

St Dominick

PARISH NEWS

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St Dominick Snooker Club

As you may be aware towards the end of last summer we celebrated our centenary with a village function both inside and outside the hall with an excellent turn out where we were able to display our refurbished facilities and new kitchen.

Our Chairman, Nick Shapland, has worked tirelessly on writing a book called 'A Rite of Passage' with memories of 100 years of St Dominick Snooker Hall which is currently being published. We expect him to win The Booker Prize and expect the book to sell out faster than 'Lady Chatterley's Lover' and 'Fifty Shades of Grey' put together.

On to the playing side we currently have 2 sides playing in the Liskeard and District Snooker League and 1 playing in the Plymouth and District Snooker Club. At present we are top of the league but there is still a long way to go. We are currently the holders of The Cornwall Snooker Team Championship and we have a chance to retain our title having progressed to the final next month. With 3 of our members representing the county we must be doing something right.

Keep potting, Tony Farrant Club Caretaker

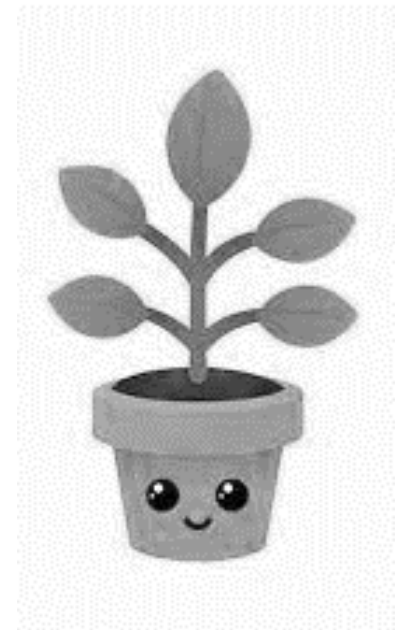
Parish Hall Plant Sale - Saturday 11th May. 10-12

Please will everyone note the date of our Annual Plant Sale.

Also, please will all you gardeners grow us a few plants, or donate your surplus? We will be grateful for any perennials, rooted cuttings, veg plants, flower seedlings etc.

Your generosity has been remarkable in previous years and everyone enjoys this day tremendously. The Parish Hall is there for everyone to use and the sale hopefully adds to our funds each year.

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Golden Celebrations

On Saturday 22nd June we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of our Parish Hall. We are planning a tea party amongst other things. If you or any of your relatives or friends were around 50 years ago, and have any photographs, press cuttings or memories you would like to share, can you please get in touch with me. Thank you.

Charmian, Chair, Parish Hall. Tel: 351302

or email: charmian.saunders1@outlook.com



St Dominick Craft Fair

Craft Fair will be held in the Church from May 9th to 11th, with refreshments available in the adjacent building. We are currently organising the stallholders and we will have some new ones so many different gifts available to purchase.

Please if you could spare a couple of hours during this time to help steward the event, either sitting, standing, or in the tea room it would be much appreciated; it also gives you an opportunity to have a good look around at all the stalls. We also need help preparing and dismantling the Church.

If you can assist in any way please contact Clare Lee clareleepcc@btinternet.com or 01579 351381.

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St Dominick Parish Church

We are about to celebrate Easter with services at St Dominick and with the other Churches in our group, known as the Tamar Valley Benefice. We will be joining the Callington cluster of Churches and this enlarged group will be the Kit Hill Benefice; the position of Oversight Minister will be advertised in April.

Recently the new Rural Dean and Strategic lead, Rev Michael Johnson, was installed. He will oversee and lead the changes that are being made in our part of Cornwall, known as East Wivelshire Deanery, spreading from the Rame Peninsular to north of Callington.

An important part of this is to enable mission and ministry, by inspiring and supporting people, parishes and priests in all of the Churches, as well as the many lay leaders we are fortunate to have in this area. He will be working closely with Churchwardens and other office holders as well as having various specific admin roles. St Dominick was fortunate in that he was able to take the Mothering Sunday Service and was an inspiration to all.

Parish council Meeting March 2024

This was another meeting that went on for a long time with no outcomes.

No Councillor Long, he was still at work. don't forget he now holds a surgery in the silage bar of the pub once every two months, dates in the parish news, if you want to see him.

The planning for the building of houses next to Stone Cross was on the agenda AGAIN and people arrived to speak against it.

Basically, the plans are still contradictory and no one can make

any sense of them, which the parish council knew, so, once more, it was a waste of everyone's time. The clerk is to write to the overall head of planning to complain about this being sent out incorrectly so many times etc.

We are fortunate to have had a few showers of rain, it appears to have given the road a wash on M and S corner and a white line is showing up a bit more now. That's good.

