

Stone Circle News

Duloe Parish Council

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Cornwall Heritage Trust takes on care of Cornwall's smallest stone circle

Cornwall Heritage Trust have taken over the care and management of the Stone Circle here in Duloe, on behalf of the Duchy of Cornwall.

Cathy Woolcock, the Trust's CEO said: "The phrase 'small but mighty' always comes to mind with Duloe. It's size – the smallness of the circle but the largeness of the stones – is at the heart of what makes it unique and the experience of visiting there so special. It has been a long time coming to bring the circle into our care and we're hugely grateful to the Duchy for all their support in making our management of it possible." The Parish Council looks forward to hearing about the management plans and future events,



St Cuby's Christmas Quiz

Thank you everyone for supporting the Church Quiz. We had amazing support and record number of entries. Thanks to Roger Netting, former resident of Duloe, for allowing us to use his quiz. £250 goes to our beautiful Church for it's upkeep.

Congratulations to Carol and Tony Day who came first with 100 correct answers!

Ann Rounsevell

Plough Sunday

Since medieval times, the village plough was drawn through the streets and blessed in Church, with prayers for a successful year on the land. This was traditionally followed with much food and revelry! Plough Sunday was held on the 21st January, and whilst we cannot comment on the revelry, the work of all our farmers was celebrated as the season begins.

NEWS FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the Spring issue of the Stone Circle News and Happy New Year to you all. We hope you enjoyed a restful and joyful Christmas.

We would like to thank all those involved in procuring our village Christmas Tree – John Massey and Richard Turpin in particular, and Duloe Community Shop for funding its purchase. Carols around the Tree was a great success, attended by more and more people each year. Our thanks to Mark Middleton and St.Cuby's Church members for organising this great tradition and for raising £205 for Christian Aid and Looe Community Meals.

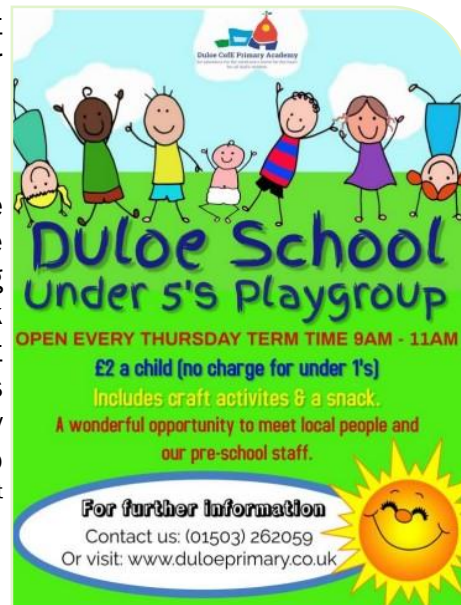
The trough and Jubilee gardens have been planted and are maintained by our village Gardening Club, with plants being financed through Parish Council funds. Many thanks to everyone in the Gardening Club. Do look later in this issue for details of when and where they meet. New attendees are always very welcome.

Feasibility studies are about to be carried out on the Jubilee Centre for solar panels to be installed. It's hoped that a Levelling-Up grant can be obtained to part fund this project. This will greatly reduce energy costs for the Shop, Marquee Bar and the Jubilee Centre.

Hedge Maintenance

Cornwall Council would like to remind all landowners who own or occupy land next to a public road or highway, that they are responsible for the maintenance and management of the hedges. You are responsible for lopping any tree or cutting back any hedge that endangers, or obstructs the movement or visibility of vehicles. This needs to take place before the 1st March.

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More news from the Chair

We are very aware of the poor condition of our roads at the moment, and continually report potholes that are deeper than 40mm to Cormac for filling. Please keep passing on any information regarding potholes to a Parish Councillor, or report them online on the Cornwall Council website. Sandplace Hill continues to deteriorate. Try as we might Cormac respond that there is not currently enough money available. We will keep up the pressure until we get some action!

We hope you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter. If you have any items for inclusion please contact the Clerk.

