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St Dominick Autumn show 2024

Thank you to everyone who participated in any way at this year's show in September. Our door takings were slightly down on the previous year but the refreshment money was up so we are able to bank £198 towards next year.

We are grateful to the people who store and deliver the trestles, photo boards etc. each year, also to those who assist the committee with setting everything up and taking it all down again.

Also, to those who do the judges' lunches and to those who assisted in the kitchen or sat on the door taking the money. This year there were many people helping at the end which made packing away a lot easier, too numerous to mention.

The one downside to this year's show was that there were no entries at all in the junior photography



classes, so both cups were not presented. There are usually quite a few entrants in this, so perhaps the older ones have just grown up. I don't know where the younger ones are.

The cup winners were: (Adult) Pat Bowley, Brian Bowley, Julie Wenmoth, Samantha McTaggart, Michael Gaunt, Keith Heslop, Kate Johnson, Janet Lindsay, Suzanne Cuming, Debbie Marchant, Harley Cottingham, John Hickinbottom, Gillian Brown. Most points in the show Pauline Stone, Runner up Diana Greene.

(Junior) Freddie Stevens, Emi Clews, Harper Floyd, and most points in Juniors - Freddie Beswetherick.

Once again St Dominic School entered a whole wall full of paintings, thank you to them.

Next year's show is on Saturday 13th September so please put the date in your diary and get planning your entries! There were several new participants this year who will be looking to build on their successes (or not). if anyone has any ideas or suggestions for next year please get in touch with any committee member.

"The Bishop came to St Dominick"

We have said goodbye to the Revd Chris Painter who left being our parish priest in 2023. His replacement is the Revd Andrew Atkins who joined in September 2024. Andy, you are very welcome.

The Induction Service took place in St Dominick Church on 04 September 2024 and proved to be an interesting bit of theatre as well as a religious ceremony. Officially, Andy was "licensed" by the Acting Bishop of Truro, The Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, and then "installed" by the Archdeacon of Bodmin, The Venerable Kelly Betteridge. Andy was installed as "Priest in Charge of the Callington Cluster *Callington, Stoke Climsland, South Hill, and Linkinhorne*) and Assistant Curate of the Tamar Valley benefice (*Calstock, St Dominick and St Mellion with Pillaton*)". The explanation as to why Andy is not today the Priest in Charge of the Tamar Valley Benefice

is that no priest may hold two benefices, and our two benefices do not legally merge into one for another two years.

St Dominick church was packed, and the service began with a welcome to all by the Revd Michael Johnson, Rural Dean of East Cornwall (*East Wivelshire*) and a good old sing song followed with "The Church's one foundation ...". The Bishop, Archdeacon, Rural Dean and Andy then started a 'holy hike' around the Church, led by our two churchwardens, Clare Lee and Jessop Price, who were there to 'protect' the Bishop. First to the font at the back of the church – where Andy was asked to confirm he will baptise new Christians, and he duly poured holy water into the font. Next to the lectern - where Andy was handed a Bible and asked to study Holy Scripture. The 'gathering' then moved to the altar, where Andy was handed the chalice and pattern; this was followed to end the liturgy of 'Licensing' by a move to the pulpit where Andy received a book of prayer and asked that he would always "place prayer at the heart of the community".

What came next made us all realise this service had an important legal component. Andy was asked to swear he "will be faithful and bear true allegiance to his Majesty King Charles the Third, his heirs and successors, according to law", as the King remains the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Once done, the Bishop handed Andy his Licence. More prayers were said and we then sang to the roof tops "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!" before being dismissed and off to the Village Hall for a more than welcome reception managed by many ladies of St Dominick."

Fibre Broadband

There seems to be a fair area of the parish which will not be connected to the fibre broadband network. If you are one of the people affected, please contact Carolyn Wilkins who is very concerned about this.

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Parish Council Report November 2024

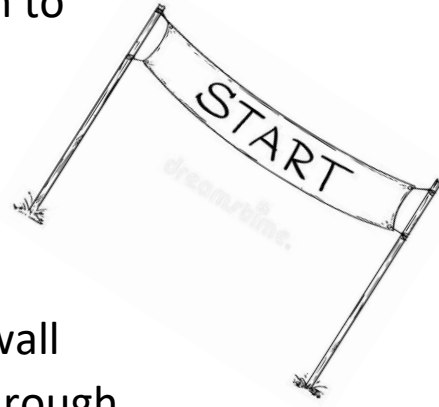
No councillors Brady nor Heslop this time.

