# St Dominick **Parish News** No 144 JUNE 2016

#### By the **15**<sup>th</sup> of each month: We thank the Clerk to the Parish Council: Linda Coles, Friends of St. Please email newsletter articles to The Firs, Lower Metherell, Dominic Parish ourparishnews@gmail.com Callington, PL17 8BJ Church, for or give to Alan Cox at the Post Office Tel. 01579 350962 delivering E-mail:-Please give all entries for the St Dominick Diary to Parish News stdompc@yahoo.co.uk Brian Jones tel: 350319 St Dominic Church St Dominick Community Festivities & Projects Group You will have noticed that the scaffolding was removed To celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday, we are holding a from the church roof last month, revealing the four BRING & SHARE street TEA PARTY at the Parish Hall, St newly slated inner roofs. The valley gutters were Dominick on Saturday 11th June from 3.00 to 5pm. replaced at the same time - the main roof is now We will provide the tea and soft drinks but please bring a watertight. The cost of the undertaking was nearly plate of your favourite tea food, sandwiches, cakes, scones £160,000. etc and then we will put them out on sharing plates on the The PCC is extremely grateful to all of you in the Parish tables for all to enjoy. who generously donated towards this cost. It would We are having music from the past 90 years to help make also like to thank, not only the Listed Places of Worship the afternoon festive. How about wearing anything red, ("LPoW") Roof Repair Fund for their grant of £100,000, white or blue or all three? but also the National Churches Trust for their grant of Then... £30,000, the Garfield Weston Foundation and at 7.30 there is a Barn Dance with a Caller in the Parish Allchurches Trust Ltd. For their supporting grants of Hall. Tickets £10 to include a pasty but bring your own £5,000 and £2,000 respectively. drinks. Tickets are limited so hurry along to our lovely shop After being able to obtain a grants, again from LPoW, in where tickets are on sale. We will be dancing to Mooncoin. respect of the VAT paid, the PCC is left with a small surplus. The grant providers have consented to these monies to be used for some other urgent works. The south entrance porch roof requires attention as HRH ELIZABETH II does a stone buttress over the tower staircase. Both 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY leak water during bad weather. CELEBRATIONS **ST DOMINICK** The PCC also needs to attend to certain repairs within SAT JUNE 11TH the church to plasterwork on one wall and the tile flooring at the rear of the church. Both were damaged 3 — 5рм at a result of water ingress caused by the old valley TEA PARTY gutters. Additional grant funding is being sourced for these works. **BRING & SHARE** Once again a big thank you from the PCC for all your (DRINKS PROVIDED) help in bringing this about. The church now has a ST DOMINICK HALL - RED/WHITE/BLUE watertight roof for many years to come. 7.30 – 11pm Barn Dance **St Dominic Church Summer Fete** with **MOONCOIN** (band and caller) Saturday June 25th, 2.30pm. Pasty included <u>Tickets £10</u> This year we are holding the Fete in Pitt Meadow - in Advance from the Post Office Garden, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Barr. There will be stalls, games, refreshments and maybe Limited Number Available a surprise, watch this space. Bring Your Own Drinks (squash provided) If wet please join us in the Parish Hall. St Dominick Hall There will be notices around the village nearer the time.

### What has our Parish Council been up to?

This meeting was the AGM of the Parish Council where new officers are elected, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting which is when delegates from all organisations in the parish are invited to come along, report on their own activities and listen to what others have been doing. This is always followed by tea, coffee and biscuits for all these and also all the parishioners who attend. That's the theory.

Well, we started off with apologies from Councillors Kisby and Walker who were working away, met with great surprise from some of the delegates in the audience, who didn't seem to realise council is not a full time paid job! The councillors were given A5 booklets each, sixty five pages long, of instructions on how to do a job for nothing, called "The Good Councillors' Guide" which they all looked very happy to receive. The clerk reported that Councillor Potter was not standing for re-election as Chairman, his arm had been twisted for three years and he said he had done his turn. Others agreed that he had and thanked him. Then we had silence. Councillor Totterdell who was the vice chairman didn't want the post and she had said when she took on the vice chair last year that she would not be standing. Councillors Behennah and Wenmoth had done the job before, two were missing, Councillor Chapman had not arrived as he was still at work, so we were down to Councillors Davis and Wilkins. Councillor Davis said that although he didn't work he felt he had too much on to do it. Councillor Wilkins said he didn't have enough experience, but people just looked at him and he began to waver a bit and when he said he would do it as a last resort, was voted in instantly. Then we had to wait until 7.30 and the Parish Meeting. The past Chairman Councillor Potter gave a resumé of the last year, the main point being that less and less was being paid for by Cornwall Council such as grit bins, white lining, weed spraying etc so we will all end up having to pay for it.

