Duloe Parish Council

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Stone Circle News



Inside this issue

The Autumn edition includes: an update on the South West Water treatment works; an article about an incredible expedition; dates for your diary; updates from Clubs and groups, and the news from across the Parish.
If you have any articles and information about events etc you would like to share, please do email the clerk@duloeparishcouncil.org.uk

Christmas Tree Festival returns.



St. Cuby's Church will be hosting the Christmas Tree Festival from the 14th December until the 5th January. Groups, clubs and local businesses are all welcome to take part. Please contact Churchwarden Penny Geach for more information.
Email penny.geach@gmail.com

Save the Date!

Place your bets, it's Race Night!
Duloe Jubilee Centre will be hosting the event on Friday 29th November.
Choose your horse, and cheer it across the finish line and win prizes! Tickets on sale in Duloe Shop from the 1st November.
For details email Heinz on hjklepacz@aol.com

Welcome to the Autumn edition of our newsletter!

I'm sure you are already missing those long hours of sunshine, which the rest of the UK seems to have had....but alas not Cornwall! Nevertheless we have still managed a Produce Show, another Ale & Cider Festival and the Herodsfoot lamb roast and duck race.

Our annual Ale & Cider Festival proved a huge success despite the weather. We are awaiting a final total raised for the charities and local causes as there are outstanding invoices yet to be paid.

It was a fantastic day, great music, great food and a wonderful community spirit. The Committee work very hard throughout the year and will already be planning next years event. Our thanks to them and to all the volunteers who helped before, during and after the festival - another great community effort!

More news from the Chair

Sadly, we have had to resort to the installation of CCTV cameras at the Recreation Ground due to several acts of vandalism recently. This has been jointly funded by the Parish Council and Recreation Ground. Please do not hesitate to contact PCSO Steve Cocks, by calling 101, or in person at Looe Police Station, if you see anything untoward whilst out and about.

Duloe Parish Council continues to support residents of the Parish in many ways. We will shortly be embarking on a new project to provide a pathway in the cemetery which will allow visitors to access their loved ones resting place without getting wet feet. Also, the Parish Council have just part-funded, the purchase of a new defibrillator unit which will be installed at the Recreation Ground. The Committee at the Ground were successful in receiving a grant to cover 50% of the cost, and split the remaining amount with ourselves. The defibrillator will be in place by early November.

I am pleased to report that the works carried out by SWW at the Duloe Treatment Works have now been completed and to date are proving to be successful. Adjustments made to the storm overflow weir has resulted in zero spills recorded as of August. Tanks are now installed onsite, and when required will balance flows, allowing SWW to hold flows in extreme weather and then return back into the treatment process when demand drops off which should help reduce spills, if not stop all spills, but winter will made this clear. We have requested monthly updates on spillage reports and statistics.
The 24/7 tankering has now stopped, and provided all goes to plan SWW will only be tankering twice a week to remove sludge from the process.

Our next civic functions will be the Remembrance Services in Duloe on Sunday 10th November at the War Memorial, and at Herodsfoot on the 11th at 11am on the Village Green.

For details of upcoming events taking place across the parish, do look at the Parish Council's website - www.duloeparishcouncil.org.uk Lists of the activities and Clubs taking place at the Jubilee Centre can be found on thier Facebook page @duloejubileecentre or via the posters and information at the Centre. And to find out about what the Clubs at the Rec Ground are up to, please give John a call on 01503 263496, visit the Rec Ground's Facebook page @duloerecreationground

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of the newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Parish Council with any issues, via the details below - if we can help we will!

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Duloe & Cider Festival

In the 17 years of the Festival, the sun has always shone, but there had to be one year when it was absent, and 2024 was that year! However, the rain did not stop the fun and the fabulous crowd danced, sang, ate and drank, and brought the party to the Recreation Ground. We cannot thank you all enough for getting involved, and making the day really special, and raising money for great causes. You are all brilliant!

