

The Cornish Arms St Dominick was situated opposite the parish church, The 1881 census shows The residents as William Lucas aged 66 an Innkeeper & Mary M Lucas as Innkeepers wife aged 70. Other occupants were Elizabeth A Lucas Innkeepers daughter aged 32 & Alice M Lucas, granddaughter aged 13 a scholar, Calstock Cornwall. The sign above the door in the pictures, says the Landlady was Mary A Lucas. The rents due to the Edgecumbe estate were collected here on quarter days. The stone steps built into the wall was to aid mounting horses. The pub was demolished to make way for the new Post Office.



St Dominic Parish Church

Christmas will soon be with us, and will be the centre of the Church's celebrations; we are all invited to join with the Methodists Church for the Carol Service at 3pm on Sunday the 17th. We are organising the Advent Windows this year, and full details are elsewhere in this Newsletter, but will culminate with the unveiling of the last window on Christmas Eve in the Parish Church at Christingle at 5.30pm. This service will be joyous celebrating Christmas whilst thinking of the Children that are less fortunate than ourselves; the school families will each be given a special cardboard candle to collect their loose change and bring them to the service for the Childrens Society, I do have spare candles and do contact me if you would like one.

Recent Church events; we have been active in the autumn with the Harvest Supper auction raising over £570 for the Childrens Society. This was followed by the Autumn Grand Draw and Quiz evening, which seemed popular with the profits helping to maintain the Church building, most of the raffle prizes were won by village people. The Craft Fair attracted many visitors as well those close by and we had many favourable comments about the locally made goods. Most recently Remembrance Sunday was observed with the War Memorial being in the Church, and Poppy Wreaths and crosses being placed by village organisations. The PCC thank all those that have been involved in helping and organising these events.

School, we have welcomed the school children, teachers and families to 2 Services in the Church so far this term for Harvest and Remembrance, it is great to have so many young in the Church.

Toddlers, we meet on most Thursday mornings for the little one to socialise with others and adults have a chat and a cuppa; all welcome from Grandparents, parents or childminders to drop in any time from 9.30 to 11.30 and there is no charge.

Parish Council meeting November 2023

This meeting took place on the Wednesday evening before the storm that had been forecast for the Thursday arrived. It was sounding quite rough and rattly outside and bearing in mind that Jim has to travel a reasonable distance, unlike everyone else, Chairman Fry said please be on the ball. (Or words to that effect).

Missing were councillors Wenmoth, Brady and Shannon but we had Cornwall Councillor Andrew Long and two members of the public, not the two regulars but these two had been before.

To start this speedy meeting we had a presentation from a Broadband company who, I think but might be wrong, were installing fibre. I didn't understand what they said but if you see them around they would like you to stop them and ask questions. Chairman Fry suggested they join the Facebook page for St Dominick. The speaker was quite concise, Chairman Fry asked a few questions relating to changing providers, cost, how long before it was available and what to do if your current agreement wasn't up. Them we sped on to Andrew Long and his report.

He was able to report he had been able to provide Eunice with funding for the Tuesday Club Christmas lunch from his fund but that was the end of the good news. He reported what everyone knew which was that Cornwall Council were millions of pounds in the red and projects were slow in coming to fruition, including St Dominick 20 mph road scheme. Big savings had to be made. That was that but Councillor Heslop asked about the buses again. It was the same answer which was that they had been cut because no one uses them, for whatever reason. It seems people like them to be there just in case which doesn't pay. Then Councillor Cox asked a question about the Callington Neighbourhood plan which Andrew has put a lot of work into, which took ages to answer. The wind was still blowing outside *

Then the minutes. Now everyone has the minutes at least ten days before the meeting so why do they have to read them again?

The Lovells park weekly inspections are now to include litter picking and Andrew Bellas has offered to provide a litter picker and a hoop if anyone would like them, some thought it not necessary but I think there might be times they are very useful.

