



Autumn Show Saturday 11 September 2010

(Well done eagle-eyed readers who spotted last month's deliberate error – the 10th will be a Friday oops!!)

We believe this could be the 60th Annual Show – in the beginning there were two a year, Spring and Autumn, and also possibly a few were missed, but certainly it has been going a long time. Last year the Autumn show was, once again, well supported with between eighty and ninety different entrants. We managed to get quite a few competitors entering for the first time, including some younger adults who put several entries in the vegetable section. We hope to see them again this year. The classes will be the same, i.e. Flowers, Floral arrangements, Vegetables and Fruit, Cookery, Handicraft, Art and Photography. The “biggest dock leaf” competition is no longer a class, a victim of the ageing competitors, and has been replaced by “your cookery disasters” – entries on the day!. This means something for everyone, of all standards, and soon the committee will be badgering you for an entry or two. Once you have entered for the first time, you will realise that it can be fun and not at all daunting. The show does cost money to put on, printing costs and hall hire both have to be met. Last year Alan Cox from the Post Office printed our schedules and prize cards at a very reasonable price, but we rely on the public coming in to see the show, buying a raffle ticket and having a cup of tea, so, hopefully, see you all in September.

St Dominick WI

We are pleased to say that 2009-2010 has been a successful year for St Dominick WI with fair few new members who were, on the whole, lured in by the wide range of interesting talks and activities that we have had over the past year, and finding, sometimes to their surprise, that it was not “stuffy and formal” but lively and relaxed they then decided to join our WI.

We look forward to finding out how to tell if someone is lying to us (other halves beware) learning how to make traditional soap, meeting some alpacas, discovering the work of the Dartmoor Rescue and raising some funds for their work, getting our hands dirty creating in clay, listening to legends of Dartmoor and learning how to make delicious canapés and cocktail food and welcome any ladies to join us in the fun.

The WI is noted for its community spirit and the *Big Tidy Up* is the result of a longstanding WI resolution that bred the “Keep Britain Tidy” Group. Hence on April 10th we set out with a number of willing volunteers from the community to tidy the highways and byways of the parish. A huge amount of litter was gathered by the Sixteen who took part, yet there were a few areas we could not cover, so we hope to see more volunteers along next year.

S.O.D.I.T.T. – your suggestions by 1st July please

It was agreed that any funds remaining from the Haye Marsh campaign should be used for the Parish for environmental or educational purposes.

The Committee are therefore asking residents for suggestions for an appropriate project, which will commemorate our efforts without the need for ongoing maintenance. There is just over £1800 available.

Please send your suggestions to Derek Scofield, Green Bank, Halton Quay, St Dominick, PL12 6SL by 1st July 2010. We thank all those who supported our campaign and we hope that Haye Marsh will remain in safe hands in the future.

Slimming Club Report for 2009-10

The Slimming Club continued to meet each Thursday evening at the Methodist School room. We, unfortunately, lost two members during the past year. Iris Lott, a staunch original member, passed away after a short illness in January and Margaret White moved away from the village – so we have a diminished group of only ten members. We decide at the beginning of the year which charities and good causes we will support; weekly subs and bring and buy tables bring in some of this money.

Special events with raffles, cake and bric-à-brac stalls at various times throughout the year bring in extra funds. Weekly weigh-ins result in any member putting on weight paying fines of 20p per pound gained into a “Save the Children” box. We still have not bought new weighing scales, so we blame the positioning of the scales on any weight gains. We do pay up fines happily as we feel the fines are going to a good cause anyway. Each week every member takes in a piece of fruit and whoever loses the most weight is rewarded with the basket of fruit and congratulated. We always have a cup of tea sometimes with a biscuit, sometimes, even, with a piece of cake. We chat about literally everything and always have a jolly good laugh. At the end of the evening we all leave feeling more cheerful. In the year 2009 we donated almost £2,000 to charities and good causes, the main ones being Derriford Cardiology Ward and Ellie's Haven. Betty Behennah and Gwen Bolt gave all their “Special” birthday money to Ellie's Haven and we were also delighted with the generosity of other donations given by our supporters. We, as a club, are very lucky to be supported at all our events by friends and families. Our summer evening trip to Looe for fish and chips and the Christmas Party complete with Shirley Floyd's roast was very successfully enjoyed by everyone who attended and also generated extra funds. Obviously none of us are too concerned about losing weight. Some of us do not even need to lose weight. We are, however, very, very concerned about continuing to raise pounds for the very deserving charities we choose to support. This year we have already donated a further £500 to Ellie's Haven and are well on course to support another charity to be decided later in the year. We did think about changing our name from The Slimming Club, but truthfully we all like our old weighing scales and enjoy the format of our Thursday evenings. We also like making you all smile with our money-raising ideas of pasty suppers and cream teas. So we will be continuing in 2010 with our usual enthusiasm. Anyone wishing to join the club will be very welcome. Please carry on supporting us – we really believe for such a small group we make a big difference.

