

*St Dominick*

# *PARISH NEWS*

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## *Festivities*



The annual Easter Egg Hunt and coffee morning were great fun, as usual, and we were blessed with excellent weather.

Thank you to all those who gave time and funds for this event: to the St Dominick Community shop who sponsored the eggs this year with a generous gift of £60 - we are lucky to have such a thriving community shop with so much stock in such a small space, it's a great Parish asset. We also had a very generous donation of eggs from Moo Free Chocolates, a local firm which makes dairy free chocolate. Matt Smith, the company's Managing Director, came to the egg hunt with his family and stood in for the Rural Dean as the judge for the Easter Bonnet Competition. Thank you also to everyone who made delicious cakes to serve with the coffee, as well as to those who gave generously to our fundraising raffle, including Trehill Farm Produce.

It was a truly enjoyable community event - by the community for the community - and we look forward to repeating it next year.

## ***Proposed 20mph Speed Limits***



Cornwall Council is planning to introduce a 20mph speed limit on most residential streets within the old Caradon Community Network Area. This decision follows strong local support from the communities.

You can provide feedback on the proposals using this link:

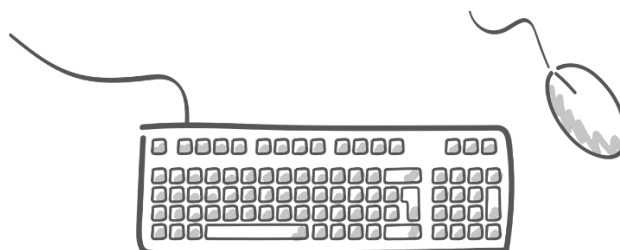
<https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/caradon-community-network-area-20mph-speed-limits>

**The survey closes at midnight on 8th May 2026.**

## ***Support with Technology Problems***

A few villagers have approached St. Dominic Parish Council requesting support for various information technology problems, including setting up a Smart TV, helping with email account issues, finding good shopping websites and looking up bus or train timetables online.

Please try contacting **AbilityNet**, a charity aiming to help older and disabled people with technology. You can get help from their friendly volunteers over the phone by contacting their helpline on **0300 180 0028**. Calls are charged at national rates.



If you are confident with email, you can contact them at [enquiries@abilitynet.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@abilitynet.org.uk). If the issue you need help with requires a home visit, this can be requested through a form on their website [abilitynet.org.uk](http://abilitynet.org.uk) - they have security checked volunteers they can send out to you based on the support you need.

You may need to say how you heard about this service, so please say it was through St Dominic Parish Council. If anyone needs any help with online issues please try contacting this charity. I would be very interested to hear your feedback and whether this service will meet the needs of those who have been asking for support. Please let Gill Brown know about your experience, either via the clerk of St Dominic Parish Council, or directly via [gillian.brown@stdominic-pc.gov.uk](mailto:gillian.brown@stdominic-pc.gov.uk) or see me in the community shop sometime.

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***\*\*\*Refreshments Available\*\*\****

## **Parish Hall Plant Sale – 16<sup>th</sup> May**

It's nearly time for our Annual Plant Sale on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of May, 10am – 12pm at the Parish Hall.



**Please will all you gardeners bring us a few plants, or donate your surplus?** We will be grateful for any perennials, rooted cuttings, veg plants, flower seedlings etc.

Your generosity has been remarkable in previous years and everyone enjoys this day tremendously. The Parish Hall is there for everyone to use and the sale hopefully adds to our funds each year.

Come along and have tea, coffee or cake, meet up with some fellow gardeners. Cash or card accepted.

For details, please ring Jo 01579350656 or Linda 01579350556

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## **Reports on the Parish Council Meetings...**

### ***reader take note!***

I have deliberately not called them minutes because they are not. They are far more insightful than the minutes, they are our roving reporters take on what happened at the Parish Council meeting. They are clearly (I hope) slightly tongue in cheek, designed to give you a humorous interpretation as to what went on at the meeting. Our roving reporter attends every meeting, diligently scribbling down notes in order to keep you all well informed - no mean feat. However, if you prefer the official minutes of the meeting you can always view them on St Dominic Parish Council website here:

<https://www.stdominic-pc.gov.uk>

The Clerk will be only too pleased to think that someone is actually reading them.



