

An apology from the Roving Reporter. Last month I misinformed you all when I said they just talked about the precept again - I was right the first time and the discussion was actually the said event. I must have missed a bit! This month there were some people sitting with me, but as their respective items were dealt with they went home. When the public session was at the end of the meeting they had to sit through the lot, but they can escape after the first ten minutes now! Firstly the Tipwell Rock people were informed that their concerns were noted, although Jim Flashman wasn't actually there he had phoned the chairman and had a lengthy discussion. They had written a letter to the Parish News last month as suggested by the council but lack of space caused it to be edited and the character changed somewhat. *(The original letter is available to read online at www.stdompo.co.uk)*. The school, represented by a teacher, Sam, told the council they were raising money to build a school in Kenya, near Lake Victoria, by doing a sponsored cycle ride from Lands End to St Dominic. I expect you will see the posters around the village. Then they all went home.

Some big thick books were produced which the councillors could read. Councillor Flashman had passed a message to say they were very interesting - he was probably at home engrossed in them. There was also a letter to say that the Council were looking for land on which to build five starter homes (I think), outside of the usual places! The layby project - Councillors Spiers and Chapman had had a meeting in the pub and started to put a package together for the grant. As the application cut off date is in March they will have to get a move on and get a lot of community support, as they did last time. A bike rack is still seen as vital to the application. Guess what? The bus company is going to build a cement platform from the seat to the road, so that passengers won't have to wear their wellies to Plymouth anymore if it looks like rain. I'm sure this will improve the street cred of all residents no end, they will blend in now. Opposite, though, nothing changes. Councillor Behennah, whose turn it was to clean the shelter, reported strong smell of urine and green corners. She had a very turned up nose. This month is Councillor Potter's turn, let's see if he has any bright ideas. The other good news, from the SAG working party is that all of the grit they purchased is still in the bins - none has been used yet, so hopefully that expense won't be too great this year.

A working party is needed on the BMX track to clear away the leaves and pick up stones, again. Councillor Greene will have the stones at her house. Lastly the new Festivities group reported on their constitution changes(see elsewhere in this Newsletter). And they are in trouble because the Christmas Tree

wobbled around in the wind and made a hole in the tarmac outside the Hall. And worse, somebody tried to disguise the hole by putting stones into it! They don't know who it was but apparently Willis Gregg has a better idea for next year.

Next meeting 7 March 7.30, Parish Hall, all welcome.

Big Breakfast 28 January

Well what a turnout! All you wonderful people having your breakfast with us raised the magnificent profit of (approx) £920 – divided between the WI and the Hall Committee. Lots of thanks go to the cooks, helpers and everyone who donated to the raffle. Sincere apologies go to those who waited for a table or for breakfast. Hopefully the unlimited toast and tea/coffee helped and at least you were assured that your breakfast was freshly cooked! Heartfelt thanks go to you all and we hope to see you again next year!

St. Dominick W.I. report for February

Our Annual Meeting, time for the Financial and Annual Reports and President's Address, giving us the chance to understand where our money has been spent, revisit some of what has happened over the period and to thank all who have worked hard to make it possible. WI Advisor, Sylvia Risdon joined us for the evening; giving us a résumé of her varied and enjoyable experiences within the organization. She then took charge of the ballot to choose our President for the coming year; this resulted in the re-election of Ann Murphy. The allocation of other duties was decided within the committee, with Judy Foweraker and Rachel Fisher, continuing as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Now for the entertainment - we had all brought along an object or photo which had a story to tell and how varied and interesting these stories were. Two hedgehogs, lovingly made by a boyfriend for his future wife, our President, other objects and stories included a ceremonial hammer used to launch a ship, a thank you letter from the late politician, Enoch Powell, photos dating back to early WI days and much more.

Next meeting is Wednesday 14 March; speaker Mike Prettejohn on 'My Experience of Bee Keeping.' £4 for non members.

Big Tidy-Up!! Saturday 3 March

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 to Collect Bags and High-Visibility Tabards and to Choose A Route. (possibility of loan of 'grabbers' for those who need them, volunteers 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!! Info/enquiries Ann Murphy 350468

Please email articles for the April edition to ourparishnews@gmail.com or give to Alan Cox at the Post Office no later than 17th of March

Entries for the St Dominick Diary to: Rosemary Shepherd Tel: 350489 by 17th of each month

**Jubilee Celebrations Sat 2 & Sun 3 June
Planned events**

Saturday - free tea party , ticketed Barn Dance
Sunday - huge picnic (incl hog roast), lots going on at Lovells & united service to conclude celebrations
St Dominick Community Festivities and Projects Group is newly founded to organise purely non-profit making events and projects that directly benefit the Parish as a whole. The group is open to anyone (officers fixed on annual basis).Chairman - Diana Greene (351631), Secretary - Alison Gibson (351251), Treasurer - Sally Lovejoy(350550). If you are interested in helping to organise the Jubilee event, our next meeting is Tues 13 March (7pm) or phone Sally for more details.

Help please

- Can you lend us some bunting, gazebos or marquees/tents etc (it might rain!)
- "Tug of War" Teams - think about forming teams of 8 and giving yourselves a name and entering?
- Anyone with any other ideas - please pass them on

Sponsors required to make events as inclusive as we can by making them either free or very affordable. Any local organisations interested in sponsoring the event by making small donations - please call Diana 351631. Sponsor the Jubilee Weekend "flyer" and get your company/organisation name prominently placed on the flyer (to be circulated to all members of the Parish)
We need your memories and photos of the Coronation day, celebrations or the day the Queen acceded to the throne. A rolling display of everyone's memories will be projected on a screen at the Jubilee Tea party. Don't miss out! Write them down, drop them into Nina at the Post office.

