

St Dominick

PARISH NEWS

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St Dominick Sewing Group

A New Year and a new start for a dressmaking and/or alterations sewing group here in St Dominick. We decided to meet in the Chapel Sunday school room as it is a lovely room. We had our first meetings Wednesday and Friday mornings and all went well. On Wednesday 6 of us braved the cold and had a constructive morning fuelled with hot drinks and biscuits....our fairy godmother came and made drinks for us all and washed up which was brilliant, thank you Lynne it was much appreciated.... Helen made a sweatshirt from start to finish. Sue made alterations to a much loved skirt. Chris worked on a pinafore in corduroy and Gill was tackling the collar of a silk blouse....Kate was putting a waistband on a pair of trousers and Marlene cut out her first ever pattern pieces to make a t-shirt. On Friday notwithstanding the power cut the night before due to Storm Goretti 4 of us had a very successful morning. Linda's overlocker needed some attention so after 2 of us tried in vain we called for an Engineer who promptly came and fixed it (thank you Bob). In amongst the sewing there was time to chat and look at patterns that Chris and Gill had brought. The idea of this sewing



group is to help each other out by sharing our knowledge and having a laugh along the way. Should you wish to join us please contact Kate Carter or just turn up at the Methodist Chapel on either Wednesday or Friday or both from 10:00 to 13:00. The basic requirements to start with will be your own sewing machine, fabric and cottons.



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DRIP DRIP TAMAR: Forward Together with a Peoples' Assembly ***February 27th Calstock Village Hall***

Following a "Peoples' Assembly" in Calstock a year ago, participants decided to form an environmental group that would explore the condition of the river Tamar. As a consequence, Drip Drip Tamar was

born. We are a group of local people who are concerned about the health of the river.

One year on, we are ready for phase two. We'd like to extend our attention to other villages along the Tamar. Our next Peoples' Assembly will be on 27th February at Calstock Village Hall. We hope you can come. Our newly created website [dripdriptamar.org] will give you all the information you will need about our findings, work so far, and links to the current river conditions.

One Year on for Drip Drip

Back in December '24, we asked our community to help us raise the funds needed to sample and test the River Tamar as it flows through our parish. The response was remarkable. Our supporters raised enough to keep the project going for well over a year, and since then we have carried out almost 50 professional lab tests (with another 10 or more to come). In terms of bacterial pollution, we now have a clearer and more evidence-based understanding of the river than ever before. The picture is a mixed one: at times the Tamar is truly excellent, while at others the results can be truly awful. What we can now do, with increasing confidence, is recognise the conditions when the river is likely to be safe and when it may pose a risk to human health.

We began by focusing on bacterial contamination linked to sewage discharges and agricultural run-off. And while no one wants to swim, paddle or row in untreated sewage, we have also come to see these bacterial spikes as indicators of something bigger—a warning that much more than bacteria is entering the river. Even moderate rainfall brings with it a cocktail of substances: pharmaceuticals, PFAS “forever chemicals,” hormones, industrial and household chemicals, road run-off and more. With each rainfall event, South West Water discharges this untreated mixture into the river via storm overflows (CSO's) whenever their treatment works cannot cope. Even wastewater that passes

through the works still contains most of these chemicals, as there is no facility to remove them

The Environment Agency has assured us that the bacteria we test for does not threaten the river's ecology, but we know it is not always safe for people using the water—and the longer-term effects of the additional chemicals remain largely unknown.

So, where do we go from here? We want the community to help us decide. Drip Drip began with a People's Assembly, and we believe that collective decision-making remains the best way to set priorities for 2026. We will be holding our next Peoples Assembly on 27th February at Calstock Hall, and we invite anyone who cares for the River Tamar to join us and help shape the next stage of our work.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported us this year with time, observations, donations and encouragement. To contact us, follow our progress, see results and stay informed, please visit our website dripdriptamar.org and our Facebook page.

St. Dominick Advent Windows Trail Results!

The WINNER – by a large margin – was Advent Window No. 2 – at Beech Haven – ‘A Christmouse Carol’ being voted the most popular by the public and also given the highest points and star rating by the independent judge.

Second place, went to No5, The Snowman at 2 Park Road, and third place went to No15 – It's A Wonderful Life – at Jade Cottage.

