Stone Circle News



Save the Date!

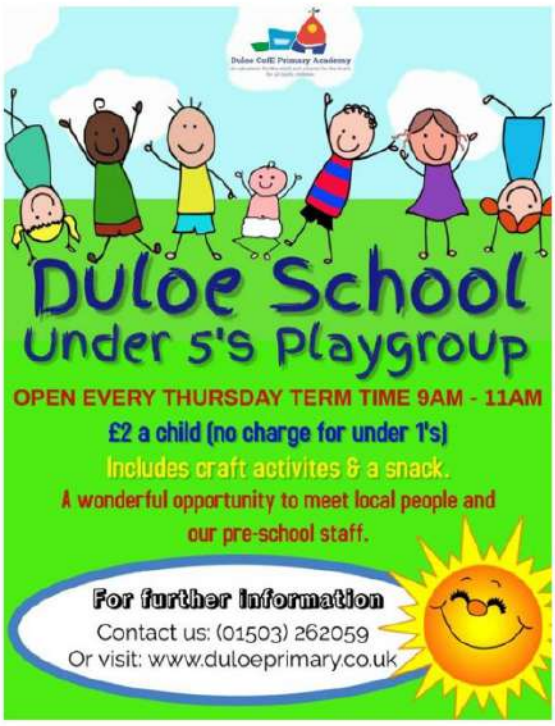
Back for the 19th year, the Duloe Ale & Cider Festival returns in September. See you at the Recreation Ground on Saturday 12th!
All the details to follow.

Duloe Cricket Club Gears Up for the Season

Duloe start their 2026 Division 3 East fixtures on Saturday 2nd May with a game at home to St.Blazey 2.
All welcome to come along and cheer the team on.
Full fixture list is available from the Cornwall Cricket website.

Eyes down for a full house

Duloe Jubilee Centre is the place to be on Friday 27th March for a evening of prize winning Bingo in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.
Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.30pm.



WELCOME TO THE SPRING EDITION OF THE STONE CIRCLE NEWS

Welcome to the Spring issue of our newsletter, and a belated Happy New Year to you all!

Christmas came and went with a tree kindly donated by Neil & Helen Hilton, carols around the tree beautifully organised by St. Cuby's, and a Christmas quiz with bumper prizes saw a bumper attendance!

And then...it rained...and dangerous trees fell...and it rained some more...and...has it stopped yet? I don't have any updates on the management of trees on Sandplace Hill, save to say progress is being made between the leaseholders and the Forestry Commission. Rest assured, Councillors are committed to working with the all leaseholders to ensure the trees are managed and maintained properly.

We have received funds from our County Councillor Jane Pascoe via the Community Chest for the installation of a CCTV camera which will cover the entrance to the public conveniences, the book box, and the trough area. These are all Parish assets which we are hoping will be better protected by the installation of CCTV.

Our annual Local Maintenance Partnership grant schedule has been allocated for the upkeep of certain parish paths, and cutting will proceed when the weather decides to buck up!

Work on the allotment garden has begun. Thanks to Councillors, Colin Willson, Andrew Brenton, Elliot Beaumont, Jane and Paul Pascoe and Michael Cole for the tree work. This will not only create more light into the garden, but also will help stabilise and protect the wall from further subsidence. This is part if a larger project to create a community garden supported by funding from Groundwork UK. Now Spring has started to arrive, we look forward to getting stuck in with the plans, and will be advertising how to get involved, so if you are interested please contact the Clerk for more details.

Check out the details of the clubs and activities at the Recreation Ground and Jubilee Centre. There is something for everyone; from bowls to books, Qigong to gardening, Clubbercise to art classes, so if you would like to find out more please do get in touch.

More news from the Chair

The Parish Council has approved a raft of policies which are a requirement of the new Assertion 10 legislation. From 2025/26, all Parish Councils must meet new national standards for digital and data governance (known as Assertion 10). This means Councils must show they are actively meeting these requirements through things like data audits, and regularly updated policies. These changes are designed to improve transparency, security, and accessibility for all residents. The new policies will be published on our website, and Councillors will be ensuring they are implemented in order to carry out our work efficiently, effectively and legally.

Councillors Turpin and Barrett are currently updating our Parish Assets Register so that insurance cover for the coming years can be budgeted for.

We are pleased to see that work has begun on the house damaged by fire in Pras Gwartha, and we look forward to welcoming new residents later in the year. Many of you will also have noticed that the vacant house on the Green has had clearance work carried out in the garden and inside the property. This marks the early stages of preparing the cottage for sale. The Parish Council does not yet have any timeframes for this, but we look forward to seeing the property restored.



