



St. John Newsletter

January 2018

Editorial



Happy New Year To You All.

In this edition we have a lot of information from the parish council about the Solar community fund and the projects that have been funded through it – traffic signs, foot paths etc. The full year's dates for walkers, report on the recent Xmas wine evening, future plans for our Pub, and a link to a huge amount of information about the defibrillator algorithms and resuscitation as well as the results of the Xmas Pool doubles competition.

We also, sadly say 'farewell' to Gill Woodfield and our thoughts are with John at this time.



Village Hall committee Meeting

Meeting held 4th December 2017

Minutes of previous meeting were perused and agreed by the Committee.

There was no Treasurers report as Charmaine had tendered her apologies.

It was agreed that a new (second hand) laptop could be purchased by the singing group due to the demise of the previous one.

The forthcoming wine night was discussed and all was in order eg. Licence and of course 'the wine'. Casseroles (beef, chicken and vegetarian) was to be the meal for the evening with desserts of cheesecakes and gateaux.

We discussed the updating of the flushing system in the gents toilets. All agreed that this could go ahead.

New Years Eve was to go ahead in the hall as in the last few years. BYO drink and food.

The New Years Senior Citizen's lunch was to be held on 20th January 2018.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 8th January 2018

Liz. Miller

(for more information click on www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk)

What's Your Parish Council Up To?



Over the last two years we have received £6000 into our Solar Community Fund, and this has financed several projects in St John and Freathy. In St John we have donated money towards the Defibrillator and funded several small projects associated with foot-paths around the village. We have funded the two new sets of steps down from Benskin's Wood at the Ford and Efford Bridge. We expect another £3000 in February (£1500 for St John), when we shall reconvene the Solar Fund Community committee. If you have any ideas for using this money for the benefit of the community, then please let us know.

The Boundary Commission proposes to reduce the number of Cornwall councilors, by combining urban with rural areas. The likely outcome for St John is that we will be "combined" with West Torpoint, together with Antony and Shevioc. Thus our new Cornwall Councillor will cover both urban and rural areas. Cornwall are seeking consultation by 19th February and the Parish Council will be objecting strongly to this, as we believe that the current representation of the five parishes in the Rame Peninsula is working well.

However, this will be a difficult proposal to defeat: in the meantime we would urge you to visit the website www.lgbce.org.uk and comment on these proposed changes.

We have been working with Cormac to improve traffic signs to prevent HGVs driving through the village, and speeding by through traffic. We have ordered larger and clearer Width Restriction signs at the junction up near HMS Raleigh. If you have any practical ideas for additional road-signs in the village then please let us know.

Please see www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk for full minutes of meetings and accounts, and details of future meeting dates. Next meeting is 15th February at St John village hall.

Del Richards.

Farewell

Gill Woodfield



Gill was born in Falmouth in 1926.

She and John knew each other as teenagers and in 1951 were married in Falmouth Parish Church. They had both trained as teachers and much later moved to Torpoint where they taught in separate schools. Their marriage was blessed with five children.

In later years Gill suffered greatly with various problems which she bore with great fortitude. She was always cheerful and smiling, pleased to meet her many friends.

A truly lovely lady remembered with deep affection. Gill died at Derriford on 11th Dec. 2017.

Audrey Wilton.



St. John Walkers - 2018

Month	Date	Organiser	Telephone	Email
January	9	Yvonne	01579 363915	y.a.douglass@gmail.com
February	12	Sue & Del	823253	sueclarerichards@me.com
March	12	Howard & Viv	823250	vivienne-walker@sky.com
April	9	Mary & Brian	822890	bbird748@yahoo.co.uk
May	14	Linda & Chris	822083	linda_morris1886@live.co.uk
June	11	Thelma & Kath	829113	thelma.bryant@sky.com
July	9	No Walk		
August	13	No walk		
September	10	Janet & Sue	829225 822742	susan@huke.co.uk
October	8	Clive & Carol	822557	cliveandcarol@btinternet.com
November	12	Paul & Val	823118	
December	10	Richard & Alison	823249	glenside2@btinternet.com

1. Meet outside Village Hall at 9.30 am.
2. If for any reason you are unable to lead your walk please arrange to swap with another person and advise Sue Richards.
3. Please would everybody contact the organiser of the walk by email or telephone to check that the walk is going ahead in bad weather.



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,
Dorethea

December Walk

This was a five-mile linear walk in the Ashburton area, in freezing conditions aggravated by cold northerly winds, so we were pleased that as many as eleven willing souls volunteered for this challenge.

Logistics were critical, as we had to drive in convoy, leaving cars at the start and end of the walk, which had been cleverly designed to be downhill virtually all the way. This was necessary, as any attempt to include the final long uphill section would have resulted in mutiny! Anyway, the walk was enjoyed by all, evidenced by the continuous chatter along the route (mostly about how much further). After we walked down to Ashburton itself there were minor desertions by two of our ladies on the pretext of "comfort stop" but more likely..... retail interest. The remaining nine completed the task and attained the welcoming sight of our two cars, subtly parked at the end of the walk. After regrouping and retrieving the deserters, we all managed to arrive on time for our pre-booked lunch at Turtley Mill at Avonwick. We were well looked after, with a large table in front of the fire, mulled wine, good food and excellent service. We all felt that we had done some good for our fitness levels, were warm again, and happy!

