



PASTY & PUD

Thank you to all who supported the Parish Hall fundraising event. The profit made on the day was £520.44 and this will be used partly to offset the cost of redecorating the whole of the Parish Hall plus also the purchase of the blinds in the committee room total being approx £2000.

Our next fundraising event is the annual Christmas concert with the Liskerett Male Voice Choir on Sunday 5th December. Entrance is by ticket only – please contact a Parish Hall committee member.



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10 – 1130am

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Activity and craft tables
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All welcome – free entry

Please help us raise funds for the playgroup!!

Advertising Costs: ½ page £10.00, ¼ page £5.00, those falling between the previous two sizes £7.50, ⅛ page £2.50, Line advert (max 25 words) £1.00. One-off events in the Parish that are of interest to the community – usually free.
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**Clerk to the Parish Council:-
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VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The football club are looking for a willing volunteer to serve tea & coffee on a Saturday afternoon at Lovell's Park. Kick off time 2-2.30pm. Duties include washing up after. Anyone interested apply to Ken Harvey or any committee member at the match. You might find him, or another committee member, at the **Christmas Bingo on the 16th December** at the Who'd have Thought It, where you will be able to win meat, wine and cash prizes.

Please email all articles for the next edition of Parish News to ourparishnews@googlemail.com or give to Alan Cox at the Post Office no later than 17th January read **Parish News Online** at www.stdompo.co.uk/parishnews.htm

Entries for the **St Dominick Diary** should be sent to: Rosemary Shepherd
Tel: 350489 by 17th of each month

New Editors - This newsletter was edited by Sharon Gowans. Welcome to the December /January edition of the St Dominick Parish News. I am one of the new editors for the Parish news and welcome any new areas of interest that anyone would like to see in future editions. Merry Christmas from the Editorial Team.



Parish Council Meeting



Well, this was certainly a different sort of meeting from usual. The councillors met early to interview the candidates who had applied to become parish councillors. In the event there was only one, but he still had to be vetted before he could be co-opted. There was a new member of the public sitting by me. He said he often came, but I can't remember him. The new Parish Clerk certainly appeared to be very efficient and kept everyone on the straight and narrow. As well, there were the usual public from Vogus lane and also the man who had just been interviewed, who must have wondered what he had volunteered for. The public session was first, as is the new way, and the new public complained about dog mess, which was understandable and the council had great sympathy for him, but don't know what to do about it. Apparently if you get in touch with the police they can send a dog warden, but you have to catch the culprit first (and his dog). P.C Rachel Short attended with PCSO Bob. She gave a report on the lack of crime in St Dominick. There had been two canoes stolen from Halton Quay a while ago. Vogus Lane residents couldn't understand part of their plan with regard to the fence they are going to erect, but all was made clear when Councillor Spiers explained to them that the word "path" also means "gulley" in Cornwall! Eventually the proper meeting started and the public mostly went home. There were some minutes from the previous meeting but no financial report as no one has proper access to the bank account. The bank had not changed their details from the previous clerk and no one else was allowed to know anything. Full accounts had not yet been passed on. County Councillor Flashman was not present but sent a report on the lines of "Things are moving on apace with the budget". Councillor Spiers thought this wasn't good enough and they should have a proper report each month. I don't think Councillor Flashman is as keen on typing as he is on talking. The new clerk, Debbie, had introduced a Chairman's Report, and Diana duly gave a resume of the last month, which was quite complicated. The applicant then left the room while the councillors considered him. He was then called back in and duly co opted. Dr John Davies from Halton Quay area, who seems very experienced in the workings of local government and was not at all fazed by the goings on. (Outwardly). Debbie had tried to chase up the missing VAT that Vicky had been having trouble with, and in doing so tried to put the play equipment onto the "Asset Register". While sorting this she found that the P.C, who have always said their only asset is the bus shelter, own the Parish Hall. One councillor said she knew that already, but all the others looked blank. The Festivities committee is to become a working group, with conscripts, answerable to the Parish council. This will mean that they will be insured at any events. Debbie had sorted that out as well. The Christmas Festivities will be sorted out on the 17th, too late for this report, but hopefully elsewhere in the newsletter you will see the fate of the Christmas Tree and lights. By now, everyone wanted to go home, it was getting late.

Councillors Potter and Spiers are to look at the Furzedon "allotments", as two have been relinquished, Councillor Potter was sent to tackle the muddle at the bank, clean the bus shelter and attend the next Parish Hall meeting; Councillor Chapman was to ask Jim Flashman about his Community Fund money and poor new Councillor Davies took home a thick wadge of stuff to look through and I can't even remember what it was!

The next meeting will be the first Wednesday in December, in the Parish Hall, at 7.30. See you all there.

