

St. John Newsletter

March 2018

Editorial



This is the fifth Newsletter I have edited. People say it is my newsletter... it isn't, it is your newsletter. The contents cannot be confined to events that I have attended or got to know about. For example there was a carol service last December, I did not attend and hence nothing was reported about it. Nowadays everyone walks about with a camera in their pocket or handbag, so wherever you are, at an event or incident, if you feel it should be in the newsletter, take some photos, write a few sentences and email it to me and I will publish it.

The Newsletter goes to all the villagers that have signed up to receive it and also past residents still living in the UK as well as those who have moved overseas and I am sure many residents would be interested to hear how you are getting along, what you are doing since leaving the village etc. Why not send some pics and a short message and we will start a new feature? Over to you...

In this issue there is a link with Shevioc's and St. German's garden clubs which Richard Dolton sent to me. (see page 6) It would be nice to forge links and support them (if you are interested). The St. John Walkers were 'tramping' around the St. Germans area this month and there is more information from the parish council. There is a report on the special meeting of the village committee as well as details of the pub's plans for this month.

Quite a few new subscribers have signed up over the past month and if you want to catch up on past newsletters they are archived on the village website www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk > community > newsletters.

Sadly, we say farewell to Gerald Lakeman who passed away at the weekend. (details on page 5.)

David Greenhalgh

Parish Council



This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 1918 Armistice, and the Parish Council has agreed to fund renovation of the war memorial and associated garden. This will be organized by Richard Dolton; so if you have any ideas for enhancement of this memorial, then please speak to him.

Thanks to the efforts of Mike Stevens, the south edge of the roadside along St John's Lane (opposite the bungalows) has been trimmed back. This work removed the unsightly growth, which was significantly narrowing the lane. After Mike's work the residents have cleared the leaves and vegetation at the edge. Well done to another village work-party.

At a meeting of the five Rame parishes we decided to request the Clearway along Military Road to be extended to twelve months.

The current Clearway only applies in the summer and does nothing to improve the problem of roadside parking causing serious problems to residents in winter. The PC will have to consult with all residents along Military Road before this moves forward as an amendment under the Road Traffic Act, probably next year.

A meeting will be convened over the next month or so to decide on use of the £4000 Solar Community Fund, so once again we would request your ideas?

Our grit bins are full, and if we need to spread salted grit on the roads then we are confident that residents will turn out to assist. Please do not attempt to spread any grit without first speaking to me on 823253.

Please see www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk for full minutes of meetings and accounts, and details of future meeting dates.

Del Richards.

St. John Village committee meeting



On Monday 5th Feb. we met with the sole purpose of deciding what events to book for the coming year. It was felt that we needed to have some new and different entertainment acts. Sadly although everyone was invited to the meeting to air their views, apart from the committee no one turned up. So we discussed what we had 'in the pipeline' so to speak which included a local musical blues band, called 'Blaze' Blues' which we have since booked for Sat. 14 April, and a spanish guitarist which we still have to finalise. We also decided on the first of four Wine & Dine evenings on Sat 10th March and an information evening about mindfulness through simple meditation practice on Friday 23rd March.

Bob Keys is keen to see if there is enough interest in a local History group (see notice of first informal meeting) Other ideas were to have summer team sporting events perhaps against a pub team (boule, cricket?) I suggested special interest groups or clubs e.g. Gardening, cooking/recipes etc, chess, local history, astronomy, photography, yoga/meditation.....(we already have Boule, bowls, snooker & Bridge played regularly) New ideas always welcome.

Dave Greenhalgh

Future Events and Adverts

DEVELOPING A PEACEFUL MIND



A SIMPLE MEDITATION PRACTICE

FREE ADMISSION - EVERYONE WELCOME

St. John Village Hall
Friday 23rd March @ 7.30pm

St John Village

ITALIAN WINE AND DINE EVENING

Saturday 10th March 7.30pm

Join us for an **ITALIAN** themed supper
with a selection of fine wines

Raffle

£12 a head (*Ticket Entry Only*)

Tickets available from Janet 829825 or Paddy 822607

Boule



Boule Sunday - 18th February

After a very iffy weather forecast - a misty and slightly damp morning was enjoyed by about 14 hardy Boule players.