Honourable mentions, in next order of totalled points also go to – No13, The Polar Express at St. Anthony's Muse, No 20, Frosty the Snowman at Well Met Cottage and The Snowman at 3 Meadow Cross

HUGE THANKS to EVERYONE who participated! – it was good to see so much inventiveness, different materials and approaches to the theme.

Special THANKS to those who create the 'no-vote' windows housed in community buildings; school, pub and church. Your contribution is greatly valued and enjoyed.

A special mention for the 'one night only' Carols to the Cows which came in under the Advent Windows auspices. So well attended this year - All those who came along had a wonderful time – including the Cows – Thank You!

Grateful Thanks go to our independent judge, who gave time, effort and written responses to all the entries.

If you want to have another look – they are all on St Dominick Advent Windows on Facebook – it is a public page so you should be able to look at it without being signed up to FB

Finally, a HUGE THANKS YOU also to 'The Who'd Have Thought It' for donating a great prize for the winning Window Creator this year!!



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PUBLIC NOTICE OF A CASUAL VACANCY

[Local Government Act 1972 \(Section 87\(2\)\)](#)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a casual vacancy has occurred in the office of Councillor for St Dominic Parish Council. The Parish Council is therefore seeking applications from eligible members of the community who wish to be considered for this voluntary role.

To be eligible for the role of Parish Councillor, you must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- You are and will continue to be registered as an elector for St Dominic.
- You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the St Dominic area during the 12 months before the date of this notice.
- Your principal or only place of work during the 12 months before the date of this notice has been in St Dominic.
- You have lived in the parish or within three miles (4.8 kilometres) of the parish boundary during the 12 months before the date of this notice.

Interested individuals should apply in writing to the Clerk. Applications should include:

- A brief outline of why you are interested in being a Parish Councillor.
- Details of the experience and skills you can bring to the Council e.g., professional qualifications, community involvement, business experience.
- Confirmation that you meet the eligibility criteria.

Deadline for applications: 5:00PM on Monday 23 February 2026.

Submit applications to: Anne-Marie Clark, Clerk to St Dominic Parish Council, at 7 Church Street, Landrake, Cornwall PL12 5ER or by email to clerk@stdominicpc.org.uk.

Candidates will be invited to attend a Council meeting on Wednesday 4 March 2026 at St Dominick Parish Hall to say a few words and answer questions before the Council votes on the appointment.

Dated: 16 January 2026

Signed: AM Clark
Clerk to St Dominic Parish Council

St Dominick Parish Church Candlelit Concert at St Dominic Church

Will Keating and Guests. Back by popular demand, on Tuesday 10th February at 7pm (doors open at 6pm to allow you to buy a drink from the bar).

The Cornish folk singer will be performing to celebrate Cornish Folk and Soulful Americana. There will be heartfelt songs, rich harmonies in an intimate venue to capture the magic of our ancient Cornish Church, consecrated over 750 years ago in 1259. A perfect mid-winter remedy to soothe the soul and warm the heart.

Will is always amusing in his presentations, so get your tickets well in advance as space is limited. Tickets are £12 each, now available from:

stdominickchurch@gmail.com or 01579 351381 or 07814853438.

There will be a Raffle (buy your tickets on arrival) in aid of St Dominic Church's much needed funds, and a licensed bar to get refreshments before the performance and during the interval ."

Christingle and Christmas 2025

We'd like to thank all the people who came to fill the church and make the Christingle at St. Dominick Church such a fabulous and fun event. A particular thanks to our delightful four Christingle angels, especially the lead angel who learnt her line on the spot and delivered it perfectly!

CHURCH HALL FOR HIRE

St Dominick Methodist Church

Suitable for:

- Committee Meetings,
- Talks and social events (no alcohol)
- Children's groups
- Dance, music, and drama rehearsals

Main hall, kitchen, servery
accessible toilets

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There is a serious side to all this – it is raising awareness and funds for The Children's Society who work with disadvantaged children all year through.

This service was followed, on Christmas morning, by a family service of Holy Communion for the whole Tamar Valley Benefice. This was well attended by people from the different churches, and used a mixed media approach, using both our screens showing video carols and traditional organ and hymn books, to good effect.

