

Stone Circle News



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Looe Valleys Festival 2025

The month-long community festival celebrating the East and West Looe Valleys will take place in April. Called "We are of this place - A'n tyller ma on ni" will have something for everyone.

The programme of events will include guided walks, local produce and craft markets, regenerative farming and climate change events, storytelling, a rock pool ramble and other coastal events, activity around water quality in our rivers, and of course Easter events in our village halls and churches.

Christmas Quiz Winners

Thank you all for supporting our Church Quiz this year, we had a tremendous take-up. I would like to thank Roger Netting, a past resident of Duloe, for allowing us to use his quiz.

The winners were as follows:

1st Place - Patsy Richards with 99 correct answers.

Joint 2nd with 98 correct answers-

Penny & John Geach

Carole & Tony Day

Jill Hall.

Many thanks all. Ann Rounsevell.



Winning Night at the Races!

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the recent Race Nite at the Jubilee Hall.

So many of you have said how much you enjoyed the event. After costs, you raised £340 to the St Cuby's Church charity.

We are looking to hold another Race Nite in the New Year. Many thanks, Heinz Klepacz.

WELCOME TO THE SPRING EDITION OF OUR NEWSLETTER!

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Stone Circle News.

We hope you had a joyful Christmas and wish you all a prosperous New Year! Thanks goes to MS Builders & Son Ltd for donating the village Christmas tree this year. Much appreciated!

The Parish Council has some new developments to look forward to in 2025 which I will briefly outline for you. Firstly, I would like to say on behalf of all Councillors we were very sorry to hear the passing of Hedley Stevens. He was a great character within the Parish and will be sorely missed by us all.

Mains power has now been disconnected from the public conveniences and solar panels have been successfully installed by Councillor Richard Turpin. This will save us approximately £1000 a year in un-metered supply bills. The streetlight in the park (adjacent to Parkside bungalow) has been taken over by Cornwall Council which again will save the Parish Council a lot of money - a total saving of over £2000 a year will be guaranteed by these two savings.

We have engaged Anton Luiten from Dobwalls to lay a path in the Cemetery perpendicular to the existing footpath to allow better access to the burial plots for both visitors and funeral attendees. This will be completed as soon as the weather permits.

Duloe Primary have been working on their gardens within the School in order to provide growing spaces in their grounds. As a result they are no longer continuing with the lease of the allotment adjacent to the Cemetery, so the Parish Council have agreed to take it on from the Duchy of Cornwall. We are liaising with the School and our friends in the Gardening Club to plan and develop the area into a garden of reflection. Our vision is to create a sensory garden with paths, seating, herbs etc for the community to use as a place for rest and quiet reflection. It will also be planted with plenty of insect friendly plants to encourage our dwindling bee population especially.

Our thanks to the Gardening Club for their help on this project, and for their continued hard work in keeping the Jubilee garden and trough seating area tidy.

More news from the Chair

On the 15th January, Duloe residents and the Parish Council were mentioned by name in the House of Commons when our MP Anna Gelderd spoke on the issue of water quality. She used our work with South West Water to obtain a solution to the sewage spill problem at Duloe Sewage Treatment Works as a glowing example of how local councils and residents can apply pressure and get results. We continue to monitor the situation, and to date no sewage spills have been recorded since the completion of the work.

As ever we continue to report potholes, flooding, debris, fly-tipping etc to Cornwall Council on a regular basis. County Councillor Jane Pascoe's provides an update on page 7 and highlights how to report issues via their web-site. Please do check out the Parish's website for details of how to report things like missed bin collections, litter, anti-social behaviour, issues with streetlights, and contacts for the Police amongst other useful contacts.

For details of upcoming events taking place across the parish, do look at the Parish Council's website - www.duloe-parish-council.org.uk. Lists of the activities and Clubs taking place at the Jubilee Centre can be found on their 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 @duloe-recreation-ground

Finally I would like to draw your attention to the information below regarding the upcoming Town and Parish Elections in May. If you are interested in your community and want to help make a difference, then please contact the Clerk for details and the time-frame.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of the newsletter, with kind regards and best wishes for the New Year.

Councillor Phil Hallworth - Chair of Duloe Parish Council

So, what do Parish Councillors do?

Parish and town councils are the most local tier of local government. Councillors make decisions that influence how the Council works. The decisions they make affect the lives of everyone who lives, works or visits the parish. Councillors are representatives of their community with a connection to the area, acting with integrity to make the best decisions for residents on local services in the area.