On court 1 - Richard, David and Howard were beaten by Alison, Viv and Kathy by 11 points to 9

A second match was played with Howard, Richard & Alison and they were beaten by Kathy, Viv & Sue R. by 11 points to 1

On court 2 - after a delayed start - Bob, Mary & Dorothea beat Chris, Val & June by 13 points to 9

Not exactly close matches..... but nevertheless thoroughly enjoyed by all participants!

Our thanks go to Viv and Howard for doing a grand job of brushing, levelling and clearing the entire boule court of all moss and weeds!

Do come and join us for the next session on Sunday 18th March, the more the merrier!

For more information contact Sue 822742 or Janet 829225



St John Local History Project

Informal meeting at the village hall

Wednesday 7th March.
Between 11.00/12.00 am
(after coffee morning!)

A first meeting to discuss ideas around a St John History Project.
People, places and events from village life.

For further information contact Megan Keys:
<carswell212@aol.com>



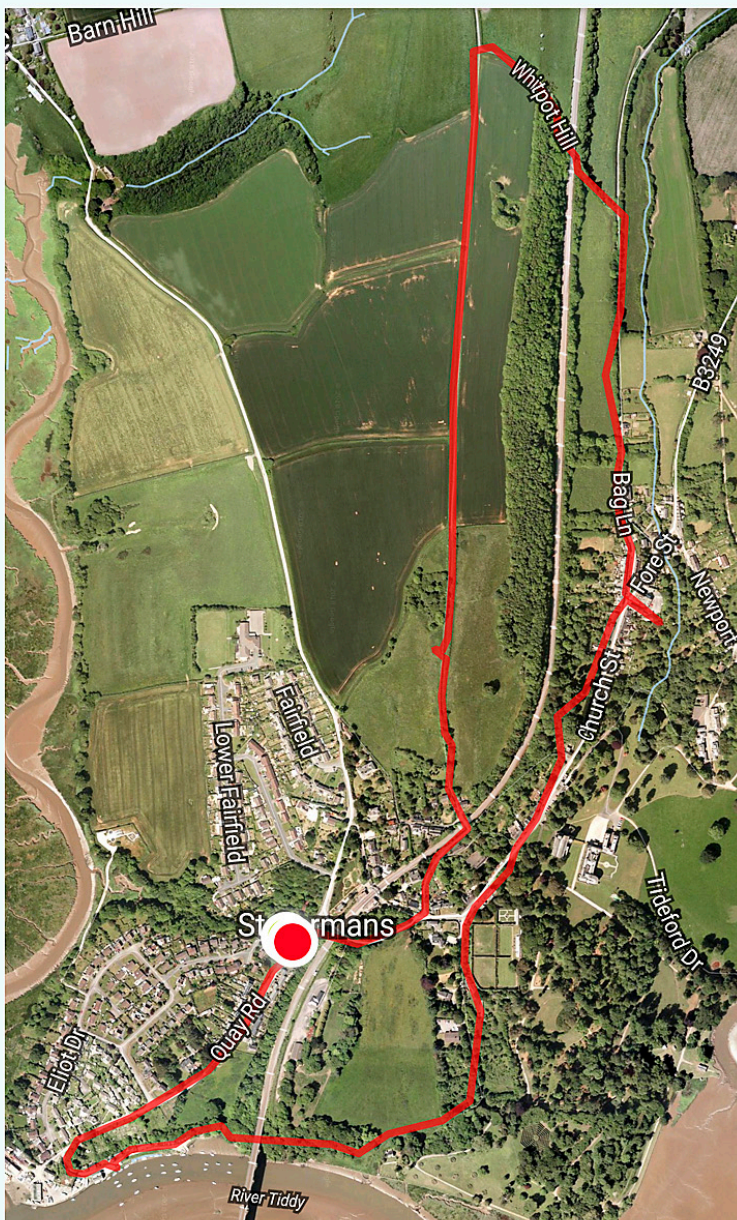
St. John Walkers - 2018

Month	Date	Organiser	Telephone	Email
January	9	Yvonne	01579 363915	y.a.douglass@gmail.com
February	12	Richard & Alison	07977 214776	glenside2@btinternet.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			

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.

