



Connect

Carnon Downs, Devoran, Feock and
Point & Penpol



View from the terrace at Treliissick House

WELCOME to the second issue of the Parish Council's Newsletter

We have been very encouraged by the response from our first and hope this one will both reach you at home and be available to pick up in public venues around the parish. There is so much going on of interest that it is impossible to cover subjects in detail so if you want to know more about any item, just follow the link to our website and you can read more.



This follows up our **WELLBEING** initiative, Community Connect, with an introduction to Sharon Nettleton our new **Community Navigator**. This is a project of much promise, one which will deliver by the end of 2021 a greater awareness in our community of local resources and social hubs which can make a difference to all our lives. Read more over the page.

As a New Year gets underway there is always a need for more **VOLUNTEERS** in many of the organisations that make this place a great one to live in, again more details inside. Our regular features include information regarding the work of the parish council, local **PLANNING** issues, **WHAT'S ON** and a highlight on a **GROUP** that you may wish to join. Also inside are more details of our **YOUR CHOICE** funding available for local groups to apply for, this year we are particularly interested to receive applications from groups that aim to improve residents health and wellbeing. Why not get out and about and discover one of our many **FOOTPATHS** maintained by the council and described in our Feock Trails footpaths leaflets.

We always welcome comments so please tell us what you think and we will listen.

Caroline Johnson, Chairman, Feock Parish Council

Bringing us together

Initiatives come and go but Community Connect, co-funded by Feock Parish Council, Truro City Council and the NHS will leave a legacy which will help everyone to make choices in the future. A database available on computers and tablets as well as in the Parish Office, will enable people to identify places and people in real time with whom they can enjoy their leisure time. It is called building a resilient community but to users it means having the means to easily find out what is going on day by day throughout the Parish. If you have an interest, eg bee keeping, gardening or dance you can look this up in the data base and find a club or group of people with similar interests. This is available on our website www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk/wellbeing

Meet Sharon!

This work is being undertaken by a new appointment of a Community Navigator. Our Navigator Sharon Nettleton (sharon.nettleton1@nhs.net) is currently visiting clubs, GP surgeries, health professional, groups of people and individuals to identify existing facilities and to establish local needs. The project stems from a recognition that our wellbeing significantly affects our general health. The project will seek to connect people with each other based on their individual interests and needs. Sharing is sometimes a better option to being alone but information about making the right connections is sometimes difficult through lack of knowledge. In the future there will be no reason not to make connections if you want to. If you would like to know more about this project or to take part contact Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk (contact details on back page) or Keith Hambly-Staite (keithstaite@hotmail.com) and we will be pleased to give you more information



In the meantime the Parish Council is looking at ways of improving the support infrastructure to help people to get round and about. The transport scheme which helps people get to events and destinations, making our footpaths safer for older people and supporting our village halls as social hubs are just three examples of work in progress. All Council decisions are 'wellbeing' proofed to ensure wherever possible that our community is a safe, informed and good place to live in. The project is life affirming in intent. The Council believes that it has a role to play in sustaining the wellbeing of the community. Community Connect is the current outcome of that belief. As our Navigator meets more members of the community and identifies their needs and ways of maintaining their wellbeing we hope you will share that belief.



Help, support and thanks

Thank you to the [Carnon Inn](#) who very kindly delivered a Christmas lunch to the home of a local person who was spending Christmas alone, complete with Christmas Crackers!

The Community Connect project is being supported by [Carnon Downs Spar](#), if you need a seat to have a rest whilst shopping please let a member of staff know and they will find you a chair. Don't forget they also offer 10% off the butchery counter every Tuesday for OAPs!

Interested in becoming a Dementia Friend? One hour information sessions with tea and cake are being held on Monday 25th March at the Carnon Inn, Thursday 25th April at Devoran Community Library and Monday 20th May at the Carnon Inn, all starting at 10am. [Places are limited so please book by emailing or phoning Sharon](#) (contact details on the back page). Perhaps you would be happy to take someone along to a group or local club for the first time? Again please contact Sharon or Debra in the Parish Council Office to leave your details. A small act of kindness can be a lifeline to so many.

