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Rosemary Shepherd
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St Dominic School News

The School hosted its "Winter Warmer" lunch, in the Parish Hall, on 18th February; this was well attended by parents and parishioners as well as all staff and pupils. Children had spent the morning preparing their own vegetable soup and apple crumbles, assisted, (just a little), by our ever-versatile teaching assistants. There was a choice of other soups and delicious desserts, all donated and home made.

Special thanks must go to the parents who coped with all of the washing up, to Father Philip, who made industrial quantities of carrot and coriander soup, to Tesco for donating 120 bread rolls, to the Co-operative for donating a raffle prize and ice cream, to everyone who donated cash, desserts and raffle prizes – including, Tayt Morden and Smeaton Nurseries, to all who did sterling work on the day and not forgetting all those who attended and bought raffle tickets. The total profit, at the time of writing, was £302; this will go towards providing a Children's Corner in St. Dominick Church. It was lovely to see the School, the Church and the village enjoying a lunch together for a cause which, we hope, will encourage more children to come to Church, both at Family Services and other occasions.

Parish Council Report February 2011

First of all an apology for saying that December's public session was mercifully short. It was not intended to put the public off, however, there were none in attendance this time either and I hope it wasn't because they were put off. Bob (PCSO) wasn't there but a young lady came in his place and reported "no crime" again. Last, but not least, County Councillor Flashman wasn't there again, Diana supposed this month he really must be very, very, frantically busy indeed. No one else passed any remark like that at all.

This month the clerk had received fifty four different items for the agenda and there was no way they were all going to be discussed. (Thank Goodness!)

- 1 Did anyone want to go on Traffic Management Training? No thanks
- 3 Cornwall Association of Local Councillors annual conference in Truro?
- 5 How many Councillors had filled in their Register of Interests Form? One, Black marks for the rest but they didn't look worried. On the whole couldn't remember anything about it.
- 8 Would they support the motion to retain the Coastguard service? Yes.
- 11 Seminar at Plymouth University on Planning and Localism in the South West had been attended by Councillors Spiers and Davies, and they gave quite positive feedback. They are looking for ideas for the good of the parish - the old parish plan is out of date now.

All the other items were "noted". If anyone wants to know what they were the Parish Council now have a website. Councillor Davies had been to the Parish Hall Committee meeting and gave his report. Councillor Greene has to go next time.

Councillor Greene brought up the Festivities Committee with regard to doing something for the Royal Wedding but everyone was a bit stumped as to how it would work. If they had to spend all day cutting sandwiches for an après wedding tea, they wouldn't see any of it themselves, and as most of the committee are not on the Parish Council the idea fizzled out and they decided to do something for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year instead. Richard Jackson (National Trust) has still not replied to the questions regarding the allotments and the Vogus Lane Fences.

Councillor Spiers is still negotiating with the Glebe regarding the Post Office Corner. This is another slow job but he thinks he is getting somewhere, slowly. Lovell's park could be getting their cables put underground at last. This has been ongoing for years, but things are looking a bit more hopeful, although the council might have to dig the trenches themselves. In the meantime Western Power have given them some big notices saying "No kite flying" to replace the small ones you need glasses to read.

Finally, a good note, to inspect the play equipment regularly is a legal requirement and the charge was going to be about £ 395 +vat for ROSPA to inspect it. However Richard Warne has somehow done the course and has the necessary certificate to do this. Good old Richard. Perhaps they could hire him out!

Next meeting Wednesday 2nd March 7.30 Parish Hall. See you all there.

Tuesday Club February 1st 2011

Today was our A.G.M. The club is now eight years old. Unbelievable!

In January we had our trip to the Pantomime at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth. The production was Sleeping Beauty, the scenery and costumes were outstanding. Members thought it was the best they had seen. Many thanks to Eunice for organising the tickets.

