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Parish Council - November Report

This meeting began with a sense of great excitement due to the fact there were two new faces, one a clerk and one a PCSO. The clerk's name is "Sally" and her email address will remain stdompc@yahoo.co.uk. As she had only started her employment the day before the meeting a lot of things were a bit of a mystery to her, including everyone's name, so they had their names in front of them, like the real council do. The new PCSO introduced himself as "Tom". He was just like a young "Bob" who has now retired. Same size and shape, but dark hair. Non urgent calls now have a new number - 101. Angela Palin, school headmistress, had been invited to attend and she explained to the Council the benefits of having a pre-school. Councillor Chapman had attended a meeting elsewhere and found that other local areas have these and hopefully the pupils who attend then move on to the primary school. Possibly it would help St Dominic to have this facility. Councillor Chapman had earmarked a possible site and the clerk is to contact Cornwall Council to test the way forward. There was no Charman's report as the Chairman was absent. The Recreation Ground is still stony, in spite of various working parties, and also there is a dog mess problem. No one has been seen there with their dog but there definitely are some. There was no mention of another dog bin which is what everyone wants but can't have. (But the dogs still won't be allowed in the field). These are minor problems really and Councillors Chapman and Warne are to attend the Royal Cornwall Showground at Wadebridge, with Sita, who largely financed the project, to present to other grant applicants "the way to do it". The Council have replied to the letter sent after the last meeting and Halton Quay are to have an additional litter bin!! However, there have been no more quotes sent for the work on the Post Office corner, so Councillor Warne is going to ask other firms. More confusion with Cornwall Council regarding gritting policy, but all is clear now, they definitely aren't doing it. Other parishes have their bins already, but not us. Should be coming soon and filled so let's hope they arrive before the ice! Also the poor old SAG working party were informed by other councillors that their oppos in Devon are called "Snow Patrol" - has a different ring somehow! Councillor Chapman is to volunteer for the Cordiale project. The bus stop was discussed at length. No satisfactory conclusion was reached, each idea had drawbacks, which is probably why it is where it is. They have written to the bus company and are awaiting a reply, or ideas. (As someone who has come home on the bus with people standing all the way from Plymouth and seen them get off the bus into the long wet grass in the dark, carrying bags, it seems strange no one has mentioned this before. Perhaps they have, a long time ago.) The precept has to be set next month and that was discussed at length as well. Different ideas were put forward and the vice chairman taking the meeting, Councillor Potter, asked if the accounts could be provided in a more simple format, which Sally will attempt for the December meeting. All grant money received for the playing field has to be spent on that type of thing, and although the grant money was spent, the VAT refund spending has to be accounted for separately. Very complicated!!!

****Next meeting December 7th 7.30 at the Parish Hall - all welcome****

St. Dominick W.I. report for November

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Fashion Show, with your help, and the very generous support of Saltash businesses, Intrigue Fashions, VanEssa Menswear and Bliss Beauty, we managed to raise in excess of £300 for ShelterBox. The November Meeting was very much an evening of comedy, Val Bugden-Causey was on hand to give us precise instructions about "Growing Old Disgracefully," pointless sitting at home feeling miserable when you could be out and about, misbehaving. On Wednesday 14th December, Christine Haywood will be talking to us about "Candle Making" (with a conscience). There will be a Hands-On session, time to display our own creative skills, also the opportunity to buy, a chance to stock up for the festivities ahead. With Christmas in mind, tea cups and biscuits will be replaced by glasses and plates of nibbles. Guests are very welcome at the small charge of £3.50, just bring along a surface to work on (chopping board, baking parchment etc).

Olympic Torch

Exciting news this month - David Hatch, who lives in Vogus Lane, has been nominated to carry the Paralympic Torch next year and has reached the second round. David, who is sixty six years old, still runs regularly, and encourages people with mental health problems and learning difficulties to participate in open road running events. He was awarded the England Athletics South West Award for services to disabilities in 2009.

