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Parish News

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This issue was edited by Elizabeth Gill. Articles for next month should be sent to our E-mail address: - ourparishnews@googlemail.com or given to Alan Cox at the Post Office no later than 17th July.

PLEASE NOTE - entries for the **St. Dominick Diary** should be sent to Rosemary Shepherd Tel: 350489 by 17th of each month.

Parish Council Meeting June 2009

This is not the official version - for a full record of the meeting contact the Clerk

The June meeting was very short, as it was followed by the Annual Parish Meeting, where invited representatives from around the parish gave reports from their organisations. Attending were:

Joe Lawrence (National Trust and Parish News)

Betty Behennah (Methodist Church)

Jack Spiers (Morris Dancers)

Jo Totterdell (St Dominic School)

Molly Coombes (Slimming Club)

Mike Striplin (St Dominic F.C.)

Robin Woods (Handbell Ringers)

Julie Wenmoth (Autumn Show and Line Dancers)

Ann Murphy (St Dominic WI)

Rosemary Shepherd (Friends of St Dominic Church)

Mary Scofield (SODITT)

Bob Yates (PCSO)

Apologies were received from the Representatives of the Parish Hall and the Tuesday Club.

The Parish Council Chairman, Drew Potter, thanked those who had given time to the parish in the last year. The Parish Council had been successful in obtaining a grant from Caradon Council for £5000, which had been used to extend the play area by the school and to install a "child proof" gate.

Work was continuing on the grant applications and planning with regard to the top of the playing field. A lot has already been done. The plans to put a lay-by on the Church/Post office corner are also in hand. The landowner and the tenant have agreed in principle to release the land, and Cornwall Highways are not against the idea. A survey will now take place and then funding will have to be found.

Imminently the bus shelter is to be painted and revamped. A rail is to be put inside, like a chicken perch, for parishioners to rest back on whilst they wait for the bus, but they will not be able to lie down. They must go home for that!

The PCSO reported two crimes again. I think they were something to do with a dog and some garden furniture. Unfortunately he had to leave before answering a question from the Council.

The meeting was then passed to the organisations. The next meeting is on Wednesday 1st July at 7.30 at the Parish Hall. If you have never been inside this would be a good opportunity to have a look. All welcome.

ST DOMINIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL FETE

Friday JULY 3rd at 3pm



Do come and join the fun at this annual event in the Parish Hall and on the field. There will be plenty of stalls and games to keep everyone happy come rain or shine. The Grand Draw will be held during the afternoon with many fantastic prizes, it will be the last chance to buy your tickets. Cream teas and cakes will be available as well as a barbecue.





St Dominic Autumn Show



In 2008 the Autumn Show was held in September, and Mrs Bridget King, who was a teacher for many years at the school, until her retirement last year, presented prizes. Entries in the fruit and vegetable classes have been down for two years, mainly due to the poor summer weather, so we are hoping for better things this year. We are also hoping for a stronger entry in the flower arranging section. I'm not sure if the WI teaches that sort of thing any more, but we live in hope! Last year there was a new trophy awarded for Junior Floral Art in memory of Mrs Violet Batten and this year we have another - The Francis and Ethel Steer memorial given by their family for the Most Points in the Cut Flower Section.

There was an unexpected hitch last year when Callington School stopped printing the schedules, but this year Alan Cox (Post Office) is using his new printer, purchased by him, for the Parish News.

The Classes remain much the same. Every year there are minor alterations, depending on the responses we have had previously, and we are always open to suggestions. Sometimes we can't take up ideas because of practicalities such as lack of space. Also, for example, someone suggested we auction off the entries for charity this year, but on speaking to other show committees we decided against it, as people are always trying to leave at the end and the cooking etc is bought by children on the whole, for pence.

Last year we were very grateful to all the judges, who gave their time, including Pauline Stone and Irene Poad from the village. This year Mrs Poad has agreed to judge again, and Kelly Doney, again living locally, will judge the art. Thanks as well to Rosemary Shepherd and Audrey Fryer for arranging the judges' lunches.

We really depend on the general public to keep the show alive. Usually about 70-80 people enter, some just one item, some in excess of 20, but they all help to make the show a place to visit and meet friends. Admission is only £1.00 with children entering free of charge. Refreshments are available. We really need the support as this pays to put the show on and to date we have always been lucky with this.

See you all on 12th September 2009

Tuesday Club

Two reports this month. On May 5th Bernard welcomed about 30 members before introducing Pamela McGill as the speaker. Her subject was 'Historic Plymouth' for which she was well qualified having been an official city guide for many years. We were led with a most interesting and informative commentary and a series of coloured slides through the city from The Hoe to The Barbican. Trips to Plymouth will now be more enjoyable and interesting for our visitors.

At the next meeting on 2nd June we heard that our oldest member, Georgie Norish, aged 90 years had died and a two minute silence was held.

Eunice then took the names of those people wishing to go to the Pantomime - 'Aladdin' at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday 6th January. Then, before moving onto the entertainment it was noted that the Quiz Team that represented the club at the PTA quiz night last month came a creditable 6th out of sixteen teams.

Barbara Pine, a member of the S.E, Cornwall Accordion Club Band, then gave an enjoyable mixture of music and songs. Some members joined in with the percussion instruments that she gave out. Everyone had a good time that ended with a very welcome cup of tea and chat.



