

The Church Tower Open Day

On Saturday 13th August St Dominick Church held a tower open day. Visitors were able to view the ringing chamber, first floor, and bell chamber with an explanatory commentary on each section.

In the Church there was a display of bell parts and fittings as well as details of the 1966 re-hang. There was also a video of the bells in motion and a mini bell in its frame which visitors could try for themselves. Refreshments were served in the schoolroom and were kept busy all afternoon!



121 people attended with 90 reaching the first floor chamber and 80 of those climbing to see the bells.

Kevan and Owen would like to thank all the ringers who distributed the door-to-door leaflets and those who were stewards on the day, and, of course, all who came along and supported the event.

The result of the first St Dominic Football Club 50/50 lottery is:

1 st	£100.00	Andrea Cawte
2 nd	£25.00	Richard Warne

Anyone wanting to join this lottery please see Ken Harvey at the football match, or any committee member.

St. Dominick Neighbourhood Watch:



Every now and again a late-night incident is reported to us. It is usually mischievous vandalism, bordering on criminal damage. The Government has recently reminded us that parents are responsible for, and accountable for, the behaviour of their children and teenagers; particularly after dark.

So please for everyone's sake, if you have charge of youngsters, make sure you know where they are and what they are up to now that the dark evenings are upon us.

A few weeks ago we were informed that in addition to the closure of Police counters at Saltash and Callington we were to lose our Community Police Officer PCO Rachel Short, who relocated to CID.

However, I am now very pleased to be able to announce that we are to have a direct replacement for Rachel, CPO Chris Chillcott. This is good news for our village as it did seem that we were without direct Police support. So welcome to CPO Chris Chillcott.

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Parish Council Meetings August and September 2011

The August (extra) meeting was at the Chapel and called primarily to approve the grant from the Parish council to the Football club for the purchase of a grass cutting machine and also for the clerk to tender her resignation. There were two members of the public present and also Derek and Mary Scofield, formerly of SODITT, who were reporting on Hays Marsh. This no doubt will be reported elsewhere and everyone interested probably attended the Natural England meeting in the hall, so I won't go into it again. Obviously a very different proposal from the other application a few years ago.

The money for the football club was discussed and the suggestion was put forward that as they would never be able to keep the play area tidy, as previously reported, perhaps they could cut the area at the sides and back of the pitch, this being a bit easier for them. They don't do strimming!

The clerk is leaving. Diana has pressed her to stay, but she is off. She explained the procedure for advertising her job and agreed to stay an extra month. Oh dear.

Some road works have taken place and some potholes filled in. In places they were unsure if the job was finished or not.

The August meeting was the worst meeting I have ever had to go to. Firstly there were three members of the public, and their friends, and Derek and Mary again. The members of the public (m.p.'s) then all wanted to speak, one on questionable development in the valley that no one else had spotted, one on Pepper's Hill again and one asking if the school mothers could park in the Parish Hall car park when dropping their children off/collecting them. Replies were:

- 1) Could be looked into, as no one aware of said development
- 2) Pepper's Hill discussed extensively previously and although agreeing with member of public nothing could be done, although the National Trust could be involved again.
- 3) The P.C. representative could put the parking to the Parish Hall committee at the next meeting.

Mary put forward her opinions on Hays Marsh. By this time we all wanted to go home but then the meeting had to start, and the main item on the agenda was Hays Marsh again. We had to listen to opinions about beetles and birds for ages. One m.p. was very knowledgeable about such things and able to give her opinion and offer help with monitoring if necessary. As usual, there wasn't enough information with the planning application so they had to decide whether to approve it, with provisos, which normally never get taken into account, or refuse it until there was more information available, which is likely to be overruled. You have to have some sympathy really, except it was so boring, as when the councillors go out the next day they will be bombarded with questions from people who weren't there, that they can't answer. Most of the time they sat in silence, sort of deadlocked. Anyway, they turned it down, not unanimously, for those reasons, so we will see.

