

*St Dominick*

# *PARISH NEWS*

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***Mary Martin unveils new collection of oil paintings in Tamar Valley exhibition***



One of Cornwall's most important and best-loved artists, Mary Martin, will unveil her new collection of over 50 oil paintings later this month, at a nine-day exhibition in the heart of the Tamar Valley.

Mary's inspirational new work reflects continued involvement with, and appreciation of, her beloved home

area - the Tamar Valley. Since completing her studies at the Royal Academy Schools and after decades of painting out-of-doors, Mary works quickly to capture those rare and fleeting effects of light that excite and inspire her to paint familiar landscapes transformed into richly coloured, special places with universal appeal.

Tamar Valley National Landscape is delighted to be hosting Mary's first exhibition for five years at The Tamar Valley Centre, Drakewalls, PL18 9FE

It will be open from Saturday 25 May until Sunday 2 June (opens 2pm on 25 May, then 11am-6pm daily). Free admission and free parking. Why not take a journey on the beautiful Tamar Valley Line from Plymouth, and arrive by train?

## **An update from the National Trust Team at Cotehele.**

As you will have seen recently, we've had two sessions up at St Dominick Village Hall (8th February and 30th April) where we had some great discussions with members of the community around projects we've delivered and those in the pipeline. Thank you to everyone that came along and made both evenings so worthwhile. Headlines from these sessions are as follows: -

**Trees** – we've been working with our tenants to plant more fruit trees on the estate. The Rangers have planted 150 across Woodlands and North Bohetherick Farms and our tenants at Haye Farm are continuing some great work creating Silvo Pasture, where they've planted 3000 trees across their farm.

This Autumn, we will be planting 7000 trees to create 4.4ha of new woodland towards the bottom of Vogus Lane (on the left) and will incorporate new pedestrian access as part of this, to link in with existing footpaths. Closer to the time, we will advertise opportunities for anyone to join us to help deliver this exciting project.

We are also working on plans to plant more trees in the bottom of Morden Valley, around Boars Bridge and behind Morden Farm, and to create better resilience to the increased flood events that we're seeing in the area and to create better connected habitats in that area.

**Wetlands** – our now 2 ½ year old wetlands at Cotehele Quay are performing well and developing as we had hoped. Monitoring that we have in place is showing the results we were hoping for, with a good range of species using the space and other anticipated ecosystem services being delivered. We hope the new viewing platform we've built (100% Cotehele oak and chestnut) is enjoyed by all.

**Haye Marsh** - We enjoyed a lot of good conversations at the Parish Hall on the 30th April and are currently asking our lead Consultants, JBA, to finish off the Haye Marsh Feasibility Report. Part of this includes contributions from attendees at our consultation evening. When it is

completed, we're hoping to be able to upload it to our website. Alastair, the Project Manager will be happy to answer any questions (use email below) or attend a future meeting and he intends to keep the Parish Council updated on any proposals as they come forward.

Paths – we continue to look after the 8 miles of public and permissive paths on the estate. It's great to see them so well used.

The Let Estate team continues to care for the 80 or so cottages and farm houses on the estate. We continue to have a relatively low number of vacant properties as a result. There has also been investment in farm infrastructure, with new barns being built at Bohetherick and Trehill Farms (both replacing fire damaged barns).

Rebekah Mason reports: This year we have welcomed 140,000 visitors to Cotehele. Alongside supporters visiting the main house, garden, the mill, the quay and walks across the wider estate, we have also been working alongside various community groups, organisations and schools this year, and really hope to further our community and education work in the near future. Towards the end of last year, Christmas at Cotehele and our Wassail were great events that seemed to brighten even the greyest of winter days as were Spring daffodil celebrations and the second year of Festival of Blossom at Cotehele.

This summer we will have an array of activities out for all ages as part of our Summer of Play offer. We have our apple weekend and apple picking in September, then heading into harvest celebrations at the mill and some spooky scarecrows at the house in October, then on in to Christmas and Wassail! Lots of other things to see and do, including more art exhibitions, pond dipping and a Really Wild Day Out, to name but a few. If you're interested in upcoming events at Cotehele, always check in on the website or get in touch for more information. We love welcoming our visitors to this very special place. Thank you to all our visitors and supporters for always being a part of the fun and conservation of Cotehele. George Holmes (Lead Ranger) [cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:cotehele@nationaltrust.org.uk)

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### ***Parish Council Meeting May 2024***

Prior to the AGM there was a meeting to appraise the clerk, which has to be done annually I think, with just a chosen few present, not me.