New defibrillator at Point Green

We are delighted to have recently installed the 5th public access defibrillator in the Parish in the phonebox on Point Green, this has been jointly funded by the Parish Council, British Heart Foundation, Truro Lions Club and the Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity. This is the 50th defibrillator installation Truro Lions has been involved with. The other defibrillators are in phoneboxes in Carnon Downs and Devoran, on the outside wall of Ferris Garage and in St Feock Church car park (provided by residents in memory of John Brock).



Anyone can use the defibrillator, no training is needed, the defibrillator will talk you through how to use it!

Spotlight on Volunteering

We are very lucky in that there are lots of amazing groups and organisations in the Parish, lots of which are run by volunteers.

Unfortunately a lot of these groups are struggling to keep going and really need to recruit new volunteers.

Did you know that volunteering can bring huge benefits for the volunteer as well as the people you are helping? Benefits such as counteracting the effects of stress, anger, and anxiety, combatting depression, increased self confidence, a sense of purpose, making new friends, looking good on your CV and helping job prospects as well as helping you stay physically healthy.

In the last few months we have been contacted by the groups below who are all in desperate need of new people to help them keep going. To find out more about what is involved please get in touch with the groups directly.

Devoran Village Hall

Due to a mixture of ill health, increase in work commitments, leaving the area and the village hall becoming busier we need more volunteers to help run Devoran Village Hall to provide a venue for community activities and events. Can you help?

If you can please contact: dvhchairman@outlook.com



Carnon Downs Village Hall

Due to retirements, illness and other commitments we urgently need new Volunteer Trustees (who either live in the electoral ward of Carnon Downs or are members of the clubs and societies that use the hall) to join the team and help manage the hall day to day. We are keen to encourage younger members of our community to join us to add new skills and ideas as we plan for the future. The minimum commitment is 2-3 hours per month to attend evening Trustee Meetings.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, contact cdvhenquiries@gmail.com or leave a message 01872 865126. We look forward to hearing from you.



Devoran Youth Group

Devoran Youth Group meet on a Friday evening from 7pm to 8.15pm in the Devoran Parish Centre to give youngsters aged 10 years and up somewhere to meet up with friends. Activities are provided in the centre such as pool, air hockey, table tennis and table football as well as a tuck shop. Numbers of attendees are unfortunately dwindling, as are the number of adult volunteers to supervise the group. The group has been going for almost twenty years and it would be a shame to see it cease.



We are currently working to relaunch the Group from the beginning of the Autumn Term and if you would like to volunteer or get involved please contact Rod Clarke on rclarke@recl.co.uk or 07801 063006

Feock Local Transport Scheme

Drivers needed! Training provided and mileage payments, very flexible hours to help local people in the parish get to the Doctors, Spar, Dentist or to visit friends. If you would like to volunteer please phone 01872 863333.



How can I find out about planning in my village?

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications in the parish and has a separate Planning Committee which meets to discuss planning applications in the parish and agree their view and comments to be submitted to Cornwall Council. These are public meetings which residents are more than welcome to attend.

The Parish Council does not pass or refuse applications, this decision is made by Cornwall Council.

Councillors continue to work hard on behalf of residents to ensure that the policies in our Neighbourhood Plan are taken into account by Cornwall Council when decisions on planning applications are made. However, people often to say to Councillors, "I didn't know anything about the house being building near me! I didn't see any yellow notices about this, how do I find out more about planning applications near to where I live?" We have put together the following guide which is also displayed on our noticeboards about how you can keep yourself up to date.



