

*St Dominick*

# *PARISH NEWS*

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***St Dominick WI – Inspirational talk by the co-founders of OVAID (Orangutan Veterinary Aid) at St Dominick WI***

Dr Nigel Hicks and Sara Fell Hicks, who are an amazing vet and veterinary nurse team, came to WI to talk to us about their incredible work in Borneo, Indonesia where they care for the injured, orphaned or displaced orangutans.

Their work with orangutans began when Nigel went from his rural veterinary practice in the south west of England to volunteer in a wildlife vet programme in Borneo. He encountered many baby orangutans that were orphaned and animals injured and burned during the bulldozing and burning of their rainforest habitats that are constantly being destroyed by companies intending to plant many, many acres of palm oil trees.

Nigel was then invited to work as the head vet in Borneo from 6 to 8 months a year for the next 5 years. It was clear to him that the building they were using and the equipment that they had was no where near adequate for the massive numbers of patients that needed their care. So Sara and Nigel decided to set up the charity OVAID to provide rescue equipment, medical equipment, medical supplies and also training for vets to maintain the vet practices across the region of Indonesia. They provide scholarships for young vets to learn abroad or in-situ training. Funding and running their charity has now become their life work!

The orangutan is a beautiful mammal that lives in the canopy of the rainforest trees of Indonesia. They are usually solitary animals. They eat the leaves and fruits from the trees and maybe, if hungry, bark and termites. They share 96.4% of human DNA so they are very susceptible to human infections. They live to an age of 45 to 50 years old. They grow to be 6 times stronger than us!

Infants stay with their mothers for 6 to 8 years and they spend 2 years clinging onto their Mother until they learn to feed themselves, climb and use the trees as their highway to travel through the forest. They are arboreal and make a new nest every day to sleep in at night. A female will have only 3 to 4 babies in her lifetime. So numbers of orangutans are dramatically dropping as the population suffers loss of habitat through deforestation. It's a tragic situation.

There are only 100,000 left today despite conservation efforts over the last 20 years.

Palm oil production is not their only enemy! Coal mining, gold mining along with legal and illegal logging also endangers their fragile rainforest home. Sadly as the area of their forest home decreases the orangutan is forced closer to human habitation. Often displaced animals are killed when they enter towns because they are so strong or sometimes, especially babies, become pets or enter the wildlife trade. Once rescued into rehabilitation centres it's a long and expensive process often taking 10 years before an animal is fit and ready to be released back into the wild!

The World has become dependent on palm oil! It is in 50% of all food products and even Bio Diesel has palm oil in it! It is in shampoo and detergents and it is hidden on food and product packets under many different names, making it very difficult to identify and avoid! Sara and Nigel are advocates of alternatives to palm oil - they are spreading the word and as a WI we will be urging people to avoid products containing palm oil.

Sadly 80% of palm oil is produced in Malaysia and Indonesia and it has destroyed over 100,000 acres of delicate rainforest, the home of the

beautiful orangutan.

Sara and Nigel had a beautiful array of gifts and soft toys for us to purchase. Lots of fluffy orangutans were taken home by members for Christmas presents! The charity relies solely on donations to continue their incredible work. If you would like to find out more about this wonderful charity or purchase a gift on-line or make a donation their website can be found at: [WWW.OVAID.ORG](http://WWW.OVAID.ORG)

Article written by Anne-Louise Mellor

In the November WI meeting, members will be making a Christmas Decoration so we need to know who is coming, ahead of the meeting. Visitors are welcome as always but please could they contact [stdominickwi@gmail.com](mailto:stdominickwi@gmail.com) before the meeting on Weds 12th November to let us know they are coming?



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## ***Autumn show***

Yes, we are solvent so that's the main thing. We have enough to continue another good few years yet.

Thank you to everyone who entered the show this year, Sam Rayner took the prize for the most points in the show, remember she is the one to beat next year. We had about seventy five contestants, adults and juniors, which made a good number of entries for visitors to see. The Axtell cup for the best entry in the show was won by Lesley Cutler with her beautiful pot plant, presented to her by our resident publican, Paul Tarplee, thanks to Paul.

The committee would like to thank everyone involved with the show, lots of people are involved, from those who store the boards and trestles etc



to those who set up the hall, prepare the lunches, serve refreshments, sell raffle tickets, the list goes on and on but we are very grateful to each and every one of you. See you next year!