The Committee will be meeting later this month to raise a glass to a successful event, and to organise the donations to the local good causes and charities the festival supported this year. It is one of our favourite things to do. As always we will be posting news on the amounts raised and donated on our social media pages, and will include a round-up in the next edition of the Stone Circle news. We thought it might be interesting to write an article about the history of the Festival - did you know the first event raised £500, and the second year saw that double to £1000? It then flew from there!









The Ale & Cider Festival would not happen without the hard work of the Committee, and I am very thankful for all their efforts. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped before - during and after the event - you are much appreciated - we hope you had a drink or two on us! Huge thanks to our main sponsor, Cornish Orchards for their continued and very generous support. Special mention to Amanda Stone and Dan Hinchcliff - and congrats on your recent marriage! Thank you to Peter Barlow from Outerstage for the fantastic stage and technical wizardry. And to all our sponsors, and those who donated towards the event, we are so thankful for your financial contributions, without you all the event could not go ahead. See you next year! **John Massey, Chair of Duloe Ale & Cider Festival**

Pig2Pig Expedition

In June Andy Kyte (possibly Duloe's least gifted cricketer of all time)** took part in Alex Lewis's Pig2Pig expedition. Alex is a quadruple amputee as a result of a catastrophic case of sepsis 10 years ago, and has completed various groundbreaking challenges since then. This was his latest adventure and consisted of hand-cycling from the Pig Hotel at Harlyn Bay to Falmouth, then rowing from Falmouth to Dover, before hand-cycling all the way back to Harlyn Bay. It took exactly one month to complete during which time Alex clocked up a very deliberate total of 999 miles.



Alex's mission is the development and cost reduction of prosthetics and other assistive technology which are needed to enable amputees and other differently abled people to live full and unrestricted lives. For this expedition innovations included a specialised boat which was created by recycling the hull of a sailing dinghy, prosthetics to hold an oar with quick release mechanisms in case of emergency, a modified life jacket, and a hand-cycle trike. Much of the equipment is being gifted to universities with the hope that they can make further improvements for the benefit of others.



As part of a wider team, Andy joined Alex for the first two days of the row (Falmouth to Fowey, then Fowey to Newton Ferrers), and the final day of the cycle (Camelford to Harlyn Bay). To say Andy enjoyed it would be an understatement. Whether Alex enjoyed Andy's sea shanties, local anecdotes and trivia is less clear. In any case, Alex says that the row was by far his favourite part, and he now has ambitions to row across the Atlantic. If Andy and his shanties will be required for that remains to be seen...

If you would like to support Alex's cause please head to **www.jumblebee.co.uk/p2pdonations**

** The Editor would like to point out that Andy wrote that about his cricketing prowess, not us! The Parish Council would also like to take a moment to congratulate Andy on helping to retain the title of World Gig Rowing Champions 2024 as part of the Looe Rowing Club team.

Marie Curie Date for your Diary

Two events in aid of Marie Curie are taking place in the Duloe Jubilee Centre on Saturday 9th November. The Craft Fair is from 10am to 2pm, followed by an evening of bingo. Doors open at 6.30pm and eyes down from 7.30pm. A great day raising vital funds to support the work of Marie Curie.

News from around the Parish



Duloe Cricket Club had another successful year ending 4th in the league after gaining promotion from the previous session.
The weather played its part again with several abandonments and cancellations and the session started late due to a wet spring. Due to these wet springs the divisions for next year have been reduced from 12 teams to 10, and will be starting later on Sat 3 May and finishing earlier on Sat 30 August.

All involved with Duloe CC would like to thank people from the village for their continuing support especially John Massey and John Geach for their help with preparing the ground. Also a massive thank you must go to Duloe Village Shop for becoming the clubs main sponsor this year.

Richard Turpin, Duloe Cricket Club.

Herodsfoot news

The Ram roast and Duck race we were blessed with a warm sunny evening, next was the Village Fete, and finally the Barbeque on the Green again the sun was shining for all events, which were well attended by the parish and visitors.