Keep well and keep safe, *Phil Hallworth*. Chair, Duloe Parish Council



Duloe Community Shop

Thank you to all our customers for their continued support of the Shop.

Don't forget we stock a range of products including local meat, eggs, bread, pasties, milk and vegetables. We also have other Cornish products, plus your day to day essentials. All of these can be pre-ordered for collection.

We also stock a large range of cards for various occasions, stationary, newspapers and magazines.

As a community shop, we like to support local charities and good causes. So, if you have an event coming up, please pop in to see if we can help. Please see our poster.

The Duloe Community Shop team



Bees in Spring

During the winter months the bees huddle together surrounding the queen, keeping warm and eating the honey stores they so diligently collected in the autumn. As the days lengthen the bees gradually become more active, especially on sunny days, cleaning out the hive, and starting to forage.

The queen starts to lay eggs again and the workers have to find nectar and pollen to feed the next generation. They visit several of the early flowering plants, such as crocus (especially the purple ones), snowdrops, hazel, hellebore and heather.

As the eggs develop and hatch, the colony increases in numbers. There are still many days when the bees cannot forage, wet cold weather is not suitable for leaving the hive and the bees can run out of food and starve. The beekeeper needs to be vigilant to ensure there are enough honey stores. To check this she hefts the hive (tilts it to feel its weight) and gives a supplement of sugar syrup if there is not enough food to see them through to the warmer months.

On a warm afternoon it is interesting to watch the bees coming and going from the hive. Seeing the bees return with pollen in the pockets on their back legs tells us the queen is laying eggs. The plants visited can be identified by the colour of the pollen. Crocus pollen is a pale yellowy-orange, snowdrop is bright orange, Hazel is pale yellow and winter heather is light brown.

Councillor Tania Beaumont



Bee carrying crocus pollen

News from around the Parish



Duloe WI

Our December meeting was fun. We enjoyed seasonal refreshments, and all went home with a pretty Christmas wreath for our front doors.

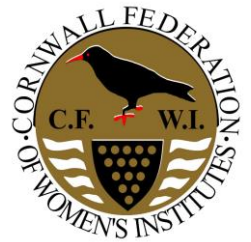
January will be our annual meal out so will be very enjoyable, hoping no ice or snow!

February. We have speaker on Biomechanics – the study of human movement and how to move and carry ourselves and objects safely. I am sure we will benefit from this interesting talk. Our March meeting is our AGM.

New members are always welcome, please come along one evening and see what we do, or ring Sharon 01579 343434 or Gill 01579 349183 for more details. Our meetings are held the 1st Thursday of every month in Duloe Jubilee Centre in the WI Room, at the back of the Jubilee Centre.

See you there and best wishes to all for 2024

Gill Hall, Chair of Duloe WI

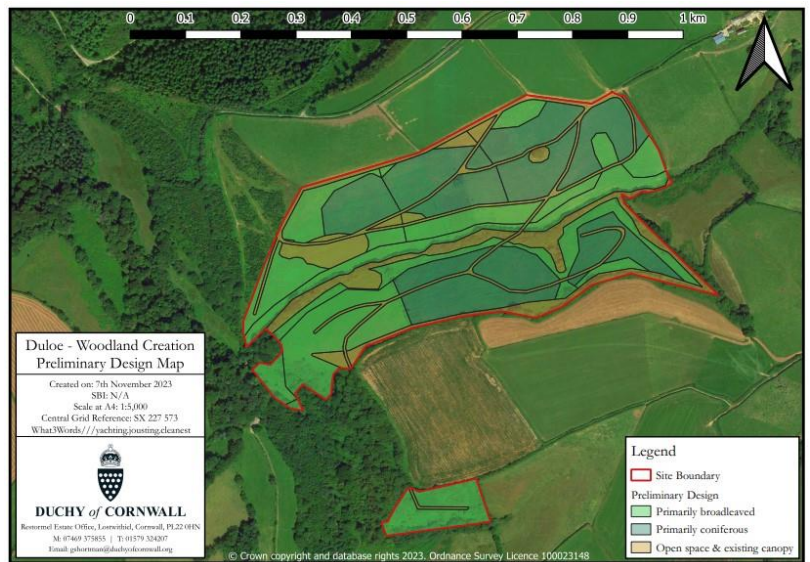


New Woodland for the Parish

The Duchy of Cornwall are looking to create a new woodland in Duloe. The site has been identified as part of the Duchy's wider target to create 50 hectares of new woodland per year in response to the dual ecological and climate crises.

