

Parish News

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St Dominick Garden Club

There may have been 13 of us but we were incredibly lucky with the weather for our visit to Bolts Quarry Farm on 10th May. This visit, to a wonderful private garden - which was open to the public for just one day, under the National Gardens Scheme, with all proceeds going to charity - was inspirational.



We shared a wonderful picnic in the pond garden - and ate far too much! The garden, created in a former quarry, in the heart of Bodmin Moor, with a view of the River Camel in the distance, was an oasis of bluebells in the warm sunshine. Somehow, we managed to cram all the plants we had purchased into our cars.

Molly - thanks for suggesting this visit - it was a great day out. Jackie (Molly's daughter) - thanks for letting us share your garden for a few hours.

CRAFT FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported the craft fair at the Church this year, either in the craft fair itself, or by having their coffee, lunch etc there. The takings were very, very marginally down, which, considering the current economical climate, can be considered a successful outcome. Look forward to seeing you all later, on the 5th, 6th and 7th of November.

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½ page £10.00, ¼ page £5.00, those falling between the previous two sizes £7.50, ⅛ 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.

Cheques payable to St Dominick Parish Council.

St. Dominick WI Report

There have been many television programmes recently on the plight of the honeybee throughout the world, but there is nothing better than a question and answer session with an expert like Sue Malcolm, the Cornwall Beekeepers Education Officer. Ann Murphy, our President, welcomed Sue, members, and visitors who had come especially to hear Sue.

Using slides, Sue showed us the life cycle of the main enemy, the Varroa Mite. Not only are they huge parasites, but also, by puncturing the skin of the bee, allow the entry of bacteria and fungi, which attack the bees. Beekeepers are now trying to produce 'hygienic' bees by coating them in sugar solution or icing sugar. The bees then groom each other to remove the sugar, at the same time removing the varroa mites, which drop off and fall through a mesh to let the beekeepers then destroy them. There is also a likelihood that bees are affected by pesticides.

Sue said that the money recently announced for research was coming from a variety of sources, but more money from the Government was needed to learn how to prevent bee colony death. Sara thanked sue for her talk and illustration, and then Ann asked members to vote on the Resolution - To call on Her Majesty's Government to provide further funds for bee research –which was passed unanimously.

During business, Ann reported on the Group Meeting held at Harrowbarrow WI, where we made 7 points, with Win gaining 1st prize for the Cottage loaf. We had also had a successful afternoon on Sunday, 26th April, when members and local people came together to a "Litter Pick-Up" round the Parish, with six large bags being collected. The volunteers agreed that, if we did another in the future, we would do it earlier in the year, before the nettles grew so tall! After our cups of tea and biscuits, we enjoyed "Our own Desert Island Discs" listening to the reasons that members had chosen their discs and the memories they evoked.

Next month Alan Neal will join us with his talk and demonstration of "Dowsing and Ley Lines", visitors welcome - £3, refunded if you join. We look forward to seeing you.



WIN A FREE HOLIDAY?

Well, not really but if this headline has attracted your attention then the Editors of the Parish News would like to tell you that this is Edition No 74 – which means that we have been going since August 2002.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK - Is it useful? Do you read it? What would you like to see included? It would be a great help to the Editors if you could let them know your views. You can do this simply by emailing ourparishnews@googlemail.com or by handing a note to Alan at the Post Office.

Money Saving and Recycling

I have tried to find money saving tips from around the parish to help you all, with limited success. I have been told that when you cut a cabbage, sweetheart or spring, from your patch, cut a cross in the stump in the ground, and more small cabbages will grow. I have not tested this as mine never grow and it is cheaper to buy one!!

As there is currently a shortage of allotments someone suggested that they might rent out their garden. Ask around if interested.

The only other food saving tip is to make your belt a bit tighter when you sit down for a meal and you won't eat as much and the last of the readership contributions is "Take your wife's car keys away to save petrol".



Remember that for "over 60s" bus travel is free.

The Saltash Tip is there for those items that can't be recycled. It is on past Waitrose, on the left, is open from 9 – 6 every day, Sundays included. You are no longer permitted to bring home stuff from the tip, but that is the modern way, and no excuse not to go there! Roadside tipping is illegal and you will be fined.