The Chairman, Councillor Wilkins then asked for the police to give their report as he felt they might be busy and need to leave. PCSO (I think) Wells spoke and said that there really hadn't been any crime, just a few domestic incidences and they had actually come to hear what everyone else had to say. Then they left. The Neighbourhood Watch gave a report then the Church bells, - I think. I have to admit to not being able to quite understand my notes, because some people had to give more than one report. This is not really in the spirit of the evening but it's what usually happens. Mary Borlace wasn't there and she usually goes first with her handbells. Kevan, her husband was there and he reported on those bells and the big Church ones. We had reports from The Methodist Church, The Church, the Friends of the Church, The Diary and The Bellringers and some of these reporters were the same people. Di Axtell, who I think did The Church also did the Parish Hall, and paid tribute to Julie Wenmoth and Eunice Hodge for their hard work with that. Councillor Wenmoth reported on the Hobbies group and Line dancing, with Chrissie Cross telling us about the Tuesday Club and the Slimming Club.

The headteacher from the school gave an interesting report, followed by Joe Lawrence from the National Trust, Diana Greene from the Festivities Group and Charlotte Dancer from the AONB.

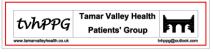
Chairman Wilkins thanked everyone for coming then we all had a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit.

If anyone would like to join any of these things contact Robin Woods for the handbells or Kevan Borlace for the Churchbells.

Next meeting is the first Wednesday in June, 7.30 at the Parish Hall. Please treat your new chairman gently for a few months. Telephone numbers are on the website and reports from the delegates at this meeting will be there as well.

#### Can You Help Please??

My Name is Roger Everest and I am looking for a John A Nicholson who would be approx.69 Years Old and ex Army having joined the Army Apprentice College in Harrogate in Sept.1963. He lives in St. Dominick according to my search. Maybe somebody knows him and if so could you please pass this on to him or let me have contact Details for him as I am organizing a Reunion this August in Harrogate. My Contact is roger.everest@freenet.deHallo I'd also like to know if this search will be fruitless - so if you know any information I'd like to hear from you. Thank You.



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### **Neighbourhood Watch**

We had a very encouraging Annual General Meeting in April and were delighted to welcome two more volunteers; that makes four in the last six months. So, please, if you are interested in helping to maintain peace of mind and security in our village, contact our Secretary on 01579 351677 as we still need more assistance. We have a network of Coordinators in the village and village area and hope to further explain their task and publish their area location later in the year.

Meanwhile, the lighter and longer days are with us again and there is always the possibility that we will leave windows and doors open. Just remember that there are opportunists out there who deliberately target the countryside and will remove anything of value that is unattended. Door-to-door salesmen seem to be decreasing but remember that genuine traders do not need to tout for work. Most of the offenders now operate the 'cold-call' system or 'online' fraud. A common scam is for a caller, claiming to be a Metropolitan police detective, to convince you that there has been some fraudulent activity relating to your bank account. The caller requests bank account details, PIN numbers and other details as a matter of urgency to prevent further financial loss. By now warning lights should be flashing and you must put the phone down. These rogues are professional and convincing and have a habit of targeting the elderly. Let's continue to look after each other in this pleasant village of ours.

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#### St. Dominick WI

No speakers in May but lots of talking and discussing amongst ourselves, a chance to air our views concerning the National Federation's choice of Resolutions for 2016. The first one related to food poverty and supermarket waste, the second concerned care for those suffering from Dementia. We decided to vote for the first in the hope that this will give the WI a mandate to lobby the government and help reduce food poverty. Poor wording of the second lead us to vote against.

We did have a visitor, Brenda McGrogan of Country Cottage Ceramics in Callington, she delivered a selection of hand painted ceramics. Some of our members had spent an enjoyable few hours in her studio, painting their chosen pieces, they left them with her to be fired and Brenda brought along the finished items for us all to see, they were very impressive.

We had a couple of lighthearted topics to finish our evening, for the first we chose two years, ending with 6, between 1946 and 2006 and then shared events in our lives during those years. What a variety, having babies, taking exams, roaming around America on a Greyhound bus for 99 days, getting married, moving to St. Dominick. 1976 proved a popular choice, everyone recalling a very hot summer.

We finished with a selection of baby photos, most of us had brought one along and we had to guess who was who. We weren't very successful, it seems that we have all changed drastically in the intervening, 40, 50, 60, years.

We have a baritone Opera singer joining us for the June meeting, the title of William Shimmell's talk is "But what is the day job?" Visitors are very welcome, the charge is £4.



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