

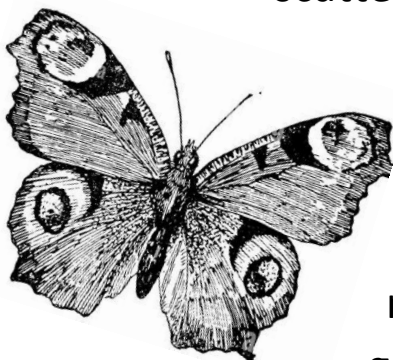
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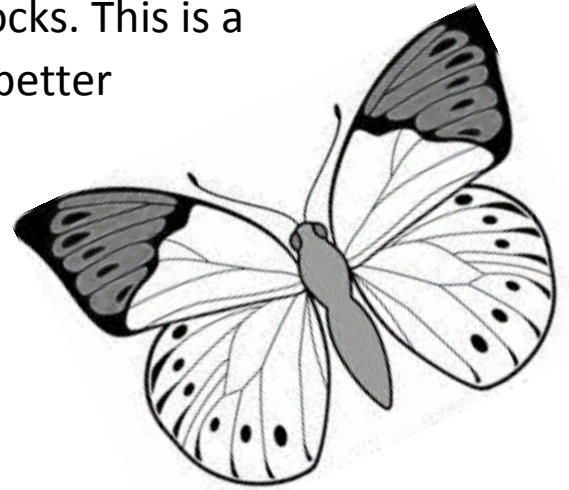
Butterfly Survey by Rebecca Coombes – April 9th 2025

With such beautiful sunny weather for early April I decided to begin on my annual butterfly survey from West Burraton to Quarry Farm, and back across through the Cherry Orchard. The breeze was a little chilly and I wasn't surprised not to see any butterflies in the first big field. There are few flowers in the field, just some dandelions and not much to attract butterflies, but the bees love them. As the fields slope down toward the stream the breeze disappears and I spot several Speckled Woods and a Peacock butterfly. At the bridge I see a male Orange Spot (females don't have the orange markings). This path along the stream towards Quarry Farm is an excellent place to spot butterflies as there are several sheltered and sunny spots amongst the trees. By the stream a noise alerts me to the presence of 2 female roe deer. They soon scatter into the trees. On the lane that leads up to



Burcombe Farm I'm distracted by the beautiful wild flowers growing on the bank. Primroses and violets are the most common flowers but there is some white stitchwort and even clumps of late narcissi and some bluebells. In the large field the ground is covered in Celandines but it's also clear that

the pale pink Lady's Smock is starting to grow well, and it's a very important plant for Orange Tips, so good to see it spreading up here. Soon I see another deer, a young buck, grazing on the new bramble shoots. The breeze here is more noticeable and it's not until I climb over into the orchard that I see more butterflies, all Speckled Woods. After I'd finished the walk I counted up the butterflies I'd seen and there were 13 Speckled Woods, 2 Orange Spots and 3 Peacocks. This is a very encouraging start to the season and far better than last year when we'd had such a miserable wet winter. As the spring flowers start to bloom, and later the brambles, I will start to see a bigger range of species and may even spot a Purple Hairstreak, once the butterflies emerge in June. That's certainly something to look forward to.



Resident's Questionnaire Responses. April '25

Summary of responses. A full report will be made available once Parish Councillors have had a chance to discuss responses at a future Parish Council meeting.

45 responses were received, 42 on paper and three by email.

Q1 What do you like most about living here:

33% of responders said they like the good community spirit

31% said they liked that people in the area are friendly

25% like the peace and quiet.

25% like being surrounded by nature/the countryside.

There were many comments about appreciation for having good neighbours, that local people are polite, happy and helpful to each other.

Q2 How would you like to be kept up to date?

Facebook; St Dominick Chat - 51%

Parish News – 78%

Noticeboards – 18%

Q3 Have you looked at the St Dominic Parish Council website?

53% of responders said they had

Q4 Do you use Lovell's recreation ground or playground?

53% of responders said yes they do

Q5a Do you have any issues with parking in the village?

22% of responders said 'yes'

Q5b Where was the parking issue?

