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Tuesday Club. March 1st

A good crowd of over thirty met for our meeting. Chrissie, our new Chairperson gave out the notices. We then had the raffle, which was won by Brian Jones. Eunice then introduced her brother-in-law Brian Hodge. Known as Merlin the Magician. He then gave us a most interesting and amusing talk about his life as a magician. He became interested at a very early age and became a member of the Magic Circle at sixteen. After his time at university, he decided to take up magic again and has never looked back. All the time he was talking, he was performing tricks. We had tricks using silk scarves, boxes, wine glasses, cards and a beautiful white dove. Several involved 'volunteers' from the audience and all came through the ordeal unscathed. Most of us never saw or understood, how he managed to perform the tricks, particularly with the audience so close. Altogether it was a fun afternoon and we hope to see Merlin again.

April 5th - Mark Meredith - Changing Times of the Tamar Bridge

COFFEE MORNING

Norma and Albert Spear are kindly hosting a coffee morning on Saturday April 2nd at Rumah Panjang from 10.30 to 12.30. Do come and join us, there will be light refreshments as well as coffee and tea. All proceeds will be for St Dominic Church Heating Project.

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Parish Council Meeting - March

This meeting was chaired by Councillor Potter, Vice Chairman, as Councillor Greene was away. Another interminably long agenda was on the table, but Councillor Potter approached it with great determination and gusto, and we had completed the first half a dozen items without drawing breath. No members of the public, no police, no Councillor Flashman, no Chairman's report, no parish hall report (as Chairman's turn to attend).

Gritting was high on the agenda again; Councillors Spiers and Potter had met to discuss any ideas, and decided it was a highly complicated area. A pilot scheme is being tried out in the Bodmin Moor area with five parishes encouraging farmers to help. Two questions asked were "Where would the gritting start and finish? Who would decide when it needed to be done?" Comments included that it is very expensive to grit a mile and it doesn't work under 5°. Cornwall Council have called a Grit and Salt meeting at Botus Fleming which Cllrs Potter and Davis are to attend.

Richard Jackson, National Trust, has visited the allotments for the first time. Now that he knows where they are he will send a letter regarding the rents!!!!

The Council were asked to agree the BMX track for the top of the field. This was the reason for the work being done in the first place and it was agreed, with only one person voicing reservations and he was overruled. The plans will have to be better, and Councillor Davis (who is proving to be very practical) pointed out that the gradient of the sides must be suitable for cutting with a mower and not a strimmer. We are to ask for a longitudinal profile and lateral cross section. Councillor Warne was left to sort that out when he comes out of hospital, where he is having a part replaced. Everybody wishes him well and the operation has been very successful we hear - all working well. He has been made project manager. The Football Club expressed concerns about the soil being taken across the pitch to build it and also bikes being ridden off the path when gaining access.

The football club came up with a scheme which was agreed by the council, whereby the council lends them some money which they use to get a grant for a new grass cutter and shed in which to keep it. They then repay the council by cutting the grass at the top of the field as well as their own. They don't do strimming and they asked for some diesel money which didn't really get a reply. They will find it easy to get a volunteer. If anyone is interested they still need a volunteer for the tea hut. Ring Ken Harvey, although this season is nearly over now. (I don't mean to be mean to the football club because they do a lot of fundraising of their own, the matches are well attended and they do cut the pitch and surround. Also I occasionally win some money at their Bingo).

That was about all of interest, hope to see you all next month, **Wednesday 6th April 7.30, Parish Hall.**

St. Dominick Neighbourhood Watch

Our AGM has now been booked in the Parish Hall for *Wednesday April 20th at 7:30pm to 8:00pm* I look forward to meeting you all again. All are welcome and if you are not already a member this is a good opportunity to join this very worthwhile organization.

I am very pleased to report that there have not been any incidences reported this month, but the following are two warnings that I have received directly from the Police:

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STOP PRESS - Karen and Olivia would like to thank everybody who donated and supported the Tea Party for CLIC Sargent. We raised £573.87.

St Dominick WI

There was a true feeling of spring in the air when we arrived, in the Parish Hall, for our March meeting, Jo Totterdell, our own Daffodil expert, had laid out numerous bunches of these colourful flowers. Jo shared with us her knowledge of the many different varieties, some much easier to pick than others and of their history in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Flower growing was once a vibrant industry, employing thousands here in the Tamar Valley, Jo's own family, which can be traced back many generations in and around St. Dominick, were very much a part of this industry.

For those of us who originate from more urban areas, it was a real insight into country life and for the Cornish amongst us, a chance to relive childhood memories.

Winner of the Competition Cup, for competition points accumulated over the last 12 months, was Jenny Graham. To celebrate the 65th anniversary of St. Dominick WI, Ann Murphy had made a cake, appropriately decorated with Daffodils, a tasty way to round off our evening.

Our next meeting is on the 13th April when Ron Bushell will be talking to us about Photography.

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Census Return

By the time you read this you should have completed your census form but if not here is some encouragement. You might not want to do it but it is a legal requirement, if you don't do it you could be fined I believe, although I don't know of anyone who has been.

The census has been taken every ten years since 1801, apart from the war years, and currently the information is used to decide on such things such as funding for Cornwall. Apparently in 2001 26,000 people didn't respond and Cornwall lost out on 8.8million pounds.

