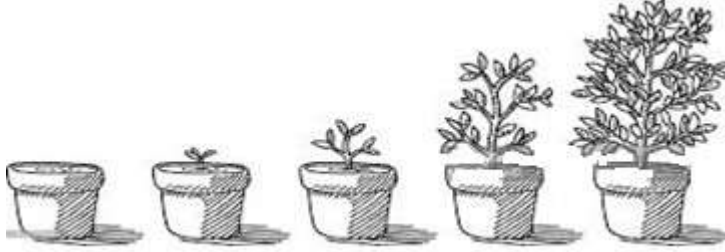


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Parish Hall Plant Sale & Coffee Morning **Saturday 7th May 10am-Noon**



The Parish Hall Committee is once again holding a plant sale with a great variety of perennials, annuals, herbs and vegetable plants.

There will also be "Coffee & Cake" for you to enjoy as you contemplate your plant purchases!

NOTE - Please bring any donations of plants to sell to:
Jo Totterdell at Stone Cross (350656) or Linda Curnow at Danescombe Gate (350556) on **Thursday 5th May**
OR to the Parish Hall between 6pm-8pm on **Friday 6th May**
Many thanks for all your support and we look forward to seeing you on the day!

(All proceeds to Parish Hall Maintenance & Improvements)

St Dominick Snooker Club

On Sunday 5th June, as well as the celebrations in the recreation field, St Dominick Snooker club will be opening its doors for non members - male and female - to try the game for themselves in this newly refurbished venue. You are welcome between 12noon and 5pm to come and try your skills. There will be people to assist you.

St Dominick have now won their league for the 16th time and are overall Champions of Cornwall – but don't worry, all members aren't in that team!

Sorry, no unaccompanied children.

St Dominick WI

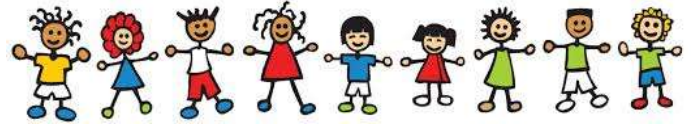
At our monthly meeting on Wednesday evening (13th), we were entertained by a very interesting talk given by Trevor Smitheram who told us about his fascinating life as a member of the Queen's Flight. He illustrated his talk with pictures of the Royal Family and the beautifully polished planes and helicopters that the Queen's Flight maintained, reconfigured and flew for the Royal Family to ensure that they arrived at their destinations all over the world safely and in comfort and style.

We ended our evening with cake and fizz to celebrate our 76th anniversary!

On the previous evening a few members of the St Dominick WI met at the *Who'd Have Thought It* for a fun evening of darts! The scores were very close in the last couple of rounds as members, who were new to darts, gradually got their 'eye in'!! There was lots of laughter and hilarity!

Thank you to the Who'd for hosting us!

FREE BABY and TODDLER GROUP survey



Are you a parent or carer of a baby or toddler? If so, please read on!

St Dominick Parish Church is now set up to host a FREE BABY and TODDLER GROUP for a couple of hours in the church once a week.

We hope this will give a venue for parents / carers of Babies and Toddlers to meet and all get to know each other.

We have included in this Parish News delivery a survey to see which day and time would suit the most people. Please look for it, fill it in and drop it into the Community Shop or the Parish Church by 14th of May. (email alternative available)

If you know of others in the local area who may not get to see this survey - please do share with them too. If you need a spare copy of the survey - a neighbour without children may be able to give you theirs!

A member from the church will be on hand to make tea / coffee but would not be leading as such.

We hope this will be 'carer' led by one or some of the attendees – or another volunteer from the parish – if the latter is YOU – please also see the survey insert.

Guidance can be given.



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Pop-up Easter Garden



Friends at St Dominic Methodist Church were delighted to welcome Miss Hylands, her colleagues and a number of children from St Dominic C of E Primary to help assemble their Pop Up Easter Garden on 6th April. As you can see they did a fantastic job and also brought some very artistically painted stones which they also added to the Garden. I expect some of you have 'popped' in to see the garden when you have been passing by.

We hope that the children will be able to keep an eye on how things are growing and may want to help us again when we add some more seasonal plants in the future. Thanks everyone, well done !! - Louise James, Children & Families Worker, Callington & Gunnislake Methodist Circuit.



TAPS ARE NOW MOBILE

On the 31st March we gave our first presentation to a group of seventeen veterans who are members of Battling-On based at Merryhue Farm St Ive. There was a good response with some members going to seek out a PSA test.

Now in receipt of our Gazebo we had a trial run of putting it up in a member's field at Hatches Farm, as a first attempt it went remarkably well. Luckily the weather was on our side. Two events we are now booked into are –

3rd June at Upton Cross Jubilee Field

4th June Pensilva Millennium House

If you are involved in running a local show or event and would like our presence or to give a talk to your group please let us know through one of the contact avenues below.

If you or someone close to you has just been diagnosed and would like to chat with someone who is already living well with prostate cancer diagnosis give us a call we are always willing to listen and give support where we can.

Website: <https://www.tamarareaprostatesupport.org/>

Email: tapsinfo555@gmail.com

Paul Mansell 01822 832179 Harry Lawson 01579 383258

John Stewart 01822 833343 Stephen Williams 07735 380883

New Notice board

A new Notice board was "unwrapped" at St Dominick Parish Hall by Cllr Drew Potter, Sam Rayner, who represented the community, Charmian Saunders, Chair of the Parish Hall, and Tri Service Safety Officer Ella Henwood, who each pulled the wrapping ribbons undone.