Our Councillors are very proactive; however, if you notice potholes, fly tipping, footpath obstructions, or any other problems, please report it on the Cornwall Council website - https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/
Photos of the issues are always a good idea.

Lastly, from 16 March, Cornwall Council will start collecting cartons (sometimes known as Tetra Pak) and plastic bags and wrapping as part of the usual fortnightly recycling collections.
The new materials include: **Cartons used for foods** such as: Milk, juice, and soup.
Plastics and wrapping including: Plastic and bread bags, cereal bags, salad bags, frozen food bags and carrier bags, bubble wrap, plastic film lids, fruit and vegetable nets and crisp packets.
Check out the updated recycling A-Z guide on www.cornwall.gov.uk/recycling.

Hope you enjoy reading the latest issue.
Councillor Phil Hallworth - Chair of Duloe Parish Council

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DULOE COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE

As a community shop, we like to support local suppliers where we can, offering a selection of bread, milk, eggs, meat, cakes, and pasties, many of which are not available in the supermarkets. If you would like to order anything from Malcolm Barnecutt or Blakes please ask.

In the shop we stock a range of groceries, daily newspapers, greetings cards, a selection of wines, beers, cold drinks, and snacks.

We keep our prices as low as possible for the community. As a small shop we cannot compete with some supermarket prices because we do not have their economies of scale. However, we do offer local access, saving both time and petrol along with free parking onsite.

The shop provides a friendly and welcoming environment, and we are looking for volunteers who would like to be part of the team. If you would like to find out more about joining us, please pop into the shop or call us on 01503 - 265592.

With many local banks closed or closing, why not make use of our onsite Post Office, where you can withdraw/deposit cash, make balance enquiries, pay some bills, top up gas and electric, purchase stamps, gift cards and we are also a local collect for Amazon and Royal Mail.

Our current opening hours for the shop are: -
Monday - Friday 8.00am - 1.00pm - 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Saturday - 8.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday - 9.00am - 12.00

Post Office hours:
Monday - Friday 8.00am - 1.00pm - 2.00pm - 4.30pm
Saturday - 8.00am - 12.30pm
Sunday - Closed



As part of running your Community Shop, we annually review the business to plan for the coming year and feel that now is a good time to engage with the local community to hear your thoughts on what Duloe Community shop could offer.
Please contact us via duloecs@outlook.com.

Thank you to our customers and volunteers who continue to support the shop which enables it to serve the community.

Carrie, Mandy and all the team at your local village shop.

DULOE JUBILEE COMMUNITY CENTRE

As Chairman of the Duloe Jubilee Community Centre, just a short note on why we are changing its legal structure.

The Duloe Jubilee Community centre, a well-used facility in the village is managed by a volunteer committee of local residents. This organisation was set up originally as a charitable association registered with the Charity Commission and still operates within this legal framework.Although this has been satisfactory since the hall was built, it is no longer fit for purpose because the trustees carry unlimited liability. In today's litigious climate, committee members are no longer willing to accept this potential burden, resulting in the association no longer having the minimum number of trustees.

To secure the future of the hall (and to a lesser degree the shop, it being sited on hall land), the committee have decided to change the legal framework from a charitable association to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), again registered with the Charity Commission but able to operate like a limited company. The constitution of this body has been derived from the current trust deed and will ensure the organisation operates in an open and democratic manner.

The existing association will have to be closed down as per the current constitution and will require a public meeting of local residents to vote on this. The management committee will be available to answer questions at this meeting. Notices will be posted in the parish with the date and time of this meeting shortly and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Chris Hall
Chairman of the Village Hall

Duloe Primary Academy News

Duloe CofE Primary Academy
An adventure for the mind and a home for the heart for all God's children

At the end of January, we welcomed Ofsted into our school. As you may be aware, Ofsted's inspection framework changed in December 2025, and we were one of the first schools in Cornwall to be inspected under the new arrangements. This made the visit particularly significant for our whole school community.

At this stage, the outcomes of the inspection remain confidential and provisional until the final report is published (the results should be available by the time this newsletter is printed).

What we can share is that we are very pleased with the outcome and incredibly proud of the way our children, staff and wider community represented the school. The inspection team were overwhelmed by the positivity of the comments shared through the parent and carer survey, and they highlighted the strong sense of community and support surrounding our school.

Courageous Advocates

We have been delighted to introduce a brand new certificate to recognise the independent actions our pupils take to be courageous advocates.

This award was inspired by Harvey, who has been spotted around the village with his litter picker, helping to keep the community clean. Well done, Harvey!

