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PROMISE AUCTION - PROMISES WANTED from INDIVIDUALS and BUSINESSES

Funds raised will be divided equally between St Dominic School and the New Community Shop fund. Please think of something YOU can offer that WE can auction - an hour's gardening or handyperson's help, make a homemade cake, knit a jumper, crochet a blanket, provide a taxi service to Newquay, Exeter or Bristol Airport, donate a fruit basket or a cheese basket or offer anything unique to your skills which can be auctioned – it's all in a very good cause. Please contact Tracey at the Who'd (01579 350214) or Kevin (07925 339937) to discuss any ideas you may have. *Either email your promise to* StDominickPromises@gmail.com *or drop it in* at the village shop or pub in an envelope marked **PROMISES** including your name, address and phone number. You will be contacted by one of the team to confirm the details of your promise.

THE COMMUNITY SHOP – The Share Offer is NOW OPEN Until Midnight on Tues 3rd December!

Thank you to everyone who has purchased Shares in the Community Shop over the last few weeks. At the time of writing, nearly ± 5000 has already been given through the Share Offer, taking the total amount of money raised to well over $\pm 12,000 - a$ fantastic start towards the full amount needed for the Shop (and likely to be even higher by the time you read this!).

Earlier this year, a questionnaire sent out across the Parish included asking local residents to make their pledges of support towards the fundraising needed for the Shop. The Steering Group are now asking everyone to follow up on these pledges by making your individual share purchase.

In this newsletter is an **Application Form** for the purchase of Shares. Shares cost £10 each. Anyone over 16 years of age can buy shares, and any number of Shares can purchased from 1 to 10,000. By buying shares, you will automatically become a Shareholder/member of the Community Benefit Society (CBS) set up for the Community Shop. Every Shareholder/member will have equal status, irrespective of the number of Shares held. This is an important part of the ethos of the Community Shop, which is based on all investors having an equal and shared desire to see the Shop prosper and be successful.

By becoming a Shareholder/member of the CBS, this means that you will have the opportunity to have a say in how the Community Shop is run, including how any future 'surplus' from the Shop is invested. The aim is that, once the Shop is established, any surplus that is made will be available to be reinvested in local community projects, and it will be for the CBS members to decide on this. This also means that every time any of us (whether a member or not) spend our money in the Shop we will be contributing towards the creation of this surplus for the benefit of the Community. As we continue to emphasize, it is important to view any purchase of Shares as a **social investment** in the Community (rather than a financial one). Please do read the full details in **the Share Issue Offer Document** for more information. This can be found on the website <u>www.stdominickcommunityshop.co.uk</u> or ask Alan at the Shop. Updates on progress with the Share Offer and the creation of the Community Shop will also continue to be available on St Dominick Chat and St Dominick Community Shop Facebook.

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IMPORTANT -The final deadline for you to participate in this Share Offer is Midnight on Tuesday 3 December 2019!

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Parish Council Meeting - November 2019 (as observed by our roving reporter) This time we were two councillors short, Councillors Walker and Totterdell, that's apart from the one we're missing anyway. The Neighbourhood Watch reported that they could do with more people but they were able to manage successfully with the numbers they had, so that was good. Then we came onto the planning. There is a mystery with this. There were two applications for pre planning advice, which is nothing to do with the Parish Council really, I stand to be corrected on this, but I think you apply to Cornwall Council for advice and see how the land lies before you waste money on a proper application, and the parish council is contacted as a courtesy, they can comment if they want to. One Councillor thought this was silly because if the applicant received a favourable reply, they would be thinking they were home and dry, so they should discuss it. This went on for a bit, then Councillor Potter had a bit of a "Jack Spiers" moment, (remember him?) and put his foot down and said "How can you discuss it when you don't have any plans? That finished that, thank goodness. Then the second one came up, and he had to declare an interest and go out. When the relevant parties had gone, the others said, "What are we supposed to discuss?" for a while, then they came back in, and the meeting started again. The signpost at Ashton, which could have been in the stream, or could have been replaced in keeping with the old one, was discussed again. Its funding has gone missing, by which I mean cancelled. No one was sure what had been ordered or even if it was the correct one, but it seems not to matter because nothing's doing! There have been no bollards down Vogus Lane either and a complaint has been made concerning the size of the road sign at M. and S. corner. Nothing has been heard re the post box at Post Box corner, which is greatly missed. As if all that wasn't enough, the two councillors who were supposed to inspect the recreation field last month forgot it was their turn. Their names were put down for next month, but one of them wasn't there so won't know. Although this sounds a shamble, it wasn't really, although it did take a while. The National Trust are to be contacted about their "wild area" at Lovell's park. It is said to be like a jungle, full of brambles, instead of a pretty flowery patch. Dangerous species of animals could live in there and there have been complaints. The precept for the coming year was discussed in some detail. It has only been raised in line with inflation for some years, but this coming year maintenance is need on the play equipment which is considered to be an asset to the village, so a bigger rise is in the offing. This did cause some concern but is deemed to be unavoidable. The second defibrillator is now installed in the old telephone box, just go there if you need to with your mobile phone, and follow the instructions. The only other item of interest was that Councillor Potter reported there was a new salt and grit bin on School Hill and that he was very pleased with it. The reply was that although the price was supposed to be £147.00, the bill had come in for £286.00, so there is another battle to fight!

