

# ParishNews

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## St Dominic School News

We've all enjoyed the wonderful weather in September – this was guaranteed to happen when the children returned to school!

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However, it does mean that it has been ideal for sport, P.E. and the outdoor after-school clubs – cross-country, gardening and football (with handbells and choir indoors). It has also made life easier and cleaner for the builders who are extending our Early Years play area. Class I, the staff room and head teacher's office have all been re-designed to make the most of our available space, and to prepare for the provision of an Early Years classroom in the near future.

We trialled a Breakfast Club during the summer term, which proved very popular, so we are offering this again during the autumn, from 8:00 a.m. each day. Children have cereal and toast, then help to wash up before going out to “blow away the cobwebs” on the playground. A good breakfast has been proven to help brainpower and concentration (perhaps we should all try it!).

Children have already been involved in local events this term, particularly with the St Dominic Autumn Show when they produced an amazingly colourful display of artwork and handwriting. Individual pupils also entered many of the other classes, such as handicraft and photography – cup winners were Joely Bytheway (art and handwriting), Alfred Hawkins (Photography) and Junior Floral Art (Charlie Taylor). Charlie also won the cup for the best junior exhibit with his “garden on a plate”, which incorporated many detailed and attractive features!

Six pupils entered their vegetable “animals” in a competition at the “Tamar Harvest” day on Cotehele Quay, organised by Tamar Grow Local. They won six packets of seeds, which will be very useful on the school allotment.

Other events coming up include a visit to Braddock School, a Class I visit to Lanhydrock, and our very popular Harvest Lunch. On 2<sup>nd</sup> October, at 2 p.m. we will be having our Harvest Festival at St Dominic Church, and we will be taking part in the Family Service at 10 am on 11<sup>th</sup> October – please try to join us at these services! Half-term week starts on 26<sup>th</sup> October, with a staff training day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Parish Council Report September 2009 A Roving Reporter's View

**Gate for Sale** (wooden 48ins wide and 43ins high)  
The Parish Council have the gate which was in the entrance to the Junior Play area for sale. It is wooden,. Farm style gate.  
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The first item to be discussed, of any interest, was the ongoing proposed purchase of a few yards of land from the Glebe, to enable a lay-by to be constructed on the Shop corner. There is often a bit of bother there when the bus can't get through and it has been known for people to be called out of Church to move their cars, although most are considerate and do use the car park. The architect has drawn up the plans and the council now have to pay for the surveyor's charges. It appears to be ongoing satisfactorily.

The top of the field works had an update. Councillor Chapman has been working hard on reapplying for a grant. This will be the Playbuilder grant again. Last time we were turned down on a few items so he has hopefully addressed these. He and Councillor Warne and the Chairman are to meet next week. If we are turned down again we can't reapply, so this is a crucial time.

In the meantime the grass in the field needs to be kept under control. Councillor Warne has a tractor, but only a small topper, so the Chairman is to ask Farmer Geoff Roberts if he can use his bigger one for a while. The ongoing planning dispute in Vogus Lane by the school house has taken a new turn. To recap, basically the parish council turned down some plans, but Caradon passed them anyway and the dispute has rumbled on. Anyway, the plot has been sold, and, guess what, the purchasers don't like the plans either! So, the plans have been amended, and as they seem to be better than the others, they were passed by our council and have to go to Cornwall now. *Continued on back page...*

## HOBBIES AFTERNOON

If you are 'nifty with a needle' (sewing) or you are interested in a 'knit & natter' (knitting) or any hobby i.e. artwork that you can bring and do at our Parish Hall on a regular basis, then come along for a taster session and a cup of tea/coffee and biscuit on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October '09 at 1:00 pm Parish Hall, St Dominic.

Ring Julie on 01579 350624 if you need further details.

### *Tuesday Club September 1<sup>st</sup>*

Our first meeting after the August break and it was nice to see so many familiar faces. Norma won the draw, and then we had a most interesting talk by Paul Rendell. It was called 'The Secret Nature of the Tamar Valley'.

Paul reminded us that, until about a hundred years ago, the valley was heavily industrialised and polluted. A lot of trees were cut down to allow factories and mine buildings to function.

Since then nature has re-claimed the valley from the ruins of these buildings.

We were led, through a series of slides showing all aspects of nature in the valley, starting with the abundant bird life. From large birds such as swans and herons dependent on the river, to smaller birds such as reed buntings and many woodland species. There were pictures of them all.

Paul then moved on to the flora of the valley and mentioned fungi, flowers and lichens, which flourish in the mild climate and clean air.

We then saw some of the animals – deer several species, otters and various rodents. There are snakes too- harmless grass snakes and adders.

Finally we were shown some of the twenty-two species of butterflies and other insects.

Paul certainly made the afternoon pass quickly and answered several questions.

