

The Villager Spring 2024



Blooming Lovely Dobwalls

HELLO, and welcome to the Spring 2024 edition of the Dobwalls Parish Council magazine "The Villager". The editorial team hopes you enjoy it!

Sadly, Councillor Morgan Ball has had to step down from the council because of increasing work commitments. Council chairman John Dunn says: "Morgan was a valued member of the council and his knowledge and regular input will be sorely missed. We wish him well for the future."



The council was already one short before Morgan left, so now it's two short. The vacancies can be filled by co-opting people. Councillors don't get paid — it's all voluntary. There are no political affiliations on the council which meets monthly for 11 months of the year. If you're interested just contact the clerk: Laura Storey, PO Box 82, Looe, PL13 9DG or clerk@dobwallspc.org.uk



At the time of going to print, the parish council was eagerly waiting for Cornwall Council to announce the date of the referendum on the Dobwalls and Trewidland Neighbourhood Development Plan. So, your chance to vote is coming soon. The plan has been several years in the making – and now it's crunch time.

Plan co-ordinator Mhairi Mackie writes: Everyone who is on the Electoral Register/Electoral Roll in the plan area, that's all of Dobwalls Parish and the Trewidland Ward of the new St Keyne and Trewidland Parish, can vote in the referendum. If the majority are in favour of the plan, it will be adopted by Cornwall Council as a planning document which must be taken into consideration when any proposal is made for anywhere in the plan area. Once Cornwall Council, which is responsible for holding the referendum, announces the date or dates when it will be held we will make sure that information is well publicised. It's worth registering to vote, not just because of the referendum but also the potential for local and national elections.

The plan is available under Cornwall Council's planning reference: [Dobwalls and Trewidland: Reference PA23/00002/NDP](#)

PRAISE INDEED: Cornwall councillor Jane Pascoe writes: I am always pleased to contribute to The Villager. In my view it plays a crucial part in connecting and informing the community, as many people in rural areas do not have access to the internet. Thank you to the editorial team for giving your time to create this excellent publication. I truly do look forward to reading the interesting articles.

THE DOBWALLS VILLAGE LITTER PICK 2024

IT'S almost time for the annual effort to tidy up the village. This is a popular event for everyone in the village and parish and children from the primary school. It can be a real family affair too. An enjoyable couple of hours out in the fresh air, no matter the weather, making the village look that little bit smarter.

The “pick” is organised by Dobwalls Parish Council vice-chairman Tracey Kitto, who says: “This is a great opportunity to give the village a Spring clean and be proud of the community we live in. It’s a chance for everyone in the village, whether you are young, not so young, family groups, perhaps a team from the school, to give something back to the area you live in.”

The equipment provided by the council includes litter pickers/grabbers, hi vis vests and bin bags, hopefully with hoop surrounds for the top of the bags.

Tracey adds: “All we ask is that you bring yourselves, a pair of gloves and suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. So, please make a note on your calendar or in your diary and we look forward to seeing you. Oh, and make sure you ‘like’ The Villager Facebook page which will send out a reminder closer to the date.”

The date is: Saturday, April 20

The time to turn up is: 9.45am

And the place to meet is: The village car park, next to the pub car park



Some of the litter pickers and the rubbish they collected at the 2023 event



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THE VILLAGE CAR PARK IS SAVED FOR THE FUTURE

DOBWALLS Parish Council has taken over the ownership of the public car park in the centre of the village from Cornwall Council. There had been considerable concerns that Cornwall Council wanted to put housing of some description on the site, so the parish council initiative has protected the land for car parking, probably for ever.

Parish Council chairman John Dunn points out: "The main reason for taking over the ownership was to keep this valuable asset for the use of the village, as parking has become a major issue as the village has grown in size. Doing this will prevent any development of the land for other uses." John praised the efforts of Cornwall councillor Jane Pascoe and the previous parish clerk Linda Coles who were instrumental in getting Cornwall Council to devolve the asset to the parish council. He adds: "Since Linda retired, our new clerk Laura Storey has taken up the task of pushing this through the legal process."

Jane Pascoe (pictured right) comments: "I was pleased to initiate the devolution of the Dobwalls car park from Cornwall Council to the parish council. Although it was a drawn-out process, it has now been completed. It is gratifying to know that this asset has been returned to the parish of Dobwalls to look after for future generations." A new Dobwalls Parish Council sign is on order.



