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St Dennis and Nanpean Community Trust July News

COMMUNITY TRUST AGM – CHANGE OF DATE:

Please note that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the St Dennis and Nanpean Community Trust will now take place on Thursday, 30 July 2026 at Treviscoe Community Centre.

Further details will be circulated in due course. If in the meantime, if you require any additional information, please contact the Administrator.

GRANT OUTCOME:

St Dennis Over 70s Christmas Lunch Committee

The Committee was awarded a grant which enabled it to provide a festive Christmas lunch for older residents of St Dennis. The event offered an opportunity for people to come together and enjoy companionship during a special time of year. Guests were also treated to entertainment and received a gift to take home.

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SOME UPDATES FROM CLLR DICK COLE CORNWALL COUNCILLOR FOR ST DENNIS AND ST ENODER

Apologies that I have not lodged a report for a couple of months.

PLANNING APPEAL FOR TRERICE SOLAR FARM

I attended the planning hearing into the proposed 32MW solar farm at Trerice [PA24/09234], which took place at The Pitch on 12th May. Also present were the Chair of the Parish Council, Julia Clarke, and the Clerk, Lynn Clarke. I had prepared a 4,000-word representation on behalf of the Parish Council and, at the meeting, I raised concerns set out in this document about landscape harm, the cumulative impact on a community that has already accommodated very substantial industrialisation, as well as heritage matters. The applicant brought along a team of eight, which included two barristers. The Cornwall Council side was much smaller and it was much less well-resourced. That said, we did our very best to ensure local perspectives were properly aired and now we await the outcome, which is in the hands of a government inspector.

Since the hearing, I have raised my concerns that Cornwall Council should be better resourced at planning hearings. I made my concerns public at the last meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee and I have since written to senior planners and the chairs and vice-chairs of the unitary authority's planning committees. A meeting has subsequently been set up for me to air my concerns further.

HIGHWAY WORKS

Local residents will be aware that I have been pressuring council officers for a significant period of time about the poor condition of roads in and around ST Dennis. I can report that the resurfacing of various stretches of Carne Hill, Fore St and Trelavour Road has been timetabled to take place in the month of August. Cormac have been out measuring up and I waiting on confirmation of all the areas that will be improved. Linked to this, I have continued to make representations about the condition of the road around Domellick Bridge and it looks like there will also be works at this location in August.

CORNISH LITHIUM

The statutory consultation into Cornish Lithium's proposals for lithium extraction at Trelavour ended on 13th April 2026 and I attended a number of the consultation events [including those at St Dennis, Treviscoe and Whitemoor] to hear what people were saying.

I have also attended the two most recent meeting of the company's Liaison Group, at which we received a briefing on the responses they received from local people. I have asked for much more detail on the responses, but that has not been forthcoming. The planning proposal is presently being modified by Cornish Lithium and I was very disappointed that, at the last session, my questions on a number of points were not answered. It is frustrating, but I am continuing follow-up on my queries.

PLANNING

I have written before about my anger at how central government has completely undermined planning in Cornwall with the imposition of an unsustainable and undeliverable housing target, which has meant that those in authority have decreed

Cornwall does not have a “five-year land supply” and key housing policies in the present Local Plan and Neighbourhood Development Plans should no longer be given weight.

I have sent a detailed representation on these matters to Noah Law MP and I am awaiting his reply.

In the meantime, Cornwall Council has written to central government to confirm it is starting work on a new Local Plan, which will take over three years to complete. I continue to attend meetings of the working group advising the Cabinet Member responsible for these works and I made sure that there was a detailed briefing about planning policy at the most recent meeting of the China Clay Area and Luxulyan Community Area Partnership.