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St Dominic School News

By the time you read this, it will already be summer half-term – how is it that term goes so slowly if you're a pupil, but flies by if you're a parent, teacher or governor? However, lots of summer activities are helping to make the summer fly by for all of us – as well as the latest curriculum topics such as dinosaurs, after-school clubs now include cricket, hockey, art and an African game called “Ayo” – back by popular demand following last year's “African workshops”. Several sporting tournaments are also planned. Last term's successes included our Year 5 and 6 girls' team achieving third place in the inter-school cross country league, and our netball team being awarded the Teamwork Trophy – congratulations to all involved.

You may have read about some schools boycotting the annual SATs exams in May – St Dominic continued with these as normal, although both St Dominic and St Mellion schools received an unannounced “spot check” from the SATs officials – no doubt short of a job for an hour or two! Every child needs some sort of assessment of his or her progress, which SATs provide. Small schools like ours, which usually have fewer than 10 children in Year 6, don't have to publish their results; therefore don't appear in the League tables. It's probably the manner in which the Government/Ofsted use these tables to judge school standards that upsets teachers – without taking sufficient account of the teachers' own assessments. Unions are asking that, in future, teacher assessments should be used to inform judgements.

Yet another level of bureaucracy has been dumped on us this year with the introduction of the Financial Management Standards in Schools (FMSiS). The Governors, Secretary and Head teacher have been working for over a year to prepare the necessary 31 documents (each one often consisting of several other documents) to create the massive file required to meet this Standard. Eventually, the appointed Assessor, at a cost of £850, visited the school and decided that we hadn't been fiddling the books (my one-way ticket to South America is booked for next week) and duly awarded the coveted Certificate. We can now add FMSiS to our letterhead, until the next visit in 3 years' time. During the FMSiS process, it has greatly assisted the school in that Mrs Helen Moram, our secretary, decided to study for the qualification of School Business Manager. She has put in a tremendous amount of work towards this, largely in her own time, and formulated our School Travel Plan as her related project – with the result that she has now obtained the Certificate of School Business Management. Well done Helen! This term, we've had three new additions to the school “family”. A warm welcome to two new governors Mrs Dawn Hunn (parent) and Mrs Yorke-Dunne (Foundation), and a special “hello” to Anika Mae, new daughter of our Class 3 teacher, Mrs Childs-Garner. Anika made her first visit to school at 5 weeks old and was greeted with gifts and cards from the children.

The governors, staff and pupils would like to thank residents for handing in their Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers (still greatly received until end of May), which will be counted and used to purchase new equipment for the school. The school continues to collect the “Box Tops for Books” tokens from Nestle Cereals which are exchanged for fiction and non-fiction books for use in the classroom and library.

Finally, did you notice that the new coalition Government immediately changed the name of the Department of Children, Schools and Families (know in academic circles as Department of Carpets and Soft Furnishing!), back to its old name of Department of Education? Personally, I hope that the emphasis will now be on education and that the importance and value of small schools to children and communities will be recognised and appreciated.

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

Memorial Tree

Members of the Slimming Club have purchased a magnolia stellata tree, in memory of Iris Lott who passed away in January 2010. The tree has been planted in the memorial garden of St Dominic Methodist Church. Iris was a founder member and secretary of the Slimming Club – she attended each week come rain or shine. Iris thought the magnolia was a very beautiful flower and we hope it will bloom perfectly in memory of a dear, lovely lady who is sadly missed by all her friends.

Parish Hall Committee

Bookings for the Parish Hall are holding up well, with income this year slightly ahead of the corresponding period last year. The hall's finances are sound. There has been no further refurbishment work done on the hall during last year. However, discussions are currently taking place within the Parish Hall committee with regard to resurfacing of the car park. Estimates are being obtained and consideration is being given to grant funding. The Hall Committee are also discussing the internal painting of the main hall and the two back rooms, also a “St Dominic Parish Hall” sign above the main entrance. Membership of the Parish Hall Management Committee is currently 10 members (from 18 not so long ago). It would be helpful if the Parish Council could appoint a permanent representative onto the Committee, as opposed to the rotating representation as at present –to help maintain continuity.

Tuesday Club – 4 May 2010

We held a minute's silence in memory of Bernard, our chairman, who has sadly died. Our speaker for the afternoon was Pam McGill who gave a most interesting and amusing talk called *A Taste of the West Country*.

We heard about Farley's Rusks, Wrigleys Chewing Gum, Rodda's Cream and Langage Farm's Ice cream, the growth of farmer's markets, shops and 'Pick your own' fruit and veg, wine and cider making and of apple juice made by our own Derek Scolfield. All very interesting.

Eunice announced that she has obtained tickets for the pantomime in Plymouth in January next year. Doesn't time fly? The raffle was won by Margaret Thresher.

What a pity we didn't have a few free samples of all the food mentioned in the talk! By the end we were all ready for our tea and biscuits.

Friends of St Dominick Church

Chairman's Report 2010

The monthly distribution of the St Dominick Diary together with the Parish News ensures that the planned activities of our Church and the local organisations are brought to the attention of some 380 households throughout the Parish. Our thanks go to Rosemary Shepherd and Winn Foweraker in ensuring that information to be published is collated and printed in time for distribution. Members of the Friends ensure delivery together with our associated members: Clare Lee, Kay Pearce, Julie Wenmoth, Sandy Prosser, Margaret Marsh, Michael Downing and Herbert Buckle.

