### St Dominick









#### ...And before you know it, winter is here...

As we slip into the season of shorter days and scraping ice from the windscreen, we can look forward to Christmas, New Year and the wonderful village activities that come with this time of year. Read on to make sure you don't miss anything!

If you find yourself with a few moments to spare, as you warm your feet by the fire or wander the lanes of our lovely Parish, do ponder what you'd like to see in your Parish Newsletter in 2026 - we'd love suggestions. Email us at <a href="mailto:ourparishnews@gmail.com">ourparishnews@gmail.com</a> or collar one of our lovely team if you spot us out in the wild.

#### Remembrance Day



At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, World War 1 came to an end. Every year, Remembrance Services take place around War Memorials in the UK, and the Royal British Legion Remembrance poppy is worn, to honour those who died in the line of duty in international conflicts,

sacrificing their lives for us to live in a free and democratic country.

On the eve of Remembrance Sunday, the BBC broadcast the Festival of Remembrance; a pictorial display of sheer brilliance by performers and armed forces presided over by the Royal Family at the Royal Albert Hall. If you didn't manage to watch it, you can still find it on iPlayer and Youtube.

St Dominick is unique for having our War Memorial inside the Church. Some 50 parishioners attended this year to remember those from our village who did not return. The Revd Michael Johnson read out their names and wooden Memorial Crosses were placed in sand at the foot of our Memorial, first by our County Councillor, then by many of our village clubs and societies.

During the Service we heard Laurence Binyon's poem, For the Fallen:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.

The service ended with a trumpet call of *The Last Post*, a two minute silence as the Church clock chimed 11, and the trumpet sounding the *Reveille*. The next day, over 100 children, parents and grandparents attended the St Dominic School's Remembrance Service in the Church.





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#### St Dominick Community Shop



Christmas is in full swing in the Shop and we have a lot going on, so please have a look at our Calendar of Events below so you don't miss anything. Our willing & friendly volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions.

Thanks to all who have been participating in the Shop lottery. We are selling 50+ numbers each week so there is always a healthy jackpot. Do give it try – you could be the winner! Our winners from the last 4 weeks: 18th October – Kate Johnson - £56; 25th October – rollover; 1st November – Sue McLaughlin - £114; 8th November – Helen Butland - £55. The lottery will be paused during December but will be back on 29th December when there will a special DOUBLE jackpot to be won to kick off the New Year!

Don't forget, we will be celebrating the Shop's 5th anniversary in the last week of November with special offers and a free raffle ticket with every shop you do. The prizes will be Shop Gift Vouchers of £50, £30 & £20. On the afternoon of Friday 28th November (the day of our anniversary) we will be joined by a very special guest and ex-resident of the village, **Fern Britton**, who will draw our raffle. We will also have some suppliers present for tastings & freebies! Do come and join in the fun and help celebrate making your Community Shop such a success. Thank you.

#### Coming up in December & January:

Cheese of the month – perfect for the festive season, we will have Vintage Christmas Tree cheddar and a caramelised onion festive star in the fridge. Both will look an absolute treat on your cheese board.



Post Office — every Friday between 9am — 12pm midday (except Boxing Day Friday). A reminder, you can also use this service to withdraw or deposit money. Beat the Christmas rush and post early!

Hot pasties every Saturday (except 27th December) – steak, steak & gravy, cheese & onion, and sausage rolls available 10am – 1pm. To order in advance, please let us know no later than 5.30pm the Thursday before.

Please note, apart from Christmas Day and Boxing Day, the Shop will be trading normal hours over the festive period, including New Year's Day.



