St Dominick

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St Dominick Tuesday Club

In February 2003 my late husband Gordon and I formed the St Dominick Tuesday club. After holding an afternoon cream tea 40-50 members joined, with the aim of providing fun, friendship and support.

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We had some coach trips in the summer, when the weather was nice, and at Christmas trips to the pantomime, often followed by a stop for fish and chips on the way home.

For 21 years we had a full programme of events, meeting once a month in the parish hall, but slowly our membership has decreased and reluctantly the remaining few have decided that the club is not sustainable in the future, with speakers becoming more costly we are not able to fix a programme.

So, on the first Tuesday in December 2024 we held our final Christmas lunch which was free for all members, and we were

able to provide a present for all out of club funds. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our officers and members for their support over the last 21 years – I will miss you all.

Eunice Hodge

Editor's note: St Dominick residents are very grateful to Eunice and her committee for their commitment to this group. They always remembered when people were unwell and during lockdown delivered homemade cream teas, which to those in isolation, was very important. The annual Christmas meal was also something to look forward to for those on their own, and the club has also been a way for people moving to the village to meet others. Providing a speaker, tea and biscuits is a commitment but doing it every month for twenty one years is exceptional.

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The music repertoire is wide – including traditional male voice pieces, songs from the shows, folk songs & songs from the "pop" scene. Something for every taste. A warm welcome awaits you!!

Callington Methodist Church Hall, Tuesday evenings 7.30p.m. Interested in finding out more? Chat to Geoff Gunning – 01752 895102 or visit the website: www.tamarvalleymvc.com

St Dominick WI Christmas Celebrations!

We started our Christmas celebrations and preparations on Wednesday 13th November with some fun Christmas crafting at our November monthly meeting. Members of St Dominick WI and guests had great fun making a beautiful twinkly

Christmas Tree out of cardboard, wool, twigs, lights, baby baubles and pine cones! Mandy Nicholson did a fabulous demonstration and we all got going to make our own. The room was full of conversation and laughter all evening and the results were literally 'brilliant'!

Following this, during our December meeting on Wednesday 11th December, WI members met together for our Christmas Celebration with food, fun and prizes! We sat down to a beautiful supper with a gorgeous buffet and incredible desserts created by our amazing Committee. The tables looked very festive with a Christmassy centrepiece and crackers! It was a great chance for everyone to chat and socialise. Thank you to all those involved in the creation of the delicious supper and the washing up afterwards!

Our January meeting will be held on January the 8th 2025 in St Dominick Parish Hall and our talk is entitled 'The Calstock Roman Dig' with Dr Chris Smart.

If you would like to know more about St Dominick WI and want to get in contact, here is our email address. It would be lovely to hear from you.

stdominickwi@gmail.com

Parish Council Report December 2024

This meeting was a bit later in the month and I can't remember why but as there was no meeting in January it didn't matter. Not much came up that was new so this might be an update, or not, on the previous meeting.

Councillor Long was in attendance this time, the planning for the site next to the Meadows, which started beyond memory, received an objection regarding the application, which was upheld so it has to go back to the planning committee again. I can't tell you what it was, the whole thing has been a bit shambolic. If anyone is interested it's probably on the planning online, but I'm not sure.

Councillor Long repeated the warnings about overnight closures of the Saltash tunnel and ongoing work, so you are all to allow extra time to get to Plymouth.

He, parish councillors and police had had a meeting with regard to vehicles parking on the pavement around the village. The result was that it was fortunate that in the country people all knew and helped each other and worked together as parking on the pavement is now a part of life, otherwise emergency vehicles have no access to lots of places. With regard to potholes there are 7,500 miles of road with potholes in, that's a lot. Speeding came up as well, councillor Fry said vehicles passed his house at 30 mph! Now, if you know where he lives that's impressive and they shouldn't do it, nor follow their satnavs.

The junior goal posts have arrived, councillor Fry offered to see to them last month but he has been extremely busy with his advent window, which was very good and also the Chairman and secretary of the football club who will have input, have been very busy as they are turkey producers. After Christmas will be quieter.