Look out for the regular services in your Parish Church at 10am on the second and the fourth of the month - and come and join us.

Saltash Red Bus serving St Dominick.

Saltash Red Bus has offered to trial a bus from St Dominick on Thursdays to a supermarket every week starting in February '26.

They propose a service to Waitrose every other week. On the alternative week they propose a supermarket in Plymouth, of our choice.

The buses are mostly 15-seaters and we had eight villagers interested in using a bus to Waitrose last Autumn. Hopefully more will come forward. The cost is usually £3 return. You would be there for 90 minutes, so long enough to visit the cafe too. We haven't agreed timings yet, it won't be very early or very late.

This is a trial service, so the more people who use it the more likely it is to become a regular service. Please consider using the bus if you do drive or it might not be there when you can't.

Would you try the first buses on 5th February or 12th February? The date of the first trip depends on the number of passengers willing to use it.

Would you go to Waitrose? Which other supermarket in Plymouth would you want to go to the following week?

Please let me know - Gill Brown - 07801 534043. Or see me in the Community Shop or leave a message in the diary in the Shop with contact details. Email - gillian.brown@stdominicpc.org.uk

St Dominick WI

As usual St Dominick WI met on the second Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker booked for January was formerly a submariner and he spoke about his career in the Royal Navy and as a civilian afterwards. He stated 'Chatham House Rules' apply; what was said in the room stays in the room, and he went on to give one story after another of his experiences as a submariner, which were not all positive. Each year we declare one monthly meeting as an 'open meeting' meaning that men are encouraged to attend. This was our open meeting and four men attended. They thoroughly enjoyed the talk. We also welcomed three visitors from Trematon WI.

Our next meeting is on 11th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall and the speaker will be from The Story of Emily in St Ive. The following week we will be visiting the attraction again. We love it. New members will always be welcomed, and three new members have joined in the last three months. Why not come along and see we get up to? We're a friendly group and ladies are welcome to attend any of our meetings as a visitor for £5. Any lady is welcome to join our trips out, eg The Story of Emily. We also go for a walk on the third Monday of every month, meet in the Church car park at 10am, you don't need to be a member.

In March we will be celebrating our 80th anniversary, 80 years of the Women's Institute in St Dominick. Please contact stdominickwi@gmail.com for more information.

JANUARY

- Tues 6th Hobbies – Parish Hall – 1pm - 5pm.
Just bring something to do.
- Fri 9th Library – Parish Hall Carpark –
11:45am – 12:05pm
- Wed 28th Quiz - Who'd Have Thought It -
8.30pm - Teams of about 6.



FEBRUARY

- 3rd Hobbies Parish hall 1-5 Just turn up with something
to do
- 4th Parish Council meeting. Parish hall 7:00 All
Welcome.
- 6th Mobile Library Van Parish Hall 11:45 – 12:05
- 10th Will Keating concert at the Church. See article
- 11th WI parish hall
- 17th Hobbies, as above
- 25th Pub Quiz Who'd Have Thought It 8:00 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

St. Dominick Community Shop (Village Hall car park) 01579 350841. Open Mon-Fri 8.45-5.30. Saturday 9-5.30. Sunday 9.15-11.30

Parish Hall bookings contact: lornabc@talktalk.net 01579 350776

Items for the Diary page to: ourparishnews@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.

St Dominick Community Shop

Thank you SO much for all your fantastic support over the Christmas period and into the New Year – December was a bit of a record-breaking month!

As usual, we had our Christmas raffle draw just before Christmas and our 3 lucky winners were:

- 1st prize – Shop hamper – John Robinson
- 2nd prize - £25 of Shop vouchers – Jean Crago
- 3rd prize – bottle of fizz & a box of chocs – Linda Curnow

Congratulations to them all. Our thanks goes as always to our generous sponsors, Burcombe Haulage (the hamper) and Squirrel Tails Dog Grooming (the vouchers). Also thanks to Damian Orton of Kernock Cottages (the Shop supplies his business with the items for their guest Welcome Packs) who drew the winning raffle tickets under the vigilant gaze of the ticket bag holder, Dave Fry.

We have also had a string of lottery winners since our last article. They are:

15th November – Diana Greene - £55

22nd November – Lindy Bond - £57

29th November - rollover

6th December – double rollover!