#### **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR EVENTS PROGRAMME 2025**



Date	Event	What's happening
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Shop gift vouchers	£5 & £10 vouchers available - a great gift for relatives, friends & neighbours.
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Xmas raffle starts	For every £7 transaction, customers get a raffle ticket for the <u>draw on 23<sup>rd</sup></u> <u>December (midday)</u> . See poster for prizes.
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Cheese, deli, cream orders close	Last date for ordering cheese, pate, deli & creams etc.
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Lottery pause	No lottery for 4 weeks. Back 29 <sup>th</sup> for New Year <b>double jackpot</b> draw on 3 <sup>rd</sup> January.
w/b 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Club vouchers sent to Club members	Christmas Club members will receive vouchers to the value of the money they put into the Club during the year. They will be entitled to a <b>10% discount</b> on <b>ALL</b> items in the Shop when using vouchers.
4th December	_	Last day for younger customers to post a letter to Santa, so he has time to reply!
6th December	Meat orders close	Last date for ordering meat from Trehill & Cornish Farmhouse.
19th December	Cornish Farmhouse order collection	Gammon, bacon & ham orders can be collected on this day.
22nd December	Trehill meat order collection	Beef, pork, lamb sausages etc. can be collected on this day
23rd December	Raffle draw	The draw will be made at midday and the lucky winners contacted.

24th December	Cheese, deli & cream etc order collection	Orders of cheese, pate, deli & creams etc can be collected on this day from 12.00 midday onwards.
Christmas Eve	Shop open	Open with normal hours to 5.30pm
Christmas Day	Shop closed (Thu)	CLOSED
Boxing Day	Shop closed* (Fri)	<ul><li>CLOSED</li><li>*Pre-ordered newspapers will be available.</li><li>Customers will be advised of arrangements</li></ul>
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Shop open	Trading hours as normal.
29 <sup>th</sup> December	Weekly lottery resumes	New Year 2026 <u>double jackpot!</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> January	Shop open	Trading hours 8.45 – 5.30pm.
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Lottery draw	New Year double jackpot!
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Sale	Our January sale starts!

We look forward to you shopping with us over Christmas & New Year. **Do think about buying local so we can keep going for at least another 5 years!** As always, tell us about any items you'd like to see in the Shop – we will do our very best to oblige.

The team would like to thank you for all your support and custom this year and wish you a very happy Christmas and peaceful 2026. We look forward to seeing you in the Shop again very soon.



#### Parish Council Meeting Nov (but it was in October)

Apologies - Andrew Long, Diana Greene

me

This month's meeting was rearranged because of the changeover in Parish Clerks; the proposed new clerk was coming to see how things went and Jim was staying on to help her. Because she couldn't come on the November date, the meeting was brought forward to the end of October and the Parish Hall committee kindly agreed to swap hall bookings (it didn't do them any good, I think they were hoping to have their meeting cancelled altogether but no luck there). As it happened, the new clerk didn't materialise, so another applicant was approached and duly arrived to see what was going on. Her name was almost the same as the first one, which could have been confusing if you weren't keeping up. Unfortunately, Councillor Greene was unable to make the changed date, which meant she was out of time, having been unable to attend for six months/meetings or whatever the rules are. The clerk suggested she was given another three months as he was afraid she would get a contagious illness and attend whilst unfit, making everyone ill. So, there was a vote, and it was agreed to extend her leave of absence until December. It felt like time to go home by then – but no.

The chairman was very hot and sat with the fire door open to start with. I don't know if he was coming down with something, feeling harassed or trying to attract people to attend from the carpark. Didn't work anyway. He then introduced us to the prospective new clerk. He said she wasn't the first choice based on experience - he had to really after all the goings on - but she was happy with that, understood the reasons and happily stayed all meeting.

The member of public who had asked on Facebook sometime in the year if he could raise money for an outdoor gym at Lovells came along and put his case. I don't think any members the parish council appeared to be gym fanatics but I might have overlooked someone. The outgoing clerk tries to swim in the sea every day but that's different. Anyway, they all questioned him, he appears to know all about keeping fit but nothing about fundraising. Apologies if that's wrong. The council said they would support his efforts. He said outdoor gyms were fun these days; you can exercise in



pairs, all ages. There is to be a group formed. Parish council members to sort out the basics will be Councillors Fry, Hughes, Brady and Brown. Then he went home.