St Dominick WI

On a chilly, moonlit night, we all gathered together in the Parish Hall to hear tales of *Hairy hands*, *Devils and Black Dogs*. Paul Rendell came over to our side of the Tamar, to tell us some of the *Legends and Folklore* of Dartmoor. We heard of stories passed down, mainly by word of mouth, some based on real events but changing as they go from one generation to the next. There were the Gubbins, a family of outlaws who, during the 17th Century, lived in caves around Lydford Gorge and terrorised the whole neighbourhood, stealing sheep from the farms of Dartmoor and attacking anyone who went near. We were told of a mysterious lady, who has been seen by very few, carrying flowers to the French cemetery at Dartmoor Prison. The pack of hounds, turned into stone by a witch, we now call these stones Hound Tor. Tales such as these must have inspired Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, during his time in the West Country, leading to his famous work, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.

Preparations are already underway for next year's Big Breakfast, the proposed date is Saturday 22nd of January, if you feel willing to give us a helping hand you will be warmly welcomed.

Our December Meeting will be, "An Evening of Entertainment by Galaxy."

Everyone is asked to bring along a plate of nibbles, to share, liquid refreshments will be provided.

Good News

The Open Day and Appeal for the heating system for St Dominic Church had a very good response, and together with a grant that has been awarded over half the funds have been raised in a short time. The PCC is delighted with the response from the Parish for the Church, and is now raising the balance of the funds required. Do look out for various social events in the New Year that have been suggested by yourselves.

Land

2 plots of horticultural land available for rent in St Dominic (approx 0.75 acres and 0.85 acres in size). Please contact the Parish Clerk, St Dominic Parish Council, 36 Marythorne Road, Bere Alston, Devon, PL20 7BZ or e-mail stdompc@yahoo.co.uk'

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The St Dominick Parish Christmas Tree

The Festivities Committee of St Dominick Parish Council are delighted to say that the Parish Christmas Tree will have its lights officially switched on, on Friday 3rd December at 6.30 pm outside the Parish Hall. The tree will be lit every evening thereafter, outside the Hall until January 6th 2011.

There will be carols around the tree with musical accompaniment, entertainment by the handbell ringers, FREE mulled wine and mince pies, a raffle, a cake stall and other stalls, and hopefully some pasties on sale as well.

The tree has kindly been sponsored by Burcombe Haulage and we have had donations from many organisations including the Autumn Show Committee and the many parishioners of St Dominick who have provided raffle presents and brought raffle tickets over the year.

We are extremely thankful and grateful for all the support we have had and look forward to seeing as many people as possible on **FRIDAY 3rd DECEMBER at 6.30 pm** to make the evening a happy and memorable event - and don't forget a torch so that you can read the carol sheets and sing around the tree!

St Dominic School News

After almost a year of the informal "collaboration" arrangement between St Dominic and St Mellion Schools, Governors of both schools recently met together and decided to make this a formal "Federation", as from 1st January 2011. All the consultation responses received were favourable, and everyone involved in the two school communities had experienced the positive benefits of working closely. A very recent example occurred when St Mellion's Years 3 and 4 suddenly and temporarily lost the use of their classroom so were able to come to St Dominic and join our Years 3 and 4 for the day, which was enjoyed by all, if a little crowded! As said before, the schools will retain their own separate identities, uniforms, budgets, sports teams etc., but will now be officially called "St Dominic and St Mellion C of E VA School".

Children continue to do well on the sporting front, our netball team being unbeaten and – dare I say it – having won 5-2 against St Mellion! In the cross country league, our Year 5/6 girls have done particularly well, with the younger age groups also performing creditably and gaining experience for the future. A four-week football training course, with an F.A. development coach, is presently running.

Our Breakfast Club is becoming increasingly popular, being very good value at £1.25 per day. Starting at 8am, it includes the use of a Wii-fit for wet days, lots of new non-computer games and, of course, breakfast. (Parents need to sign up on the previous day).

All kinds of extra activities are being slotted into our curriculum, including Spanish, and very useful practical skills such as sewing and cooking. In addition, pupils have been making wothy and paper lanterns in readiness for the Cotehele "River of Life", helped to make the famous Cotehele Garland, and held a "wedding" at St Dominick Church. There will shortly be frantic preparations for Christmas, including the Christmas Play on 16th December at 6.30pm, and the Carol Service at 9am on 17th – both to be held at the Church, with everyone welcome!

It only remains for all staff, pupils and governors to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year, with many thanks to all who have helped and supported us over the past year.

The School PTA Christmas Fair will take place during December. Please contact the school for further details.

HOK Technique Fundraising 2009-2010

£342 was raised for the St. Dominick Church's Automatic Winding Clock Fund. The automatic winding mechanism should keep the clock operating without the need to scale the church tower.

£350 was raised for the St. Dominick Church's Heating Fund. This will help to replace the boiler and install new radiators. It is hoped this will help maintain the structure of the building and make it more comfortable for services and all the other events which take place in the Church, including those with the Village School.

Thank you to all the volunteers and people who attended the various events throughout the year. A special thanks to the organizations that provided the venues, cuisine ingredients, assistance etc from Mrs Jenny Chung-Penney, HOK Technique.

New local business opening up soon

I am taking over 'Toys in the Wood' and will run it as a little rural gallery for arts and crafts and some local gift produce. It will be called Tayt Morden. I am planning to be open in November if all goes to plan! If any local people would like to sell what they make through the shop, please get in touch – see advert below. Ceri Taylor

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