Queries to Ann Murphy 350468
Email memories to: stdominickhistory@yahoo.co.uk (photos very welcome!)



**Free Entry Jumble Sale
Saturday 10 March (10am-1pm)**

Tea,coffee & delicious homemade cakes for sale. Also on that morning we have a table top sale for you to sell your own stuff - book a table for £5. Proceeds in aid of our "Jubilee Weekend". Contact Sally 350550 or Chrissy Cross 350743 if you want jumble collected or to book a table (for yourself)

St Dominic School News

You might have noticed in the newspaper that Bishop Tim has visited our school. He enthusiastically toured all the classes, led an impressive collective worship and blessed the New Build. The children were very welcoming to Bishop Tim, were beautifully behaved and their singing was wonderful to hear. Education Sunday (5 Feb) at St Dominic Church was very well attended and the musical interlude was excellent. Thanks to all who prepared for the service, to families who joined in the service and for the superb refreshments. The whole school went on a trip at the end of January to the Theatre Royal to see Cinderella. They had an amazing experience and the performance was enjoyed by all. Thank you to our PTA who made this trip possible with all their fundraising for the school. Our netball team continue their winning streak with a recent 3-2 win against St Mellion School. Cross Country is also going well with a number of children from the school taking part. It's so lovely to see children from St Dominic cheering St Mellion children on and vice versa as they get to know each other more and more through the Federation. The school is collecting used stamps and clean milk bottle tops (any colour). This is in aid of Cancer Research. **If you have any, please pass on to the school.** The annual Governor's Quiz at Pillaton (3 Feb) was well attended and raised £258 which will be used in a joint activity for the pupils of both schools. Participants enjoyed refreshments including pasties and some wonderful puddings. We have been linked with Genesis School in Kisumu, Kenya for around 5 years now. Genesis School has around 200 pupils aged 3-13 years. Their school building is very unstable and frequently suffers from flooding and strong winds. St Dominic School, Church and Village are all working together trying to support them by building 2 permanent classrooms costing in the region of £20,000. We will hold the first of several fund-raising events on 21 & 22 April. We are having a 100 mile charity cycle along the length of Cornwall ending in St Dominick where we will be having a 'Fun Afternoon' to welcome our cyclists back. **Please come and support us** – there will be more information to follow.

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From a "responsible" dog owner

Roadside hedges are NOT a dumping ground for your dog waste. Not only does it look disgusting but it puts all us responsible owners to shame. I'm sure you would not like it outside your house. Please do the decent thing and take it home with you.



And from a non-dog owner

In the area of St Dominic formerly known as undertown, in other words the little lane which runs between the drive of Rumah Panjang and Baber lane, a rather large dog has been allowed to deposit its poo all along this lane in the recent past, amounting to approximately 20 piles. I will go out today and clear them. I am not a dog owner and certainly do not want a repeat of this situation. You know who you are dog walker, so take a bag with you on your next walk, like most of the responsible dog walkers in the village. We will be watching - **the fines for dog fouling are quite severe.** (dated 18 Feb 2012)

Tuesday Club

29 of us attended our AGM and 9th birthday party. Chairman Chrissie reported that the club continues to be successful with good average attendance (about 27 per meeting). She thanked the committee and others who help. Treasurer Ruth's financial report and balance sheet shows that we still have money in the bank. The programme for next year is a varied and interesting one. Proposals at the recent committee meeting were passed unanimously. The committee was re-elected en bloc. Brian thanked everyone for their hard work. Di Axtell won the raffle.

Business over, we enjoyed our birthday party and were entertained by Galaxy with a mixture of songs and stories, followed by a birthday tea with a splendid cake, all provided by the committee.

St. Dominic Neighbourhood Watch

- beware scam phone call from the Ministry of Justice advising that you could receive payments such as repayment of bank charges or other debts. To claim this rebate you will be asked for personal details and make an upfront payment. Put the phone down!
- telephone loan application - the financial company requests the purchase of U Cash vouchers first but then does not pay out the loan.
- email scam entitled *Population Census: a message to everyone* - act now and demanding personal information. Delete the email, do not open any links, nor provide any information!

AGM Wed 18 April, 7.30pm, Parish Hall, all welcome

50/50 Draw

£100.00 Chloe Hunn £25.00 Adam Reid

Anyone wishing to join see Ken on match days, or any member of the football Club committee

Best in the South West!

Congratulations to three very local places who won South West Tourism Excellence Awards for 2011-2012. Cotehele won Gold (*Large Visitor Attraction of the Year*) Pentillie Castle won Gold (*B&B and Guest Accommodation of the Year*) St Mellion International Resort won Bronze (*Business Tourism Award*) & Silver (*Large Hotel of the Year*)

Uncovering the Past

Find out what was learned from the 2011 Calstock Community Dig at Dr Chris Smart 's talk 12 April, 7.30pm, Tamar Valley Centre, Drakewalls (Booking Essential 01822 835030)

From a Loyal Customer

Do you know that your local St Dominic Post Office & shop sells a range of stationery products which may be cheaper than equivalents found at WH Smiths? I noticed 100 sheet Lined Writing Pads £1.29 (WHS £2.99), White "Blue-Tack" £1.19 (WHS £2.49), 100 "Post-its" or "Sticky-notes" £75p (WHS £1.59), 100 white envelopes £3.38 (WHS £4.99), A4 lined refill pack £1.29 (WHS £1.99) -substantial savings. Please support this useful facility and shop local!
(This item was penned by a customer)

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Mobile fruit or veg stall - wanted!

The roadside stall typifies the proud market gardening heritage of the Tamar Valley. The AONB are looking for one to renovate, or build from scratch, as part of the Cordiale project. If you have one, or know somebody whom we might commission to build one, please call Anne-Marie Culhane on 07849-073394.