A few responders mentioned Church View, including parking on pavements causing problems and vehicles blocking the road nearer to Pepper's Court

Around Baber Farm. Around Baber Lane

Around the Methodist Church/Chapel, a few responders said they had problems reversing off their drive, others mentioned poor visibility on the bend by the chapel from parking on the bend in the road.

Q5c Do you have any suggestions to deal with parking issues?

Create a new car park close to the school and football pitch (2% of responders)

Double yellow lines around the Methodist Church and Church View and main junctions, that are 'policed'. Take action against vehicles parked illegally.

Q7 If you could change one thing about the Parish of St Dominick, what would it be?

36% said better bus services are needed. Many commented they needed to at least be able to get to Saltash without changing buses. More frequent services would be good. Better timings are necessary so people can get out and back home again in one day, A few commented that the lack of a decent bus service is contributing to feelings of isolation for

those who don't drive. A few parishioners have moved out of the village due to the lack of public transport.

A few suggested we could have use of a community bus and maybe some local volunteer drivers.

15% said they would change nothing

Q8 Is there anything else you'd like to make the Parish Council aware of?

The main trend is the lack of public transport and comments about parking as detailed above plus single comments on a range of topics.

A few comments that drivers are speeding despite the 20mph limit in the village and that we should review speed limits or traffic warning signs around other parts of the parish.

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St Dominick WI - The Voyage of the Mayflower in 1620

On Wednesday 9th April St Dominick WI welcomed Mike Haywood to give a talk about the voyage of the Mayflower in 1620. Mike is a talented artist and his beautiful paintings of the Mayflower in dramatic seas illustrated his talk.

To set the scene, Mike outlined the history of the movement of people across the world many centuries before the Mayflower set sail, who were escaping religious persecution. Due to massive religious unrest that followed King Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries, which began in 1536, citizens were required by law to attend church but many held differing beliefs to the Monarch and risked arrest, torture, imprisonment or execution if they refused to conform. The resulting turmoil drove a group of Separatists to flee this religious persecution and find refuge in Leiden, Holland in 1607. They lived there until 1620. They decided to emigrate to Virginia and make a new life for themselves in America and 50 Separatists left Holland on the ship called the Speedwell. At Southampton they joined 90 more passengers on the Mayflower. Both ships left Southampton for America on August the 5th 1620.

Unfortunately, the Speedwell was leaking and put into Dartmouth for repairs to be made. They set sail again but only 300 miles beyond Land's End the Speedwell starts to sink once more and they return to Plymouth. Speedwell is declared unseaworthy. So, on September 6th the Mayflower leaves without Speedwell, after taking on some of it's passengers and supplies. The Mayflower now has 102 passengers, including 28 women (3 of whom are pregnant) , 31 children and



around 30 crew. The passengers will have been housed on the gundeck on the ship, which would have been very cramped and only 5 and a half feet high. They would have eaten dried beef, bacon, salted pork and fish, oats, peas, wheat, butter, sweet oil, mustard seed, 'good cheese', vinegar, aqua-vitae and drank cider or beer. They experienced terrible storms for days at a time and after being at sea for 10 weeks, the Mayflower finally anchored in the lee of Cape Cod, on the 11th of November 1620. They were about 200 miles away from the Hudson River which was their original destination but after attempting another voyage to get there, storms drove them back to Cape Cod and they anchored in what is now known as Provincetown Harbour. The Pilgrims established Plymouth Colony but the first winter was so harsh that many colonists died from disease and cold. The following year gave a successful harvest and the colonists celebrated in the Autumn with a festival of prayer and feasting, along with a group of native Americans. This festival later became known as Thanksgiving.

In addition to our monthly meeting, we also enjoy meeting up for trips to interesting local places and social evenings together. This month we have enjoyed a very interesting day trip to Dartington Crystal in Great Torrington for a fascinating factory tour and a visit to the wonderful shop and cafe. A group of members met at The Who'd Have Thought It Inn for a really fun evening of darts! Plus we also go for a lovely walk together, once a month, weather permitting! This month we enjoyed a walk around Sibleyback Lake followed by coffee and lunch at the cafe. We have a forthcoming visit to The Garden House coming up and a trip to Looe on the train to look forward to as well!

