

The impact of coronavirus

Official guidelines are changing every day and all gatherings and upcoming events are clearly under review by their organisers.

For regular updates consult Parish noticeboards, the Parish Council Website and StDominickChat.

The day before this edition went to press, the government proposed that anyone over 70 would be strongly encouraged to stay at home for an extended period.

If you need help, and are unable to get the information you need, start with any of the Parish Councillors or phone Sharon Brady on 01579 351152 or 07905 915347

As a community we will all be there for each other. Remain vigilant to anyone likely to be in need of help. And if you need help then do ask.

Thank you

The Auction of Promises, held in the Who'd Have Thought It a few weeks ago, raised £2,400 to be shared equally by the village school and the community shop project. Thank you to all promise-makers, enthusiastic bidders, St. Dominick Football Club for their generous donation and everyone who helped make it happen.

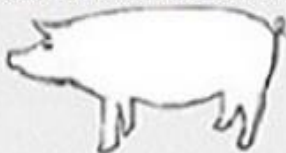
Is there a project in St Dominic in need of funds?

Callington Lions wish to allocate up to £2,000 to suitable local groups or organisations bidding for funds for a particular project.

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Community Shop – Thank You, Thank You and Next Steps

To keep everyone updated on the Community Shop, our first Very Big Thank You is to everyone who was involved with and attended the recent Parish Hall meeting. The meeting confirmed the views and wishes of local residents regarding support for the location of the Shop on the Parish Hall site, and this is an important step in the legal processes for agreeing the lease with the Parish Hall. We are continuing to work with the Parish Hall on the details for the Lease and making progress with this.

Our second Very Big Thank You must go to the Who'd Have Thought It and all those involved in the recent Promises Auction, both those making promise offers and also the bidders and buyers. We understand that well over £2000 has been raised, with half of this being given to the Community Shop. We are very grateful for all donations and contributions, and this is very much appreciated.

From these two recent activities, this really does drive home the nature and spirit of 'Community' - whether this is through our local Pub, the Parish Hall, any other groups or activities or simply a 'call to action' to the local residents. There is a very clear wish and level of positive support for the Community Shop, and all the members of the Steering Group are committed to working hard to make this happen. It is also clear that when we all work together and we combine the various strengths from all the amazing people in the Parish, then wonderful things happen. And we are sure this spirit will drive the creation of the Community Shop too.

The Steering Group are getting very close to calling on those of you who have volunteered to help in some way over the last 12 months – whether this be to assist with the build or to work in the Shop – so please look out for some requests and details coming soon. We have also been working hard on further fundraising activities as we still need to raise more funds to create the shop environment that we have planned, and we will continue to keep everyone updated on any news on this too.

From our correspondent at the Parish Council Meeting in March

You see, a few years ago things were different. Firstly, people weren't used to central heating, secondly when they went out they dressed in their finery and thirdly they liked arguing and making their point a bit more vociferously. These days they're polite and always cold, if the heating's on you can't hear, if it's off they pull their jumpers up around their ears and you can't lip read either. It's the same hall, it's a sign of the times, by the time the info gets back to us in the stalls it's like Chinese Whispers, so apologies if I get anything incorrect. There were a couple of new members of the public present, the two who usually come to be nosy, which is good news-everyone should come-, and four who had come to listen to their planning applications. (After their planning they went home). Also a lady representing the St Dominic Shop. There wasn't much actually. The work at the playground on the zip wire is imminent, 23rd March hopefully. Councillors Wilkins and Fry are continuing to patch up other bits of equipment. Councillor Fry had also been to the stream to look for the missing signpost at Ashton which I have been telling you about for about two years now. Councillor Flashman seems to have gone quiet, so Councillor Fry took his metal detector, wore his wellies and did as thorough an investigation as was possible. Well, he was unable to find the arms that were missing, but he did find a bit of a post. Unfortunately, he was a bit dismayed to discover that it wasn't as old as everyone thought and was a replacement. Worse than that, he found another redundant posthole in the ground which will need to be filled in as it could be dangerous (like a mine shaft would be if it collapsed, I suppose). Cornwall Council have not responded to the request from the PC for a bigger "slow" sign at M&S corner, despite another accident whereby two vehicles were probably written off, although one van was "touch and go" it's certainly not very well. At this meeting sadly a resignation was received from Councillor Behennah, who has served for many years, twenty-nine I think. She held the position of Chairman in the past and will be missed very much. Thanks to Betty for her work. Lastly in last month's Parish News Councillor Wilkins asked for comments on whether the village needed public toilets. The member of public who came assured us all that it did. He said the mothers and children were disadvantaged, the villagers were all getting older, workmen were bursting and walkers on the Heritage trail were in need – bit difficult if they're two miles away, but his point was taken. He wanted to use the Parish Hall toilets. Councillor Potter had been reading up on toilets and told the meeting what he knew about compostable toilets, which wouldn't have to go in the hall car park, which will be a multi-storey soon at this rate, but could go in the field or at the bottom of the allotments perhaps. There followed a discussion on the said toilets, the two nosy members of the public had experience of one and were not impressed. They said they were smelly. Councillor Potter said he didn't think that they all were, there were different types, and Councillor Fry said you could get one with a "long drop" at which point the clerk intervened and said there were other comments coming in and the matter was deferred until the next meeting. Now there are two vacancies on the Parish Council, and one has been vacant for the best part of a year, please will someone apply? The next meeting is the Annual Parish meeting, subject to late cancellation due to the virus. The normal meeting is 6.30 and then you can come and have a cup of tea and listen to representatives from various groups at 7.30. or you can come to both, see you all there on **Wednesday 1st April**.