When you fill out the form there is no need to tell lies because the information won't be made public for a hundred years, although we were able to look at some of the 1911 census last year - I don't know why. When all you've written is disclosed, about 2111, the reading will be as fascinating as the old censuses are now. Just taking 1881 as an example in the village of St Dominic some give their occupation as farmer, haydealer, waggoner, tin/copper miner, shoemaker and going down to Bohetheric we have more bargemen and limeburners. The women are dressmakers, punnet makers and work to fields to name a few. Anyway, you can look for yourselves. The earlier censuses don't give much information, the earliest you are likely to find interesting is the 1841, with the later ones being more comprehensive. Also not many proper addresses are there, no one had much mail, so it takes a bit of detective work sometimes to see where you are.

The first number in the column is not a house number, it is the census enumerator's schedule number, so don't think there were rows of houses. The enumerator had to walk around the village himself as most people didn't write much. The first name on the list for each house is the name of the head of the house, and will have "head" written. Each name down the list will state the relationship to that person eg son, daughter, visitor etc. The next column is "married or single or widowed. Don't confuse "W" widow with Wife, which will be "M" married. Some earlier censuses use son-in-law to mean step-son, so more detective work needed. Age is next, which can be rounded down to the nearest five years, then occupation. After this comes place of birth. If the place looks strange read it out loud, and it might become obvious, spelling doesn't count for much. Some census have columns at the end of deaf/ dumb/ blind, then imbecile or idiot. Not very PC.

Remember, if you are tracing your own family back that the information given is only as good as the informant, which could be the children, or anyone who answered the door, so you could find the age and place of birth given differently over the years. Occupations are likely to change a bit, just as they are now.

St.Dominick Neighbourhood Watch continued:

- 1) Police believe that due to the number of portable generators in use in the lambing season, they will be targeted by thieves. In fact one report has already been received of such a theft. We ask all of you to be on your guard relating to the security of any portable equipment.
- 2) We are asking for both businesses and residents to continue to be vigilant given the recent reports of Fuel and Heating Oil thefts in our area. With recent increases in the price of fuel and heating oil these have become very attractive to thieves. It is recommended that regular checks are made on containers holding Oil and Fuel, and where possible, extra security measures are considered such as alarmed padlocks, a tank cage etc. Please report any suspicious activity you see and if possible take notes of descriptions and vehicle registration numbers. Please phone us with any information on 08452 777 444

St Dominic School News

Looking at the School's diary for the last two months, it is interesting to note the many different activities that help to bring the curriculum alive for pupils. For instance, there has been a visit to Trewortha Farm on Bodmin Moor, to learn more about the Bronze Age; a Hindu lady visited on World Book Day, complete with costumes for dressing-up; older pupils have been enjoying musical workshops with a member of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra; children visited Plymouth Pavilions to see "Horrible Histories", (funded by the PTA); and also visited St Dominic Chapel as part of their "Special Buildings" topic.

On the sporting and PE side, swimming (part of all Primary Schools' curriculum) has begun again at St Mellion, and St Mellion are also providing a teacher to deliver a short course of golfing lessons. Joely Bytheway, Hannah Chapman and Daisy Channings were selected for the County Cross Country Trials, whilst the netball season ended with a flourish with a 13-0 win against Pensilva. New school sports kits have been kindly sponsored by Mr & Mrs Maciver-Redwood, of Hays Farm.

Other school events include a special Pancake Day menu, multi-skills festival at Callington, and fund raising on Red Nose Day.

The final total for the Winter Warmer lunch, £303, has been forwarded to St Dominic PCC to support the "Children's Corner" project. Once again, some children will be participating in the Mothering Sunday Service at St Dominick Church at 10.00 on Sunday April 3rd. It is always a joy to see children making such a significant contribution to the service – please come – everyone is very welcome!

The School is again collecting Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers; these may be handed into the office – Thank you!

The school is holding an Easter Fete on Thursday 7th April at St Dominick Village Hall from 3pm, there will be stalls, refreshments, children's games and an Easter Egg Treasure Hunt. Everyone is welcome – come along and join in the fun whilst raising funds for the school.

The Easter Holidays are Monday 11th April to Monday 25th April; the school will also be closed for the Royal Wedding on Friday 29th April 2011. Happy Easter to all.

Salt and Grit meeting

Cllrs Davis and Potter attended the Salt and grit meeting at Botus Fleming hall called by Cornwall Council. The bottom line seems to be that the Council is doing all it can do with the resources available. Their policy is to keep the main roads open. When that has been accomplished they try to grit one road into each village. (Gritting bus routes is a thing of the past). Parishes need to decide on the best place to put grit bins and keep them filled. As far as farmers are concerned, whilst snow ploughs can run on red diesel, tractors used for towing a spreader can't, unless there is special dispensation, which might prove to be highly inconvenient at short notice. What is actually spread on the road has to be "highways approved". Remember when people used to put their ashes on the path? I think the general feeling at the meeting was that self help is the way forward. Potter, Spiers and Davis are to meet to discuss this before the next Parish Council meeting.

*****Cotehele's First Walking Festival 15-17th April 2011 – Contact 01579 351346 for further details or see www.stdompc.co.uk*****

St Dominick Garden Club

We had our first meeting of 2011 – a superb talk about the history and restoration of The Lost Gardens of Heligan. Peter Lavis peppered his talk with personal observations, lots of unusual photographs and put everything into its fascinating historical context. If you missed it, look out for his talk in 2012 about the stories of the 20 gardeners who were working at Heligan on the eve of World War 1. Our next evening entitled "Plants & Paraphernalia" will be on 27 April. (Parish Hall, 7.30pm £3 or £2.50 if over 60.)