The woodland will be planted with both broadleaved and coniferous trees. The map shows the proposed location (in the valley down School Lane), and a preliminary design. Once confirmed, there will be a more detailed plan.

We can confirm there will be minimal visual impact, and are looking forward to seeing the area planted in the very near future.



Duloe Cricket Club are back!

Duloe CC are looking forward to starting the new session in Division 4 of the Cornwall league, which is beginning on Sat April 13th, let's hope for a dry spring!

As some of you are probably aware the team gained promotion last year and won the league final. We are looking forward to competing again at a higher standard and visiting some new grounds in the process. Summer outdoor nets will hopefully commence in the beginning of April on a Wednesday evening when the Cornish weather allows!

So, if you fancy playing or just talking all things cricket pop along to our nets or home games on a Saturday afternoon. Or contact myself Rich Turpin on 07886398374



The Remembrance service was held on Saturday 11/11/23 at 10.50am by the War Memorial. County Councillor Jane Pascoe attended, and Colonel Craig Hamilton-Stone (Rtd) laid the wreath. Ginny and Harry gave the readings.

In December, a Beetle Drive in the Church had Jane, with the highest ladies score. Harry the best men's, and Steve, the wooden spoon prize having two games with zero points!

Two skittle evenings have recently taken place. In November, we saw Maggie winning the first game and Mark winning the killer round. The January evening saw several new faces with Barrie winning the first game and Peter Gough taking the killer round. It was lovely to see so many there considering the weather was so cold.

Rev'd Steve Guffick took the Carol service on Christmas Eve with Liskeard Silver Band and Peter singing a solo for the first verse of Once in Royal David's city (Well done Peter).

Future village events:

Celtic prayers on 2nd Sunday of the month at 3pm in All Saints Church, Herodsfoot.

Holy communion on the 24th February at 9.30am

Good Friday 29th March at 9.30am

Beetle Drive at All Saints church on Friday 22nd March at 6.30pm
£3 entry includes a Hot cross bun & Tea or coffee with Easter eggs for the prizes.

Cllr Trixie Gordon



We want your views on Street Lighting

All Council-run streetlights in Cornwall are in the process of being replaced with energy saving LEDs as part of a programme to cut carbon emissions, as well as reduce electricity consumption. In a move to save money on energy costs, some of Cornwall Council streetlights are set to be turned off or dimmed further when most residents are asleep between the hours of midnight and 5am.

Safety is at the forefront in any decision about switching off streetlights and will remain on in locations such as traffic signal junctions, pedestrian crossings, some roundabouts and junctions, parts of town centres and footpaths that are still relatively busy during the night.

The Parish Council are looking at joining the scheme to help with our part in carbon reduction as well as cost saving and are seeking your views on the following options:

- Dim the streetlights in areas of housing/estates between midnight and 5am so there is lighting but light pollution is reduced.
- Turn off the streetlights from midnight to 5am.
- Leave the lights as they are.

Please note that this does not include streetlights on the road through the village of Duloe as it is seen as a main road.

Evidence from other local authorities that have already implemented similar night-time switch offs show that levels of crime and number of traffic accidents do not increase. However, Cornwall Council will continue to carry out risk assessments so that any concerns and requests, including requests from Parish and Town Councils for areas where they want to see streetlights switched off or turned back on again, are fully considered.

We value your opinions and so please email the Clerk on cmassymccarthy@gmail.com with your thoughts.

Duloe Recreation Ground

The Pavilion holds regular clubs which are a great way to socialise and meet friends, old and new. The Rec Ground is perfect for outdoor parties and the Pavilion is a lovely space small events. Hire it for your private event for £10 per hour. For details call John on 01503 263496.

