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St. Dominick Festivities Group

Invite you and the children and grand-children to the Easter Egg Hunt and coffee morning. This year everything is FREE. The coffee, the cake, the tea, the squash and the hunt - all free.

Saturday 31st March - Parish Hall - 10am for 10.30. Refreshments served throughout.

The Easter Eggs this year are kindly sponsored by Burcombe Haulage. **Thank you so much.**
If anyone fancies making a cake please let one of us know (351631) - we are happy to pay £5 to cover any expenses.
Really looking forward to seeing you on the day and let's hope it doesn't rain.....!



THE CROSS OF ST. PIRAN

A well-respected St. Dominic resident, Brian Jones, has been presented with the Cross of St. Piran for his work with the Church and the wider community. Together with 17 other recipients from across Cornwall, he was awarded the Cross by the Bishop of St. Germans, at a service at St. Piran's Oratory on 4th March.

In addition to his work over the years as churchwarden, server, choir member and sidesperson, he has chaired the Friends of St. Dominic Church since 1991. As well as important fundraising work for the Church, this has involved, visiting the elderly and housebound, welcoming newcomers and organising the production and distribution of the St. Dominic Diary.

Brian and his wife Christine both served as valued members of the Parochial Church Council for many years, only retiring this year for a well-earned rest. He was also an enthusiastic School Governor at St. Dominic C. of E. V.A. School, applying his financial acumen to his work as Chair of the Finance Committee.

Brian acknowledges his debt to his dear wife Christine who, as well as bringing up their 3 sons, has supported him both during his working life as Managing Director of Debenhams (Plymouth) and in his Church and voluntary duties. They celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in October and, despite standing down from some of their commitments, they both continue to help and support the Parish in many ways.

St. Dominick WI

Our 72nd Birthday meant that the evening commenced with the clinking of glasses and finished with homemade (Ann Murphy) cake.

Wayne Marshall from St. Luke's Hospice was our Speaker, giving us an insight into the wonderful work carried out by their employees and volunteers. They cover an area of around 700 square miles which includes big parts of South East Cornwall and Devon. Wayne, a former Police Officer, is now very much involved in the fundraising, helping to find innovative ways to raise 4.5 million pounds each year.

"Listening to the Enemy"

On 11th April our WI meeting is OPEN – which means it is the meeting where we welcome MEN to come along too.

Mike Griffiths will be telling us of his father's experiences in this fascinating illustrated talk -

"Listening to the Enemy, Bletchley Park in West Cornwall during WW2."

Visitors £5 – includes refreshments.

Doors open 7.30 for 7.45 start.

Parish Council Report for March 2018

A bit of a confused start. The Chairman wanted to begin but the councillors said he was too early. He said the clock was slow, the hall representative didn't say anything and fortunately this gave member of the public number four chance to arrive. As he was related to the other three present it probably wouldn't have mattered if he'd missed the start which I expect is what he said when he got outside.

Anyway before we did the planning, which is what the public were there for, the Chairman gave everyone a little talking to, regarding sticking to the subject and not tracking off on anything that came into their heads, which is something that happened last time if you remember. They all said they had received no gifts in the last month which always causes some amusement. As soon as the planning was over the audience went home and the Chairman and Councillor Greene, who were outside together, returned to the meeting to begin again, properly. It can be a bit confusing, first of all there are matters arising from the previous minutes, which is often from: dog mess, Vogus Lane, pot holes, speeding, litter and parking. So, when the pot holes were brought up, Councillor Brady wanted to talk about her new pot holes, but the chairman had to say (remember his little talk) that old potholes were the subject, new potholes came under Highways but it wasn't on the agenda so she had to start again under Any Other Business at the end.

Newest Councillor Fry was despatched to sort out the parking complaints, he said he didn't mind seeing people as he was off to Australia right after for weeks.

Then we discussed new potholes. I don't think they're actually new, just enlarged and the patching's come out. I think I will suggest that the quickest way around this is to ask if anyone knows a road in England where there aren't any. It was pointed out that the retired gentleman on the TV news who was going around filling them in himself actually drove the same type of little car the Chairman has. Hint hint.

The clerk reported that if anyone wants to celebrate the latest Royal Wedding they have to apply to Cornwall Council for an application form. Possibly there's a bit more to this but she didn't say so.

A few of the Parish Councillors are to meet with the Parish News team, just to see if they recognise each other I believe. Don't forget ideas are always welcome.

Going onto AOB it was nice and early but then Councillor Potter took advantage of the time to bring to the attention the state of the National Trust Woods. He said that over the last forty years they had been planted with hundreds of hardwood trees, oak and chestnut. No maintenance had been done, to his knowledge, and he had yet to see one actually growing partway to maturity. All they had done was to feed the deer and squirrels. He was sent to find out the National Trust Policy on forestry maintenance. There is also concern regarding all the fallen trees in the stream between Boars Bridge and the Quay.

Councillor Brady encouraged anyone spotting any fly-tipping to contact Cornwall Council. (This wasn't in the meeting, this is info from me-a household can apply for a free permit for 12 visits a year for household waste only. This is for a 4x4 open back, a van under 3.5 tonnes, a trailer 1.8m-3m or a horsebox under 3m. Details on website.)