If you notice any child doing something outside of school that demonstrates courageous advocacy, we would love to hear about it. This might be taking part in a sponsored walk, rescuing a hedgehog who should be hibernating, or collecting items for the local Foodbank.





Together, we can all 'be the change we wish to see in the world'.

Dave Hannah
Head of School - Duloe Academy & Pelynt Academy

ST CUBY'S NEWS



A New Year and new opportunities we trust. Once again we had to cancel one of our events, The Race Night, through lack of support which seems a shame as there was so much enthusiasm the first time around in 2023. There was also disappointment expressed, but we do need to have at least 40 people in attendance to make this event work and be fun. We will try again.

Our Annual Church Fete is booked for Sunday 5th July from 12pm, on the village Recreation Ground. There will be availability for anyone interested to rent a stall space for £10. Your support in any way would really appreciated as we try to make this event an annual one that is village inclusive (Duloe & Tredinnick) and fun. Most of our fundraising events are for outside charities, but this one event is specifically for Church funds such as maintenance of the ancient building, Insurance, Lighting & Heating and M.M.F. These are expenses that we must find and that do NOT come from any legacy that we might be given. If anyone feels that they would like to assist in any way, please contact Marilyn or Heinz on the number below! Pray for fine weather and good company.

And please, if anyone would like to use our facilities in the future do get in touch with me Marilyn Klepacz (Treasurer) or Penny Geach (Churchwarden) and we will be happy to help. St Cuby's is your Parish Church, a space that we would like to think of as open and welcoming to the entire village.

Marilyn Klepacz : St Cuby's PCC Treasurer (07765 530304/01503 265433)

DULOE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Duloe Blues have won the Premier League for the Eastern Cornwall Area for a fifth consecutive season. This is a great achievement as the title was secured with two remaining games to play.
Well done to the Blues.

Members from the Blues and Royals entered a team into the Rae Francis cup competition and are through to the final in March. With one home game and one away game against Luxulyan a win will result in retaining the trophy for a fourth consecutive season.

Duloe Royals have had a good run in their second season and have one remaining match where there is a chance of for promotion next season. Nearing the end of the season the final competition will be to compete for the Bebbington Cup which sees each Cornwall area league winners battle it out at Carnmoggas SMBC. Duloe Blues are looking for a win to regain the cup after being defeated last season.

As always if anyone would like to join the club we roll up on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm, come along and give it a go.

RAINFALL HIGHLIGHTS FROM CARGLONNON FARM (2025)

Thanks to the meticulous records kept by Ian Rounsevell at Carglonnon Farm, we're able to share another year of rainfall observations for our parish.

The detailed daily log for **2025** shows a total annual rainfall of **1,497 mm (almost 5ft!)**. From the long-term chart (2014–2026), only 2 years have shown a higher figure: **2020: 1,506 mm** and **2023: 1,545 mm.** This places 2025 firmly in the higher-rainfall bracket of the past decade.

Ian notes that since he began keeping records in 1984, the average annual rainfall has been rising, previously sitting between 1,025 mm and 1,075 mm. The chart shows that the last 12 years recorded **16,438 mm of rain**, giving an average of around **1,370 mm** per year — noticeably higher than the long-term averages from the 1980's.

The charts are handwritten, meticulously kept, and dotted with notes on frost, drizzle, and snow. They form a valuable long-term record of our local climate, compiled with great care by Ian, who has monitored the weather here for over four decades, and the Parish Council offers its sincere thanks for his dedication.

THE CORNISH SHEPHERDESS - THE LAMBING SEASON BEGINS

The weather has certainly been keeping us on our toes this year, and with the ground so wet I've made the decision to bring the ewes in to lamb — something we haven't done before. Like everything with sheep, it's another learning curve, but it feels like the right one.

Drover has now finished his time with the ewes and is back out with his friends, looking very pleased with himself. The ewes are looking well, and all signs suggest we should have quite a few lambs arriving before long, which is both exciting and slightly nerve-wracking.



As we do each year at Treworgey, we've also welcomed some bottle-fed lambs from Pelynt. They quickly become firm favourites, helping with our animal feeding experiences for visiting children — and once they're bigger, the girls join the flock.

And as if lambing wasn't going to keep me busy enough, I'll also be hoping to hatch a selection of chickens in time for Easter — because apparently I don't like quiet springs!

If you'd like to follow along with lambing season (and the inevitable chaos), you can find updates and photos on Instagram @cornish_shepherdess.

Zoe Snowdon

Around the Parish

Duloe Garden Club



Our friendly club meets monthly for a relaxed but informative get-together. There's always a fun quiz – with prizes, sometimes even for coming last! Enjoy a glass of wine or a soft drink with nibbles while chatting about your garden and favourite plants.

