

*St Dominick*

# *PARISH NEWS*

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## ***Butterfly Flutterby!***

I'm carrying out a weekly survey of butterflies for The National Trust on their land in the Burcombe Valley in St Dominick. I'm doing this between April and September.

My first survey was on a cold windy day and unsurprisingly I spotted few species, just a single Orange Tip, a Peacock and a Small White butterfly.



We have mapped out an area around Burcombe and I use exactly the same route each time and when the weather is cold and windy there are just a few sheltered spots where butterflies will be flying. Orange Tips are usually easy to spot - it's only the male that has the orange tips the females are just white with green mottled wings.

I'd hope to spot a Brimstone as we'd had a couple in our garden and they lay their eggs on Alder Buckthorn which I know the Trust have planted. We see them more in the Spring and sometimes they are out very early. Unfortunately, it was just too cold for them.

As we go into May the number of species increases and Speckled Woods are very common along the lane and in the orchard. Occasionally, a Holly Blue appears flitting between the holly trees where they lay their eggs.

I also survey day flying moths such as the Cinnabar and Six Spot Burnet moth but May is a bit early for these. Cinnabar Moths lay their eggs on Ragwort. The caterpillars are striped yellow and black. Some day flying moths are really tiny and tricky to identify and I recently spotted the tiny Mint Moth that are around in the day and lay eggs on plants in the mint family.

As summer progresses and the meadows turn red/yellow with the flowers of grasses and of the Meadow Vetchling and white Oxeye Daisies amidst the grass. Along with the flowers of bramble and thistle and blue bugle. The sound of grasshoppers can be heard everywhere in the long grasses. The increase in insect life will be beneficial to birds and hopefully we will see an increased number of, once common, farmland birds such as Skylarks, Yellow hammers and Linnets. Maybe even some of our native Grey Partridge instead of the Red Legged ones that are bred at Pentillee for their shoots.

There are increasing numbers of Meadow Browns, Ringlets and Gatekeeper butterflies in June as the weather improves. And, hopefully some day flying moths, if I'm lucky one of those beautiful Hummingbird Hawk Moths.

On 1st of July I was very pleased to record 5 Small Skipper butterflies that are quite rare in St Dominick. They are often on bramble flowers.

As the bracken gets higher around the cherry orchard over July and August I'll need to keep my trousers tucked into my socks thanks to the Deer ticks in the grass! I'll write another update at the end of the summer.

Rebecca Coombes

## ***WI Meeting***

At the end of June St Dominick WI hosted the Tamar Valley WI Group in our Parish Hall. We held an Italian themed evening with a speaker showing us around Turin for the filming locations of the film, The Italian Job. We also held a competition for the Group Cup with St Mellion, Albaston and Harrowbarrow and Metherell WIs and we're pleased to report the cup was retained by St Dominick WI.

At our July meeting our speaker was Alison Humphreys on 'Recycling for Charity'. Ali brings her recycling trailer (mobile collection point) to our Parish Hall car park every two months to collect items which can be recycled in exchange for money, which she then donates to charity. Ali passes on the wrappers and containers to TerraCycle who clean them and pass them on for recycling. In five years, Ali has raised an impressive £15,000 for charity. If you would like to help Ali raise money for charity you should collect items such as plastic trigger sprays, cheese wrappers, biscuit wrappers, flattened drinks cans, Pringles brand tubes, old toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads, bread bags, ink cartridges, cleaning wipe packets, Marigold brand rubber gloves, mascara, old pens, felt tips, tea and coffee packets, takeaway containers, reusable drinks bottles. For more information see the 'Recycling for Charity' website at [www.south-hill.co.uk/charity-recycling](http://www.south-hill.co.uk/charity-recycling). Or follow them on Facebook 'Recycling for Charity', and they will publish the next time they are coming to St Dominick. There is also a permanent collection point in Callington Town Hall.



Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall. The September meeting will be on Weds 11<sup>th</sup> September on Richard Edgecumbe of Cotehele. The following meeting is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October on the Death of Venice. 7.30pm start, visitors welcome.

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### ***Your Parish Church of St Dominic (C of E).***

Have you thought about how long your Parish Church has been sitting there at the end of your street? Some of you may remember the festivities of 1959 when the whole village turned out to celebrate our Church's 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was in 1259, when Bishop Walter de Bronescombe got on his horse in Exeter to tour Cornwall and dedicated twenty churches, including our very own St Dominic. Yes, our Parish Church was 'approved' by the bishop 765 years ago.