The clerk expressed surprise at the alleged tardiness of the local access team with regard to any response regarding the footpath at Dilleys, but nobody fell off their chair with shock. Maybe next month.

The junior goal posts – the clerk had applied for a grant but had been refused on a procedural issue which he didn't foresee as being too much of a stumbling block and was going to try again. Then the hedge between the hall and the football field. Councillor Greene is the leader on this and would like the hedge removed so that when there is a "do" in the field people can look out the hall windows and feel "as one". That's the only way I can explain it. Also, a gate put through the hedge so they, particularly children, don't have to walk down to the road and up again to the shop. I understand there has been a meeting with the hall committee, Councillor Greene, Jim the clerk, the shop and the football club. I wasn't there, so this is what I think!

Firstly, Councillor Greene would like the hedge down, but failing that she would like all the greenery taken off the top to make it lower. The gate would have to be up by the shop otherwise

parking spaces would be lost and it would have to be a self-closing gate to conform with the ROSPA health and safety rules. There used to be a gap but this had to be closed off when the play park obtained its grant.

The parish council was concerned about the cost. The hall committee rep said they would report back to the committee. The National Trust said it wasn't worth them attending until people agreed between themselves but if the green was cut off the top other trees/bushes would have to be planted elsewhere to compensate. The football club weren't bothered, they said if they balls went over the low hedge they would be able to get through the gate to find them easily enough. I don't know what the shop said.

Anyway, each organisation is to receive two letters from the Parish council. The first to ask what they think about the hedge and the second to ask their opinion about a gate, then report back.

The only other thing of interest was the request by someone (a firm) to install electric car charging points in the parish. That will be interesting, a couple of places were suggested but not jumped upon.

And Nesta's plaque has been put back on her seat!!

Next meeting first Wednesday in April, would be nice to see some people there and it should be warmer by then.

Big Brew charity coffee morning for Transform Trade

On Friday 5 April 10.30am to 12.30pm at 2 Tor View, Hunter's Oak, St Dominick PL12 6SS.

The charity Transform Trade is a global community of farmers, workers, collectives, campaigners, donors and supporters, who work together for trade that values people over profit.

Large corporations still dominate the world of trade, with little regard for the problems some workers may experience, but there is another way to do business - people centred trade. Transform Trade partner with people who are fighting for their communities and finding better ways to trade. Donations from the coffee morning will go towards a project Transform Trade has begun to help create 100 community-owned shops called Sadaipati in Bangladesh – and the inspirational women running these shops are transforming their communities.

There will be scones with jam and cream (as well as cake!) and a table of hand-crafted items for sale. Everyone welcome.



St. Dominick WI March Meeting

Members and guests of St Dominick WI were treated to a talk by Cornish Tour Guide Mark Camp on Wednesday 13th March. The topic was 'Myths and Legends of Bodmin Moor', He led us on a virtual journey around Bodmin Moor starting at Minions, including the Cheesewring, The Hurlers and Rillaton Barrow. Some of us learned that a gold cup from the Bronze Age was found in Rillaton barrow and is now on display in the British Museum. We were taken to St Neots and the fabulous church,

across RoughTor (ask a local how to pronounce this!) to Altarnun then to King Doniert's stones, St Bellermin, Warleggan and the story of the vicar, The Reverend Densham with a reluctant congregation, the subject of a film with a screenplay by Daphne DuMaurier. Then to Jamaica Inn and Dozmary Pool, finishing off with the story of the Cornish 'knockers' a gnome-like creature that were said to taunt miners hundreds of years ago, the knocking sound being like the sound made by the wall or ceiling of a mine before it collapsed hence the 'knockers' were dreaded. Mark also produces guide books for walks around Bodmin Moor. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th April where one of our favourite speakers, Trevor Smitheram will be returning to tell us about the History of Hayle. 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, visitors welcome, £5.

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ST DOMINICK DIARY

April 2024

Parish Church services

Sunday April 7th 6pm Cornish Evening Prayer at Halton Quay

Sunday April 14th 10am Holy Communion

Tuesday April 23rd 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday April 28th 10am Contemporary Worship

Toddler Group

Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. From 9.30 to 11.30, informal play and chat. Free, open to all under school age with an adult

For details of Services in other Churches of the Benefice please look at the 7 Link on the following website [Tamar Valley Benefice \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

Churchwarden: Mrs Clare Lee

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Methodist Services. Sundays at 6pm