We ended with our usual tea and chat whilst looking at the Christmas cards, calendars and other booklets, Paul had for sale.

## AROMATHERAPY WORKSHOP

**St Dominick Village Hall 14<sup>th</sup> November 1 - 4 pm**

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**7.00 – 7.45pm**

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### **St Dominick WI programme for 2009 -2010**

**7.30 for 7.45 start. St Dominick Village Hall**

**14<sup>th</sup> October** - *Medical History in the Tamar Valley (part 2) 1830 – 1900 – Alastair Tinto OPEN MEETING (men allowed)*

**19<sup>th</sup> Oct** Group Meeting - Life and work of Pam Ayres

**11<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Cornish Creams – Skin care with Natural Ingredients - Christine

**9<sup>th</sup> Dec** - *David Prowse - the WMN poet*

**13<sup>th</sup> Jan** 2010 - Celebration Cookery – Sue Cahampion with tasters

**10<sup>th</sup> Feb** - *Annual Meeting – followed by About Fair-Trade with tasters – Jane Richards*

**10<sup>th</sup> March.** What lives in the Tamar? Floundering and other fishy tales. - Paul Dando

**14<sup>th</sup> April:** *The Chocolate Queen – Becky Frost, demo and tasters*

**12<sup>th</sup> May:** Speaker on one of the National Resolutions  
**9<sup>th</sup> June;** *Practical Lessons in 'How To Tell If Someone Is Lying' – Nick Shapland*

**14<sup>th</sup> July:** Traditional Soap Making with Bath Bomb Demo – Sara Rock (So-Soapy)

**8<sup>th</sup> Sept:** *Speaker from, and Harvest Auction for, Our Chosen Good Cause*

**13<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Hands-on Clay – Ceri Taylor  
November, December yet to be arranged.

## St Dominic Autumn Show

Well, that's the show over. I think that most people who attended would have said it was a success. Pauline Stone won the cup for most points again, mostly due to her cookery – I should think Norman will be eating cakes for the rest of the year and David Rushby was the runner up. His strongest section was the vegetables – a very good entry.

However, ninety eight people entered this year, including some who had never entered, nor frequented even, a show before, so that's very encouraging. We always say that it's the taking part that counts, winning's a bonus.

Denis Harding, a first time entrant, won the Axtell Cup, given for the best exhibit in the whole show for his oil painting, which was much admired. Another amazing exhibit was from David Silverstone, who won his own cup, with his reproduction 18<sup>th</sup> Century flute which he was actually able to play!!

Cupwinners were: Best Exhibit in Cut Flowers – Mrs P M Morrish, Best Exhibit in Pot Plants – Pauline Stone, Best Floral Arrangement – Audrey Fryer, Best use of Colour in Floral Arrangement – Linda Mavin, Most Points in Cut Flowers Jo Totterdell/Mrs P M Morrish, Most Points Floral Arrangement – Audrey Fryer, Most Points in Vegetable Section – David Rushby/Diana Irons, Best Exhibit in Fruit – Jo Totterdell, Novice Annual Shield – Vicky Hawkins, Most Points in Cookery Section – Pauline Stone, Best Exhibit in Handicraft Section – Sue Wenmoth, Most Points in Handicraft Section – Pam Lees, Best Exhibit in Art – Denis Harding, Best Exhibit in Photography Section – Martin Cooke, Best Exhibit in woodwork – David Silverstone, Best Exhibit in show – Denis Harding, Runner up Most Points in Show – David Rushby, Most Points in Show – Pauline Stone.

Junior Section: Best Exhibit in Junior Cookery – Amy Griffin, Best Exhibit in Junior Handicraft – Amy Griffin, Best Exhibit in Junior Art – Aimee Austin, Best Exhibit in Junior Art – Joely Bytheway, Best Exhibit in Junior Photography (under 10) Alfred Hawkins, Best Exhibit in Junior Photography (Age 11 and over) – Toby Chapman, Best Exhibit in Junior Floral Art – Charlie Taylor, Best Exhibit in any Junior Class – Charlie Taylor, Most Points in Junior Section – Amy Griffin.

I suppose, on the subject of amazing entries, I should mention our own Mike Gill, chief editor's supervisor. (Sorry Elizabeth). There was this sudden roar from inside the hall, (outside St Dominic footballers had just beaten Callington 6 – 1) and he was holding up these little perfectly formed beetroots and dancing around with a first prize card. I know he's been quoting Alan Titchmarsh recently, so it can be done. His allotment mate, Tim Bennett had a good first time entry as well, as did Simon Stidwell, so watch your carrots next year everyone.

## A Christmas Idea

Councillor Greene has had an idea, which was brought up at the Parish Council last month and amended this month. I haven't written about this in the PC report, as they don't feel it is actually an idea they can take on, only support.