IT'S CAPTION COMPETITION TIME!

THE Villager editorial team member Sean Jackson snapped this shot of a Spring lamb while out on a walk which took him past Penhale Farm.



I suppose we should call it "Sean the Sheep". However, what do you think the lamb is saying to Sean? Your suggestions to the editor michaelgtaylor@yahoo.com

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DOBWALLS village has two life saving defibrillators, one at the Highwayman pub (pictured here) and the other at the football club. Last year the one at the pub was deployed three times, however this doesn't necessarily mean that on those three occasions the device was actually used. Alan, from Duchy Defibrillators which provides public access to defibs, says: "In 2023 countywide we saw 413 deployments. In many cases the equipment is there, ready, in case the incident requires it ahead of the emergency services arriving. This means on each occasion someone has been to a cabinet, opened the door and removed the defibrillator,



which has then gone to a local incident. "What we do know is that there were two people saved through early cardio pulmonary resuscitation and defib use from those deployed and used. The cabinet at the Highwayman is the only one we monitor in the village. Readers of The Villager can locate the 10 nearest to them by using defibfinder.uk"

Duchy Defibrillators look after and maintain 260 public access defibs in Cornwall, with 10 more in the pipeline, although none of those is in the Dobwalls area. For more information about defibs in Cornwall go to www.duchydefibs.co.uk or contact hello@duchydefibs.co.uk

A WHALE OF A PHOTOGRAPH!

THIS aerial photo of Dobwalls from a bygone era has been kindly gifted to The Villager from the archives of Doug and Jean Whale, who came to the village in 1971 and owned the Heads or Tales shop on the main road from 1988 until 1996. What can you pick out? And hasn't it changed and grown!





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REMEMBER this from last Autumn? Villagers Verity Welch and Morwenna Sayers in training for the 2024 London Marathon on Sunday, April 21. And they're still going strong.

Verity says: "My training is doing okay, with two mid-week runs of six miles and then on a Saturday I do a run of 20 miles each week. I've had many ups and downs along my journey to running the marathon. But I'm doing it for an amazing reason and charity, the

Lullaby Trust which has been helping our family in many ways. I would just like to say 'thank you' to our amazing little community of Dobwalls. Their cheers, claps and good wishes as we run past really help us with running and keeping going. I've been astonished with the amount of money people have raised and the awareness of the charity has increased in the community. My just giving page is www.justgiving.com/verity-welch1 or you can email me at verity.welch126@btinternet.com"

Morwenna says: "A huge 'thank you' to everyone who has sponsored me. I have now exceeded my target, so 'thank you' again. I'm running for the charity LEPRO which provides support for people in India and Bangladesh who are affected by Leprosy.

"Training is going well and I have completed the big milestone 20 mile training run. I joined the East Cornwall Harriers running club, a group of runners of all abilities (www.eastcornwallharriers.com). They run on most weekday evenings and have social runs at the weekends.

"I have my first official half marathon at Cardinham Woods, hosted by Purple Gecko Events (www.purplegeckoevents.co.uk).

"Hopefully, when it comes to the London Marathon, I will do LEPRO proud on the day!"

To sponsor Morwenna you can Google "2024 London Marathon Enthuse" and search for Morwenna Sayers.

Many readers will have seen Verity and Morwenna out training on runs around the village and the parish. We wish them all the very best on the day and we know they deserve to reach their goals.



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“GOOD” - WELL DONE DOBWALLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

OFSTED has awarded the school a “Good” standard after two of its inspectors spent two days in the school. Headteacher Kathryn Pipe is very proud.



“We are particularly pleased that the inspectors noted we are ‘friendly and welcoming’ and children are ‘happy and enjoy attending school’,” she says.

Miss Pipe adds: “As a school, the inspectors recognised that we have ‘high expectations for what all pupils can achieve’. And, from their numerous conversations with our pupils they repeatedly saw that ‘pupils have positive attitudes to their learning’ which particularly included reading at every age being ‘a priority for the school’.”



It’s been a busy start to the New Year, with pupils enjoying the pantomime Aladdin. “It was wonderful to see the children smile and laugh and they have written some super poems,” says Miss Pipe.

“More events are planned this term in support of the pupils’ chosen charity for the year, the Cornish Seal Sanctuary. We now total £150 from Toasty Tuesday snacks and Howdens have kindly donated a £250 cheque.”