The evolution of Christianity in our patch of Cornwall began when two missionaries rowed over from Ireland, Dominica and her brother Indract, in BCE (AD) 689. They ventured up the Tamar and moored at what today we call Halton Quay. Rumour has it Dominica established a religious settlement at a site known as Chapel Farm. Meanwhile, brother Indract went on pilgrimage to Rome. He returned to England, visited Glastonbury

before travelling on to see what his sister was up to. Alas, not all the locals were enamoured with this new religion and both Dominica and Indract were put to death. Them in Rome took note of their demise and they were canonised to become St Dominica and St Indract.

Come forward a few centuries. In 1959, which marked the 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our St Dominica Parish Church, the old shipping office (where the HQ harbour master sat to control traffic in and out of his territory) had become surplus to requirements. As a result, negotiations were held with the office owner, the Pentille Estate, to turn the building into a place of worship. It was consecrated by the Archdeacon of Bodmin, the Ven W. H. Prior as the chapel of St Indract. The event was witnessed by 200 locals as well as twenty WRNS who had paddled their canoes up river from Plymouth – the same river route taken by Dominica and Indract.

### ***Derek Scofield***

Derek passed away on 17th June 2024. Mary and family would like to thank everyone for their support and friendship both during Derek's illness and after his death. Thank you also to those who came to the celebration of Derek's life in July. St Dominic and Halton Quay are special communities and Derek always felt part of the village whether it was through the apple juice production, sharing his encaustic art, neighbourhood watch or recording the lives of our barn owls. We miss him every day.

### ***Monica Frantom 1937-2024***

John and family would like to thank the many friends in the village who picked up the phone or sent cards and messages following the days and weeks after Monica's death on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024; Thank you also to those friends from the village who attended her funeral on 24<sup>th</sup> June. Monica lived at St Dominick for the vast majority of her life and played her part in the village in a number of ways. Donations have now reached an amazing £1300 for Alzheimer's UK and the Cornwall Air Ambulance. Thank you to all.



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## ***Parish Council Report for July***

Not much to report on this month, apologies from Councillors Brady and Heslop, mostly comments on “matters arising” so here we go.

Cornwall Council have now agreed the planning on the house they said was “old”. Due to an oversight, they hadn’t realised the plans were to reinstate it to its original design. All is now well.

A representative from the football club arrived, remember the junior goal posts? Well, the grant funding hadn’t been as successful as was hoped so back to the drawing board. The discussion appeared to be more or less, how big were these goal posts going to be? If they were too small would the children poo poo them? if they were bigger would they be able to play in them? The school would like two goals with a small pitch to play on but there wasn’t room. So, would one larger goal be better. The football rep said the big team could use it for practice on match days but the council said that wasn’t the point, it was for juniors. It was thought

they really just wanted a goal to kick at rather than a pitch, which there wasn't room for anyway. I think Councillor Fry was delegated to go away and meet with interested parties, but I'm not sure.

A cat came in then and stayed for the meeting.

Parking – the Glebe want the area the council might be interested in delineated on a map. Bit of controversy here. Some think the parking is a terrible problem with football, school and allotments while others think the parking is much worse further down in the village. Councillor Potter pointed out that many properties had parking in their drives, or around the back of their houses which they didn't use, and no one can make them but a car park would cost the ratepayers multi thousands of pounds and could just get cars left there and never moved, as seen in other villages. Also, if the Glebe agreed to sell etc, where was the entrance going to be, it couldn't be on the corner, so could end up a fair way up School Hill, and so people would still park down in the village. It was voted 4-3 to progress with the enquiry.

Interestingly Councillor Potter was distracted by a tick which landed on his notes and must have crawled on him off a dog.

Then back to the proposed hole in the hedge with gate. Councillor Greene had met with the National Trust who had no objection to the said gate and had produced a picture of their favoured design. She was of the opinion that it wouldn't cost very much. Funding started to be discussed but the question was whether the Parish Council wanted it. Remember, the hall committee don't want it, the shop do and the football club don't care. Councillor Wenmoth objected on the grounds that the footballs would come through the gap and smash the shop's solar panels, also the children will get knocked over by cars speeding in the car park. The "pro's" argued that the children will get knocked over by going to the road and coming in through the present entrance. The vote to get costings was 4 for and 3 against, the main thinking here, was that there could be a big advantage to the shop and the children wouldn't get

knocked over in the road against it was a waste of ratepayers money as people only had to walk a few yards and the children wouldn't get knocked over in the car park.