This time there were five members of the public with me. They were in two groups, one of three and one pair. The pair had come to see the council with Andrew Long in attendance but he didn't come so there wasn't much point and they soon left. The other three had come with regard to the lack of fibre broadband in some areas. (See separate article), and the clerk said he would write to Andrew Long, as he was still missing.

Then they all went home.

Jim, the clerk, and his laptop were both unwell but soldiered on. We hope they are better soon. There was a bit of planning, as usual we had to look at it on the screen because some hadn't seen it, but it wasn't too onerous.

Councillor Brady had sent a report to say she had been to Nannie Rowe's wood and cut back the undergrowth etc. more needed doing, signs need clearing etc., but the usual volunteers are a bit lippy at the moment. They should improve.



The hall car park, that was allegedly wrecked by Cornwall Council is still the same. The chairman had obtained a rough cost for planings but it wasn't clear if this included spreading or whether it was just big piles dumped. Ongoing, as the drains need redoing, the contractor can't get there yet and no one wants people to trip.

Good news – Councillor Potter had examined the salt and grit bins and there were no nappies nor dog poo in them.

The gates into the field aren't closing properly – again. This is normally very expensive but councillor Fry is going to examine and tweak the springs, so that will be alright. He also offered to help with erecting the junior goal posts and nets which have arrived. I think the football club thought they were going to be concreted in (that's just what I thought) but he's going to take a couple of Allan Keys to do the job, which will be much more simple. Thank you to councillor Fry.

Not arrived, and not sure why, is Councillor Greene's gate into the field from the hall car park. If anyone spots it when it does come, please will they notify her asap.

Still on the recreation field, there is no "start" sign at the start of the course. I think there used to be a "finish sign" but no mention of that, it might still be there. Anyway, they can make a sign but they need someone to paint "start" on it. A parishioner's name was mentioned but if they won't do it they might get a bit of vinyl, it's not easy to hear.



The "Welcome to St Dominick" sign has gone black, needs a clean. That started a big discussion on whether it could have a chemical wash or a power hose. Power hose came out on top but unfortunately there is no

power nor water up there. But as usual Councillor Fry is going to have a go with his battery operated washer and a bowser, although he did think it needed a better water supply. If anyone sees him up there give him an encouraging beep.

Lastly, but not least, Councillor Brown has been working on a plan relating to the community engagement course I mentioned last time. I think it was agreed to have a dedicated Parish Council Facebook Page where you can write comments. As well as that, the Council Website is being updated, beginning with the photos of your elected representatives so you will recognise them. I've just looked and it's not done yet, only Potter and Wilkins are there so far. I think there is to be a dedicated topic each month, so we will see, perhaps you can suggest some. Keep your eyes on the Council website!

Next meeting Dec in the parish hall. The date might be changed, watch the aforesaid website.

CHURCH HALL FOR HIRE

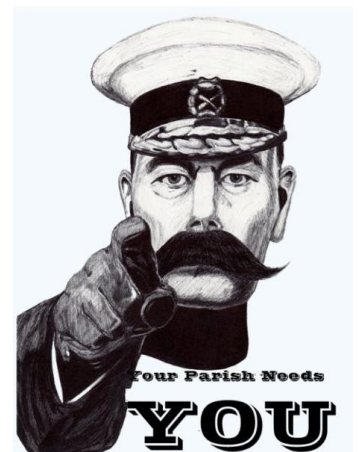
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Parish News Front cover

Would you enjoy designing a front cover for the Parish News? For key months of the year, we are asking that YOU design our Parish News front cover. The next issue to decorate will be Easter so get your thinking caps on and look out for instructions of how to enter in the next issue.



Gardening and Nature Notes

Winter usually begins to take hold during December, however there are still jobs that can be done when the weather permits. Apple and pear trees can be pruned as well as currant and gooseberry bushes.

Most types of roses should be pruned during the winter, as well as re shaping them. Be sure to remove any dead or damaged stems.

