

St Dominick *Parish News* No 183 Aug 2020

Thank you Betty As you may by now be aware one of our longest serving councillors, Cllr E Behennah, decided to retire from the Parish Council in March. The Parish Council would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Betty for an amazing 29 years of commitment to the Parish Council and the Parish. Betty your presence will be missed, however it is sincerely hoped that now you have decided to retire you get to enjoy a little more time with your family. Thank you.

Thank you Alan & Nina Heartfelt thanks and appreciation go to Alan and Nina, who have continued to keep the current shop open for much longer than they had originally planned and also during the various challenges and changing times of the current Lockdown period.

This has been really valuable to everyone across our Community. Thank you both.

Thank you Friends of St Dominic Parish Church for delivering this newsletter

PLANT SALE Saturday 1st August 10am - 8pm

At 1 West Burraton
Outside gates on a table and in boxes
There will be a big sign

All types of plants for sale in aid of Village Hall Funds - vegetables, annuals, trees, perennials, houseplants, cacti etc etc.

Plants - all priced from £1 to £3 -
Please bring change

Anyone who has plants to donate please let me know and I'll tell you where you can leave them or I can collect on 31st July.

Please label plants clearly with suggested price if you want.

Thanks in anticipation of lots of money raised!

Church Services Planned for August in St Dominick

2nd 10am Worship

23rd 10am Holy Communion

Every week at 10am there will be a Virtual Service on zoom, and live streamed – see website.

Cornish Evening praise on 2nd, found on website and YouTube

Website: tamar7.org

There is further information on page 3 in the article penned by Rev'd Chris Painter

St Dominick Community Shop - The Community Shop and Steering Group and Directors continued to work together and made good progress with the plans and work on the Community Shop, despite the various challenges of the Lockdown. Here's a brief summary of what's been going on for anyone who has not been following our posts on Facebook or been watching our activities at the Parish Hall recently.

Several smaller funding applications have been successful - total amount now raised £30,000. Fantastic news for the Community! The groundworks for the utility connections and the base for the Shop building started in the second half of May. The team were blessed with some good weather and made great progress. Particular thanks to **Brian Johns** and **Willis Greg** for your assistance with the work on this.

The portacabin has been delivered and it is now being given a facelift by a team of very hardworking volunteers – thank you! Whilst it has sometimes felt like it has taken a long time to get to this point, it is also worthwhile reflecting back on how many people have been involved and how much work, time and effort has gone into getting the Community Shop project to this important milestone. Many thanks to all of you who have contributed so far: Shareholders, Steering group members and beyond (and apologies, there are simply too many to name here).

So, a brief reminder of some of the things we have been doing over the last 12 months or so:

- A community-wide Questionnaire and a total of four public meetings - all demonstrating positive support for the Community Shop. The first two meetings resulted in the forming of the Steering Group.
- In the autumn, the creation of St Dominick Community Shop Limited as a Community Benefit Society (CBS). Over 130 Shareholders recruited as members of the CBS, giving nearly £19,000 as their 'social investment' to support the creation of the Shop
- Further £11,000 secured from funders and other organisations
- Successful Planning Application and detailed Building Plans for Cornwall Building Regulations completed for the agreed Shop location.
- 50+ people committing to become a Shop Volunteer, and many other offers of practical help and support with the building phase for the Shop.

The Steering Group is now focused on a new phase of activities

- *The Physical Building work* - continuing with the transformation of the portacabin into a suitable space for a working Shop.
- *The Shop Volunteers* - there have already been phone-calls with all those who said that they would be willing to volunteer to work in the Shop. Work is now underway to create an initial 'rota' and also induction plans.
- *The Shop Processes and Procedures* – how the Shop will actually operate in practice. We are using the advice of Plunkett and the experiences from other Community Shops to create manuals and operating practices that will work for us. This is generating lots of paperwork and some details for us to think through.

One other priority remains to continue with the focus on fundraising. One impact of the Covid-19 Lockdown is that almost every funder is either closed at present or has prioritised their support for organisations and needs where there is a direct link to the current crisis, for example: health care, foodbanks etc. We have identified a number of funds where we intend to make an application just as soon as it is possible to do so. We will, however, need to be patient.

As a final reminder, we are continuing to communicate with Shareholders directly and to give you more information and details about progress with the Shop. But we can only stay in contact with Shareholders if you have given your permission to us to do so. We have sent out GDPR forms to all the Shareholders and the majority of you have returned these. If you have not done so yet, and want to hear more about the Shop and how your social investment is being used, then please do contact Sue Morrish, Company Secretary for the St Dominick Community Shop CBS sue.morrish592@btinternet.com or call her on 350984. If you are experiencing any difficulty with accessing the forms, then Sue will be pleased to organise some assistance for you.

Interview with Tracey Fleming at the Who'd Have Thought It ...

What has life been like at The Who'd during lockdown? - *We've been keeping ourselves busy revamping the pub, I taught myself how to use a sewing machine... lots and lots of paint and by the time I'd re-upholstered 90 of the 100 chairs I became a bit more adept at it!*

We are extremely grateful to the village for your support during the lockdown, for all the lovely messages of support received and to those who have supported our takeaway service. We were also nominated to be part of the Save Pub Life Scheme due to nominations from the village which gave us some much-needed additional income over a very tricky period... We had planned for most eventualities in our business plan but I had completely missed out a pandemic!