## ***Parish Council Meeting for April 2026***

*I was going to start by saying "Firstly, a parish councillor has been approached by someone who thought these are the official minutes. This is absolutely not the case. This is just a look at what happens" but the Chairman has beaten me to it 😊. No harm in reiterating the point though.*

The best bit of this meeting, and this applies to nearly all of them, was the end when we all went to the pub – or have the opportunity to do so. It rambled on and on, which wasn't anyone's fault, it was just repetitive.

Present were all councillors (except councillor Hunn), three members of the public, Cornwall councillor Long and myself. Two members of the public had come about the same planning application, so they only counted as one really.

Chairman Cox opened the meeting. Councillor Brady said something and he replied "pardon"? She said she was just saying she couldn't hear him. And so it continued...

Councillor Long gave a lengthy report, most of which had been in the local papers, but he did include the fact that the Tipwell signage had not been approved. I think it was because it wouldn't be visible from the side road. Not sure, but not approved anyway, nor would Tipwell qualify for a speed limit.

Then he went home.

Then we had the planning application which, in my opinion, took a long time just for a hole in the hedge. But it was quite interesting. Those people then went home, leaving me with the other member of the public; the regular one who brings a notepad and pen to make notes.

The National Trust have repaired about two thirds of the Heritage Trail signs, so that was good. Not as good is the fact that no one from the Council has arrived to start the work on Dilleys footpath that was hopefully going to be done within six months but probably sooner. But the dog poo bags are up and around the village thanks to a parishioner and money remaining from the Litterati (I think) and, also, the bollard at Squirrel Cottage is doing its job taking the beating the wall might have received.

Councillors Brady and Hughes did the Lovells Field inspections this time. Councillor Hughes repaired a lot of the damage reported by Councillor Wilkins last month, i.e. greased under the carousel, eradicated any rot in the seat timbers and replaced worn out matting. Councillors Brown and Wenmoth were delegated next, but meanwhile apparently a ROSPA inspection is due, which will mark up anything which needs to be addressed.

Then we came back to the Outdoor gym idea which a member of the public proposed in February. This provoked a long discussion, which was a repeat of the last one a few months ago on grants etc., and the need to have a poll of interested people. When the question was posed on Facebook, there were over forty people who said they would use it and the council had said they would assist the proposer if he did some work and came back to them. So, they had formed a working party of councillors Hughes, Fry, Brown and Brady. But they seemed to have forgotten this and proposed a working party again with the same people plus councillor Clewes. Councillors Fry and Cox had been to Stoke Climsland and tried out theirs. No photos available. The member of the public next to me asked to speak and, when given permission, said something on the lines that there was a lot of talking going on. The councillors not on the working party didn't seem quite as enthusiastic as the others. Not anti, just looking at the practicalities, such as who's going to maintain it. Councillor Fry said he was sure it would be used a lot as plenty of people ran past the field and they would pop in. They are to meet before the next meeting.

Also, Councillor Fry last month found the shelving and brackets he thought he had (for the bookshelves in the bus shelter) and this month he reported he had put them aside, ready to use.

The clerk reported that only two councillors had their photos on the website. The others didn't really care either way, except one, and telephone numbers are not to go on. Someone said that Councillors are supposed to be known to the general public but it was decided that all things could go through the clerk and only Councillor Brady ever has any representations made to her. For some reason, no one else does, so it probably doesn't matter.

The red bus is now a regular service. Chairman Cox asked Councillor Wilkins if the shop's takings were down on account of this minibus trip to supermarkets, and he replied "not as far as he knew". People must use this service if it is to continue.

