

The ever popular Harvest Lunch, when all the food is prepared by the pupils, was well attended by parents and friends. Children also held their own Harvest Festival Service at St Dominick Church when Class 1 presented a short play, Classes 2 and 3 performed poems and songs, the School Choir sang and children themselves led prayers. Their donations of produce were later sold at the Parish Harvest Auction. Money raised by the Lunch and collection at the Service totalled £250, the Church added £50 from the Harvest Auction and the Friends of the Church donated a further £50. This grand total of £350 has now been forwarded to our link Primary School in Kenya - the country has been suffering severely from drought, so where £12 can feed the whole school these donations will go a long way. Many thanks to all those who contributed in any way they could.

Our class 1 staff, Mrs Ogalo and Mrs Shapland have recently been visiting the Playgroup, which meets every Wednesday from 9.15am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall. The Playgroup is a very friendly proactive group and is delighted to receive new members. Please contact Lisa for further details on (01579) 351388.

Mrs Ogalo is keen to encourage pre-school children to join Class 1 activities, so our "Learning Together" sessions will re-start on Monday 2nd November. Parents and little ones are welcome to come along from 2.30pm. to 3.15pm to join our Reception and Year 1 pupils; you don't have to book, just turn up on any Monday afternoon! Our staff are also always happy to show any prospective parents around the school, just telephone our secretary, Helen, on (01579) 350581, and arrange a convenient time.

Activities during the first half of Autumn term have included the whole school visit to Braddock School, participation in Walk-to-School week; class 1 to Lanhydrock House, and a class 2 and 3 visit to Buckland Abbey as part of their work on the Tudors. October also saw the first competitive matches in football, netball and cross country – results next month! My apologies for giving the wrong date for the Family Service in last month's newsletter – this was altered after "going to press" to the 18th October, to coincide with the Church's 750th anniversary.

Update on Governors

At a July 'end of term' get together at the "Who'd Have Thought It", Brian Jones was presented with gifts from staff and governors to mark his retirement as Governor after 9 years. He will be greatly missed, especially with his expertise as Chair of Finance Committee. However, he will maintain links with the School through the Church and PCC – many thanks to him for all his dedication and commitment over the years. Also, in September, Jo Totterdell and Di Axtell stood down as Chair and Vice-Chair after 9 and 6 years respectively, although they both remain as Governors. Their places have been taken by two parent

Marie Curie Appeal

Following the huge effort by Jenny Penny, which you will have read about in the newspapers, (and which is still ongoing in different forms) Lynda Thomas is asking for help with the Daffodil Appeal in Feb/March. If you can spare a few hours please ring the fundraising office on 01872 260500. When we were at Jenny's Chinese cookery day it was noticeable that the men were taking notes and the women were drinking wine and eating the food, so that fundraising wasn't exactly a hard slog. Jeremy and Caroline Daw have donated a pig (hog) to Marie Curie for Jenny's next venture at Carkeel Garden Centre (which will have taken place before you read this, but was widely advertised). Your help would be appreciated as well.

Cotehele Tenants

By now you should have received your copy of the Residential Tenants Handbook from the National Trust. Some of you may be unaware that there is a Tenants Association of the National Trust (TANT) at Cotehele. It is through the hard work and pressure of the associations that the handbook is now in your hands. However, if you have a problem that cannot be resolved through the book please contact either John Doswell or Audrey Frye for confidential advice (JD (Chair) - 351087 & AF (Trs) - 351082). If you would like to become a member of the association please contact Audrey (membership £2:50).

Did You Know?

The coloured part of the eye is called the iris. Behind the iris is the soft, rubbery lens which focuses the light on to a layer, called the retina, in the back of the eye. The retina contains about 125 million rods and 7 million cones. The rods pick up shades of grey and help us see in dim light. The cones work best in bright light to pick up colours.

A New Book Club!

I though it might be interesting to start a 'Book Club'. If anyone else feels the same way please contact Di Axtell on 350006 to discuss a meeting time and venue. We can also decide what sort of books we would like to read and just enjoy ourselves.



Did You Know? Fingernails grow nearly 4 times faster than toenails. Your middle fingernail grows the fastest.

A Riddle!

What cheese is made backwards?