13th December – Tony Ellis - £165

20th December – Hayley Edwards - £44

No lottery Christmas week

3rd January – New Year's special double jackpot rollover

10th January – Matthew Davey - £163

Here's what's coming up in February:

Cheese of the month – Godminster cheddar which is heart-shaped and wrapped in dark red wax specially chosen for the month of love & romance! An award winning mature cheddar that has a very moreish quality.

Week of 9th February – we will be run🧡ng a Valentine's competition – guess the weight of the box of chocolates - during this week leading up to Valentine's Day. The winner will get the chocolates - a perfect gift for their beloved.

30th January & 20th February – the fish van service The Market Plaice delivers to the village every 3rd Friday. To order, call Rob on 01752 673200 and you can have your fish delivered or ask for it to be left in the Shop for collection later in the day. Please order by no later than the day before, Thursday 5pm.

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.

NEW - Christmas Club 2026

We have opened applications to join the Shop's Christmas Club this year. You can save regularly whenever you want (minimum £1) until the end of October. In early November, you will be issued Shop vouchers of your contributions PLUS bonus vouchers as a Club member as a thank you for saving to spend with us – always handy to have a bit extra in the run up to Christmas. Pick up a flyer and an application form for more details. If you would like to speak to someone about the Club please leave your name and contact number with one of our Volunteers.

Home Delivery – a reminder that we offer a Home Delivery service in a 3-mile radius of the Shop. If you are not feeling well or the weather is bad (or any other reason) we can bring your shopping to you. There is a small admin charge starting at £1 and a minimum shop of £10. Pick up a leaflet next time you are in the Shop with all the details and keep it handy for when you might need us. We look forward to seeing you in the Shop very soon.

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Unplanned Closure of the Post Office

The Post Office at the St Dominick Community shop will be close for operational reasons on Friday 30th January 12:00 and will reopen again on Friday 6th March at 09:00. We apologise for any inconvenience. Possible alternatives are:

Callington P.O., 21 Fore Street, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 7AD

Kellybray P.O., 4133 Launceston Road, Kellybray, Cornwall. PL17 8DU

Gardening Notes...

We are in need of a gardener to share their year of gardening jobs. We have been lucky enough to have the most amazing reports each month on what to do in the garden, and I for one am lost without it...Can you help? Please send any musings to ourparishnews@gmail.com



Parish Council Meeting December

The last meeting of 2025, won't we miss them?

Present were three members of the public and one child.

Also, County Councillor Long who was recovering well from illness which everyone was glad to see, even though he had fourteen things to report on. I'll try to remember some of them.

Apologies from Councillor Greene, but she did attend a zoom meeting last week.

We had our new clerk Anne Marie with us, Jim was unable to attend to help as he had hoped but Chairman Cox announced that Jim had sent a brief statement to everyone regarding his departure which was presented to everyone by the Chairman on a scroll of wallpaper.

The planning was brought forward as the child attending had to go to bed. The applicant explained what was happening and the council had visited the site en masse instead of individually, so it was quite straight forward.

(In case anyone is unaware, the first thing to do when you want planning is to speak to your neighbours, and also apply for pre planning advice [neither of which are legally required, just good practice]. You can also ask the parish council for their opinion. When you have applied officially for planning, with or without professional plans, the documents will come to the parish council for their recommendation. Some things they/you might consider is whether it's in keeping with the area, whether the access seems viable, whether any extension is bigger than the original building and whether you are taking anyone's light. It always helps to come to the Parish Council meeting, as often they are unable to pass any opinion due to lack of information – you will be given the opportunity to explain your application in the public participation session at the beginning of the meeting. Things such as services, drains, highways etc are not in their remit).

Andrew Long spoke of the damage to the post which is trying to protect a cottage in the village. This has been run over again. A stronger, taller bollard is needed.

A retrospective request for money for Christmas lights from the Festivities group was agreed but not for the VAT as they were supposed to ask for the money before they spent it, or something like that.

Councillor Wilkins had been down to Dillets footpath to see where the water was coming from/going to where the footpath gets washed out. Whatever the outcome of that investigation, something needs to be done so that intrepid team of Wilkins, Fry and Hughes are to set to work with tools, cement and sub base to remedy the situation. Incidentally, the insurance has been checked and volunteers are covered by council insurance as long as they're not using power tools.