**Next meeting, Wednesday May 6th, Parish Hall, 7pm, all welcome.**

You can leave at any time if you want to and if you go before the end, you don't even have to put your own chair back.

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

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

## ***Eastertide in St Dominick***

It is remarkable that, globally, over 2.3 billion Christians celebrate an event which occurred two millennia ago in what have been some of the world's most troubled regions. Today, as colonial conflicts rage across Gaza, Israel, Lebanon and Iran, we call that celebration Eastertide.

St Dominick's Palm Sunday 'Holy Hike' is a well-trodden Benefice tradition which is led by two donkeys as narrator and players enact the Easter liturgy through the village — from School to Church — stopping at the Village Hall and Park Road then moving into the Methodist Chapel as we sing a hymn.



Good Friday's Stations of the Cross was well attended. This service traces its roots to early Christian pilgrimages to Jerusalem, later adapted in the 14<sup>th</sup> century for those who could not travel to the Holy Land.

Easter Saturday brought the village together at the Village Hall for the Easter Egg hunt, Easter Bonnet competition, and much good food — thank you to all the wonderful helpers.

At dawn on Easter Day, many joined the Churches Together 'Sunrise Service' on Kit Hill! With St Dominick still without a Parish priest, we were able to worship elsewhere in the Benefice at Harrow Barrow and Pillaton — the spirit of Easter was very much alive in this part of East Cornwall.

# Proposal for an Outdoor Gym at Lovells

St Dominick residents have shown an interest in having an outdoor gym installed at Lovell's field, via the St Dominick Chat Facebook page. St Dominic Parish Council have looked into equipment to purchase and at what other local villages have installed.

In order to provide this equipment we would need to secure funding. We need to demonstrate support in the local community with your help. **Please complete the form below** and drop it off at the St Dominick Community Shop **before 31st May**.

We are interested in hearing from those who don't want it as well as those who do, so please help by completing a form either way.

We need to show there are a number of interested people to support an application for funding. Facebook 'likes' do not count! All over 14s would be welcome to use this equipment, not just residents of the Parish of St Dominick. See the photo for an example of the type of equipment we are considering.

We look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks, from St Dominic Parish Council



# St Dominick Parish Council - Proposal for an Outdoor Gym at Lovell's Field

1	If outdoor gym equipment was installed at Lovell's, would you use any of it?	Yes / No
2	If outdoor gym equipment was available at Lovell's do you think it would increase the time you spend exercising?	Yes / No
3	If you said you would NOT use it, what is the main reason for this? <i>E.g., health reasons; too far from where I live; I don't like exercising outdoors, other... etc.</i>	
4	Do you have any suggestions regarding your favourite items of gym equipment? (NB. No weights)	
5	To support a funding application, please tell us your full postcode	PL____ _
6	To support a funding application, please tell us your age group (please circle)	14-19   20-35 36-50   51-70 over 70

**Please return completed forms to St Dominick Community Shop  
by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

# St Dominick WI: A wonderful evening learning about Matryoshka

In April, we enjoyed a talk by member Marion Pack, who brought in her collection of Matryoshka, or Russian Nesting Dolls. Russian dolls were originally made not in Russia, but Japan. Japanese children were given painted wooden Kokeshi; solid dolls that eventually became nested. One was taken to Russia and, in 1890, the making of Matryoshka dolls started.

Traditional dolls depict a family and are usually female, each made to fit by eye. Handcrafted and hand painted on wood, they were made to celebrate farm life. These days, most are factory made then decorated using transfers.



Marion is very skilled and has restored many dolls, as well as painting commissions and designing her own on a Cornish theme – Cornish bal maidens and fishwives with Cornish emblems on their aprons. Her most precious doll is decorated with elaborate ladies and is based on the work of Art Nouveau artist, Alphonse Mucha. Marion found the doll in a Fowey art gallery and it cost £400.

We were fascinated to hear about your wonderful collection, Marion, thank you for sharing. The vote of thanks was given by Kay.