At this point an ant was spotted crossing the floor, hopefully not a scout. Councillor Wilkins has mended some tables and benches, so thank you very much to him. It's an ongoing contract I think.

Lastly SWWA bill, which started at £8361.00 has now been reduced to £616.48 which is still too much but after a long discussion it was reluctantly agreed to pay. It's a bit like the tax office, while you're arguing the charges are amounting daily. They apparently won't go to court and the tenant has no water as he can't take over with a debt on the property. Not happy people.

The next meeting is 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 Parish Hall.

If you have any views on anything you read in the real minutes please contact the parish clerk as the councillors have no idea what people think otherwise.

Date for your Diary

Saturday 19th October

Annual pasty and pudding in the Parish Hall.

Tickets will soon be available, so save the date!!





## Wurlitza!

St Dominick Festivities Group present their annual fund-raiser - we are pleased that Wurlitza have agreed to come to St Dominick again to entertain us all with their film - Sunrise.

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For those of you who don't know, Wurlitza are a critically acclaimed five piece band from South East Cornwall who have been specialising in adding live soundtracks to silent films since 2006. Sunrise is a silent film at its most poetic. Made with an unlimited budget it uses an amazing array of cinematic touches, with a plot that keeps the audience transfixed. Wurlitza have added music that

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# ST DOMINICK DIARY

September 2024

## Parish Church services

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm Celtic Evening Praise at Halton Quay

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Licensing of Rev Atkins. 7pm

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am Contemporary Celtic Worship

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Mid-week Communion

## Toddler Group

Thursdays: - 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

From 9.30 to 11.30, informal play and chat. Free, open to all under school age with an adult.

For details of Services in other Churches of the Benefice please look at the 7 Link on the following website [Tamar Valley Benefice \(google.com\)](https://www.tamarvalleybenefice.org.uk) Churchwarden:

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Jessop Price [pricejessop@gmail.com](mailto:pricejessop@gmail.com) 01579 350049

## Methodist Services. Sundays at 6pm

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Revd Jonathan Budd – Holy Communion

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Mrs Anita Nicholson

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Revd Tim Wilkinson (Harvest Festival)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mr Bernard Melling

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Local arrangement (members' service)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 12.30 Annual Harvest Lunch (Pasty and Pud) followed by a sale of produce. All welcome.

Tickets £8.00 from Betty Behenna (01579-350318)

## AUGUST

- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Library Van. Parish Hall. 11.45-14.05  
Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Hobbies 1-5pm. Parish Hall



## SEPTEMBER

- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Club, Parish Hall, Cornwall Air Ambulance  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Hall. Licensing of Rev Atkins 7.00  
Parish Council **AT THE CHAPEL** this month only.  
7pm  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Hobbies afternoon. Parish Hall. Just turn up with something to do.  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> St Dominic WI – Richard Edgcumbe of Cothele. Parish Hall.  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Autumn show – 01579350776 – Please come along even if you don't enter. There's cake!  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Community shop AGM Parish Hall 7:00pm  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Library Van, Parish Hall 11.45-14.05  
Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Hobbies afternoon. Parish Hall. Just turn up with something to do.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Sat Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Cornwall councillor Andrew Long surgery in the Silage Bar (morning)  
Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Oct Wurlitzer  
Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Oct Harvest Festival  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct Harvest supper

Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Pasty and Pudding lunch
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Church Craft Fair
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Tree switch on
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Callington Gospel Choir
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Flower arranging demonstration

**St. Dominick Hand Bell Ringers** Fridays 7.30 Contact Robin Wood 01579 350 767

**St. Dominick Community Shop** (Village Hall car park) 01579 350841  
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**Post Office Friday 9-12pm – please note the updated hours.**

**Fish van and other services see shop article**

**Who'd Open Mic** 7-9.30pm every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday with Steve Brown

**Parish Hall bookings** contact: [lornabc@talktalk.net](mailto:lornabc@talktalk.net) 01579 350776

**Items for the Diary page to:** [ourparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:ourparishnews@gmail.com) by the 15th of each month.

## ***St Dominick Community Shop***

We have been very grateful to our customers for all their ideas about new stock items over the last couple of months.

If you haven't had a chance yet then do check out our broader range of cheeses. Our June cheese of the month, Cornish Nanny Blue is now a fixture in the fridge and the customer requested Feta cheese is also

clearly popular with many of you so we will be keeping that in stock for now. We have also included some new items in our deli range including tzatziki and guacamole dips (both delicious) and some value-priced pre-cooked picnic meatballs and meats.