As long as the ground is not frozen bare root trees and shrubs can be planted from now until March and they should establish well. During periods of frosty weather be sure to keep any water left out for birds and wildlife thawed out and of course leave out suitable food.

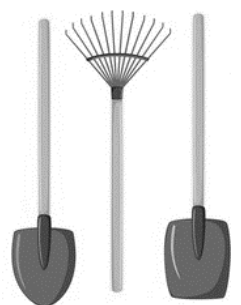
In the herbaceous borders try leaving some dead vegetation as shelter for creatures such as ladybirds, spiders and woodlice, and also leave some seed heads for the birds. Remember the garden ecosystem needs insects and bugs so why not construct a “bug hotel”, of some form to help them overwinter. (Leaving a pile of cut stems can help with this).

Some of the prunings from plants such as holly, laurel and yew could be used to make a seasonal wreath.

Try to avoid turning compost piles during the winter as you could disturb hibernating wildlife such as slow worms, frogs and hedgehogs. Leave this job until the spring when any residents will hopefully have left.

If you have a pond remove any leaves and debris from the surface and trim any dead or dying foliage. Should the pond become frozen over avoid smashing the ice as this could harm anything that is living in the pond. Instead try thawing a small section of the pond so as to allow oxygen to get to the surface of the water (leaving something floating on the surface can help prevent freezing in the first place).

Stake any tall plants, check that fences are secure and move any garden furniture to a safe place. It is worth remembering that come the New Year we will be looking for the first snowdrops and nearly narcissi which proves the point that the garden never really sleeps.





Church Christmas Services

We are welcoming our new incumbent the Rev Andy Atkins to our church over Christmas. Next year, he will be with us at some of our Services throughout the year.

Sunday, 15th December at 3.00pm. Carol Service in St Dominick Parish Church, combined with the Methodist Church, and led by the Rev Andy Atkins.

Sunday 22nd December at 5.30pm. Carol Singing at Haye Farm; further information with the Advent Window list.

Tuesday 24nd December at 6.00pm
(*Christmas Eve*). Christingle Service led by the Rev Andy Atkins, in aid of The Children's Society.



Candlelight Concert of Cornish and Celtic songs

Will Keating and Friends bring you a Candlelight Concert of Cornish and Celtic songs January 21st Tuesday at 7pm in St. Dominick Parish Church



Will has a loyal following and performed in many venues including the Minack, and is currently doing a tour of Cornish Churches after popular previous winter concerts **Tickets £10 in advance from:** Ann Murphy 07790 040458 OR Clare Lee 01579 351381 OR stdominickchurch@gmail.com but £12 on the door - *if not sold out*

Thank you!

Jo Totterdell would like to thank everyone who visited her botanical art sale on the 15th. The day was highly successful, everyone enjoyed seeing her work, having a cup of coffee and meeting friends. The raffle in aid of Parkinson's raised in excess of £250, so thank you to those who supported this as well.



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David's City' we will meet inside the "lowly cattle
shed" at Haye Farm - to sing a few
Carols to the Cows – and they love it!

Please wear your Wellies!

Unfortunately there is not suitable parking
available at the farm, and nearby roads are
narrow - so it is a bit of a walk from the village.
There will be direction signs and warnings to car
drivers of walkers on the road that evening - but
please take care, wear Hi-Vis, or at least light
colours and use torches – Keep Safe!
A little route map is on the Advent Window's map



ST DOMINICK DIARY

December 2024

Parish Church services

Sunday 1st 3pm Cornish Evening Prayer at Halton Quay

Sunday 8th 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 15th 3pm United Carol Service

Sunday 22nd Carols at Haye Farm

Tuesday 24th 6pm Christingle

Toddler Group

Thursdays: 5th, 12th & 19th

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.tamarvalleybenefice.co.uk) Churchwarden:

Mrs Clare Lee clareleepcc@btinternet.com 01579 351381

Jessop Price pricejessop@gmail.com 01579 350049

Methodist Services. Sundays at 6pm

Sunday 1st Rev Janet Park (Church Anniversary)

