

# St Dominick **PARISH NEWS** No 192 June 2021

**Look in St Dominick Diary** (enclosed) for diary events such as

- .... Church Services
- .... July Craft Fair
- .... July Community Shop AGM
- .... July Cream Tea
- .... August WI meetings

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

St Dominic Parish Council invite you to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 2nd June 2021, St Dominic Parish Hall, commencing at 7pm

The meeting, which will be fairly informal, will be a chance for you to meet the Parish Councillors. Representatives of several local organisations have also been invited, giving you the opportunity to hear about what their groups have been doing (where Covid restrictions permitted) and what future events are planned.

Up to date information will be put on the usual Notice Boards and St Dominick Chat.

## **Introducing Andrew Long**

First of all I would like to thank you for giving me the honour of representing St Dominic for the next four years. As part of this, I will be holding regular surgeries in the Parish Hall each month on the first Saturday (10am till 12 noon). Tea and Coffee will be available and Social Distancing and current Covid guidelines will be adhered to.

To avoid un-necessary waiting in the current climate, the idea is to allocate 20 minute slots during the two hours so if you would like to book a meeting please do not hesitate in emailing me on [cllr.andrew.long@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.andrew.long@cornwall.gov.uk) or you can contact me via text or WhatsApp on 07812 597257.

I will also be on hand at the regular St Dominic Parish Council meetings to answer any questions during my report so please do not hesitate to contact me.

## **St Dominick School**

A message from Mr Wilson .....

The lifting of some of the restrictions from next week will mean that we are all now able to meet friends and family in larger groups and indoors. This is something the St Dominic school family have all been very much looking forward to for a long time now and I am sure that everyone is starting to plan meetings as the weather brightens up.

When asking the children what they are most looking forward to, the word 'community' was used in almost every answer. The children speak so passionately about where we live and I believe it is important that we build on this as a community, to develop their love of the local area and local people. As a community of people, we are responsible for giving our local children the best opportunities possible. We would love local people to be more involved in the lives of our St Dominic children. The children of this school are extremely special. They are starting to plan some end of term events and assemblies outside in the coming weeks, so we will let you know about how these will work as soon as we can, it would be a shame for you to miss out!

If you have any suggestions, as to how the school can be more involved in the local community then please do contact me at [head@st-dominic.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-dominic.cornwall.sch.uk) or call on 01579 350581

Details of the new St Dominic Nursery and Toddler Group are on the next page.

**JJ Wilson Head of School**

## **BED & BREAKFAST**

**Higher Chapel Farm**

near Halton Quay

2 ensuite rooms

Families welcome

Contact: Mrs. Jean Gregg

01579 350894

[www.higherchapel farm.co.uk](http://www.higherchapel farm.co.uk)

[higherchapel farm1@gmail.com](mailto:higherchapel farm1@gmail.com)

## **Polite Request**

### **Daytime Parking at the Parish Hall**

The Parish Hall is now in regular use again.

Please remember that groups using the Hall are also hiring the car park. This way, we can all continue to use the car park at quieter times.

If the car park is busy, please park in the road unless you're visiting the Hall or are unable to walk far.

Yes ... it's tempting ... but the area in front of the Hall, nearest the road, is not a roundabout.

Pretty parking trumps vehicle abandonment.

## St Dominick Community Shop

Recent new additions to the range in the Community Shop include Freda's Cornish Peanut Butter and tubs of Langage Ice-cream and layered yoghurts. Freda's Peanut Butter was specifically requested by Customers and comes from a family run business with production based at Duchy College, and the peanut butter itself is vegan and Palm-oil free. A few weeks ago a lucky group of Volunteers undertook a series of ice cream taste tests with a range of different suppliers, and Langage was the clear winner based on both quality and taste. And did you know that, as well as being a local based business using milk from their own channel island cows, Langage is the first Carbon Neutral Dairy in the Country? Yes, they generate their own electricity from food waste in a closed loop system. For those who are interested in local History, the book 'Tamar Valley Cherries' from local author Mary Martin is now available in the Shop.

If you have a request or suggestion for products or suppliers suitable for the Community Shop, then please let a Volunteer know - they will pass the details onto Helen Enyon, Shop Manager.