FAIR FUNDING

At the last meeting at Cornwall Council on 21st April, I seconded a motion, which challenged the failure of the UK Government to allocate funding to Cornwall through their “Pride in Place” programme. The motion was proposed by councillor Ruth Gripper and received near-unanimous support across the authority. In particular, I pointed out that every single one of the 22 principal authorities in Wales got funding, collectively totalling £213,000, while Cornwall did not get a penny. I think I called the criteria for the allocation a “nonsense” and reminded everyone that if we had the same pro-rata funding by population as Wales, Cornwall would have got about £38 million!

“REPORT SOMETHING”

I still report a high number of issues of local concern to Cornwall Council. But if you spot a problem, you can also report it directly to Cornwall Council through their website at: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/>

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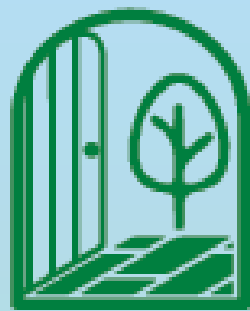
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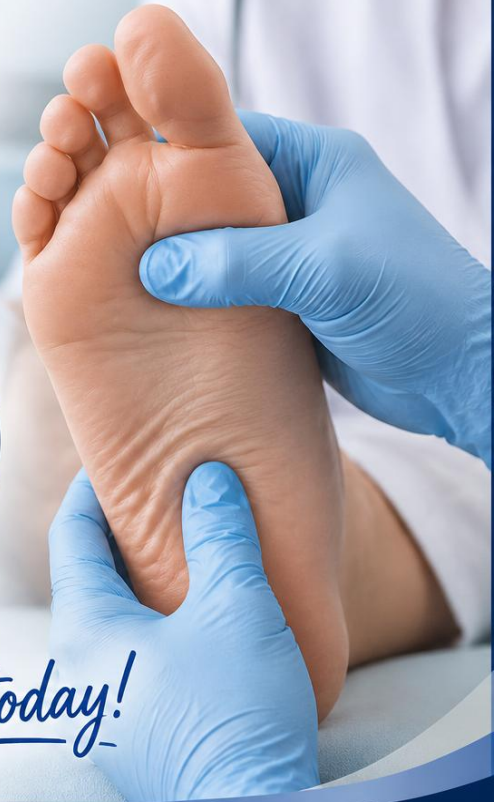
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Why not look in at the St Dennis Working Men's Club on a Thursday evening at 7? Singing in harmony is so much better than singing in the bath – and you'll be among friends !

Or phone Barry Hawken for more information on 07816182891.

St. Dennis Past

by Adrian Wilson

In September 1918 Charles Bullock retired through ill health as the Sub Postmaster for St. Dennis, Mr. Wilfred Jenkin was appointed in his place. Mr. Jenkin served in the 24th Royal Fusiliers during the First World War, he was wounded in France in 1916 and discharged from the army in 1918.

He built a new Post Office in 1921 (now Robert Bunt's), the original one next door could only accommodate two people at the counter at any one time. Many older residents will remember Mr. Jenkin as a small, kindly man, he retired in September 1961.



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St Dennis Parish Council News

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Full Council Meeting are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm, at ClayTAWC. All members of the community are welcome to observe these meetings and are encouraged to raise community issues or comment on agenda items in the public participation section. Committee meetings are held throughout the year; these are advertised on our website. All agendas are published on our website and in the Parish Council noticeboards.

'New' Parish Councillor and Committee Elections

Following the first Full Council Meeting of the year held in May, we are pleased to announce the following committee appointments. Cllr Julia Clarke has been elected Chair and Cllr Alison Griffin Vice Chair, of the Education Bursary Committee. Cllr Jennifer Burnett and Cllr Tanya Edmunds have been elected Chair and Vice Chair of the Staffing Committee. We would like to congratulate these Councillors on their appointments and thank them for their commitment to the Council.

We are also extremely pleased to announce the return of Cllr Helen James to the Council. Cllr James was co-opted at the Full Council Meeting held on the 2nd of June. It's great to welcome back this dedicated former member.

