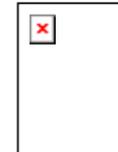




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St.Dominick Neighbourhood Watch: There have been no crimes or incidences to report this month. However, there are to be some changes in the structure of the policing in our area. Firstly the open counters at Callington and Saltash Police Stations are to be closed. This means that the nearest Police Station that is open for the public to walk into will be Liskeard. The second change that will effect us is that we have lost our 'Beat Manager' NBM Rachel Short has been moved on to CID and there are no plans to replace her. We will still have the support of the PCSO's. And finally the Devon and Cornwall Police Force are to be allowed to support each other, in as much as if extra police support is needed they are now allowed to cross the border. So if in the future we need to call for assistance we may well have a police officer turn up from Plymouth. And the same applies to Plymouth; they will be able to call on the support of the Cornwall Police Force. Whether this is a good move or not, only time will tell. What I will say is that we have had good support in the past from Rachel the crime figures in our village are very low and we will miss her, but I'm sure everyone will join me in wishing her well in her promotion.

Parish Council Meeting – April

First of all I was unable to attend this meeting personally, so the report is somewhat secondhand. I believe there was a member of the public present and Councillor Flashman was also in attendance. There was no police report, nor is there likely to be, as any information will be passed on at the Network meeting. Also present was Mr Hatch who gave an update on the arrangements for the St Dominick's Dash (Formerly the Hope Run). Details are on the posters round the village, but basically this is a 5 mile run starting and finishing in the village on 25 June, parking will be available in the field on School Hill. Entry fee is £12.00. Details are at www.theplymouthmusketeers.webs.com and proceeds to Jeremiah's Journey which is a charity in Plymouth providing support relating to young people who have experienced the death of someone special. **Tel 01752 348371**. Councillor Flashman reported that approx 100 acres of solar power panels have been applied for in Cornwall. Most grants will be withdrawn in August and some will be unlucky. The parish hall report stated their car park should be gravelled and tidied up soon. Abbots have been given the go ahead for the BMX track at the top of the field and also a small static child's tractor will be installed. Concerns have been raised because the precept has increased, as you will have seen when the rates bill arrived, and it is the belief of some people that the ratepayers are providing the money for the playground. However, since 2002 when the parish plan first identified a need for children to have a playground, money has been set aside, and starting with the Cornwall Playing Fields Grant for £1000, for each £1000 of council money spent £10,000 has been generated in grants. However, costs have increased and the precept has not been raised for several years. Insurance is more but mostly the same old thing, Salt and Grit, is the culprit. As reported in the last issue the SAG party put their case to the council. The outcome seems to be that there will be three additional salt bins purchased, one for Bohetheric, probably near Tremletts, one at the Chapel and one at Burraton. To purchase and fill these three bins three times is £1000.00. To fill them ourselves was discussed but is not without problems. The salt/grit has to be council approved to comply with the insurance, it has to be stored in a dry place and to handle dumpy bags weighing 1000kg is not easy. Also someone has to attend a health and safety course on filling salt bins. (I don't know if you have to attend a course to know how to pinch it and take it for your drive). The council are to write to Highways asking about the bus route. If they are to try to keep one road into the village clear, after the main roads have been cleared, they might just as well come in one way and out the other. This might involve that stretch of main road not being done, if they reply we will know. See you all in May for the parish meeting 7.00.

A Book Exchange has been set up in the entrance lobby of the Parish hall. Anyone can pop in to borrow or exchange books whenever the hall is open for activities (an exemption being the 'under fives' as for these sessions the doors will not be open). People bringing books to the hall are requested to put them on the shelves and not to leave odd books or bags of books on the floor as this will create a hazard. Books may be rotated from time to time as at present space is limited. The bookcase was kindly donated by Dorothy and David Silverstone. Any queries phone 350859

Advertising Costs: ½ page £10.00, ¼ page £5.00, those falling between the previous two sizes £7.50, ⅓ 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. Due to space being limited and demand being high each month, an advert may appear smaller or may not be included. The charge for advertising will be determined by the size finally published in accordance with the rates advertised. No advert, no charge. Invoices are issued by St Dominic Parish Council on a quarterly basis. **Clerk to the Parish Council:- Debbie Ashton.** Tel:- 01822 841173. E-mail :- stdompc@yahoo.co.uk

This month's newsletter was edited by Penny Garrod. *If you would like to receive your Parish News in PDF format by email each month please email: ourparishnews@gmail.com*

Reminder: Thursday, 5th May is Alternative Vote (AV) Referendum day. Don't forget to cast your vote.

Calling all local traders!

It has been suggested that Parish News should include a simple list of traders based in the Parish (name, trade and one phone number). If you would like to take part in this please email your details to ourparishnews@gmail.com. The cost will be £10 for a year (10 issues) payable in advance. Provided that there is sufficient interest, it is anticipated that this will start with the June edition.

Parish Council Precept 2011-2012. 12th April 2011

In response to concerns from parishioners regarding the increase of this year's precept, Members felt it was only right and proper for an explanation to be issued.

The 2011-2012 budget was agreed at the 1st Dec 2010 meeting which was open for parishioners to attend. Analysis of the 2010-2011 expenditure showed an overall increase in expenditure above what was originally predicted at budget setting time in 2009. Parish Council responsibilities have also increased since the precept was last set. For example:

- For 2010-2011, the budget for maintenance of the Recreation Ground had been set at £80. In reality, £1000 had been spent just on grass cutting.
- As there is more play equipment to insure which resulted in the premium twice for the past year increasing from £411 to £1020. It looks likely that premium will be again higher for this year.