Each month we have one or two focus topics led by our members, followed by plenty of shared discussion, questions, and ideas. We also talk about seasonal jobs, what's happening in our gardens, and plans for the months ahead.

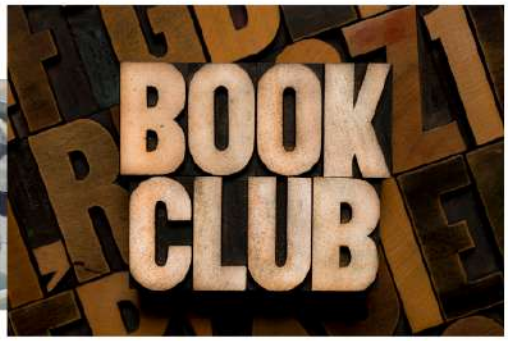
We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Pavilion at the Rec Ground. £5 per meeting.

The club also looks after the garden in front of the Jubilee Centre and will be helping with the new garden by the cemetery. We would be very grateful for any extra hands with these projects.

To find out more contact Lorna on 07711 026648.

Book Club





Duloe Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Pavilion at the Rec. It's £5 per session, with food and drinks included.

Each month a different member chooses the book and provides the refreshments – expenses covered. Recently, the food has even ended up matching the theme or setting of the story by happy coincidence, though it's definitely not a rule!

The group reads a varied mix of books – from gripping adventures like The Wager, to classics such as Wuthering Heights, reflective memoirs like Beyond the Sea, and beautifully thoughtful novels such as A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki. There's always something different to spark conversation.

Duloe Book Club It's an easy-going evening, and plenty of people come along simply for the social side, even if they haven't managed to read the book that month! Everyone is welcome. Contact Laura via .....



Duloe Art and Craft Club

All abilities are welcome, so feel free to pop along to one try a session. We have plenty of art materials for painting, drawing, experimenting with different mediums, or simply splashing colour around.

Getting creative is wonderfully therapeutic – whether you want to start a new piece, continue something you're already working on, or just doodle and enjoy the company.

£5 per session, including coffee and cake.
Friday mornings (most weeks), 9.30-12.30 in the Pavilion at the Rec Ground.
For more information, contact Lorna: 07711 026648

Get active at the Duloe Jubilee Centre



The Jubilee Centre offers a range of activities and exercise classed to suit all ages and abilities. From dancing with glow sticks to honing your bowls skills, check out their Facebook page or email duloejubileecentre@yahoo.com for all the details. Go join the Club!

The Hall is also available for private hire for parties, events and celebrations. Contact Tracy to find out more.

Mondays: AM - Fit on the Floor and Powerhoop. PM - Clubbercise
Tuesdays: AM - Qigong. PM - Pilates
Wednesdays: Senior Citizen's Wednesday Club (once a month). PM - Short Mat Bowls
Thursdays: PM - Duloe WI, 1st Thursday at 7.30pm.

Update from your local Cornwall Councillor

The winter storms have created many problems in Duloe Parish, mainly blocked drains, floods, power and broadband outages and many falling trees. I wish to thank you all for your understanding and patience whilst the Highways Teams and Utilities services have worked tirelessly to restore power and clear the highways.

I do not support the increase in the Council Tax by 4.99% for 2026/27. Cornwall Council has to make savings and cuts of £59 million this year and up to £154 million over the next 3 years due to a reduction in funding from Central Government for rural areas. It is reassuring that Cornwall Council is in a better financial position than many Councils. It does have a debt but it is well secured by assets. Any reduction in funding will put a burden on the local people and may mean cuts to services.

However, I was pleased to join with others to keep the 24/7 free bus pass for pensioners and disabled residents. The proposal to restrict the times of use, would have meant that disabled people and pensioners would no longer be able to travel fee before 9.30am on week days. I do thank the administration for listening and agreeing to retain the original terms of the passes, it is vitally important to so many of our local residents.

Recently, I was appointed by the Leader of the Council to become a member of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee. At a meeting on 12 th January, the committee agreed not to increase the Tamar Tag administration fee to£2 and it will remain at 80p per month. I will strongly represent all residents who use the crossings and aim to work towards a no toll crossing in the future.



Despite campaigning hard to keep Liskeard Post Office open, I am very disappointed to learn that Santander, the last bank in Liskeard is closing in May. I believe the banks have let local communities down very badly. In addition the town centre is faced with empty buildings and a reduction in footfall and linked visits.

