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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT APRIL 2010

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

The Parish Council were, unfortunately, without their Clerk again this month. Councillor Totterdell took the minutes and Councillor Potter shuffled a mountain of papers during the meeting. A large pile remained in the centre of the table referred to as "various". The planning application on Post Office Corner is now valid - the front page has been altered. It was referred to as a car park, but it is a lay by – car parks are rated. The work at the top of the field is ongoing. Councillors Warne and Chapman have been extremely busy with it and have not been approached to write a piece with more information but this will happen.

Sunday 22nd August has been earmarked for a fete type event – more details later. Councillors Warne and Potter moved all the turf in their cars and laid it around the seats. (Contractor Cradick said it was too wet for a tractor and would damage the football pitch). Now the field is smarter than their cars! Councillor Spiers is to draw up an agreement between the Parish Council and the residents of Vogus Lane who are putting up fences to make the whole thing legal.

Consternation was shown by a parishioner attending the meeting regarding the danger of kite flying near to the pylons in the recreation field. These were supposed to have been moved by SWEB (or their replacements) ages ago, and everyone had forgotten about it. Signs must be erected. Also, there is a lot of litter - again the signs are not in place yet.

Bob, the PCSO, reported that there had been little crime except the usual fuel theft. He didn't know about all of it, but made a note in his book.

Councillor Jim Flashman said he was pleased to report that he had the money he'd promised for the Christmas Lights, or the Recreation Field. When he went to present the cheque, however, he asked who Mrs Hodge was and found the money had been given to the Parish Hall for a notice board, instead of his community project ideas. He was a bit flummoxed by that and said there would be more money in the next financial year when the Parish Council could ask for double.

Councillor's rota to clean bus shelter and attend Parish Hall meeting was decided. April, May and June to be Councillors Totterdell (because she forgot in March), Behennah and Greene.

The new sign at Radland is spelt incorrectly. It says "Domonick". Across the road the SWWA sign says "Donimick". However, Councillor Totterdell had caught a man sticking letters on a different sign and asked him about it. He said it wasn't him, it was his mate. He must have had a lot of spare "o"s because he put too many "o"s somewhere in Cornwall as well. Hopefully this has been rectified, or is in hand.

The next meeting, the first Wednesday in May, (5th) will be at 7.00 and will be a short meeting, really to elect the new officers, as the annual parish meeting starts at 7.30. This is when representatives from local organisations tell us all about their last year. All are welcome.

Please send all articles for the following month to our e-mail address:

ourparishnews@googlemail.com or give them to Alan at the Post Office no later than 17th May 2010

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

RECREATION FIELD

St Dominic Parish Council is requesting tenders for grass cutting at the top of the Recreation Field. If you are interested please ring the chairman, Drew Potter, on 01579 350776 for more information. Closing date is Saturday 15th May.

ROAD CLOSURE

Cotehele House has to be connected to the mains water supply soon. Most of the pipes will be laid across the fields, but, unfortunately, the road will be closed between Morden Farm and the Mill for several weeks. Watch out for the signs

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ST DOMINICK GARDEN CLUB

We enjoyed one of our most memorable visits when we sampled the National Camelia collection at Mount Edgecumbe on Saturday 17 April. Our guide, for a thoroughly entertaining and informative walk around the collection, was Head Gardener Lee Stenning – who has spent the past 18 years caring for the collection, overseeing its growth to over 1000 varieties and species. He explained and illustrated the 6 different flower types, and the main differences between the individual species and various hybrids. Names such as “Wild Fire”, “Tom Thumb” etc seemed to describe each flower so well. The International Camelia Society gave Mount Edgecumbe an award for its outstanding contribution to education about and development of camellias. They recently all but swept the board at the latest Boconnoc Flower Show – but they do have a bit of an advantage over other competitors! Lee told us a little about the history of the house – how it was largely destroyed by an incendiary bomb during WWII in 1941, how the property came into the hands of Plymouth City Council and Cornwall Council, and the discovery of a what is now a Grade 1 listed garden – one of only 3 in Cornwall. A significant amount of renovation work has been carried out to certain buildings in the last 2 years – turning the stable block into a superb tearoom, opening up a plant sale area and restoring the estate yard, etc. We also discovered that they run a large number of events throughout the year including bat walks, estate walks and photography workshops.

OUR NEXT VISIT WILL BE TO A LOVELY QUARRY GARDEN IN ST BREWARD – setting off from the Parish Hall at NOON on SUNDAY, 16 May – our visit will begin with a picnic – so bring some food!! Entry to the garden is by donation, the proceeds being shared between two local charities. There will be an excellent plant sale – so I am sure we will return loaded up with plants just like last time.


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We are able to seat 8-10 people round the meal table. Children are also welcome. It is a friendly home environment that promotes harmony (hence the HOK Technique).

All proceeds will go to the Marie Curie charity. Minimum booking notice of 48 hours.

The meals are 3 courses and comprise of 5 dishes. These could be tailored to suite your tastes or dietary requirements. Please bring your own alcoholic beverages if you wish.

Special occasions, Birthdays etc. can be catered for (we can provide lunches or evening meals).

Prices: approx £15-20 per person, of course depending on the ingredients and dishes you want!

Please Note: Since this is our home, we have several pets & animals on or around the premises (cats, dogs, geese, chickens etc). If you have any allergies, please bear this in mind. We also have a big pond, so parents should exercise caution with any young children nearby.




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St. Dominick W.I. report for April

Kate Maciver-Redwood, our speaker, helped us put a popular dream into some sort of perspective - "The Good Life" growing your own food in an idyllic rural setting, what could be more wonderful than putting down roots on the banks of the river Tamar? Kate, along with her family, took over the National Trust tenancy at Haye farm-on-the-river-Tamar, in 2000, at the height of the foot and mouth outbreak. Their first tasks were to make the farmhouse habitable and with the intention of farming organically, to register with the Soil Association, so as to set in motion, the 2 year conversion plan on the land. They are aiming to produce food with full trace ability and to work with nature.