- Cornwall Council will write to residential properties with an immediate boundary to the application site but this **does not** necessarily include all neighbours who may be affected by the application.
- The Cornwall Council yellow site notices that are often seen on lamp posts are not displayed for all applications – generally only when the application affects a public right of way, listed building or is within a conservation area.
- Visit the Parish Council's website - www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk/current-planning-applications or phone the Parish Council Office on 01872 863333 or call into the office in Devoran
- Visit the Parish Council's Facebook page, links to applications are posted when applications are received www.facebook.com/Feockparishcouncil/
- Cornwall Council's website planning page – search by postcode <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/> where you can also set up email alerts to be notified of new applications in specific postcodes.
- You can comment on applications online on Cornwall Council's website or in writing to the Planning Officer.

Planning statistics—did you know?

- 137 planning applications were received for Feock Parish in 2018, an average of 2.6 a week.
- 70 applications were in Feock, 41 in Devoran (including Point & Penpol) and 26 in Carnon Downs.
- 34.3% of these were for works to trees, 21.9% extensions, 12.4% new houses and housing developments, 10.2% for amendments to previous applications, 7.2% non-domestic applications and 6.5% were replacement dwellings.

Have YOU considered becoming a Parish Councillor?

Are you looking for a new challenge? Do you want to make a positive difference? Would you like to influence decisions that affect your community?

You will need to attend Parish Council meetings held once a month and spend some extra time on areas of specialism of interest. You must be aged 18 or over, be a local government elector of the Parish; or a person who during the whole of the twelve months before nomination as a candidate occupied land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish; or has, during the same period, lived in that area or within three miles thereof; or has during the same period, worked principally or only in the parish area.

We currently have two vacancies for Councillors, one for Devoran ward and one for Carnon Downs ward. If you would like to know more please get in touch with Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk (contact details on back page).

Parish Emergency Plans

What if? Most of us don't really want to think about real life emergencies, but they do happen. What if we're cut off because of snowfall or flooding? What if water, electricity or telephones are cut off for more than a few hours? How would you cope in these sort of emergencies? The Parish Council are helping communities to put together Community Emergency Plans.

How can I help? Do you know anyone in your community who might need help in an emergency and if you are able and willing to offer that help, then talk to them and plan the best way to do this.

Get in touch with your village co-ordinator to volunteer — Sally Hesling, 01872 870920 (Point & Penpol), Alan Ramsden, 07779 703478 (Carnon Downs) or Martin Davey, 01872 865106 (Feock)

Volunteer to be the co-ordinator for Devoran—please get in touch with the Parish Clerk if you would like to help co-ordinate the plan for Devoran.



Your Choice Funding

The Parish Council runs a grant scheme available to local groups and charities where grants of up to £400 are available. The scheme gives local residents a say in which local groups and charities the Parish Council supports, by allowing them to vote online and on paper voting slips for their favourite project.

Groups who are successful in being put forward for the public vote come along to the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May and give a short presentation on what they would spend their funding on if they are successful. The Parish Council has previously awarded funding to Devoran Scouts, Devoran Village Hall, Carnon Downs Memory Café, Carnon Downs Community Association and Feock Home & Garden Society.

We are particularly keen this year to hear from groups whose projects benefit the wellbeing and health of residents. Application forms and the criteria is available on our website under the "Your Choice" section or by phoning the office on 01872 863333. The deadline for applications is **Friday 12th April 2019** (Good Friday) and an application form and the funding criteria can be downloaded from our website www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk/your-choice-grants-2019-20

Scoop the poop There has been a noticeable increase in dog fouling in the parish recently, if you witness dog waste not being picked up by the owner you can report this at www.cornwall.gov.uk and search 'dog fouling'. The maximum fine for dog fouling is £1000!



Feock Trails

The Parish Council have produced walks leaflets which are available free of charge from the Devoran Community Library and also to download from our website. There are 9 walks covering the whole of the parish. These give history information about the of the parish, including the Bronze Age, mining and shipbuilding, the historic houses and the creeks and regattas.

Why not try **Walk 5**—Mining & Smelting, starting at Point Quay. Don't forget to scan the QR codes you will see around the walk with a scanning app on your mobile phone to access more information about the area.