Councillor Spiers has had no reply from Richard Jackson again in spite of chasing him, nor any reply from the solicitors regarding the school playground lease. The quote for the Post Office corner is about three times as much as he was expecting, although others weren't surprised, so he had a bad five minutes. The m.p.s and their friends went home to bed and the meeting rumbled on, fortunately there was an item to be discussed in private and I could go home as well. Next meeting first Wednesday in October, parish hall, 7.30.

Roving Reporter

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

To mark 60 years of the Queen's reign, the Diamond Jubilee will take place in 2012. The celebrations will centre around an extended weekend in 2012 on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June.

Just to keep everyone posted, a group of parishioners, now called the Jubilee working party, are busy coming up with some ideas to make the weekend of Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd June extra special. This is just advanced warning to keep that date free in your diaries. It is going to be an action packed weekend and a great celebration for the whole Parish. A time for everyone to come together, celebrate and have fun together.

As the months go by we'll tell you more and more of the plans but at the moment they are just 'ideas' and nothing is in concrete yet.

So, hold the date! 2nd and 3rd June 2012! And if you have any comments or ideas then please call: 351631

Also, where were you in 1952 when Princess Elizabeth became Queen? Would you like to share your memories to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee? We are also planning a Safari Supper to raise funds for the Jubilee celebrations and are looking for hosts for this event. If you can help with either of the above call Sally Lovejoy on 350550.

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St Dominick Autumn Show

The Committee would like to thank all the helpers, competitors and judges for helping to make the show a success on the 10th. Also, thank you to all those who came along in the afternoon for a cup of tea, it all helps to pay for the show. We don't have a final monetary figure, but we know there was enough taken to cover our costs.

Entries were up in the horticultural sections, but down in the art, which is usually very well supported, so the committee will be on the case of all budding Picassos next year. Ninety six of you entered and there were quite a few first time entrants, which is nice to see, and hopefully they will be putting the tips they picked up into practice next year.

If anyone has any ideas for next year's show, see one of the committee and when we have our meeting we will discuss anything you have to suggest. We are limited by the size of the hall.

Mustn't forget a special "thank you" to our presenter of prizes this year, Martyn Oates, who did such a splendid job that he might be asked again!

The prize-winners were:

AWARD

Perpetual Challenge Cup
 Bradbury Memorial Trophy
 St Dominick WI Perpetual Trophy
 Flower Show Trophy
 Poad Trophy
 Tresillian Rose Bowl
 St Dominic WI Perpetual Trophy
 Francis and Ethel Steer Memorial Trophy
 Most points in Cut Flowers
 Potter Cup
 Anderson Trophy
 Novice Annual Shield
 Garden News Top Tray
 St Dominick WI Perpetual Trophy
 Ken Hodge Cup
 Thorington Cup
 Glesyn Cup
 Axtell Cup
 "Who'd Have Thought It" Cup
 Flower Show Trophy
SPECIAL AWARDS – JUNIORS
 Shelly Corfield Memorial Cup
 Reep Trophy
 Kingdon Cup
 Ferguson Cup
 Annual Trophy (given by Mr B Morrish)
 Stewart-Mackenzie Cup
 Violet Batten Memorial Cup
 Wanless Cup
 Brownlow Trophy



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Best Exhibit in Cut Flowers (given by Alderman Fred Rogers)
 Best Exhibit in Pot Plants
 Most points in Cookery Section
 Best Exhibit in Handicraft Section
 Best Floral Arrangement
 Best use of colour in Floral Arrangement
 Most points, Floral Arrangements
 Most points in Cut Flowers
 Most points in Vegetable Section
 Best Exhibit, Class 37 (Fruit)
 Class 38, donated by Diana Irons
 Class 39 –
 Most points in Handicraft Section
 Best Exhibit in Art Section
 Best Exhibit in Photography Section
 Best Exhibit in woodwork/woodturning
 Best Exhibit in Show
 Runner-up, Most points in Show
 Most points in Show
 Best Exhibit in Junior Cookery
 Best Exhibit in Junior Handicraft
 Best Exhibit in Junior Art
 Best Exhibit in Junior Handwriting
 Best Exhibit in Junior Photography (Age 10 and under)
 Best Exhibit in Junior Photography (Age 11 and over)
 Best Exhibit in Junior Floral Arrangement
 Best Entry in any Junior Class
 Most points in Junior Section