The event was followed by 2 defibrillator training sessions delivered by Lynher Training.

Chair of St Dominic Parish Council Drew Potter said "Keeping the public informed is one of the responsibilities of the Parish Council, it is good that all the organizations in the Parish can put up their notices on one board. The Parish Council has installed 2 defibrillators, one at the Who'd Have Thought It Inn and the other in the ex GPO box in the village, and we are always being asked how they work so we arranged the 2 training sessions. It was good to see that both sessions were oversubscribed. I would also like to thank Lynher Training for donating their charge for the afternoon session to the Disaster Emergency Community Ukraine Appeal."

Chair of the Parish Hall Charmian Saunders said "We needed a new Notice Board, storm Eunice demolished our old one, so we now have one which puts the Community at the centre, where all the various groups in the area can post their notices, with dedicated spaces for Parish Council and Parish Hall events."

Tri Service Safety Officer Ella Henwood, who is primarily based in Callington but covers the surrounding areas including St Dominic said "I work within a collaborative role for Devon and Cornwall Police, Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service and South West Ambulance Service to resolve community safety matters. My main aim is to help prevent crime, protect vulnerable people within our communities and respond to emergencies where we are needed. I am a fully trained First Responder, so it was great to be able to take part in the training for using the defibrillators, carrying out CPR and Emergency First Aid, as I know how important early responses are in these emergencies".

The notice Board was funded by Cornwall Councillor Andrew Long, who had used some of his Community Chest Funds to support the project, and the Parish Council and Parish Hall. It is situated adjacent to the pavement in the Parish Hall Car Park, where the Community Shop is located, so next to Lovells recreation field, close to the Primary School.

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Whispers from Parish Council Meeting April 2022

This meeting began at 7pm as usual but the clerk with three councillors had to meet at 6.15 for his Annual appraisal, in private. And, as luck would have it, five members of the public turned up so we had to stand outside shivering. Only two councillors had turned up, I don't know if that made the appraisal longer or shorter, it's a secret, but we had to stand outside!

Then just after 7.00 we were let in and everyone got themselves sorted out a bit. Councillor Wilkins and Councillor Long were away, then Councillor Fry arrived, he had his laptop on a long lead, a bit like a pet. By the time he had it all plugged in the clock was ticking, so to speak.

The first member of the public had come to ask who was going to maintain the footpath at the back of the Meadows if it became a designated right of way and the clerk was able to tell him the council, as they do now.

The second member of the public had come to point out that some paths mentioned at last month's meeting were grace and favour paths and not public footpaths, therefore not suitable for making into Public rights of Way. I don't think many knew exactly where they were. The other, previously mentioned, footpath is still in the queue to be officially adopted and there were no objections to that one.

The third member of the public was interested in the Emergency Plan discussed the month before, as he had experience of such things. He was given an update on the Neighbourhood Plan, which was that the organiser had been away.

The fourth member would like to plant lots of trees and what did the council think. The council thought, or at least the chairman thought, that the council didn't have any land to offer. Highways wouldn't want their vision blocked by planting on the verges but if the necessary permissions were sought and the trees were maintained properly, which is always an issue, no objections.

The other member is always there, just likes to know what's going on, which is admirable.

Councillors Wilkins, Fry and Cox had installed the new kissing gate at the footpath up from the Church, known now as Alan's stile. It was very sturdy and they had done a wonderful job except the farmer's bullocks could get jammed. Might need modification.

Councillor Potter had attended the National Trust update on works to the weir. Remember the weir washed away in a flood ages ago and the Council was informed of a public meeting to tell people what was happening. He thought he would incorporate this with walking the dogs but he came unstuck as it started to rain.

When he got to the weir a notice said that due to the weather the meeting was at the mill. He walked to the mill and they said it was upstairs and no dogs allowed, so he went home. Perhaps there will be another, he thought they said that a pipe would carry the water to the leat instead of the weir being rebuilt, but he didn't hear it all.

The new Village notice board is to be unveiled on Saturday by local dignitaries. They got the Member of Public who always comes, to say she would do it, poor person.

If anyone sees any markers in the recreation field please leave them there, it's the marker for the children's new play tractor.

And the meeting finished early, about 9.45 but the last bit continued without me, another secret, about who was to get the new lease for the Fursdon allotment and this finished at gone 11pm.

This was the current chairman's last proper meeting – watch this space, you will have a new leader soon. The next parish council meeting is May 4th and May 18th is the day you all have to attend and hear representatives from organisations in the parish tell you about what they do. You can ask questions, it's worth coming as you get a cup of tea and maybe a biscuit, your councillors will serve you!!



Calstock Footpath Society invite you to join them on their monthly walks in and around Calstock and the local area including Dartmoor and sometimes further afield.

Most walks are described as not too strenuous, are circular routes following mostly footpaths, off road and quiet lanes around 5 miles in length. Bring your own coffee and snacks to enjoy when there is a scheduled break. Group members are always full of good humour and share their knowledge of history, plant and wildlife, you are sure to learn something new on every walk. All walks are dog-free unless registered assistance dogs on leads.

Details of the walks including a description of number of stiles, inclines, parking and toilets, are emailed to members. Car sharing is also encouraged. To cover insurance and costs there is a yearly membership of just £6 or £3 per walk. There is more information on the web site <https://calstockfootpathsoc.org.uk/>

You can also email calstockfootpath@gmail.com

We are currently looking for a volunteer for people to call/text - maybe that's you!

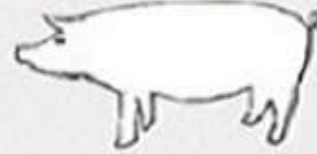
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