He came through this intact. Congratulations are in order as he has been elected a Cornwall Councillor himself for Looe West, Pelynt, Lansallos & Lanteglos. He said he was intending to keep his clerk's job as long as possible, but if his brain exploded he would have to think again, I would second that.

### **AGM**

Then it was the AGM. There were a full complement of parish councillors present, no Cornwall Councillor Long and just one member of the public.

Chairman Fry stood down, having completed his three years relatively unscathed and Councillor Cox was elected to the position. They changed chairs and Councillor Fry was duly thanked. Councillor Brown was

nominated as vice chair, and she said she would accept as there wouldn't be anything much to do. It went a bit quiet then and the other councillors studied their paperwork, table and the floor.

The asset register had to be reviewed, this took some time, and it transpired the council have a new grit bin. It was agreed that each meeting would last a maximum of two hours, which I thought was a good idea, but apparently this is agreed annually and no one takes any notice.

## NORMAL MEETING

Chairman Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting, he was more official than last month when he was just the vice chairman.

The location of the Planning application to be discussed seemed to be a mystery to some, although the agenda went out ages ago. Anyway, after studying the screen for a while and some discussion that was recommended for approval, it still has to go the Cornwall Council- it wasn't controversial as far as anyone could see. When I say there was some discussion, there was some, but a lot of long silences as well. Anyway, Chairman Cox moved it on quite well and put it to the vote.

The Dilletts footpath which has been reported as dangerous, has been inspected by the Cornwall Council team who have written to say it's alright. As Councillor Long wasn't there no one was sure of the next move. They could undertake some more DIY but they're not qualified and if someone fell again after they'd repaired it what would happen then? It's probably going to wash out again unless it's a more permanent repair. To be continued.

Someone had turned the 20 mph signs around and someone had to turn them back again. Oh no! Anyway, councillor Heslop asked if we could have metal strips across the road. I'm not sure if they were to record the speed or stingers, nor am I sure if they're coming or not. Beware. He also instigated the discussion regarding the parking issue. The outcome is, the Council are to try to get hold of the Glebe to see if they will allow the

council to have a bit of the bottom of the field at the bottom of school hill to make a car park. If they say “no” that will be that.

The Junior goal posts are ongoing as are the bench repairs. When they did their weekly inspections Councillor Greene reported lots of litter, which brought up another problem. In the school holiday the Parish Council is responsible for emptying what you might call the school litter bin on the field. Councillors usually take the rubbish home, well, they can't now. It will be mixed. Clerk Councillor Candy said that as responsible officer he was not having his councillors going through rubbish bins to sort it out by hand, so it remains to be seen what will happen.

Councillor Greene who was one of the leaders of SODITT several years ago, which was the group leading the revolt of the parishioners against the National Trust flooding of Hays Marsh gave an update, which was that for various reasons SODITT as an organisation was a thing of the past although she would be in close contact with the National Trust. The National Trust had put on an excellent information day with four options to be discussed the day before in the hall but only one councillor had attended it. Perhaps if they get on National TV again more will pop up.

The saga of the removal of the hedge/wall and the construction of a gap through to Lovells Park, with a gate continued. The official letters had gone out and been returned. The Parish Hall Committee voted to leave everything exactly as it is. The shop voted to take down the hedge and put a gate through it. The football club didn't reply so presumably forgot all about it. Councillor Greene requested everyone turn their chairs around and look out of the window. They did.

“What can you see”?

“Cars and a hedge”

“Imagine what you would see without the hedge”

“Just cars”

Councillor Greene has a better imagination than some.

They were a bit more wishy washy over the gate as long as it didn't take away a parking spot.

So, as the Parish Council are trustees they had to vote. They said 1 to remove the hedge, some to leave it and some abstained. Can't remember. Someone asked why the shop had a vote anyway, and apparently they are leaseholders.

The outcome is that Chairman Cox is to arrange a meeting with the shop to see if they would be willing to price the job, possibly raise the money for the gate and also someone is going to have to ask the National Trust because it's their hedge and they might want to keep it intact with its fauna and flora. In the beginning they said they wouldn't look at the request until the interested parties had agreed.