In March the school has another pop-up play session for any parent/carers and baby/child aged under five.

Miss Pipe says: “Keep an eye on Facebook or telephone us at school. Come along for a play and a cuppa. Everyone’s welcome.”



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BINGO! THE MEMORIAL HALL PUTS OUT A CALL FOR CALLERS

HALL trustee Rowena Fletcher says “A HUGE THANKYOU” to everyone who made the Christmas Bingo nights such a success. Rowena explains: “These are our main fundraisers and your support means we can continue maintaining and improving the hall, which is such an important community space for Dobwalls. We’ve recently improved the outside lighting, pruned back the boundary hedges and, by the time you read this, the much-needed kitchen refurbishment will be completed.



Christmas Bingo Raffle Table

“Your support has also meant we’ve been able to keep our charges for hiring the hall in the coming year at the same level as last year. The hall is a very popular venue, especially for children’s parties, and we want to keep it as affordable as we can. It costs £15 an hour to hire the hall, with a small additional charge for using the kitchen and if you want a bouncy castle. And, importantly, there is no minimum charge.

“The hall relies entirely on volunteers and we are looking for more people in the village and parish to join us. We’d especially like people to learn bingo calling as support and back up for our current caller. No experience is needed as we will provide full training, with practice sessions and support. So whether you’re a regular player and would like to enjoy the game from a different perspective or someone who has never played, this is a great opportunity to play an exciting and enjoyable part in the hall community. If you have a few hours a month to help out the hall in any way we’d love to hear from you.”

For more information just contact: Alison Butterworth on 07980303967 or email butterworth.alison61@gmail.com

Regular Activities — Indoor Bowls: Sunday & Monday 7.15 pm Thursday 7.30pm. <https://www.dobwallsmemorialhall.org.uk/events1aa170d5> **Boogie Bounce:** Tuesday 6.30pm & 7.45pm. Stacey Meller 07712173389 staceymeller@hotmail.co.uk **Workout Wednesday:** Gentle Keep Fit 10.00 am. Sam Holman 07813281407 sam@hol-man.co.uk **Pilates:** Wednesday 11.15am. Sam Holman 07813281407 sam@hol-man.co.uk **Powerhoop:** Thursday 6:00pm. Jayne Martin 07597383171 jaynemartin769@gmail.com **Saturday Bingo:** 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month. Doors open 6.00pm Eyes down 7:00pm.



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Council chairman John Dunn says: "We will all be receiving our annual council tax bills shortly and no doubt we will all be asked to pay more for the services that we receive. However, the parish council gets a modest amount from the council tax as part of its annual precept which is needed to cover the ongoing costs required to maintain the village and parish. And, we've managed to keep the increase to an absolute minimum."



John Dunn

The precept is a tax which the parish council charges its residents to meet its budgetary requirements. It's then added to Cornwall Council's council tax which is collected by Cornwall Council. The parish council doesn't receive any direct funding from central government and has to rely on the precept, plus any other income generated from the services or facilities it provides. Also, parish councillors are volunteers. They don't get paid for what they do, which can be an awful lot, particularly for chairman John and vice-chairman Tracey Kitto. To calculate the precept the council takes into consideration its current year's spending levels and ongoing services for which it is responsible. These can include things like — recreation facilities such as the Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field, grass cutting, the car park, insurance, staffing, contractors' and suppliers' charges, costs for plans or projects, provision for contingencies and reserves and The Villager magazine and also levels of anticipated income from various sources such as advertising revenue from the magazine and possible grants.



Volunteers, including councillors, working on the Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field



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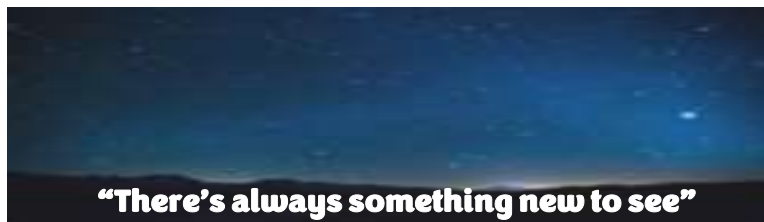
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John adds: "We have the accredited Bodmin Moor Dark Sky Park nearby and have been offered observing sites nearer Dobwalls. Also, the Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field is only a few minutes walk from the nearest parking. Not only a marvellous asset for the village, it faces the moor and is probably the darkest accessible site locally. There's lots to be seen with the un-aided eye but, if you have binoculars, even better. Large binoculars and sometimes telescopes will be available at sessions, so no need to buy expensive gear."

