

## Parish Council Meeting September 2010

The September meeting was held in the Parish Hall as usual, but unusually there were other people in the public seats with me. Their roles became apparent as the meeting progressed. Nobody was there for pleasure.

There was no Cornwall Council representative (Jim Flashman) or Bob (PCSO).

Chairman Diana Greene opened the meeting and began by thanking everyone for organising and attending Lovell's Park opening day, particularly Richard and Keith, neither of who were there.

Then we had the public session. Representatives from the Church informed the Council of their plans for heating the building, as in last month's Parish News, and asked for support, which the council were happy to give, and said they would help where possible.

Then some residents from Vogus Lane stated they were unhappy with some of the development of the play area, lack of information, and lack of any contract from the National Trust/Council with regard to the strip of land between the back of the cottages and the playing area. Fortunately, a contract had been received that week from the National Trust, but with regard to the other matters the Chairman suggested a site meeting to explain the problems.

Most of the audience then went home, followed soon by the others after a planning application had been looked at.

There was concern that someone has been flying a kite in the field, below the electricity lines which Western Power are going to remove when they have some money. Bigger "No kite flying" notices are needed.

The clerk stated that no applications had been received to fill the vacancy on the parish council, therefore the council could co-opt someone. Posters are to go up around the village inviting applicants. The Councillors all expressed surprise that the post had even been advertised as no one had seen it, but the clerk said Cornwall Council must have advertised it somewhere!

The clerk has resigned, given a month's notice, so the next meeting will be her last. This post (part time and paid) will be advertised as well.

Chairman Greene thanked the Councillors present for helping her with her new post, she said Councillor Potter's comments were always very nice and he was really chirpy when she phoned him, Councillor Spiers' comments were equally valid. Next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October in the Parish Hall at 7.30

### VACANCIES

The Parish Council are looking for a part time clerk. Further details please contact Diana Greene 351631 for details of salary and conditions.

Also a vacancy has arisen for a parish councillor. Please contact Diana Greene, as above.

## HANDYMAN

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### St. Dominick W.I. report for September

It's that time of year again, Autumn Shows, Harvest Festivals and for St. Dominick WI, our Harvest Auction, this year's chosen charity was Dartmoor Search and Rescue Group,

Tim and Alan, from the Tavistock team, joined us to tell us all about their work.

Recognised by The Mountain Rescue Council, manned by volunteers, they have worked for more than 40 years, to provide support to search for, treat and evacuate people lost or injured, not just on Dartmoor but anywhere they're needed.

Continually adapting, to comply with different legislation and training methods, voluntary organisations, such as theirs, are being called upon more and more to work in conjunction with the professional services.

Onto the Auction, we had a variety of produce donated and Di Axtell, our auctioneer, was able to sell it all off, in record speed, enabling us to donate almost £95 at the end of the evening.

On the WI business front, thanks go to Win Foweraker, whose hard work on our 2010/11 programme has helped us achieve 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Cornwall Federation Programme Competition.

Our next meeting, in the Parish Hall, is on 13<sup>th</sup> October; Ceri Taylor will be giving us, "Hands-on experience in Clay work."

### Tuesday Club September 7<sup>th</sup>

Quite a good crowd gathered for our first meeting since the summer break.

Eunice asked for final numbers for the pantomime next year. It will be on Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup>. The cost is £19 per ticket payable next month.

Next month's programme has been changed to accordion playing by Jim McMillan. Margaret Thresher won the draw prize.

Eunice then introduced our speaker for the afternoon, Paul Rendell. He gave us an interesting talk with plenty of excellent slides on the history, landscape and wildlife of Bodmin Moor. Signs of human activity on the moor date back at least 4,500 years to the Bronze Age when deposits of copper and tin were found. Various stone circles and graves are found dotted all over the Moor. The land was cleared for farming and the climate was warmer too. Later mining and quarrying became very important during the Industrial Revolution when tons of ore and stone were sent all over the country. Old mine buildings are now preserved as part of the area's World Heritage site. Natural erosion has left landmarks such as the Cheesewring near Minions. Paul also gave us an idea of the richness of wildlife in what appears a barren wilderness in places.