It went on. Do you remember the saga of the water supply that the council had a bill for? I'm not sure who it was from, I'll call it South West Water but maybe not. Similar anyway. Down at Fursdon where the ground is all rented put by the Parish council, the Water board said there was a leak. The council said they didn't know they had a supply down there where the said leak was. Please refer to back issues. The water Board have said now they will reduce the charge from £4000 to £1700. Clerk Councillor Candy has offered £176.41 in final settlement having worked out the cost of a cubic meter of water plus the standing charge from the specified date. Let's see!

He did lots of sighing this meeting.

Going home at last. Did they have to put the tables and chairs away? Yes, because the hall was to be used the next day for the election of Police and Crime Commissioner. Did anyone know? Had anyone seen the campaigning in the papers or on TV? Don't ask!

The next meeting is Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June in the Parish Hall

## ***Football Club Report***

As we write this our first team have completed their league season, going undefeated through their 26 games. This was good enough to crown them champions of the second highest Cornish league. On the 14<sup>th</sup> May they went on to win the league cup final against Falmouth AFC and impressive 6-1, which leaves one more game to play; the league winders final against West winners St Day.

However, after a successful season, our first team management are leaving at the end of the season. As a club we are actively seeking a replacement, which we hope to announce soon!! The second team have had a good second half to the season and find themselves mid table.

Our presentation evening is being held at Trethorne Gold Club on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June. If you are interested in coming, please contact Martin Hunn.



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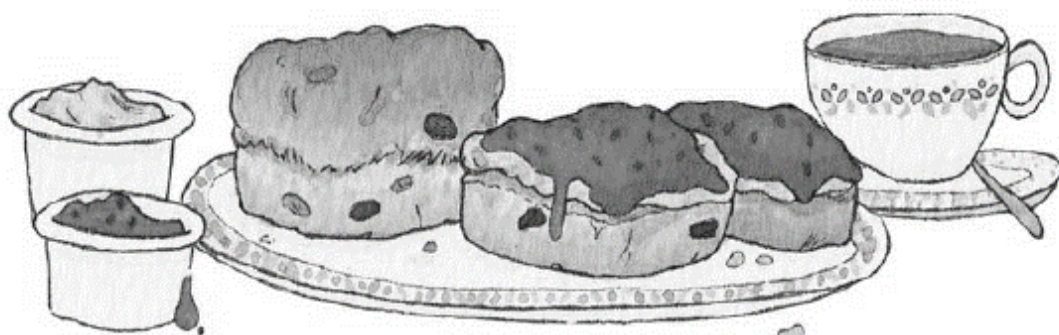
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# ST DOMINICK DIARY

June 2024

## Parish Church services

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm Cornish Evening Prayer at Halton Quay

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am Contemporary Worship

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Communion

## Toddler Group

Thursdays: - 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr John Ware

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Revd Dr Steve Emery-Wright

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Mrs Helen Pengelly

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Mr Mark Pellow

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Revd Gareth Higgs (Holy Communion)

## JUNE

- Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Cllr Andrew Long, Cornwall Councillor Silage Bar, Who'd have Thought It. A.M. Please check with Andrew first this month.
- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Cream Tea at Beech Haven, by the Church  
3:00pm – 5:00pm £5.00
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Club Parish Hall 2:30pm. Members £3.00  
The Sniffer Dog Shane Curnow with Rio.  
New members welcome. Cup of tea inc.
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Parish Council 7:00pm
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Hobbies 1:00pm – 5:00pm Parish Hall. Just come along with something to do, even read the paper.
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> WI Cyber Crime
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> St Dominic CofE Fair 11am-2pm
- Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Parish Hall. Old photos, refreshments etc.
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Hobbies as above
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Library Outside Parish Hall 11:45am – 12:05pm



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Sept Autumn show
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Sept Community shop AGM Parish Hall 7:00pm
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Oct Wurlitzer
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct Harvest supper
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Oct Pasty and Pudding lunch
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>– 9<sup>th</sup> Nov Church Craft Fair
- Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Christmas Tree switch onSun
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Callington Gospel Choir



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Fish van and other services see shop article

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## ***St Dominick Autumn show 2024 (best day of the year)***

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.

We have agreed upon the classes for this year and the schedules and winners' cards are being printed right now.

The schedules along with the entry forms are available on our Facebook page (search for St Dominick Autumn Show) or contact [stdomautumnshow@gmail.com](mailto:stdomautumnshow@gmail.com) or Lorna on 01579 350776.