April 7th Revd Steve Emery-Wright

April 14th Local arrangements

April 21st **Circuit Service at Tamar Valley**

Methodist Church 10.30am

April 28th Professor Roy Sambles

APRIL

- Tues 2nd Tuesday Club speaker Mike Stephens – Easiest house Plants. £3 to include tea and biscuits. Parish Hall 2.30pm Just come along and meet.
- Wed 3rd Parish Council. Parish Hall 7.00pm
- Fri 5th Big Brew charity coffee morning. 2 Tor View 10.30am -12.30pm (see article)
- Sat 6th Cllr Andrew Long Cornwall Councillor Silage Bar morning
- Tues 9th Hobbies 1pm-5pm Parish Hall. Just come along with something to do, or read
- Wed 10th WI Trevor Smitheram on 'The History of Hayle', 7.30pm Parish Hall. He has been twice before, speaking on different topics and back by popular demand. Visitors always welcome, £5
- Tues 23rd Hobbies, as above, open to everyone



MAY

- Wed 1st Parish Council Parish Hall 7.00pm AGM
- Thurs 2nd Parish Hall Police Crime Commissioner Election
- Fri 3rd Mobile library 11.45am-12.05pm Outside Parish Hall
- Tues 7th Tuesday Club - Little Harbour Children's Hospice
- Thurs 9th-11th Church craft Fair
- Sat 11th Parish Hall plant sale in aid of Parish Hall funds 10am-12pm
- Sun 12th Walk in aid of St Luke's Hospice. Details to follow
- Wed 15th Annual Parish Meeting

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 22nd June Parish Hall 50th anniversary
- 22nd June Cream Tea at Beech Haven. More info next month.
- 14th Sept St Dominick Autumn show
- 12th Oct Wurlitzer
- 14th Oct Harvest Supper
- 19th Oct Pasty and Pudding lunch
- 7th – 9th Nov Church craft fair
- 30th Nov Christmas Tree lights switch on
- 1st Dec Callington Gospel Choir

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 Tuesday and Friday 9-12pm – please note the updated hours.

Fish van and other services see shop article

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

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St Dominick Community Shop

A new venture in the Shop in March – hot pasties! Our St Piran's event in early March proved to be very popular so much so that we repeated it the following week. It has been a sell-out each time so we are planning to introduce hot pasties (and sausage rolls) as a regular service to our customers.

We have decided to keep our customer survey jar but rename it to Customer Suggestions so you can continue to leave your ideas for new products or services that you would like to see the Shop provide – we are here, after all, to cater to our community. You will find it on the bench at the back of the Shop.

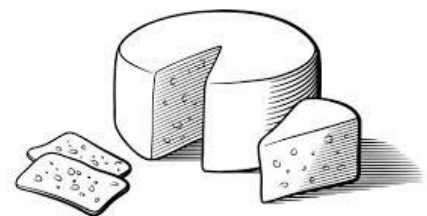
The ever-popular fish van service will be moving from Thursday lunchtime to **Friday mornings between 10.00-11.00** starting in April. Hopefully that will be more convenient for people plus it's a busy morning in the Shop with the Post Office service and the weekly Baker Tom sourdough bread delivery. The van will still visit on Thursday 28th March as planned but the next date will be Friday 5th April at 10.00-11.00am.

The Shop will be open normal hours over the Easter period **except for Easter Monday**. Our apologies, we will be closing early at 3.00pm to undertake end of year stocktaking.

Here's what's coming up in April:

Monday 1st – the Shop will close early at 3.00pm to undertake the year-end stocktake.

During April – will be highlighting a new Cornish cheese with a matching cracker and wine to enjoy as a special treat.





Throughout April – we will be stocking a range of bedding plants for your tubs and borders as we move into Spring with weather to match (we hope!).

Fridays 5th & 19th - the Pengelly's fish van will be in the car park between **10.00 – 11.00** offering their normal great range of fresh fish. If you would like to order please call 01503 262246 or email orders@pengellysfish.com by no later than 1.00pm on the day before (Thursday).

Every Tuesday & Friday – the Post Office service is available between 9.00-12.00 midday. A reminder that you can withdraw or deposit money in your bank account as well as posting letters and parcels.

We are still looking for Volunteers to join the team – it doesn't have to be operating the till as there are other roles that would be really helpful for example helping to keep the Shop clean and tidy working more flexible hours to suit the volunteer. See our advert below and contact Hayley to discuss opportunities that might appeal to you.

We continue to add new stock lines so do have a browse around the Shop when you visit. Our wine, ale and cider selection have all had a bit of a refresh with some new lines for you to enjoy. For the wine buffs amongst you, there are some delicious new wines, both red and white, now on sale which are already proving popular. Look for the large shelf labels with wines notes to help you choose. Two of those wines are Cornish whites - the ever-

popular Polgoon Bacchus from the Penzance Winery and the delicious Carpé Diem from the Knightor Winery at Trethurgy. Kelttek Cornish ales and Fowey cider are also new lines now in stock in the Shop for you to try.

