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Entries for the **St Dominick Diary** should be sent to: Rosemary Shepherd Tel: 350489 by 17th of each month

St Dominic School News

It's been a busy end to the school year!

We managed to hold sports day on the 23rd June despite the threatening rain and fun was had by all. Congratulations to all the children involved and to those who won medals and plaques. Well done to Halton House for securing the most points this year. The children were not only treated to the Mums/Dads races at the end, but also a teachers race too!

Unfortunately the small schools area sports evening was temporarily called off on the 27th June. Teams from around 8 local schools had congregated at Liskeard Community College and the races were about to begin when..... down came the rain accompanied by thunder and lightning. The children were very disappointed.

Well done to St Dominic School Council who organised a 'Penhaligon Day' event which raised £71 from the sale of buns and a non-uniform day. This fund supports children when someone is seriously ill. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

St Dominic School's annual quiz night was held on the 1st July. Thank you to Angela Palin for being our fantastic 'quiz master' and also to members of the PTA for their hard work in making this evening happen.

We had a sponsored bike/scooter ride around the field last week also organised by the PTA to raise much needed funds for the school. Delicious cream teas were available for all. Thank you to the PTA for organising this.

The whole school had a wonderful trip to see 'The Wind in the Willows' at Sterts Theatre last week, funded kindly by the PTA. There were many positive comments about the children's fantastic behaviour and the children obviously very much enjoyed the production.

Classes 2 and 3 have been working very hard over the past two terms with members of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. This all ended with an amazing performance of 'A Right Ol' Song and Dance' at Sterts Theatre last Friday evening. There were 6 local primary schools involved and the music department of Callington Community College. Families of the children were treated to an evening of mime, singing, circus acts, taiko drumming and percussion/orchestral performances.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Sally Burke has been appointed our Class 2 teacher for every afternoon commencing September 2011. She has already had a very positive impact on the class and is quickly becoming involved in the life of the school.

Finally we are sadly saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils - Francesca, Joely, Daisy, Hannah, Richard, Mark, Charlie and George. You will all be missed immensely by everyone at St Dominic School. We wish you every success as you move on to the Community College.

School recommences on Wednesday 7th September for pupils.

Football Club News

The Football Club had a very good season, the first team were Champions of the ECLP Division 1 and won promotion to the Premier Division, the 2nd team finished a credible 4th in the Duchy Division 1.

The new season starts with both teams under new management, first team manager, Paul Blatchford is leaving to assist at Liskeard and we are pleased to announce, Stewart Cawte will be taking over the reins.

The second team will be managed by Nathan Holliday, he replaces Dave Bishop, who is stepping down due to ill health.

We are anticipating a good season.

With running costs getting higher every year, Referees fees, travelling expenses, etc, we need to raise money by other means, each month, we are intending to run a 50/50 lottery, with a top prize, hopefully, of £100, the entry fee will be £5 per month. Anyone interested, please contact Ken Harvey on 01579 382504 or see him at the ground, on match days.

Also a reminder that the monthly Bingo is held, on the last Thursday of the month, at the Who'd Have Thought It, at 7.30pm, Eyes Down at 8pm

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Clerk to the Parish Council - Debbie Ashton
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VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK:

Due to the current Parish Clerk's recent resignation, St Dominic Parish Council is now seeking to recruit a replacement.

The ideal candidate will have strong administrative and organisational skills, sound experience of accounts and budgets and be a good communicator. Fluent IT skills are essential and knowledge of local government procedures is desirable.

The successful candidate will have a positive approach to playing a key role in Council's work within the community and ideally have an interest in the parish of St Dominick.

The post is home-based for 15 hours per month which includes attendance at one evening public meeting every month (except January and August).

Duties include publishing meeting agendas, producing minutes, ensuring proper procedures in accordance with statutory laws and guidelines, liaising with contractors and outside bodies, communicating and implementing Council decisions and managing the finances of the Council.

Training will be given by the outgoing Clerk though the Parish Council may fund further training if required. Salary is according to the National Agreement for Local Government Employees, with the scale point based on relevant experience.

For further details on how to apply and job description, please contact Debbie Ashton (Parish Clerk) on 01822 841173 or stdompc@yahoo.co.uk or write to St Dominic Parish Council, 36 Marythorne Road, Bere Alston, PL20 7BZ

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 14th September 2011

St. Dominic Slimming Club

The Slimming Club's annual trip to Looe took place on the 15th July with 37 ladies catching the coach, on, what was, a fairly cool Friday evening. Arriving in Looe we enjoyed the bracing sea air, the harbour and the boats. Most of the group opted for a fish and chip supper, followed by Cornish ice-cream. We all agreed, we had eaten delicious food and enjoyed the holiday atmosphere of Looe, although, unfortunately, the shops were all closed.