Eunice welcomed four new members and reminded everyone to try and find at least one new member each this year. So please come along if you are interested in joining us. She read the Chairman's report and also thanked other people, who had helped to run the club. Ruth gave us her Treasurer's report. We shall have money in the bank, but expenses are going up each year. Eunice then gave us a run through of the programme for the next twelve months. The monthly fee will now be £2.50 a meeting. Chrissie will be our Chairman and Eunice, Secretary. Ruth stays on as Treasurer and the committee stays the same.

Brian then thanked everyone for their hard work.

The raffle was won by Christine and Chrissie.

Next month we have 'Merlin the Magician' to entertain us, he's actually Gordon's brother and a member of the Magic Circle.

We then had a quiz, over which we puzzled, organised by Pauline and her niece. This was played in teams of four, followed by a short Beetle Drive.

We then enjoyed a really wonderful tea, provided by the committee. We had sandwiches, sausage rolls, crisps, scones with jam and cream followed by a birthday cake. Nellie blew out the candles with one big puff. Altogether it was a very good birthday.

If anybody knows

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Gardener's Corner

Tips of the month

1 Start sowing tomatoes under glass in a heated propagator or on a sunny windowsill to encourage quick germination. Sow in early March and they should be ready to plant out in about eight weeks.

2 To avoid the cat next door using your flower bed as a litter tray: cats like to scratch in newly worked soil. So dig a hole big enough to put an inflated balloon just below the surface, cover it with sieved soil and leave the rest to the cat's claws.

St.Dominick Neighbourhood Watch:

This month I have to report an incidence of stolen firewood from the Cothele estate. There were two men and they used a chainsaw to fell & cut up a tree. It took place in the Morden Valley, close to Morden farm.

Registration No: N745 PTG

Make: Ford, Model: Fiesta

Colour: Burgundy

The police have been informed. Any information you may have regarding this incident please call the police on 08452 777444 or inform your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, or phone Joan on 350569.

The subject of dog fouling is still an issue I'm sorry to say. Who ever it is using the lane between Baber Lane and Back Lane are no longer leaving the mess in the road, but are bagging it and putting it in the hedge that runs half the length of the lane. This is someone's garden! Could I point out to the dog owner that when left like this, it does not disappear. Someone has to actually pick it up and dispose of it! If it is your dog, you should be doing this, not leaving it for someone else to do. So PLEASE 'Bag it and Bin it' not leave it in the hedgerows.

I have also had a similar report of dog owners using the playing field as a dog loo. The same applies, the council has spent a lot of money making this area into a lovely play area for our children, we don't want them bringing home dog mess or even worst Toxocara Canis, this causes all sorts of health problems including blindness! So please if you are a dog owner be a responsible dog owner and clean up after your pet.

St Dominick Garden Club

Last season we held some thoroughly enjoyable events at the village Garden Club. We were treated to a feast of fascinating talks and practical workshops on a variety of widely differing topics, and enjoyed visits to other gardens and nurseries. Some of the more memorable meetings include Jo's talk about daffodils & Charly's about the significant influence of the trade in plants on the growth of the British Empire, David and Charly's hands-on grafting session (where we all took away our own mini apple trees – mine is still alive) and Paul's talk on the Dutch "quick-to-maximum-yield" apple tree grafting technique whilst also hosting our end of season AGM & get-together (who says men cannot multi-task?). Well it's now time to get going once again. So our first meeting will be on Wednesday, 16 March at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall – Peter Lavis will be telling us the story and bringing us right up to date about the ongoing restoration work at The Lost Gardens of Heligan. Everyone welcome – pay on the door - £3 (or £2.50 for anyone over 60).

Clerk to the Parish Council –
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Great Trees of Cornwall Project - Hunter's Oak - Call for info:

Calling all parishioners!!

Debbie Ashton, the Parish Clerk, is looking for any local knowledge of **Hunter's Oak** – why did it become such a significant tree for the parish? If anyone knows any history or stories relating to the tree such as who planted it, when and why then Debbie would love to hear from you. Photos would be welcome too.