The wind blew harder and the meeting started to go faster for a minute or two, but remembering Councillor Long's warning re the financial situation somehow a discussion began on how much it would cost to turn a part of a field into a car park for some Saturdays, or take down a hedge. Councillors were instructed to think about it. Councillor Potter said there was lots of parking down by the snooker hall if anyone wanted to use it, but they said people wouldn't walk. They would have to walk if they wanted to play snooker and the car park was up by the allotments somewhere. Then they thought, or some did, that it would be nice to get more play equipment, that's cheap. Councillor Potter had the fidgets by now. He said he couldn't see the point in asking mothers what they wanted because there was quite enough to maintain already, if they did want something their children would be in university before it arrived and they would need more parking than ever.

Jim had looked at Junior goal posts but it was a bit beyond him and he was instructed to ask an expert from the Football Club – Martin Hunn.

Other dribs and drabs but the other main thing was that Jim had been to a training meeting where he was instructed to set up an HR committee in case Councillors fall out with each other or the clerk. Apparently it is possible for a dispute to bankrupt the Parish Council. After a bit of discussion it was agreed to have the Chairman, Vice chairman and Councillors Brown and Wilkins – Councillors Greene and Potter saying they wanted nothing to do with it.

At the end of this very long short meeting we all went home.

See you at the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday in December at 7.00

*Councillor Cox admitted the next day he hadn't heard the weather forecast and thought it was a joke that Jim wanted to get off on time.

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St Dominic School, Chair of Governors - Sophie Walton

Did you know that St Dominic School has 4 different types of governors? Parent, Foundation, Staff and Community. Between us we represent the families, community, school and church. Governors may each lead on important areas for the school, such as Christian Distinctiveness, Health and Safety or Staff Wellbeing.

We have a vacancy in our governing body at St Dominic for a Foundation Governor. If you are a member of the Church and would like to find out more about this role, please pop into the school or contact us 01579 350581 or email st-dominic@stbarnabasmat.com

All the governors are an important link between parents and the school and play a supportive yet challenging role to hold the school to account; through regular monitoring visits, where they talk with children as well as staff, overseeing school budgets & involvement in recruitment amongst other school business. The governors help to ensure your local school is a safe, happy and well run establishment for pupils and staff. If you'd like

to find out more or want to contact the governing team, please contact the school st-dominic@stbarnabasmat.com



WI NEWS

St Dominick WI met on Wednesday 8th November in the Parish Hall. Unfortunately our planned speaker was unable to attend so one of our longest serving members, the multi talented Ann Murphy led us in an introduction to Belly Dance. She started by explaining that the dances originated for ladies to dance together and not for an audience, as seen in Hollywood films or for tourists, wearing not very much! Ann has a large selection of coin belts, and she helped us tie them around our hips. The next step was to teach us a number of moves which we attempted to copy. We were required to move our hips to make a circle on each side, a hip-knee shimmy, left and right hip drops and moving our hips in a circle and in a figure of eight. Ann had prepared diagrams to prompt each of the movements and how many repetitions were required and we practiced to a middle eastern tune. She also asked us to think about our arms and hands too but maybe next time! In an hour we learned a whole dance and did it twice. Great fun was had by all and no first aid required! Its a great form of exercise and a local group meet weekly in Calstock Village Hall.

Our next regular meeting is on Wednesday 13th December in the Parish Hall when our Chair, Mandy, will be showing us how to make a minature tree Christmas decoration. Why not join us? Visitors £5, always welcome.

Before our next meeting, the Tamar Group of WIs are holding a Carol Service in the Tamar Valley Methodist Church in Albaston at 2.30pm on Friday 8th December. Tea and mince pies to follow. The Tamar Group comprises St Dominick, St Mellion, Harrowbarrow and Metherell and Albaston WIs.