St. Dominick Parish News

The Parish News is also available on the St. Dominick Post Office website: www.stdompo.co.uk/parishnews.html

You can either send articles to our email address: ourparishnews@googlemail.com or give them to Alan Cox at the Post Office no later than 17th November. PLEASE NOTE - entries for the St. Dominick Diary should be sent to [sent to Rosemary Shepherd](mailto:senttoRosemaryShepherd) (Tel: 350489) by 17th of each month.

Tuesday Club - October 6th

Bernard welcomed a rather smaller group than usual to a Members Games Afternoon. Eunice asked for any suggestions for future club meetings. She will also be collecting money for 'Aladdin' next month of which the cost will be £19.00 per head which includes the theatre tickets, coach and not forgetting the ice creams in the interval. Next month "Galaxy" will be our entertainers as the published talk has been cancelled.

For the quiz, which Bernard and Pauline had devised, we were split into teams and we then had ten questions to answer on a variety of subjects which ranged from our knowledge of Cornwall, music, sport and several others. Each team had a joker they could play in advance of a subject and this earned double points. The winning team won £2.00 for each team member. Two games of Bingo were then played during which tea and biscuits were served at the tables. Many thanks to Bernard and Pauline for their hard work in organizing this fun afternoon. It was Pauline Squires who won the single draw prize this month.

May we remind everyone that this is a social club for people who are able to spare a couple of hours on the first Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held in the Parish Hall and begin at 2.30 pm and the meeting subjects (advertised in the Diary) are wide ranging. We have had talks on local history, crafts, nature, antiques and even wine tasting! We also have entertainment by local singing groups and musicians. There are trips out in the summer and at Christmas have a wonderful free Christmas Lunch. If this sounds good then give us a try, we promise you will receive a warm welcome. The cost is £2 and includes tea and biscuits as well as a chance of winning £5.00 in the draw.

Parish Council Report October 2009

This meeting was attended by the Cornwall Councillor, Jim Flashman, and Bob, the PCSO who is standing in for Rachel Short, who is back from maternity leave but is now on holiday. He is very vigilant, he couldn't find the front door but frightened us by banging on the fire door. There has been more diesel theft in the area, but if the thieves don't use it in their cars it is difficult to prove where it has come from if they are apprehended. He also reported on a new crime in Saltash, whereby petrol tanks are punctured to steal the fuel (similar to when I was growing up, I think).

The clerk had no response from the council to her letter asking for information regarding planning decisions. If the parish council are not informed of these they are not to know whether work should be starting in some cases. Councillor Flashman agreed and said he had had no notifications at all since One Cornwall took over. The strip of land from the Glebe, opposite the Post Office is progressing as far as we know.

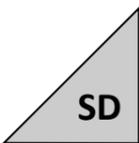
Councillors Keith Chapman and Richard Warne have done tremendous amounts of work with regard to the top of the playing field. Keith Chapman has submitted the Grant application again, having involved the school and various bodies such as the Sensory Trust. Richard Warne has been to Poole to a meeting where he gained lots of information; for instance, some of the regulations have been relaxed, and he recommended asking for some better quotes from suppliers. He suggested they start some work, perhaps the trees and access. Tenders will be invited again. Both Richard and Keith were thanked for all their work.

The Chairman, Drew Potter, reported on the two days he had spent at Pensilva at some planning workshops. He found them quite interesting and informative, not what he was expecting! Councillor Flashman also reported on general council business. There are some changes in planning rules, which should be better for applicants, such as not having to pay again for minor changes etc. Also there is a move afoot to change the rules so that people do not have to have mining search done until permission has provisionally been granted. He also reported buses are going too fast and can't see people at the side of the road waiting, therefore they are being left behind!!!! Not sure where.

The Christmas celebrations were also discussed again (see separate article). Otherwise a quiet but long meeting. If anyone wants more details on these meetings please contact the Councillors concerned as grant applications are very technical. The next meeting is, as usual, the first Wednesday in the month at the parish hall at 7.30pm.