This month's walk was set around St Germans and we were very lucky to have a beautiful crisp and sunny morning. 18 young at heart "Amblers" plus various dogs started by walking down to the river Tidy passing the sailing club and under the railway bridge and then, having walked for all of 3/4 mile, stopped in at the Eliot Arms for coffee. The landlord having opened especially for us, was able to take orders for our lunch at the same time before we headed off along the valley north-east along "Bag Lane" turning up under the railway again and going up "Whitpot Hill". Being quite steep the group rather spread out and whilst the advance party marched on ahead, the rest took in the views down to the river Lynher and the eagle-eyed spotted Maker Church in the far distance. Stopping at a granite memorial seat on "The Ridge" for the photo-shoot we all agreed that you don't have to go far to be able to delight in the fantastic countryside around us. Downhill from now on, we crossed the railway once more and back to the cars. The walk was just short of 3 miles and upon returning to the pub we were joined by Megan and Bob to make up a party of 20 for an enjoyable lunch which was promptly served by our landlord. Next walk is due to be arranged by Howard and Viv – if you've not been on one do come along – the more the merrier; we meet up at the hall and share transport if you don't have a car.

Richard Dolton



St. John Walkers (cont.)



St. John Inn



Many thanks for the support for the quiz night held on the 23rd Feb. The winning team were the Croydon Massive and the losing team (Mike the quiz masters' family :-)) have the pleasure of setting the next quiz on the 23rd March. Start time of 8pm - come and get your seats early. £35 was donated to the Heartswell charity from entrance fees.

Events for this month:-

1st March - we have the pleasure of one of the locals preparing a small Mexican snack and all profits will go to the Heartswell charity. Vegetarian option is available.

2nd March - Jam night, please feel free to bring an instrument or be prepared to sing along.

17th March - St Patricks Day - we shall be having Coastline Catering selling fish and chips from 5-7pm followed by live Irish music in the pub.

23rd March - Quiz night. 8pm start.

Many thanks to all those that continue to supply a generous amount of support and help with the pub. We shall be holding a 'turving party' once the weather improves, with the aim of turving all the flat areas created on the land. The rest will be seeded and will be out of bounds for a while to get established.

All the best from Rob and Gill.

Farewell Gerald Lakeman



Gerald with his grandson Sam

Gerald Frederick Lakeman
Funeral Thursday 15th March 11am,
St. Johns Church.

Gerald was born at Freathy Farm and lived there for 75 years.

He had a great interest in the St. Johns Parish, playing darts for the St. Johns Inn and being a Trustee for the St. Johns Club.

He left Antony School aged 14 and started work on the farm with his Father and elder brother Arthur.

In 1960 he met a young lady called Violet Tamblin and they were married at Landrake Church in 1961. They lived at Freathy Farm and had a daughter, Sally.

Gerald and his Father were keen snooker players and in 1960 his father acquired a full size snooker table which he brought with him to Tredrossel Farm when he retired and Gerald continued to play until his recent illness.

He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

John Ross

St John's Church



Church Services for March:-

Mothering Sunday - March 11th. 9.00 am

Palm Sunday - March 25th. 9.00 am.

Holy Communion & Complin.
Monday 26th. March. 7.00 pm.

Easter Sunday - 9.00 am.

All Services are followed by coffee & Biscuits
except the Evening Service.

St. John's Church 100 Club:

February's 100 Club winners are:

Judith Greenhalgh - £20

Mary Rogers - £5

Barbara Smart - £5

Local Garden clubs

SHEVIOCK PARISH GARDEN CLUB PROGRAMME FOR 2018

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>
Thurs 1 Mar 7pm	The Plants and Flowers of Crete's Mountains and Gorges	Tim Ellis
Mon 6 April 7pm	The Garden at Andrew's Corner (50 years of gardening on Dartmoor)	Robin Hill
Sat 5 May 10am	Visit to Andrew's Corner, <u>Belstone</u>	<u>Okehampton</u>
Sat 23 June 10am	Visit to <u>Pococks</u> Roses Nursery, Mitchell	Newquay
Sat 14 July 2pm	Garden Safari & Cream Tea	Sheviock Parish
August	No Meeting	
Sat 8 Sept 10 am	Visit to Orchid Paradise & Gardens at <u>Trago</u> Mills, Newton Abbot	
Thurs 4 Oct 7pm	Daffodil - Old and New	Ron Scamp
Mon 19 Nov 7pm	Pests & Diseases- their control using items in your own home	Nick Bacon
Sat 15 Dec 2pm	Illuminations - <u>Trelissick</u> House & Gardens	Truro
Sat 19 Jan 1pm	New Year Lunch	TBC
Mon 18 Feb 7pm	AGM	Memorial Hall

Meetings are usually held at the Sheviock Memorial Hall, Craithole on either the 1st Thursday or 3rd Monday of every month at 7pm

Membership Fees:- £10 per garden, £1 per meeting, non-members £2

Enquiries – Dee Medway (Secretary) 01503 230661

St Germans & District Garden Club Programme 2018

Here is our programme for the coming year. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Eliot Hall in St Germans. We are only a small club and we are finding that the cost of good speakers is going up.