I hugely appreciate that we have a reliable and efficient service in Duloe Community Shop and Post Office, with a warm welcome from friendly staff and , always willing to help us with our necessary transactions. What would we do without them.

I have been shocked and saddened to learn about incidents of dogs attacking sheep in the Parish. Please keep your dogs contained, under control and on leads in the countryside. Lambing season has just begun in the Parish and it is heartbreaking for any farmer to lose his livestock stock in this way.

I hope you all a very Happy Easter with your family and friends and with lots of chocolate too!

Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe
Liskeard South & Dobwalls.

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/

NiCE Investigate, Devon & Cornwall Police

Devon & Cornwall Police is using a new digital evidence management system known as NiCE Investigate which is reshaping how they manage and investigate crimes.

It allows members of the public and local businesses to supply their CCTV, including video doorbells, mobile phone and/or dashcam footage via a secure link.

When you register with the system, Devon & Cornwall Police can request the relevant footage from you via NiCE Investigate. You will receive an email notification asking you to provide the relevant footage associated with an investigation.

The service is free of charge and 100% voluntary. Registering does not give Devon & Cornwall Police access to your CCTV system. It makes it easier for them to request and collect footage which may be required in an investigation.

To register and find out further details please go to Devon & Cornwall Police website – https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/police-forces/devon-cornwall-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/nice-investigate/

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Snippets from a Collection of Shared Memories

STORIES WE COULDN'T MAKE UP!

The Duloe Football Team did not agree with the referee one day so they locked him in the pig-house at Duloe Manor!

In the parish register of 1836 a man called Thomas Broad was married; as a very old man he told the Vicar of Duloe, that he (Broad) had kept his wedding feast by walking with his bride to Bodmin to see a man hanged. Did she enjoy it we wonder?



View of the village from Polvean House



BP Petrol pumps outside Smithy Cottages

There was a District Nurse in the village and when Thelma Stephens was a young girl she took her tonsils out for her on the kitchen table!

Violet Libby's father had a dog called Gannet who would eat anything. Nothing could be left on the table because he would steal it. One day he swam across the river to the Tea Rooms at Shallow Pool and when he could not reach the food on the table he got hold of the tablecloth and pulled everything to the floor. Her father had a telephone call to come and get the dog and he had to pay for the broken crockery.

The Dog that went to War! Edgar Crapp told the story that when the Americans came to the village prior to D-Day they were camped around Tredinnick. Chum, his spaniel, took a fancy to their plentiful supply of food and spent a lot of time with them. When they eventually left early one morning to embark for the Normandy Beaches on D-Day, Chum went with them. One wonders how far he went with them. Did he go to France? If so did he survive? If so are any of his descendants running around France today?

Housing of the Working Classes. Extract from a report by the Medical Officer of Health, 26th January 1893.
Duloe. A village containing about 26 houses, majority of which are in good repair, but others are bad. Water supply mainly from a village pump, a few houses have private pumps, and in a row of four newly built houses, each has a tap at the back. Each of these cottages has a water-closet, provided with proper flushing-tanks. When inspected, the pan of the first closet was found about half full of excrement; it was evidently too much trouble to pull the handle and flush the pan. The second was not quite so bad, but still it was evident it was not regularly flushed; and the fourth closet was nailed up and never used, the tenant preferring to throw excreta on to a heap in the garden. No great inducement this for a landlord to build expensive closets and drains, if they are to be treated in this way.



Ariel view of the school & Green 1963



Mr Hooper & pupils working on their plots

EXTRACTS FROM DULOE SCHOOL LOG BOOKS

July 9th 1886. All scholars on the registers were present except Maude, Florence and Henrietta Richards who were withdrawn from the exam by their mother because she feared they would be overworked.

Sept 3rd 1897. Three children illegally employed have been reported to the attendance officer, but he does not seem willing to make the slightest effort to bring them back.

July 13th 1938. Afternoon session began at 1pm as many pupils wished to attend the Herodsfoot Fete.

Oct 22nd 1945. School nurse visited school and carried out inpsection. Two boys reported verminous.

March 20th 1946. Information received at 3pm that Herodsfoot School would be closed this weekend and all transferred here on Monday!

July 18th 1946. The first meeting of Duloe Parents Association was held in the School Room.

June 7th, 8th & 9th. Attendance in senior class exceedingly poor due to potato harvest.

Dec 16th 1948. Mr Rogers, Sanitary Inspector visited the school and expressed disgust at the condition of the lavatories.

Dec 21st 1948. End of term, the school is gaily decorated and at one end stands a magnificent fir Christmas tree laden with some 70 presents for the children.