Thank you for supporting the Shop over the darker, wetter winter months – you have been keeping us busy and it is very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Join the Shop team!

Volunteer and be part of making our Shop a success. Bring your skills, meet new people, learn something new.

There are all sorts of ways you can help.

To find out more, email Hayley Edwards, Volunteer Coordinator at

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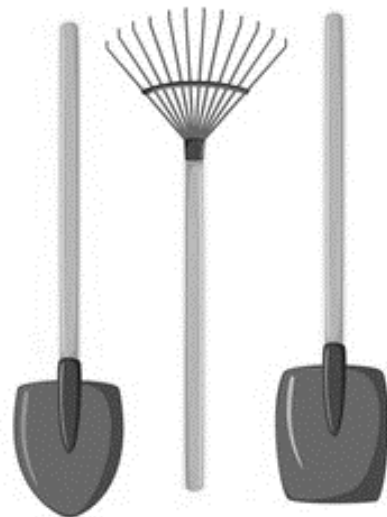
Wurlitza. Saturday 12th October 2024.

The Festivities Group are very pleased to announce that we have secured the critically acclaimed five piece band who specialise in adding soundtracks to silent films - Wurlitza. Saturday 12th October 2024. For those of you who have been before I need not explain how totally amazing this Group are and for those of you who have never heard of Wurlitza please ask one of us or look at their website www.wurlitza.co.uk. It is a difficult evening to explain but I promise you, you will never forget the experience. It is truly magical and the musicians are extraordinarily multitalented.



Gardening Ideas

April is a very busy month for the gardener, plenty of things need to be planted. Also, perhaps it's time to look at your lawn. This year has been a bit unusual as mowing hasn't really stopped, every dry day a mower is to be heard, but now is the time to start to "put your mind to it". As there is a danger of frost



don't cut it too tight at first. Save your cuttings for your compost heap, within reason. You don't want a heap of slime. One gardener I know makes what he calls "compost tea", a lot of his bits and pieces go into a water butt to rot down, or I call it rot down anyway. The water looks like tea and he takes a dipper out when he's watering to dilute as fertilizer. His results are very good, gardeners seem to differ.

When you're mowing leave an area, if practical, with longer grass, maybe you could even put a pile of wood, decaying is best but this will soon happen on its own, for invertebrates, butterflies and insects.

Take a look at its condition. If there are bare patches rake or scarify to aerate and remove any moss etc, then scatter fine topsoil/sand with grass seed and water in, if there is a drought. Probably the whole lawn could do with a feed now.

Don't forget your ornamental pond. Now is the time to plant waterlilies and iris and to have a sort out. Try to remove blanketweed and also clean out your pump. This is not for wildlife ponds which will have newts and tadpoles now. (I do know the ornamental ponds will be full of tadpoles etc, the otters and

herons will have had your fish and the wildlife ones will probably just have few mallards but never mind)

If conditions permit continue planting early potatoes. If your first earlies are showing don't forget to earth them up to protect them, there could be frost until mid May.

Leeks planted in mid April are apparently not prone to bolting and later in the month you can sow your sweetcorn. Also, you can now sow peas, beetroot, carrots, cabbage and parsnip directly into the ground.

In the greenhouse continue to sow salad crops and peppers, also start off your tomatoes, squashes, pumpkins, courgettes and similar. Don't forget to plant your herbs e.g., parsley, thyme and fennel to bring on later in May in your herb garden. Also, marigolds, clary and other bedding plants such as asters and sunflowers.

Your dahlias are safer still in the greenhouse, you can put them in a pot if they're shooting but if they go out the slugs will have them.

Cover your strawberry plants with cloches to aid flowering and fruiting.

At last, you can eat something, the rhubarb! Some should be ready now, twist the stalks, not cut them, cook and eat! Not the leaves. If you happen to have a rhubarb flower you must get rid of that as well.

If you have any surplus please remember the Parish Hall plant sale in May, but most of all as you see your efforts come to fruition, please remember to enter the Autumn Show in September. If you're not sure how to we can soon find someone to give you a hand.

St Dominick Autumn show 2024

The show takes place every Autumn in the Parish Hall and has classes for handicraft, art, photography, flowers vegetables and fruit. It has always been very well supported and hopefully this year will be the same. However, we are a small committee who rely on a band of helpers on the day and we are always looking for new ideas and helpers. It will soon be time to put together the schedule for this year so if there's anything you would like to suggest please get in touch.

We can't take up every suggestion for practical reasons but would love to discuss anything you come up with.



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