

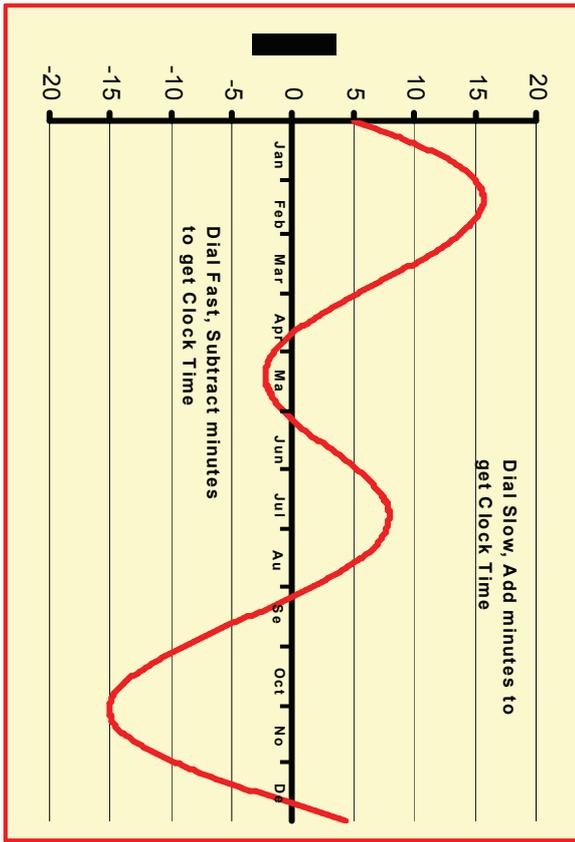
The St Dominic Dial

In 2002 the parents of children in the final year got together and subscribed money to fund something of interest and importance for the School.

It was decided to commission a 'Human Sun-dial', one that would show the time by the sun when a child stood on it at the right place.

The chosen design is, strictly speaking, called an 'Analemmatic Dial'. When a child stands on the centre line of the long stone in the centre with their heels on the current date, their shadow will fall among the hour markers to show the current time by the sun. Sun time differs from Greenwich Mean Time but is always within about a quarter of an hour of GMT.

Use the graph opposite to correct dial time in Harpenden to clock time. Remember to add a further hour when Summer Time is in force.



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Who made it?

Patrick Powers designed it and was consultant through the installation, Thomas Higham arranged the stone cutting and Nigel Roche was responsible for the precision installation and landscaping..