For our May meeting on Wednesday 14th May, we are holding our annual meeting and members are bringing different flavoured tray bakes for us all to try! Visitors are always welcome to come along to our monthly meetings that we hold on the second Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall in St Dominick from 7.30 for a 7.45 start. (£5).



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May Gardening Notes

As May arrives, the days get warmer and longer and it is a good sign that summer is on its way with the fruit trees in blossom and plants in general laying on growth. This, of course, applies to our lawns as well and perhaps you may feel inclined to practice a bit of “No Mow May” by leaving some, or all, of your lawn to grow long to bloom and provide nectar and pollen for bees, butterflies and insects.

As always in May there is still the risk of late frosts so it is wise to continue to protect any tender plants. In the West Country frost can be as late as mid May when the nights are known as “Franklin's Nights” around the 17th/18th May.

After these dates it is usually safe to plant out any summer bedding plants and seeds of plants such as courgettes, sweetcorn, runner beans

and French beans can be sown directly into the now warm soil. Some gardeners traditionally plant their runner beans directly into the soil on the 1st May (the day known as Kidney Bean Day), the theory being that by the time the seeds have germinated and the shoots are above ground the dreaded Franklin Nights should have passed.

It is thought by some gardeners that planting French climbing beans up to three or four weeks after runner beans is beneficial as it seems to result in a better crop of French beans when sown later.

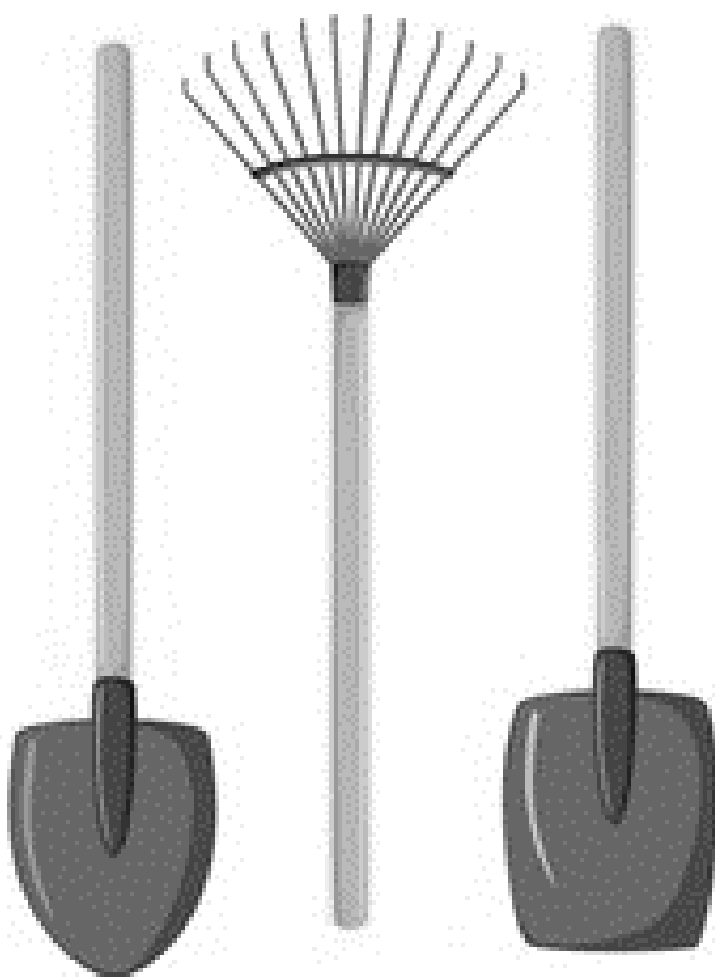
If you have sown early potatoes it is important to keep them “earthed up” now to protect them from frost and also to prevent the tubers turning green.

In the flower garden it is a good time to divide clumps of daffodils and primulas when they have finished flowering. If they are not going to be divided then allow them to die back naturally and then give them some liquid feed to encourage a good display next year. Summer bedding plants such as marigolds,

cosmos, nasturtiums and sunflowers can be planted out by the end of the month.

Herbaceous border perennials can be divided and replanted now to improve vigour and create new plants. It is also the time to tie in plants such as climbing and rambling roses and sweet peas.

If after all this work of sowing, planting and dividing you are left with any surplus plants then please donate them to the annual plant sale on Saturday 17th May which helps to raise



funds for the parish hall. (Also, if you have not had any great success please go along and purchase some).