Come and have coffee or lunch and a chat!

You may not know about the many opportunities there are in our Parish to join others for coffee, soup lunch or even a roast, run by Community volunteer groups. Details of where and when are displayed on the noticeboards around the Parish and on our website. There is no need to book, just turn up!

What's On!

Below are just a selection of the events being held across the parish in the next few months. **Event organisers** – please send us your posters and we will display them on our website and library noticeboard.

If you are a Facebook user you can join 'What's on – Devoran, Carnon Downs and Feock' to be kept up to date with events. We'll be featuring one local group in each edition—please get in touch if you'd like your group to be featured.

Our community village halls host lots of events/groups so visit their websites for more information on group meetings.

Carnon Downs - www.carnondownsvillagehall.org

Devoran – www.devoranvillagehall.org.uk

Feock - www.stfeockchurch.org.uk

March

Saturday 16th — Community Bingo, 2pm, Carnon Downs Village Hall

Saturday 16th — Devoran Spring Flower Show, 2pm, Devoran Village Hall

Saturday 16th — 70's & 80's Night, 7.30pm, Carnon Downs Village Hall

Tuesday 19th — Riverside Singers, mixed community choir, everyone welcome, meet Tuesdays 7.45pm (term time) at Devoran Parish Centre, more details from 01209 821310

Friday 29th — Soup Lunch, 12.00 noon, Devoran Church

April

Monday 1st — Old School Book Group, meet 2pm at Devoran Community Library, contact Christian on 01872 862030.

Wednesday 3rd—Devoran Meet & Eat Pop Up Community Cafe, 12.30pm, Devoran Village Hall, £5 per person

Friday 5th — Soup Lunch, 12.00 noon, Devoran Church

Tuesday 30th April—Living Well in our Community, 2pm to 5pm, Wellbeing Drop in sessions, Carnon Downs Village Hall

May

Wednesday 1st —Devoran Meet & Eat Pop Up Community Cafe, 12.30pm, Devoran Village Hall, £5 per person

Tuesday 14th — Riverside Singers, 7.45pm at Devoran Parish Centre (details above)

June

Saturday 1st — Loe Beach Regatta, racing starts at 2pm followed by award winning tea and cakes. The first - and longest running - regatta on the Carrick Roads!

Sunday 2nd — Feock Big Lunch, St Feock Church and Community Hall Car Park

Monday 3rd — Old School Book Group, meet 2pm at Devoran Community Library (details above)

Wednesday 5th— Devoran Meet & Eat Pop Up Community Cafe, 12.30pm, Devoran Village Hall, £5 per person

Saturday 22nd—Carnon Downs Summer Party in the Park, Park an Gwarry Playing Field, from 2pm

Regular Markets— Carnon Downs last Saturday of the month and Devoran on the second Saturday.

Get in touch

- Call into the office: **Feock Parish Council, The Old Market Hall, Market Street, Devoran, TR3 6QA.** Tel: 01872 863333 — Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk and Debbie Searle, Assistant Parish Clerk
- Sharon Nettleton, Community Navigator Tel: 0774 7750962
- Your Councillors—contact details are listed on the website, on the noticeboards or available from the office
- **Office opening hours for drop in enquiries – weekdays 10am to 1pm**
- Email info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk
- Website feockparishcouncil.co.uk



In the Spotlight

Carnon Downs Memory Café

Do you have memory problems?

Carnon Downs Memory Cafe was set up five years ago to help you and others who are experiencing this condition.

There is entertainment, a welcoming atmosphere, camaraderie, laughter and tea and cake! Meet in Carnon Downs Village Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month from 2pm until 4pm.

Contact Sally on 01872 864717 or Andy on 01872 862972 or just come along!

Our next CONNECT newsletter will be out in Summer 2019

Read about Cornwall Councillor Martyn Alvey's role

*Facilities for young people
Wildlife and nature
Environment and climate change*

If you would like a copy of this newsletter in large print please get in touch