

**St Dominic School News**

We have had a very eventful couple of months at St Dominic School with lots of events and fundraising. Numbers at the school have now increased enough for us to be able to have three full time classes. This is great news and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Sally Burke who is now working afternoons in class 2. Mrs Selman continues to teach class 2 in the mornings.

There was a successful PTA children's disco at our Parish Hall. This was a joint venture with St Mellion School giving all the children another opportunity to really get to know each other. Mothering Sunday saw a number of our children in St Dominick Church. Children and parents took part in what was a lovely service.

We had a Multi-Day for Chocolate on Tuesday 5th April where children came to school in non-uniform. The cost of this was to bring in a bar of chocolate or Easter egg to be used at the Easter Fete. The PTA's Easter Fete was held at the Parish Hall and there were numerous stalls, refreshments, children's games, a raffle with fantastic prizes and an amazing Easter Egg Treasure Hunt. The weather was perfect and it was great to see Lovells Park full of children running around having such fun. Just over £370 was raised for the school. Thank you so much to the PTA and helpers for all the hard work put into this event. We couldn't do it without you.

Our Easter Celebration was on Thursday 28th April and the school held its Easter Celebration Church Service at St Dominick Church. All the children took part with singing, recorders, handbells, a play, a story, readings, prayers.... On the same day we had a Royal Wedding Tea Party. The children all wore party clothes and had their Tea Party on the playground with lots of flags and banners.



Breakfast club continues to do very well and various in and after school clubs have recommenced – football, multi skills, handbells, gardening and recorders. If you are interested in running any clubs please speak to our secretary, Mrs Moram. Any Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers are still gratefully received – please keep them coming! Collection boxes can be found in the reception area. We are still collecting the Cereal Books for Schools tokens.

Notable Dates: 1) Walk to school week - Monday 16th to Friday 20th May 2011. 2)Future INSET Day - closed to pupils: Friday 27th May 2011. 3) Half-Term - Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2011.

**Football Club**

The Football Club had a fairly successful season and with two matches to play, the 1st team have become the Champions of the East Cornwall Division One and will be promoted into the Premier Division next season. The 2nd Team have done very well and should finish up in the top four of the Duchy League Division One. They have had a setback during the last three weeks when their manager Dave Bishop suffered a stroke and has been hospitalised which has made things rather difficult, but former manager , Brian Pinkham has stepped in to help out. At present, Dave is making slow progress in Mount Gould Hospital and it is hoped he will make a full recovery.

Off the field, we have had some good fund raising events which are needed as it costs about £4000.00 to run two teams per season. Referees cost nearly £1500, laundry £800. Insurances another £800 plus Affiliation Fees and other expenses so we need the fund raising to keep the club afloat. The monthly Bingo evenings are well supported and with Fundays and Race nights this has helped to keep the Club on a sound footing. The Club is managed by a hardworking committee but we are always looking for new blood and would welcome any willing volunteers to help out on Match Days. Anyone interested please contact Ken Harvey on 01579 382504 or come along to our Annual General Meeting on JUNE 10TH at 7.30 at the Who'd Have Thought It Inn. With the 1st Team in a higher league we are hoping to have the pitch semi-permanently fenced off, as this is one of the criteria for competing in the higher league.



There will also be a ladies' team playing under the St Dominick colours and any aspiring young ladies should contact Sian Jonas for further details on 07935768445.

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**Parish Meeting May 2011**

This annual parish meeting was attended by most of the groups that had been invited and I think three, but could be wrong, members of the public. Each gave an annual report of their activities, and these can be seen in the newsletter.

Diana, who was re elected chairman, reported on the council's activities and thanked various people for their efforts, particularly Richard and Keith for their work on the recreation field and Debbie Ashton, our new clerk for the extra time she has put in recently. Mark Behennah also had a mention for his plunger and the big question is "what will he invent next?" for this Christmas.

Bob the PCSO came to give what will be his last report as he is retiring in July. He was a bit late which he explained was due to the cutbacks and he had to share his vehicle. As he is now able to get a free pass it was suggested he could have come on the bus. He thanked the Neighbourhood Watch team for their vigilance and said there had been no crime in the last month. Callington station is closing but he said there will be a Freephone on the wall.

**Parish council meeting 10th May**

Briefly, due to lack of space in this issue, firstly there had been no response from Cornwall Council re planning permission for the layby alteration. It was said that these days planning officers are having to do their own typing, so there could be a considerable delay!!

Councillor Potter has mended the hole in the bus shelter roof. Councillor Greene asked all to be vigilant and look upwards when doing their cleaning stint.