Sadly one of our founder members, Georgie Norrish, passed away and her presence has been missed. Our fundraising activities have been well supported; the Cornwall Historic Churches coffee morning raised £321.00, half of which was forwarded to that charity. Jennifer Graham hosted a Sunday afternoon cream tea together with a picture exhibition by Sid Ashcroft, this raised £210.00 and the Pancake evening that was held in the Parish hall (a new venue) raised £401.00. Our fundraising gives us the chance to support our local school; £50.00 was donated to the Genesis school in Kenya and £50.00 for the school breakfast to purchase interactive games, and £34.00 for schoolbooks. We have also purchased a new Parish Notice Board at a cost of £140.00 and have paid for half the cost of cleaning/repairing the Church windows £310.00. £100.00 was given to the St Dominick Handbell Ringers towards the cost of purchasing extra hand bells.

Jennifer Graham continues to send out "Get Well" cards and congratulatory cards. They are much appreciated and are an important part of our activities together with that of visiting people throughout the village. We receive donations from the Parish Council, the National Trust, the Tuesday club, the Slimming Club, the St Dominick Methodist Church and also from individuals within the parish. These are much appreciated and help with the funding of our monthly costs of printing the Diary.

In closing I would like to thank every Committee member for their support this past year, together with those other members of our community, such support means that my position as Chairman is a pleasant responsibility. Next year is the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Friends, no doubt we will decide on a suitable celebration to record this milestone.

Parish Council Meeting - May 2010

This was a very short meeting because the Annual meeting was to follow. The main item was the election of a new chairman. A little different from the General Election in that all candidates gave reasons why they did not want the job. Eventually Councillor Diana Greene was duly elected with the old Chairman, Drew Potter taking the post of Vice Chairman. More news next month following the meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 2nd June at 7.30pm – all welcome

Not So Dangerous a Dog

Pete Murray of 11 Baber Court asked us to point out that a dangerous dog mentioned in a prior edition of Parish News was a Border Collie and NOT his Rottweiler\Doberman cross and which is, according to Pete, "a sappy harmless dog, that just wants to play".

St Dominick Church

John and Jenny Graham are holding a cream tea at Beech Haven (whatever the weather) on Sunday May 30th to which everyone is welcome, for the Friends of the Church. Further details are in the Diary. This year there is a Summer Lunch on Saturday June 19th in the Parish Hall from 12pm; tickets for 'Ploughmen and Pud' at £5 are now available in the Shop or from PCC Members. The Grand Raffle will be drawn at the event with many fantastic prizes for all ages. The recent Craft Fair was very successful and a record amount was made; once again the home made refreshments were extremely popular with many people coming several times.

St Dominick Handbell Fund - Help Please

I would be grateful for items for my stalls at forthcoming fetes, table-top/car boot sales etc. and require good quality bric-a-brac and costume jewellery or anything you consider saleable. However, please no glassware or books. Items may be left at the Village Post Office or handed to Di Axtell or my husband, Kevan. A big thank you (in advance) from Mary Borlase

Gardener wanted in St Dominick ...

for weeding, grass cutting, pruning shrubs and general work around garden. Ring Norma Spear on (01579) 350859.

Line Dancing

Last year the Line dancing Group started a very successful beginner's class, which runs from 6-7.30pm on Tuesday evenings at the parish hall. The experts continue to dance from 7.30-9.00pm as usual. Some of our members buy a cup of tea for 20p (inc biscuit), and this money goes to a charity when we have accumulated enough. In August 2009 we gave £100.00 to "Precious Lives"

Tenants Association of the National Trust

Not much to report. The National Trust has issued a new handbook for its tenants. If you haven't had one get in touch with Toby Fox at Cotehele. We did try to organise a social meeting at the Who'd Have Thought It but it was poorly supported. However, if you do have any problems please contact either John Doswell 351087, or Audrey Fryer 351082 and we will endeavour to help you.

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As you can see this month's edition of Parish News is full to bursting point and therefore articles have been condensed and others left out completely. The alternative was to make the print very small!

The annual reports from the Handbell Ringers and the Tower Captain, together with anything else left out, will appear in July.

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We are able to seat 8-10 people round the meal table. Children are also welcome. It is a friendly home environment that promotes harmony (hence the HOK Technique).

All proceeds will go to the Marie Curie charity. Minimum booking notice of 48 hours.

The meals are 3 courses and comprise of 5 dishes. These could be tailored to suite your tastes or dietary requirements. Please bring your own alcoholic beverages if you wish.

Special occasions, Birthdays etc. can be catered for (we can provide lunches or evening meals).

Prices: approx £15-20 per person, of course depending on the ingredients and dishes you want!

Please Note: Since this is our home, we have several pets & animals on or around the premises (cats, dogs, geese, chickens etc). If you have any allergies, please bear this in mind. We also have a big pond, so parents should exercise caution with any young children nearby.

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