There was no update on the wire across the footpath stiles but it's supposed to be coming off at some point. For the Dilletts footpath, councillor Wilkins is picking "stuff" (my words, not his) from the quarry at some point soon. The bollards at the cottage on Undertown are still under discussion — bent, straight, plastic, metal, damaged or original. Signs at Tipwell still not agreed but the dog fouling signs have arrived - not the squirly-whirly brown signs, the threatening ones.

It was reported there are stinging nettles growing through the seats at Lovells, but no one could remember whose job it was to cut them. I think Councillor Hunn offered the services of the football club, but it's not necessarily their responsibility. One councillor asked if it was a problem and apparently it only is if someone sits on them.

Councillor Hughes and friends have successfully erected netting across the new gate at Lovells (high up) so the shop is now safe, apparently.

Not much else. The phone box defibrillator needs a sign on it, so councillor Fry offered to do that in his spare time. Also looking for permission for a new sign at Halton Quay as the current one is worn out. Comments were that it should have been replaced on day one as it was incorrect. Perhaps people won't get lost down there now.

Lastly, a really shocking thing. The council budgeted for the election the other day - they haven't had one for some time, but this time there were too many applicants. I'm not sure what they allowed, but it was several hundred pounds. However, the said election, which many of you didn't bother to vote in, or just voted for someone because you didn't read it properly, has cost you, the ratepayers, £3,494.33. So, go and lie down now.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 3rd, Parish Hall, 7pm.

The contact details for the Clerk to Parish Council are: Jim Candy - Penquite Farm, Trerulefoot, Saltash PL12 5BN. 01752 852155 / Email: clerk@stdominicpc.org.uk Parish Council website: www.stdominicpc.org.uk



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#### **Gardening Notes**

Before I begin, I will tell you that **this is my last regular "Gardening Notes" for the Parish News**. Gardening works in cycles, and having taken you through my garden for almost two years, I feel that someone else might like to take over the reins.

December is a quieter month in the garden, with limited daylight hours and colder, wetter weather, but there are still jobs that can be done.

Plants such as climbing roses and wisteria can be pruned in winter as well as fruit trees, such as apple and pear. When pruning apple and pear trees, try to form an open and balanced structure, this will encourage healthy growth. However, it's worth remembering that trees such as plum and cherry should only be pruned during the summer.

In your flower garden, don't be tempted to be too tidy - stems on herbaceous perennials provide habitats for insects to overwinter and dry

seedheads are winter food for birds and small mammals. Leaving a pile of cut stems or logs can also help insects and small mammals with shelter.

Now is a good time to cover any bare soil with well-made compost. This will allow time for the worms and other micro-organisms to do their work and form healthy fertile soil for the coming season. However, please remember to check compost heaps/bins so as to avoid harming any overwintering creatures.

In the veg plot, crops such as parsnips, leeks and winter cabbage can be harvested as well as Brussel sprouts when they are about one inch in diameter, before they "blow open". Remove any dead leaves from the base of brassicas to prevent a build-up of pests and diseases. It is also a good time to dig a trench and fill it with compostable material in which to grow next year's runner beans. Rhubarb crowns can be split up now and replanted to form more plants. Replant the splits from the outside of the old plant as this will produce better, stronger new plants.



As long as the ground is not frozen, bare root trees and shrubs can be planted along with fruit bushes such as blackcurrants, raspberries and gooseberries.

In the greenhouse in December, seeds of leeks and onions can be sown in pots or modules, as well as garlic setts at the end of the month to be grown on and planted out in the spring. Flowers such as sweet peas and antirrhinums (snapdragons) can be sown under glass in late December, and if kept frost free will produce flowers from June onwards. If you are lucky enough to have a grapevine in your greenhouse, then winter is the best time to prune it back, leaving one or two healthy buds to form fruiting spurs off the main cordon. It is worth noting that if you leave the main pruning until later in the year, it can cause "snap bleed".