If you are revamping your garden or just replacing plants then it would be a good opportunity to use some native plants and shrubs that will be beneficial to wildlife. By growing nectar rich flowers such as marigolds, nasturtiums, Michaelmas daisies and sedum as well as climbers such as honeysuckle and ivy along with some berry bearing shrubs you will not only be creating an attractive garden but also be providing food, shelter and nesting sites for wildlife.



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Alternative survey for over 50's...

As a result of a quick survey in the village these are things that a lot of people would like to know, but probably won't admit to!

Can I get an email address if I have no internet at home and if so how?
How do I register at the health centre for test results etc?
How do I book train tickets?
How can get a bus timetable when the buses are all different companies?
How do I watch iplayer or ITV X etc?
How do I book a table at a restaurant or pub?
How do I order goods online?
How do I park without cash?
How do I use a QR code?
How do I get Netflix etc?
How do I use maps?
How do I use social media?
How do I download instructions etc when I buy something?
How do I put my cards on my phone?
How do I text?
How do I pay for petrol at the pump?
How do I pay with my phone?

Do you think businesses might be missing out on the "grey pound"?

Children's Table Top Sale

Saturday 21st June timings TBC, £5 a table, free entry. Buy and sell all your toys and children's paraphernalia. To book a table email

jo.clews3@gmail.com





ST DOMINICK DIARY

MAY 2025

Parish Church services

Sunday 4th 6pm Cornish Evening Prayer at Halton Quay

Sunday 11th 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th 10am Contemporary Celtic Worship
11.15am Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Tuesday 27th 9.30 Holy Communion

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

Oversight Minister:

Revd Andy Atkins kithillvicar@gmail.com 01822 762335

Churchwardens:

Jessop Price pricejessop@gmail.com 01579 350049

Mrs Clare Lee clareleepcc@btinternet.com 01579 351381

Toddler Group

Thursdays: May 1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th

From 9.30 to 11.30, Free, informal play and chat, open to all under school age with an adult.

Methodist Services. Sundays

4th May 6pm D. Hart

11th May 6pm T. Wilkinson

18th May 6pm @TamarValley Circuit

20th May 6pm K. Mutton

25th May 6pm B. Grundy

MAY

- Thurs 1st Hobbies just come along to parish Hall with something to do 1.00-5.00
Council elections Parish Hall 7-9pm
- Fri 2nd Mobile Library 11.45 – 12.05 Outside Parish Hall
- Thurs 8th- 10th Church Craft fair
- Tues 13th Hobbies just come along to parish Hall with something to do 1.00-5.00
- Wed 14th W.I.
- Sat 17th Parish Hall Plant Sale 10.00
- Sat 17th Open Garden Halton Quay. Kay and Jessop Price 2.00-5.00
- Wed 21st Annual Parish Meeting
- Tues 21st Hobbies as above

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Sat 21st June Children's table top sale, parish hall, timings to follow
- Sat 28th June Gospel choir at the Chapel. 7-9pm at St Dominick Methodist Chapel. Admission £8.
- Sun 20 July Annual cream Tea, Beech Haven in the afternoon
- Fri 12th Sept Gospel choir at the Church
- Saturday 13th Sep Autumn Show
- Mon 6th Oct Harvest Auction
- Nov 6-8th Church craft Fair
- Nov 29th Christmas tree lighting
- Dec 7th Loveny Male Voice Choir Parish hall



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

St. Dominick Community Shop (Village Hall car park) 01579 350841
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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

The continuing warm weather at the start of April and the long Easter weekend has kept the Shop extra busy in the past month. Those cold drinks and ice creams were positively flying out of the door!

Compost & bedding plants are now available as we are officially well into spring and very nearly summer.

This Shop article had to be submitted for print in the Parish News prior to the Easter weekend but don't worry, we will let you know who the lucky winner of our Easter raffle hamper of Shop goodies was in our next edition.

Here's what's coming up in May:

Cheese of the month – we have Ticklemore Goats cheese for you to try this month with its firm texture & mellow flavour.