Sunday 8th Mr Mark Pellow

Sunday 15th United Carol Service. Parish Church 3pm

Wednesday 25th United Christmas Worship at Tamar Valley Methodist Church 10am

January 2025

Parish Church services

Sunday 5th 3pm Cornish Evening Prayer at Halton Quay

Sunday 12th 10am Holy Communion

Tuesday 21st 7pm Candlelight Concert

Sunday 26th 10am Contemporary Worship

Toddler Group

Thursdays: 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

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Sunday 5th Marguerite Smith

Sunday 12th Covenant Service. Callington Methodist Church 10.30am

Sunday 19th Revd Tim Wilkinson

Sunday 26th Choice Service

DECEMBER

- Sun 1st Callington Gospel Choir tickets Charmian Saunders or any committee member. 01579 351302
- Wed 4th Parish Council 7.00pm Subject to change, please check on website.
- Friday 6th Christmas Bingo St Dom Football club. Parish Hall. 7.30pm
- Sat 7th Friends of the church. Flower arranging demonstration Parish Hall. Tickets from Community Shop.
- Wed 11th St Dominick WI
- Fri 13th Library Van Parish Hall 11.45-12.05
- Sat 22nd 'Carols to the Cows' – 5.30pm Haye Farm. See article
- Tues 24th Christingle at the Church followed by someone at the Parish Hall that children might like. See separate article.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Tues 7th Jan Hobbies Now every two weeks. Please just arrive with something to do. Parish Hall 1-5
- Fri 10th Jan Library van 11.45-12.05
- Tues 21st Jan Hobbies. As above.
- Tues 21st Jan Will Keating and Friends
Candlelight Concert of
Cornish and Celtic songs 7pm
in St. Dominick Parish
Church.



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

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 – please note the updated hours.

Fish van and other services see shop article

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

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

St Dominick Community Shop



‘Ding dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing’



Yes, we are in the Christmas spirit here in the Shop as the festive season approaches! Lots of things happening in our programme so do keep a close eye on our calendar of events so you don't miss any of those important dates.

Congratulations to Sylvia Culham who was the lucky winner of the jar of Halloween sweets. Sylvia was the nearest guess to the actual number of sweets which was 273. Thanks to all that played the game and had a guess.

The shelves are now well stocked with Christmas goodies – puddings, biscuits, chocolates, festive drinks, wrapping paper, tags, cards and more.

Do have a good browse next time you are in and think about buying local to support the Shop. Each time you spend money, it helps us to build a surplus which can then be donated for community projects.

Here is our Christmas programme. Please note the Shop will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day (see below for newspaper arrangements) which are the only two days we close each year.

	CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR EVENTS PROGRAMME	
Date	Event	What's happening
Saturday 30 th November	Last day for Santa letters	The <u>address</u> for Santa letters is: Santa/Father Christmas, Santa's Grotto, Reindeerland, XM4 5HQ
Saturday 30 th November	Xmas raffle starts	For every time you spend £7 or more in the Shop you will get a raffle ticket for the <u>prize draw on Monday 23rd December (midday)</u> . Prizes – 1 st a hamper of Shop goodies; 2 nd £25 Shop voucher; 3 rd a bottle of fizz & chocs
Saturday 30 th November	Hampers orders open	Choose from a selection of Shop goodies and we will make you a festive hamper – a great gift. Full details in the Shop.
Saturday 30 th November	Shop gift vouchers	£5 & £10 vouchers will be on sale - a great gift for relatives, friends & neighbours in the local area

Saturday 30 th November	Christmas lights	The Shop lights will be turned on after the village tree lights go on at the Festivities evening event
Every Friday	Post Office	Available between 9.00-12.00 midday for all your Christmas cards, letters & parcels as well as normal business.
Monday 2 nd December	Village Advent Trail	Shop Advent window unveiled
Monday 2 nd December	Wreaths	A festive selection on sale
Friday 6 th December	Meat orders	The last date for ordering meat from Trehill & Cornish Farmhouse
Friday 6 th December	Deli orders	The last date for ordering deli items – cheese, cream, deli etc
Friday 13 th December	Book signing	Diana Greene will be in the Shop signing copies of her delightful children's book Florence and the Little Horse
Friday 13 th December	Fish van	In the car park between 10.30 – 11.30 as usual. Please note that there will be <u>no fish van on 27th December.</u>