The "Welcome to St Dominick" sign has been cleaned by a parishioner who didn't know Councillor Fry was on the case, so thank you to Gideon. Not sure of his method. Also to his wife

Penny, who decorated the bus shelter with the poppy art this year whilst Sam was indisposed.

A parishioner has asked for permission regarding a new community orchard, perhaps in Lovells. A few ideas were discussed but it was thought the person wanted to plan it himself, but he wasn't there so it was a big vague. I think it was left he would be put in touch with the person who started the last one for input on such things as how it progressed, or not and where it is now etc. Most of the trees previously planted at Lovells are dead or stunted, if they ever lived at all. I think there was only one objector on the council to the plan in general but they really wanted to see the person involved.

A parishioner has also offered to do a "start" sign for Lovells, very public spirited.

The proposed flooding of Haye Marsh again was on the agenda but as there is no official proposal there was nothing to discuss. Some older residents will remember the action group to fight the plan last time SODITT. Save our Dyke in the Tamar. The council backed the objection last time when Councillor Wenmoth was the chairman, but people might feel differently now. Farming land is not valued as it once was. Anyway, until there is an application...... The National Trust withdrew their application last time, they said their plan was not viable, but this might not be the same. Councillor Greene said that councillor Potter was so pleased last time he bought everyone a drink- did he?

The National Trust also would like dog bins and "no fouling" at Bohetheric. The signs were agreed to but bins aren't possible as

the council won't empty any more, this is why there are no more around the village.

With regard to dog fouling/dogs, new strict signs are to be put up at Lovell's stating "No dogs, not even dogs on leads" or similar, as people are flouting the regulations.

And lastly Councillor Brown's questionnaire might be in this month's parish News, I can't remember the questions but you will see them. please answer, they are in your own interest.

Next meeting **7.00pm Parish Hall 5**th **February**. All welcome. You ought to come sometime, as in May all of these people will be up for re-election and if there's a competition you will need to vote, something that hasn't happened for several years!

P.S. I don't know how the Voneous broadband saga is going. Some can have it, some can't, those who can't have it, want it. Those who can have it, don't want it. A great proportion don't know what it is and quite a few don't have any Broadband anyway. A lady who shall remain nameless said the rep came to her and asked if she wanted it. She told him she didn't have any Broadband, although her son told her later that she did. He asked why she didn't want it. She told him "The same reason I haven't got an elephant, I like them but I don't want one".

Friends of the Church

Coffee Morning at Beech Haven on Saturday 22nd February 10am - 12 noon. Usual refreshments included in admission price of £3.







Plant Sale 2024 - Saturday 17th May

More details will be published nearer the time, but please could you bear this in mind when you are outside tidying your gardens over the next couple of months, and splitting up those pesky big plants. We would very much appreciate any spare plants you

have. The sale will take place in the Parish Hall and is a fundraiser for hall funds.

If you would like further details or would like those plants collected, please contact Jo Totterdell on 350656 or Linda Curnow on 350556.



Gardening and Nature Notes

February is the month when a lot of gardeners begin to plan for the coming season and purchase seeds etc for sowing in the coming months.

Seed potatoes should be available now and could be put in seed trays or old egg boxes to "chit". Put them into the egg boxes with the end upwards that has the most eyes. They should be stored in the light in frost free conditions and then strong green shoots will form and this will give them a good start when they are planted out next month.

In the greenhouse broad beans, peas and sweet peas can be sown into pots or modules ready for planting out when the soil warms up in a few weeks' time but do remember to protect them from mice until they have germinated. Also, onions and leeks can be planted.

If you have a heated propagator or even a warm windowsill then seeds such as tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, cucumbers, broccoli and cauliflower can be sown towards the end of the month.

If you own a greenhouse and if you haven't already done so, now is a good time to give it a spring clean - including cleaning the glass again after winter.

Cloches could also be cleaned and put in place to help the soil to warm up prior to planting. Any pots and trays that you plan to re-use should be

washed now to prevent any chance of disease.

When ordering seeds and plants for spring and summer bedding try to include varieties such as marigolds, cosmos, lavender, dahlias and nasturtiums that will be good for the bees and other pollinators. Also growing plants such as foxgloves, primroses, grape hyacinths, forget-me-nots and campions will provide a great source of nectar for butterflies and bees when they flower later in the year.