Plans for events at the Community Shop coming up include (more details available at the Shop):

- Bank Holiday Monday 31 May - Cup Cake Fest – featuring some fabulously decorated cup cakes from local baker Smarticakes.
- Monday 7 June - the increasingly popular Monthly Recycling Visit – Alison Humphries will be outside the Shop in the afternoon with her trusty trailer for collection a range of items for recycling.
- Sunday 20 June - look out for the 'Fudge for Father's Day' promotion.
- Friday 25 June - in support of National Cream Tea Day – the Shop will be offering a takeaway cream tea in a bag (jam on first of course!).

There will be other themes and promotions - including supporting the Parish Hall's May Plant sale on Saturday 22 May with an offer on Compost bags - so please keep an eye out for details of these at the Community Shop as well as on Facebook and the website [www.stdominickcommunityshop.co.uk](http://www.stdominickcommunityshop.co.uk).

One important event coming up for the Shareholders is the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM date has now been set for Friday 16 July at 7pm. Further details are being sent out to all Shareholders, and this includes the agenda, various reports (including financial updates). This also includes the process for becoming part of the new Management Board and it is really important that anyone interested in getting involved puts their name forward soon. Shareholders – please look out for this, and if you do not receive any details, please contact Jo Redgrave (351007) or Sue Morrish (350984).

## St Dominick Community Shop continued ....

Finally, a reminder about the importance of Covid Precautions at the Community Shop. It has been great news to see the positive progress with the vaccination programme and the reducing rate of cases over recent months . As an ESSENTIAL SERVICE, the Community Shop will continue to keep ALL the current Covid precautions in place to support the message of Face-Hands-Space, these include: wearing of face masks, use of sanitiser, reduced number of people inside, increased ventilation with open windows and extractor fan, the sneeze screens etc. We anticipate that the Shop will continue with these precautions beyond the 21 June and will potentially begin to phase these out slowly and carefully later this year (subject to any further government advice and the progress with Covid infection levels). Thank you to everyone for all your support with the Covid precautions and helping to keep our community safe.

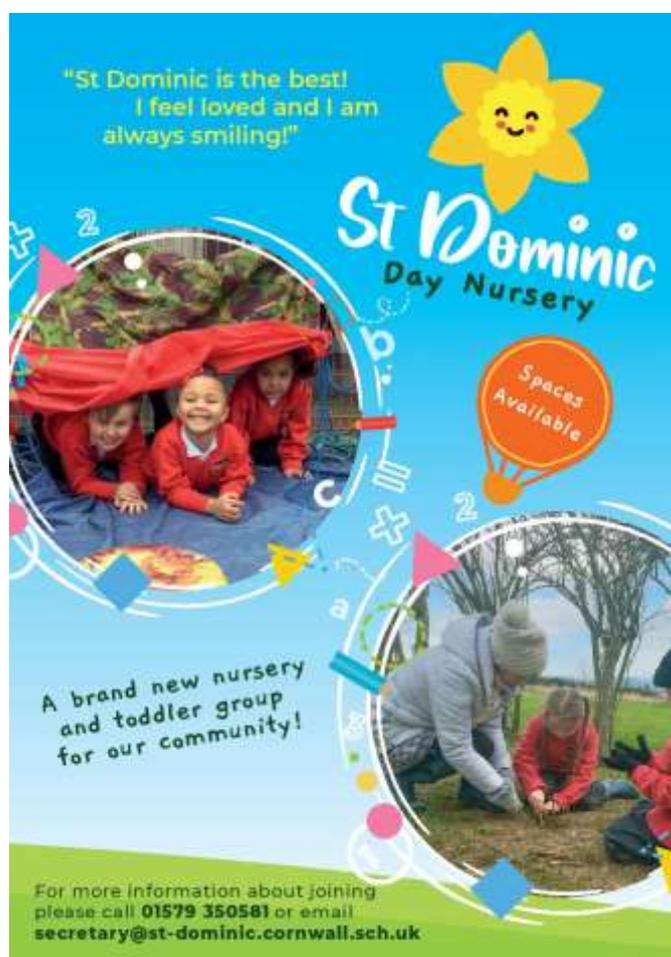
**BEWARE of suspicious texts** with wording like this...