To be a Councillor you must:

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British, commonwealth or EU citizen
- be on the electoral register, or have lived, worked or owned property in the Parish for at least 12 months before date of election

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Festival donates a record amount!



As you know our 17th Ale & Cider Festival was held on 7th September, and the first time ever it rained on us. And it really rained! Instead of sunshades, people brought gazebos for shelter, wore their wellies, and made sure the wet conditions didn't spoil the fun. I'm delighted to say they definitely all made the most of it!



With their help, this year, we have been able to donate £9,600 to our chosen charities and local groups, which as am sure you agree is an incredible amount of money to raise in one day. Obviously that isn't taking in to account the hours and months put in by the Committee, but they are delighted with the outcome from all their efforts. I am very proud of the commitment shown by the Committee and as always, amazed by the demand for tickets and by the generosity of our sponsors and supporters.

The charities we have donated to are the Looe RNLI, the Mustard Tree and the Primrose Foundation, both of which are based in Derriford Hospital. The Look Good Feel Better and Spinal Muscular Atrophy charities, and to Duloe Recreation Ground, the Duloe Community Trust Fund and the Duloe village Christmas hampers. We also donated to the Liskeard and Looe Foodbank and on the day people brought items with them, and we collected a brilliant 161kg of food etc. It is a real privilege to be

able to financially contribute towards the work of these charities and groups and help them to deliver the vital services they provide for people living in South East Cornwall and beyond.

The festival has grown over the years and from the start the profits have gone to benefit others. The first event was held in November 2006 and raised £500. The following year it doubled to £1000, and from then the amount has steadily grown year on year. The Ale & Cider Festival originally set out to raise funds to help towards the costs of building the skatepark. Now installed and used daily by young and old, it shows what can be done if we come together and have a good time!

On behalf of the Ale & Cider Committee, thank you once again for all your generosity and support.

John Massey, Chair

DULOE STONE CIRCLE

In 2024, Cornwall Heritage Trust took on the care of Duloe Stone Circle, which it manages on behalf of the Duchy of Cornwall. The charity is pleased to give an update on its recent activities.

Staff from the Trust have replaced the gate on the entrance into the field and are now working on cutting back the hedge to the rear of the monument. We have had to be quite brutal, so that we can commence better management through coppicing and laying. These improvements will ensure that the stone circle is better presented and, in the long-term, the biodiversity of the area is also boosted. This work has involved partners such as the National Trust team at Lanhydrock, while a workshop about positive hedge management was recently held on the site.



A small number of benches will soon be placed in the field and the charity is also investigating the provision of a small community orchard in the field, as well as some wildflower planting.

Cornwall Heritage Trust is also pleased to report that Gorsedh Kernow will be holding an Awen ceremony in the field at 2.00 on 22nd June. A small ceremony, it precedes the main Bardic ceremony, which will be held at Marazion in early September.

Cornwall Heritage Trust ("Trest Ertach Kernow") is a small independent charity, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2025. Its mission is to preserve and strengthen ("gwytha ha crefhe") Cornwall's unique and distinct heritage for everyone. The charity looks after 16 of Cornwall's most iconic and important historic sites, runs a wide-reaching education programme, hosts community events, and provides school transport grants to enable children to visit ancient sites, museums and historic properties across Cornwall. For more information head to www.cornwallheritagetrust.org.

Dick Cole, Cornwall Heritage Trust

Duloe Primary Academy News

The Spring term has got off to a flying start. Year 6 took part in a Hyrox Competition hosted at Duloe, alongside other Year 6 children from Pelynt and Trenode.

Hyrox is a cross-fit type activity which involves lots of running and lots of strength-based activities. The children had an amazing time, showed a great competitive spirit and were wonderful sports.

The event also gave the children the opportunity to meet other children who will be starting secondary school in September.



In DT, Class 3 have been exploring how the Anderson shelter was used by the people of Britain during WW2 as a way of protecting themselves from German bombings. Looking at a range of sources and photographs from the time, they worked in pairs to design their own model Anderson shelter.

In their designs they all thought carefully about the shape, scale and proportion of the shelter in relation to how they looked at the time. The inside of each shelter design was also considered with benches, bunk beds and posters added. It made the children all consider what they would bring to an Anderson shelter if they had to be in one for several hours.

