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Entries for the **St Dominick
Diary** should be sent to:
Rosemary Shepherd
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month

A new approach for a new year

Thank you to everyone who has spoken to the Editors
about how you would like to see the contents of Parish
News change.

You have asked us to make it more punchy and interesting
and to cover a broader range of topics so that it appeals to
more people including our younger readers. So we will be
trying out lots of your ideas in future editions.

We have been told that everyone already knows that every
meeting in the village must include tea and biscuits - and
that it would only be newsworthy if none were served.

This edition makes a start at addressing some of your
comments.

Like it? Loathe it? Email your comments to:

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St.Dominick Neighbourhood Watch

I hope you all had a good Christmas with lots of lovely presents.
But how did you dispose of the cardboard boxes?

We are all aware that it is not a good idea to throw our old
letters or anything with personal details into the rubbish bin,
unless they are shredded first, or better still burnt, but what
about those cardboard boxes that all your presents came in?
Most of us put them outside our property for the recycling
service to take away, but please remember, it is as good as an
inventory of all the new possessions you have in your
property...I'm not saying don't recycle your old boxes; what I
am saying is **be careful how you fold them**, that's all it takes.
Just make sure the details of what the boxes once contained are
not on view to would be burglars. Help keep crime rates down
and protect your valuables.

Wishing all readers a happy and crime free 2011.

Do not give hints to burglars!!!

Barn Dance - 26 February

Come and enjoy an evening of dance, the Celtic Capers will be
providing the music and caller for a Barn Dance on February
26th in the Parish Hall at 7.30. Tickets are £7, to include a Pasty
snack, and will be available from the shop and PCC members.
Soft drinks will be available. The proceeds are for St Dominic
Church Heating Project.

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St.Dominick Football Club Report

We have had a good start to the first half of the season.

The first team - all players from the surrounding area -
are managed by enthusiastic Paul Blatchford and are
currently top of the 1st Division of the East Cornwall
Premier League.

The Second team - a young side managed by Dave
Bishop - are also performing well and are currently
close to the top of Division 1 of the Duchy League.

The Club is run by a hard working committee who all
pull together to make the Club successful. One of our
most popular fund raising events is the monthly Bingo
Evening which is held on **the last Thursday of every
month** at the Who'd Have Thought It, so if anyone
wants a good evening out, come along and join us.

St. Dominick W.I. report for January

Just when we thought that the festivities were over and
that the low calorie days had begun, along comes
Rosemary Slee and her wonderful assistant Jean, to give
us a demonstration of how to prepare, a variety of,
"Canapés and Cocktail Food".

As Rosemary stirred, blended and cooked, she
entertained us with amusing tales of her family's
Christmas, teenage boys, "Man Flu," a moulting dog
and disagreements with her Sat-Nav.

Each completed plate of Canapés was immediately
passed around and eaten, as she moved on to her next
recipe, meaning, there was no grand display at the end
of the evening, just a collection of crumbs.

An excellent start to our 2011 programme, the only
thing missing was a good bottle of Champagne

Don't fall for this con!

BEWARE if someone calls you offering to sell you a
device to reduce your energy bills by 40% over a 12
month period, especially if they request £99 and ask for
your bank details. Stay alert!!

Why was our salt bin not re-filled?

Highways Service replied as follows:

"Thank you for your email reference the salt bin in St
Dominick, I can confirm that we have added this to our
list to be refilled. Although the main access road into St
Dominick is not part of the Precautionary Salting
Network we do endeavour to salt secondary routes into
villages during long periods of cold weather and I can
confirm that gangs were deployed to St Dominick when
resources allowed."

St Dominic Slimming Club

Slimming Club ended 2010 on a high with a celebratory Christmas dinner for members, family and friends. All enjoyed Shirley's traditional turkey/beef roast with all the trimmings followed by Christmas pudding, trifle, cheese, biscuits and mints.

Betty thanked members, presented gifts to club members and thanked everyone for continuing to support us. Betty, our Chairlady, was thanked for her continued hard work & enthusiasm and presented with a Christmas gift from club members. Everyone received a lucky dip gift from Santa's box.

We will be arranging a special evening shortly to raise funds to help the Cornish little boy who lost limbs from meningitis – details will follow shortly – please support us for this worthwhile charity.

