

Have a good Christmas, Bah Humbug!

The Grinch

#### WHAT'S ON AT DOBWALLS FOOTBALL CLUB

IN THE South West Peninsula League, the club's first team has fewer home games over the winter, with a lot of travelling to come! Scheduled home fixtures are:

19 Nov Bude Town 2.15pm, 3 Dec Teignmouth (Cup) 3pm

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#### BINGO! PART OF THE MEMORIAL HALL SURVIVAL PLAN

TREASURER of the hall trustees Alison Butterworth explains the dilemma:

It's the job of the hall trustees to ensure the building is run as a business and a meeting place for members of the public in the local area and wider afield, but the rising utility prices have forced us to implement the largest increase to charges in many years.

It is an absolute fact that the hall cannot run at a loss and, in the worst case scenario, it would have to close before running at a loss. So, we are all working very hard to ensure the hall stays open and thrives throughout this difficult period.

I, for one, absolutely appreciate the new rises are not going to be popular or easy to stomach, but let me reassure all our clients that the trustees are all trying very hard to help bring in more income to support the hall.

Let me give you an example. One of the most successful events at the hall is the Saturday Bingo on the first and third Saturdays of each month. After the closures forced on us by Covid, we started having bingo twice a month to try to boost the hall fi-



nances back to a working position. Now, of course, we need the extra income to help offset rising costs.

The bingo is very popular and crowd control is in the safe hands of our volunteer "caller" Alan Mayne. The trustees voluntarily spend these two Saturday evenings every month at the hall to run the bingo sessions. It takes four and a half hours of each trustees' Saturday to do this. And, three of them spend another two and a half hours sourcing and cooking food and organising the prizes.

It is vital that the public show their support for the hall at other events as well. When we have a craft fair, a table top sale or any other function we need the help of the residents of our lovely village, or should I say our lovely residents, to pop in and have a browse through the produce on offer.

Put simply, if we don't get feet in the hall, the guys who produce the sale items will simply not come. This then has a knock on effect to the service the hall provides.

As we move onwards into a particularly hard period for everyone, we look forward to seeing you at all of our events, particularly the bingo evenings and especially our Christmas Bingo Saturdays, December 3 and 17.



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total raised by the event over the years to £24,750. And this year's total of £5,000, raised over the two days of beer, cider, food and live music in the village's Highwayman Pub and beer garden, is a record. Also, the pub gave the charity a cheque for £2,810, the proceeds of its weekly quiz nights.

Brian Clark, a member of the festival committee, says: "After two years of uncertainty with Covid, we were a bit anxious about how it would go after our 10th festival in 2019, which had been our best, but 2022 has surpassed that."

Almost all the 13 beers and seven ciders were consumed and, thanks to the festival goers, The Highwayman donating a percentage of the takings from the food it sold, some of the bands waiving their fee and local businesses sponsoring the event, a £5,000 cheque was presented to the charity.



The festival committee and the team who make it all happen are looking for more volunteers to help shape and organise the event in the years ahead.

Brian Clark says: "Organising the festival is fun and usually involves meeting in The Highwayman once a month, from around January to July, for a beer while we plan things. In the week leading up to the festival we also need help erecting the marquee, setting up the beers and ciders, the bar and the stage and then running the event."

If you'd like to get involved, then contact the team via email

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#### THE VILLAGER MAGAZINE

# Dobwalls Parish magazine is published quarterly and delivered free across the parish

The final date for sending in articles, photos, event information and adverts for the Spring edition covering the months of March, April and May 2023 is:

#### Friday, February 10

Anything you want included should be sent to the editor michaelgtaylor@yahoo.com

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The advertising rates have gone up a little for the first time in years. They remain very competitive in these challenging financial times, but they do produce a source of revenue which helps to considerably reduce the cost to the parish council of producing the magazine. So, thanks to everyone who does advertise in The Villager.

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## REACH OUT TO ALL THOSE WE HOLD DEAR A Christmas wish from Cornwall councillor Jane Pascoe

AS WE head into the colder winter months and face the increase in energy costs, I would like to ask you all to look out for the well-being of our relatives, neighbours and our well-respected senior residents. There is help and advice available for anyone experiencing difficulties with heating their homes. There's information at Community Energy Plus or via <a href="www.cep.org.uk">www.cep.org.uk</a> or by telephone 0800 954 1956 or email - advice@cep.org.uk and at <a href="www.cornwall.gov.uk">www.cornwall.gov.uk</a>

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out of hospital.

In my role as chairman of the Liskeard and Looe Community Network Area, which includes 18 parishes, I wish to thank them all for the extra civic duties that fell upon the respective clerks, chairmen and councillors at the time of Her Majesty's demise - for the respectful and efficient way the announcements and proclamations were made to their local communities. Her Majesty would have been proud of her rural parishes.

In the coming year we can look forward to the Coronation of King Charles III and his consort Queen Camilla, formerly our own Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. I know Dobwalls will celebrate in style another historic and jubilant event for the history books.

I sincerely wish you all a joyous Christmas with your families and friends and

a Happy and Healthy New Year. It's been a privilege to represent you at Cornwall Council and I shall continue to do so to the very best of my ability throughout the coming year.

#### Dobwalls Parish Council

#### www.dobwallspc.org.uk

#### Council meetings are open to the public

You can turn up and also speak at meetings of the council - give your views about something on the agenda, a planning application or something you feel passionate about. The agenda is posted on the council website.

#### https://www.dobwallspc.org.uk

It is also on the council notice board in the village.

The meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the clubhouse at Dobwalls Football Club and start at 6.30pm.

The next three meetings are:

#### December 21, January 18 & February 15

You can also contact any of the parish councillors (their details are on the page opposite) or the parish council clerk Linda Coles. Here are Linda's details:

email- clerk@dobwallspc.org.uk phone- 01579 350 962 post- The Firs, Lower Metherell, Callington PL17 8BJ Also, you can follow "The Villager" On Facebook

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