Lastly thanks were extended to Burcombe haulage for gritting our village roads in the slippery conditions. There is grit for people to help themselves in the bins but it's a bit old and wet now. Also people have helped themselves to the shovels, so that's another job for next year.

Next meeting, April 4th, will be earlier, it's the Parish council Meeting at 6.30, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00.

All attend please.

St Dominick Community Litter-Pick (St Dominick Litterati)

This year's litter pick was beset by problems - we were snowed off on our first date (Moorswater depot, where we have to collect the equipment from, was closed due to the snow) ... and *then* snow was forecast again for the second date! And this time the Moorswater depot didn't have all the equipment we'd requested (not enough bag-hoops!) However, it went ahead despite all this - and was a job well done!

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the hardy souls that turned out on Saturday 17th (some wisely opting to do their stint in the morning) the rest of us met in a flurry of snow and set out, the snow eased and a huge haul was gathered. **Praise and Thanks to litter-pickers:** Alison Gibson, Andy Bellas, Lynne Harding, Dan & Kate Wilkinson, Diana Greene, Brian and Rachel Fisher, Sharon Brady, Tim Bennett, Mandy Nicholson, Nicola Batten, Carolyn & Graham Wilkins, Jack Spiers, Gary and Sally Lovejoy, Ann Murphy and lastly but not least - Rob and Sara Page and Freya, their dog, returned **again** from Talland Bay where they now live. (Photo on St. Dominick Litterati's Facebook Page)



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St Dominick Neighbourhood Watch will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 18th April at the meeting room in the Methodist Chapel at 7.30 pm. Our meetings are always open to residents who have an interest in the well-being of the village community and a warm welcome is assured. How much longer our local NHW is viable and fit for purpose is a major concern and we need a number of younger volunteers to join us. So much of our national and local life depends on voluntary support and initiative and our social conscience could do with a wake-up call just now. It was heartening during our experience of the 'Beast from the East' and the big freeze to hear of so many stories of people in difficulty being dependent on and helped by neighbours and complete strangers in desperate situations. We are not used to severe weather conditions in our part of the world and in so many instances it brought out the very best in us and a real sense of sharing at a difficult time. The challenge of Neighbourhood Watch is to foster that spirit 24/7 and to that end we encourage you to think about joining us.

The thoughts of a concerned Parishioner and responsible dog owner

I just wonder why some dog owners think that to leave their pets poo all over the road is acceptable. A Dog waste bin is provided in the village although another in the Hunters Oak/Boheterick area may help solve some of the problem. We have a beautiful area here in the Tamar Valley, a tourist area, so what do tourists think when they see such filth in our lanes. The lanes are not looked after with grass growing in the middle where it used to be cleared, excessive rain collects either side of the grass in the middle and this leaves nowhere safe to walk.

So come on St Dominick be proud of your surroundings. The Litterati do a good job with clearing general rubbish, I pick up all manner of litter when walking my dog, beer cans, broken glass, bottles even fast food containers that are thrown from vehicles but I will not clear up after other people's dogs, as owners and pet lovers we must accept responsibility for our own animals and think of others who want to walk in and around this beautiful Parish.

St Dominick Festivities

We would like to thank everyone who came to our fund-raiser this year which was Piccadilly, by Wurlitza. It was a tremendous night with Wurlitza again performing their magic. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we are pleased to say that we made roughly £600.

We have been asked from time to time what we need money for because both the Easter Eggs and the Christmas Tree are sponsored. Well, we need at least £700 in the bank to cover the cost of renewing the Christmas Lights if the ones we have give up the ghost. Although the tree itself is sponsored the lights were bought by us many years ago and unfortunately this type of light is no longer manufactured so if a few strings go we will have to buy a whole new type and the cost will range somewhere between £600 to £700. St Dominick's tree, we think, is one of the best in the area and we don't want anything to happen to spoil that picture. Along with this expense we have to pay £348.43 annually to cover our Special Event Insurance. When we hold events we also have to apply for a licence to play music and sell alcohol which also adds up. Then there is the contingency of making sure we have some money available for a spontaneous Parish affair like a Jubilee Celebration or similar.

I hope this helps to explain our 'reason for being'.

Again, thank you to everyone who was involved and who came to the Wurlitza evening. It was fun to put on and fun to watch. We have been asked already to invite Wurlitza back and we are now planning to have another evening in February 2019.

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St Dominick Tuesday Club March Meeting

Chrissi opened the meeting welcoming members.

She then welcomed our speaker; James Lynes who informed us about his life with a Guide Dog. His current dog is named Kim, 2 ½ years old, a lovely black Labrador.

James was born with a sight condition inherited from his mother. Fortunately for James, his condition was diagnosed early, not like his mother who was in her late teens when finally diagnosed. The condition Retinitis Pigmentosa. Otherwise referred to as RP is a group of genetic eye conditions. James has no peripheral vision at all, his vision is a tiny pinpoint from the centre of the eye. James says that some people can be very unkind when they see him with a guide dog but obviously has some vision.

What they do not understand is how minute the vision is that he has and could not enter out on his own without a dog to guide him.

He does not see anything that is below his chest height so low objects such as bins, bollards and notices on the pavement he is unable to see.

A very likable young man who has been a personal friend of Dame Vera Lynn for many years.

March 50/50.

Phil Jones: £50.00

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