Come along to our clubs to meet friends old and new. We value these opportunities to strengthen the community spirit of Duloe and the surrounding area. We are very relaxed and enjoy chatting about our shared interests and hobbies.

Art and Craft group

Join in at our calm, therapeutic and creative weekly get together.

Bring along anything you are working on or start a new creation. We have lots of mediums for painting or just splashing around. All abilities welcome most mornings are for doing your own thing with support from each other. There is plenty of space so bring a friend. We do have visiting teachers for occasional workshops so if you have skills you can share, please come and talk to us.

First session free, Coffee and cake included

Friday mornings 9.30 till 12.30

Garden Club

Our friendly club is informal and welcoming.

The evening starts with a fun quiz, a few small features and a glass of wine.

We chat over our plans, successes and disasters supporting each other with ideas and advice. Also sharing seeds, plants and cuttings.

We are proud to look after the garden by the Jubilee centre .

Our plans for this year will include a trip or two.

3rd Tuesday of the month 7pm £5 includes wine/drink nibbles and prizes

Book Club

Duloe Book Club meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm. A lovely informal lively group, everyone is welcome to come along and join in. £5 including wine, drinks, and nibbles.



Are you in Year 2 to 6? **Breakfast Club**

Learn French in a relaxed fun way.
Conversations, games and songs.
And enjoy a French style breakfast before School.

When: 7.45-8.45am Every Monday during term
Where: The Pavilion, Duloe Rec Ground

Email Sophie Dunn for info: dunner8@hotmail.com

Happy Kidz Playgroup



Every Monday

(Term time only)

10.30am to 12.30pm

£3 per child snack included

additional siblings £1

Duloe Pavilion and Clubhouse PL144PW

Don't be a Party Pooper!



Unfortunately, we have received several reports of dog fouling at the Recreation Ground and on the footpaths, over the last few months. We would politely like to remind dog owners that it is your responsibility to clean up after your dog,

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, but also dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

We know most dog owners across our Parish are caring, responsible individuals, but there are still some people who are using our shared spaces that do not clean up after their pets.

The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse. Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000.

So don't be a party pooper, any public bin can take the waste, there is no excuse to leave it!



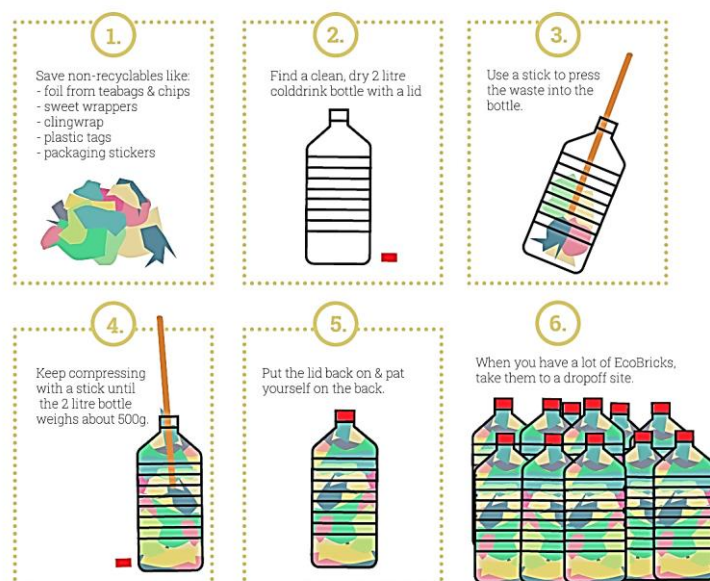
This half-term really is flying past, and the children have been doing incredibly well with our whole-school enquiry question: **'How can we make the world a better place?'** We look forward to sharing with you how the children have been 'agents of change' in future newsletter issues.

Operation Ecobrick

As part of Class 3's learning this half-term, they are on a drive to create 'ecobricks' which are made from non-recyclable plastic, with an end-goal of creating a sustainable product, such as a bench for the school. If you have any clean and dry non-recyclable plastic that you could donate to this cause, there will be a collection point outside of school from the end of January onwards. Thank you!