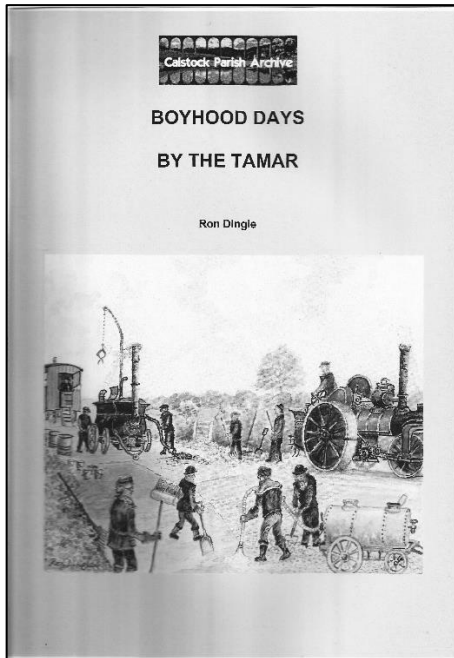
*Article written by Anne-Louise Mellor*

Next meeting: Wednesday 13th May - our Annual Meeting.

If you'd like to come along, our monthly meetings are in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm, £5 entry. For more information please contact Gill Brown at [stdominick@cornwallwi.org.uk](mailto:stdominick@cornwallwi.org.uk)

# ***Mini Book Review***

## **- Boyhood Days By The Tamar by Ron Dingle**



This A4-sized book was published in 2015 by Calstock Parish Archive Trust and comprises 80 pages of text, illustrations and photographs taken from the writings of Ron Dingle in his retirement. He was born at Honicombe Corner, St Ann's Chapel in 1929 and spent his youth in the Tamar Valley before completing his National Service and later becoming Deputy Head of a school in Seaton, Devon.

The majority of the book is dedicated to the Tamar valley where he was raised, descriptions of Harrowbarrow school days, the school dentist, village and family life, Market Gardening, quarrying and also some memories of his father's life and employment. Did you know the circus came to Gunnislake? I have to say, he was an excellent artist (although not such a good photographer) and a great wordsmith. The valley really comes to life as he describes the mines, the woods and his terror on encountering the "Tar Aliens" who occasionally came to mend the roads (as illustrated on the front cover).

The archive are very lucky to have his papers. His love of history wasn't shared by his family and everything was headed for the bin when he passed away. This was only saved by one of his cousins in the nick of time. Thank you to his family for saving this.





# ST DOMINICK DIARY

## Parish Church services

May 2026

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 18:00 Cornish Evening Prayer at Halton Quay

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

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00 Contemporary Celtic Worship

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> 09:30 Midweek 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: May 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**  
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](mailto:pricejessop@gmail.com); 01579 350049

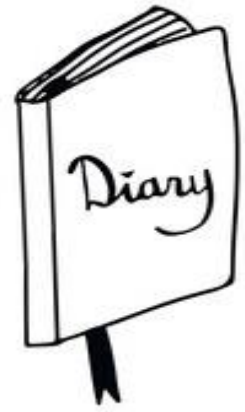
### Methodist Services:

**Sundays 6pm Through May**

## APRIL

24th School fundraising bingo, Parish Hall,  
5.30pm for 6.00pm

28th Hobbies Christmas meal, paid up  
members only



## MAY

1st Library van, Parish hall carpark, 11.45 – 12.05

6th Parish Council meeting Parish Hall, 7pm, all welcome

7th, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9th Craft Fair, St Dominick Church

12th Hobbies, Parish Hall 1pm - 5pm. Just turn up with  
something to do.