Class 2 have been having weekly music lessons with Sally Butlin from Cornwall Music Services Trust learning the ukelele, and with a very generous grant from Looe Lions we will be able to purchase our own class set of ukeleles – watch out for future performances!

Work has started on our new accessible toilet; the children have loved watching the machines being brought in and excavation work beginning. Class 1 this term are looking at materials and will be linking this to the work being done on site. They will be looking at the properties of materials and how our school was built.

Thank you to our parents and neighbours for their patience with the parking while this work is being done.

PTFA DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Duloe School PTFA would like to thank the local businesses and residents who supported our Christmas raffle, we raised £648!

We're busy sourcing prizes for our Summer Raffle, tickets will be on sale from late May.

PTFA are hosting a quiz on Friday 14th March at the Jubilee Hall, further details coming soon.

Funds raised by the PTFA this year will go towards supporting educational visits for the whole school as well as our usual activities.



Around the Parish

CRICKET SEASON RETURNS

Although it is winter in Duloe and its not the cricket season, there are still things to be done.

Our AGM will be held soon, and the fixtures for this summer are out, with our first game being Saturday the 3rd May at home to St.Stephen. Early Spring will see the start of preparations at the Ground, as long as it stays dry!

We will also soon start our pre-season net practice sessions, the times and venue are still to be confirmed. If you would like to join the Club or come to our net sessions, please do feel free to contact me or any of the team. New members are always very welcome!

Richard Turpin, Duloe Cricket Club.



DULOE W.I. NEWS

Duloe WI started 2025 with a January get together for Sunday lunch, which we all enjoyed. February 6th saw a very interesting and informative talk from a local Veterinary Nurse.

Then on March 6th we are to do crafting with Alison Willis, which sounds a fun evening. In April we are to have a trip out, as yet to be decided, but will be enjoyed all the same.

Please come along for 7.30pm, at Duloe Jubilee Centre for fun, tea and cakes, and see if you'd like to join us. If you'd like more information please ring Sharon on 01579 343434.

Gill Hall, Duloe WI

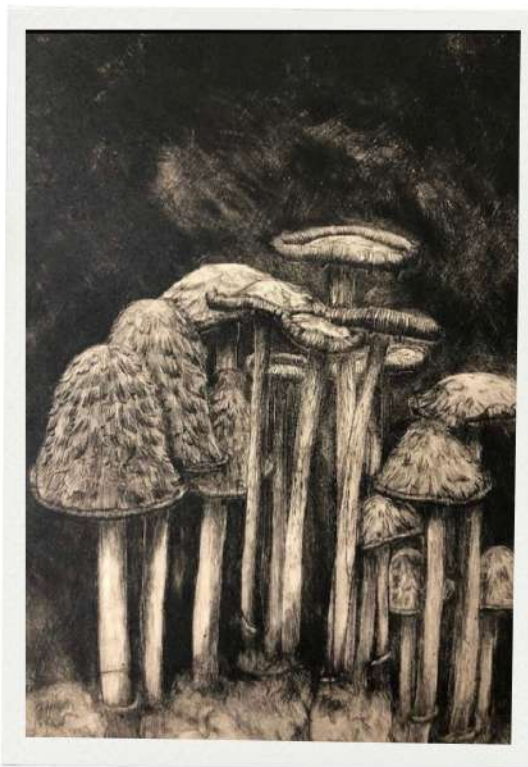


ELEANOR RUSSELL-HSIEH ARTIST PRINTMAKER

Eleanor Russell- Hsieh is an artist and printmaker based in Herodsfoot.

Experimenting with various mark-making techniques in her work - from the delicate scratching of drypoint that speaks to her love of drawing, to the looser monotype method - her work explores the beauty and importance of flora and fauna.

Forest dwellers, ocean oddities or dark, woodland vignettes, all work together to evoke a sense of intrigue in the viewer, inviting them to consider what each image represents beyond the nostalgia they might see on the surface - and how nature impacts the world in which we live.



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Your Garden in the Spring by Duloe Gardening Club

Although the garden maybe looking a little sad and bedraggled at the moment, look a little closer and you will see signs of life. Those bulbs that you planted during the autumn are now beginning to poke their heads up so you will soon have a wonderful and colourful display to cheer everyone up. Buds are also appearing on bushes and trees in readiness for blossom.