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Cheques payable to St Dominick Parish Council

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# Parish News

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**St Dominick Diary**  
should be sent to:  
Rosemary Shepherd  
Tel: 350489  
by 17<sup>th</sup> of each month

## St Dominic School News

Firstly, a very important apology from the editorial team, the names of two pupils were omitted from the list of Year 6 children who left in July: the full list should have been; Nick, Rhianna, Billie, Charlie, Daniel, Hannah and Leah. By now they are probably all enjoying the challenges of Callington Community College!

A wonderful display of art work by our pupils, greeted visitors to St Dominic Autumn Show on September 11<sup>th</sup>, together with a sample of handwriting from every child – mainly of an amusing poem, which caused some smiles from the Show's visitors! Their prizes were presented to them in School by the Show's Chairman, Mrs Diana Irons, (former parent, governor and pupil!). Perhaps next year the School's Gardening Club could enter vegetables – it is currently producing runner beans, and beautiful everlasting flowers grown especially for Cotehele's Christmas Garland.

As previously mentioned, the school is considering making the informal "collaboration" with St Mellion School, into a formal "federation". Whilst each School would remain a separate entity, with separate budgets, uniforms and Ofsted inspections, we would share a Headteacher and Governing Body. Governors of both schools feel that a Federation would offer greater opportunities for both pupils and staff; teachers and support staff are already sharing their expertise in specialised areas such as languages. Pupils gain from working with their peers for group activities, but still retain the benefits of small class teaching when studying literacy, maths etc. Staff will benefit from joint curriculum planning and assessment, and, at a time when budgets are being cut, administrative costs will be reduced.

The full consultation document, and questionnaire for responses, may be obtained from the School office (replies before November 2<sup>nd</sup> please).

Finally, everyone is invited to the Family Service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October, when we hope many of our children and their families will be attending and taking part. Coffee and biscuits for all are usually served afterwards in the Church. We look forward to seeing you!

## St Dominick

### Neighbourhood Watch

There has been an incidence reported this month of a bogus caller, purporting to be from the Devon and Cornwall Police, promoting a community newsletter and asking for a contribution. I checked this out with the police and was told that the police never do 'Cold calling' and would never ask for money.

Since this report the police have confirmed via 'Ringmaster' that this is a scam, the person gives his name as "Peter Williams" and gives a false "local" number. The police have given the incidence a Log No "484 09 September 2010" and advised if anyone receives such a call to hang up immediately and phone the police on 08452 777 444 quoting the Log No. and giving details.

There has also been a complaint about 'Dog Doos' in Back lane, which is the narrow lane running between Baber Lane and the main bus route that runs past the Post Office. This sort of anti-social behaviour could cost the dog owner an 'on the spot fine' of £50 and if payment is refused the court can impose a fine of up to £1,000.

Apart from being a nuisance if trodden in, there is a very real health risk from Toxocara Canis, which is a roundworm found in dogs. Roundworm eggs, found in dog mess, can easily be picked up by young children. This causes stomach upsets, sore throats, asthma and in rare cases blindness. The eggs can remain active in the soil for many years, long after the dog mess has weathered away. So PLEASE if you are a dog owner you know what you should do: BAG IT AND BIN IT!

### DOG FOULING

Some people are exercising their dogs on Lovell's Park. This is **NOT ALLOWED**. Prior to the recent opening day dog's mess had to be cleared from the football pitch and surrounding area. It is clearly marked on the gates and there is no need for it as the whole of Cotehele Woods are not too far away! Do not go into farmers' fields without permission, and do not send your dog in whilst you stand in the road. You will be seen. Also it is an offence to allow your dog to foul anywhere except Forestry Commission land without clearing it up. This includes the woods around here and back lanes. Some dog owners are giving them all a bad name. If someone sees and reports you, you will be fined, so **DON'T DO IT**.