As well as deli items, we are keeping our wine selection refreshed by bringing in new wines at different price points so you have more of a choice. Do take the opportunity to browse as we regularly have new bottles on the shelf.

Please do keep that feedback coming – it's important we know what products you want to see in your Community Shop.

Here's what's coming up in September:

**Early September** – a final chance to grab some of that Back to School stationery to get those school bags stocked with all the essentials for the start of the school term

**During September** – watch out for details of our next guest cheese of the month. Check out the details on the poster in the Shop or on Facebook.

**Fridays 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September** - the Pengelly's fish van will be in the car park between **10.00 – 11.00** offering their normal great range of fresh fish. If you would like to order please call 01503 262246 or email [orders@pengellysfish.com](mailto:orders@pengellysfish.com) by no later than 1.00pm on the day before (Thursday).

**Every Friday** – the Post Office service is available between 9.00-12.00 midday. A reminder that you can withdraw or deposit money in your bank account as well as posting letters and parcels.

**Every Saturday** – you can get hot pasties – steak, steak & gravy, cheese & onion and sausage rolls from our pasty warmer between 10.00-1.00pm. If you would like to order in advance, please let one of our Volunteers know by no later than 5.30pm on the Thursday before.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September** – we will be undertaking our half-year stocktake so the Shop will be closing early that day at 3.00pm.

Coming up this month, we will be introducing some new services for you to take advantage of.

There will be a coffee machine installed so you can get yourself a fresh coffee from the Shop. Americano or latte? Lots of choices available

We will be providing a printing service for your convenience. Print or copy documents in colour or black & white either A3 or A4. More details available in the Shop.

Don't forget to send in your entry for our summer competition to have a chance of winning £5 gift vouchers. Take your yellow Community Shop tote bag on holiday (a staycation counts!) and get either a humorous picture or one in an unusual location. Check out the full details in the Shop. Closing date 30<sup>th</sup> September.

A final reminder that the Shop Annual General Meeting is coming up this month to which all Shareholders are invited. Observers are welcome to attend. If you want to become a shareholder, you can pick up an application form and further details in the Shop or find on our website.

**FINAL REMINDER**

**A reminder the Shop AGM will be held on  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish  
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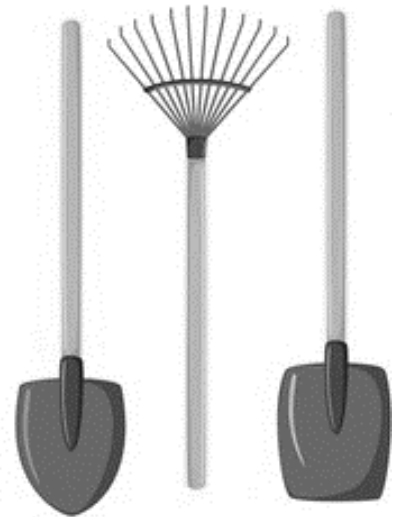
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### ***Gardening and Nature Notes***

In the veg plot harvesting of your crops should be well underway. If you have planted any maincrop potatoes and they have survived the blight it may be wise to lift them before any slug damage occurs. Onions and shallots should also be lifted, dried and stored. Beetroot should also be ready for pulling and pickling, if you want to. Keep picking your Runner and French beans to prolong their harvesting period.

In the greenhouse plants such as tomatoes, cucumbers, melons should be producing a crop but as with tomatoes keep on top of side shoots.

Also remember that weeds compete with plants for nutrients and water, so attack them!



Herbs could also be cut back to encourage new growth that could be harvested before winter or the first frosts.

It's a good time to take cuttings of tender perennials such as fuchsias and pelargoniums to propagate them for next year and to trim lavender plants after they have finished flowering, this keeps the plants in a good compact shape.

Divide herbaceous perennials as by dividing them regularly you will create vigorous and healthier plants that will grow year after year and obviously you will end up with more plants.

In the flower garden continue to deadhead annual bedding plants and perennials to encourage them to flower well into the Autumn and prevent them from going to seed. However, if you leave some to go to seed they will self seed in the adjacent soil. You can also save the seed or even give the seed heads to the birds to feed on.

With roses leave some flowers to form hips for the birds.