There has been a lot of confusion over recycling, particularly plastic. I have received a detailed explanation from Cornwall Council which is too lengthy to write here, but basically any plastic in the form of a bottle can be recycled, with their lids removed (if the lids are left on the bottles might not squash into bales properly and leave "damaging air pockets"; also they might well be of a different plastic). Any plastic items NOT in a bottle shape, e.g. margarine tubs, yoghurt pots, plastic trays, plastic film, flower pots cannot be recycled. These are made from different substances, such as polystyrene, polypropylene and mixed plastics, currently not recyclable here.

ST DOMINIC PARISH HALL

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.

If you have an enquiry please contact Di Axtell (Chairman), Glen Renshaw (vice chairman) or the booking clerk 01579 350776.

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St. Dominick Neighbourhood Watch:

The sixteenth Neighbourhood Watch Annual General Meeting was held in the Chapel Hall on April 21st. We had an attendance of eleven Co-ordinators and one member. As we held our meeting a little later this year several of our co-ordinators were on holiday or otherwise engaged which was unfortunate, but hopefully we will achieve a better attendance in the October meeting.

In our meeting, John Doswell, who is a pilot and has built his own plane, gave an interesting account of his work with 'Skywatch', which might be described as an aerial version of 'Neighbourhood Watch'. He gave us a brief insight into the importance of aerial surveillance and its wide-reaching use.

We are very fortunate in as much as the crime rate in our village is very low, and much of this is due to NHW and the good work that our volunteers put into it, so keep it up everyone.

Big Tidy-Up BIG THANK YOU!

I would like to say a Big Thank You to the nine people who joined me in the Big Tidy-Up on Sunday 26th April, clearing our Parish roadsides and paths of litter; Alison, Di, Judy, Sarah, James, Julie, Sandy, Lynn and Dennis,. When the bags were collated together they came to six Very Full Large bags of rubbish, plus two pieces that wouldn't even fit in bags. Next year we intend to do this earlier in April and hope to have more people along to make lighter work and cover more of the area. Ann (St. Dominick WI)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MAY 2009

This month's meeting was quite uneventful. There were no members of the public attending, nor any prospective One Cornwall Councillors. Olive and Kate will now be in different wards, if they are standing again. Some Councillors expressed concern that we were now linked with Kelly Bray, as a ward, seemingly having nothing in common with the place, but they looked a bit blank when told they had previously been linked with Landrake. I don't think some had ever stopped there.

As reported last month the first item on the agenda was "Election of Officers". The Chairman and Vice Chairman were re-elected unanimously. The Chairman stated that this was to be his last year, and suggested that when people are elected to the council it should be put to them that they, in time, might consider taking their turn in "Office", becoming vice chairman, then chairman. They gave him that DYMM look (Do You Mean Me?), except for Councillor Spiers, who being vice chairman considered he had done his turn at Chairman and was definitely on the way down, not up!! The older ones have all done a turn in the past. However, they did broadly agree with him, except Councillor Wenmoth did think it might put younger people off becoming councillors.

A "thank you" letter was received from Retiring County councillor Tony Nettle who is not standing for re-election. There was no planning this month.

We have not received the letter from the Council, which had been requested, asking for proper planning guidance. The chairman had visited the "One Stop Shop" in Callington and asked about planning. They told him to look it up on the internet, and if he still wanted to see a planning officer to go to Liskeard! There will be a benefits officer there once a month, on a Wednesday, from 10.00 – 1.00.

The paint has arrived for the bus shelter and Councillor Chapman offered his children as labourers to do the pressure washing. Are Councillor Warne's boys now relegated to supervisors? A letter had been received from Highways, to say that, in time, they will attend to all lumps, bumps etc. and to ask who owns the ground and trees at the Ashton turning which are causing concern. The clerk will tell them that they do.

The next meeting will be at **7.00** on June 3rd. It will be short, followed by the Parish Meeting when all the groups and societies in the parish will be invited to talk about their activities.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Under the Freedom of Information Act it is the duty of every public authority to adopt and maintain a public scheme. The Information Commissioners Office is changing the emphasis in the approval and operation of publication schemes to a generic model which the Parish Council made a declaration of intent to formally adopt the publication scheme at its meeting held on 15th December 2008. The clerk is now busy gathering the information in order to write this new policy which will be publicised shortly on the website and in the newsletter.