Post Election Note:-

Robin Woods would like to thank all those who voted for him in the election on June 4th. The result was NOT as reported in the Western Morning News, as Robin polled 343 votes, which was almost 22% of the votes cast, and was the second-best vote share of the 12 UKIP candidates who stood in SE Cornwall. Just for the record, UKIP polled 23.62% of the votes cast in the Euro election in Cornwall.

St Dominic School News

Our half-termly family Service on 17 May, well supported by parishioners, parents and 21 children, celebrated *The International Year of the Child*. During Mr Watson's address, pictures of our link-school in Kenya were shown, including the damaged roof which was blown off by storms – the collection raised nearly £100 towards its repair. At the end, Mr Watson and Mrs Axtell (Churchwarden) presented a bouquet of flowers to the Headteacher Mrs Biddle, in recognition of all her work in enhancing church and school links, especially by the introduction of these half-termly school services.



As well as the important business of SATS and Optional SATS for years 2-6, there have been other activities, including raising £40 for Children's Hospice South West by wearing wellies to school for a whole day – staff also! Later in May, "National Walk to School Week" helped to keep children fit and 'go green' at the same time. The Netball team eventually finished 4th out of 10 in their league, which was a big improvement on 2008's last place. A special mention should go to Molly Bytheway, our

Captain, who was awarded the accolade of *Most Improved Player* in the league!

We have had an African culture day, with Abi from Nigeria - featuring stories, songs and dances, which will continue as an African workshop after-school club this term.

We are all very proud that we have been awarded '*Foundation Level International School*' status, in recognition of our links with Kenya, our Twinning activities and our collaboration with other schools. Miss Winfindale has been instrumental in collating all the information necessary and has worked very hard to achieve this very special award.

We have finally secured a F.A. grant which will enable us to complete work on the playground at long last – this grant was first applied for about five years ago and at one point was sent to another 'St Dominic School' in London!

Finally, **would you please collect your used stamps for the school** – they will help to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

ST DOMINIC PARISH HALL

Following last month's reminder, I repeat **"Don't forget that the Parish Hall belongs to you, and is available to hire for your meetings, parties etc"**. There are people in the parish who have never been inside, and might not be aware that it will hold over 100 people. The kitchen has two cookers, fridge, an electric urn that provides constant boiling water for tea, coffee etc. and enough crockery and cutlery for the 100. There is no regular booking for Monday evenings since the Aikido Club disbanded, so if you were thinking of starting anything locally this could be your chance. The hall needs to maintain its income so please consider it when planning your children's party etc. Any enquiries Di Axtell, Chairman, Glen Renshaw, Vice Chairman or booking clerk
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W.I. Report

Did you see a group of ladies in the car park of the Parish Hall one evening in June, wandering up and down holding pieces of stick or rods in their hands? Did you wonder what on earth they were doing? These were the ladies of our WI practising the craft of dowsing under the guidance of our speaker, Alan Neal. Many of our members were successful almost at once, while others needed more help, but most succeeded in finding water, before we went back inside, glad of a hot cup of tea to warm us up.

Before we went outside the Hall, we had a talk and demonstration, with Alan finding water in two places under the Hall, one being 112 ft underground. Alan has been a dowser for 25 years, first as a hobby, which later became his job. He has dowsed for everything from water to lost pets, keys, geopathic stress and mine shafts. His talk and demonstration was so fascinating that we were still at the Hall drinking tea and asking questions long after we would normally have gone home, some of us enquiring about the courses which Alan runs to teach dowsing, with some of our members being interested in taking part.

Before our President Ann Murphy opened the business part of the evening, she asked us to keep silence for a few moments in remembrance of one of our founder members, Georgie Norish, whose funeral some of us had attended that afternoon. Di Axtell then reported on the AGM, which she attended as the representative of our Group. Ann reminded members of their chance of winning the Bursary to attend Denman College, and the items needed for the demonstration and hands-on of Modern Flower Arranging in July, which are listed in our Programme.

We met, we married a long time ago
He worked long hours, wages were low.
No telly, no radio, no bath, times were hard,
Just cold water tap and a walk up the yard.
No holidays abroad, no carpets on floors,
We had coal on the fire, and we never locked doors.
Our children arrived, no pills in those days
But we brought them up without State aids.
No valium, no drugs, no LSD.
We cured our pains with a nice cup of tea.
If you were sick you were treated at once
Not fill in a form and “come back next month”.
No vandals, no muggings – we had nowt to rob!
In fact you were rich with a couple of bob.
People were happier in those far off days,
Kinder, more caring in so many ways.
Milkmen and paper boys would whistle and sing,
And a night at the ‘Flicks’ was a wonderful thing.
Oh! We had our troubles, we had our strife,
But we just had to face them – that was life.
But now I’m alone, I look back through the years,
I don’t think of the bad times, the troubles and tears
I remember the blessings, our home, kids and love.
We shared them together, and I thank God above.

The Drought of 1893

In 1893 February was very wet, but then there were only two inches of rain in the next ten weeks until the middle of June. It was also very sunny with high temperatures, which meant the fruit and vegetables were in some cases six weeks early. (No glasshouses in those days). Gooseberries and asparagus were harvested in March and Lilies of the Valley were in flower at the same time. Strawberries were ripe in April, raspberries in May and cherries in June. On Primrose Day, 19th April, when primroses were traditionally picked they had all finished! Winter Oats were cut by the farmers before Midsummer and the hay harvest was negligible. However, as usual, after temperatures of 90o before the 22nd June, “beautiful rain” and unsettled weather came to the rescue on the 26th and we didn’t all starve after all.