Football club news

The first team march on at the top of the table and are still in both cups at the time of writing this. Remarkably they have won 15 from 15, an unbelievable effort. The seconds continue to improve, and are putting together a strong squad that's improving each week. Fixtures for December at Lovells 9th 1sts vs St Mawgan 2.30 ko 16th 2nds vs Gerrans & St Mawes 2.30ko 23rd 1sts vs Saltash 2.30 ko Football club bingo is Friday 16th, eyes down 7.30 at the village hall. Everyone is welcome. It's great to see so many people using the park, and facilities. Please could we politely ask that you stay off the pitch, with the recent weather we're struggling to keep it looking of a high standard, so any help by staying off it will be greatly received by the club (and groundsmen). Draw winners for November 1st prize Alex Mortimore £100 2nd prize Taylor Gerry

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- 1 DEC. Greenhill
- 2. 4 Baber Farm
- Hove To (Advent 1)
- Community Shop
- St Dominick Hall
- 6. St Dominic School
- Nanpara
- 8. 2 Meadow Cross
- 1 Baber Cottages (in Landrover)
- 10. 18 Edgcumbe Rd.(Advent 2)
- 11. 4 Peppers Court
- **12.** 2 Park Road
- 13. Springfield
- 14. 3 The Meadows
- 15. Snooker Hall
- 16. 14 Edgcumbe Rd
- **17.** Spinney Hill (Advent 3)
- 18. 1 Baber Farm
- 19. A Veg Box in by The Meadows
- 21. Baber (roadside)
- Rumah Panjang
- The Who'd Have Thought It
- 24. Parish Church (Advent 4)

Thank you to everyone taking part in the Advent Window Trail

Windows will be illuminated after dark in the date order on the map and will stay illuminated until the end of December - giving you time between Christmas the New Year to go and have a look and vote.

(All votes to be in before 6thJan)

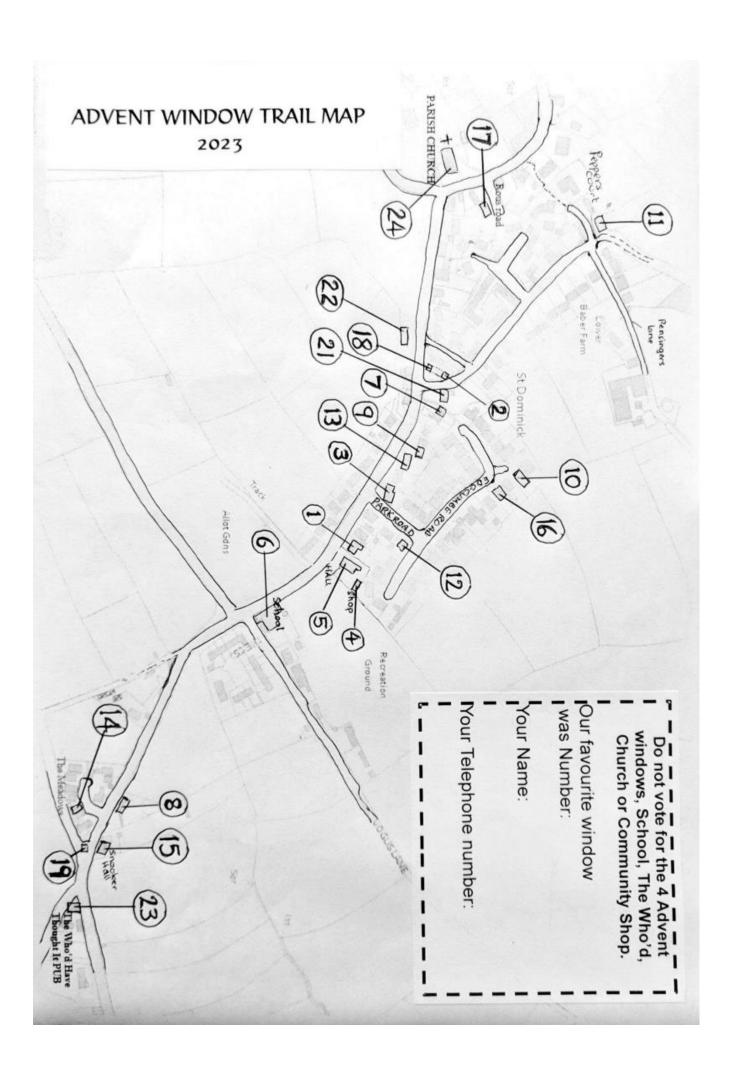
Please remember to stay safe on the roads after dark and respect the privacy of our Advent Window creators / hosts