Fridays 2nd 16th & 30th - the Pengelly's fish van will be in the car park between 10.30 – 11.30 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). If you cannot collect your fish from the van during the time it is here, we are happy to keep it in the bottom of one of our fridges so you can collect later in the day.

Every 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.

Every Saturday – you can get hot pasties – steak, steak & gravy and cheese & onion as well as 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 5.30pm on the Thursday before.

NEW! We are pleased to announce that the Shop will be, for the first time, awarding grants to support projects & initiatives that benefit the whole St Dominick community in our role as a Community Benefit Society. In the last 3 years, we have fulfilled that purpose by ploughing funds back into improving the Shop premises such as the Shop extension and new fittings & displays, to provide you with a better Shop facility. If anyone is interested in applying for a grant either as an existing group or club in the village or as a new group or club wanting to start up, you can pick up further details and a nomination form in the Shop or request by email via info@stdominickcommunityshop.co.uk,

In other news, watch out for our special offers during May – we like to treat you from time to time with a bit of a bargain or two. As always, do let us know if you would like to see any particular items in stock in the Shop.

The timetable and funds available for this year's award of grants is as follows:

Grants Timetable 2025	
Open for applications	Thursday 1st May
Deadline and close for applications	Thursday 31st July
We may seek clarity from you	During August
Award decision	On or before 30th August
Applicants notified	W/b 1st September
Amount available	£1,000

Thank you for your continuing custom. As always, we look forward to seeing you in the Shop very soon.

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Annual Plant Sale – Saturday 17th May



The plant sale this year take place on Saturday 17th May between 10.00 and 12.00 at the parish Hall. As usual there will be a large sample of plants on offer, which some volunteers have been potting up for weeks ready for you to purchase very cheaply and take home after you have sampled the delicious cakes with coffee or tea. Please come along, meet your neighbours and support the Parish Hall, a valued facility.



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Parish Council Meeting April 2025

There was a secret meeting before this one so the candidates for the tenancy of a plot at Fursdon could be discussed. No one is allowed to know anything about this, including me. All I can tell you is that at 7.00 all Councillors were present, also the member of the public who brings his notepad, but no Councillor Long. A male came in, sat down, and said "How did it go"? The clerk looked around, brought the item forward on the agenda, then told the male he was successful who then replied "Thank you, what about the water"? then left presumably to start digging.

The speed figures had been received and were studied, unfortunately they were not too easy to understand. They appear to show that cars are going slightly over the 20mph limit, about 23 or 24 mph, which was thought to be not too bad by most people, except Councillor Fry who was not satisfied and is going to look into it further, if re-elected. If Councillor

Fry is re-elected that will give him chance to finish his report from 2020 when he was finding out how many accidents had happened at M and S corner. There was another car on its roof a few weeks ago. Chairman Cox, who is quite bright, explained the figures were one over the reciprocal of the sum of the average, or similar, which was really helpful and brought the topic to a close.

Councillor Brady is to bring up speeding at Tipwell with the County Councillor, when we know who it is.

Last month the shutters in the hall were discussed. After the firm quotes were received the council voted to give them a grant but the hall had a meeting and decided that what was on offer was not what they had in mind, so refused the money. Back to square one.

The ROSPA inspection of the playing field hasn't happened yet but is still imminent. A lady had been hit on the head by a football coming through the new gate/hedge gap so the football club is to net it off on match days. The new goal that Councillor Fry erected is being used, which was good to hear. Although the person who wanted to plant apple trees had been given the go ahead nothing had been heard from him and the clerk said the season for planting was going on a bit now. Jim is very particular about things being done correctly, I was looking at the clock but the member of public with the pen was impressed and said you had to have due diligence.

Councillor Heslop reported there is an extra water supply behind his house at the end of Vogus Lane.

Councillor Fry also offered to speak to the person who volunteers to trim the willow structure and give him a hand if necessary.

Councillor Cox was supposed to have checked the footpaths but hadn't done them all, he said he had been waiting for a dry spell, but when it came along he had lots of other jobs as well. The clerk said the item was lingering on the agenda and they needed to be inspected, particularly the

orange trail. Fry and Wilkins are delegated to help him (if re-elected). Actually, probably even if not elected.

The vegetation at the top of Dilletts footpath was thought to be overgrown. Councillor Potter is to investigate. If cut back it might make it easier to get to the bit where you fall over in the ruts.