We could do with some new members. Anyone interested in meeting weekly, please join us. We are not too serious about losing weight, although we do keep an eye on gains and losses. We are totally serious about helping various charities that are close to our hearts and our meetings consist of having a gossip, a good laugh, refreshments and organising our next charitable event. So do come along – you do not need to be dieting or even weigh-in if you would prefer not to – all welcome. We will re-convene on 10 February at 7.30pm at the Methodist school room.

The Festivities Group...

would like to thank so many of you braving some atrocious weather and coming to the Parish Hall on Friday December 3rd to see the annual lights being switched on - the Parish Christmas Tree came alive with a mass of twinkling lights at 6.30 that evening having been turned most professionally by Alfie and Harry Doney with a fantastic switch invented by Mark Behennah.

It was a good and happy evening with carols around the Christmas Tree accompanied by organist Darren Jane. Mulled wine and mince pies followed in the Hall with a lovely concert given to us by the Parish Hand Bell Ringers. We hope a fine time was had by all.

Thanks to :everyone who gave their time and their donations freely; Burcome Hualage for sponsoring the tree; local farmers for scaffolding and tarpaulin to make a stage and their valuable time fetching and erecting the magnificent tree, and then hanging around for three hours hauling us up to its top in their tractor so that we could decorate it with as many lights as we could muster; parishioners for donating funds to pay for the hire of the Hall, the Autumn show for its donation; Alan and Nina Cox at the Village Shop for hosting a raffle for a hamper and a toy dog; the Hand Bell Ringers who provided some Christmas atmosphere; the PTA for providing refreshments for the children and the hot pasties; the Parish Councillors for the mince pies, and others came with their stalls and of course you all who came to see the spectacle and give support with your company and your cheer, and for that we thank you all. Our next activity will be something for the Royal Wedding - watch this space for detail

Friends of Tamar Valley

This is a very new venture and we need people with a passion for the Tamar Valley to come and join us so that we can all get to know and love the area even better.

We meet at the Tamar Valley Centre on the first Friday of the month at 7.30pm. Non-members welcome.

To give you a flavour our next 2 talks are on 4 February when our own Glyn Berrington will talk to us about Bees in Orchards, and 4 March when Sue Allen will tell us all about "The History and Development of the Garden House" – an illustrated talk with slides and a virtual tour of the famous gardens at Buckland Monochorum.

To join the Friends of Tamar Valley the cost is £15.00 per couple, and £8 for a single person, with members paying £1.00 per meeting, non members £2.00.

If you would like more details, please contact the Chairman, John Chilvers on 01752 339637 jandc.chilvers@tiscali.co.uk ,

EDITOR'S NOTE – Sorry we could not fit the whole article into the newsletter.

To read the rest of it, visit www.stdompo.co.uk

Some local council news etc:

Cornwall Council has launched its on-line petition facility at www.freepetition.co.uk/cornwall/

(EDITOR'S NOTE – it's a pity the person walking around the village last week getting us all to sign the Road Gritting petition did not know about this)

There is now a monthly report from the Cornwall Council Caradon Community Network detailing the work of the community network and local Cornwall Councillors.

Rush to read it at: www.stdompo.co.uk

And for those who have grown out of Fireman Sam books: The latest edition of Beyond Cover, 24 page newsletter of the Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service, is now available for you.

Yes you guessed it: www.stdompo.co.uk

Adverts- which adverts do we include?

We fit in what we can, but cannot guarantee inclusion in any edition. Priority will be given to anything based in this Parish. We also take seasonality into consideration Various sizes (per schedule of charges below) can be requested – but we try to limit the space allocated to advertising to one side of A4 (the rest of the newsletter must be given over to stories of local interest). Therefore, to squeeze more in, we reserve the right to make the adverts smaller – you pay for the size that is printed.

Advertising Costs: ½ page £10.00, ¼ page £5.00, those falling between the previous two sizes £7.50, ⅓ 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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Parish Council Report – December Meeting

A very long meeting. No members of the public present- so that session was mercifully short.

Bob, our PCSO, reported there had been no crime again but he warned us all to be wary of our domestic heating oil being stolen and also our catalytic convertors are apparently appealing to thieves, so beware.

County Councillor's Report - not received - Councillor Flashman absent again - Diana supposed he was frantically busy.

The Chairman's Report - mainly to do with salt bins and the Christmas festivities group arrangements.

At this meeting the precept (the money the parish council receive to spend on their parish) for next year had to be decided, and it was agreed to allow £150 - £200 for a second dog poo bin. Hopefully this includes the cost of emptying it regularly – the siting of it was undecided.

