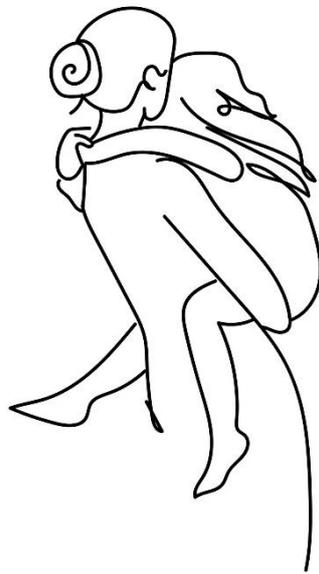


St Dominick

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Mothering Sunday 15th March

Just as the daffodils are reaching their height and spring feels tantalisingly close, we come upon Mothering Sunday (also known as Refreshment Sunday, Rose Sunday and the Sunday of the Five Loaves), this year on the 15th of March.

Apparently, it has its origins in the Middle Ages, when domestic servants would return to visit their 'mother church' on the fourth Sunday in Lent and bring simnel cake to their mothers. However, the celebration can be traced back even further to the ancient Greeks, who honoured Rhea, the 'mother of gods', and Romans, whose festival of Hilaria celebrated the mother goddess Cybele.

You probably have some oft-repeated advice from your mother dancing around your head, I know I do. Possibly it pops out at dinner parties or when your child is about to leave the house. Maybe it's, *'people are who they are, and we don't live their lives for them'*, or *'never forget your umbrella'* or *'there's a lid for every pot'* (Tupperware surely being the exception to this rule). Or, maybe it's wisdom of the less conventional type, like that of my friend's grandmother who sternly told her at eight years old, *'when you're running with scissors, point them down, please'*, then, many years later, *'everyone should have a Latin lover once in their life'*.

So, whether you're celebrating or being celebrated, *Dydh an Mammow Lowen*, or Happy Day of the Mothers!

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Candlelit Concert at St Dominick Church



The much anticipated Will Keating and True Foxes concert took place on the 10th of February, lit by candles and attended by 120 villagers plus many others from further afield. The music was lively and heartfelt, and included Cornish folk songs as well as original pieces by the artists. The audience needed very little encouragement to join in whenever a well-known song came up - we came alive on that wet, February night!

We are blessed with a church that looks modest on the outside but tells many a story on the inside. It was consecrated in 1259 during the reign of King Henry III, and has stood firm through raging wars and weathers. Now, 756 years later, it plays host to a whole range of community events, including wonderful music. Will made clear that, irrespective of faith or belief, he is dedicated to keeping these historic Cornish buildings alive as an important part of our heritage.

Our liquor licence enabled people to buy drinks before and during the concert, and the 14 raffle prizes were a great success. These events need careful preparation and we must thank our army of volunteers for their wonderful work. All this effort raised £780 for the Church's bank account!

In 2025, we had two Craft Fairs and two well-attended concerts. Should we increase secular activities in our church? Please send your thoughts and comments on a postcard, marked for the attention of the Churchwarden.



Plant Sale

This year's Plant Sale will be on **Saturday 16th May**. More details will be published nearer the time, but please could you bear this in mind when you are outside tidying your gardens and splitting up those pesky big plants over the next couple of months. We would very much appreciate any spare plants you have.

The plant sale will take place in the Parish Hall and is a fundraiser for hall funds.

If you want further details or would like those plants collected, please contact Jo Totterdell on 350656 or Linda Curnow on 350556.



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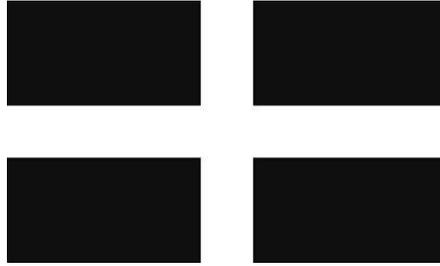
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St Piran's Day Shout



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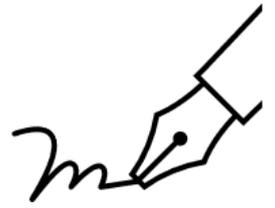
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Parish Council Meeting for February 2026

Another wet evening and there we all were, as usual, in the Parish Hall. The big difference this time was that the hall committee had spent a vast amount of money on the acoustics, meaning the heating remained on for the evening. I don't think anyone actually noticed until it was pointed out, but that's life, I suppose.



Andrew Long sent apologies. Two members of the public were there with me. There is now a casual vacancy which has been advertised – no-one asked for an election, thank goodness, as the last one cost thousands of pounds. If anyone applies, there will be closed interviews and co-option. I can tell you the result, but will not be privy to the ins and outs. Pity.