Did you order your seeds? Maybe you will buy them locally. Whatever, decide what you are planting and when, the time will whizz by and before you know it you'll be reaping the benefits of your careful planning whether that is fruit and vegetables or colourful floral displays.

However, don't be fooled by the odd sunny days. We may yet have a cold snap with frost and/or snow. So although tempting as it is to prune your hydrangeas – DON'T !! Wait until the risk of frost has passed. The dead flower heads will protect the new shoots and if you prune too early you risk not getting any flowers later in the year. Do however, mulch the base of the plants, this will also help to protect them.

February is the perfect time to prune your apple trees, and shrubs but do not prune spring flowering shrubs or you will lose any flowers that you are expecting.

Sow seeds in a heated greenhouse or on a sunny window sill,

these may include sweet peas, salad seeds, broad beans, onion sets and many more. Now is also a good time to chit your potatoes ready to plant out later, an old egg box or tray is really useful for this.

Above all, enjoy your garden whatever season it is.

WHEN DO WE MEET?

Our monthly meetings are relaxed, friendly and but also informative. Starting with a fun quiz, you may even 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.

We are planning trips out to visit Gardens and Nurseries again this year as these are always very enjoyable.

Garden club also look after the garden in front of the Jubilee Centre if you would like to help with this please let us know.

'THE RAIN, IT RAINETH EVERY DAY' - WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

The following data is the 2024 Rainfall Summary for Duloe:

The Total Rainfall in 2024 was 1492ml. This is higher than the UK average of 1200ml.

Driest months were June at 31ml and August with 55ml. However, July was unusually wet - School holidays begin! - seeing 114ml.

February and March were the wettest months with 240ml and 226ml respectively.

Rainfall data very kindly supplied by
Ian Rounsevell at Lower Bephillick Cottage.



County Councillor update

I survived the busy family Christmas, navigated my way through the Duloe Church cryptic quiz, must do better next year, tried to coax the birds to come out in the rain for the Birdwatch survey, and then began to deal with any unfinished business from the previous year.

There are always many potholes, blocked drains, landslides, floods, and bridge repairs to deal with, the exceptionally wet winter has meant that the Highways team have had more call outs than previous years. I do thank them for their tireless work to keep our villages functioning and hope you will understand, when it may take longer to address than we would expect. Residents can also report issues direct at www.cornwall.gov.uk/ReportIt

This year my Cornwall Council Community Chest Fund contributed £250 to Duloe Community Trust Fund, which supports young people from the Parish with further education and £384 to the Parish Council to purchase bicycle racks to be located at the Shop and Recreation Ground. This is in addition to donations to the Foodbank, SE Cornwall Blood Bikes and Community Speed Watch.

Last year I marched across the Tamar Bridge with hundreds of residents from SE Cornwall, and on a later date to attend the Public Inquiry to campaign for no further increase to the Tamar Crossing Tolls. We are still awaiting a decision from the Secretary of State. This is a punitive cost to local people who must cross the Tamar for Health, Education, Employment and Leisure and I strongly believe the burden of the cost should not fall only on the residents of SE Cornwall.



Whilst writing this newsletter I received the sad news of the fire in the Barrow Centre at the Mt Edgecumbe Country Park. Our beautiful asset on the Rame Peninsula is owned jointly by Cornwall Council and Plymouth City Council. I sit as your Councillor on the joint committee, and the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee which includes Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service. My thanks go to the 40 fire service personnel who worked through the night to put the fire out. My thoughts are with the residents and businesses who have lost their belongings. Locals can get very good concessions by becoming a Friend of Mt Edgecumbe and they do welcome any volunteers to help with fundraising events. The Country Park is free entry and a lovely place to take your visiting relatives or friends and I know the Park will be glad for extra support following this devastating incident.

The essential upgrading of the Saltash Tunnel technology continues into this year. I have been working with National Highways in my capacity as Chair of the South East Cornwall Area Partnership (SECAP) to ensure that residents have accurate and regularly updated information so that journeys can be planned and delays can be minimized throughout the period of works. Any reduction in the number of vehicles using the route is helpful, if you can share lifts or use public transport whenever possible.

As the Council year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chair and Parish Councillors in Duloe, all of whom are volunteers, for their exceptional and efficient work. Alongside their extremely capable Responsible Officer & Clerk, they deal with numerous Parish issues and sometimes must make difficult decisions. This Parish is in very safe hands, and it is always a pleasure and privilege to work with them.

