



St. John Newsletter

December 2017

Editorial

Being a very busy time of year there is a lot to report on and plan for.

This month we have reports on the Parish council meeting, Remembrance Sunday, the usual village walk, the Quiz evening and an item on our own publishing author (who knew?) Stephen Richards.

I am also pleased to report that we have a healthy start in the 'letters to the editor' section on page 6.

Part of the Hall has been redecorated by a team of volunteers and we have a new defibrillator for which training sessions have been be arranged. The church has a busy schedule planned (as you would expect) at this time of year. There are notices of the various clubs and activities available including bridge, boule, ladies' darts, bowls and snooker.

David Greenhalgh

Parish Council Committee meeting

At our meeting on 16th November we had an interesting update from Simon Ryan (The Peninsula Trust), when he outlined some ongoing affordable homes projects. These, and other opportunities, are being made possible by the success of our Neighbourhood Development Plan which now prevents the development of cottages, forts, barns and other existing buildings into luxury holiday homes, thus opening opportunities for community driven affordable housing. The Trust say they will never build on green field sites.

We also had an explanation from our Cornwall Council George Trubody on the Boundary Commission's proposals to reduce the number of councilors, by combining urban with rural areas. The likely proposal for St John is that we will be incorporated into West Torpoint, together with Antony and Sheviok. Next month we will let you know how you can express your views to Cornwall Council.

The Torpoint Library is under threat and we are awaiting news of how we could support Torpoint Town Council in their efforts to maintain this service.

We have been working with Cormac to improve traffic signs to prevent HGVs driving through the village, and speeding by through traffic, by re-painting of white road/speed bumps marking and funding much larger and clearer Width Restriction signs at the junction up near HMS Raleigh. We have been involved in several planning applications recently and we have been pleased to see the CC planning officers acting on our recommendations, a function we hope of greater listening mode! We have simplified our agendas, minutes and website (thanks to our excellent new Clerk Caroline Allen) . We are also listing planning applications within the parish. In the meantime we hope that you found this article helpful and informative: we shall endeavor to continue to contribute to this excellent new Newsletter. Better still, why not actually come to one of our meetings and talk to us! Next meeting is 15th February at Freathy village hall.

Click link below to see full minutes of meetings and accounts, and details of future meeting dates, as well as all councilor and Clerk contact numbers.
www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk

Dereck Richards

Remembrance Sunday



...then on to the warmth and hospitality of Rob & Gill in our Pub.



Village Hall committee meeting held on 13/11/2017



After 'minutes of last meeting' and 'matters arising', Charmaine presented the Treasurer's report. The only fund raising event over the past month was the skittles evening, which raised £38.50. and there was the usual income from snooker and bowls and coffee mornings. Expenditure consisted of electricity, paint (for the redecorating of the kitchen) and £1700 for the new defibrillator.

There was a report on the enjoyable and successful quiz night hosted by Linda and Sue Huke on 3rd Nov. and also on the painting of the kitchen area of the Village Hall. On the morning of Sat.4th Nov about 8 volunteers turned up to paint the kitchen area and completed a second coat the following Wed. morning.

The Xmas wine evening was discussed- the wine has been purchased and the decision on what meals to prepare was left for the next meeting which is on 4th. December.

Lastly, 'Any other business' -

1. Christian Ferris and David Greenhalgh will take responsibility for the management of the boiler and ordering of heating oil.
2. We noted the need to appoint a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator/s and would welcome volunteers for this post.
3. Future defibrillator training was discussed and is now confirmed for Saturday morning 9th December.
4. I requested prizes for the annual xmas doubles pool knockout competition and was given the go ahead.

David Greenhalgh

St. John Walkers



Nineteen enthusiastic walkers and Daisy, the dog, turned out for our November walk around St. Neot. It was a bright sunny day, but due to a deluge of rain over the weekend, we decided not to do the planned walk which would have been waterlogged, and another walk was substituted. This followed part of the Two Valleys Walk. At the point where a path leads onto Berry Down (which is worth exploring more as there are many remains of hut circles etc.) Five walkers' enthusiasm for going uphill and along a wet path had waned and they chose an easier route back to the Pub! Berry Down was a bit soggy underfoot but passable with slight detours off the main path. Lovely views could be enjoyed. The map reading went a little wrong on the downward stretch and despite Paul's assurances that it was all downhill back to the Pub, there was another uphill, or two. The London Inn at St. Neot provided a warm welcome with a blazing open fire and good food.

Val & Paul

NOTE: Del & Sue are leading the Dec. walk on 11th Dec.