There are a few missing finger posts (directing signs) to be put up in the Ashton area – I think Councillor Wilkins is on the case. Some way markers are missing on the St Dominica trail which have probably gone with the tree and damage clearing. Barbed wire had been reported lying around (also on the St Dominica trail) and has now been removed.

No news on the bollard to protect the cottage. Councillor Hughes has tweaked the gate into the field, not sure which one, so that's another job off the list. The big job is the footpath at Dilleys, which is about to begin courtesy of at least Wilkins, Hughes and Fry (who was a bit concerned about the start time being before 10.30 in the morning, but I think he's going to try). A generous homeowner nearby has offered electricity. I don't know what they're going to do with it.

A member of the public requested a grit bin at Halton Quay, which the councillors thought was a good idea. A position will have to be sorted because the actual quay is privately owned and you can't just plonk something down on someone else's ground.

The signs at Tipwell are going to be moved, I think, but the speed limit will remain unchanged.

Councillor Fry reported that he has suggested a Residents Association is formed by Baber residents, which everyone thought was a really good idea. There used to be one, I don't know what happened to it.

A member of the public suggested that shelves are erected in the bus shelter and books put on them. Those poor books – evicted from the Parish Hall for bad behaviour, refused accommodation in the disused phone box for their reputation and because the defibrillator went in there – ended up on Councillor Hunn's veg stall. Anyway, Councillor Fry is to put up the shelves and the books are to live in there now. Unanimous vote, led by Councillor Hunn.

Because of our virtually non-existent bus service, Councillor Brown has been trying to organise a bus to take people to the supermarket, or indeed anywhere else for an outing if things work out. She reported that these trips are to be on Thursdays and will cost £4.00. The bus will drop you in Saltash instead, if you prefer, as it has to go there to park. Details will be on Facebook or in the Parish News. *You must use this service or it will fold.* Councillor Wilkins pointed out that it would be better for our shop if the bus collected people from Saltash and brought them out here, but, although correct, I'm not sure if this is the spirit of the thing. Councillor Wenmoth was a bit concerned as well – the charge is £4.00 and was it the same price if someone only wanted to go one way? Perhaps they're going to a travel Lodge somewhere. Generally, Councillor Brown was thanked for arranging all this and hopefully the scheme will take off.

So, actually, quite a lot was accomplished in a short space of time and we all look forward to the next meeting, which is the first Wednesday in March, 7pm at the 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/>.

Gardening Notes...



We are still 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

Mini Book Review



Would you be interested in a small book review section in your newsletter? Tell us what you're reading, what it's about and what you think of it. Fiction, non-fiction, poetry, blog posts... Email us (ourparishnews@gmail.com) and inspire someone else to read it too!

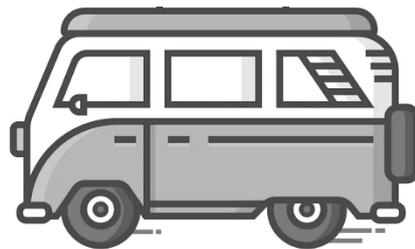
I'm currently in the midst of a wonderful William Boyd book called *Ordinary Thunderstorms*. It's an intricate whodunnit which tells the tale of an academic who goes on the run in London after the police mistakenly identify him as a murder suspect. It's not for the faint-hearted, but is beautifully written with darkly comic undertones and paints a fascinating picture of the gritty underside of London. It's very engrossing, I highly recommend it.

Saltash Red Bus

A big thank you to those of you who have used the Saltash Red Bus in the trial so far. There were four passengers on the first bus - you may have seen them on the first service on BBC Spotlight!

The trial will run for 2 months then the decision will be made (by SRB) whether to continue the service or not. If you think you might use it in the future, you will need to support the trial in March or it may not continue.

Please be at the bus stop at the times below, no pre-booking is needed.



Timetable - Saltash Red Bus Trial - Pick up in St Dominick

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Destination</i>	<i>Fare</i>
Thurs 5th March	10am Church School	10.05 Derriford – M&S/Aldi 90mins	£4
Thurs 12th March	10am Church School	10.05 Waitrose/Saltash 90mins	£4
Thurs 19th March	10am Church School	10.05 TBC – Plymouth or Tavistock?	£4
Thurs 26th March	10am Church School	10.05 Waitrose/Saltash 90 mins	£4

The Story of Emily



St Dominick WI was very busy in February! In the run up to our 80th birthday, we had a wonderful evening meal in the Parish Hall in February, to be followed with celebrations in March, at which point we will have officially been a WI for 80 fun-filled years!

At our monthly meeting in February, our speaker was Martin Lovell, General Manager of The Story of Emily, a historical attraction centred on the life of Emily Hobhouse, a humanitarian and pacifist who exposed and condemned the horrors of British concentration camps during the Anglo-Boer War in South Africa.