### ***St Dominick Christmas Craft Fair,***

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 11am - 5pm

The event, in the Parish Church, will embrace nearly 40 stalls including many of our favourite regulars as well as new crafters. The variety of tables include jewellery, wooden gifts, willow, pottery, clothes, cards, leather and many more. The artisans enjoy the opportunity to showcase and sell their goods as well as raising funds to maintain the Church. The tea room will be open throughout the day serving light refreshments covering coffee, lunch and cake. We look forward to welcoming new faces as well as many repeat customers from far and wide to this popular fair.



### ***Have You Heard of The Loveny Male Voice Choir?***

Started in 1972 The Loveny Male Voice Choir is an internationally renowned choir, based in the Cornish village of St Neot (and named after the river that flows through that village).

Over the years they have won many championships, and sung at prestigious venues including the Royal Albert Hall, Symphony Hall in Birmingham, and abroad in locations around Europe and Canada. However, their most special location, was Geevor Mine, where the video of them singing 'Cornwall My Home' went viral!

The choir continues to thrive and along with the traditional male voice choir songs, they are constantly updating their repertoire with more contemporary pieces from the world of rock and pop, and arrangements unique to Loveny. Now coming to St Dominick...

We are very happy to say that we have booked this Wonderful (and busy!) Choir, to sing for us at our Christmas Concert, which will be held at 7pm on Sunday 7th December in St Dominick Parish Hall. Tickets £10, available from Charmian 351302, Linda 350556 or via Facebook.

What a lovely way to start the lead up to Christmas.

### ***St Dominick Church Harvest and Harvest Supper***

We are a farming community. Our farmers feed our country, our county and us. They rise before daybreak and work all hours, and we are eternally grateful for their hard work to put food on our plates.

The village really came together this Autumn to celebrate harvest time. First, we had a full Church with over 150 attending our School's Harvest Festival Service. Well orchestrated and disciplined by Nicola Beswetherick and the Revd Michael Johnson, we heard our children speak and sing to give thanks for reaping the food we eat from land and sea. Everybody from our School followed tradition and marched down from their schoolrooms to our 700 year-old place of worship, accompanied by teachers and some parents and grandparents.

Next, our Sunday Holy Communion to celebrate Harvest Festival was again taken by Revd Michael Johnson. The Church was festooned with masses of flowers so beautifully and artistically arranged by Mandy Nicholson, for which we all thank you so much.

Finally, on the following Monday evening, we were blessed with an evening in the Village Hall that the sixty or so who attended will never forget. Thank-you all you helpers responsible for producing terrific food with an efficiency normally associated with the Savoy Hotel in London. And then we came to the Auction. Wow! The audience were splitting their sides in laughter. Thank you so much Auctioneer, Graham Walker; your skill is now legendary to get us all to pay too much(!) and raised more than £700.00 for the Children's Society. Graham, please make yourself available for next year's harvest supper auction ... please!



## ***St. Dominick Advent Window Trail 2025 – LAST CHANCE!***

A night by night lighting up of windows decorated to a theme, counting the Days to Christmas – for all to enjoy!

**HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR DATE YET? – just 7 left! (as of Oct15th)**

The theme for 2025 will be

**‘CHRISTMAS-THEMED FILMS/MOVIES’**

If you would like to join in the fun of St. Dominick Advent Window Trail please email [stdominickchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stdominickchurch@gmail.com) with: 1. your phone number, 2. address, 3. say *where* you are, 4. and what you are offering to do (A, B, C, see below) or call Ann on 077900 40458 for more INFO.

**How to be part of this lovely Village Event** (*initiated by The Who’d during lockdown*)

**Either (A)** live in the area between the Who’d and the Parish Church and want to make an Advent Window display (including The Meadows, Cross, Park Road, Edgcumbe Road, Baber, Church View, Peppers Court, Pensingers, Rous Road and all the bits in between) This is both **for safety reasons** – as to view the windows people are walking around the streets after dark – and also a practical reason - as it was found that those further out just didn’t get the viewings they deserved. **HOWEVER** not all of us live in this area ...

**So we have a OR... Or (B)**, if you would like to Make a Window we can try to find you a window to display it in within this area....

**And another OR– Or (C)**, if you are *not* arty-crafty, but would be willing to HOST a window – please let us know and we can try to match you up with a Window Maker!