Hopefully Sherryl Murray, MP, is looking into the salt and grit saga with regard to farmers being allowed to help with gritting with red diesel in their tractors. This is illegal at the moment. The council have said we can have a bag free to test in someone's spreader.

The National Trust are increasing our rent for the allotments and recreation field. On checking various papers the Football Club has no lease, it used to have a licence which ran out in 1985! This will now be rectified, the football club also are to put up nets in the season to stop the balls going into the bungalows' gardens.

The most disappointing news is that ROSPA have changed their guidelines and the space which was left for the BMX track is now too small. Richard is to follow this up as a lot of work has gone into this.

Next meeting is the first Wednesday of June at 7.30 in the parish hall. All welcome. See you there.

**Parish Hall Management Committee Report**

During the year the Parish Hall Management Committee arranged four events which raised just over £2000 for the Hall Improvement Fund. These events were: Pasty and Pudding Lunch in October 2010 which raised £520, the Liskerrett Male Voice Choir in December 2010 raised £519, Big Breakfast in January raised £288 (this was held jointly with the WI) and the St Pirans Evening in March raised £684.

Also during the year the Committee incurred expenditure of just under £3000 in having the hall redecorated throughout and having a Hall name sign erected on the outside, above the entrance. The Hall was built in 1974 (37 years ago) but it was only now that it was thought to put a name sign \_ this must put a new meaning on the word "dreckly".

We have eleven organisations that use the Hall on a regular basis, which with ad hoc bookings, provide an income that, at the moment, is more than sufficient to cover the expenses of running the Hall.

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**Stop It**  
It has come to my attention that somebody is dumping their garden waste (weeds and fire ash) in the hedge at the bottom of our garden, Greenacre, Burraton. I feel this is totally out of order and if they have no where to put it we suggest they bag it and take it to the tip, not tip 2 wheel barrow loads in our hedge.

**S.O.D.I.T.T. (Save Our Dyke In The Tamar)**

S.O.D.I.T.T. was formed to oppose the National Trust's plans for managed retreat and consequent flooding of Haye Marsh. When the National Trust withdrew their appeal against the refusal of planning permission, S.O.D.I.T.T. kept a watching brief as to what the eventual outcome might be.

S.O.D.I.T.T. has learned that Haye Farm has entered into a Higher Stewardship Agreement with Natural England. This will enable the tenant to include Haye Marsh within the environmental agreement of the whole farm. The tenant will continue to farm organically and in addition be able to carry out environmental and educational projects. We believe that a long term agreement will safeguard Haye Marsh.

The support which S.O.D.I.T.T. received from the local community showed how much it mattered to us all that the project did not go ahead. We could not have managed without this moral and financial support. We were able to raise funds to help towards the cost of an appeal and as we reported last year these funds were not used and remain in the S.O.D.I.T.T. bank account.

In view of the support which St. Dominick gave it was originally agreed that any funds remaining should be used for the Parish and for environmental or educational purposes. Last year the Committee asked residents for suggestions for an appropriate project which will commemorate S.O.D.I.T.T.'s efforts without the need for on-going maintenance. We received several suggestions but the general consensus was that we should retain the funds until such time as the capital phase of the environmental plan was completed at Haye Marsh.

We have been kept informed of progress by Joe Lawrence of the National Trust, the tenant farmer and also Natural England. We have requested that the National Trust inform the public by way of the Parish News and posters of the plans for the implementation of the environmental agreement. We believe this will involve some excavations which may well alarm residents if they were not aware of the plans.

We would like to thank all those who supported S.O.D.I.T.T., and we hope that Haye Marsh will remain in safe hands in the future. (Derek Scofield - Chairman)

**Under 5's Wanted**

After many many years, St Dominick Under Fives may not be able to continue running from September onwards. With most of our of children moving up to school in September, financially the group cannot afford to continue with the small number of children left.

We have a fantastic base and facilities (the Parish Hall), lots of equipment/toys/creative materials and basically this toddler group has fed both St Dominic and St Mellion Schools over the years. It is an excellent venue for our young children to make friends, play, be creative and have fun. Just as importantly, we are a very friendly group, make everyone welcome and on a weekly basis it gives us parents, grandparents and carers ample opportunity to catch up, socialise and chat.

Please come and support this group if you have young children – there are not many other toddler groups in the immediate area – and help us continue to run for many years to come.

Wednesdays (term time), 9.15 – 11.15 am, St Dominick Parish Hall, under 9 months free, over 9 months £2, subsequent children half price and free taster session. See separate advert for the 'Early Development Course' being run at St Dominick Under Fives in June.