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

Some warm sunny weather arrived in May and we were ready with the ice cream freezer and cold drinks fridge well stocked up. We had a great selection for you to choose from and judging by the sales, you made the most of it. Summer here we come!

Hot Pasty Saturday continues to be well-received so we will be continuing to offer you that service over the coming months.

Our Customer Suggestion scheme is still receiving ideas which are very much appreciated. There is a labelled jar on the back bench and suggestions slips for you to complete so please do keep that feedback coming.

Here's what's coming up in June:

During June – we will have another guest cheese for you to try. Check out the details on the poster in the Shop or on Facebook.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June – it's Father's Day and the Shop has a range of cards plus our normal great selection of Cornish beers & ciders to give as a gift.

Check out our special offer details nearer the time.

Fridays 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June - 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](mailto: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. (See below for the upcoming change in service).

Every Saturday – you can get hot pasties – steak and cheese & onion - & sausage rolls from our pasty warmer between 10.00-1.00pm. If you would like to order in advance, please let one of our Volunteers know by no later than 10.00am on the Friday before.

During June – will be highlighting products for your summer picnic that would be just right to pack for a day out in the sunshine. More details to follow.

In June, we will be installing external CCTV. We have reluctantly decided that it is prudent to be alerted to any disturbance around the premises during the hours the Shop is closed following a few minor incidents. Although the cameras will be running 24 hours a day, there is no intention to monitor or view any footage during opening hours. The system will send alerts but only those registered between 18.00-07.30 will be viewed as needed. We want to reassure all customers that the installation of CCTV is solely for the purpose of safeguarding the Shop premises out of hours.

Unfortunately, we will be losing our Tuesday Post Office service at the end of June. There is not enough business to justify continuing with two mornings a week. The Friday service will continue as normal. We will publish the full details later this month.

It's going to be a summer of major sporting events – EURO 2024, the Olympics and Wimbledon - so do check out our next edition of Parish News for details of Shop promotions.

The Shop Annual General Meeting is coming up in September to which all Shareholders are invited. If you are not a shareholder, you would be welcome to attend as an observer. If you might want to become a shareholder, you can pick up an application form and further details in the Shop or find on our website. It is an opportunity for you to play a part in shaping this vital community facility and help us fund essential improvements and maintenance of the Shop premises.

**Date for your diary**

**A reminder the Shop AGM will be held on  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30pm in the  
Parish Hall. Arrival from 7.15pm.**

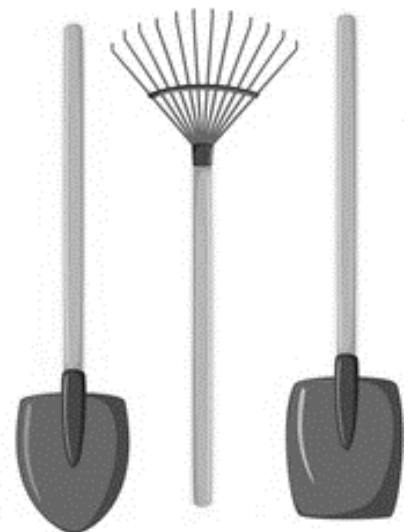
We look forward to seeing you in the Shop very soon.

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***Gardening Ideas***

The long summer days are here and you can hopefully start to harvest your First Early potatoes, after they have been in the ground for about ninety days.

Broad Beans will need your attention, when they have reached a good height pinch out the tender leading tips to discourage aphids, particularly black fly. With a bit of luck they will be ready to harvest as well by the end of the month.



Continue to sow carrot, beetroot, lettuce etc. in succession to keep you going throughout the summer months.

It's not too late to sow such plants as Godetia and Calendula and a good tip is to sow some Calendula just inside the greenhouse door to deter pests such as white fly from entering.

If you want to sow seeds now for next year for flowers such as wallflower, or antirrhinum put them into pots and transplant about November to their flowering positions. Also, now is the time to divide your primulas and polyanthus, which have finished flowering, the same applies to lifting bulbs and dividing the clumps.

Have a look at anything new you planted and staked earlier in the year, such as shrubs and fruit trees. As they grow you will need to loosen their ties. Thinking of ties, remember to tie in climbing plants such as sweet peas, honeysuckle and clematis.

Keep on top of weeds by hoeing when the ground is dry.