The trail begins on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Each Sunday is used to tell the Advent Story

**All must be taken by 10<sup>th</sup> Nov latest date!**

This event is sponsored by The Who’d – with a Prize of a meal for two (details later)

## **The St Dominick Festivities Group**

Date for your Diary

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm

### **Annual Christmas Lights Switch On**

Free mulled cider and mince pies

Dreckly Drummers

St Dominic School Choir

This year we are planning on reverting back to our original plans of an outdoor stage where Dreckly Drummers and the school choir will be performing. Our thanks to Burcombe Haulage for lending us one of their small curtain lorries to act as our stage. We are extremely grateful.

We will also be celebrating the shop's 5th birthday - such a very special place for the community, by the community. We wish them continued success and look forward to celebrating with them on the 29th.

Our thanks too to the Shop for allowing us once again to host a 'guess the name of the reindeer'. We will be placing the soft toy in the shop towards the middle of November and each name you guess will be 50p. The name will be revealed on the 29th and the winner will take the reindeer home with them.







# ST DOMINICK DIARY

NOV 2025

## Parish Church services

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	15:00	Cornish Evening Prayer, Halton Quay
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Holy Communion
	10:50	Remembrance Service
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Contemporary Celtic Worship
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	09:30	Midweek Communion
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Benefice Service, St Andrews, Calstock

For details of Services in other Churches of the Benefice please look at the 7 Link on the following website [Tamar Valley Benefice \(google.com\)](http://TamarValleyBenefice.google.com)

## Toddler Group Thursdays: Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

From 9.30 to 11.30, Free, informal play and chat, open to all under school age with an adult.

## Oversight Minister:

Rev'd Michael Johnson [eastwivelshire@gmail.com](mailto:eastwivelshire@gmail.com)

## Churchwarden:

Jessop Price [pricejessop@gmail.com](mailto:pricejessop@gmail.com) 01579 350049

## Methodist Services. 3pm Sundays

Nov 02	Mrs Marguerite Smith
Nov 09	Revd Tim Wilkinson (Remembrance Service)
Nov 16	Revd Jonathan Budd
Nov 23	Revd Janet Park
Nov 30	Local arrangement

## **OCTOBER**

- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Who'd have Thought it. "Kit Hill Billies" 8:30pm
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Hobbies Parish Hall 1-5. All welcome, just come along with something to do.
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7:00 Parish Hall



## **NOVEMBER**

- Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Table top sale. Methodist Church 10:00 – 12:00
- 6-8<sup>th</sup> Nov Church Craft Fair
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Wreckers Morris Parish Hall. 7:30 New members welcome
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Service 10:50
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Hobbies – as above
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> WI making Christmas decorations. Please contact [stdominickwi@gmail.com](mailto:stdominickwi@gmail.com) beforehand so they can prepare.
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Who'd Have Thought It Quiz night. All welcome. 8:30. £2.00 per person
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Wreckers Morris as above
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Mobile library 11:45 – 12:05
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Who'd have Thought It "Stone River Band" 9:00

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>      Wreckers Morris as above.  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup>      Hobbies as above  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>      Wreckers Morris as above  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup>      Christmas tree switch on. Parish Hall

## **DECEMBER**

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>      Parish Council 7.00 Parish Hall  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>      Wreckers Morris as above  
Sat 6<sup>th</sup>      Who'd Have Thought It "Sea Changes" 9:00  
Sun 7<sup>th</sup>      Loveny male voice choir Parish hall  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup>      Hobbies Christmas meal. Paid up members only.  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup>      W.I. meeting. Christmas meeting, fun and  
   feasting!  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>      Wreckers Morris  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup>      Mobile library 11:45 – 12:05 Parish Hall  
Sat 20<sup>th</sup>      Who'd have Thought It "Rich James" 9:00.  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup>      Just a rumour that Father Christmas might drop in to  
   parish hall after the Christingle at the Church.

The Who'd have Thought it will be closed on Christmas Day and  
Boxing Day.

Christmas party bookings are from 28<sup>th</sup> November until 20<sup>th</sup>  
December.

**St. Dominick Hand Bell Ringers** Fridays 7.30 Contact Robin Wood 01579 350 767

**St. Dominick Community Shop** (Village Hall car park) 01579 350841

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**Post Office Friday 9-12pm – please note the updated hours.**

**Fish van and other services see shop article**

**Parish Hall bookings** contact: [lornabc@talktalk.net](mailto:lornabc@talktalk.net) 01579 350776

**Items for the Diary page to:** [ourparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:ourparishnews@gmail.com) by the 15th of each month.

