

# *St Dominick* **PARISH NEWS** *No 188 Jan 2021*

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

The St Dominick Community Shop successfully opened for business on Saturday 28 November 2020. We were in lockdown at the time; so this was a low-key affair with minimal fuss. We now find ourselves in a third Lockdown, and the essential service the Community shop is already proving to be very important to a great many local people. We are very thankful and appreciative of all the time, help and support from so many of you.

In response to the current Lockdown, we are in the process of launching a Shopping Ordering service. This service will enable customers to place an order for their shopping items, make their payment and collect at a specific time. We are looking at the possibility of including a local delivery service to homes as part of this too. More details are available at the Shop and on the website.

The opening of the Community Shop relied on a truly heroic amount of effort and time from lots of people. The key event was the completion of the work on re-laying the floor at the beginning of November. The whole team worked incredibly to create the Community Shop, with an EPOS Till installed, a team of Volunteers in place, and shelves and fridges installed and fully stocked with a wide range of products (a transformation which would usually take around 6-8 weeks). This was all achieved in less than four weeks! It was a real Community Effort involving lots of people. Well done and a massive THANK YOU to all those involved and who gave their time on a voluntary basis!

Since opening, everyone has learned a great deal about the operating procedures for the Community Shop. We knew that it would take us a little bit of time to learn and understand the new EPOS Till system and its capabilities, everyone getting comfortable with it and learning how to use it to meet our customer's needs. This will continue to be a focus for the Volunteers and thanks again to all our Customers for bearing with us as we have all been learning.

There has already been lots of positive feedback about the wide range of stock and products available in the Community Shop - everything from porridge oats to dog chews, firelighters, frozen pizza and shoe polish. More recent introductions in response to customer feedback have included local gin, bags of compost, and frozen pasties. We have also secured a supply of stoneground wholemeal flour from the National Trust at Cotehele. This will be a limited supply as, due to the loss of the weir just before Christmas, it is not yet clear when the Mill will be able to operate again.

We are always keen to hear from Customers for any requests for items and to engage with local suppliers for products where we can. If you have any suggestions or ideas about stock and/or you are a local supplier, then please speak to Helen Eynon, the Shop Manager or leave a message with a Volunteer at the Shop and Helen will contact you.

The Community Shop has been successful in securing a grant of just under £1800 from the Norman Family Charitable Trust based in Devon which specifically supports small local not-for-profit organisations in the south west. We have already started to spend the grant money which is for a specific list of items all connected with setting up and opening the Shop – this includes the chairs, customer shopping baskets, and the sneeze screens for the counter. This grant will also be used to fund the costs of external signage, an all-weather notice board and some awning/covering for rain protection, and some other specific items. In addition, we heard just before Christmas that we have successfully secured a further grant from the Princes Countryside Fund (PCF). This money will be made available to us from March and is specifically to support the development and promotion of the Community Shop. More about this in later updates.

Finally, the Community Shop and Volunteers continue to focus on ensuring that Covid-19 precautions are in place and maintained for Customers and Volunteers. We want everyone to keep safe and well at this difficult and challenging time. There may well be changes to Opening hours as we ensure our Volunteers are keeping safe. Please help us to keep the Shop open by following all the guidance and precautions. Thank You.

Please continue to go to the website [www.stdominickcommunityshop.co.uk](http://www.stdominickcommunityshop.co.uk) or search for St Dominick Community Shop on Facebook to keep up to date with any news.

## ***An irreverent ear at the December Parish Council Meeting***

This was another Zoom meeting, the trouble is that some are more Zoomed than others but that's life. The main purpose of the meeting was to set the precept. For those of you who don't know, the councillors are obliged to discuss what likely expenses will crop up during the year and how they are going to pay for them. They can ask Cornwall Council for the money now and it goes on your Council Tax in April, which is when people start to take an interest – too late.

Firstly new Councillor Alan Cox was welcomed to the meeting and sworn in, ie waved his piece of paper in the air. He will have to post his other forms, declarations of interest etc., this is standard for any councillor. Everyone is up for re-election in May anyway, usually there aren't enough candidates but maybe next year will be different?! They are currently two short.

Following the resignation of Chairman Brady someone else had to be chosen. One was very busy, one wasn't very well and busy and one had a lot on. Three had only been to a couple of meetings and one had only been on the Council for ten minutes. Therefore, Councillor Potter was elected chairman until May. His connection was terrible and he couldn't actually put up much of an argument. He made a very brief acceptance speech – "Oh joy!"

A Councillor asked if Jim, new clerk, could investigate whether something could be altered by a vote if it was never voted on in the first place. I think that's correct, not sure. He was also asked to investigate the land at the back of The Meadows to register it as Public Right of Way, it's now a Byway. He said that took a long time, but he could start.

A road sign out towards Ashton has been hit and disappeared. Councillor Wilkins has repaired the footpath signs, the wall by the bike rack has been damaged again and no volunteers have come forward to look after the wildflower area. Contractors are now on the case. After the winter this can be reassessed. Councillor Fry, crowbar and oil have mended the defibrillator door, some concern as it still has "telephone" written over it.