*Royal Mail: A package Has £2.99 unpaid shipping fee ....*

*Royal Mail: There has been an issue when attempting your delivery and now incurred a £1.99 delivery fee ...*

*HSBC: A payment was attempted from a NEW DEVICE on 02/03 at 21:25 pm ...*

Each text is likely to contain a link to a fraudulent website and its sole purpose is to trick you into revealing YOUR bank or credit card details. DO NOT FALL FOR IT!



"St Dominic is the best!  
I feel loved and I am  
always smiling!"

**St Dominic  
Day Nursery**

Spaces Available

A brand new nursery  
and toddler group  
for our community!

For more information about joining  
please call 01579 350581 or email  
[secretary@st-dominic.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@st-dominic.cornwall.sch.uk)

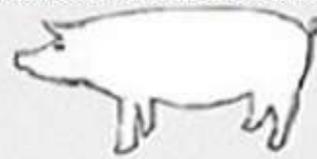
The advertisement features a bright blue background with a smiling yellow star in the top right. Two circular inset photos show children playing under a red tent and an adult interacting with children outdoors. The text is arranged in a friendly, child-like font.

Seasoned Hardwood

# LOGS

Phil Searle 350536

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PORK, BEEF & CHICKEN  
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D.Wilkinson Antiques	Antiques & House Clearance	07974 812876
Paul Doney	Building Contractor	228698
Debbie's Care Services	Personal Care, Bathing and All Household Duties	07779 483230
Elliots	House & Garden Clearance	350345
Fiona Wiltshire	Mobile Hairdresser	07990 587098
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Michael Grundy Retired Solicitor	Willwriter	351467
Pest Doctor	Pest Control Services	350345
Green Bank Apples	Tamar Valley Apple Juice Producer	350594
Wendy Redwood	HCPC Registered Chiropodist/Podiatrist	07591 616262
Trehill Farm Produce	Producers of Traditional Meat	350410
Rob Williams	Window Cleaner	384435

### ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSLETTER

Please contact the Parish Clerk  
Directory of Local Traders: £12 per year (10 editions)  
Box Ads: £25 per year and guaranteed to be included in 8 of 10 editions. Individual Box ads: £5 per edition.  
Any other advertisements: by negotiation  
Advertisements to be paid for in advance.  
Advert withdrawn if payment is not made within 30 days

**Our submission deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> of previous month**

Valerie Gill manages **Diary Events** Tel 351927 [valerie.gill@icloud.com](mailto:valerie.gill@icloud.com)

Please email **Newsletter Articles** to [ourparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:ourparishnews@gmail.com)

(or put in the box at the Community Shop)

**THANK YOU Friends of St Dominic Parish Church**  
**for delivering Parish News**

## Parish Hall Heating

There have been some concerns from a few organisations who regularly use the Village Hall regarding the current heating system in the Village Hall and how safe it is from a COVID health and safety perspective. As Health and Safety Officer on the Hall Committee I wanted to assure you that your health is of absolute importance to us and we do everything we can to ensure that all COVID restrictions are in place.

The following is from the **Health and Safety Executive** – *Recirculation units for heating and cooling that DO NOT draw in a supply of fresh air can remain in operation PROVIDED there is a supply of outdoor air, e.g. open windows and doors* This together with advice from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) and the company who supplied the current heating system, we can assure you that visitors to the Hall are safe.

We are advising all people using the Hall to keep a supply of fresh air from open windows and doors and continue to take the COVID precautions that are in place. Hand sanitizer and regular cleaning of the Hall will continue.

We feel we must also point out that Step 4 (scheduled to come into force on 21 June) of the Government's legislation states: '**The Government hopes to be in a position to remove all legal limits on social contact**'.

If any of the Hall users feel that they do not want to use the Hall for whatever reasons, we will of course understand and ask that you inform Lorna Potter of this.

Finally, we would like to say that as a group of volunteers who sit on the Hall Committee, we are very saddened and upset that certain individuals have felt that they needed to write to us and canvass other Hall users to sign a petition without first coming to discuss the matter with the Hall committee. It would have been a much friendlier and open way of raising your concerns. Let's all work together to ensure St Dominick Parish remains a friendly, approachable and amiable place.