It is important to continue to feed the birds with high energy, high fat foods during this time as lot of the berries and natural foods will have been eaten by now helped by the visiting redwings and fieldfares. Late winter is the time to clean out existing bird nest boxes and if possible, erect new ones.

One good way to help wildlife in winter is by not to be too tidy and leaving piles of leaves, log piles and compost heaps undisturbed as shelter for small mammals, amphibians and insects. It is important to remember that wildlife has never needed us more than they do today. Having said that, and we do love all wildlife, we don't necessarily need to have it in our own garden and there does seem to be a proliferation of moles at the moment. You are privileged if they come to you as it means you have plenty of worms. However, worms are available elsewhere and we would be interested if you emailed the parish news with suggestions regarding relocation. I still have the upturned empty plastic milk bottles on canes rattling around in the mole hill holes. This does look a bit strange but seems to be fairly effective, not 100% but not bad.

Email <u>ourparishnews@gmail.com</u> with suggestions please.

Parish News Front cover

We are looking for a designer for the front cover of the Easter Parish News. If you would like to enter simply email your entry to

<u>ourparishnews@gmail.com</u> or drop a copy into the village shop. There are no rules!





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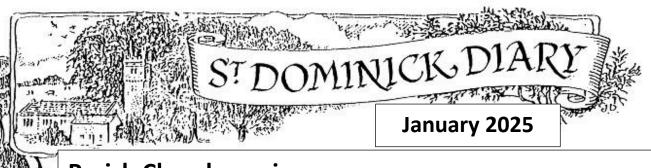
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Thursdays: 6th, 13th 20th & 27th

From 9.30 to 11.30, Free, informal play and chat,

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 <u>Tamar</u>

Valley Benefice (google.com)

Oversight Minister: Revd Andy Atkins

kithillvicar@gmail.com 01822 762335

Churchwardens:

Mrs Clare Lee clareteepcc@btinternet.com 01579 351381

Jessop Price pricejessop@gmail.com 01579 350049

Methodist Services. Sundays at 6pm

Sunday 2nd Rev Janet Park

Sunday 9th Rev Tim Wilkinson

Sunday 16th Julian Langston

Sunday 23rd Local Arrangement.

FEBRUARY

Tues 4th Hobbies - Parish hall 1pm - 5pm Just turn up with a

hobby.

Wed 5th Parish Council meeting. Parish Hall 7pm. All

welcome

Thurs 6th Every Thursday in the winter Wreckers Morris

Dancing. New members welcome

Fri 7th Mobile library - Parish hall 11.45am – 12.05pm

Wed 12th W.I Parish Hall

Thurs 13th Wreckers

Tues 18th Hobbies – as above

Thurs 20th Wreckers

Sat 22nd Coffee Morning at Beech Haven - 10am - 12noon.

Usual refreshments included in admission price of

£3.

Thurs 27th Wreckers

MARCH

Tues 4th Hobbies - Parish hall 1pm - 5pm

Just turn up with a hobby.

Wed 5th Parish Council meeting. Parish Hall

7pm. All welcome

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Thurs 20th Wreckers

Thurs 27th Wreckers

Friday 28th Callington Gospel choir, Parish Church

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sat 19th April Easter Egg hunt

Thurs 1st May Council elections

Thurs 8th- 10th May Church Craft fair

Sat 17th May Plant Sale - Parish Hall please plant seedlings to

donate

Sat 13th Sep Autumn Show – please start preparing

Mon 6th Oct Harvest Auction

Nov 6-8th Church craft Fair

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

St. Dominick Community Shop (Village Hall car park) 01579 350841 Open Mon-Fri 8.45-5.30. Saturday 9-5.30. Sunday 9.15-11.30

Post Office Friday 9-12pm – please note the updated hours.

Fish van and other services see shop article

Parish Hall bookings contact: lornabc@talktalk.net 01579 350776

Items for the Diary page to: ourparishnews@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.

St Dominick Community Shop

Happy New Year to you all.

First, we just want to say a HUGE thank you to all of our customers for choosing to Shop with us in the run up to Christmas. We had some really busy days and great sales figures which helps us build up a surplus that we can in turn invest in our community.