St. John Inn



Bonfire Night



Thank you to all those that supported our bonfire and firework night, we were overwhelmed by the turnout and hope you all enjoyed the event. We received £111.37 in donations towards the event along with around 60 additional rockets from 2 regular customers.

Remembrance Day



The Remembrance day buffet was also well attended, thanks to all those that took the time to get together. This will be continued every year.

Christmas eve



We shall be holding a Dickensian evening from 6pm and would like those coming to the pub to dress in the Victorian or Edwardian theme if you are able.

Dates

22nd Dec.- Music by Richard James from around 9pm.

Christmas Day- We shall be open from 12-2 pm. for drinks & conversation.

Boxing Day- Closed.

New years Eve- Open from 12 noon until 2am. on new years day.

New Years Day - Open 6 - 11 pm.

Used Stamps & cards

I am still collecting all used stamps in aid of the Cornwall air ambulance. (to be passed to me or Liz or Mary).

I am also still collecting used greetings and Christmas cards for recycling.

Thanks,
Dorothea.



Bridge Club

Village Hall(from 1 Oct.- 31st March)
Thursday afternoons from 2-4pm

It is intended to provide information and guidance for beginners and players alike- to give an opportunity to have fun and exercise the "little grey cells" during these Autumn and Spring dull days.

A £1 subscription is requested from club members for use of The Hall (& tea /biscuits!).

Clive & Carol (Jakeman)



FOR SALE

HP Deskjet 3632 all in one PRINTER (as new) £30 ono
Cat Litter Box (as new) £15 ono
Electric Hedge Trimmer - offers. 01752 812008.
Dorothea

Ladder

David Greenhalgh

Pete Debono

Tony Rogers

Chris Trevitt

John Woodfield

Del Richards

Howard Everard

Brian Bird

Bob Keys

Richard Dolton

Chris Huke

Chris Morris

Paul Tanner

Ray Salter

Lewis Wilton

Dave Plank

Clive Wally

Steve Wick

Andy Ridler

Ernie Ridler

Anthony Graves

Sam Hunt



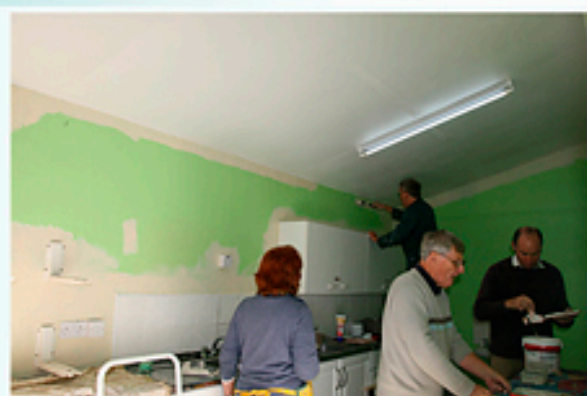
Highest Break

David Greenhalgh	32
Tony Rogers	29
Pete Debono	27
Steve Wick	25
Chris Trevitt	24
Clive Walley	23
Chris Morris	22
Richard Dolton	18
Del Richards	20

Hall / Kitchen area repaint.



Before



Getting started.



First coat



Final coat

St. Johns Church



There will be a joint Nativity Play by all the Rame Churches, in All Saints Millbrook on Friday 22nd December at 7 pm. They are also holding a Christmas Tree Festival, from 13th December.

Carol Service

St John's Church Candlelit carol service will be held on Monday 18th December at 7.00 pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

St. John Church 100 Club Winners for November are:-

Elizabeth Stanley - £20.00

Vi Lakeman - £5.00

Carole Ball - £5.00

Sunday 24th December - 9.00 am Service
Christmas Day - 9.00 am service.
All are welcome at all services.

Susan Holmes

Arts, media and entertainment

New book from St John village resident – Stephen Mark Richards

Short Shorts and Shorts: Volume 1 (illustrated by Joyce)

Contains a mix of funny, tragic, gritty and thought provoking short stories for when you have a couple of minutes to spare. The village features in one of the stories. Stephen's books are available on Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.com/Stephen-Mark-Richards/e/B0071NNNM>

Please be aware that one of the stories does contain swear words in the interests of creating authentic language for the stories setting. Short Shorts and Shorts: Volume 1 currently available on Kindle with the paperback due out around Christmas. (for more info visit www.ampurlife.com)



Boule Sunday Report

for

19th November 2017



After removing a mountain of leaves, a cool but bright morning of Boule was enjoyed by around 24 people.

We got underway after a great deal of meeting and greeting. I have to say it is a bit like herding cats to organise the group into teams, but eventually 3 courts got underway with 2 teams of 3 on each.

We had a coffee/tea interval before resuming play until around 1pm.