The original idea was to make something of Christmas in the Community, something to draw the village together. Basically, People/children would meet at one end of the village, knock on the door of the inn (pub), be turned away and process down through the village. As the bungalows were reached, each house which had been in darkness, would turn on Christmas lights and so on until they reached the church. Councillors were asked for their views/suggestions. This month they had considered. They thought the basic idea was good, but couldn't really be taken on by the parish council. They thought that the children would be an essential part of the plan and a): it was a long walk and b: children always have a lot to do at Christmas.

The plan has been amended to: Councillor Potter begging for a Christmas Tree from the National Trust. The Parish hall committee being ask for permission for a Christmas Tree outside the hall, and presumably an electricity supply. Adults and children singing around the tree, turning the lights on etc, at the very beginning of December. Some lights could be purchased quite cheaply (don't know who by) and some fundraising done to be better prepared next year.

I think it's a good job they're not doing the pub bit as all the men would stay there and let the women and children walk on their own.

The parish hall committee used to do a similar thing inside the hall with the school children but were not supported too well. However, as there are different people moving here all the time, they thought the idea should be tried out.

I can report Councillor Potter has spoken to the National Trust who are quite agreeable, but not sure if they've got one a suitable size and shape, and are searching.

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Some concern was expressed because we are not informed of any planning decisions which means that residents are building before the permission/refusal has been received from Cornwall. The clerk is to write a letter, saying "Hurry up". Also, a letter had been received replying to the question "Why don't they put up yellow planning notices any more?", the answer being that they write to neighbours now instead. Everyone knew that. The point being that in Bohetheric particularly, lots of the neighbouring properties are rented/holiday cottages.

A letter had been received from a parishioner requesting some road markings towards M&S Haulage where the road narrows and bends. There have been several accidents there and the road is busy with National Trust visitors. They will have to ask Highways/Cornwall Council what, if anything, can be done.

The council had been to inspect Vogus Lane, another long running dispute, and said they can't see any potholes. Where are they?

Councillor Greene, reporting on Halton Quay, drew the Council's attention to a sign that was by the river, erected by the Council/AONB/Countryside service which had an arrow on it saying "You are Here"; and where you are is nowhere near where they think they are. Does this mean lots of people in the woods lost, with those Wednesday Walkers that are missing?

Councillor Greene also had an idea for Christmas in the Village. See separate article.

Finally, the council meeting was attended by your newly elected Cornwall Councillor, Jim Flashman. Some councillors had never met him, ever, but some had and I went to school with him, although he is a couple of years older. He is replacing Olive and Kate – he is not at all like them. He has been a District Councillor for several years and was able to give us an insight into his world. He reported that the Council now comprised 60-65% Cornish people, some were younger than him but some were over 80 and more youngsters were needed.

One third of the newly elected have never even been a parish councillor, so life might be difficult for them for a while.

He was able to speak on some items during the meeting,

such as planning, and he reported that you can now get a pre-planning visit from an officer before you apply. Any resident that needs help must get in touch with him and he will help them to get their planning application through. He said that being a Councillor was very time consuming and he was fortunate in having a wife that could do his farming work for him.

The question of the travellers who were settled at the roundabout arose. The council was very interested to hear that they were all self employed tax payers – they hadn't considered this before. Anyway, when they were moved on Councillor Flashman exercised his Duty of Care and offered his field at Sevenstones to them for rent. They brought some friends, but paid up and had now moved back to Chelson Meadow in Plymouth. The site has been cleared up, all the rubbish gone. He thought that it would be a good site for them at the roundabout if the council installed some toilets and water. There was a sort of loud silence, then someone said it would be across the Cycle Route, and perhaps not a very good site at all.

The meeting closed a bit later than usual. Councillor Flashman will not be able to attend every meeting as most parish councils meet on a Wednesday but will be happy to speak to parishioners, or email him at the Council.

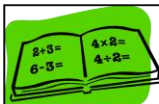
## St Dominick WI report for September

Going, going, GONE! Our Harvest Auction saw, as usual, a wonderful array of produce and, together with our collected 'coppers', raised £180 for Ellie's Haven.

Before Di Axtell took the floor as Auctioneer, we had heard from Nigel Libby, Ellie's father, about the aim of the Charity, to provide a place where families with children suffering from severe or life-limiting conditions may take a holiday as a family, and the wonderful way that Cornish communities have supported this. We were very pleased to welcome members of the St Dominick Slimming Club who came to support this good cause.

Members were reminded about our Autumn Group Meeting on Monday 19th October, where we will be entertained with a talk about the Life and Work of Pam Ayres. A sheet with all details was given to each member and they were encouraged to enter the competitions.

Next meeting on 14th October is an Open Meeting, where men will also be welcomed, to hear about the Medical History of the Tamar Valley, Part II, 1830 – 1900, after the Poor Law that brought in the Workhouses - by Alastair Tinto. Visitors £3 – refunded if you join.



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