Through August and into September you might have noticed there are fewer birds in your garden. This is because many birds moult after nesting and go back into the wild where there is plenty of food at this time of year, but they will return as Autumn progresses and will require your food.

The swifts will have left by now but swallows and house martins should still be seen feeding on insects in order to get ready for their long journey when they soon migrate.

During September hedge trimming usually gets underway but although the main nesting season for birds is from March to August some birds such as blackbirds and thrushes have late broods so it is wise to remain vigilant and check for nests before trimming, remember that under the Wildlife and country Act it is an offence to damage the nest of any wild bird if it is in use. Therefore, put off any trimming/pruning until the young birds have fledged.



Remember that when trimming conifer hedges only trim the new growth as cutting back to the old wood will prevent regrowth and will result in a brown/dead hedge. After hedge trimming add the debris to your compost pile preferably in layers with other compostable materials.

There will still be some species of bees flying in September looking for food sources to see them through the season. Therefore, by growing plants such as sedum, buddleia, marigolds and dahlias you will have supplied a late source of nectar.

At this time of the year lawns can be scarified/aerated and given an application of Autumn fertilizer. If you are planning to create a new lawn then early Autumn is a good time to sow grass seed, when the soil is still warm and moist. This will allow good germination and the grass seedlings will become well rooted and established over the winter.

One question, there is a shortage of butterflies this year. Why are there so many caterpillars?!



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Those of you who've been before will know what to expect, eight categories into which you enter your best efforts, free of charge, to be judged by independent judges on the day. Sections range from veg through to photography and art, cookery and handicrafts, it's all in the schedule.

If you haven't been before, perhaps you have just moved here, you might be daunted by this - don't be, the worst that can happen is that you don't win, and you won't be the only one.

Please come along to see us anyway, we rely on you to come and have refreshments to finance the next year's show. It is an entertaining afternoon and we would love to see you all.

The first time you enter will be the hardest, your name won't be displayed unless you're a prize winner. There are lots of cups to be won, you could be surprised.

Schedules are at the shop, or ask a committee member for one. There is a Facebook page, St Dominick Autumn Show with them on, also on the Parish Council website, or [stdomautumnshow@gmail.com](mailto:stdomautumnshow@gmail.com) See you on 14thSeptember

### ***Our C of E Church of St Dominica.***

Our Church is not just a 765-year-old monument, but rather it is one of the key buildings in our village that makes St Dominick what it is today, together with the Village Hall, the Community Shop and The Who'd Have Thought It Inn.

The responsibility for the fabric of the Church rests with the PCC. We are extremely grateful however, to the legion of St Dominick residents who

ensure the Church is maintained and supported over the year; those who clean, maintain the graveyard, ring the bells, play the organ, prepare the church for all the important services, whether it be for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, preparing the Church for our daily services or assisting in fundraising with the craft fairs, cream teas, etc. We give you all a very heartfelt **thank you**

We are entering a new age in the C of E across the country. For 728 years from 1259 to 1987, St Dominick Parish had its own vicar. Since Victorian days, he would have lived in the Vicarage next to the church (now called Beech Haven). However, in 1987 the Parish of St Dominick joined forces with the Parishes of St Leonard and St Dilpe at Landulph, Melanus at St Mellion and St Odolph at Pillaton

26 years later in 2013, the Parish was enlarged even further to encompass St Andrew's at Calstock, St Anne's at Gunnislake, All Saint's at Harrow Barrow, to form the Tamar Valley Benefice with the Rev. Canon Andrew Wilson, followed by the Rev. Chris Painter in 2015.

On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024, our new priest the Rev. Andy Atkins is to be inducted in St Dominick Church by the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson – Bishop of St Germans. The Rev. Andy comes from being the priest-in-charge of the parishes of Milton Abbot, Dunterton, Sydenham Damerel, Lamerton, Marystowe and Coryton in Devon. With this new appointment the Rev. Andy will reside over an enlarged Benefice to encompass not only the whole of the Tamar Valley Benefice (less the Parish at Landulph, which is to be transferred to the Saltash Parish) but also what is known as the Callington Cluster. This is made up of St Mary's at Callington, Stoke Climsland Parish Church, St Sampson's at South Hill and St Paul's & St Melor's at Linkinhorne. This new and very enlarged Benefice is to be called the Kit Hill Benefice. The choice of name was made in Church House, Westminster on the basis that anyone standing at the top of Kit Hill would be able to see the whole of the Rev. Andy's Parish.

We wish the Rev. Andy a very warm welcome to Cornwall.

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