Next year a colleague of David is organizing a three day relay run carrying a torch (not an Olympic one!) from St Luke's Hospice in Plymouth to all the St Luke's Hospice shops in Devon and Cornwall - a distance of 134 miles - to finish under a big screen in the City Centre. They are looking for sponsorship for this. Provisionally, next year, 23rd June, we will have the St Dominic Dash here again. Five miles, the same as last year. When confirmed there will be more information on this. Is this race popular? As David says "I get called other names than the one I was Christened with coming up the hills".

(Editor's note: apologies but this item has been edited due to demand on space).

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Editors

Please send entries for the St Dominick Diary to:
Rosemary Shepherd
Tel: 350489
by 17th of each month



The
St Dominick CHRISTMAS TREE is having it's lights SWITCHED ON:
On FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER at 6.30 pm at the Parish Hall
Carols around the tree

St Dominick Hand Bell Ringers & Darren Jane with his electric piano

FREE mulled wine and mince pies; Raffle

****Please come and support this happy event.****

and our thanks to **HUNNS POULTRY** who kindly sponsored the tree this year.

St. Dominick Neighbourhood Watch

With Christmas fast approaching, thoughts will be turning towards stocking up with food and goodies for our family and friends, and the purchase of presents to celebrate the event with our loved ones. So do please also think about stopping that opportunistic thief from spoiling it all for you by keeping valuables out of sight, and letting your neighbours know if you are going to be away.

A large percentage of the inhabitants of St Dominic are members of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, and being a small friendly community, help to keep an eye out for each other when anything suspicious occurs. Fortunately the crime rate in this area at the moment is relatively low, but in the current economic climate, incidents of theft are on the increase. If you would like more information on the scheme, or are not a member and would like to be, please do contact me below and I will put you in touch with your street co-ordinator.

A happy Christmas to you all! Carolina Hobbs, Principle Co-ordinator. Tel: 01579 351091
email: carolinahobbs@hotmail.com

Please note that from the 1st November 2011, the St Dominic Parish Council will have new contact details due to the appointment of a new Parish Clerk:-

Mrs Sally Lewis (Parish Clerk)
40 Lanchard Road, Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 4HU
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e-mail :- stdompc@yahoo.co.uk (remains the same)
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We are having a Christmas Craft Morning in the Parish Hall on

Wednesday 21st December 9.30-11am.

There will be Christmas Craft activities, raffle, refreshments, how many sweets in a jar and a chance to just meet up and have festive fun with friends.

St.Dominick Tuesday Club. November 1st

Quite a good crowd to-day as Chrissie gave out the notices. Nellie and Margaret have both had birthdays, so we sang "Happy Birthday". Next month is our Christmas Lunch, starting at 1.00pm on December 6th. Anne Pollard will play for our sing song. The pantomime is on Tuesday the 10th January.

The Liskerrett Choir will be singing in the Parish Hall on December 4th. Tickets £4.50. The raffle was won by Ron.

Chris Robinson then gave us a very interesting illustrated talk on Plymouth, in the forty's and fifty's. We saw how after the devastation of the bombings, Plymouth slowly regenerated itself into the city we know to-day. It was one of the most modern cities in Britain at the time. Chris is full of amusing anecdotes and his archive of photos is truly amazing. We all enjoyed his enthusiasm for his subject.

Result of the St Dominic Football Club 50/50 Draw for November: £100.00 Phil Jones; £25.00 Bob Schone
Anyone wishing to join the 50/50 draw please contact any committee member or Ken Harvey on match days.



Cordiale partnership bears fruit juice at Landulph

Simon Bates (Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) and Simon Platten (Tamar Grow Local) recently helped 67 children of Landulph Primary School to wash, chop, mill and press a variety of apples. Adult volunteers had gathered the apples from the old orchard on the Pentillie Estate. Some children took juice home in bottles, whilst some took it home in their bellies! Head teacher, Mrs Barbara Worth, said: "The day went very smoothly and every pupil at Landulph School took part in the process of making apple juice. It is always good to have practical hands-on sessions with everybody 'having a go', as the children learn so much more. We would like to thank Simon and Simon for being so thorough and enthusiastic, smiling, positive and professional all day. It was so good and we would love to do it all again next year!"

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Press Release – Visiting the past, revealed.