The chairman of Dobwalls Parish Council John Dunn and other councillors think the Facebook group stargazing from the community field is a good idea. John says: "The group could use the area at the top of the field where the benches are and let local residents know the dates and times they will be there."



Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field



John Spry started the online group, is 'admin' at present and hopes others will become involved in organising meetings and helping in different ways. There are three posts a week and 68 people joined the group in its first month.

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DOBWALLS Warm Space started its second year in November and around 20 people come along every week for a hot meal, tea, coffee and cake. The church's senior steward Doris Taylor says: "Warm Space is proving very popular and it's wonderful to see people there forming new friendships. Warm Space continues every Tuesday in the church hall until just before Easter when, hopefully, the days will be warmer and brighter."



Knit & Knatter is also attracting more members. Organiser Sandra Beeke says: "We started several years ago with just three people, and that included me! Now, every fortnight we get a couple of dozen."

The church stewards are delighted to announce the appointment of a new Methodist minister for the area, including Dobwalls. The Reverend Janet Park is looking forward to taking up her role in September. It's hoped a new Church of England minister will also have been chosen by around the same time.

The special Easter Sunday service in Dobwalls is at 9.30am on March 31.

Weekly Sunday morning services in Dobwalls United Church are at 9.30am, with the following exceptions: Sunday, March 17, 10.00am, Connon Chapel; Sunday, April 21, 10.00am, Liskeard Methodist Church; Sunday, May 19, 10.00am, Dobwalls United Church.

DOBWALLS WARM SPACE: Every Tuesday, 11.00am to 3.00pm until March 26, the last Tuesday before Easter.

KNIT & KNATTER: Thursday, 2.00pm to 4.00pm. March 14 & 28, April 11 & 25, May 9 & 23, June 6.

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REMEMBER this photo from the front of The Villager Christmas 2023 edition? We covered up the number plate of the car on the right and asked you to guess when the picture was taken. The answer — 14 years ago in January 2010. Is **S 493 DMR** still around?



And now, for a not so old photo! What a sky!



Taken by Graeme Sandford on the Dobwalls bypass heading towards Twelvewoods roundabout at 2:57pm on February 1, 2024. Graeme, who lives in Merrymeet, stresses: “I wasn’t driving!!”



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Brian Jewell from Trevelmond lived in Doublebois in the late forties and early fifties, when he was around five to 12 years old. He remembers the cinema well: “There was a purpose-built projector room, a large projector which showed the films through an aperture fairly high up in the gable end to a large screen on the stage.

“There were real cinema seats where you could sit with your girlfriend, trying not to look conspicuous when the lights came up! I would meet my girlfriend there regularly on a Saturday night. I had two shillings weekly pocket money and that disappeared very quickly as I paid nine pence each for entrance and two ice creams at six pence each which meant I couldn’t afford to go to the tuck shop at school during the week. I was always uncomfortable if I knew my father was sitting somewhere behind me!

“I guess the cinema seats were sold off after they had served their purpose. Some of them came to Trevelmond Institute and are still in use. Possibly antiques now, given that they came to Dobwalls from a redundant cinema in Dover where they were probably fitted new when that cinema was built.”

Dobwalls resident and local historian Adrian Wilton says: “The two holes coming from the projection room are still there, but now hidden from view above the false suspended ceiling that was installed a few years ago to conserve the heat.

“Maurice Rowe, the founder of Rowe’s Garage along with his wife Christine, took the seats out of one of his coaches and he and a handful of hall committee guys went up to Dover and fetched the cinema seats. They were the old fold up, very plush seats in sets of four with cast iron ends and very, very heavy. They were stored in the projection room for lots of years but, I guess, they were eventually disposed of. This must have been around the mid-nineteen fifties.”



Brian Jewell, growing up in Doublebois



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GREAT NEWS!

THE RATES FOR ADVERTISING IN THE DOBWALLS PARISH COUNCIL QUARTERLY MAGAZINE, THE VILLAGER, ARE BEING HELD AT THE CURRENT LEVELS FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

THIS IS BECAUSE THE COUNCIL BELIEVES IN DOING ITS BIT TO HELP LOCAL BUSINESSES.