The Council still has 5 vacant seats...could you fill one? A mix of voices across the community is needed so the views of all are considered when making decisions. Now is a fantastic time to get involved and have your say. You don't need to have any previous experience of local government just a little free time and a passion for making a difference. If you would like to find out more, please contact the office and we can provide you with all the details you'll need.

Anti - Dog Fouling Campaign – Update



We would like to say a massive thank you to all the residents who have contacted us to help support our Anti-Dog Fouling Campaign.

We are rolling out our 'Keep Britain Tidy – We're watching you!' posters at the recommended hot spots. The dog waste dispensers are to follow soon.

It is hoped that these combined measures will help improve the current state of our footpaths, streets and open spaces encouraging all dog owners to take responsibility for their pet's waste.

Zero Tolerance of Abusive and Anti-Social Behaviour

We are extremely saddened to have to report for the second month running continued Anti-Social Behaviour and additionally verbal abuse aimed at our Staff. These incidents have mainly taken place in the playing field including the use of unauthorised motor vehicles and damage to equipment, but our staff are experiencing higher levels of verbal abuse at the playing field and other locations within the village whilst trying to go about their regular duties.

St Dennis Parish Council is committed to serving our community with professionalism, courtesy, and integrity. We would like to remind residents and visitors that the Council operates a zero-tolerance policy towards any form of abuse, harassment, intimidation, or aggressive behaviour directed at our staff or councillors. Our team works hard to support the Parish and deliver essential services. Abuse,

physical or verbal, of staff is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Where necessary, incidents may be reported to the relevant authorities.

We respectfully ask everyone who engages with the Parish Council to communicate with us in a considerate manner.



Summer Litter Pick

We are busy getting preparation in place for our next community litter pick, so please save the date of Saturday the 15th of August. As usual we will be meeting at ClayTAWC at 9.45am for registration before heading out with litter pickers and black bags at the ready. We are happy to confirm all volunteers will receive a well earned pasty and if the weather is good, we'll hopefully have some icy refreshments too! Our litter picks are a great event for all ages that bring everyone in the community together, so we hope to see another fantastic turn out. More details to follow on our website and Facebook page.

Neighbourhood Priority Statement

St Dennis Parish Council would like to let residents know that it intends to prepare a Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS) for the parish. An NPS is a simple, community-led document that sets out the main priorities and aspirations for how our area should grow and develop in the future. It looks at issues such as housing, the environment, local services and facilities, and what improvements residents would like to see.

An NPS does not create planning rules, but it makes sure the views of local people are considered when wider planning decisions are made, and specifically for Cornwall Council's next Local Plan. The Parish Council will be seeking comments and ideas from the community to help shape the statement, and we encourage everyone to get involved so that it reflects what matters most to the people of St Dennis Parish. The Neighbourhood Priority Statements will replace the Neighbourhood Plans that have been phased out.

More information will be available on our website on the development of our Neighbourhood Priority Statement over the coming months.

Seeking Support for our Community Christmas Event 2026

We are currently seeking donations from local businesses to help support the 2026 St Dennis Lantern Parade and Christmas Lights Switch On. We are at the early stages of planning and looking at ways, we can deliver a fantastic event for all the community with the least impact on public spending. We are therefore hoping local businesses will come together to help us deliver what we aim to become a main stay event in the village calendar. We need everything from a Christmas tree to Santa's grotto gifts and refreshments. If you think your business or company could help, please do get in touch with the office.

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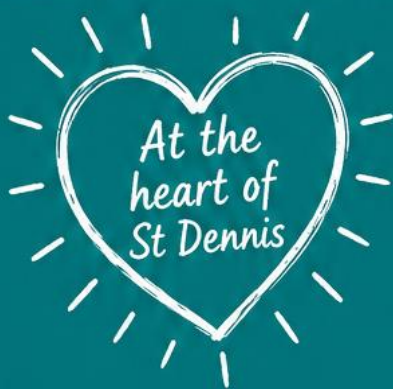


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We live in an age that prizes self-sufficiency. But the truth is, we flourish when we need one another — when we are willing to receive as well as give, to be welcomed as well as to welcome. I am privileged to have the role I have and meet you in your homes. Thank you.

