

# St. Dominick Parish News

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All articles for next month edition should be passed to Alan Cox at the Post Office by **17th February**. (alan@stdompo.co.uk)

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## **Your Christmas Entertainment News!**

The most entertaining thing to report from the Christmas period 2008 was the Talent Show held at the pub. As the evening progressed (within about two seconds actually), it became apparent that the word "talent" means different things to different people.

Mark and Shirley Behannah opened the show, singing as Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton. Mark had a grey beard and Shirley had a long blonde wig and a narrow back, so they looked very authentic even if the sound could have been better. They were followed by the St Dominic Smallholders with a bit of a pantomime- a localised Cinderella show. After this came Oli Daw and his friends, who could have, or have not, been Young Farmers, but were certainly not what they were supposed to be which was the W.I. Fortunately for the sake of harmonious living in the village, they didn't wear name tags. The eventual winner followed these, a young lady singer, who called herself "Dolly" and did have some talent but bore no resemblance to the Behannah Dolly, nor to the next act which followed the interval. This was another Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers but different from the first in that Dolly's assets and Kenny Rogers both had to be inflated whereas Act One's were genuine. Under the wig was, of course, Gareth Wenmoth - his legs were recognisable from football and his skirt left nothing to the imagination. Not a pretty sight but very entertaining. I don't know if he changed before he went home or if he became attached to it.

Three judges, Julie Wenmoth, Beano and Beth, passed their opinions but I don't think they voted for the winner, this was done by the crowd watching. Hopefully this will take place again next year, so all start practising now.

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## **Icy Roads**

During this winter weather the roads have been very slippery, particularly at Cotehele. I saw a lady whose car had skidded into Boar's Bridge and other cars were having difficulty in passing her, or even moving anywhere at all really.

On another occasion a source informs me that a big lorry, with its name written on the side, hit some ice and skidded into the wall by Cotehele Mill and didn't stop. Approximately 8ft of wall was demolished. Perhaps the driver didn't realise he had hit anything. Thirty minutes later a man driving a Mercedes van skidded into the bank and flipped onto his side before sliding down the road into a BT phone pole. He finished up with his back end hanging out over the mill office. Roll on summer.

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## **Tuesday Club January 2009**

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## **GROWING UP IN THE TAMAR VALLEY - MEMORY SWAP**

**10am to 12noon Sat 14th Feb** - At Bere Community Village Shop and Café (Hazel Room, Bere Ferres, Church Hall)

*Did you grow up in the Tamar Valley?*

Do you have stories to share about your childhood? If so the Tamar Valley AONB invites you to attend this community event, where you can share your memories. These stories etc will provide the AONB with the starting point to produce some audio work, telling the tales of life in the Valley. If you have any old photos, articles or memorabilia from childhood then please bring these along as well.

If you are unable to attend but would like to talk to us about possible articles then please contact Jemma Sharman 01579 351904 or email [jsharman@tamarvalley.org.uk](mailto:jsharman@tamarvalley.org.uk)

**Parish Council Report December 2008**

The December meeting was attended by Kate Garner, district councillor.

The planning consent referring to the Glebe plot at Vogus Lane was brought up again and basically there is nothing the council can do. The Glebe have replied and said that if St Dominic wants local housing they must buy more land. Also, there has been another application in the village that the Parish Council approved but Caradon Planning Officers refused it. Apparently there had been two objections of which the Parish Council were not told. This particular application has now been approved as the design has been altered to the planning officer's wishes.

Kate Garner spoke to the council about planning. There are certain criteria which the Planning Officer will examine. It appears that local opinion or knowledge doesn't count for anything because if a plan conforms to the rules it will be passed, if not it will be refused. If any neighbours object their objections will have to be according to "the rules", so it supposedly seems that there is no point in informing the parish council. (It was my opinion that there isn't much point the parish council even spending time looking at plans if no one takes any notice). There is a course that councillors can go on if they want to learn more.