AS A RESULT, THE RATES REMAIN VERY LOW AND EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE, COMPARED TO MANY OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

SEE PAGE 31 FOR ALL THE DETAILS.

NEWS from Dobwalls Into Gardening



Our first speaker for 2024 was Trevor Wiltshire, who worked for the RHS for 13 years until his retirement. He gave an informative talk on bulbs, corms and tubers, where they originated from and his involvement in finding and identifying species of plants, particularly in Japan and Turkey.



Trevor's Cyclamen for sale



Bloom of the Month

We have some more interesting talks coming up in the next few months on growing beautiful 'edibles' in your garden, bee-keeping and a visit to a local nursery.

Another event for your diary – on Saturday, May 18th, we are holding our Plant Sale at the Dobwalls United Church Hall where we'll have vegetable plants, perennials and annuals for sale as well as a cake stall and raffle.

A member of DIG, Jim Stephens, planted the group of 7 Camellias and 3 Swedish whitebeams by the new industrial estate near the Twelvewoods roundabout. Writing now, in early February, the pretty pale pink variety at the back, called 'Mimosa Jury', is looking superb.



For further information search for our Facebook Page "Dobwalls Into Gardening" or phone 01579 320417

+++++ THE POLICE CLARIFY THE LAW COVERING E SCOOTERS

THE Christmas 2023 edition of The Villager highlighted the potential risks caused by pushbikes and e scooters, particularly the experiences of one Dobwalls resident concerned about cycles and e scooters flying by on the pavement outside his home.



Steve Edser, the Devon and Cornwall Police Liskeard Neighbourhood Police Community Support Officer, says e scooter riders in particular need to know the law — and follow it: "Any person who uses a 'powered transporter', which includes e scooters, on a public road or other prohibited space in breach of the law is committing a criminal offence and can be prosecuted. Given that powered transporters are motorised, they fall within the legal definition of a 'motor vehicle'. Therefore, the laws that apply to motor vehicles apply to powered transporters. It is illegal to use a powered transporter on a public road without complying with a number of legal requirements, which potential users will find very difficult, or in spaces that are set aside for use by pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders, and this includes pavements and cycle lanes."



Sean Jackson's Spring 2024 Walk is the "Coldwind Loop"

SEAN writes: I've had some great feedback on my walks from readers, including asking me to produce a route which could be used by wheelchairs and prams. Also, with us having so much wet weather, I have used paths, pavements and tracks to avoid getting too muddy. The route also covers the area north east of the village.

Route – Coldwind Loop

Distance – 2.15 miles/3.5 km

Time – 1 hour 15 minutes

Difficulty – Easy

Wheelchair/Pram Friendly – Yes

Additional Information – There is some walking on a country road



The walk uses Public Rights of Way (PRoW) 607/34 and 607/35. More information can be found on [Cornwall Council Interactive Map](#).



As always, we start at The Highwayman and head west to the Twelvewoods roundabout. At the roundabout cross the A390.



Continue west to Doublebois following the A38. At the entrance to Little Twelvewoods there is a crossing point over the A38. Cross here and take the path up to the track. Follow the track up to the road. Not a lot to see here as the hedgerows are quite high, although at one point you get a good view of Dobwalls. Also, keep your eyes open for the telegraph poles and in the sky as birds of prey can be seen in this area.





Once at the junction with the road, turn right and head north east. This section is on a road which can have quite a bit of traffic so, keep on the right hand side, facing on coming traffic. There are places along the road where there are some great views north towards Bodmin Moor. We were lucky enough to have a bird of prey hopping from telegraph pole to telegraph pole as we walked towards Coldwind.



At Coldwind you come to a staggered junction where you should take the option to your right which heads south.



Again, sadly the hedges are high, so views are not the best and the track itself can be a little muddy.

Just turn over as Sean finishes his walk and heads — you know where!!



At the end of this track you are virtually on top of the A38 to the north of Dobwalls where you take the path east to Faircroft on Havett Road. Here, turn right and head south over the bridge to the double roundabout near the Spar.



At the double roundabout you know the routine, it's back to The Highwayman for the usual post-walk drink. You'll remember, mine's always a Guinness!



Here's some good news for walkers! The Smugglers Way is getting a revamp under the Moor to Sea project from Liskeard to Looe. You should be able to join at Moorswater or at the medieval cross on the Duloe Road near South Boduel. More information in future magazines.