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TAPS

On 22nd April, Simon Francis of Nuffield Health will be back (by popular request) for Part 2 of his mission to keep us all fit & healthy. This will be an "active" session, for some of us at least, so bring a lightweight or even a 'kettle bell' if you have such a thing. On 27th May, Mark Stone, Pharmacist at Tamar Valley Health, will give us an insight as to how the Pharmacy keeps us all going.

Don't forget, our meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month and are held in the Council Chamber in Callington Town Hall at 6pm

TAPS membership is free and open to men and their partners. For more information on TAPS please contact Chris Greensted by phone on 01822 834797 or by email to tapsinfo555@gmail.com.

Coming up in May in the Village Hall...

Monday 2 May – Plant sale and coffee morning 10 – 12 am

Donations of plants greatly appreciated. Call or drop in to Linda Curnow 01579 350556 or Jo Totterdale 01579 350656. Plants labelled please. Tea/coffee and homemade cake and biscuits available. Raffle.

Friday 29 May – Fun Cornish Evening at 7pm

Join us as we celebrate all things Cornish. A plate of Cornish nibbles, bring your own bottle (or two!) A St. Dominick/Cornish Quiz, Cornish singing with Barrett's Privateers (you will have heard them in the Who'd in the past), Raffle. Lots of fun. Tickets available in advance £12 If you require more information please contact Charmian Saunders or Linda Curnow.

All profits will be for the St. Dominick Parish Hall upkeep.

St Dominick Festivities and Projects Group

We would like to thank everyone who came to the fund-raising Wurlitza in February. It was a fantastic evening and once again Wurlitza entertained the crowd admirably. They are an exceptionally talented group. Thank you also to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle including a generous meat voucher from Trehill Farm Produce and also from the Who'd two generous vouchers towards a meal or drinks at the pub. We couldn't put on this evening without all of you helping by donating prizes, by buying tickets and by attending to make the atmosphere electric. Thank you.

The Festivities Group invite you to the annual **Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Saturday 11th April.**

Free Coffee and Cake from 10am in the Parish Hall. Tombola. The hunt will start at about 10.30 in Lovells Field. Then there will be an Easter bonnet parade and competition of the bonnets, so wear your wonderfully decorated hats and after the hunt they will be judged by the Rev. Chris Painter, who is kindly interrupting his very busy schedule to come to this fun event.

This year the Eggs are sponsored by Mandy Nicholson. Our thanks to her for this generous offer.

This event is FREE, produced and created by the community for the community.



We will be organising a celebration tea to mark the **75th anniversary of VE day on Saturday 9th May.**

We will be producing a 'rolling tea party' from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. The idea is that it will be as close to a street party as we can make it. If the sun is out then it will be in the car-park, but if not, it will be in the Parish Hall. We will have two long lines of tables and you turn up at any time during the two hours, clutching a plate of party food - sandwiches, sausages, cakes. This plate is placed on the table and is then shared amongst all the people attending the party. There will be coffee, tea and squash throughout the afternoon.

There will be music and memorabilia to set the mood and tone.

If anyone has any memorabilia they would be happy to lend us please let one of the Group know. We will also be providing some of the main cakes so anyone wishing to make us a cake or two would be very welcome. We can pay expenses.

The planning is in its infancy so if anyone has any ideas they would like to bring please do let me/us know. 351631.

The event is entirely FREE, produced by the community for the community.

St Dominic Parish Church is preparing to celebrate Easter. Palm Sunday is on April 5th, and there is a procession with palms and a donkey, which starts from the school at 10am. All are welcome to join the walk through the village with stops on the way, including the Methodist Chapel before the service takes place in the Parish Church. The week will continue on Thursday evening (9th April) with a Passover meal and Communion Service, and 'The Stations of the Cross' takes place on Good Friday at 12pm whilst Easter Day will begin with a Sunrise Service at Halton Quay at 6.15pm. There will be a Communion Service in the Church at 10am. A warm welcome is extended to everyone and further details and can be found in the Parish Diary. The Churchwardens are mindful of the current situation with regards to Coronavirus, and are aware that these and other Services are subject to change. We are following advice from both the Diocese of Truro and The Government. We also intend to place information on the Parish Hall and Church notice boards as well as the St Dominick chat Facebook page.

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Tuesday Club – March 3rd

Chrissie welcomed 21 members with apologies from 6 non-attendances. The raffle was won by Christine Jones. Eunice announced the club had received a generous donation of £200.00 from two members. With no other business Chrissie introduced Mike Stephens who gave a very interesting talk on Wild Flowers. The talk made us realise how lucky we are to live here and have access to all the wild hedges and woods nearby.

Next month's speaker is Trish Hodge "Not Just Chocolate". All welcome. April 7th 2.30pm Parish Hall.