Outside, there are a few precautionary measures to be taken, such as staking any tall plants, checking structures and fences are secure and moving garden furniture to a safe place. If possible, insulate any outside water pipes and taps, and move any terracotta pots to avoid freezing and possible cracking. Remember to keep your bird feeders topped up with suitable food and leave a supply of clean/fresh water (it is important to keep this thawed during frosty weather).

As we move into January, plants such as early narcissi and snowdrops will begin to show; signs that spring is not too far away and the natural cycle of plant life continues.

I hope you all have a good Christmas and look forward to reading about someone else's garden.

The Parish News Team would like to express their thanks to our very own Monty Don for the past couple of years of advice, hints and tips.





- **DEC:** 4 Baber Farm
- Beech Haven
- 2 Meadow Cross
- Community Shop
- 2 Park Road
- Greenhill
- Spinney Hill (Advent)
- 3 Meadow Cross
- St. Dominic School
- 11. Nanpara
- Snooker Hall
- St. Anthony's Muse\* \*(IN A FREE-STANDING WINDOW, PRESS TO LIGHT)
- 14. 18 Edgcumbe Rd (Advent)
- Jade Cottage
- 4 Pepper's Court
- Hove To (Advent)
- Well-Met Cottage
- 21. \*HAYE FARM (PL12 6SJ)\*see >\*\*
- 22. Rumah Panjang
- The Who'd Have Thought It
- 24. Parish Church (Advent)

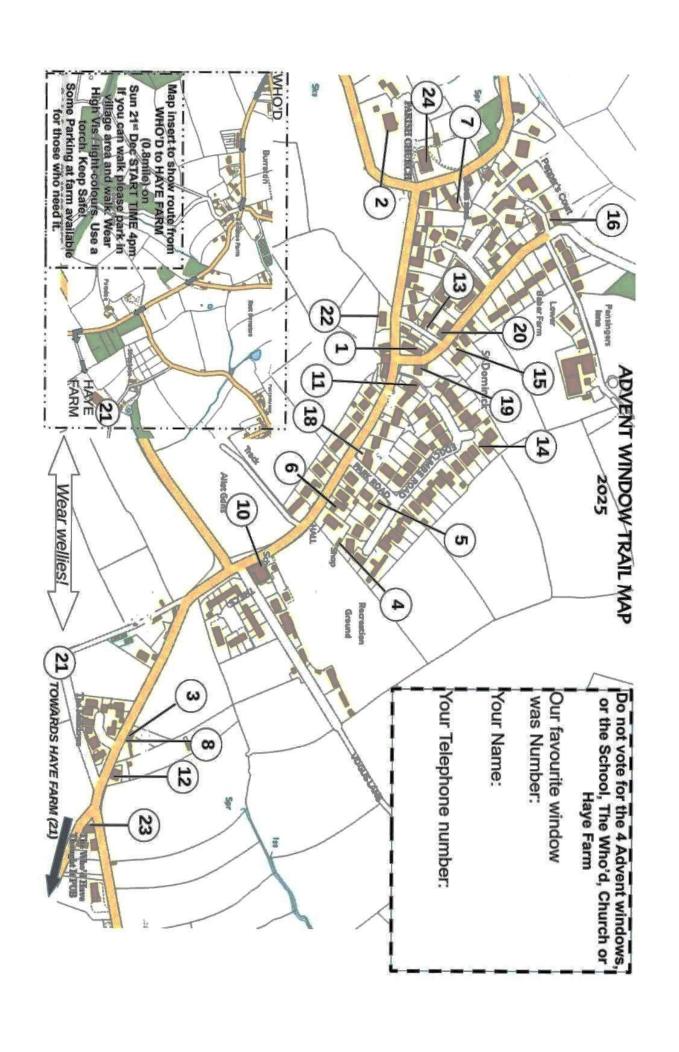
# Window Trail – This year - "Christmas Themed Films" the map and will stay illuminated until the end of December giving you time between Christmas the New Year to go and Windows will be illuminated after dark in the date order on have a look and vote. (All votes to be in before 6thJan) Thank you to everyone taking part in the Advent