DATE	SESSION
Wednesday 8th June Register and survey Beautiful butterflies activity	making Butterflies with coffee filters
Wednesday 15th June Early Maths Development Playdough activity	Making our own play dough to take home. Using non-cooke recipe
Wednesday 22nd June Early Language Development Pecking Birds activity	Making Pecking Birds using paper Plates, feathers and paint
Wednesday 29th July Early Literacy Development Cling film painting activity	Promoting emergent writing using finger painting activities

**Rural Tax Credits Project – Citizens Advice Bureau**

CAB Cornwall is running a project aimed at Liskeard, Looe, Launceston, Callington and the surrounding areas. This project aims to increase incomes, by checking eligibility and helping with the claiming process for a range of benefits including, tax credits, housing & council tax benefits, pension credit, disability benefits or help with childcare costs. This could also assist self-employed people who can then concentrate on building up their businesses without the initial worry of low income.

Christina Elia, who is managing the project, says "there are many people living in rural areas throughout the UK completely unaware of the benefits to which they are entitled. Many are just making do. This project will raise awareness and hopefully encourage people to come forward for more information and help".

The project is being funded by the East Cornwall Local Action Group, part of the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE). Two local advisers are based in Liskeard and Saltash to cover the community network areas of Liskeard and Looe, Callington and Launceston. For further details please ring Kathy on 01579 349513 or Jane on 01752 848626 in complete confidence.

**Tuesday Club May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

There was quite a good crowd at this meeting despite people being either ill or on holiday. Chrissie then told us that Doug, our former treasurer, had died. We held a minute's silence for him.

Christine Jones won the raffle. Our speaker for the afternoon was then introduced - Lawrence Harris. We already knew we were in for a very informative afternoon as he had put out an excellent display of photographs and other objects of interest. Lawrence told us that he had been doing these sponsored treks since 2003.

He began with his visit to the Sahara where he walked a hundred kilometres in five days. His descriptions of the heat and conditions in the barren surroundings made us all amazed that anyone would enjoy the trip which he had. So much so that he would like to go back. His second trip was to Peru to climb to the ancient city of Machu Picchu set high in the mountains.

His photographs and description of this amazing place were really excellent. Walking for five days from the valley below was made difficult because of the narrow track and the lack of oxygen. The buildings were amazing, built of local granite and huge stones cut exactly so that no cement was needed.

His final trek was to Mount Kilimanjaro which is the highest freestanding mountain in the world at twenty thousand feet, about four miles high. Again it was a five day trek alternating between hot days and freezing nights particularly when they reached the snow line. Altitude sickness took its toll on some of the party but Lawrence made it to the summit to see the sunrise.

All of us were full of admiration at his exploits and hope any future expeditions are as successful.

**St Dominic Church**

The Annual Summer fete is on June 18th in the Parish Hall from 12 to 2pm. Once again there will be a Ploughman's & Pud Lunch; tickets for food are available in advance from the Post Office at £6.00 for adults and £4 for children.

The heating project will be under way very soon, the wooden tower screen has been moved away temporarily and builders are starting at the beginning of June. The PCC are very grateful to all the contributions from the Parish that have enabled the work to commence so quickly.

**J.J.CHILD**

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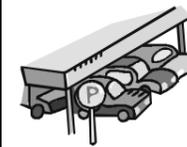


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**Do you support the Parish Council's project to ease the local parking blackspot?**



For quite a time now, there has been an issue with cars parking at the junction and on road bend next to the Church and opposite Post Office whilst people use the village facilities.

The parked cars have caused difficulties for the local bus and other long vehicles when passing that stretch of the road to the point where sometimes bus drivers have had to call out for cars to be moved so they can pass. Being a bit of blind bend too, there's also a serious danger to other oncoming road users as vehicles try to pass the parked cars.

The Parish Council has long recognised that something needs to be done to help ease this situation and keep that area safe as well as providing a convenient facility for parishioners for them to be able to pop in and use the village services. The Parish Council is proposing to buy a small corner of Glebe land opposite the Post Office from the Diocese and put in four car parking spaces.

Councillor Jim Flashman has invited the Parish Council to apply for another grant from the Cornwall Community Chest Fund, and it was agreed by Council at the 10th May meeting that the grant should be applied for to help with the costs of this layby project. In order to apply for the grant, letters or support are required from parishioners.

If you do support the plans proposed by Council, please write to the Parish Clerk (36 Marythorne Road, Bere Alston, PL20 7BZ) or e-mail stdompc@yahoo.co.uk. You can see the planning application (PA11/02686) online via Cornwall Council's online planning service.

Jean, Allison, Tony and Charlotte would like to thank all our friends in St Dominick for their cards and kind wishes following the sad loss of Doug. Many thanks also to Bill Watson for his kind words.

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