

St Dominick **PARISH NEWS** No 186 Nov 2020

St Dominick Advent Window Trail

Hello from the Who'd where we've been trying to come up with something to bring our community together in a safe way this Christmas and wondered if a community Advent Window Trail would fit the bill?

Very much like an Advent Calendar, an additional window is illuminated each day from 1st Dec until all 24 are illuminated by Christmas Eve.

The poem *Twas the Night Before Christmas* is suggested as a common theme for inspiration.

There are lots of ideas for images that could be used for Advent windows.

Other villages have already done this. A google search or link below will give a bit more of an idea:

<https://broadwindsor.org/take-part-in-an-advent-window.../>

We are thinking of using this opportunity to raise some money for the village by running it as a competition and making a small charge for trail sheets with a voting section on them. We will donate a Sunday lunch for 2 as a prize. Cotehele have also very kindly donated a hamper of goodies as a prize too.

We can organise it here at the Who'd and it would give us all something safe and festive to do this Christmas and maybe raise a little money.

Are there 24 willing volunteers out there who would like to decorate a window and illuminate it late afternoon/ early evening from an agreed day in December until a week or so after Christmas?

To take part or to offer help in any way, please send an email to: whodystdominicks@yahoo.com

Would the Church, Chapel, School or Community shop like to volunteer to decorate the **first** advent window and illuminate it from about 4pm on the 1st December - let us know so that we can put you down on the list.

The Who'd would like to do the Christmas Eve window, illuminated at 5pm on the 24th accompanied by some socially-distanced mulled wine and mince pies outside the pub as a Christmas treat for the village.

Methodist Church Services during November

Nov 1st 3pm Gordon Rowe

Nov 15th 3pm Brenda Grundy

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St Dominic Church

Remembrance Day - Sunday 8th November 2020

There will be a Service in the Church to commemorate Remembrance Day, at 10.50 am when wreaths and crosses will be laid. However, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the numbers in Church will be limited to 30.

Please could all village organisations who would like to lay a cross (provided) or have one laid on their behalf, please contact Lloyd Davies, Churchwarden, on 01579 351620 as soon as possible.

Parish Hall Management Committee

We are very grateful for the generous donations received from Becky and Linda who found new ways of raising funds.

A HUGE thank you to both Becky who sold plants from outside here garden gate raising £55 and Linda whose colourful selection of handmade facemasks raised £300! Facemasks are still available from Linda on 350556

Whilst gardening this autumn think forward to our 2021 Plant Sale – **please pot up any spare seedlings or perennials** for our event next spring. Contact Jo (350656) & Linda (350556) with any queries

Festivities Group

Many of you have been asking about our plans for this year's Christmas Lights Switch-On. As you can all imagine, everything will be rather different ...

I am delighted to let you know that we will be putting up a Christmas tree and its lights will shine very brightly. Sadly, our traditional Switch-On ceremony is not possible and the date of the first switch-on will be kept a closely guarded secret.

We felt that the most important thing was to make sure that the Parish has a wonderful tree adorned with lights to cheer us all up this Christmas during such challenging times.

The Festivities Group will pay for the costs of this year's tree. Rick and Sue Whitford from Halton Barton Barn were all set to be its sponsors, but the Festivities Group would like to put their sponsorship back until 2021 when we plan to hold a huge celebration as things get back to normal once again.

Our normal Christmas tree source has dried up. So we are investigating other possibilities. Does anyone out there have a large Christmas Tree in their garden, on their land or grounds that you want to fell anyway? Perhaps you could let me know? It might be that we can sort 'two birds with one stone'. You get a felled tree, we get a beautifully lit tree. It must be big though.

Please call me on 351631 with any information about any (Christmas!) tree that needs to be felled for any reason.

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Eavesdropping at the Parish Council meeting

Another meeting in the hall, suitably distanced and with the wind blowing in the windows, as per guidelines. This time the retiring clerk was present, in the capacity of a locum.

Last month there were three applicants for two positions, and Councillor Totterdell decided this was her chance and stood down, therefore they were all appointed. This month saw two new faces, Keith Heslop, who you will know from his shop-building labours and his border terriers, and Simon Mayson who can be seen around in the pub or at the allotment – he probably goes to lots of other places but that’s where I see him. The other new councillor is Sue Shannon, who used to be seen at the bus stop but isn’t now. Better descriptions next month when they’ve settled in.

They were welcomed to the council. Councillor Wilkins proposed that present members “buddy up” with the new ones, to show them the ropes and explain things, which can be quite daunting and complicated. As everyone had a mask on I couldn’t hear whether this was thought to be a good idea or not.

Then a man came in, wrapped up and masked, and sat at the end of the table nearish to the clerk. Nobody said anything, he opened his folder and got things out, like a pen etc.

There followed a long discussion about moving the Parish Council Notice board from its present home in the layby, to the Parish Hall car park. This is the wooden one that has the minutes displayed in it.

When I say “long” I mean seriously protracted. It will need new legs, it opens downwards, so it might need an internal chain- or two- because of the wind catching it when paper is being put into it. It will need to be in a sheltered spot because of the weather. It will need to be right at the front by the wall so that people can read the notices. It can’t go right behind the wall because it won’t be able to open. People will need to stand at the side of it because they won’t be able to reach inside if they’re leaning over the open door. Anyway, at the end of all this they decided the first thing to do was to ask the Parish Hall Committee’s permission to do anything at all, and then have a look at it and decide whether to leave it where it was and get another. I do hope you are all going to read the minutes in the future.

