

The Duporth Glide

Welcome to the April edition of the monthly newsletter for the community of Duporth.

The Duporth Glide is emailed monthly and lets you know of any local & Duporth community events, Parish Council news, development news, useful information & dates for your diary. There may also be the opportunity to help with jobs in the community. If you have, or are planning, a charity event, coffee morning or have a book club in need of members or any other suggestions you would like to see included then please send an email to theduporthglide@yahoo.com and we will put it in the next edition.

Report from the directors of the Duporth Development Community Interest Company 25th March 2021

It has been assumed by some Duporth residents that there is no board of directors in place at the moment; this is not the case! The confusion has probably arisen from the lack of meetings for members because of the covid-19 pandemic, and because of the recent voting to elect new directors. There have been regular socially distanced board meetings, and after the new directors were elected a system of virtual meetings via Zoom was established. The board members have always maintained contact with each other and Natasha from Koti Property Management via email, and Natasha has always kept members informed of decisions.

The first meeting of the new board was primarily concerned with the agreeing of the budget for the forthcoming year. Bearing in mind that the freehold is due to be transferred this year, it was felt that it was important to continue to build up reserves to address any problems which may occur in the future with an ageing development, as well as the ongoing upkeep of the communal areas, woodlands and beach. However, it was also recognized that there may be financial hardship for many members at present, and it was decided that the fee for the forthcoming year should remain the same as last year's. Papers and invoices have now been sent out to all members.

The directors have familiarised themselves with the governance and financial governance directives, as well as the Articles of Association. The board's aim is to provide fair and transparent leadership for the community, as the directives require. It is felt that a good Health and Safety system should be implemented as soon as possible, with the impending transfer of the freehold and the apparent reluctance of the current freeholder to address the long list of defects. Research has been done as to the best way forward. Hopefully the long running battle with the freeholder will be resolved soon in order for the transfer to take place smoothly in the near future for the benefit of all residents.

Another important area of concern is the woodland. As the current custodian of the woodlands, the Board takes very seriously the management and upkeep of the trees. Some members have expressed concern over the felling of trees for apparently no reason. There is always a good reason for this drastic action, although it may not be immediately obvious. However, the directors are concerned that this very important area of our estate should be managed to the best possible level, and have thus asked for another expert opinion on the current areas of concern, to avoid the felling of trees wherever possible.

This is a summary of some of the current work being undertaken by the Board and it is hoped that future episodes will be shorter (!) and be more of an update on work in progress.

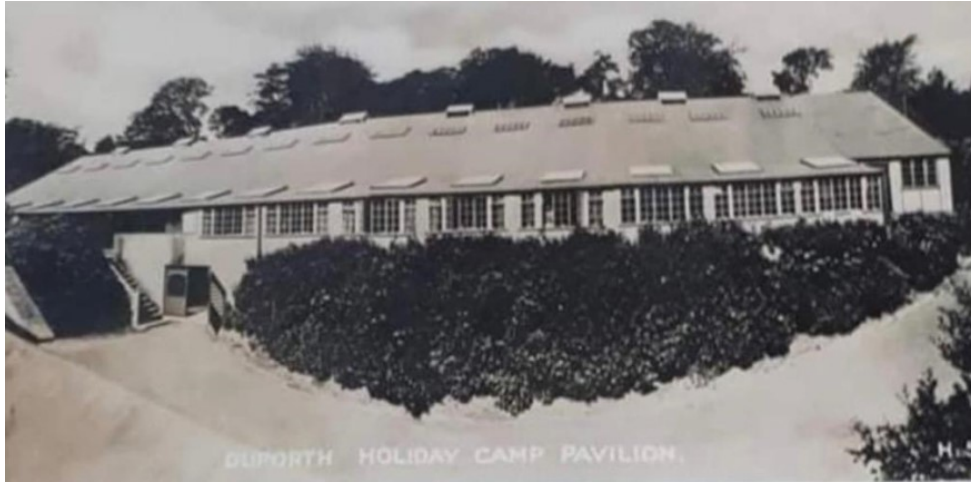
Hopefully before long, when restrictions are lifted, there can be real meetings and perhaps some community events - watch this space!

Thanks to the Duporth Glide for making this report available to readers.

Days Gone By.....

The Duporth holiday camp was not only dominated by the Manor House, with all its Georgian charms, but also by the Pavilion, or central building, as it was also unglamorously known. But did you know that in the history of the camp there were two Pavilions?

I'm not sure exactly when the first Pavilion was built but I doubt it had been established when the camp first opened at the end of May 1934, as there were only about four rows of chalets in that first year. However a large single storey building used mainly as a dance floor, function room and indoor games room was soon constructed and is shown in the photo below, taken from an old postcard.