*Charmian Saunders - H & S Officer, Parish Hall Committee*

## Fly on the wall at May Parish Council Meeting

The first meeting in person since quite a few councillors joined. It was a bit different due to social distancing and ventilation but they sat there, coats done up, looking brave, and didn't really like to complain because they were mostly new. We had 4 members of the public, one who spoke regarding the Parish Hall and 3 regulars, the 3 stuck it for some time actually. Also new Cornwall Councillor Andrew Long, replacing Councillor Flashman who competed at Calstock, but was an "also ran".

Councillor Long was completely different, he had a table, phone, laptop and also took some notes. Councillor Flashman had Polos. He is intending to hold a "surgery" in the village, as is reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

The meeting began with a few minutes silence respecting those who had lost friends and relatives during the last year.

Then it was the really important business of electing a Chairman and Vice Chairman. This was a bit boring, it was a prolonged silence, waiting for someone to chirp up and eventually Councillor Wenmoth relented and proposed Councillor Potter again. I think he was afraid that was going to happen but he duly changed seats and sat at the top next to Jim, the clerk. He then proposed Councillor Fry as Vice Chairman, being the longest standing Councillor who had not done the job. He in turn sprung to his feet and said he would be delighted (not really but never mind), then we had all the boring stuff about signing forms, code of conduct training, planning training and such like. The good news is they can still do it by Zoom at the moment. The clerk asked if he should get a poster up regarding a vacancy on the council but they said it was alright, the permanent one's still there.

Because handing paperwork around is discouraged Councillors are to get a £20.00 year allowance each to cover printing and ink costs. The Vogus Lane forms must have cost more than that on their own, I don't know if this will continue after the pandemic or not. The usual appeal went out for someone to join the Parish Hall Committee, and Councillor Cox volunteered. Chairman Potter made it sound very easy, and possibly Councillor Cox was misled which dawned on him later, but too late. He hadn't thought about the cake making, the fundraising, the stand in cleaning rota when the cleaner was on holiday etc.

"Alan's stile" is still rotted out - possibly to be replaced by a kissing gate, better for dog walkers - Councillor Long to chase up.

Then it was the most confusing conversation I have had to report on. Where is the missing track around Lovell's field? This was the green plastic track which was put around the edge of the field when the recreation field had its grant, to enable wheelchair access. It was supposed to sink and be invisible but not muddy. Well, it has. The school wanted a running track around the field and immediately this was remembered. Also there was a letter last month asking where disabled people could go, so it was searched for. Councillors Shannon and Heslop said they had found it. Councillor Wenmoth said she had a marker and would like to bring it back. Councillors Fry and Cox said they had measured around the track and twice around was exactly what the school wanted, but the question arose as to how they could have measured it before it was found. Then I think they said they hadn't found all of it, could Craig find it when he cut the grass (no, he'd already looked, but not all day). If the grass was cut really short you would see it. Some said you wouldn't, some said they'd already found it, some knew where it was anyway and Councillor Shannon had an original plan which she said wasn't accurate.

What I think is going to happen is they're all going to have a picnic in the fine weather and look for it. What I think is that if people used it, it wouldn't have disappeared.

Councillors Fry and Cox have mended the gate by the school, they thought it would take ½ hour but it took 2½ hours. Don't know if it was difficult or they were slow, anyway, thanks to them for that. Vice Chairman Fry's a bit official already, he informed the others that common sense was a bit thin on the ground these days at one point!

No reply regarding bigger bins but councillor Long will provide some dog poo signs.

Jim's six month appraisal is due, everyone forgot he was on trial. Now he has to go on a course now to learn about being a clerk. He said he will think about it after he's seen what the course is like. He was very excited, he upset his flask of tea and it went all over the wall and picture rail – how did he do that?!

**The next meeting is the Parish Meeting, which has a legal requirement to be held in May, otherwise it would have been delayed due to social distancing etc. it is on the 33rd May, aka 2nd June and the next parish council meeting is on the 9th.** I think some councillors could have been confused.