13th WI parish Hall

16th Annual plant sale, Parish Hall, 10.00am – 12.00pm

26th Hobbies, as above

27th Pub Quiz, 8pm, Who'd Have Thought It, teams of  
about 6

29th Library van, as above

## Later in the year...

June 21<sup>st</sup> - Annual cream tea at Beech Haven

August 9<sup>th</sup> - Annual gymkhana and dog show

September 12<sup>th</sup> - Annual Autumn show

October 12<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Supper, Parish Hall

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> - Craft Fair, St Dominick church

November 28<sup>th</sup> - Christmas tree switch on

**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 Craft Fair, 7th to 9<sup>th</sup> May, 11am to 5pm each day**

Once again, the Parish Church will be transformed for 3 days into a Craft Fair with nearly 40 stalls of a wide variety of locally produced craft. The stalls include jewellery, pottery, woodwork, preserves and books, as well as several new ones. Refreshments are also available, including coffee, light lunches and cake. If you are new to the area, the event is used to promote the various artisans' work and to raise money both for them and the Church.

### **Dog Mess in Parish Churchyard**

We welcome well behaved dogs on leads in the Graveyard but please, bag and take your dog mess home or to one of the proper bins further up the village. Do not leave it for the contractor to get covered with when strimming the grass, or families to step in when tending graves. St Dominick Parish Council is responsible for the upkeep of the Churchyard, and many of you visit on a regular basis as well as visitors to the area. We like to have it looking nice for everyone.

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

Great to see some warm sunny weather last month. The ice-cream freezer got well and truly raided! We have a brilliant selection to suit all tastes and a good range of lollies for children, including prices under £1. We'll be keeping our cold drinks and ice-cream stocks well-topped up and ready for the next burst of sunshine.

Congratulations to Kate Carter who won the Easter raffle and got to enjoy the large Lindt chocolate bunny prize.

Have you spotted our new products in the Shop? Just look out for the yellow 'NEW LINE' shelf labels and you could find yourself some favourites to add to your regular shop.

Our lottery winners since our last article are: 21st March – Eunice Hodge - £99 (rollover jackpot); 28th March – rollover; 4th April – Andrew Scott - £99 (rollover jackpot); 11th April – Mary Scofield - £37



### **Here's what's coming up in May:**

Every week there will be special offers on everyday items. Look out for large shelf stickers with new low prices to get some bargains.

Cheese of the month: it's going to be something mediterranean – feta or halloumi, we are still deciding – so keep an eye out! They are great warm weather cheeses for salads or BBQs...we are trying our best to summon up that sunny weather!

Friday 15th May: the fish van (The Market Plaice) delivers to the village every 3rd Friday. To order, email Rob at [contact@themarketplaiceplymouth.co.uk](mailto:contact@themarketplaiceplymouth.co.uk). Fish can be delivered or can be left in the Shop for collection later that day. Please order by no later than two days before, Wednesday 5pm.

Every Friday our weekly 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 – and sausage rolls from our pasty warmer between 10.00am-1.00pm. To order in advance, please let one of our Volunteers know no later than 5.30pm the Thursday before.

**NEW IN MAY!** Look out for our range of bedding plants that will be arriving early May. Our selection of compost is already in stock, so we will have everything you need for colourful, cheery patio pots.

Please shop local and support your Community Shop. We hope to see you very soon.





# Saltash Red Bus



Every Thursday, pick up in St Dominick. Please be at the bus stop at the times below. No pre-booking is needed.

## 10AM CHURCH / 10.05AM SCHOOL

Date	Destination	Fare
30th April	Derriford, M&S Food, Aldi, The Range 90 mins	£6
7th May	Waitrose & Saltash (Tamar View Garden Centre) 90 mins	£4
14th May	Drakes Circus, Plymouth 2 hours	£6
21st May	Waitrose and Saltash (Tamar View) 90 mins	£4
28th May	Sainsburys Marsh Mills 90 mins	£6
4th June	Waitrose and Saltash (Tamar View) 90 mins	£4
11th June	Tavistock 2 hours	£4
18th June	Waitrose and Saltash (Tamar View) 90 mins	£4
25th June	Derriford, M&S Food, Aldi, The Range 90 mins	£6



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