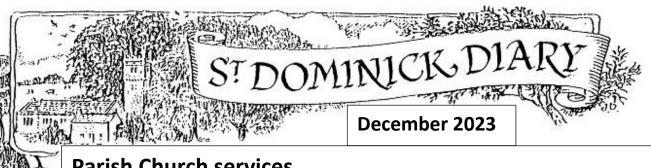
the box in the Community Shop, Who'd or Church before the 6th January. This year, to be fair to all, we also have complete the box on the corner of the map and put it in choose the winning window alongside the public vote Don't forget to vote for your favourite window- please an independent judge from outside the parish to help

The 'Who'd Have Thought It' are kindly providing a prize of a Sunday Lunch for Two (main course only, excluding drinks)

Please do NOT vote for:- the 4 Advent Windows, the Community Shop, The Who'd and the School

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE ADVENT WINDOW CREATORS!





Parish Church services

Sunday Dec 3rd 3pm Halton Quay. Cornish evening Prayer Sunday Dec 10th 10am Holy Communion

Sunday Dec 17th 3pm Carol Service at the Methodist church

Sunday Dec 24th 5.30 Christingle

Sunday Dec 31st 10am holy Communion

Thursday 7th & 14th 9.30-11.30 Toddlers.

Sunday Jan 7th Halton Quay. Cornish evening Prayer

Sunday Jan 14th 10am holy Communion

Sunday Jan 28th 10am Contemporary Cornish Worship

Thursday 4th 11th 18th & 25th Toddlers 9.30-11.30

For details of Services in other Churches of the Benefice please look at the 7 Link on the following website Tamar Valley Benefice (google.com)

Churchwarden: Mrs Clare Lee clareleepcc@btinternet.com 01579 351381

Methodist Services. Sundays.

Sunday 3rd Dec - Church Anniversary Service led by Revd David Moss and Gift Day 3.00 pm

Sunday 10th Dec - Local members' service 3.00 pm

Sunday 17th Dec - United Carol Service at the Chapel with the

Parish Church, led by Revd David Moss 3.00 pm

Sunday 24th Dec - Mr John Ware 3.00 pm

Sunday 31st Dec - Circuit Covenant Service at Callington Methodist

Church 10.30 am led by Revd David Moss

Sunday 7th Jan - Mr Mark Pellow 3.00 pm

Sunday 14th Jan - Revd Dr Steve Emery-Wright 3.00 pm

Sunday 21st Jan - Mrs Helen Pengelly 3.00 pm

Sunday 28th Jan - Revd David Moss

Coffee mornings in the Methodist meeting room 2nd Mondays 10-12 noon. Bring & Buy sales.



SAVE THE DATE - Please see details in this magazine

WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER - Parish Hall AGM 7.00 All welcome



SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER - Cllr Andrew Long Parish Hall 9.30-12

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER - Christmas Tree Lighting. Festivities @ The Parish Hall see article

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER - Callington Gospel Choir. Tickets from Charmian 350351 or Linda 350556

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER - Club Christmas Lunch, members only

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER - Parish council. Parish Hall 7.00. All welcome

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER - Hobbies Christmas Lunch, members only.

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER - WI Mandy Nicholson – a Miniature Christmas tree decoration. Visitors welcome £5.00

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER - Football Club bumper Christmas Bingo Parish Hall 7.00

TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY - Hobbies All Welcome parish Hall 1-5

WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY - WI "Inequality of women through the ages" Mike Haywood. All welcome

TUESDAY 23RD JANUARY - Hobbies 1-5. You don't have to stay for four hours!

SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY - Barn Dance @ The Parish Hall. Tickets from Kate Wilkinson.

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St. Dominick Hand Bell Ringers Fridays 7.30 Contact Robin Wood 01579 350 767

Wreckers Morris Dancers Thursday evenings meet at the Parish Hall New members welcome particularly musicians.