### Lovell's Park Opening Day

After three days of wet fog, the weather was bright and sunny much to everyone's relief. New MP Sheryll Murray cut the ribbon to the agility course accompanied by businesses and families who had contributed to the project. Thanks to the funding obtained by the Parish Council another fantastic time was had by the children with the Eden Project and gallons of water, and also the bouncy castle entertained others. Don't forget the 23<sup>rd</sup> October at Cotehele Quay as previously advertised for your children. The parish hall was open and the hall committee served cream teas, the WI had a display and a few stalls were there as well. Outside the football club were doing a roaring trade with burgers, cooked mainly by Dave Jones and Shirley Behennah waitressing. The first match kicked off about 1.00, between Calstock Veterans and St Dominic veterans. St Dominic were unlucky to lose, it was because Calstock were more experienced, fielding older players, reputedly one was in his fifties! Afterwards it was the ladies against children, they played across the pitch because it wasn't fair on the children to play lengthways. Unfortunately, Shirley Behennah, fed up with being a waitress, decided to play and whilst running towards the ball at the start sustained a knee injury, which has since proved to be quite serious and the hospital said she will be on crutches for six to eight weeks! Her husband Mark, first aid man, came running to her rescue as she lay on the pitch and sponged down her ankle. The funding for this day was again organised mainly by Richard Warne and Keith Chapman. Keith missed it because he was on holiday but no doubt has heard all about it. A super day was had by everyone present. Sympathy must also be expressed to Phil Jones who broke his arm in the vets match but didn't come off and still went on holiday the next day.

### St Dominic Autumn Show

As most of you will know the Annual Autumn show took place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Several of our regular entrants were away on holiday but the committee managed to encourage plenty to participate, making it a very lively afternoon. There were ninety six competitors this year, twenty nine of these were "first timers". Some enter to win, some to beat their neighbours and some just to enter, it doesn't matter – it all makes a village show. Pauline Stone took the cup for most points in show, mainly due to her cookery which for several years has been unsurpassable (although who knows in the future?), and Simon Stidwell, who entered for the first time last year, took the cups for "Most points in Vegetable Section" and Runner up for "Most points in Show". Both very popular winners. The committee would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway, the stewards, judges, Brian Morrish, Mark Behennah and Ivan Cradick for fetching and assembling the trestles etc., the extended Foweraker family for storing said trestles, Drew Potter and Audrey Fryer for cooking and serving Judges' lunches. Also to Alan Cox for printing the prize cards and schedules, as he did last year, and to he and Nina for accepting entries to the show in the Post Office. There were also various helpers at the end who stayed behind to help – Paul Doney, Norman Stone and Brian Wenmoth being three of them, but I'm sorry, I don't know everyone's name. **Lastly, but most importantly, "Thank you" to the competitors themselves – without them there wouldn't be a Show. See you all and your friends next year.**

#### Cup Winners 2010

##### 16 and Under

Best Exhibit in Junior cookery – Neve Hunn, Best in Junior Handicraft – Gemma Arundel, Best in Junior Art – Amy Griffin, Best Exhibit in Junior Handwriting – Amy Griffin, Best Exhibit in Junior Photography (under 10) Daisy Channings, Best Exhibit in Junior Photography (11 and over) – Rachel Cox, Best Exhibit in Junior Floral Arrangement – Amy Austin, Best Entry in any Junior Class – Amy Griffin, Most Points in Junior Section – Amy Griffin

##### Adults

Best Exhibit in cut flowers – Shirley McEvansoneya, Best Exhibit in Pot Plants – Brenda Poynter, Best Floral arrangement – Heather Vick, Best use of Colour in Floral Arrangement – Linda Fry, Most Points in Cut Flowers, Mrs P Morrish, Most Points in Floral Arrangements – Audrey Fryer, Most Points in Vegetable Section – Simon Stidwell, Most Points in Cookery Section – Pauline Stone, Best Exhibit in Handicraft Section – Chris Gee, Most Points in Handicraft Section – Chris Gee, Best Exhibit in Art – Kelly Doney, Best Exhibit in Photography Section – Nick Stokes, Best Exhibit in Woodwork – Gareth Davies, Best Exhibit in Show – Di Irons, Runner up Most Points in Show – Simon Stidwell, Most Points in Show – Pauline Stone

#### Message from the Vice Chairman

Those of you who were at the Autumn show will know that the vegetable judge suggested (because he stays during the afternoon and is always inundated with questions, which he thoroughly enjoys) that perhaps it would be possible to have a get-together with those of you who are interested to know how to grow and show. I expect we could get a cookery and handicraft judge as well to come along. If you are interested give me (Julie) a ring 350624, or Di 01822 832192 or Lorna 350776 or Jo 350656.

On a different note I wish to apologise for not thanking all of you who exhibited at the Show. The standard was wonderful and without your contributions there would be no show so it was very bad of me to forget – what polite people would call a senior moment!!!

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