Dave Hannah, Head Teacher

how to make an eco brick



Rainfall

Rainfall	2023
January	175mm
March	229mm
July	137mm
Oct	161mm
Nov	190mm
Dec	201mm

Wettest Years	
2018	1413mm
2019	1385mm
2020	1506mm
2021	1420mm
2023	1545mm

The table opposite shows the wettest rainfall months during 2023. As you will see March was particularly wet with 229mm that month! In contrast the driest month was February, where just 9mm fell.

Trends in rainfall over the last 10 years have shown that 5 of the wettest years have occurred in the last 6 year period!

The driest year in the last 10 was in 2022 with 1140mm recorded.

A 10yr upward trend has resulted in 2023 having the highest rainfall over this period. If, as is feared, our atmosphere is warming, this increases the air's capacity to hold moisture, resulting in higher rainfall and more storm conditions.

Rainfall observations provided by Ian Rounsevell at Lower Bephillick

Duloe Short Mat Bowls Club

Duloe Short Mat Bowls club are leading the Eastern Area Premier League at the half way stage of the season, it's going to be a very close run league with second place only 3 points behind. A lot of tough games yet to be played, we will just take one game at a time.

The Club has also reached the final of the Rae Francis trophy (County Competition). I'm sure whoever we play it will be a very competitive and hard fought match played over two legs, home and away.

Jon Read and Martin Boraston have qualified to play in the over 55's National Pairs. Mark Slack, Karen Burton (our newest member), Caroline and Alan Trubshaw qualified for the National Mixed 4's. Both finals are to be played in Birmingham in February.

Mark, Martin, Caroline and Alan play in the National 4's, in April. And for the first time in the clubs history Duloe entered a nationwide competition, where teams compete to be the Top Team. Duloe have qualified for the finals, to be held at Torquay in May. Mark, Martin, Caroline and Alan represented Duloe at an English Short Mat Bowls competition. We have had a lot of players competing in County competitions, with a great deal of success which is excellent, with finals all to be played in March.

We would love to have a second team bowling at Duloe, somewhere for new bowlers to have a competitive game if they wish. Anyone who would like to have a go is more than welcome to join us on a Wednesday night at 7:00pm at the Jubilee Centre, you do not need any equipment as it will all be provided. Everyone is welcome from raw novices to seasoned players, come along and join us.

Alan Trubshaw, Duloe Short Mat Bowls Club

Duloe Ale & Cider Festival

The Ale and Cider festival in September last year seems a long time ago now. The team have recovered from a supremely busy day and months of planning and preparations. And we are now back planning for this year, so keep an eye out for posters and information about our next festival. We have big plans for another fantastic time!



We are delighted to report that due to the success of the event we are able to donate £8,000 to our chosen charities and local groups - Horatio's Garden, St. Petroc's, Myeloma UK, the Sowenna Appeal, East Cornwall Search and Rescue Team and the Duloe Community Trust Fund. We were also very pleased to be to pay for the Duloe village Christmas hampers in December.

We look forward to the festival this year and see you all in September!

John Massey, Chair of Duloe Ale & Cider Festival

Duloe Jubilee Centre and Marquee Bar

The Centre and Marquee Bar continue to be busy with bookings and activities, which is great to see. The Committees are working hard behind the scenes putting together a packed schedule of events.

From acoustic nights and quizzes in the Bar, to discos, coffee mornings and craft fairs in the Jubilee Centre, there is something for everyone. Not forgetting the weekly exercise classes! All the details can be found at the Jubilee Centre or via their Facebook page.

The much anticipated Duloe Produce & Flower Show is taking place on Saturday 3rd August. Keep a look out for all the details and categories. Happy gardening!

Amateur radio in Duloe

I first met Shirley and Andy Parks on Panter's Bridge near Warleggan. I was navigating for my husband on the Land's End Trial and they were there to assist with radio communications in the steep valley.