In the 19th Century, Emily and her family lived in the Rectory which is situated in St Ive, near Liskeard. The Story of Emily restored the Rectory and built a War Rooms museum which, together, tell her story. The site includes a beautiful glass-roofed restaurant which celebrates its South African heritage with recipes from Emily's era.

After nursing both her parents, Emily sought to find purpose in her life. She moved to America, educated herself about justice and humanitarianism, then returned to the UK.

Then, in 1899, the Anglo-Boer war broke out and Emily joined an anti-war Committee. She learned about the imprisonment of women and children in British concentration camps in South Africa and felt moved to see the horrendous conditions for herself. Alone, she travelled for five days by train, with only bread and apricot jam to sustain her.

The reality on the ground was far worse than she had imagined and, as she distributed aid, she began gathering evidence. On her return to the UK, she published her findings in a report whilst continuing to campaign.



Her work helped purchase equipment to boil drinking water, resulting in a drastic drop in the mortality rate. After the war, she helped surviving farming families to recover, supporting them to re-establish their homesteads in the wake of the scorched earth programme.

Emily died in her 60s and her ashes were put into an obelisk in Bloemfontein where hundreds of people attended her funeral. In November this year, Emily's funeral will be recreated at St Ive to mark 100 years since her funeral in Bloemfontein.

The vote of thanks was written by Marion and presented by Kay.

Following this inspiring talk, a few members visited The Story of Emily to experience the amazing attraction on our doorstep. We had a very enjoyable day, a wonderful lunch in the restaurant and a few giggles trying on the Victorian dressing up costumes in the Rectory!

Article written by Anne-Louise Mellor

In March, our WI meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on the 11th March from 7.30pm. Our talk will be about the Tamara Trail. Guests are welcome to join - £5 entry. For more information please contact Gill Brown at stdominickwi@gmail.com.

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St Dominick Community Shop

The Shop is always keen for thoughts on items you wish to see on shelves or in the fridges and freezers. If you have requests, let a Volunteer know – the Shop services the whole community, so please don't hesitate.

A reminder - our Loyalty Card scheme gives you a £5 discount on your 15th shop of £10 or more. Discounts also available at Christmas if you join our Christmas Club. Pick up the flyer for more details.

Our lottery winners since our last article are:
17th January – Katy Upton - £38; 24th January – Jackie Leverton - £49; 31st January – Malcolm Bond - £47; 7th February – Eunice Hodge - £45; 14th February – Kirsty Hilton - £50



Shop diary:

5th March – St Piran's Day - we will be running a pasty & ale offer. Keep an eye on Facebook and the poster in the Shop for more details.

13th March – The Market Plaice fish van - every 3rd Friday. To order, call Rob (01752 673200). Fish can be delivered, or left in the Shop for collection later that day. Please order by 5pm the day before (Thursday).

15th March – Mothering Sunday - the chance to nominate a special mum in your life in the week running up to the 15th. The Mother's Day prize for the winning entry can be given as a gift. Greetings cards also available.

Every Friday – Thankfully, our weekly Post Office service returns this month – available 9.00am -12.00 midday. Remember, you can withdraw or deposit money in your bank account as well as post letters and parcels.

Every Saturday - Hot pasties (steak, steak & gravy, cheese & onion) and sausage rolls from our pasty warmer 10am-1pm. To order in advance, please let a Volunteer know no later than 5.30pm the Thursday before.

NEW – Lottery multi-week buy - We have received requests to buy a multi-week lottery number so we will be launching the new arrangement on Monday 2nd March. Players will be able to purchase the same number for a maximum of 4 weeks play. Full details will be available in the Shop.

As always, we are grateful for all your custom and look forward to seeing you in the Shop very soon.



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February 2026

Sun 1 st	15:00	Cornish Evening Prayer, Halton Quay
Sun 8 th	10:00	Holy Communion
Sun 22 nd	10:00	Contemporary Celtic Worship
Tues 24 th	09:30	Holy Communion
Sunday 29 th	10:00	Palm Sunday Procession
	10:40	Holy Communion

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

Toddler Group Thursdays: March 5th, 19th and 26th
From 9.30 to 11.30 – Free - informal play and chat,
open to all under school age with an adult.

Churchwarden:

Jessop Price pricejessop@gmail.com 01579 350049

Methodist Services:

3pm Sundays through February and March

FEBRUARY

25th Pub Quiz – Who'd Have Thought It – 8pm –
Teams of about 6

MARCH

3rd Hobbies - 1 – 5pm - Parish Hall - Just turn up
with something to do, even if it's a newspaper to read.