Making Haye (an old word for enclosure) Farm financially viable is not an easy task, they have to guarantee a buyer for their produce, so, along with a few other organic farms, they have linked up with a co-operative in Buckfastleigh which supplies Riverford. For those of you that have boxes delivered from Riverford, you may well be eating food grown here in the Tamar Valley. Everyone at our April meeting can vouch for the quality and taste of Haye farm's food. Kate had cooked and brought along joints of beef and lamb, plus roast potatoes and purple sprouting broccoli, delicious. Thanks to Kate for enlightening us all on what is involved in this type of farming and proving to us, meat from sheep and cows, that have had a happy outdoor life, is more tender and much tastier. If you would like to know more on Haye, go to their web site, www.hayefarm.co.uk

At our May meeting we will be discussing and voting on this year's resolution, the "Mandatory Country of Origin Labelling" on all meat, poultry and fish products, sold in this country.

This will be followed by "A good read". Bring along a favourite book or just the title and author and tell us why you found it a good read. Visitors are welcome.

ST DOMINICK AUTUMN SHOW

Yes, believe it or not it's that time of year again when you will be badgered by the Autumn Show committee to start to prepare your entries for **September 10th**. As usual there is something for everyone so there is no escape!

For those of you new to the village the classes are vegetables, fruit, flowers, cookery, handicraft, photography and art. If you have a certain skill you think hasn't been mentioned, don't worry, we can probably fit it in somewhere. I think it would be fair to describe the standard as "variable".

This year there will be no "longest dock leaf" class, mainly due to our regular entrants getting older. This will be replaced by your "cooking disasters"- entry on the day.

The committee is the same, look out for more info as the summer progresses.

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Cotehele News "The Edgcumbe", our tearooms on the Quay, has had a refurbishment.

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout May we are offering a free pudding if you come at lunch time and buy a main course (over £5). Why not take advantage of this great offer and come and let us know what you think of the new menus and of the new decoration. We really would like to know. Just bring this publication with you to receive the offer.

Charmian Saunders, Visitor Services Manager, Cotehele

St. Dominick Neighbourhood Watch



The St. Dominick Neighbourhood Watch AGM was held on the 12th April in the Parish Hall. There was a very good attendance which included Police Officer Rachel Short who supplied us with the latest crime figures for the last twelve months:-

Garden table and chairs stolen.

An assault and a dangerous dog out of control in Baber Court.

Criminal damage involving a fallen plant pot on a drive.

Drink driving on the A388.

One account of dangerous driving on the A388.

One account of Disqualified driving on the A388

One account of Burglary.

Theft of two batteries from Ashton.

Theft of digger parts from St. Dominick.

There have been five incidences of theft of red diesel in the St Dominick and two further reports from Ashton and the A388 lay-by, one of which also included the theft of a chainsaw and hedge trimmer.

Anyone storing red diesel would seem to be 'at risk' from theft unless it is made secure. Rachel Short can give advice on storage security and also on the supply of alarmed locks for use on diesel tanks. The subject of the cost of damage to the fuel tanks outstripping the cost of the loss of diesel was also raised at the meeting. It was pointed out that these locks are "Alarmed" and that does make a difference. Rachel Short can be contacted on 08452 777444 (Local call rate) if you would like advice on this subject.

We have also reached the time of year when theft from garden sheds is becoming "the norm" so if you have garden equipment that you would like to hang on to, PLEASE make sure it is safely locked away from the potential thief. The cost of a padlock is very small against the inconvenience of becoming one of next year's statistics.

Callington Country Market Special Plant Sales in May

*Saturday - 8th - 15th - 22nd & 29th.
Top of New Road Car Park Callington.*

TUESDAY CLUB – April 6th

Eunice greeted everyone in place of Bernard, who is still not well. She asked if anyone was interested in going to see 'Sleeping Beauty' next year in Plymouth and about twenty people responded. The draw was won by Audrey Fryer.

Then, our speaker, Ted Webster gave us a most amusing and entertaining talk about his railway career, with L.N.E.R. He started as a messenger boy rising to be Station Master at King's Cross. During his career he saw many changes: Dr. Beeching's axe, the change from steam to diesel and now electric trains and also the end of British Rail and the beginning of franchises. He had some very amusing stories to tell including a naked woman doing her washing in the ladies being just one! He had to deal with the Royal Train and explained the meticulous care taken to ensure Her Majesty always stepped down onto the red carpet. The secret is accurate measuring of the platform and knowing in advance, which carriage is carrying the Royal Family. We ended our afternoon with our usual chat over tea and biscuits.

The Big Tidy-Up

You may have seen the notices or you may have seen the volunteers decked out in their high-visibility tabards when on April 10th sixteen of us took part in the Big Tidy-Up. So it's a BIG THANK YOU to Julie Wenmoth, Sally and Gary Lovejoy, Alison Gibson, Clare Lee, Lynne Harding, Paul Wilton, Rachel Fisher, Dorothy Silverstone, Sara Tarling, Carolina Hobbs, Mike, Di Axtell and two youngsters – Rhianna C. and Jennifer R. all of whom helped clear litter from the highways and byways around the Parish. A huge haul of 26 large bags full of general litter plus a car wheel, car batteries and assorted large plastic containers was collected. The 'litter grabbers' lent to us by the Council were a great help this year so we will ask for them again! There was one major route and numerous small side roads we couldn't cover with the number of volunteers we had – so next year we hope for more people to join in.



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