We arrived back in St. Dominic at 9.30pm, we all received a lucky dip prize on the coach trip back home and we all had a lovely evening.

The trip raised an extra £86, this will be donated to our next chosen charity.

St Dominic Autumn Show

Please remember your entries for the annual Autumn Show on the 10th September. Schedules are at the Post Office or can be viewed at www.stdompo.co.uk clicking on the relevant link to the show.

There is a category for everyone, but if you can't enter please come along on the day and have a cup of tea to see what everyone else has done.

See you there!

St. Dominick W.I

An evening for the Drinkers and Historians of the Parish, men and women are all invited.

Our next gathering, at St. Dominick Parish Hall, is on 14th September and will be an open meeting. Alistair Tinto, a local historian, will be giving us a talk on **"Tipplers and Teetotallers of St. Dominick" (history of Pubs, Breweries and people 1630-1900).**

Please come and join us.

There is a small charge of £3.50 for non-members.

St Dominic Gymkhana and Dog Show, Sunday August 14th

Thank you to all who visited, competed or helped in any way. We enjoyed another hugely successful day making a profit of between £800 and £900.

As ever a special thank you to the Poad family for their support and loan of the field.

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Parish Council Meeting July 2011

This month we had two members of the public present, both had questions/suggestions to put forward which was a big advancement! The first was regarding the rubbish bin at the bus shelter. The council had put a note on it saying they wouldn't empty it because it had dog poo in it. The councillors were unaware of this, and the clerk was delegated to find out the whys and wherefores of this because other councils encourage people to use the public bins for this purpose. A councillor said they had the same problem at home with their bin, so the dog problem is worse and not better. If you remember it's not easy to get a proper dog bin emptied or sited, more at the next meeting.

The second suggestion from the other m.p. was to get the bus to stop a few yards further down the road than it does, opposite the school, so that people don't have to get off into the long wet grass. This was considered a good idea as well, although possibly the cars parking opposite could cause a problem sometimes, and the clerk is to contact the bus company. No one seemed to have thought of it before, although people always struggle there.

There was no PCSO and no county councillor.

Councillor Spiers reported that the Council wanted the lay-by plans resubmitted, something to do with the drains I think. The clerk is to question "why?" No quotes had been received for the work to be done. Also there was no reply from Richard Jackson re the allotment rent. Someone had heard that the National Trust had cutbacks and he was having to do his own typing, but that could be a rumour. Anyway, no joy yet!! There were other bits and pieces but the SAG committee report was the most positive (or negative) report of the night. Having met and reconsidered, as directed, they recommended that Cornwall Council is asked to keep the bus route open if possible. The parish council will buy three salt bins and some salt/grit, but it will be up to parishioners to purchase grit for their drives etc and chains for their wheels. Councillor Greene was disappointed but had done some research of her own and had found two websites, "Presents for Men" and "I Want one of those". Amongst other things these websites apparently sell ice grippers which are things that go on over your shoes/boots and stop you from slipping on the ice when you are walking to the grit bin. Someone else thought Trewarthas in Callington sold them as well, so perhaps best to get them now in case there is a run on them and they sell out!

The BMX track is underway, the turf needs to grow now. People are still taking their dogs onto the field; it is not the place for dogs where children play and the football club don't want to be picking up after them. There are plenty of walks around, such as the woods, but remember you must clear up after your dog wherever you are. No council meeting in August, next meeting the first Wednesday in September 7.30 parish hall.

St. Dominick Neighbourhood Watch: JULY

There was an incidence of burglary this month at South Bohetheric Farm where some scrap metal and workman's tools were stolen. The police were informed.

Please make sure that any tools or valuable items are locked away in out buildings or sheds. It is much easier to buy a lock than it is to have to go through the trauma of being burgled.

There was also an incidence of inconsiderate parking on School Hill, the police were informed, but after enquiries to neighbouring properties the incidence was resolved without police attendance. Please think before leaving your vehicle unattended. Is it causing obstruction or inconvenience to others? Not just road users but pedestrians too.

AUGUST

The only incidence this month was some inconsiderate parking opposite the chapel causing villagers to walk in the road, and therefore putting children going to school at risk. So please when parking your vehicle or your visitors park theirs, just make sure it is not causing problems for others.

And whilst I'm on the subject of parking, just a reminder that it is that time of the year when farmers are busy with their harvesting, and that means large farm equipment needs to be taken out onto the roads, so if you are living near a farm, please park considerately and allow room for these sometimes very large vehicles to get through without the risk of damage to private cars, or farmers time taken up finding the owner and having to request removal of the vehicle.

On September 21st at 7:30 in the Parish Hall we will be holding our half yearly meeting. All are welcome. Please come along and support your Neighbourhood Watch.

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