Dates TBC	Meat & deli collection	Dates on which meat and deli orders can be collected will be confirmed on a poster in the Shop and published on Facebook.
23 rd December	Raffle draw	The draw will be made at <u>midday</u> and the lucky winners contacted
Christmas Eve	Shop open	Open normal hours.
Christmas Day	Shop closed	
Boxing Day	Shop closed*	*Pre-ordered newspapers will be delivered to customer's homes (a Christmas treat!). Further details will be provided to those customers.
27 th – 31 st December	Shop open	Trading hours as normal
New Year's Day	Shop open	Trading hours as normal
Friday 3 rd January	Sale	Our January sale starts!
Friday 10 th January	Fish van	In the car park between 10.30-11.30 (weather permitting for the fishing boats) and then fortnightly as usual. See Shop poster with dates.

Post Office services on Friday mornings and hot pasties on Saturdays will continue as normal over the Christmas/New Year period.

If you have any questions about any of the Christmas events, please do ask one of our ever-helpful Volunteers who will either be able to help you or will find out anything you need to know.

Of course, we will have the normal range of products in the Shop as usual in the run up to the festive period so you can still rely on us for your regular favourites. And don't forget we will be open normal Shop hours from the 27th December right through to the New Year including on New Year's Day.

As this is the last Shop news article for 2024, the whole Shop team would like to thank you for all your support and custom during this last year and wish you a very happy Christmas and peaceful 2025. As always, we look forward to seeing you in the Shop again very soon.