Parish Councils are also obliged by law to have emergency funds (known as 'General Reserves') equating to at least 6 months of expenditure set aside. The Parish Council is entitled to apply for a refund from HMRC of VAT monies paid for purchases. This has been done for play items purchased from grant funding. However, grant funders have stipulated that it must be re-invested back into play and recreation only. A grant of £2000 has already been pledged to the football club from VAT monies received. The remaining VAT refund and additional VAT monies to be applied for will go to the construction of a BMX track plus two more items of kit for the playing field.

The Parish Council is keen to ensure that their procedures are transparent and that information is publically available. Our new website helps make information more accessible plus the Parish News and its Roving Reporter, Post Office noticeboard and Parish Hall noticeboards are valuable outlets for posting Parish Council information (when space allows) for which Council is most grateful.

All meetings of the Parish Council are open to the public and have a session at the start of every meeting where you can come and tell us of your concerns. St Dominick residents are very welcome at every meeting.

St DOMINIC PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. Wednesday 4th May 2011 in the Parish Hall (after the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING at 7.00pm)

- **Your Meeting,**
- **Your Views**
- **Your Chance to have a say in matters affecting the Parish.**

The Annual Parish Meeting is an open forum for parishioners to raise any issue of interest relating to the parish. The Parish Council will also report on its activities over the past year and its plans for the future. Plus representatives from local organisations have been invited to make a short presentation. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

For more info, please contact the Parish Clerk: E-mail: stdompc@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01822 841173 (9am to 4pm Mon to Fri) or visit: www.stdominicpc.kk5.org



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St Dominic Slimming Club

Slimming Club members organised a special supper on Friday 1st April. The evening was in aid of The Hand Stand Appeal for Marshall Janson, the little boy who lost limbs to meningitis. Hot pasties, sandwiches, savoury nibbles and homemade desserts were enjoyed by members, friends and families. A cake, bric-à-brac, and book stalls did a roaring trade with everyone delighted with their bargains and goodies. A grand raffle and many generous donations boosted funds for the charity. A very successful and sociable evening with over £600:00 raised. Slimming Club funds will raise this amount to £1,000:00 and a cheque will be personally donated to Marshall and his family on Friday 6th May. Please join us at the Methodist School Room between 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm. Afternoon tea will be served and the presentation will take place. A big thank you to members and everyone who so willingly support us. It really is all of you who make these occasions such happy events.

Cotehele needs you

Can you help us please? We are desperately seeking room guides to help look after the house on Saturdays and Sundays. Whether it be for a half day or a whole day we really do need your help. To open all the rooms to our visitors we need a minimum of 8 room guides and 2 lunch covers. This past weekend we were down to 5!! We hate closing rooms - but sometimes it is what we have to do. No experience is necessary - all we are asking is an interest in Cotehele, ilike meeting people and have some spare time. We will pay your travel expenses and after a short period will offer you a volunteer card which entitles you to lots of benefits. If you live locally, and can spare a weekend day helping us by volunteering, we'd be delighted to hear from you – so please contact me: Charmian Saunders, Visitor Services and Volunteer Manager on 01579 352736 or email charmian.saunders@nationaltrust.org.uk Cotehele, St Dominick, Saltash, Cornwall PL12 6TA

Tuesday Club April 5th

Chrissie greeted us all and read out apologies, from quite a few members. She then told us next years pantomime would be on Tuesday January 10th. The raffle was won by Colin Hill, who was picked out by his wife, which caused some amusement. The speaker next month will be Lawrence Harris, who will talk, about climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. Chrissie then introduced Mark Meridith, the Operational Manager, of the Tamar Bridge, which is a joint undertaking with the Torpoint Ferry. His presentation with numerous photographs and charts was really excellent. We learned that seventeen million cars a year use the bridge. When it was built, fifty years ago, it was the longest suspension bridge in the country and even now it is the fourth busiest. In 1994 the extra lanes were cantilevered from either side, and the original heavy concrete road bed was removed and is now at Burcombe Farm. The suspension cables, made up of hundreds of steel wires, were tested in 2008 and were found to have not much corrosion. This has caused a problem with similar bridges worldwide. In fact the bridge will still be fine for another two hundred years! He then finished with the use of the tags, which has eased congestion significantly and was able to answer questions on all parts of his talk. We all agreed it had been a most interesting afternoon.

St. Dominick W.I. report for April

There can be few better ways of holding on to happy memories than capturing them on film or as most of us do these days, taking a digital photograph. With this in mind, we invited Ron Bushell, a professional photographer, based in Kelly Bray, to talk to us on his subject and help us improve our skills. I think we all learned more than we had anticipated, covering many aspects of photography, such as, web photos, moving objects, softening the effects of flash, avoiding "redeye," and the importance of reformatting a memory card. It was a very enjoyable and animated evening with everyone firing questions at our speaker and receiving frank and detailed replies.

Our next meeting is on **11th May**, when we will be discussing and voting on, the WI's Resolutions for this year, Mega Farms and the closure of Public Libraries. If either of these topics are important to you, come along and join our debate, visitors are welcome, at a small charge of £3.50.

Annual show

I expect you are all wanting to know the date of the Annual Autumn show so **SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER** is the date you must put aside. You can all start painting, planting and knitting now, so there will be no excuse. Further details later. There has not been enough response to the committee's offer of an open evening with judges present to talk to you, so unless there is a sudden rush of enquiries we will assume there is no interest in this.

Mary Martin - Summer Exhibition. Tamar Valley, Cornwall's Coast and Southern France

Everyone is invited to visit Mary's coming exhibition which opens at 2 pm on Saturday 28 May. Admission is free and there will be a friendly welcome to St Dominic Parish Hall, temporarily transformed into an art gallery with more than 80 paintings on display until and including Sunday 5 June. **Venue:** St. Dominic Parish Hall, St. Dominic (near Cotehele), Callington, Cornwall

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