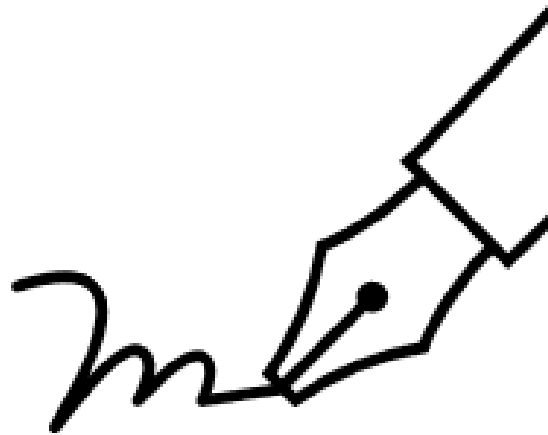
One thing Councillor Long had done was to try to find the potholes reported on Morden Hill, he couldn't find them, nor could the Highways team. Nor had anyone present seen them, it must be the only stretch of road in England without any, and probably some have arrived now.

It was raining hard, the meeting was almost finished and whilst Councillor Fry explained where he had seen a pothole everyone donned their coats and almost left him to it. Poor David. Still, he got away with the playing field weekly inspection rota, January is Councillors Wenmoth and Hunn and February Potter and Wilkins.

And as for the bench repairs
Councillor Hughes is "on it"

More interesting reports in 2026.

Next meeting Wednesday 4th
February 7.00 Parish Hall.



The contact details for the Clerk to Parish Council are: Anne-Marie Clark, Clerk to St Dominic Parish Council, at 7 Church Street, Landrake, Cornwall PL12 5ER clerk@stdominic-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council website: <https://www.stdominicpc.org.uk/>

The website aims to provide residents of, and visitors to, St Dominick parish with information about the Parish Council and local area. It includes a list of current Parish Councillors, official reports (minutes) of past meetings and the date and agenda for the next meeting. There is also an enquiries page where you can pass on any queries, observations or constructive criticisms initially to the Parish Clerk, for the Parish Council to consider.

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Chairman's report, St Dominick Parish Hall 2024/5

We started Christmas decorating the hall with a lovely Christmas tree and wall decorations. The tree was once again kindly donated by Shane Curnow.

In December we welcomed back the Callington Gospel Choir, who once again raised the roof and we all left feeling very joyful and ready for Christmas.

Our Plant Sale in May was very successful. This event really is now a part of the St Dominick calendar of 'must attend' events. Its great where everyone works together, from raising the plants, potting up, ensuring they are delivered and displayed on the day, organising refreshments and making cakes. We have volunteers, apart from the committee, who help us on the day and special thanks go to them too.

The Pasty and Pudding event in October is also very well attended. A firm favourite in the village and a good fund raiser, again with everyone lending a hand to ensure another successful day.

The hall continues to be used often with many organisations holding regular events and also private hires. The income from hire is slightly up this past year and it's great that our parish hall is used as often as it is.

We have purchased two new cookers in the kitchen together with a new fridge.

In Post lockers are in place to the rear of the exterior of the hall. These are being used continuously and add another reason to come to St Dominick. We receive about £1,000 per year and hopefully bring additional customers to our community shop.

We had to bite the bullet and renew the drainage system in the car park the toilets were regularly being blocked and it was found that some of the original drainage pipes had collapsed. It was good to use a local contractor to carry out that work.

Sadly, Norma Chapman passed away leaving a huge gap in our community. She had been the longest serving person on the committee, having been on it since the hall was first built.

Her popularity was evident with the large numbers of mourners attending her funeral. She will be missed by many.

Looking forward to the coming year, we are having acoustic panels placed on the ceiling of the hall. This will ensure a much better sound and we will lose a lot of the echo that we presently have.

We are still looking into shutters for the kitchen hatches and also looking at the hot air system to ensure it is working at its best.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the committee for all their help during the past 12 months.

A good team effort ensures that our events and our parish hall is as best as it can possibly be. Thank you. Charmian Saunders, Chair

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