The Outdoor Church celebrated Herodsfoot being a Thankful village and on the 14th of September we enjoyed a curry evening with delicious dishes made by people from the village.

Please note we have a Foodbank box in the Church where items can be left at any time. They will be taken to the Liskeard and Looe Foodbank collection office.



Future events:

Remembrance Day: 11th November at 11.00am, War memorial on the Village Green.
2nd Sunday of the month - Celtic prayers, 3pm in the Church.
4th Sunday of the month- Holy Communion at 9.30am.

Councillor Trixie Gordon

Duloe Community Trust Fund

This year is the second year of our grant scheme, it has been very successful, with 8 students supported last year and 10 this year. We have a lot of feedback back from students saying how much they appreciate the. grant

This would not be possible without the fantastic support from local organisations in the parish - Duloe Jubilee Hall committee, the Parish Council, St. Cubys Church, Duloe Community shop, the Ale & Cider Festival, the Rec Ground, and Councillor Jane Pascoe's Community Chest.
I would like to thank all the representatives of each organisation for their help and support.

Tony Barrett, Chair of Duloe Community Trust Fund

Your Garden through the Winter by Duloe Gardening Club

As the leaves on the trees are getting a bit tatty around the edges and the wind is a little keener, we will still be able to get out in the garden to do a few jobs. Now is a good time to mulch your borders especially around tender plants, this also helps to suppress those pesky weeds. Use leaf mulch, bark or home/shop bought compost. Spent compost from your containers can also be used. Collect fallen leaves and put in your compost bin or in a black bin bag, watering well, make slits and put it out of the way to rot down into lovely leaf mulch ready for next winter.



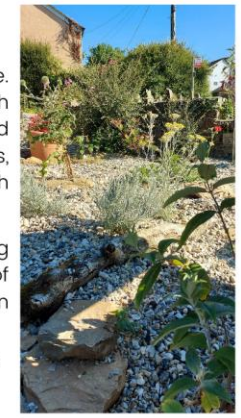
Take the opportunity to tidy leggy plants and roses so they aren't rocked by the wintry winds and prune those late flowering shrubs. Check your climbers and shrubs are securely attached to their supports. Cut your hedges if needed. New hedges can also be planted during January.
Plant out bare root plants such as currants and raspberries. Prune apple and pear trees anytime between now and February. Do not prune plum trees at this time of year though. Clean and tidy the greenhouse if you are lucky enough to have one. Wash down the glass, floors and pots ready for the spring. Now is also a good time to clean, rub down and oil your tools. They will last longer if you look after them.

Bulbs can be planted in October and November so that you have colourful displays to look forward to in the spring.

Be aware of the wildlife in the garden by building a bug hotel or leaving an area for the wildlife to enjoy or hide. By feeding the birds it will also encourage them to feed on some of those pests that we don't want in the garden.

When the weather is against you, enjoy the comfort of your armchair and look through any seed catalogues making a note of what you want for next season and taking into account what has or hasn't done well this year. Above all, enjoy your garden whatever season it is.

When do we meet?



Our monthly meetings are relaxed, friendly and but also informative. We start with a fun quiz and you may win a prize by coming last! With a light hearted approach we have a monthly focus subject or two, led by our members, recently we have covered intrusive species, gardening by the moon and passion flowers. We all get involved with questions and answers sharing our knowledge or thoughts.

We enjoy a glass of wine or soft drink and nibbles whilst chatting about our gardens, plants and plans. Join us on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the pavilion £5 a meeting. (No meeting in December)
Garden Club also looks after the garden in front of the Jubilee Centre. If you would like to help with this please let us know.

County Councillor update

We are approaching winter and I am concerned that the decision to stop Winter Fuel Payments to pensioners may bring hardship to people living in rural areas like Duloe. Many elderly residents live in older properties, which are more expensive to heat because they do not have efficient systems or double glazing. Some will try to make do and will be too proud to ask for help, or unable to use the internet to apply for the assistance. I am advising all pensioners to apply for the Pension Credit, if you only qualify for a few pence, it may open doors to assistance such as loft insulation, council tax reduction and other benefits. Help is available to assist with the application form in the Citizens Advice Bureau and Liskeard Library.