4th Parish Council – 7pm - Parish Hall - All welcome

5th St Piran's Day Shout – Who'd Have Thought It – 8pm

6th Library van - Parish Hall car park - 11.45 – 12.05

7th Wurlitzer - Parish Hall - Tickets from Festivities Group

11th WI 7.30pm - Parish Hall – Talk on the Tamara Trail

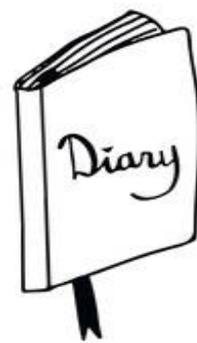
17th Hobbies, as above

25th Pub Quiz, as above.

31st Hobbies Christmas Meal - paid up members only

APRIL: 1st - Parish Council; 4th - Easter Egg Hunt, Parish Hall

MAY: 16th - Annual Plant Sale



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

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

A successful Cornish silo*

Journey back in time to an article from June 1886 in the Royal Cornwall Gazette:

The journal of the Royal Agricultural Society contains the report of the judge, appointed by the council of this society to adjudicate upon the silos entered for competition for the 100 guineas prize offered by Sir Massey Lopes for the best silo in England and Wales in actual work during the winter of 1885-86.

Thirty-seven entries were made by thirty-two competitors, among them being Messrs. Ward and Lawry, of Bohetherick, St. Dominick. Their silo is thus described in the report:



This silo was inspected at the farm of Mr. Lawry at St. Dominick, and is especially worthy of mention on account of the system— the first of the kind seen during the inspection— of lifting the weighing material. The silo is attached to the stone wall of a cowshed and divided into equal compartments, each measuring 10 feet, by 15 feet by 11 feet high. The floor of the silo, which is concreted, is level with that of the cowshed into which it opens, and the top of the silo is slightly above the level of a rising field at the back, a quantity of earth having been excavated.

There is a supersilo or shedroom above the walls, with a cubic space of 3,000 feet, the silos having 3,300 feet and being estimated to hold 55 tons. The material used for ensiling was trifolium, 1 1/2 acres, and seeds from 5 acres. When filled the silage is covered

with boards nailed together, to three feet wide and 10 feet long—the weighting being managed by the use of granite blocks each weighing from 4 cwt. to 6 cwt,. A hole is made at the top side of each block, into which a lifting bolt and ring are inserted at the time of moving. This contrivance is similar to that used in granite quarries and can be fixed and removed in a moment, a single tap releasing it.

Over the top of the silo two rails are fixed, these running upon a pair of wheels at each end, a stage being erected on the outside for the purpose. On these rails an ingenious trolley-pulley runs, and this being placed with ease over any portion of silo, lifts the blocks, and drops them either in the adjoining silo or outside with the greatest facility.



The rails are upon two oaken beams 11 inches by 4 inches by 38 feet long. One end rests upon a rail attached to the wall of the silo, and the other on a similar rail upon the stage referred to. The man employed in hauling with this appliance can lift half a ton, and there is no possible danger from the stone slipping or falling, as a ratchet is provided at one end, and a brake at the other.

The granite used cost 1s 6d. per ton at the quarry. The total cost of the silo and weighting apparatus was £87, the proportion paid for the tram-rollers, pulley-trolley, and weights being £27 2s. 5d. and for the roof, which is of oak at 1s. per cube, covered with galvanised iron, and provided with a lead gutter, £14 17s. 7d. The maker of the trolley is Mr. Isaac Rosekilly, of Gunnislake. The silage made from unchaffed seeds of the first year included clover, rye-

grass, cocks-foot, and timothy, which would have made 35 cwt. of hay per acre, whereas the trifolium and Italian rye-grass were estimated at from 19 to 20 tons per acre.

They were put in during fine weather, tilled at three different periods, and came out tolerably dry, sweet, and good, except that the silage failed in the corner and near the walls, as in other instances. When stone, or any weighing material difficult to move, can be obtained at a low price, the apparatus referred to above should claim close attention, inasmuch as it is extremely simple and as effective as it is possible for a lifting apparatus to be.

In concluding their report the judges say — "My colleagues and myself are of opinion that the system and appliances adopted by Messrs. Ward and Lawry, and Mr. Martin (of St. Agnes) in their Cornish silos are deserving of very high praise".

The ingenious lifting arrangement adopted in the St Dominick silo has since been improved and the necessary steps are being taken to protect by patent this useful and valuable invention.

11 June 1886, Royal Cornwall Gazette

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Sidenote - interestingly, when this article was published in 1886, Emily Hobhouse (see the WI article earlier about The Story of Emily) would have been 26 and living just up the road in St Ive.

**A silo is a large, round tower on a farm for storing grain or winter food for cattle, especially silage.*

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