In last month's Parish News there was a questionnaire, the replies haven't been collated yet but Councillor Brown who is in charge of this reported the over riding concern in the parish seemed to be the lack of a bus service, but it's not sorted properly yet.

Lastly the flagpole was discussed, or not, very briefly. It appears the flagpole is not solely to hang a flag from, so had to go back on the agenda for next time.

This might be the last time you see these councillors, by the time you read this the elections will be here and it seems one councillor is not standing for re-election but two Members of the public are. They are offering to do hours of work every month for no pay at all – the meeting is just a small part.

Have you been paying attention? Who says this:

- 1) Have you finished? Made up your minds? Chop Chop
- 2) I'll do that
- 3) We can get the VAT back on that
- 4) I've had an idea
- 5) Excuse me, Mr Chairman
- 6) We've talked about this years ago
- 7) There must be legislation regarding this
- 8) Parking at the top of Vogus Lane is dangerous
- 9) I've only just finished work I haven't had my tea yet
- 10) Sorry Mr Chairman, No time yet because I've had to paint my house.

Next meeting TUESDAY 13TH MAY, Parish Hall 7.00 with your new council.

Get to know your Councillors!

On Thursday 1st May you have the opportunity to vote for your *new* St Dominick Parish Councillors. There will be 11 candidates on the ballot paper and you are entitled to a maximum of 10 votes. Voting will take place in the village hall between 7am - 10pm.

Sharon Brady

Residents of St Dominick. For those in the village who don't know me, I am Sharon Brady and have lived in Cornwall since 1989 and in the village of St Dominick at Birdsong since 2004. Those who know me would confirm I am proactive and very committed to Cornwall and especially the village my family have chosen to live in. A St Dominick Parish Councillor for a number of years (since retirement) I am again standing for re- election on 1st May. It's my belief The Parish Council is the voice of the village within Local Government and I see our role as listening to residents and ensuring beneficial opportunities or initiatives are maximised as well as a need to voice concerns and safeguard when required. I am also involved with the Festivities Group and The Friends of the Church as well as still being one of the original shop volunteers. For me the sense of Community found in our village is all important and by serving on the Parish Council I hope I can continue to ensure the interests of the village are best served.

Gillian Brown

I moved to St Dominick in 2020 with my husband. We have an adult daughter who works in the medical sector. I took early retirement from my job as a safety professional and senior manager at high hazard industrial sites in 2022. I joined the lively St Dominick WI and have been Secretary for the past two years. I joined the Community Shop volunteer workforce and have been compiling the weekly rota on behalf of the volunteers for the past 18 months as well as working a few shifts a week. I joined the Parish Council two and a half years ago and last year

produced the community Emergency Plan. This year I compiled the Resident's Questionnaire and am currently preparing a report of the results to form actions for the Parish Councillors and then circulate to the residents. My priority as a Parish Councillor would be to interact with residents to seek their views on what they want the Parish Council to do for them.

Alan Cox

Your Vote Counts - And since you have ten to use up, I'd like one please. I have lived in the village for some twenty years now and first joined the Parish Council five years ago during the covid Zoom Meeting era! For the past year I have been Parish Council Chairman and during this time we have erected the junior goal posts, put in the new gate to the recreation field and carried out considerable maintenance to the play equipment. I am also the Council representative on the Parish Hall committee - which somehow leads to being treasurer for the Hall! I have been a part of the Parish News production team for more years than I can remember, ensuring that it gets printed every month, ready for your delectation. Lastly, I instigated St Dominick Chat on Facebook which now has over 2k members and which some people actually find useful - I think.

Thanks for listening (and your vote).

Dave Fry.

Hi, my name is Dave Fry and I have been a Parish Councillor in St Dominick for around seven years. I was born in Cornwood, Devon, a village around the same size as St Dominick, so was brought up knowing how villages function. My wife Linda and I moved here in 2003 so have lived in the village 22 years.

I worked all my working life as an electrical technician, starting in the clay industry and moving on into machine tool manufacturing. My hobby for many years has been Classic cars, I have owned many over the years and have been Chairman of the Tamar Historic Transport Club for 11 years.