Councillor Greene's pedal bin is working well at the bus stop. And there has been no further news concerning the telephone box.

With regard to the top of the playing field, the children have collected seeds from the Cotehele Estate, planted them and taken them home for Christmas.

The cost of a new gate to replace the damaged one is quoted at £737.00 plus £88.00 carriage. There were some gasps and some one said, "Is it a golden gate?" However, it seems this is standard for the type of gate which is self-closing, anti-vandal, and half buried under the ground and is the type other councils use. They decided to wait and see how their grant application was progressing as this is part of the same project.

The Post Office had informed the clerk the post box was being repaired in situ, and Mrs Hunn has had a letter asking to move it to their drive.

There were pages and pages to read from 'One Cornwall' and they were asking which services St Dominic would like to take on in the future. Fortunately someone read the bottom of the back page first which said that it was not compulsory to fill it in and if they did complete it, it wouldn't make any difference! So they didn't. Apparently a big TOP MAN is coming to talk to the parish council sometime in the future.

The next parish council meeting is on February 4th at the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.



UPDATE

1. Since the meeting Councillors Behennah and Spiers are to attend a special meeting at Pensilva, called by St Ive parish council to discuss with planning officers the fiasco with planning.
2. A new freestanding post box has appeared in Nigel Hunn's drive.



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## St Dominic School News

Another Ofsted ..... at the end of the Autumn term, we were all delighted that the report of our recent Ofsted inspection (November 08) confirmed that the school has made good progress since our last inspection. The report states that St Dominic is a "happy school and pupils feel very safe and well-cared for". Teaching is good and improving, the curriculum is good, offering children a wide range of opportunities, and there has been a significant improvement in pupil progress in Key Stage 2. The school's own self-evaluation showed that it is already aware of areas requiring further development, improvements in teaching and learning are having a positive impact on standards, and it is well placed to improve further. For more information, you can look at our new web-site, designed and set up by one of our parent governors, Dr John Taylor. This should be up and running by the time this newsletter appears – see our advert in this issue.

### Healthy School Status!

Another notable achievement is our new "Healthy School" accreditation, which has been obtained after hard work by all the pupils and staff, under the direction of Class 3 teacher, Mrs Childs-Garner. Class 3 has planned a School Celebration Day, involving all areas of the curriculum.

Inter-school football, netball and cross country matches are happening, (when the ground is not frozen or water logged!). A special mention should go to Hannah Prisk who took part in Plymouth Argyle's Penalty Shoot-out competition – she scored 9 out of 10, becoming the first girl to win the competition!

Pupil News: In January, our numbers rose to 55, with twins Louis and Taylor starting full-time education, and four year old Neve attending in the afternoons. Attendance has improved remarkably - at the end of term Christmas Service 11 children were awarded book-tokens for a term's perfect attendance record – amazing considering the amount of viruses around!

Events: "Education Sunday" this year is on February 8th and will be celebrated at the Family Service at the Parish Church at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome – please come and see the children play a very active part in conducting the service, with prayers, hand bells and songs.

We are planning an "Open Day" for later in the Spring Term, when there will be a general invitation to all in the village to come and look at our School's work and also at our after-school activities. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible – date to be announced next month.

### "Yellow Pages" wanted

Please note that we are collecting old "Yellow Pages", so please re-cycle them by handing them in to the school – thank you! Also, we are still collecting Nestle cereal box top tokens to help purchase new library books.

#### Advertising Costs

½ page £10.00, ¼ page £5.00, those falling between the previous two sizes £7.50, ⅓ page £2.50

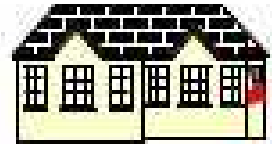
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*"St Dominic is a happy school and pupils feel very safe & well cared for - they say that they really enjoy school & the many additional activities that the school provides."  
(OFSTED Report - November 2008)*

Visit our [web site](#) for further information or call the school to arrange a visit.

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