Our Christmas raffle was a great hit as always and the three lucky winners were:

- 1st prize hamper of Shop goodies Sam Rayner
- 2nd prize £25 of Shop gift vouchers Ann Cheatham
- 3rd prize bottle of fizz & a box of chocs Tony Ellis

Our thanks to our generous sponsors – Squirrel Tails Dog Grooming (aka Hayley Edwards!) for sponsoring the hamper and to Pengelly's Fish for sponsoring the £25 of gift vouchers. The Shop sponsored the 3rd prize. Thanks also goes to Brian Jones for pulling the winning tickets and to Dave Fry for hosting the draw. Here's what's coming up in February:

Cheese of the month – following a customer request we will have an oak smoked cheese in the fridge as our cheese of the month. A golden brown colour with a distinctive smoky aroma – it pairs amazingly well with an off-dry white wine.

Fridays 7th & 21st - the Pengelly's fish van will be in the car park between 10.30 – 11.30 offering their normal great range of fresh fish (weather permitting for the boats). If you would like to order, please call 01503 262246 or email orders@pengellysfish.com by no later than 1.00pm on the day before (Thursday). If you cannot collect your fish from the van during the time it is here, we are happy to keep it in the bottom of one of our fridges so you can collect later in the day.

Through to 14th – it's the run up to that hearts & flowers time of the year – Valentine's Day

The Shop will have a selection of cards & plenty of chocs just right for a gift for that special someone. We will also have a little game to play to test how romantic you really are!

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 and cheese & onion as well as 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.

NEW! On the 1st February, we will be launching the Shop's Christmas Club. You can save as much or as little as you want (£1 minimum), when you want and join at any time up until the end of September. At the start of December we will issue Shop vouchers to the value of your contributions into the scheme for you to spend as you wish in the Shop. Members will also have exclusive access to special offers & products. Check out the full details in the Shop and ask to join the scheme.'

Stockroom Assistant needed!

A volunteer is needed to keep our stockroom well organised making sure stock is tidy & in date order.

This role does not require working on the till or serving in the Shop so ideal for someone who prefers this type of work.

To find out more, email Hayley Edwards, Volunteer Coordinator at hayleye74@gmail.com

Just a reminder of the some of the services the Shop has to offer.

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- **Home Delivery** if you would like your shopping brought to you and are elderly or unwell, you can order on a Monday or

Thursday afternoon, and we will deliver in the evening on the same day. Minimum order £10.

 Hot drinks – don't forget our hot drinks machine where you can get a range of coffees, Galaxy hot chocolate or tea. It's there for everyone to use not just passing visitors so you can treat yourself to café style coffees & chocolate without going far! Give it a try if you haven't done so already.

That's it until next month (nearly Spring!). As always, we look forward to seeing you in the Shop very soon.

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St Dominic Parish Church

The life of the Church was as busy as usual with a range of Services in the last couple of months starting with the Remembrance Day Civil Service when members of the Parish remembered those that fought in previous wars, with wreaths and crosses being positioned by various village organisations at the war memorial within the building. Apart from our regular Services, we celebrated the birth of Christ by uniting with the Methodist congregation for the Carol Service led by Rev Andy Atkins; he also led the popular Christingle on Christmas Eve starting Christmas on a high note with many from the village attending on one or both occasions to celebrate one of the highlights of the Christian year.

The primary school children, staff and supporters, as part of the Church family, were welcomed for their Christmas and Remembrance Services.

Once again the Parochial Church Council, PCC, supported other charities and sent the collection money from the Remembrance and Christingle services to the Royal British Legion (£100) and The Children's Society (£328) respectively. We also had our annual appeal amounting to £50 for St Petrocs which helps the homeless of Cornwall. In addition some money was sent digitally to these charities. We hope that even more will be raised next time for those less fortunate than ourselves.

The village windows were lit up with scenes from Carols to make an Advent Calendar, it was lovely that so many families made the effort to take part in this event and quite a few walked down to the special one to sing to the cows. Thank you to the organiser who also designed many of the non voting windows.