We thought some of your members might be interested in joining us for some of our meetings to spread the cost! We are always happy to have visitors and charge £ 3.00 per meeting which includes tea or coffee and homemade biscuits afterwards.

I have highlighted the more interesting speakers in bold.

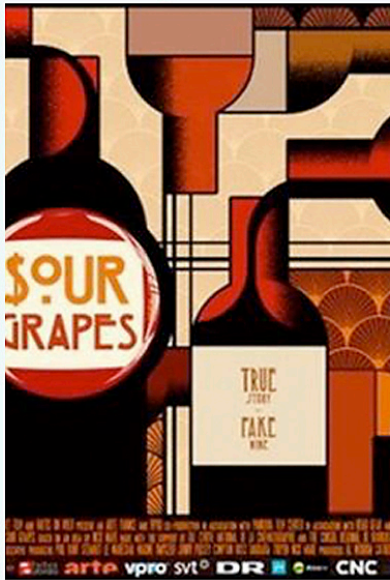
January 17 th	Growing veg the old fashioned way	Nick Bacon
February 21 st	The Beauty of the Rhododendron Species	Dick Fulcher
March 21 st	The Story of Rosemoor	Sarah Chesters
April 18 th	Gardens of the Riviera	Tricia Howard
May 16 th	Gardening on a shoestring	Terry Underhill
September 19 th	A Plant Lovers Tour of New Zealand	Howard Wills
October 17 th	AGM followed by Wine and Cheese	
November 21 st	Camelias	Jeremy Wilson

Ann Drew

Secretary

01503 232932

MONDAY MARCH 12th 7-7.30 pm
screening "SOUR GRAPES" at KINGSAND COMMUNITY



COME AND SUPPORT THE ORIGINAL FILM CLUB'S RETURN

Bring your own wine or beer, tables, chairs and glasses supplied for a cafe style evening, once again enjoying our selection of unusual films ...Tickets £3 at the door

Contact: Carol West 01752 822132
Jill Davies 01752 822967

A TRUE STORY :Rudy Kurniawan was, it was rumoured, a wine savant, had an expert

memory for taste, a generous host, offering rare wines from his huge cellar, who in 2006 made 35 million dollars in two wine auctions from the sale of his wine. Then in 2008 a French wine producer, Laurent Ponsot, realised that wine from his family's domain was being sold from a year they hadn't produced it.

REVIEWS: An artful piece of schadenfreude, in which the uniquely obnoxious, wine-swirling rich are bamboozled, embarrassed and jailed. A corking story, told with a good amount of sparkle.

Ladder



Ladder represents paid up members for 2018.

David Greenhalgh	32
Steve Wick	23
Tony Rogers	22
Chris Trevitt	21
Clive Walley	21
Pete Debono	18
Richard Dolton	16

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Chris Trevitt
Clive Walley
John Woodfield
Del Richards
Brian Bird
Richard Dolton
Chris Huke
Chris Morris
Paul Tanner
Ray Salter
Lewis Wilton
Dave Plank
Andy Ridler
Ernie Ridler
John Tanner

Letters to the Editor

Sally North

I would like to place on record my immense gratitude for the messages of compassion which I have received from villagers following the passing of my partner, Sally North. The support I have received from everyone, especially Gill and Rob Berry of the St John Inn, raised the spirits hugely of my family and friends on the day of Sally's funeral.

David Eva

Lewis and Audrey would like to thank all friends in St John for their kind enquiries, cards and good wishes sent during Lewis's recent illness. He is much better and making good progress, with Tasha's help of course.

Lewis & Audrey Wilton.

Thank you!

to all who supported the SOUP & PUD on Saturday. We made £350 for the Church funds.

Ray Salter

and finally.....

"PRIVATE JONES! I didn't see you at camouflage training this morning!" " Oh! thank you Sir"