Then they introduced the man who was still sitting muffled in the corner. His name is Jim Candy and he apologised for his late-ish appearance, he had come straight from some unexpected work he had been called upon to do, but he thought he would just come along to the meeting to see what was what, so to speak. He is our new Clerk to the council. He has been a Parish Councillor for more years than he can remember at Deviock, also a Caradon and Cornwall Councillor. A retired farmer he was confident he could keep the books and councillors in order (!)

Councillor Fry has omitted to send the photos of the potholes to Cormac (or whoever) as he had been busy and unwell. This is true. Cornwall Council appeared to have done some of the strimming Potter and Fry have been absent from. Councillor Fry had an offer from a volunteer but Councillor Brady, whilst grateful, said there was an issue with the insurance, so they will see about that.

Councillor Potter reported he has done the salt and grit bins and they only contained one dog poo bag and no nappies this time, which brought up the question of dog poo again. People are still leaving their bags everywhere. Remember you can put your bags in any Council Litter Bin but the red ones are for dog poo only. Inside the bus stop shelter is not classed as a bin - some people seem confused about this.

The council voted to progress to online banking, this has always been a problem, mainly because of the two signatories needed on cheques. Now, thanks to technology, they are able to overcome this problem. Councillor Mayson didn’t realise there was any other way of banking and was able to view a cheque book, which was an interesting experience to remember from his first meeting.

Volunteers were asked for as usual take on different jobs and it was good to have a few more to choose from, as they have been desperately short all through the summer for various reasons. Anyway, councillors Heslop and Mason, aided by councillors Wenmoth and Brady are to be on Lovell’s park duty for November and December. Volunteers were asked to go on an online planning course, I think, also the Parish Hall committee needs a new representative now Councillor Totterdell has left, but probably not wishing to appear selfish they left that for Councillor Shannon when she joins next month.

Councillor Wilkins requested the Council policy on meetings during Covid is updated on the website, but they looked a bit blank about that, although they agreed to look at it again. Then the question of the next meeting arose. Councillor Wilkins thought it should be virtual. No one else was particularly inclined one way or the other. Councillor Potter thought that as “Jim” – not to be confused with the elusive Jim Flashman – had not attended a meeting in his new role before, he might like his first meeting to be physical. Jim replied he could manage either way, he’d not actually set up a Teams meeting but he knew people who had and he could soon find out how. He suggested they have a practice run sometime. Councillor Mayson suggested a hybrid meeting, which was a new word in this context to most, but apparently that’s not allowed at the moment, security reasons I think. I find this a bit bewildering as all meetings are open to the public and no one comes anyway. However, Jim said that it would be no problem. It was nice to have actually met people in the flesh as he had met and spoken to people only in “Teams” meetings, and when he’d got to know them better he had felt obliged to ask if they did actually have any legs and how tall they were.

It’s a good job all the councillors have a sense of humour. So, the next meeting will be Wednesday 4th November at 7pmsomewhere. If it’s virtual you will be able to get a code to join in, from the new clerk or Chairwoman Sharon Brady or any Councillor, who will probably put you onto another Councillor, but you will be able to take part.

St Dominick Community Shop

For latest updates see www.stdominickcommunityshop.co.uk and our Facebook page

The conversion of the Cabin continues with the internal fit out of cabinets. We're now anticipating the delivery of shelving, refrigeration equipment and the EPOS (electronic-point-of-sale) till. Good momentum continues thanks to all those involved with the build and transformation process – and it is exciting to see things beginning to take shape now! More up to the minute news can be found on the Community Shop website

The 'Jumble Ramble' event raised over £1200 - what a fantastic result! A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who contributed in every way. WOW! It had a lovely atmosphere, and a great turnout of suitably socially-distanced buyers. The popularity of the Virtual Raffle meant last minute purchasing of additional tickets! The Shop Cabin, with its smart new Sign (thanks to Amy Lockyer), was open for everyone to inspect our progress

Since the beginning of September approx £2,500 has been raised from the Share Offer, individual donations and also the sale of the distinctive daffodil yellow Community Shop Shopping Bags (available via Alan in the current Shop). THANK YOU all contributors. We are aiming to raise another £1,500 in the short term

Over the last few weeks, the first WELCOME sessions with Volunteers have also been taking place. These have been in small groups of 4 or 5, and the first chance for the Volunteers to meet one another and to find out more about the main plans for how the shifts and the Shop will be working. A Day Manager has been identified for each day of the week - one of the Volunteers working on that day who will take on some additional responsibilities for the running of the Shop.

During these Welcome Sessions, our volunteers were invited to share their thoughts about working in the Shop and what this means to them. The themes of feedback were consistently about wanting to be part of the Community and creating and providing a much-needed service for everyone, and also the importance of offering a friendly and positive environment for all customers.

We still need a Volunteer SHOP MANAGER – to take care of stock and ordering of Shop supplies. Please contact either Sue Morrish on 350984 or Jo Redgrave on 351007 if interested in this role, which we hope will become a paid role in due course. There are 300 Community Shops already running in the UK with a 96.5% success rate. With Covid-19 restrictions likely to be with us for some time to come, it will be great to get our Shop open and trading and being part of this successful statistic. Being a Community Benefit Society (or CBS) means that Community Shops are owned by all their Shareholders and trade primarily for community benefit.

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