

St Dominick Community Shop

The improving warm weather during June has meant that we have been able to progress with our long-awaited face to face volunteer meetings. These have been taking place as small groups of people in Linda Fry's garden and subject to social distancing measures. It has been lovely for volunteers to get together over a cup of tea to share their experiences from the Community Shop and also to discuss updates and future plans with Linda and Helen Eynon, Shop Manager. In 'ordinary times' such volunteer get togethers will happen more frequently and in larger groups (plans have been thwarted so far this year due to the lockdown restrictions) – there is certainly a massive benefit of bringing the volunteers together and everyone seems to find this enjoyable and worthwhile.

The Community Shop has also been running a series of short Customer Feedback surveys recently too. In each survey, customers have been invited to answer three brief questions about their experience of the shop. The feedback from this has certainly indicated a high level of interest in the shop extending its range of plant sales and also moving into fruit and vegetables although being careful not to directly compete with the local stall suppliers. Any move to offering fresh fruit and vegetables will only be possible when the shop has more space and a verandah, and, whilst the shop team are committed to making this happen, the earliest this will be will be sometime next year. There have also been a number of suggestions about other new products and the Shop Manager will be looking at these over the coming weeks.

It was great news to finally get the long-awaited telegraph pole installed next to the Community Shop last month. This has meant the shop now has its own landline phone plus a more robust internet connection. Thank you to all our customers and volunteers for bearing with the various occasions previously when the internet connection was problematic. Hopefully this will not be the case going forward from now. The new landline telephone number is 01579 350841 – this is listed on the website www.stdominickcommunityshop.co.uk and also on the Facebook page.

The forthcoming special promotions at the Community Shop include takeaway Cream Tea on Friday 25 June in recognition of National Cream Tea Day (jam first as always!). On Tuesday 6 July, Alison Humphries will be visiting the shop with her trusty recycling trailer ready to collect a range of household items that don't go into the Council kerbside service and can be recycled for charity. Following the success and popularity of the Bank Holiday Monday Cup Cake Fest, on Wednesday 7 July there will be Chocolate Cup Cakes available to celebrate National Chocolate Day. YUM!

And finally, the Community Shop is getting ready to create a second employed role. Helen Eynon is working hard and doing great things with the stock range through local suppliers, bringing her creativity and flair to the internal design and display in the shop, as well as setting up interesting promotional and seasonal events. We have now identified that there is a further role required alongside Helen which is all about the general operations of managing the shop - including some of the back office and 'out of sight' processes and administration procedures, and oversight of the operational running of the kit and equipment and basic health and safety monitoring. This is not a full-time role, and there is flexibility about the number of hours worked each week. If anyone is interested in finding out more about this opportunity, then please contact Sue Morrish on 350984. Thank you.

St. Dominick W.I. News

One of the good things about having our meetings on Zoom is that we can have speakers from further afield. For our June meeting, we had a fascinating lady from Suffolk who presented us with her "Turkish Shirley Valentine" talk. A very entertaining evening ensued, with Jenny appearing in local dress from the Turkish village in the remote mountains where her farmhouse and olive groves are.

In July, we shall be celebrating our belated 75th birthday, which had to be postponed from March, with a garden party. In true WI style, there will be plenty of chatter and plenty of cake! We are all looking forward to catching up with each other face to face at last.

We are also planning a visit to Sterts theatre in August, when we don't usually have a meeting.

It looks to be another entertaining evening for us all! Plans are also underway to host another Vintage Tea and a Treasure Rummage (Jumble sale really!) in the village during August, so watch out for further details, and we hope that you will support us.

Observations on the Parish Council meeting - June 2021

This was another face-to-face meeting as decreed by the Government, it is easier to tell what everyone is really thinking than it is on Zoom (other platforms are available) but it was a bit windy. It wouldn't have been so draughty if there were a few more there to stop the air flow streaming through but that's how it was.

Present were the two regular members of the public and Councillor Andrew Long. Also a few parish councillors, we are now another one down and Councillor Evident was stuck somewhere. Andrew had written a leaflet giving a resume of his position and tasks – we are to expect great things. He also passed around another leaflet which you might have seen called “Cornwall Resources Community Update” and I think it was about mining, but not sure. The last sentence was the best for me - “If you see one of our teams out and about please do say ‘Hello’”. I think also ask them what they're doing as it was a bit beyond me but for anyone interested in mining etc. it was very informative. Please do attend one of Andrew's surgeries at the Parish hall if you have any issues. He has asked Will Glassup from Cornwall Highways to visit our road. He did say that if you think Cornwall's roads are bad, go to Devon and see theirs.

The defibrillator story:

This is what I think happened. Jim asked where the maintenance contracts were. When Paul Tarplee was at the pub he organised a funday which everyone loved, with the pig racing etc and raised enough to buy a defibrillator for the village, which went on the pub wall. And it worked, and all was fine.

Then people wanted one at the other end of the village, and a use for the redundant phone box, so one was put in there. All fine. But where are the contracts?? Investigations revealed.....nothing.

The one at the phone box was working but it hadn't been registered with the ambulance service. No one knows who supplied it. This meant if you rang 999 from home they wouldn't direct you there because they didn't know anything about it. If you rang directly from there everything would be fine. The one at the pub no one had paid for since probably 2019. There was a bill early 2020 but was unpaid. The defib was still operational.

Councillors Potter and Cox were to meet the engineer at 11.45 outside the pub, they thought, to be instructed on the monthly maintenance they believed they had to perform and a service on the defib. When they met the whole thing had been taken off the wall and the pub had no electricity which funnily enough wasn't popular. The man was drilling with an aim to replacing the machine, he told our valiant Councillors he would meet them at the phone box. Off they went and never saw him again. He had previously been there and replaced the Telephone signs with Defibrillator ones.

After about an hour they gave up and went back to see where he was, but were confronted by a loose wire and their defib gone AWOL. The phone box defib was connected to the ambulance service network in the afternoon. More news next time.

The track around the playing field has still not been found, although it has, and there is still a map, although it doesn't show the correct route of the path. No idea what's going on there. I think they want it strimmed with a lawn mower.

Councillor Cox has sourced a notice board which he thought the council could share with the parish hall. This was generally approved of although some thought aluminium might be better. Still, it's on the way to being decided on. It needs to be big enough to put all the council notices, should be possible to put two vacancies on one sheet of paper I should think.

Councillor Cox was asked to give his Parish Hall report, as the new representative, he was able to tell everyone that he had yet to attend a meeting, until he was reminded that he actually had done so! Just slipped his mind.

Thanks to Councillor Evident for bolting the new bigger waste bin to the pole at the bus stop, they are now requesting a bigger bin for Baber I think.

That was about it.

Next meeting first Wednesday in the month 7.00 parish Hall. See you all there.

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Sadly, we have had to cancel the Craft Fair in July due to the delay in removal of lockdown; however, we hope that restrictions will allow us to have one in November for us all to buy Christmas presents locally, or a treat for ourselves.

St Dominic PCC was lucky enough to receive a grant from the Cultural Recovery Fund which paid certain of the Church expenses to maintain the historic building, and we have nearly completed the changes inside the Church, and it is available for hire by groups, the advantage is that, as far as we are aware it is the only facility in the village that has an audio visual system that can be used for presentations etc, and the meeting/event will be able to be recorded/streamed for those unable to attend. The PA/sound system is also being replaced.

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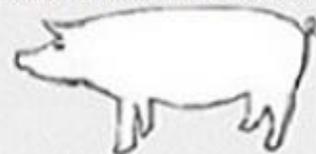
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