Del Richards



Bridge Club

Village Hall (from 1 Oct. - 31st March)

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)



Xmas Wine Evening



Cheers Charmaine!...don't overdo it now.



Watch what you'r doing Chris!...or you'll pour it in Judith's lap.



The Ladies singing group entertaining us with christmas songs.

OH, WHAT A NIGHT.....

On Saturday 16th December, over 70 villagers and friends squeezed into the village hall for the Christmas wine evening. It was hosted by Ray and the selection of wines from France, Chile, Australia and South Africa were brought from France by Charmaine and Christian. The hall was beautifully decorated by Chris, Chris, Del and Howard, and it was no mean feat setting up the tables to accommodate a record amount of people. We enjoyed a delicious meal of chicken, beef and veggie casseroles, with jacket potatoes, cooked by members of the committee, and a selection of desserts. Everyone had a present from 'Secret Santa', the raffle prizes were won by a jubilant few, and the excitement culminated in a rousing sing-song of Christmas songs, led by the ladies' singing group, with a requested encore of 'White Christmas'! A great time was had by all. It was also lovely to welcome some new villagers and friends to our wine evening, and hope they will join us again.

Janet Mitchell (& Pickle)



Some of the committee ladies hard at work serving our meals.



Our thanks to everyone who has supported us since re-opening of the St Johns Inn, the response and positive encouragement have been overwhelming. Special thanks to Christian for keeping us supplied with ready cut logs for the pub, his help has been invaluable. Also thanks to him and his family along with Tony, Bet and family for including us in their Christmas meal.

Along that note - I have been volunteered to help plan a community Christmas dinner next year (more details to follow in the upcoming newsletters) but I would like to make a little request that any surplus decorations, tablecloths, napkins be handed in rather than disposed of to give us a start for next Christmas.

Gill

QUIZ NIGHT

We hope to start this once per month on a Saturday night (3rd Saturday of each month) and if anyone is interested in being the first quiz-master please step forward.

OPENING HOURS

For January will remain the same as before.
Thursday 5-11pm, Friday 5-12pm,
Saturday 12-12pm, Sunday 12 - 10.30pm.

Ladies darts practice on Thursdays from 8pm.
Jam night on Friday - an open invite night for anyone wishing to play or sing.

We have put in an application to get European funding for a 'not for profit' Community Shop. We'll keep you all updated once we hear anything.

Gill

DEFIBRILLATOR

The link below gives you a lot of detailed information about many aspects of resuscitation and use of the Defibrillator. If you have any questions about its use or any other aspects, just ask Gill she is willing to help on a one to one basis.

<https://www.resus.org.uk/resuscitation-guidelines/adult-basic-life-support-and-automated-external-defibrillation/>



Snooker



This year we had sixteen entrants to the annual Xmas Doubles Pool knockout tournament.

The Draw (for partners) was held on Sunday 19th of November in the pub. The matches have been going on since then and since it is a knockout tournament someone asked why we don't have a Plate event for 1st round losers? This seemed like a good idea so, for the first time, we have been running two tournaments at the same time.

The Final of the main draw was held on Sunday 10th Dec. between Ray Salter and myself Versus Del Richards & Chris Burton. Del & Chris won 13 frames to 8. Chris Morris kindly presented the prizes after the match, and Jessica took the photos.

Then on Wednesday 13th December the final of the Plate was contested between Chris Trevitt & Bob Keys Versus Clive Walley & Richard Dolton. Clive and Richard played a 'blinder' and won 11 frames to 5.

LADDER



Steve Wick
Clive Walley
Tony Rogers
Pete Debono
David Greenhalgh
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
Andy Ridler
Ernie Ridler
Anthony Graves
Sam Hunt
Chris Burton

HIGHEST BREAK

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



Chris Morris preparing to present the prizes to the winners and runners up.



Del & Chris 'beaming' winners!



Dave & Ray runners up.

Snooker (cont.)

Plate event: (first round losers go into a second smaller knockout competition.)



Richard & Clive - beaming winners.



Chris & Bob - runners up.

I would like to thank all the competitors for taking part, I hope you enjoyed it. We couldn't do it without you!!

Also, once again, a big thank you to Ray and the committee for sponsoring the prizes.



Brian Bird - Spectator of the tournament.

Letters to the Editor.

As there are no 'letters to the editor' this month, I would like to use the space to pay tribute to 'the ladies of the committee'!

Every Wine evening and especially the recent Xmas wine eve. where we had a record 70 + people attending, they cook meals at home, get them to the Hall at the right time, having previously sorted out the complex seating arrangements, and then work together serving that many people so that all the meals are still hot. Then they sing to entertain us and lastly, with some help from volunteers clean everything away. WELL DONE YOU!

And finally...

Q - How would you describe an Agnostic, Dyslexic Insomniac?

A- Someone who lies awake all night wondering if there really is a DOG.