The "FINISH" sign at the end of the assault course has had it. Councillor Potter thought perhaps we could manage without it, but it was pointed out to him that as we had a "START" you had to have a finish. Councillors Cox and Fry delegated.

Dogs mess brought up again. It would be quicker to say where there isn't any than where there is. One Councillor thinks he knows who one perpetrator is, Jim to get the dog warden out here. There is more than one though.

No volunteers to go on the Parish Hall committee.

At about this time Councillor Mayson's computer left the meeting.

They ran out of time at this point before they had started the precept, so came back again on the 10th. Chairman Potter had a different computer, much better.

Important things to note. Councillor Mayson had a 36 break at Snooker.

## **SHARE**

### ***Recycling for charity***

Our first ever shipment of recycling was sent to Terracycle in January 2019, containing Biscuit, Cracker & Cake wrappers. In April we sent crisps, snacks, toothbrushes & toothpaste tubes, continuing to add many more programmes. Burts was added a year ago and our records show we sent 1888 items, made up of mascaras, eye shadow compacts and lips sticks. Cathedral Cheese was added in July 2020, with our first shipment in October containing 1130 packets.

Inkjet cartridges are the latest items to be accepted to the project, a full list can be found on our web page [www.south-hill.co.uk/charity-recycling](http://www.south-hill.co.uk/charity-recycling) and join our Facebook group for updates. In March 2020, due to Covid 19, all public collection points were closed and no shipments were sent April to June and my car could fit back into its garage. A new collection system was then introduced which eliminated wrong items being left, provided opportunities to promote accepted items and kept people outdoors to drop off.... often in adverse weather conditions, but it worked well and people respected the rules to wear masks & keep a safe distance, until lockdown came again, which is where we are now, with the car back in the garage. The collection bins at Green Meadows, Golberdon are still open for drop offs. As well as saving mountains of rubbish being binned and incinerated, points are awarded for the items sent and these can be redeemed every 6 months, our main nominated charity is Kicks Count, who aim to reduce the UK still-birth rate. To Terracycle our items are valuable resources and are shredded into pellets then made into picnic benches, water butts and other products. SHARE have redeemed points 3 times, increasing the amount of money raised each time from 713 to 768 to 1,798 totaling 3,280 to date... which is 1,000 of kgs of "rubbish" diverted from our waste bins.

SHARE is South Hill Association for Renewable Energy, founded in 2015 in South Hill Parish. Our first project was to install solar PV panels on the parish hall roof, followed by 250 panels on an agricultural building, a wood project and most recently a hydro power feasibility study. With so many projects on the go at one time, volunteers are always welcome.

I'd love to involve more people with the recycling project, as many of you have shown an interest. The Bude area team is now well established and I'd like to replicate this in the Saltash and Tavistock areas. If you have a garage, lockup, shed and enthusiasm please let me know.

When we can safely travel again, we will set up regular dates at the St. Dominick Community Shop for you to bring your items to be collected. Meanwhile familiarize yourselves with what can be accepted and sort them into the programmes and bag/box/band together. Anyone like spreadsheets? Step forward, so we can keep better records of what we're doing and produce more fact filled articles. Thank you for your support and Keep on Recycling.

Ali Humphreys

Recycling for Charity project lead volunteer

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### **St Dominic Church**

The Parish Church is open on Tuesday and Saturday mornings for Private Prayer. Sadly it has been decided not to hold Services in the Church at present, except for Funerals and Weddings. However there is at least one Virtual Service held each week on Zoom, further details are on the website [tamar7.org](http://tamar7.org)

There is also monthly Cornish Evensong service as at Halton Quay on YouTube-just search YouTube for 'Cornish Evensong Halton Quay'. If anyone would like details of these Services and what is happening in the Benefice the weekly, 7Link could be emailed to you weekly by contacting Clare Lee. We are happy to chat or discuss any concerns that you may have, do contact the Churchwardens or the Rector, Rev Chris Painter on 01822 834170 or [rector@tamar7.org](mailto:rector@tamar7.org)

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### **Foodbank - BIG THANK YOU**

The collection of toiletries and cleaning products for the Callington Foodbank was well supported again this year by the village. The school was particularly generous with five huge bags of donations. The Festivities committee donated £100 which was spent in the new shop who also had a box for more items.

The Foodbank were very grateful for everything donated by us. There is always a box at the back of the church for any future items you might like to give.

Thank you all again. The Friends of St. Dominick Church.

### **St Dominic Church**

**COVID 19 help and Support** is available in St Dominick. We are aware that, in view of the current situation, that there may well be people in the Parish who may like assistance. This could be collecting for medication or shopping, also, if you have no-one in your family or bubble, transport to your Covid Vaccination appointment.

If you need help please contact one of the people listed below, giving details of the support you need and you will then be given the details of the volunteer who will assist you.

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### **Walking in Cornwall**

[www.walkinginengland.co.uk/cornwall](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/cornwall) is a website containing hundreds of walks to download and print, free. It also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more.

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