Plant out your summer bedding plants now the frost has gone and remember to keep everything well watered. The same applies to your hanging baskets, don't forget to feed them each week. If we're having a drought, or even if we're not, save your water in a rain butt, or even any "grey" water you might use in the kitchen for this purpose.

Back in the greenhouse, when your tomatoes get their first truss of flowers start to feed them, you can use a commercial feed or some of your compost tea you've been making. Make sure the roof vents are open, to allow some air to circulate and also to allow pollinators inside otherwise you won't get any fruit.

You will need lots of pollinators in the garden so when you start to cut the grass in June try to leave a few wild clumps for them. Also a good idea is to have a flower border somewhere with, maybe, Geraniums, Salvias, Cornflowers, Cosmos, Michaelmas Daisies, Honeysuckle, Golden



Rod and Buddleia or similar to attract insects, including moths which are sometimes forgotten.

Continue to feed the birds, as they are your natural pest controllers. I am told that if you dispose of your dead slugs in a non chemical, ie natural way, hedgehogs and birds will come for a feast. (I am not actually recommending this advice as I just think, “What if they don’t come”? this is advice for very grown up gardeners).

If you were lucky enough to have frogs in your pond the froglets will have left or be leaving now so keep the water topped up with long grass around the edge to make it easier for them. If you don’t have a pond remember to give the birds water, even a sunken washing up bowl will provide a bath for them.

One last job – make an insect hotel for some bees and insects. There are lots of pictures online of what you can achieve, if you can’t be bothered to do that just make a log pile for small mammals or grass snakes etc to stay in, and please don’t cut back all your ivy.

### ***Royal Summer Fair!***

Friends of St Dominic CofE Primary School are organising a Royal Summer Fair on Saturday 15th June, 11am - 2pm at St Dominic School & the Football Field, PL12 6SU. We are raising funds to benefit and support the children at St Dominic Primary School.

There will be an amazing raffle, fun games, tombola, children's activities, guess sweets in a jar, treasure hunt, local craft stalls, tea, coffees, cakes, fire engine, ice cream van, bouncy castle, entertainment, food vendors & a bar!

We are also still looking for more local craft stall holders, food vendors & musicians / entertainment. For further information or to book your space please email [friendsofstdominicsch@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofstdominicsch@outlook.com). Keep an eye out on Facebook and for local posters for further information of the day.



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## ***Eucalyptus***

First of all, apologies for a misprint which crept in to last month's eucalyptus article – eucalyptus started to be grown more widely in the 1970's, NOT the 1930's!!



## ***Corn Buttercup***

Now, another of my market-garden ramblings.

About 25 years ago we ploughed a fresh area of land for vegetable growing in our field at Bohetheric. The following spring, several plants with small yellow flowers appeared on the newly cultivated ground. With the help of Marjorie Blamey's "Illustrated Flora of Britain and Northern Europe" we identified them as corn buttercups (*Ranunculus arvensis*)

described as “becoming increasingly scarce due to the use of herbicides on arable fields”.

By 2005 it was recognised that nationally the corn buttercup had undergone an astonishing 81% decline in the previous 30 years and was now on the critically endangered “red list”. Meanwhile, our Corn buttercups continued to seed themselves around the field, popping up wherever the soil was disturbed. When we relinquished the field tenancy, I collected some seeds and sowed them over our garden and vegetable patch at home, where, left to their own devices they continued to haphazardly spread themselves around.

Then, a few years ago, a friend and I were doing an annual count of Lesser Butterfly Orchids, (also listed as vulnerable) which grow on a verge in the parish for the county records. When reporting the orchid numbers to Ian Bennallick, the county botanist, I mentioned the corn buttercups in our garden. Very quickly, after photos were sent to verify it, Ian and two other botanists visited to see them for themselves, very excited as the corn buttercup was listed as being “extinct” in Cornwall!

Consequently, we collected seeds and seedlings which have been distributed to other parts of Cornwall and the South West to ensure their survival.

Ian told us of another cornfield wild flower called “shepherd’s needle” of which only one specimen was known in Cornwall- that was until a farmer asked him to identify a weed which was so prolific it was clogging up his combine harvester – of course, it was the elusive shepherds needle.

So you never know what you might discover - a few weeks ago a completely new species of jumping spider was identified in Devon. I think, on reflection, I’d rather have the corn buttercup!



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