This building was also used as the main dining room and included the kitchens. It was here, unfortunately, that on 8th June 1961, there was a tremendous fire. The building was totally gutted and in order to cater for guests to continue their holidays cold food and sandwiches had to be prepared in the Manor House kitchen. Those guests who purchased their food from outside the camp were duly refunded. The cause of the fire was believed to have been a cigarette left smoldering on a chair in the ballroom.

In order to continue with the full range of facilities enjoyed by their guests the owners of the camp had to build a new main building. It is thought that in the rush to do so before the 1962 season kicked-off, plans were taken from a modern bingo hall or cinema and adapted to form the three-storey building seen in the second photo shown here (in future editions I will publish more photographs of these two buildings, many taken inside, which show the facilities holiday-makers of the day could expect).



This second, more modern, central building, I still prefer Pavilion, incorporated a large ballroom with a Canadian maple floor and an illuminated ceiling, a café and a shop, a dining room which seated 400, kitchens, bathrooms, showers and toilets. It seemed that no expense had been spared to make the building the finest of its kind in the south-west. Built to give the effect of being aboard an ocean liner, its semi-circular verandah and terraces, which formed the southern aspect, offered magnificent views of the grounds and the sea towards Gibben Head.

Nick Foster - Historical Buildings Reporter



Tree Planting in Duporth – Saturday 10th April at 10.30am

One of our most important tasks is to improve our natural environment and do our bit to reduce global warming by planting more trees.

The Woodlands Trust has given us Rowan and Wild Cherry Saplings, both produce berries to feed our birds, and the new trees will add colour and further interest to our common open spaces.

We are going to invite children to plant the trees on Saturday 10th April. They will need to bring a spade and family members in the same “bubble” can come too. The tree will be theirs to look after and watch growing, maybe to come back in the future to show their own children the tree they planted.

We are meeting on the Green outside the “Heritage Chalets” at 10.30am. Two qualified adults with Enhanced DBS Certificates will be there to help.



► **Stay at home**
♥ **Save lives**

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12 STEP TWO

- Non-essential retail, personal care premises, hairdressers and nail salons, libraries, gyms, zoos and theme parks can reopen
- Pubs and restaurants can reopen outdoors. No need for substantial meal, no curfews
- Wider social distancing rules continue
- One household can stay at a cottage or holiday let

MAY

17 STEP THREE

- Rule of Six will be dropped outdoors
- Two households can meet indoors
- Hotels, cinemas, soft play areas re-open
- 1,000 people or half full permitted at indoor sports venues. Outdoor venues 4,000 people or half full. 10,000 allowed at Wembley
- International travel possible
- Review of social distancing
- Review of certificates for jobs, tests

JUN

21 STEP FOUR

- All legal limits on social contact to go
- Remaining hospitality re-open
- Restrictions on large events lifted
- Restrictions for weddings may still be in effect

For further details of events/meetings please see the 2021 Dates for Your Diary on page 4



Correction.

The crocuses pictured in last month's edition of The Duporth Glide were planted by Rotary St Austell and not by the Roundtable as previously reported. Thank you to Mrs Bainbridge, whose late husband was involved in the planting, for advising us of this error.

If you know of a Duporth Resident who would like to receive The Glide (by email only) please would you ask them to contact Natasha Stevens - email: natasha@kotipm.co.uk and request to be added to the distribution list.

If you have a suggestion or an event you would like included in the next newsletter, please send an email to: theduporthglide@yahoo.com

Parish Council

All Parish Council meetings are at present being held 'virtually' with Council business being carried out remotely, this includes all planning applications.

If you wish to join a meeting please contact Julie Larter, the Parish Clerk by email enquiries@staustellbay-pc.gov.uk or by telephone: 01726 72334.

For further details please visit: <http://www.staustellbay-pc.gov.uk/>

The next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 15 April at 6pm

If you would like to contact your Parish Councillor, Nick Foster, he can be contacted on: n.foster@staustellbay-pc.gov.uk

2021 Dates for Your Diary

Friday 2 April	Good Friday		
Sunday 4 April	Easter Day		Happy Easter to all our readers
Monday 5 April	Easter Bank Holiday		
Saturday 10 April	Duporth Tree Planting	10.30am - outside the two chalets	For full details please see "Tree Planting in Duporth" item on page 3
Monday 12 April		COVID STEP TWO	For full details please see picture on page 3
Friday 23 April	St George's Day		
Monday 3 May	Bank Holiday Monday		
Monday 17 May		COVID STEP THREE	For full details please see picture on page 3
Monday 31 May	Spring Bank Holiday		
Monday 21 June		COVID STEP FOUR	For full details please see picture on page 3