St. Dominick Community Shop (Village Hall car park) 01579 350841 Open Mon-Fri 8.45-5.30. Saturday 9-5.30. Sunday 9.15-11.30 Post Office Friday 9-12pm.

Fish van and other services see shop article

Who'd Open Mic 7-9.30pm every 3rd Thursday with Steve Brown

Parish Hall bookings contact: lornabc@talktalk.net 01579 350776

Items for the Diary page to: ourparishnews@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.



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Maybe Father Christmas if he can get away from his other jobs at this busy time

Our thanks to Burcombe Haulage for the use of one of their lorries for our stage

And big thanks to St Dominick Community Shop for sponsoring the tree this year

Everything is Free

Please bring your own Mugs

St Dominick Community Shop

'Tis the season to be jolly fa-la-la-la, la-la-la and your Community Shop is all stocked up & feeling festive so please do think of us when you are doing your shopping this year.

We still have some of the school Christmas cards in the Shop and for every pack sold we are donating £1.00 to the Friends of St Dominic & St Mellion primary schools so please support your local school and buy a pack of these lovely cards.

Congratulations to Kay Price who correctly guessed the answer to our Halloween competition - there were 229 eyeballs & spiders in the green slime jar!

Here's what's coming up in December & January

December & January

It will be business as usual during December as well as a full programme of Christmas events that we have planned so you might like to save this page of your Parish News as a reminder of what's happening and when and stick it to the fridge door or add it to your calendar.

5th **December** – we are very pleased that the Recycling for Charity Trailer will be back in the car park at 10.30am so please dig out all that packaging you have been saving.

Thursday fortnightly fish van – if you want to catch the fish van this month and next then it will be in the car park on the 7th & 21st December and 4th & 18th January between 1.00-2.00pm. Don't forget you can order your fish direct from Pengelly's by calling 01503 262246 by no later than 1.00pm on the day before (Wednesday) and collect from the van on a Thursday. The last visit before Christmas is nicely timed for a Christmas Eve meal or ingredients for a starter over the festive period.

Every Tuesday & Friday – the Post Office service is available two mornings a week between 9.00-12.00 midday so will be ready & waiting for your Christmas cards and parcels.



Here is the Christmas and New Year calendar. There will be more details nearer the time so keep a close eye on our Facebook posts and look out for the posters in the Shop. You can also speak to one of our Volunteers if you have any questions or queries — they will be only too pleased to help.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR EVENTS PROGRAMME				
Date	Event	What's happening		
2 nd December	Raffle	For every £6+ transaction you will get		
		a raffle ticket for the draw on 23 rd		
		December. Great prizes as always		
2 nd December	Shop gift	£5 & £10 vouchers available as a great		
	vouchers	gift for relatives, friends & neighbours		
		in the local area		
2 nd December	Christmas	The Shop lights will be turned on after		
	lights	the village tree lights go on at the		
		Festivities evening event		
2 nd December	Wreaths &	Selection of locally made wreaths &		
	hampers on	small hampers containing Christmas		
	sale	treats		
4 th December	Advent	We unveil our pantomime trail		
	window	window		
8 th December	Meat orders	The last date for ordering meat from		
		Trehill & Cornish Farmhouse.		
8 th December	Deli orders	The last date for ordering deli items –		
		cheese, pates, quiche, ham, other cold meats & sides		

8 th December	Santa post	Last date for our younger customers to	
	box	post their letter to Santa to ensure the	
		big man has time to reply**	
20 th December	Meat & deli	Meat and deli orders can be collected	
	collection	on this day	
23 rd December	Raffle draw	The draw will be made at midday and	
		the lucky winners contacted	
Christmas Eve	Shop open	Sunday hours will be extended into the	
		afternoon with an early close. Please	
		check details.	
Christmas Day	Shop closed		
Boxing Day	Shop	*Pre-ordered newspapers will be	
	closed*	available for collection from the Green	
		Box	
27 th - 31 st	Shop open	Trading hours as normal	
December			
1 st January	Shop open	Trading hours 8.45 – 5.30pm	
2 nd January	Sale	Our January sale starts!	