I'd like to come in for a drink or meal at The Who'd but I'm still a little worried about safety... what precautions have you taken at The Who'd? - *We have taken a belt and braces approach to customer and staff safety at The Who'd, everything from a clear one way system, taking customer details, implementing a single person use system in the toilets and regular deep cleans and sanitising of all touch points and customer toilets. Our staff are being temperature-checked on arrival and are washing their hands frequently. We are working in smaller staff teams or bubbles as we prefer to call them! We have sanitiser freely available throughout the building and sanitise all menus, seating and tables each time they have been used. Individual condiments are used. We are fortunate here at The Who'd that our tables were already at least 1.5 and in most cases 2 metres away from each other. All service is to tables at the moment and there is no bar service.*

We have invested in a new till system which allows customers to order and pay online for both drink and food should you wish to do so. We have outside tables for those that would prefer to be outside relaxing with a meal or drink. Additionally we have extended the takeaway offer allowing those who would prefer to takeaway the chance to sample our new menu every evening and Sunday lunchtimes. All of these measures have been taken to allow everyone to make their own choices in these tricky times - whether that is ordering a takeaway, ordering online from an outside table or coming in to enjoy a meal or drink with us in an appropriately socially distanced environment.

Has the pub changed since March? - *Yes, we have used the time to redecorate and re-upholster everything inside the pub! We hope very much you all like it- it is still your village pub and we think still has the same homely feel it has always had and it's been refreshed with a lighter colour scheme. The entrance for the new clearly marked one way system is the conservatory door, with the front door and the silage bar door being used as exit doors at the moment. There are some signs in the pub to let everyone know what we have done and are doing to keep everyone safe.*

Can I eat and drink outside? - *Yes absolutely and we have some lovely new garden furniture for you to enjoy although we may ask at busy times that you order online if you are sitting outside- we will explain all of this to you when you arrive!*

Do I need to book? - *Booking a table is recommended but not essential. We will always do our very best to accommodate you. Please call us on 01579 350214 during opening hours – see advert below*

What about the menu? Is it limited? - *We have changed the menu a little to reflect the time of year and availability from our suppliers, but it is still a broad menu with, we'd like to think, something for everyone to choose from. See the menu on www.whodcornwall.co.uk We do have smaller staff teams both in the kitchen and front of house so at times you may need to be a little patient with us but we will always do our best to look after you.*

Are you still doing a takeaway? - *Yes! Our takeaway is running from 5-8 every evening and 12-3 on a Sunday. Our main menu which is on our website is available for takeaways. We would recommend that you book in advance as in particular Friday nights can be very busy. We do also need to be mindful of those who have booked a table which is why we ask that takeaways are booked in advance. All those collecting a takeaway should come to the front of the pub and we will come to you!*

What is the "Eat out to Help out" scheme? Will you be offering it at The Who'd? How will it work? - *The "eat out to help out" scheme will be running on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in August. It means that all those eating with us will qualify for a 50% reduction on all food and non-alcoholic drinks up to a maximum of £10, and this includes children. So for example if you come to eat with us as a family of four and spend £80 on non-alcoholic drinks and food and £20 on alcoholic drinks - your bill is reduced from £100 to £60. You do not need to do anything except order, enjoy your meal and then we will reduce your bill for you automatically as long as it's a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday in August....*

Yes we are most definitely taking part and we have already begun to take bookings... give us a call!

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*We may close a bit earlier at the end of the evening if it is very quiet

Food Served:

Monday-Saturday: Noon-2pm and 5pm-8pm

Sunday: Noon-3pm and 5pm-8pm

www.whodcornwall.co.uk to see latest menu

Please call **01579 350214** during opening hours to book your table or order a takeaway

St Dominic Parish Church

The Church has continued to operate during the pandemic although the building has not been open. There is at least one virtual Service a week using Zoom. These are usually recorded with the words also available on TheTamar7 Link, which can be found on the Church of the Tamar 7 website. The good news is the Church is now open for private prayer and visitors twice a week on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. The plan is for live Services to restart on some Sundays in August, details on the notice board by the Church Gate; virtual Services will also be held weekly. Members of the Church have supported Parishioners in many ways and we continue to be here for those in need.

Bishop Philip has consecrated the long awaited Churchyard extension for further graves; we would like to take this opportunity to thank Richard and Maxine Batten and family, Ryan Moon, Robin Behennah, Drew and Lorna Potter and others for their contributions and assistance in clearing and preparing the new area.

As with all organisations we have been unable to have any events this year, such as the fete, but we hope to hold the Christmas Craft Fair and plans are afoot for other ways to hold social occasions in the next few months.

Message from Revd Chris Painter

- A church emerging from lockdown

*St Dominick now open: Tuesday and Saturday, 10am-1pm
You will have read that church buildings are permitted to open from 4th July. Again, it's important to note that buildings may be opened for public worship, baptisms, weddings and funerals, at the discretion of the incumbent and under certain conditions. Teams have worked hard toward a limited opening (see below), with due regard for hygiene, people management and risk assessment.*

We now have a plan to open for public worship. We are proceeding with caution, recognising that some ministers, worship leaders and congregation do not yet feel safe in being in a larger group. From Sunday 2nd August we intend to hold two services across the four parishes every Sunday. One service of the word (e.g. Matins, Morning Praise) and one Holy Communion. It is important to understand that these will not be conducted as they were before the pandemic - health and safety considerations restrict that, and they will feel very different. We are not permitted to sing, we must keep social distancing, nor can we congregate in the building at the end. This is something of a trial period as we find out what congregations we have and where the demand is.

We are pleased that online church will continue indefinitely for those unable to come to a building for public worship with live streaming and a recording posted later. Please continue to check the website and social media, and mostly keep praying and worshipping!

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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