I am always pleased to see the daffodils arrive, a sign that Spring is just around the corner, but I am mindful that there may still be severe weather and once again I ask you to look out for your neighbours. If you enjoy walking dogs in the countryside, a timely reminder that it is lambing season. Please always keep your dogs on leads on the moors and on footpaths close by livestock and please pick up their poo.

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful Springtime and a Happy Easter with your families.

County Cllr Jane Pascoe

Visit Cornwall Council's Report It page to access links to report a wide range of issues such as missed bin collections, anti-social behaviour, food poisoning and abandoned cars.

www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/



Duloe Jubilee Centre, Duloe, PL14 4PA
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For the Community by the Community

OPEN DAILY:
MONDAY to FRIDAY 07:30am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm
SATURDAY 07:30am – 1pm
SUNDAY 9am – 12

BANK HOLIDAYS 9am – 12

General Provisions, Newspapers, Magazines,
Dairy Products, Fresh Bread Daily, Local Butchers' Meats, Local Eggs
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Local grown Vegetables (In Season),
Frozen Foods, Ice Creams, Sweets, Stationery,
Alcohol, Tobacco, Fresh Pasties Daily.

WE CAN TAKE ORDERS FOR ANY PRODUCTS

Battery recycling.
Liskeard Food Bank Collection Point

POST OFFICE
Monday – Saturday: 07:30 – 13:00
Monday – Friday: 14:00 – 16:30

Posting letters & parcels, Stamps,
Banking, Cash Withdrawals, Health Lottery
Local Collect, Mobile top ups, Business Mails,
Drop & Go





We meet every Friday, 9.30am to 12.30 in the Pavilion at the Rec Ground, there is no commitment to come on a regular basis. Everyone is welcome. It is 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. We have lots of mediums for painting or just splashing around.

Join us for coffee and cake!

Lorna Harris

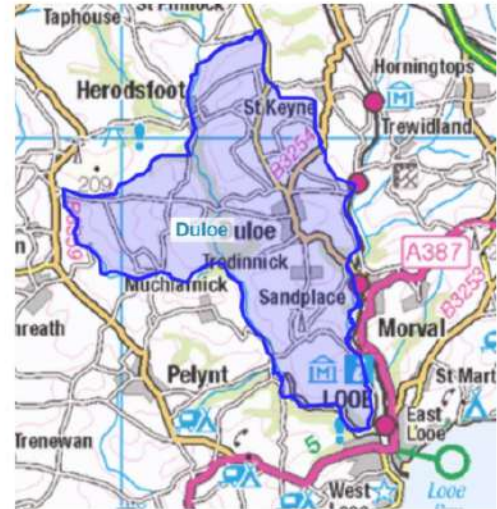
WHAT DOES YOUR PARISH COUNCIL DO?

Duloe Parish Council is a civil local authority, and the first tier of local government. We are funded by levying a precept collected with the council tax, paid by the residents of our Parish. Although the Parish Council's powers are not as extensive as those of county and district councils, being at grass roots level, we have an important role representing the community which we are elected to serve. Councillors are unpaid and elected for four years.

Parish Councils are statutory consultees in the planning process and as such Duloe represents local views by providing local knowledge, raising areas of concern and supporting residents with their applications where appropriate. Whilst we can only comment on planning applications in the same way as any other member of the public, by providing informed, clear responses we aim to add value to the planning process.

The Parish Council has a responsibility to the community to ensure that the facilities it owns are maintained and improved as necessary. The following highlight the areas of responsibility, and gives an overview of the work we carry out:

- **Management of the cemetery next to Duloe Church**
- **Maintenance of the bus shelters, public conveniences, and the repair and protection of our War memorials**
- **Provide information about services, activities and community development**
- **Provision, development and management of the Recreation Ground and Pavilion**
- **Provision and maintenance Public footpaths, bridleways and play areas**
- **Provision of byelaws relating to open spaces**
- **Matters relating to charities and community grants**
- **Promotion of tourism**





Stone Circle News

Do you have an event or activity you would like to promote?
 Got an update on your Club or Group you would like to share?
 Want to place an advert for your local business?

Please get in touch to see how you can be involved. We would love to hear from you!
 Email clerk@duloeparishcouncil.org.uk