This summer, wherever you find yourself, I hope you find that open door. And I hope you walk through it.

Revd Canon Chris McQuillen-Wright

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What's on in July

Community Information Hub – Wednesday 1st July from 10am until 12pm

If you need help with a utility problem, adult social care, animal health care and lots more, the Hub is here for you. Pop in from 10am and have a chat about anything troubling you. A Social Prescriber is always in attendance to signpost you to the appropriate team or organisation. Free refreshments throughout the morning.

Games Night

Friday 3rd July from 7pm – 9pm. Why not come along to our Games Night with friends and family and have a fun night out. Bring your own games or use ClayTAWC's, it's up to you. An informal night for everyone to enjoy. A small admission fee is payable with free refreshments throughout the evening. Maybe something different to try – come along and give it a go.

NEW – Functional Exercise Class every Tuesday from 10.30am – 11.30am

Following on from our Better UK Chair Exercise sessions, we are thrilled to say that we have secured funding to continue the exercise classes independently from Tuesday 7th July. Several of our lovely participants will be taking the exercise classes, thanks to the equipment donated by Better UK and their helpful guidelines as to how to deliver the exercises safely for all. Why not come along and join in and it's FREE. No booking necessary.

Clay Tots

Thanks to everyone who supports Clay Tots. Our toddler group for children 0 – 4 years. Come along on Wednesday 8th July, 15th July and 22nd July for a great morning of activities and a social meet up with others who have children. A small admission charge of £2 covers entry and healthy mid-morning snacks. It's been a great success so far, so why not give it a try?

School Holiday – Children's Activities – Wednesday 29th July from 10.30am – 1pm

During the school holidays don't forget ClayTAWC opens its doors to children who are on their school break. We offer free activities and if the weather is good, outside activities too. Bring the children along – mums, dads, grandparents, all are welcome. Our only ask is that a responsible adult accompanies all children.

Cancer Support Group – Tuesday 14th July

On the second Tuesday of each month from 10.30am to 12pm advice, support and a listening ear is offered for anyone affected, in any way, by cancer. A one-to-one session can also be arranged during these times, for anyone who would like to talk privately. No booking necessary just come along and join in the group.

15 from 1 Project and Cancer Research Table Top Sale

On the last Saturday of each month our 15 from 1 Project runs alongside the Table Top Sale at ClayTAWC. Why not pop in for a cuppa and support Cancer Research with their Table Top Sale. Lots of bargains and refreshments available throughout the morning. We are always looking for volunteers to help cut out, sew or iron the tote bags which are made from donated duvets. 15 tote bags can be made from 1 duvet. The bags are then hung outside of ClayTAWC for anyone to take, instead of using plastic carrier bags. Feel free to take one if you are passing.

Do you have a Guitar – would you like to learn how to play?

Bring along your guitar and start learning how to play. £5 admission on the night for tuition on how to learn chords, advance the skills you may have and to be part of a group, sharing your love of guitar playing. A very informal group with a great experienced guitar teacher. All abilities welcome from beginners to more advanced students.

And more

Yoga Classes – Wednesdays from 7pm to 8.30pm

Gentle Yoga – Mondays from 10.45am to 12pm

Art Group – Every Wednesday from 10am to 12pm (term time only)

Loose Threads – 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 1pm to 4pm

QIGong – Wednesday afternoons from 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Craft Club – Thursdays from 10am until 3pm

Lunchtime Friends – Fully Booked

Buy one – get one free on all our books. 50p for any 2 books, come on in and take a look at our great selection just in time for your Summer reading.

And finally, we loved welcoming the Year 2 children from St Dennis Primary Academy into ClayTAWC recently where they spent the morning planting seeds, potting on plants and pebble painting. We will be inviting them back at Christmas time to do some fun things.