Since joining the council, I have been involved in many projects and planning discussions. But the biggest project I have been involved in by far is the Community shop. I was on the steering group for two years and was responsible for purchasing the first portacabin and for the planning application etc. I am also one of the many shareholders of the shop.

I was chairman of the Parish Council for two years prior to the current chair and ended up being chairman of the shop board for a while as well.

I hope to be voted in to the Parish Council again as there is still much to do, including the possibility of a new car park at the top end of the village to ease the parking problems we have there from time to time. Thanks for reading

Diana Greene

I remember the first time my husband and I came to St Dominick from Devon. It was May 2000, and we were booked to look at a local house that was for sale; Halton Barton. We turned into the drive and the River Tamar was shining in the distance. The most remarkable thing about our visit was it was the first sighting of the swallows return to the outbuildings of the house from their long trek across Africa. The owner, Jiffy Ferguson, met us and was so excited to see these wonderful birds fly in and we were completely captivated too.

St Dominick then became our home; we had only crossed the border from Devon but it was another world. We were struck by how friendly everyone was and how hard working they were and, importantly to us, everyone seemed to have a very refreshing 'can do' attitude.

We were both busy during those years renovating the house, hosting children and grandchildren. My husband was a busy Consultant Surgeon at Derriford, and I was a Magistrate on the Plymouth Bench, but more importantly I became increasingly involved in village life. Soon after we arrived the National Trust reared its head with their plan to flood Haye Marsh. I got involved in the SODITT group and the rest is history as they say. Soon after our first victory against the NT I joined the Parish Council as an ordinary member and then as a chairman in the year of the opening of Lovells Park when we invited the then MP Sherryl Murray to open it. I

also oversaw the Jubilee proceedings with Herbert Buckle planting two apple trees for us to mark his 100th year. I am now back to being an ordinary member.

I am excited by ideas and getting things done, procedure and bureaucracy is not something I enjoy. To facilitate this excitement the Festivities Group was forged and from there came the Advent bags in the Church, the Christmas Lights Switch On, the Easter Egg Hunt and more recently the 'marmite' idea of the gate through to Lovells to make life a bit easier for those in Lovells to enter the area near the shop. I say 'marmite' because I know it is not the most unanimously popular of my ideas. Nonetheless the gate has arrived, and it was a joy to see it being created by locals and their skills. I love the idea of Community, and the gate was definitely that – built by the community, for the community, even if you don't like marmite!

Karl Hughes

Hi my name is Karl Hughes.

I moved to St Dominick with my wife Lucy and one of my two daughters 5 years ago from a small village near Market Harborough Leicestershire where I ran a successful business for many years before selling it in 2019. My wife and I have always lived in rural communities and have always given a large amount of our spare time supporting clubs and charities especially Age Concern.

Soon after moving here I was introduced to the community shop and soon became a keen volunteer. A year later I was asked to take over shop maintenance and News papers and also a member of the board. Having now lived here for 5 years I feel I am in a position to offer my experience, knowledge and help to support the local community by becoming a Parish Councillor.

Drew Potter

The Potter family arrived here in 1962 to run the village pub. Eventually I retired from this in 2003. I have always taken an active interest in the parish and people and hope the area can thrive and not become a retirement/dormitory village.

Martin Smith

Hi I'm Martin Smith,

You are probably more likely to know my wife Gill who volunteers in the Community shop and is a member of the WI, we had lived in Devon for nearly 20 years and moved to St Dominick from Tavistock over a year ago, and most of my time recently has been spent painting and re-decorating the house.

I have been to several Parish meetings and believe I can add value to our community.

My career in industry started with an Engineering apprenticeship and grew over the years to involve working in Project Management, Finance and Bid Management for large multinational companies. Although I have been semi-retired for some years I have more recently been part-time teaching many aspects of Engineering, Machining and Health & Safety to apprentices in Colleges around Devon and Cornwall.

With a background in engineering and aviation I also have a pilots license and was a Glider pilot with an instructor rating I still hold a CAA inspector rating. If you see me in the Hobbies club on a Tuesday I often have parts of model aircraft to work on as I fly competitive model gliders in the South West area competitions.

During my career I have sat on many committees, and I'm currently the treasurer for the "Dartmoor Hill Pony Association" and run the pony auction processes each year and have often dealt with Defra on issues affecting the Dartmoor Commoners and their ponies.