The next meeting will be the first Wednesday in December in the Parish hall at 7.00. Would be nice to see some people there.

TAPS – Tamar Area Prostate Support Group

On 4th of December **Simon Francis**, Wellbeing Lead at Nuffield Health, will advise us on how we can all live longer and achieve a better quality of life. This may interest anyone who has suffered serious illness. Our first meeting next year will be on 5th February and we are in the process of finalising the details which will be published next month.

For more information please contact:

Chris Greensted by phone on 01822 834797 or by email to <u>tapsinfo555@gmail.com</u>

Meanwhile we wish everyone reading this a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

KINDLING WOOD

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Contact Martin Hunn 07712706394

2020 CALENDAR

"Plants from Tamar Valley Gardens"

12 New Botanical-Style Paintings by Jo Totterdell If you would like a copy please contact Jo on (01579) 350656

HUNN'S XMAS POULTRY

Ready to order for Christmas Turkey, Goose, Duck & Chicken All sizes available oven-ready Ring **350309** ... or email sunningdalenurseries@hotmail.co.uk Who'd Have Thought It Inn Christmas Day Lunch 12 - 3pm 7 Courses £75 Booking Essential - please call 01579 350214 Bar is open 11am - 4pm

Boxing Day & New Year's Day Special Brunch Menu 12-3pm Bar is open 12 - 4pm

Festivities Group News

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The Parish Christmas Tree Switch On - Saturday 30th November, Parish Hall.

5.30 Procession from the parish lay-by by the shop with the little tree lights switched on. Church Bells will be ringing thanks to Kevan Borlase and his team.

At 5.30 there will be live music playing at the Hall. We are delighted that the Parish School Choir will be singing. At 6.45 the lights will be switched on by young Mabel Lockyer. Thanks to Kay and Jessop Price for this year's tree. Afterwards, in the Hall: Drew's delicious free mulled cider with free mince pies and sausage rolls.

Thanks to Burcombe Haulage for the loan of their curtain lorry to act as a stage for us, and to the farmers who give up their time to help put the tree up for us, and thanks too to Dan Wilkinson for providing the live music and the School Choir which all helps to make this evening so memorable.

St Dominick Festivities Group with the Friends of St Dominick Church would like to remind you all that the **Advent Living Calendar** will be happening again this year.

As usual we shall be handing out the little jute bags to all the groups and businesses that would like to contribute. If anyone new would like to have a bag, please contact me, Diana Greene on 351631. The charities chosen as recipients for these presents will be mentioned in the next Newsletter.

Don't forget to place your **advent bags** on the window sills marked out with your particular date. On behalf of The Friends of St Dominick and Festivities, our thanks to all those local groups and businesses who contributed this year.

And our brand-new event: Saturday December 14th at 6pm at The Barn, Kelly Park, Trehill: a Living Nativity.

In preparation for Christmas join the Living Nativity being acted out in the Barn. See the animals, join in the carol singing and see the story of the Nativity brought to life. Bring children dressed as angels, shepherds or kings and dress up yourselves. Join in the Village's celebration of Christmas. Parking is limited so please drop people off at Kelly Park and then park down at the Church. If you have mobility issues or want more details on parking or anything else relating to this wonderful event please contact Kate Wilkinson on 350407.

There will be tea, coffee, soft drinks as well as mince pies and biscuits. Bring your own mug. Further details will be put on posters and social media nearer the time.

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BED & BREAKFAST

Higher Chapel Farm near Halton Quay 2 ensuite rooms Families welcome Contact: Mrs. Jean Gregg 01579 350894 www. higherchapelfarm.co.uk higherchapelfarm1@gmail.com

Callington Lions will be holding their

annual Christmas Bingo night in Callington Town Hall on Friday 29th November 2019 Doors open at 7pm Eyes down at 8pm

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100 club: £70.00 Phil Jones £10.00 Loveday Downing

Tuesday Club - Chrissie welcomed members. A minute's silence was held in memory of Margaret Thresher who was a founder member. Eunice Hodge will represent the club at the Memorial service at the Parish Church and place the cross to commemorate Poppy Day. There was no further business. Chrissie introduced Alan Bricknell who gave a very interesting talk complete with slides on pre and post war shops in Plymouth. Many of the members remembered the big fire at Dingles and the buildings being bombed and rebuilt after the war. Meeting ended with tea and biscuits. Christmas lunch will take place 3rd December 12.00noon for 12.30.

Epilepsy Action -St Dominic Slimming Club hosted an afternoon tea party for Epilepsy Action (Cornwall Area). £420.00 was raised during a successful and enjoyable afternoon, members agreed to raise the amount to £550.00 from Club funds. The Methodist Chapel also donated £150.00 from the sale of produce after their Harvest Supper. A cheque totalling £700.00 has been sent to Epilepsy Action which will help with the fine work of the group.