Cornwall Council Community Chest fund has £500 which St Dominic is invited to apply for towards salt bins and letters of support are asked for from the community.

Salt bins and gritting took up ages and ages. The subject is much more complicated than you would ever imagine. As I understand it you have to put the salt/grit into bins, because otherwise it washes away. You can't put the bins just where you like, sometimes the verges are private and also there are health and safety issues. If someone is paid to grit the road they can be sued if they miss a bit. Some people pinch the grit from grit bins, and whose grit is it anyway? Also grit bins won't cover every road between Halton Quay and Ashton. Councillors were despatched to see if they could find farmers willing/able to store bags of salt if necessary. As well, snow can't be treated in the same way as ice, and beneath a certain temperature nothing works anyway. Don't forget that the more salt bins there are the more your council tax could go up.

Councillor Potter had attended the Parish Hall meeting and reported it was well used and the finances were good.

There had been some applications to rent an allotment at Furzedon but the council were unable to proceed until an agreement had been reached with the National Trust (the owners) regarding the rent. Debbie (our clerk) is to contact them again, also she is to try to get a tree preservation order put on Hunter's oak.

Come to the meeting in February and give your opinion. Always the first Wednesday in the month at the Parish Hall.

St Dominick Parish History Corner

Extracts from the rather interesting diaries of Thomas Owen Rogers.....

Calstock Parish Archive has been given a number of small but very interesting diaries which were written by Owen Rogers who lived at what is now Squirrel Cottage in St Dominic. As well as recording his daily routine, a lot of which is repetitive, he also made notes on events in the village at that time. He started working for Mr Square, who was the vicar, in 1920 and remained with him until his death in 1934. He also played the Church organ commencing in 1927.

Jan 18th 1932 is recorded as first day of Mr Square's illness, with two nurses attending him, Nurse Norbury and Nurse Weale. He was taken to St Barnabas hospital, returning on 20th, and Mr Rogers records doing his first injection for Mr Square on Saturday April 23rd! This was a very busy week for them as they also had to interview the prospective new headteacher, Miss Laycock, who "commenced duties June 1st", and exciting because "Buses to Saltash and Callington commenced running via St Dominic".. Wednesday December 12th: Mr Square taken worse at School Managers' meeting in evening.

Saturday 15th December 1934: Heavy showers. Mr Square passed away at 10.30 p.m. age 74. Took Nurse Stevens to Callington at 9.30a.m. Took Dr Square to Saltash to meet 3.27 train. Fetched Reverend Rycroft from Callington at 5.45p.m. and went to Church with him in the evening. Went to (snooker) hall after and Callington after Nurse Stevens. (Football) team beat Harrowbarrow 2-1.

.....to be continued next month

St Dominic School News

After a sudden, snowy end to the Autumn term, Christmas was "postponed" until 12th January when we had our Christmas lunch, followed by the Christmas party in the afternoon! Otherwise, term has started smoothly, with the transition of St Dominic and St Mellion Schools into an official Federation – only the second such one in Cornwall.

Over the past year, we have seen the benefits of sharing staff, resources, curriculum strengths and specialisms, although budgets remain separate.

We now have a joint Governing Body of 18 Governors, whilst those who wished to take a "step back", are able to become "Associate" Governors. Over the past few weeks, 7 new full time children have joined the school, together with 7 part-time Early Years children. Numbers now stand at 61, enabling us to retain our 3 classes. Mrs Childs-Garner (Class 3 teacher) has found a new post nearer to her home, but Mrs Cooper, who had covered her maternity leave, has agreed to continue on a full-time basis, so we are delighted to welcome her as a permanent staff member.

Swimming lessons for the whole school have started again, at St Mellion Golf and Country Club, along with inter-school Cross Country and Netball matches. Also, if you hear usual noises emanating from school, it's after-school drumming lessons - some parents may live to regret this!

A Date for your Diaries! - our pupils will be helping St Dominick Church's current fund-raising campaign, by raising money towards provision of a "Children's Corner" in Church. They will be providing homemade soup, bread rolls and a dessert, in the Parish Hall – a "Winter Warmer" lunch for the bargain price of £4! PLEASE NOTE THE DATE – Friday 18th FEBRUARY, between 12.00 and 1.30pm – there will also be a raffle. Tickets are available from Jo Totterdell (350656), Di Axtell (350006) or the school office (350581). Please come and help to support both the school and the Church!!