### ***St Dominick Community Shop***

Thanks to all that have participated in the new Shop lottery that launched at the end of September. At the time of going to press, we had had two winners of the jackpot:

- 6<sup>th</sup> October – Andrew Scott - £44
- 11<sup>th</sup> October – Pat Bowley - £51

Half of the lottery proceeds go into the jackpot for the lucky winner and the other half into Shop funds to be invested back into the community so it is all in a good cause not to mention a bit of fun. All the details are in the Shop or speak to one of our Volunteers. Just £2 a number, give it a whirl – you could hit the jackpot!

Our Christmas stock will be in the Shop this month and our programme of events will get underway. Keep an eye on Facebook posts and posters

in the Shop so you don't miss anything – there will be lots happening as usual.

The other exciting event for the Shop in November is our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Hard to believe but the Shop has been up and running for 5 years on the 28<sup>th</sup> November. Thanks to all our amazing customers and dedicated Volunteers, it continues to be a success. We will be taking the opportunity to celebrate YOUR success so please join us.

Here's what's coming up in November:

**Cheese of the month** – the Black as Coal cheese that we had in the fridge for Halloween & Bonfire night will continue into October. We will also have a second guest cheese with a more festive slant as we run up to Christmas. We want to get a good selection in the fridge for your Christmas feasting.

**5<sup>th</sup> November** – Trehill sausages, marshmallows and other goodies will be available for your bonfire night party

**Mid November** – our Christmas programme starts including meat orders, hampers to order and the Santa post box for the little ones.

**24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November** – it's the Shop's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday and we will have 6 days of celebration with special offers, a special raffle and joining in with the festivities on 29<sup>th</sup> November lighting up our very own (much smaller) Christmas tree after the village tree lights go on. There will be something for everyone so please come celebrate the success of your Community Shop. More details to follow

**Every Friday** – the Post Office service is available between 9.00-12.00 midday. A reminder that you can withdraw or deposit money in your bank account as well as posting letters and parcels.

**Every Saturday** – you can get hot pasties – steak, steak & gravy and cheese & onion as well as sausage rolls from our pasty warmer between

10.00-1.00pm. If you would like to order in advance, please let one of our Volunteers know by no later than 5.30pm on the Thursday before.

As always, we are on the look out for Volunteers to join the team. We have morning and afternoon slots weekdays or Saturday. Do you fancy giving it a try or do you know somebody that might? It's great fun and you get to meet lots of lovely people. You can just come in and work alongside one of our Volunteers as a 'taster' session before you commit. Please think about joining our merry band – it helps spread the load.

**Fancy working a trial Volunteer shift to  
see if it's for you?**

**Meet the team, chat to customers & have a bit of fun!**

**Contact Hayley Edwards, Volunteer Coordinator  
on 07972 896329**

As always, we look forward to seeing you in the Shop very soon.

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### ***November Gardening/Nature Notes***

As we approach the colder and wetter months our main jobs in the garden will be about protecting plants from the wilder weather to come. Stake any tall or top heavy, leafy plants and draw some soil around the base of their stems to prevent "windrock". This includes pruning roses to about half their height to keep their roots firm.

Tender plants should be moved to the greenhouse or at least closer to the house for protection.



Whilst mentioning the greenhouse now is a good time to clear out any spent plants and clean the glass as this will allow maximum light for any plants that you may wish to overwinter. (This good practice would also apply to cold frames). It is also a good opportunity to drain any water butts and clean them on the inside.

Remember to raise pots and containers off the ground using “pot feet” or similar, to prevent them from becoming waterlogged.

Applying an autumn mulch will also help to protect plants and of course if you have a veg plot then it would benefit from a good covering of homemade compost.

In the flower garden lily and tulip bulbs can still be planted this month for a display next spring. Winter bedding such as wallflowers, sweet Williams, primulas and winter pansies could also be planted out into well prepared ground,

In the veg garden plants such as kale, brussel sprouts, parsnips and swedes can be harvested now but are considered to be better after a bit of frost. Broad beans can be sown in November in order to get the plants established before winter and therefore give an earlier crop in spring.

November is a good month for planting bare root plants for hedges or as shrubs, also for planting bare root fruit trees such as apples, pears and cherries.