Connon Bridge Tip Now for some good news. Further to my strong objections, the decision to accept Household DIY Waste at Conon Bridge HWRC has been reinstated. The consequences of the previous decision were widespread with a notable increase in fly-tipping and longer journeys for residents to use an alternative facility. Without charge you can now responsibly dispose of plasterboard, tyres, tiles, toilets and sinks from households - but not commercial waste. You do not have to book a time to visit Connon Bridge HWRC.

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Duloe School Summer Fair, it was lovely to see the children so busy on their stalls and I did succumb to a large slice of delicious coffee cake! It was interesting to talk to the Headmaster and parents about their future plans. The new school term has begun and some will have changed to senior school. I wish them good luck with their lessons, and I truly hope they settle in well and enjoy their learning experience.

The Public Inquiry for the revision of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Tolls took place on the 15th Oct. I submitted a written objection against any increase to the tolls on behalf of residents. I strongly disagree with the punitive charge to access secondary healthcare, employment, and education.

National Highways will be commencing essential work on the Saltash Tunnel at the end of November. As work progresses into 2025 there will be lane closures and we anticipate some delays. In recent meetings with National Highways, I have made them very aware that the residents of SE Cornwall have critical medical appointments to attend in addition to employment and education. It is crucial that delays are kept to a minimum and that advanced information is essential for residents to be able to rearrange/plan accordingly/use alternative transport options. This is going to be a difficult time, but I hope we can work together with National Highways.



Finally, I want to thank the editorial team for allowing me to communicate with you through their excellent newsletter, it provides useful and helpful information for parishioners, and I look forward to reading each edition. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year and that you have a peaceful and enjoyable time with your families over the festive period.

Jane Pascoe, County Councillor
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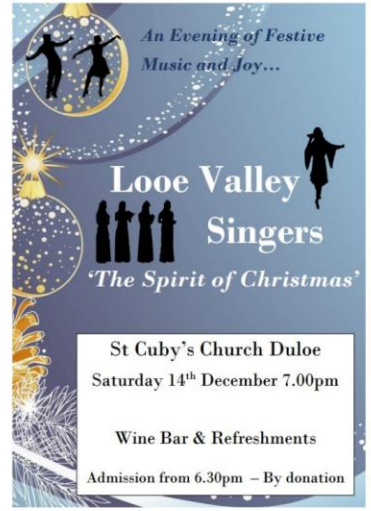
Dates, events & info!



Art & Craft Club at the Rec

We meet every week and you are welcome to pop along for an occasional meeting any week. There is no commitment. All abilities are welcome, its very therapeutic to play with various art and craft materials getting creative or just doodling and being messy.

You can start a new piece of work or bring along anything you are working on, we support each other. There are lots of mediums for painting or just splashing around.
Friday mornings 9.30 till 12.30. First session free. Coffee & cake included.
Lorna Harris



Your Festive Community Shop

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

As well as our normal range we have got a great range of items in for the festive period including cards, gift bags, wrapping paper and a wide range of chocolates, biscuits and wine, with a few different stocking fillers as well.



We will be taking orders for meat, milk and vegetables ready for people to pick up in the run up to Christmas so keep an eye out for the order forms in the shop.

Have a lovely festive period! The Duloe Community Shop Team



Get in touch!

Would you like to advertise your event, activity or have an article, or photos, you would like to include in the next edition? Or are you interested in how your business can place an advert?

The Stone Circle news is produced on a quarterly basis for parishioners and we would be delighted to hear from you. It is funded by the Parish Council, therefore any advertising revenue will help to offset the costs, and help make it a financially sustainable publication.

The next edition will be out in mid-February, with a deadline for entries at the end of January. For details and how to get involved in your local newsletter, and for advertising costs, please email the Clerk on clerk@duloeparishcouncil.org.uk