We are very grateful to all of the retired priests and worship leaders who continue to take the Services in the Church and the Chapel at Halton Quay (part of the Parish) which enables us to continue with a recurrent pattern of Worship, details in the diary section. Rev. Andy has now organised his rota so that he takes Services in each of the Churches in the Kit Hill area on a regular basis.

The PCC were delighted that the Christmas Craft Fair raised over £4000 for Church funds; whilst this helps us to maintain the Church for the people of the village, so many local craftsmen also benefit from having an opportunity to sell their goods to many visitors from the surrounding area. Thank you to the team who organise and run the event.

By the time you read this Will Keating and friends will have performed a candlelit concert in the Church; however on March

28th the Callington Community Gospel Choir will sing in the Church, further details will be available next month. The profit from both of these concerts will help maintain the historic building for the future.





Chair report for Hall AGM - November 2024

We started Christmas decorating the hall with a lovely Christmas tree and the wall decorations. The tree was kindly donated by Shane Curnow.

We held our first fund raising event in December with the Callington Gospel Choir. This was a great evening and it was lovely to see many new faces at a Hall event. We had a fun evening with some very positive feedback.

We held our very successful plant sale event again in May and raised just over £1,100. Huge thanks to everyone who helped with event particularly Linda and Jo. It is a great favourite with the village with ques forming well before opening time. Thank you Eunice and Julie for organising the refreshments.

The pasty and pud also remains a firm favourite in the village and this past year raised an amazing £819.

We celebrated 50 years of the Parish Hall being open and had a fun afternoon tea with many Parishioners attending. An original tablecloth signed by many parishioners, was found in with archive papers and we framed that and it is now proudly hanging on the wall, still waiting for me to organise the plake! Sorry I will get to that soon. A special thank you goes to Norma Chapman who started on the committee 50 years ago and is still very much part of the team.

The Hall continues to be used often with many organisations holding regular events and also private hires.

We have put in place posts around the oil tank to ensure safetly from vehicles. Now that the shop is very much in situ in the corner of the carpark, there is much more traffic, and safety is of course paramount.

WE purchased a card machine, which although not used a huge amount was very useful during the plant sale and is of course available if we need it at any event.

We have a new kitchen boiler as the old one finally gave up the ghost.

Looking forward to the coming year, we are looking at sound proofing the hall, buying new shutters for the kitchen and some new white goods. Nothing lasts forever, and if we want to keep our Hall in tip top condition we do need to invest in new equipment every now and again.

Sally Lovejoy left the village and the committee and we welcomed Diana Green as the representative of the Festivities group.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the officers and committee for all their help during the past 12 months.

We are a couple of committee members short, so if anyone is interested in coming on board please get in touch with me:

Charmian.saunders1@outlook.com

St Dominic Church Help Required

Do you have an hour so to spare every 2 months? We are looking for one or two people to join the cleaning rota team; sadly some of our existing faithful band are no longer available.

Please contact Sandy Prosser on 01579 350957 or 07814264897 for further details.

CHURCH HALL FOR HIRE

St Dominick Methodist Church

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rehearsals

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St. Dominick Advent Windows Trail

The RESULTS of the public voting and the independent judge are IN!

The WINNER – by a large margin – was Advent Window No. 14 – at Jade Cottage – even after the weighting from the judges choices were considered.

Honourable mentions, in order of votes, also go to No.7 (We Three Kings - 2 Meadow cross) No.18, (Joy to the World



- Well Met cottage) No.12, (I Saw Three Ships - St. Anthony's Muse) and No.20, (We Three Kings - 2 Park Road)

HUGE THANKS to EVERYONE who participated, whether as creator or window-host or both! — it was good to see so much inventiveness, different materials and approaches to the theme.

Special THANKS to those who create the 'no-vote' windows housed in community buildings; shop, hall, school, snooker hall, pub and church. Your contribution is greatly valued and enjoyed.

An extra special mention for the 'one night only' Carols to the Cows which came in under the Advent Windows auspices. I believe all those who attended had a wonderful experience – Thank You!

The prize was donated anonymously this year — but anyone who would like to sponsor this event next year — with sponsor's name or anonymously - please message St. Dominick Advent Windows on FB (or stdominickchurch@gmail.com) for details — thank you

Lastly - The independent judge wondered if we needed a separate category for animated entries — which were impressive.

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