# Please remember to stay safe on the roads after dark and respect the privacy of our Advent Window creators / hosts

box in the Community Shop, Who'd or Church before the 6th January. This year, to be fair to all, we have an independent complete the box on the corner of the map and put it in the winning window - alongside the public vote - for the prize judge again from outside the parish to help choose the Don't forget to **vote** for your favourite window– please donated by The Who'd

Please do NOT vote for: the 4 Advent Windows, or The Who'd, or the School or Haye Farm

19. Baber (The old Farm House - in roadside window) \*\*21st is a special ONE EVENING ONLY 'Advent Window' find it difficult to walk) Route will be signed from the Pub Limited parking at or near venue (for those who would "...in a lowly cattle shed" singing Carols to the Cows! junction – wear Hi-Vis and carry Torches! \*\* {more info on a separate page in Parish News}



#### St Dominick Parish Church

#### **Christmas Services**



The Carol Service is a joint one and this year will be held in the Methodist Church. We are pleased that we are having a Service in St Dominick Parish Church on Christmas Day; this will be a Holy Communion for all ages, all welcome. Details of Christingle

and Singing to the Cows can be found in the St Dominick Diary section of this edition. The Church will welcome the school children and their families to a Nativity and Carol Service before the end of term.

#### **Craft Fair**

Thank you to all who helped and supported the Craft Fair in the Church; we made a **record amount of over £4,000**. This enables us to keep maintaining the Church for use by the whole Parish, both the building and the outreach.







Special ADVENT WINDOW on 21st Dec ONLY at 4 pm Come and join in this tradition of singing Carols to the Cows

Inspired by the words of the carol 'Once in Royal David's City' we will meet inside the "lowly cattle shed" at Haye Farm - to sing Carols to the Cows – and they love it! At this time when we remember a baby born in the Middle-East, our hosts will also be raising awareness and having a donations pot for Gaza Infant Nutrition Alliance (registered charity Scotland no:SC054451 2024) Please bring cash to support There is some suitable parking available at the farm if you'd find it too far to walk – please car-share as much as poss!! There will be direction signs and warnings to car drivers of walkers on the road that evening - but please take care. Keep Safe: wear Hi-Vis, or light colours and use lots of torches! Please wear your Wellies! A little inserted map of the way to Haye Farm is on the Advent Windows Trail map.



#### Saltash Red Bus

A day trip to Tavistock is planned and they are willing to pick up in St Dominick on Saturday 20th December. Times still to be finalised but they won't be leaving very early or returning too late. We will be the last pick up and first drop off. You are guaranteed to get home as the bus driver will be expecting you and won't leave without you. Unlike public transport!

They are still working on a timetable to run a bus to Waitrose picking-up in St Dominick.

If you think you would like to go to Tavistock on Sat 20th December please let Gill Brown know by email - <a href="mailto:gillian.brown@stdominicpc.org.uk">gillian.brown@stdominicpc.org.uk</a> or by text/call/mobile: 07801 534043

St Dominick Festivities Group invite you all to the annual

## Christmas Tree Light Switch On

at the Parish Hall Saturday 29th November from 6pm

St Dominic School Choir

Dreckly Drummers

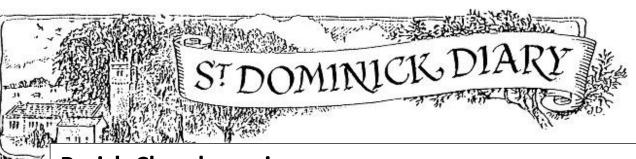
Free mulled wine & mince pies

Father Christmas

minick Parish Hall

Our thanks to St Dominick Parish Council for paying for the tree and Jeff Roberts for sourcing it And to Burcombe Haulage for the use of their lorry-stage

> Also a very 5th 'Happy Birthday' to the wonderful Community Shop



#### **Parish Church services**

#### December 2025

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 15:00 Cornish Evening Prayer, Halton

Quay

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 Holy Communion

15:00 Joint Carol Service at Methodist

Church

Sun 21st 16:00 Carol Singing to the Cows at

Haye Farm

Wed 24th 17:00 Christingle

Thurs 25th 10:00 Christmas Holy Communion

January 2026

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> 15:00 Cornish Evening Prayer, Halton