I hope the above gives you an idea of what experience and enthusiasm I can bring to the Parish council, best practices, technical expertise also a sense of fun...I look forward to being given the opportunity to serve you as a St Dominick Parish Councillor.

Julie Wenmoth

I am Julie Wenmoth and I have been involved in many village projects over the years. I was involved as an irate parent when there was a threat of closure of our village school which thankfully with support of

parishioners, our Parish Council and other notable factors did not happen.

It was then I realised how involvement in local government in a parish can work and so put myself forward as a potential contestant as a Parish Councillor and got elected.

Another project, a Parish Council project, was the development of the top of Lovell's Park. Myself and another Parish Councillor at the time, Cllr. Dick Warne, travelled to County Hall, Cornwall to obtain a grant to finance the start of the play area for which we were successful.

I live and work in this Parish and besides being a Parish Councillor I am on the Parish Hall Management Committee; on our Autumn Show Committee and an enthusiastic member of our Hobbies group. At the moment I can't think of any aspirations other than to "live forever".

I can't type anymore to persuade you to vote for me because we are only allowed, maximum, two hundred words.

Graham Wilkins

I am a retired Chartered Accountant who has lived in the Parish for the past 38 years. I have served on the Parish Council for about 10 years, including a period as Chairman, and have taken particular interest in the Parish Council finances. Together with the National Trust, I was instrumental in setting up the St Dominica Heritage Trail and regularly assist in the maintenance of our Parish footpaths. I am also actively involved with the running of our Community Shop.

On the 1st of May you will also have the opportunity to vote for your Cornwall Councillor Representative – all of this information and a list of nominees can be found on the notice boards from 23rd April. Happy voting!

St Dominick Craft Fair

The May Craft Fair is usually held close to the date of our Patronal Festival, when we celebrate St Dominica. This year the fair is on Thursday 8th to Saturday 10th May from 11am to 5pm in the Church, and is to raise funds for the upkeep of the Church. For those new to the village, or have not previously been to one of these particular events, there are nearly 40 different stalls with locally produced crafts of a good quality. There are several new crafters coming this time, some returning after a break along with many regular stalls; not forgetting the popular refreshments in the adjacent building, from coffee to tea time, including lunch in the middle.



St Dominick Parish Church

The Church has continued with a regular pattern of Services in the last couple of years, along with the particular ones for Festivals such as Christmas and Easter, and we are extremely grateful to all Ordained and Lay Ministers who lead these and care for us. The details of May Services can be found in the diary section of this news leaflet.

The Churchyard is open for all in the Parish to either be buried or have their ashes interred in it. The Church is responsible for its maintenance, and we are grateful to the Parish Council and family members for the donations for grass cutting. The aim is to keep it looking tidy and not to cut down the wild flowers whilst in bloom, or disturb any wildlife; bearing in

mind that the weather and availability of the grass contractors is sometimes beyond our control.

This year our annual meeting is on Sunday May 26th at 11.15am in the Church. Do come along and meet Revd, Andy Atkins, if you have not already done so. All in the Parish are welcome to attend as it will also be a good opportunity to hear what is happening in your Parish Church and the wider group of Parishes. Those on the Church Electoral role will be entitled to vote at the meeting. There will be a contemporary Worship Service at 10am on that day, followed by a chance to chat over coffee and biscuit before the meeting.

CHURCH HALL FOR HIRE

St Dominick Methodist Church

Suitable for:

Committee Meetings,
talks and social events (no
alcohol)

children's groups
dance, music, and drama
rehearsals

Main hall, kitchen, servery
accessible toilets

Contact Betty Behennah 01579-
350318

Wednesday 21st May it's the Annual parish Meeting when all groups can come along and say their bit and you can come and meet them and question your councillors.

The Friends of St Dominick Church invite you to an

OPEN GARDEN AFTERNOON

Saturday 17th May 2025

2-5pm

at

'Melyn Gy', Halton Quay, PL12 6SL

by kind permission of
Kay & Jessop Price

Entrance Fee £5 (includes refreshments)



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Patricia Gillings	Practitioner in Holistic Massage	07585 508163
Kath Gylby	Home Help and personal care	01579 683575
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