Our table top sale at the end of May raised a very welcome nett amount of £175.48. This included £79.00 on the raffle, £43.50 on refreshments, and £31.28 on the table. We also received two generous £20.00 donations, for which we are very grateful.

On 6 June a small group of us held a raffle in St Austell Golf Club during the Men's Open Tournament. Unfortunately, the tournament had to be abandoned early in the morning due to the appalling weather conditions. However, thanks to the support of the golf club members we managed to raise £204.00 on the raffle. It is hoped that the event will be rearranged for later in the year.

Dates for your diary

Coffee Morning, St Dennis W.M. Tuesday, 14 July, 9.30-11.30am
Club

Table Top Sale, ClayTAWC Saturday, 25 July, 9.30-11.30am

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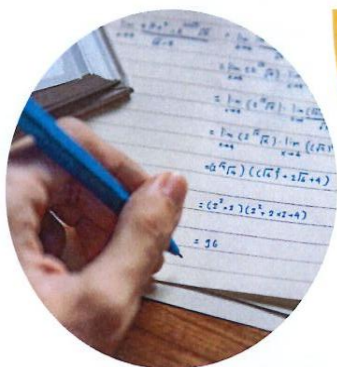


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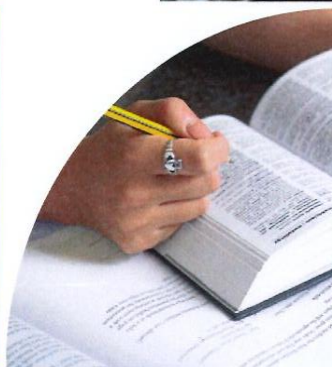


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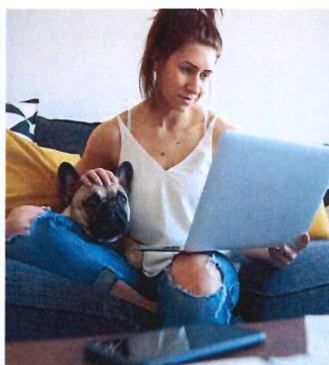
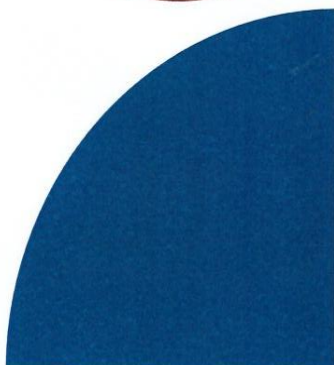
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ST DENNIS WI

Monday 13th July meeting

Kate Doran

the founder of Flotsam Flo, an artist, and inspirational speaker on hope, action, survival and creativity

New members and visitors always welcome.

Join us for tea and cake afterwards.

We meet at 7pm in the WMC function room
(level access from the car park).

Our 2026/27 programme began on 1st June with the Cornwall Council Recycling Team, the rest of the year offers a mix of interesting speakers, enjoyable social events, crafts and outings.

For more information: 07914 221 855 or email
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COMMUNITY NEWS & UPDATES

Share what your group is doing - for FREE!



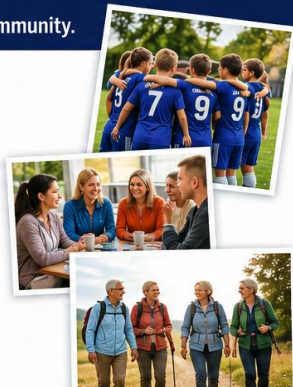
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- Other Local Groups

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- Upcoming events
- Club news
- Success stories
- Community projects
- Team achievements
- Photos and updates



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Share your news, photos and updates with the magazine.

- Contact the editorial team
- Free submissions welcome
- Photos encouraged
- All community groups of all sizes invited



YOUR STORY MATTERS

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