Back in Duloe I asked Andy why we'd seen him on the trial. He explained that he and Shirley are radio hams and sometimes work with Raynet** Volunteers practice their skills by supporting local events such as the car trial, The Dartmoor Ten Tors walk, Callington carnival and horse endurance rides. They are trained and licenced by Ofcom and can legally broadcast on many frequencies.

You may have seen them on the Recreation Ground last summer when Callington Amateur Radio Society were given a special licence to set up a radio station as part of the celebration of the Coronation of King Charles. Over the 2 days there were 271 contacts made in 52 countries.

Their core function is emergency communications for really serious events, disasters of all kinds such as flooding, major accidents or incidents. They are able to set up a field centre at very short notice to other agencies to do their job. They are vital in areas where there is little or no mobile signal and if there is a disaster the usual channels quickly become swamped by people calling for assistance etc.

Radio hams use shortwave signals which bounce off the ionosphere rather than satellites and can reach long distances. They reach people all around the world using Morse code as well as speech. Anyone who is interested can complete the online training at foundation level which will give them a licence to transmit for life. Some people with full licences even work on projects with organisations such as NASA. For further information contact <https://www.callingtonradiosociety.org.uk>

Cllr Tania Beaumont

**Raynet UK is a national body of radio amateurs who are pledged to provide communications in times of emergency.



Picture 2: Satellite Station with Peter, Chris, and Visitors

County Councillor Jane Pascoe

Having finally completed the St Cuby's Christmas Quiz, cleverly compiled for each answer to include a Bird, I felt well-equipped to take part in the RSPB Birdwatch survey in January and have recorded an increase in their numbers. It is pleasing to see snowdrops and even a solitary primrose making an appearance in my garden, but sadly I know there will be cold weather before we can welcome in the Spring. A timely reminder to look out for your neighbours, stay warm and take care when travelling in winter conditions.

Many of our homes in the countryside have open fires and it is important to have the chimneys' swept regularly. Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service offer a FREE home fire safety check to help make your home safer, to apply call 0800 3581 999. They offer advice on fire alarms and other safety measures.

I was disappointed to be informed by Cornwall Council that Connon Bridge, our nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC), will no longer receive Household DIY Waste, this includes tiles, rubble, plasterboard, WC ,etc. All other recyclable items will continue as before. Please be assured I will be asking for this decision to be reviewed, I know it will be extremely inconvenient and unreasonable for residents to travel to other distant facilities. In the meantime, you can dispose of this type of waste at Saltash or Tintagel without charge. Please do write to Cornwall Council Waste if this will affect your household and please inform me if there is any evidence of fly tipping on Council or private land as I believe this may increase now the facility has been taken away from our area.

I was pleased to learn that Cornwall Heritage Trust have become the caretakers of the Duloe Stone Circle, an important ancient site in the village which will be protected for future generations.

Since the opening of the new Police Station at Liskeard I have made many requests to the Police and Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez for an Open front desk facility, as there is in Looe. I have recently met with her, and she understands that it is important for this area. The station not only services the town but a large rural hinterland. If you support this request, please notify either Devon and Cornwall Police or Alison Hernandez PCC and me on my Facebook page: [cllr.janepascoe4liskeard](https://www.facebook.com/cllr.janepascoe4liskeard) south and Dobwalls.

Finally, may I wish you all a healthy 2024 and I hope that you all enjoy the forthcoming Easter time with your families. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you wish to personally Report Issues such as potholes, blocked drains you can use [Cornwall.gov.uk/ReportIt](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/ReportIt).

Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe

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Cllr.jane.pascoe@cornwall.gov.uk

 **Save the Date! St. Cuby's Summer Fete.**
Saturday 15th June. Details to follow. 

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Citizen's Advice Cornwall- Adviceline 0800 144 8848 Mon-Fri 10 4

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The service helps us keep you up-to-date by letting you know what is happening in your area as well as providing crime prevention advice, information about appeals and community events.

It also allows you to directly respond to us with information about any crimes or appeals.

The service is free to register and you can sign up as an individual or a business. You can also choose what information you want to be told about and how often you receive it.

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