At the moment the parish council makes much of the information that the ICO has highlighted in the publications scheme available on request (fee of charge) however, if there is any specific information that you require then please contact the clerk on 01579 340563 or on email: tattersallv@aol.com

The type of information that the ICO is requesting includes:

- * *Who we are and what we do*
- * *What we spend and how we spend it*
- * *What are our priorities and how are we doing*
- * *How we make decisions*
- * *Our policies and procedures*
- * *Lists and registers*
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With the 2008-2009 snooker and billiards season come to a conclusion, all St Dominick teams can look back on a good season.

In snooker, the 'A' team made up of Ian Hunn, Gary Hughes, Andy Pearce, Chris Bond and Simon Fitze won the Premier division by 7 points to their arch rivals Dobwalls. The 'B' team made up of Darren Hunn, Martyn Searle, Martin Hunn, Dave Jones and Robin 'Beano' Behennah held their own in the premier league finishing in a very respectable 6th position. In the cup the 'A' team got to the final but could not overcome Looe Social 'A'. A highlight of the season was the ever improving performances of Martin Hunn, and this was shown as he got 'Outstanding Youth Player' in all the leagues.

In billiards, the 'A' made up of Arthur Tink, Mike Searle and Ian Hunn won the league and were runners up in the Handicap League. Ian Hunn had another superb season and this was shown against Dave Clue in the individual final which he triumphed comfortably. The 'B' team made up of Darren Hunn, Martin Hunn, Viv Searle and Martyn Searle got to the final of the knockout cup but were defeated 2-0 by Lostwithiel. Congratulations to Darren Hunn as he knocked his first ever 100 break after years of practise. This came against county champion Chris Mitchell.

In the St Germans Billiards League the team made up of Mike Searle, Arthur Tink and Ivan Craddick had an average season with the only medal coming from the knockout cup but unfortunately it was only the runner up medal. Now with the season all finished, practise is now in process?!?!?!?

Victory hall contains 2 full size tables with 20 pence being paid for a 15 minute light. Membership for the hall is £15 for an over 18 and £5 for a junior with 12 being the start age for juniors. For more details on membership and any other enquires please don't be afraid to contact Darren Hunn on 01579 350309/01822 613697(work) or Drew Potter on 01579 350776.



The Autumn Show

Although it is only the beginning of June, now is the time when you could (should) be preparing for the Autumn Show, which this year will be held on Saturday 12th September in the Parish Hall.

As usual there will be classes for everyone, gardening, cookery, flower arranging, pot plants, needlework, woodwork, art, adult and junior. If you have something to enter we can probably fit it into a class.

As always, it's the taking part that counts. Some people are very talented, but there are an awful lot just doing their best for fun, so think about your entries now. The schedules will not be in the Post Office for a while yet, but you can always ring if you have any queries before then - secretary: 01579 350776 or contact a committee member.

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Tuesday Club January 2009

Two reports this time. The first is for December, when we all met in the hall for a superb Christmas lunch. The hall looked very festive with its Christmas tree and decorations. The tables too looked attractive with crackers, serviettes and candles in baskets of seasonal foliage. We had turkey with all the trimmings, followed by Christmas pudding or fruit salad. There were various cheeses, biscuits and grapes to follow.

The superb meal was cooked by Shirley Floyd, ably assisted by her husband David, who tackled mounds of washing up! We ended the afternoon by singing carols accompanied on the piano by Anne Pollard.

The second report is about our January trip to the Theatre Royal in Plymouth, to see "Cinderella". Lesley Joseph was the star of the show playing a very amusing and unusual Fairy Godmother. She (he) was ably assisted by Matt Slack in fine form as Buttons. The young leads were Laura Evans as Cinderella and Trevor James as her Prince Charming. The ugly sisters appeared in an astonishing variety of costumes. The scenery and production were as usual superb. We left our front stall seats having had a most enjoyable afternoon and many thanks to Eunice for making all arrangements once again.

St. Dominick Slimming Club

Slimming club members with guests held a special evening event on Thursday 14th May where Linda Zacharkin and Paul Owens (Cardiac Physiologists) received a cheque for £700 on behalf of the Cardiology Ward, Derriford Hospital.

Linda and Paul talked of the work they are involved in with heart patients and we were shown various heart monitors used in treatment.

The evening ended with a supper of savoury and sweet nibbles, tea and coffee, all supplied by members.

A 'bring and buy' table and a raffle proved popular with everyone. There was no weigh-in for members this week – so no recorded pounds lost; however, lots of pounds given to a very worthwhile cause. This was a really interesting and enjoyable evening.