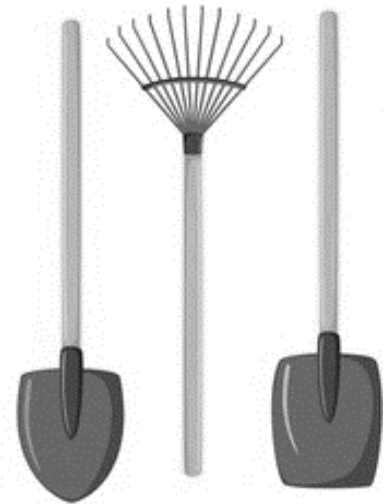
If you are cutting back bushes and shrubs try to leave berries for the birds such as blackbirds and thrushes as well as for the winter visitors such as redwings and fieldfares.

If you have any ivy in your garden, and it is practical to do so, then try to leave as much to flower and produce berries as you can as this will provide a good food source for birds in the winter.

In the flower garden try leaving some plants such as sunflowers to go to seed to provide food for birds and the dead stems can provide habitat for overwintering wild life.

No doubt you will be adding fallen leaves and spent vegetation to your compost pile but if you are considering having a bonfire with material unsuitable for composting do check that there is no wildlife such as hedgehogs in residence before lighting.

Finally, as ever, continue to keep bird feeders clean and topped up with suitable food.



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## ***Parish council Meeting Oct 2025***

This time we all had to be at the hall for 6.30 because members of the council wanted to have an update from the proposed solar farm development people, at least, all except councillors Potter and Hunn did, also Chairman Cox was a bit wishy washy about it but thought that in the

interests of democracy etc perhaps he should go with it as it gave the members of the public a chance to ask questions (again).

So the man came and duly addressed those there, Councillor Fry missed the first 15 minutes and apologies from Councillor Greene. Two members of the public attended, remember the days when all those chairs were put out just to be put away at the end?

The man said they had taken opinions on board and now the site wasn't visible from Kit Hill. He showed us what appeared to be pictures of the panels in the fog and to be fair they were not as visible as last time.

There weren't any questions that I can remember because the application 's not in yet so that was that.

The council meeting began with a presentation from a member of the public that resembled a "Dragon's Den" scenario. It was relating to the dog poo bags discussed at the last meeting, and this is designed to make people think about their behaviour. Small brown whoopsies, like a Mr Whippy icecream are to be attached to pertinent spots in the vicinity and these are actually poo bag dispensers for you to take a bag from to clean up after your dog!! Please use them. Lets see how it goes.

One step forward with the footpath at Dilleys. As you know the council will pay for the materials if the parish council supply the labour and now we know they can actually do the work themselves, personally, as can anyone if they register with the countryside service for insurance purposes. There was still discussion as to whether to employ or work, words such as sub base and whacker were bandied around. Councillor Fry offered to do something about it as he knows someone. That's good.

Rubbish was still in areas of the parish that was supposed to have been removed, no one knows why. Other bits and pieces, Councillor Fry offered to cut a bit of hedge and also to repair some benches which needed a mix of seat and back rests replaced. The slats are in Councillor Wilkins' shed.

When he's done that he offered to go and see the member of public who wanted an outdoor gym as he has never materialised. If he's changed his mind he can come off the agenda. They couldn't remember if he had been officially invited or not so Councillor Fry is on the case.

Remembrance Sunday was sorted out, most attend.

Not much more this time. Councillor Wilkins is hero of the month this time as he had read through the insurance document before the council accepted it, all 70,000 words.

The accounts couldn't be approved for payment because as the meeting fell on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month no one had sent any, so that was that. Also councillor Fry was reading the wrong page.

Now there allegedly is a new clerk, a lady. Because of this, and the change over with Jim, November's meeting is at the end of October, so if you get this in time, see you on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00, Parish Hall

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### ***Parish Council Resident's Survey - transport***

I have spoken to the Saltash Red Bus people and they are working on trying to plan a bus to pick up in St Dominick. I have requested a trial pick-up to go to Waitrose as this was the service most people were interested in using. I have details for villagers who contacted me directly to say they would be interested in using a Saltash Red Bus service and I will contact those people as soon as I have a date for the first pick-up in St Dominick. The more people who use it, the more likely we are to have a regular service. If you have not contacted me yet, or maybe new to the village, and would be interested in using the Saltash Red Bus service to Waitrose, other large supermarkets around Plymouth or other various day trips, please let me know. Gill Brown.

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Stop Press: The Pasty and Pudd event raised over seven hundred pounds! Thank you to all those who attended and to all those who contributed to make it such a successful afternoon.