Quay

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 Holy Communion

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 Contemporary Celtic Worship

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)

#### Toddler Group Thursdays: Dec 4th, 11th & 18th

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

#### **Churchwarden:**

Jessop Price <a href="mailto:pricejessop@gmail.com">pricejessop@gmail.com</a> 01579 350049

#### **Methodist Services.**

#### **3pm Sundays through December and January**

- Dec 14 Village Christmas Carol Service It would be lovely to see as many people as possible.
- Jan 11 Cafe Christingle Last year this was a great success and we look forward to it. All are welcome.





#### **NOVEMBER**

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Christmas tree switch on – Parish Hall

– 6pm

#### **DECEMBER**

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Parish Council – Parish Hall – 7pm

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Who'd Have Thought It

"South East Cornwall Singers" 9pm

**Bucket collection for Marie Curie South West** 

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Who'd Have Thought It "Sea Changes" 9pm

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Loveny male voice choir - Parish hall - Tickets 01579

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Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Hobbies Christmas meal. Paid up members only.

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Quiz "Who'd Have Thought It" - 8.30pm

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Bingo! - Parish Hall - 7.30pm – St Dominick Football

Club

Mobile library – Parish Hall - 11.45am – 12.05pm

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> South Hill Recycling for Charity trailer – Parish Hall

car park – 10:25am. For a full list of acceptable items

please refer to the website.

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Charity Tractor run, leaving the Rifle Volunteer 3pm,

finishing Who'd Have Thought It ~ 5pm – scenic

route

Who'd have Thought It "Rich James" – 9pm

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Father Christmas after Christingle - Parish Hall (see back page)

The Who'd have Thought It will be closed on Christmas and Boxing Days. Christmas party bookings are 28th Nov - 20th Dec.

#### **JANUARY**

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Hobbies – Parish Hall – 1pm - 5pm. Just bring

something to do.

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Library – Parish Hall Carpark – 11:45am – 12:05pm

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Quiz - Who'd Have Thought It - 8.30pm - Teams of

about 6.

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

Wreckers Morris Parish Hall – Thursdays 7:30pm

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Parish Hall bookings contact: <a href="mailto:lornabc@talktalk.net">lornabc@talktalk.net</a> 01579 350776

Items for the Diary page to: <a href="mailto:ourparishnews@gmail.com">ourparishnews@gmail.com</a> by the 15th of each month.



#### St Dominick WI Christmas Craft Evening

We arrived at the Village Hall full of anticipation - what Christmas decoration were we going to create this year? We were greeted with a hall of tables covered in crafting materials. Wreath making! Mandy Nicholson, our incredibly talented, creative superstar, led the evening. After a demonstration and a chance to see a few that Mandy 'had made earlier', we began to make our own using a circular copper coloured ring, festive and glittery wools, a string of lights, bows, red berries and baubles. Chatter and laughter filled the room as wool was wound around copper. Everyone had different ideas and the results were amazing when the lights twinkled on and lit up the room! Once completed, we attached the wreath to a stand for a window ledge or the hearth at home. Marion delivered a well-deserved vote of thanks to Mandy and we all echoed her fabulous poem as she read.

Thank you to Mandy and Kate for all the time you spent preparing for the evening and thanks to Sharon for making refreshments all evening to keep the creative spirit going!

Our next meeting will be our Christmas meeting with fun and feasting on Wednesday 10th December. If you would like to come along to meet us and see what fun we have on the second Wednesday evening of each month, do contact our Secretary, Gill Brown by emailing her at stdominickwi@gmail.com.

Article written by Annie Mellor

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Word has it that there is going to be a festive visitor coming to our village on Christmas Eve, arriving by very special transport!

He will be stopping outside the Village Hall just after the Christingle service at approx 5.45pm on December 24th.

Father Christmas and his helpers will be delighted to meet all children and families - both naughty and nice!