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St. Dominick Neighbourhood Watch:



The St. Dominick Neighbourhood Watch half yearly meeting was held Tuesday 6th October in the Chapel Hall. We had a visit from the police, PCSO Tom Cornwell who updated us on the current crime situation in our area, and we were able to ask him questions about the new, Police Pledge' that has been issued to all co-ordinators. There are some interesting details in it, such as the fact that the police have pledged to spend 80% of their time in the community, and will respond to every message directed to our Neighbourhood Policing Team within 24 hours. A copy of the 'Pledge' has been posted at the Parish Hall Notice Board and in the 'Post Office' or contacts your NHW Co-ordinator for more details. Please take a few moments to read this document.

This month we have had a couple of burglary incidence and another farm diesel theft. Please be vigilant and if you see anything that looks suspicious contact your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and or ring the police on 05452 777444 for non emergencies, or 999 if immediate action is required.

And finally, are you fed up with junk mail and unwanted phone calls? Well, you no longer have to put up with them. The following contacts will put you onto a list that will reduce unsolicited phone calls and mail shots, it only takes a few minute to register and it has been supplied by the police, so is safe to do so. Just remember you will have to re-register every five years so keep these details in a safe place.

Mailing Preference Service: 08457 034 599 or website; www.mpsonline.org.uk

Telephone Preference Service: 08450 700 707 or website www.tpsonline.org.uk

For those of you with computers there is also one for 'SPAM' but I have had to query the details and am waiting for an answer from the Neighbourhood Watch Office at Torpoint. I will pass the details on as soon as I have a reply.

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St. Dominick Slimming Club

Slimming Club members with guests held a social evening event on Thursday 24th Sept. Nigel Libby received a cheque on behalf of Ellie's Haven from club member Katrina Davis. The money has been raised by club members during weekly meetings, special events and donations. Club members, Betty Behenah and Gwen Bolt received donations for Ellie's Haven instead of birthday gifts on their recent birthdays. We were pleased to have raised seven hundred pounds in total.

St Dominick Methodist Chapel donated all money raised from their harvest supper auction to the charity and together with a very generous donation from a St Dominick resident we were finally able to present a cheque to Nigel for one thousand pounds. Nigel was absolutely delighted, he spoke movingly to us all of the ups and downs of running the charity. Nigel and Julie, his wife, remain positive of finding the right site and seeing Ellie's Haven being built. The love and bravest of Ellie is their inspiration to success in this mammoth task. The evening ended of a supper of savour and sweet nibbles, teas and coffees, all given by club members. A bring and buy, cake stall and raffle were well supported. A really enjoyable and uplifting evening for everyone. A big thank you to all who joined us and made the evening so successful.

To find out more about **Ellie's Haven** please visit - <http://ellies-haven.org.uk/>

Christmas Celebrations

Following the last meeting the Christmas Tree plans have taken another step forward. The National Trust were contacted and said they were willing to provide a tree if they can find one that is suitable. There was also an offer of a tree from a parishioner which sounds hopeful, so things are falling into place. The parish hall committee have been consulted and have agreed in principle, but there a few things to be ironed out at the next meeting with them. Until then the plans are going ahead....so....on Friday 4th December, early evening, there will hopefully be a Christmas Tree, with lights, outside the hall. To get into the spirit of things a number of carols and Christmas songs will be sung and refreshments (solid and liquid) will be available - in the hall if wet. The Christmas Committee would like to see, if possible, everyone in the parish there, young and old! The lights will be turned on by a local personage. Please look out for the posters nearer the time.

Any donations towards this new venture would be gratefully accepted. Please contact anyone on the parish council, particularly Diana Greene because it is her idea or Richard Warne and Keith Chapman.



Day & Night Wordsearch

Can you find the hidden words? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

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Something Fishy

Seven friends each has a home aquarium and each aquarium contains a different number of tropical fish. Bill has four times as many fish as Angela, who has three times as many fish as Carol, who has ten fewer fish than Colin, who has a third as many fish as Jenny, who has twice as many fish as Jamie who has twice as many fish as Brian. How many fish has each person got if the total number of fish is 107?

Answer will be in the December issue.
(provided by www.puzzlechoice.com)

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| DIURNAL | NOON |
| DUSK | RAYS |
| EVENING | STARLIGHT |
| EVENTIDE | SUNBEAM, |
| FIRST LIGHT | SUNDOWN |
| FORENOON | SUNLIGH |
| GLOAMING | SUNRISE |
| LIGHT | SUNSET |
| MIDNIGHT | SUNSHINE |
| MOONBEAM | TWILIGHT. |

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