^{**} The address for Santa letters is: Santa/Father Christmas, Santa's Grotto, Reindeerland, XM4 5HQ

At the end of November, we said a fond farewell to Linda Fry as our Volunteer Coordinator who has been working her magic each week since the Shop opened in November 2020 to make sure that it is staffed six and a half days a week. Thank you so much Linda. You will still find Linda in the Shop working as a Volunteer usually on a Wednesday afternoon & Friday morning.

We will also be saying a fond farewell to our Shop Manager, Helen Eynon at the end of December. We will miss Helen's contribution greatly but wish her all the very best with her new artistic endeavours. Thank you for everything you have done to make the Shop such a success, Helen.

As this is the last Shop news article for 2023, the whole Shop team would like to thank you for all your support and custom during this last year and wish you a joyful Christmas and peaceful 2024. As always, we look forward to seeing you in the Shop again very soon.



promoting local - supporting our community



Val Gill is moving on.

The Friends of St Dominick Parish Church would like to thank Val Gill for her work over the past few years as Secretary. The Parish News team would also like to add their thanks to Val for keeping the St Dominick Diary up to date and for delivering the Parish News to the large number of houses on her round. We wish you all the very best.

In future, any entries for the Diary should be sent directly to ourparishnews@gmail.com where one of the editorial team will deal with them (well done Lorna!).

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Gardening Notes for December and January

It is important to take into account the fact that these notes are gleaned from people in the parish and are sometimes at odds with each other. You are advised to try a bit of everything and make your own minds up.



Following on from last month's tips your broad beans should really have been sown by now. When you pass their patch you should hope and pray they didn't rot apparently. Look for them on Christmas day when they should start to show.

- Traditionally, also on Christmas Day you can plant your seed onions. Some specialist growers also advocate planting their show leeks this day. I expect Boxing Day would do. Garlic the same.
- It's not too late to plant our your Sweet Williams and Wallflower plants to their permanent flowering sites.
- Clean your greenhouse after all the tomato plants have gone, hopefully onto your compost.
- Move your chrysanthemums to a frost free position. Dig them up if necessary. This is in readiness for taking cuttings in the Spring for new plants.
- Prune your apples, pears, quinces and medlars.
- Plant new bare root roses and cut back your old ones.
- Buy and chit your seed potatoes in January. Put them in a shallow cardboard box or egg tray.
- In these modern times we know it is considered very bad practice to have bare earth over winter. The soil needs to remain active so either grow a crop, grow a green manure such as mustard that you can dig in afterwards, or mulch everything.
- Empty your old compost bins, grow bags and plant pots and mulch not only your veg plot but also your herbaceous borders and shrubs.
 Save your fallen leaves and chop, if possible, for your compost bin.
 Don't pay to give it all to the council then buy it back. (I know there is a limit).

- Don't leave it too late to cut your hedges back -birds think about nesting from mid February. When having a bonfire be careful and think about wildlife, particularly hedgehogs.
- Have a look at what is growing best in your neighbour's garden then copy them.

An invitation to women who like to dance

You may, or may not, have heard talk of the two **Women Only Charity Dance Nights** that a few of us have organised in the village this past year – just to have fun dancing and raising funds for named charities.

We have been reaching out – using our own networks to invite women – but we don't know every woman who likes to dance (or sing - there's karaoke too) in St.Dominick - and we know we will have missed some.



SO if you would like to receive invitations to these 'by invite-only' dance nights – get on our email list NOW.

Send an email to charitydancenight@gmail.com saying you want to hear about the Women Only Charity Dance Nights we run in the future — and that's it - you'll get all the information. The next one should be in early February. Looking forward to hearing from you —

Ann, Carolyn, Maria, Kate & Liz

The contact details for the Clerk to Parish Council are:

Jim Candy Penquite Farm, Trerulefoot, Saltash PL12 5BN 01752 852155

Email: clerk@stdominicpc.org.uk

Parish Council website: www.stdominicpc.org.uk

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