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



More evidence Spring has arrived in Dobwalls — Wherry Way and the Churchyard

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THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUMMER EDITION IS **APRIL 30**

If you have any articles, photos, event information or anything else for the Summer edition (June, July & August) just contact the editor michaelgtaylor@yahoo.com by **Wednesday May 8**

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

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JANE PASCOE ON RUBBISH, BETTER POLICING AND THE LOSS OF A DEAR FRIEND

CORNWALL Councillor Jane Pascoe writes: I'd like to clarify the recent changes to the service at the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) at Connon Bridge. At the moment the site does NOT accept residents' household DIY waste. This includes — tiles, rubble, soil, plasterboard, WCs, other sanitary ware and tyres. You must now take this type of waste to other HWRCs at Saltash, St Austell or Tintagel. I'm told this is a six-month trial. So please make your views on this known to me or Cornwall Council customerservices@cornwall.gov.uk or by phone to 03001234 141. And, if you see an incident of fly tipping please contact me or report it.

While talking rubbish, you should have now received or should soon receive your bins in preparation for the new fortnightly waste and food collections. Inside the bins you will find the pamphlet to explain the service which commences in April. If you have not had your bins delivered or want to know when to expect them, please call 03001234 141. Please come along to the Cornwall Recycles Road Show in Dobwalls Memorial Hall on April 25 from 12.00noon to 4.00pm.



For some time, since the opening of the new police station in Liskeard, I have been asking the Police and Crime Commissioner if she would arrange to open a front desk at the station. So, it's 'thank you' to Alison Hernandez for listening, because I can report that once the internal alterations are completed the enquiry desk will be open to the public to report crimes and make general enquiries. Please use it, as we don't want to lose it again.

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the loss of a friend and neighbouring Cornwall Councillor Edwina Hannaford. Edwina was an outstanding and hardworking councillor, who worked tirelessly for the people of Looe and throughout Cornwall. She will be hugely missed at Cornwall Council by me and other colleagues. My thoughts are very much with her family and friends at this difficult time.



Finally, it is pleasing to see the snowdrops in abundance and now that the daffodils have appeared it signifies that we will be soon welcoming in the Spring. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy and Peaceful Easter and I look forward to joining you at the annual Dobwalls litter pick on Saturday, April 20. cllr.jane.pascoe@cornwall.gov.uk

GREAT NEWS FOR DOBWALLS FOOTBALL CLUB

THE club will host the South West Peninsula League Cup semi-final between either St Austell or Camelford and Elburton Villa. Club secretary Andy Yeatman says: "It's on Wednesday, March the 13th, with the kick-off at 7.45pm. It should be quite an occasion and, importantly, it will bring unexpected funds for the club."



Andy also has this update from the club: "There are just a couple of months left now of the current season. The first team only has two home games left and continues to hold its own in the top half of the KitchenKit South West Peninsula League. If you'd like to take in an 'away' game then Good Friday morning sees the local derby against Liskeard at Lux Park.

The reserve team has a bit of a backlog of games following the wet winter. They will have home games on many Saturdays and, occasionally, Wednesday evenings, right through until early May. See the community Facebook page for details of upcoming fixtures for both teams.

Regarding the development of the new field, mainly for the thriving junior section, with fingers crossed for better weather as Spring is arriving, the levelling and seeding work will begin. We hope the junior section will be able to host next season's games on the new pitches in the Autumn.

The clubroom remains well used by a variety of local groups and is also available for hire for private events.

Contact us by email to dobwallsfootball@gmail.com for information."

The photo shows Dobwalls' Oscar Larriau being congratulated on his way to a hat trick in January's home win against St Dennis. Oscar is the son of former Plymouth Argyle keeper Romain Larriau who some Argyle supporters around the village will remember well. (Not sure Oscar would have clinched his hat trick if the opposition keeper had been his dad in his prime!)



Dobwalls Parish Council www.dobwallspc.org.uk

All parish council meetings are open to the public and the agenda for monthly meetings is posted on the council website

<https://www.dobwallspc.org.uk>

The agenda is also displayed on the council notice board in the village. You can attend and speak at the meetings which are normally held on the third Wednesday of the month in the clubhouse at Dobwalls Football Club and usually start at 6.30pm.

The next three meetings are: **March 20, April 17 & May 15**

You can get in touch with any of the parish councillors - their contact details are on the page opposite.

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Spring blossoms beside the main road through the village

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