WINNER

Linda Fry
 Charlotte Braungardt
 David Rushby
 Linda Weller
 Mandy Nicholson
 Linda Fry
 Mandy Nicholson
 Mrs P Morrish
 Simon Stidwell
 Stephen Stidwell
 Gold
 Linda Weller
 Jo Totterdell
 Brian Morrish
 Gareth Davies
 Jo Totterdell
 David Rushby
 Simon Stidwell
 Neve Hunn
 Edward Chapman
 Jed Hutchings
 Olivia Yorke-Dunne
 Daisy Hunn
 Hannah Chapman
 Bree Austin
 Amy Austin
 Jed Hutchings



St Dominick Bird Survey 2010/11

If you see a woman walking around the village with a pair of binoculars and a notebook it could be me taking part in a survey for the BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) Bird Atlas – The Bird Atlas will contain all of the results from the surveys of all areas of Britain during Winter and Summer from 2007 - 2011.

When I signed up for the survey I was given a *tetrad* of 2 km square to survey which covers the area between St Dominick Church and the St Mellion roundabout. In the tetrad I have 3 main types of habitat:

1. Mature Woodlands and large trees on the Pentille estate and around the Church
2. Open 'improved' pasture with hedgerows
3. Viverdon Downs which consists of boggy scrub with gorse and bracken.

I've done this 4 times during the year in January, April, June and December the idea being that I record both summer migrants like Swallows as well as winter ones like Fieldfares and Redwings. The birds I saw were pretty much as expected; Great Tits, Blue Tits, Robins, Dunnocks, Fieldfares, Redwings, Nuthatches, Jays, Rooks, Snipe, Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Magpies and Buzzards formed the major part but I was lucky enough to see a Woodcock on Viverdon Downs. It flew up just a few yards from me. In fact we disturbed a Woodcock on our walk in the snow at Christmas and last winter there did seem to be more about. These are migrants to Cornwall during the winter.

We've been pleased to notice that Bullfinches are once again visiting our garden feeders here in West Burraton. There has been a 50% decline in numbers over the last 25 years so to see 2 pairs in our garden was very exciting it seems these lovely little finches are on the up! We also have some rarer birds such as breeding pairs of Marsh Tits in Viverdon and Burraton and Linnets breeding on Viverdon Downs.

In April birds such as Whitethroats, Blackcaps, Chiff-Chaffs and Willow Warblers arrive just before the Swallows. They are numerous in our woods and. I've been looking for signs that they are nesting. It would be good to see some more of our traditional 'farmland' birds like Skylarks, Yellowhammers and Grey Partridges. Numbers of these birds has been in steep decline over many years. The green fields of grass grazed by cows that look so pretty are actually not that good for farmland birds but thankfully where some land in the parish have been left ungrazed they have had space to nest and feed. Barn Owls in particular need rough ground to hunt for on voles and mice.

I saw 5 Buzzards during my survey in January but I know we also have Sparrow hawks, Kestrels and Peregrine Falcons in the area so I hope I'll see a few of these during the year. The RSPB has been looking at the effect that Sparrowhawks have on the songbird population as many people don't like to see them catching Blackbirds and Thrushes. The results are that the populations are not threatened by the Sparrowhawks whereas cats do kill a good many birds and their young!

If anyone wants to find out more this is the link for the website <http://www.bto.org/birdatlas/about.htm>

Rebecca Coombes



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