promoting local - supporting our community



Football club Christmas bingo

Friday 6th December

Parish Hall

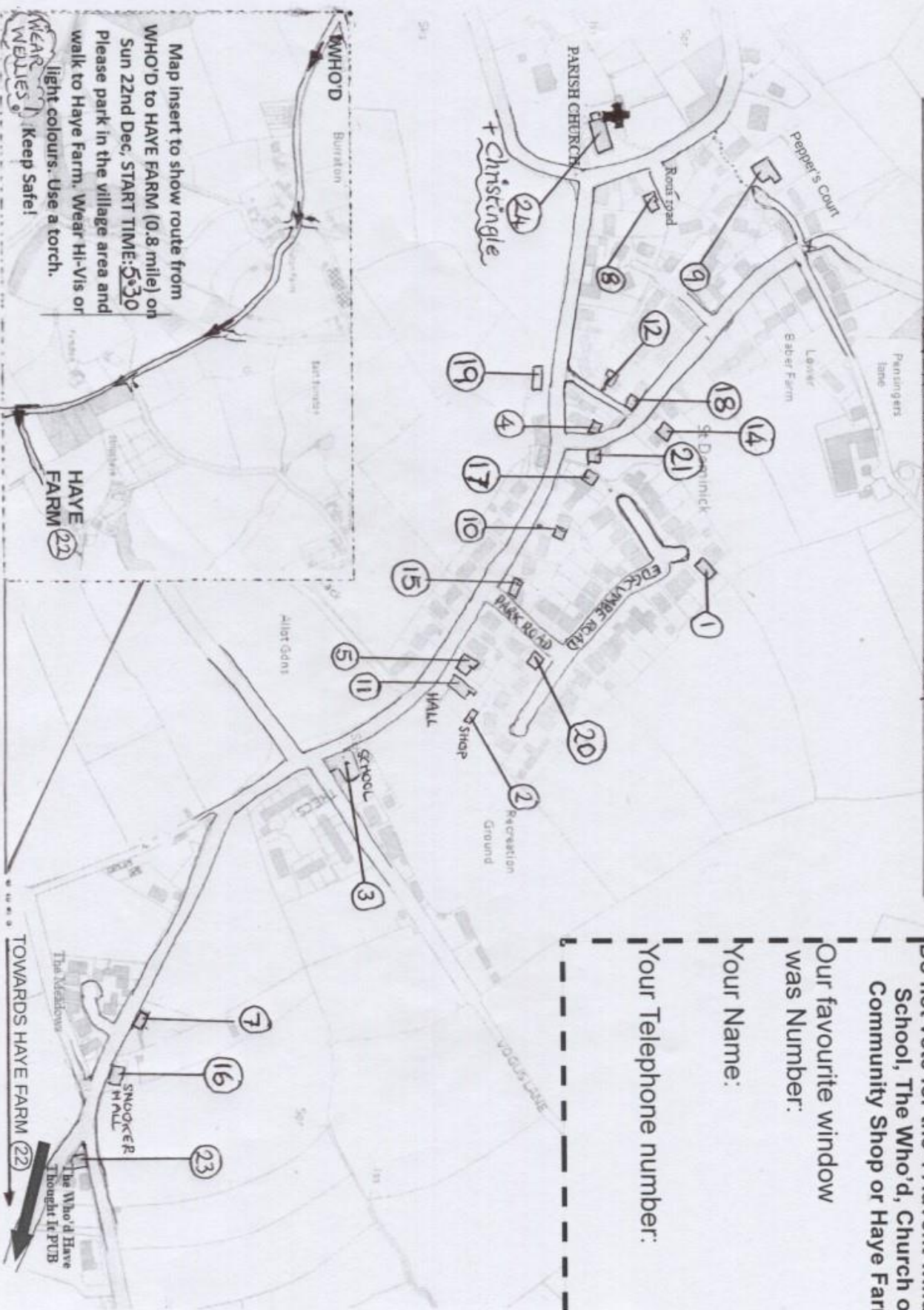
Eyes Down 7.30

Raffle.

All welcome



ADVENT WINDOWS TRAIL MAP 2024



Do not vote for the 4 Advent windows,
School, The Who'd, Church or
Community Shop or Have Farm

Our favourite window
was Number:

Your Name:

Your Telephone number:

Map insert to show route from
WHO'D to HAVE FARM (0.8 mile) on
Sun 22nd Dec, START TIME: 5:30
Please park in the village area and
walk to Have Farm. Wear Hi-Vis or
light colours. Use a torch.
WEAR
WELLIES! Keep Safe!

HAVE
FARM (22)
TOWARDS HAVE FARM (22)

- 1 DEC:18 Edgcumbe Rd.(*Advent 1*)
2. Community Shop
3. St. Dominic School
4. 4 Baber Farm
5. Greenhill
- 6.
7. 2 Meadow Cross
8. Spinney Hill (*Advent 2*)
9. 3 Pepper's Court
- 10.1 Baber Cottages (*in Landrover*)
11. Parish Hall
12. St. Anthony's Muse*
13. * (IN A FREE-STANDING WINDOW, PRESS TO LIGHT)
14. Jade Cottage
15. Hove To (*Advent 3*)
16. Snooker Hall
17. Nanapara
18. Well Met Cottage
19. Rumah Panjang
20. 2 Park Road
21. Baber (*roadside window*)
22. *HAYE FARM (PL12 6SJ)* **see > ****
23. 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 6th Jan)

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

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

There will be a prize (donated anonymously)
Please do NOT vote for:- the 4 Advent Windows, the Community Shop, The Who'd, the School or Haye Farm

****2nd is a special ONE EVENING ONLY 'Advent Window'**
“...*in a lowly cattle shed*” singing a few Carols to the Cows!
Sorry, NO parking at or near venue – it will be signed from the Pub junction – wear Hi-Vis (or light colours) & Wellingtons and use Torches! KEEP SAFE! 5.30pm

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE ADVENT WINDOW CREATORS!



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Christmas Craft Fair

This event relies on an amazing number of people all working as a team and your time and effort is much appreciated. We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the Craft Fair.

The transformation of the building before and after the event is a real *tour de force*. The stewards and those who took the money and wrapped up all the purchases did an amazing job. Last, but not least, was the crew in the refreshment room and the donors of all the delicious food who helped to raise an astonishing amount of money. While the total amount raised will not be known in time for publishing in the December Newslettr, all funds raised will help to maintain our historic Church building and its mission in the community.



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Word has it that there is going to be a festive visitor coming to our village on Christmas Eve, arriving by very special transport!

He will be stopping outside the Village Hall just after the Christingle service at approx 7.15pm on December 24th.

Father Christmas and his helpers will be delighted to meet all children and families - both naughty and nice!

Ho - Ho - Ho!