A local archaeological dig led by the Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) has come to an end and the team led by Dr Chris Smart of the University of Exeter has uncovered some important parts of the past. The dig was part of the Calstock Parish Heritage Project, supported by a grant of £35,500 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), and trained 20 volunteers from varying backgrounds in excavation and recording. Visitors to the open days saw the archaeologists in action, were able to find out more about the site and handle artefacts, and children will be able to have a go at making their own Roman pots. The project was originally going to look at a suspected Iron Age settlement close by, but after geophysical survey showed a lack of archaeological evidence the decision was taken to shift the focus back to the Roman Fort. The two weeks of excavation provided significant insights into the longevity of human activity on Church Hill, Calstock, which can now be projected further back in time than previously thought. The excavation focused on two trenches in the field southeast of the parish church. An interactive map displaying the heritage and archaeology of Calstock has been created by the Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) as part of the same the Heritage Lottery Fund supported project.

The map can be visited at heritage.tamarvalley.org.uk.

The Project Officer is Eloise Kane. For more information call the Tamar Valley AONB on 01822835030 or e-mail: enquiries@tamarvalley.org.uk.

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Incidents: St Dominick Neighbourhood watch.

There are 3 incidents to report:

1. There has been a reoccurrence of scam phone calls insisting that the caller notes you have several errors on your PC, and could you log on so that they can repair them. This could potentially give the scammers unwanted access to your files.
2. Another phone scam that has occurred in the past is for funding being requested towards advertising for a community brochure.
3. Also a postal 'scam' as follows

The email begins "Postal Scam: Please circulate this - especially as Xmas is fast approaching - it has been confirmed by Royal Mail. The Trading Standards Office are making people aware of the following scam:

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service)..."

However, I'm pleased to inform you that this is an old scam and the telephone number (0906 661 1911) has now been shut down. In fact it was shut down in December 2005! Unfortunately this chain e-mail has been widely circulated every year since then – even though the number no longer works and there is no cause for concern.

Having said this, stay cautious of emails from unknown sources:- Stop, think and be sceptical. If something sounds too good to be true it probably is. (Article edited by Alan Cox)

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St Dominic School News

On Remembrance Day, the children held a community Winter Warmer in the school, raising money for the Poppy Appeal. Ginster's kindly donated pasties and the children made apple crumble with custard for pudding. Everyone had a lovely time and we raised £169.85.

Zero Gravity is an amazing gymnastic facility in Saltash. Classes 2 and 3 have now had a number of sessions there and have thoroughly enjoyed being taught new moves and practicing their gymnastic skills. Class 3 even got to experiment safely on the trampolines. Class 2 and 3 had a day trip to Morwellham Quay and a fascinating day was had by all. They dressed up in olden day clothes and thought that the mini train, that took them on a tour of the mines, was 'awesome'.

Our Netball team have made a fantastic start to the season winning their 1st two matches. We also have 14 children competing in the Cross Country races this year. Well done to all the children for completing the 1st race and a special mention to Alex Maciver-Redwood for coming 4th in his category. Huge thanks to the parents and teachers who give their valuable time preparing and supporting the children at these sporting events. It's not just the children at St Dominic School who work hard.... the staff do too! Mrs Moram has been working hard for over a year in the evenings and weekends on lengthy assignments, and her hard work has been rewarded with a Diploma in School Business Management. AD Williams are now fitting out the new entrance and office and we still very much hope to be using this area before the end of term. Rag-Bag Recycling Scheme - Two collection have been made and raised £92.00 for school funds, thank you for your support. Any further bags can be returned to school on Tuesdays and additional bags can be obtained from the school office. The school is currently collecting Morrisons 'Let s Grow' vouchers and Nestle Cereal Box top book tokens – any of these would be gratefully received.

Don't forget the **School's Christmas Fair on Saturday 3rd December which is to be held in the school 2-4pm.** With the help of the PTA, the children have compiled a cookbook full of their favourite recipes. These cookbooks will be on sale at the Fair to help raise funds for the school.

On Thursday 15th December in St Dominick Church at 9am, we will be holding our Christmas Carol Service which you are all invited to attend.