The reason is that the Parish Council would like to submit Hunter's Oak to the Great Trees of Cornwall project which is a 3 year joint project between Cornwall Council, National Trust Woodland Trust, Forestry Commission, Duchy of Cornwall and Cornwall Wildlife Trust to safeguard the future of Cornwall's ancient and significant trees.

Please send any info to stdompc@yahoo.co.uk or write to:

St Dominic Parish Clerk, 36 Marythorne Road, Bere Alston, PL20 7BZ

'Cornwall Cllr Grant for Grit successful:

The Parish Council is delighted to report that they have been successful in their application to Cllr Jim Flashman for the Cornwall Councillor Community Grant. Each Cornwall Councillor has £2,195 to put towards schemes that contribute to the Council's priorities.

The Parish Council had applied for £500 to pay for a supply of grit for the parish as part of an initiative called 'Keeping the Community Mobile and Safe'. The Parish Council will also be working up an action plan on how to distribute the grit when the need arises.

Although the Parish Council doesn't have the resources of Cornwall Council Highways, it does want to try and help, as much as it practically can, reduce the impact of snow and icy roads in the parish.'

St Dominick Parish History Corner - Extracts from the rather interesting diaries of Thomas Owen Rogers..... **Continued from last month**

Christmas Day he records the weather as very wet.

Rev C.H. Rogers from Tideford took communion at 6.30am with 24 in the congregation.

Mr Streatfield was inducted by Bishop Hunkin, on August 14th. Fundraising is also mentioned, whist drives and Harvest Festivals, with purchases such as "New Choir stalls" in December 1937, the old pitch pine ones having gone to Scorrier Church. In 1951 he had his house wired for electricity by Donald Rowse on December 6th, and the Church must have been wired around that time, as 1952 July 13th he says the Electric Blower was used for the first time (we assume for the organ), and on October 2nd at the Harvest Festival the electric light was first used.

1953 January 13th was another red letter day when Moon and Sons gave a television demonstration at Lower school. This was the first time he had seen TV and "many television sets were bought in parish during 1953". He doesn't say if he bought one then but reading the diaries he was out all the time, so perhaps not.

He also records various Church and Chapel outings:

August 21st 1930 -Went to Ilfracombe with church Trip. 84 went, fare 8/-.

1957- Church outing to Goodrington July 27th 85 people 3 coaches

When any one died in the village, they are mentioned, some marriages and a few births. Any new cars bought are there, with their registration numbers. Typical bachelor., lots of football results, billiards and cricket.

For more fascinating information on village life these diaries are available for anyone to read at the Calstock Parish Archive.

St. Dominick W.I. report for February

February is the month of our Annual Meeting, a time to reflect on all that has happened over the past 12 months, to thank all of those who have put in so much hard work and a time to plan and look forward to our new programme of events. An important part of the evening was the ballot, to choose our President for the coming year; this resulted in the re-election of Ann Murphy with Judy Foweraker and Rachel Fisher, continuing as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

As soon as the Business was completed, we moved on to our entertainment, entitled, "Where were you then?" Each of us chose one of the following dates, Feb 1951; 1961; 1971 or 1981 and then described where we were and what we were doing. Some very mixed memories of happy times, hard times and even a haunted house, it was amusing looking at old photographs and a good opportunity to discover more about each other.

Our next meeting is on 9th March, the speaker is **Jo Totterdell**, Jo will be sharing with us her knowledge of the

Daffodils of St. Dominick.

Visitors are welcome, at a small charge of £3.50.



Big Tidy-Up!!

Do come and join in the **Big-Tidy-Up**, with WI members, to clear litter from the highways and byways around the Parish. Meet outside the **Parish Hall at 2pm on Saturday 19th of March to Collect Bags and High-Visibility Tabards and to Choose A Route.** (Possibility of loan of 'grabbers' for those who need them, volunteers are advised to bring their own suitable strong gardening-type gloves) Youngsters welcome, with parental supervision, on off-main-thoroughfare routes – we have small size tabards, badges and stickers too!! All Welcome – come and make a difference to your own environment!! More info / enquiries Ann Murphy 350468

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