Please do come and join us next time for

Christmas Boule with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies on Sunday 17th December.

If you would like more information please contact either

Janet 829225 or Sue 822742

Look forward to seeing you



St John Village Hall

Saturday 16th December 7.30pm

A CHRISTMAS WINE AND DINE EVENING



Come along and enjoy a lovely meal with an excellent selection of wines

£12 a head (Ticket Entry Only)

For more details and tickets contact
Paddy 822607 or Janet 829225

Ladies' darts



A "scratch" team of ladies, representing the St John Inn, played a friendly match against the Mark of Friendship. We all enjoyed a very sociable evening and as the evening progressed we did improve and most of us were actually able to get all three darts on the board! It was evident that we are far from match/league standard and for the foreseeable future, we will only be playing friendly matches. The return match with The Mark of Friendship will be on

1st February 2018 at the St John Inn.

If you would like to join us, please let Gill at the pub know, as she is compiling a list of willing players.

Defribillator



Defribillator Training

Anyone interested in hands-on training there will be a training session on:

SATURDAY 9th DEC.

9.30 am - 11.00 am

contact Gill 829 299 for more info.

Letters to the Editor



NEWSLETTERS

I would like to express my profound thanks to John Hough for reliably producing the newsletter all these years, and to David for taking on the task. I'm sure it is, and has been, one of those 'can you justs.....' that is more difficult and time-consuming than anyone realises; for me, and people like me, however, who are housebound, and no longer able to participate in village events and activities, it is a valuable way of keeping in touch with things that are going on. Thankyou!

Gill Wyke.

Thank you Gill, I am sure that John will appreciate your kind thoughts when he reads this, as do I.

Ed.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On November 12th at 10:00 several of our villagers joined together at the war memorial for our Act of Remembrance thinking in particular of those from our parish who gave their lives so that we may be free. This year it was a fine crisp morning and it was good to see a few more faces than usual. After Ray laid the wreath on behalf of the village, Rob laid another from the St John Inn. Rob and Gill have really brought the pub back into the soul of our village; and their kindness offering a buffet for all to retire to was a wonderful gesture. The Church, The Pub and The Village Hall are the 3 central cores of this village's life, and without these, this village would lose much of its charm. The new revitalised St John Inn has brought the community back together; but not everyone could do this. "Mine Hosts" Rob and Gill clearly fit the part by their strenuous efforts, events and thoughtfulness to become the heart of the village. We are all very pleased that they have chosen to make their permanent home amongst us all.

Richard and Alison Dolton

Thank you, Rob & Gill at St John's Inn for an excellent buffet with tea/coffee after the remembrance service on Sunday.

Ray & Margaret Salter

DOG FOULING



We are fortunate enough here to have no stray dogs in the village. Please, if your dog poops in the street, clean up after it. Have some self respect, some consideration for others, and **Show some pride in your village.**

John Benger

Quiz Night (Fri 3rd Nov.)



Our Quizzers - Sue and Linda.



The Winning team - "the fork handles"

Almost 50 keen members of our village and surrounds joined together in the hall on what was a rather cold evening (due to a fault with the heating timer) but the atmosphere soon got hot when we were tested by Sue and Linda's Quiz. By half time many of us felt the need to "refresh the parts that other beers cannot" and resorted to our now very popular pub for inspiration. Upon returning, regrettably in the case of some, it made very little difference although some teams rallied well when the music section finished the test. Despite the difficulties with the sound system our Comperes did us proud and the ultimate winners were a team called "The Four Candles". Some competitors felt that a form of "proportional representation" should have been applied to the scores to reflect the fact that teams were not all the same in number! (like politicians, we'll try anything to win.....!)

Well done to Linda and Sue – we look forward to another in the New Year.

Richard Dolton



Tony Gillies, the captain of 'the fork handles' accepts the first prize.

Looking forward to next year

NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES IN THE VILLAGE HALL



On New Year's Eve we will be having the usual get together in the village hall from 9.30pm - 12.30am. All are welcome and admission is free, but please bring a plate of food and your own drink. Bopping will be a priority so feel free to bring along your favourite music. As the pub will be open for extended hours, Gill and Rob are quite happy for people to pop in to get drinks, and take them back to the hall. Of course, those who are still awake will be welcome to carry on the festivities there.

A warm Welcome to new residents:

Kath & Martin Overton who have moved into Brimbles.
Jules & Libi Cocks who have moved into Lan Hael.
John & Emma Tanner who have moved into Mowhay Meadow.

Wishing you every happiness in our lovely village.

.....and finally

I bought my wife a wooden leg for Christmas. It's not her main present, just a stocking filler....