

St. John Newsletter

April 2018

Editorial



This month we report on the continuing concerns about the future of the Village Hall. May I urge everyone, especially the younger residents, to attend the Open Meeting on Mon. 23rd April and have your say and get involved.

There is a lot to report this month and I have had to leave some items out, but they will be in next month's Newsletter: namely, a report by Andy Ridler (Ernie's son) entitled Rameman and some Gardening related items.

Thank you to Simon King for sending me a couple of 'snow' pics to add to the 'snow report' on page 3, also the lady singers at Whitsand Bay Hotel and the village walkers who were defeated by the weather but are determined to 'win' in the May walk.

There is, of course, the usual Pub news, Ladies darts, the History Project, Church and Snooker

news.

The big event this coming month is the Blaze'Blues Band's first appearance in our village (see page 8). Come along and experience this talented, five piece local band.

Last month's Italian evening's report on page 7 is light on pictures as they were too blurry to publish! This may be an indication of the success of the evening!

Finally would all contributors to the Newsletter get their items, reports etc to me two days before the end of the month so that I can try to publish on the 1st of the month. (or as close to it as possible!)

David Greenhalgh

Parish Council



Not much to report this month, but please note that Donkey Lane, which has been deteriorating badly over recent years, is being repaired and top surfaced by Cornwall County highways (Cormac). The lane will be closed to all traffic for a period of up to seven days. We are not aware of the precise timings but advanced warning signs will be put up at least seven days before the planned commencement of the works.

Many of you will be aware that the Peninsula Trust is proceeding to purchase and redevelop for community use the Ship in Cawsand.

The Parish Council supports this proposal; we would draw your attention to the options to buy £100 shares in order to invest in this worthy local cause. For more information ring 01752 658516 or e mail admin@thepeninsulatrust.org.uk

A reminder, that 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?

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

About Our Village Hall

On Monday 19th March our Village Hall Trustees and Committee held a joint meeting to discuss the future organisation of the Hall Management. Richard Dolton updated everyone with the status of the application for Charitable Status, known as a “CIO”, which had been rejected by the Charities Commissioners. Chris Morris had suggested we appeal against the decision of the Charity Commissioners because he felt extra information needed to be given about the history and running of the Hall and he volunteered to undertake this. Derek Richards also outlined an alternative concept for running the Hall as a Community Interest Company (“CIC”).

Everyone agreed there is a need to “update” the administration of the Hall and after a discussion it was agreed that both schemes had their merits and should be further investigated with the aim of reporting to all the village at the AGM due to be held in April.

Richard Dolton paid tribute to the support of the Trustees in the past and in particular those who had recently retired; David Stevens, Gerald Lakeman (both after 40 years) and Lewis Wilton.

St. John Village Hall

OPEN MEETING

Monday 23rd April at 7.30pm

An invitation to you from your Village Hall committee.

This is your chance to discuss forward planning for the Village Hall.

We would very much like you to come and would appreciate any ideas and suggestions you may have for the hall's future.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**Wine and nibbles will be provided
and a short AGM will also take place.**

Snow comes to St. John



The St. John Singers



On Monday 5th March, 15 of us celebrated our 4th anniversary with lunch at the Whitsand Bay Hotel. After a morning of singing, we made our way to the hotel in various cars to quench our thirst and eat our fill. Afterwards with coffee in the lounge, I asked if the grand piano was allowed to be unlocked, and played by an amateur. They readily agreed(?) and as it was St Piran's Day, we gave a hearty rendition of 'Trelawney' and Camborne Hill. We enjoyed it, but did notice a family leave as we began!

Singing is on Mondays from 10.30 - 12.00. It's a fun session with quite a variety of songs, which we frequently add to or delete from the list. A bargain at £1 including tea/coffee and biscuits.

Janet



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.

"On a rather dismal morning 18 rather optimistic walkers (having been promised a clearing morning MET office weather forecast) set off to Minions village on Bodmin moor.

As we started off past the Hurlers stone circles towards the Cheesewring horizontal rain developed, regardless we remained undaunted and continued to trudge into the mist. At this stage the cornish mist fully descended and the visibility was further reduced and we couldn't even see the Cheesewring. So the walk was abandoned in favour of warmth, coffee & cake at the Minions Shop & Tearoom followed by an early retreat to the Cheesewring Hotel. Both venues proving very welcoming with excellent coffee and food.

Thank you to everyone for remaining cheerful. However, we will be returning to complete this walk with Linda & Chris in May."

Viv



St. John Walkers (cont.)



More atmospheric pictures from the walk!

St. John Inn



Forthcoming Events:-

5th April – Ladies friendly darts match with the Mark of Friendship.

7th April – we are looking for volunteers to help lay turf to provide the flat open areas of the garden for coming events. Anyone willing and able to help with this or providing teas and coffees to those turfing would be greatly appreciated – don't forget that the bar opens at 12 !!

27th April – the monthly Quiz night. Preferably teams of up to 4 people. £1 per person to go to charity. The losing team have the pleasure of not getting a wooden spoon but of organising the next quiz night !.

19th May 2018 – In honour of Prince Harry and Meghans marriage we have booked a Hog Roast (a selection of meats will be roasted) and shall also be organising some live music – watch this space. Liam Ferguson will be playing from 7 – 9.30pm. Luke Deakin will be playing 2 – 4pm. There will also be open mic sessions available for anyone wishing to try their luck (singing / monologue / ?)

25th May 2018 – The next monthly quiz is planned.

OTHER NEWS:-

Many thanks to Martin Dabbs of Liskeard Woodburners for restoring the old inglenook fireplace in the Snug and fitting a new multifuel burner. A lovely addition to the pub.

Thanks to all those supporting the quiz nights - they have proved a great success and donations have been made to the Heartswell charity that have provided the defibrillator in the village. A total of over £100 was raised from the 2 quiz nights and donations in the jar on the bar.

We are currently seeking quotes for the work to alter the old dining room to provide a private office and the community shop. Anyone who may be able to help is asked to come and see us sometime soon.

New drinks available at the bar - non alcoholic Elderflower bubbly and non alcoholic Ginger Beer.

All the best from Rob and Gill.

Ladies Darts



The St John ladies played a friendly darts match at the Mark Of Friendship, Millbrook on Thursday March 15th. The team was Sue, Liz, Kathy, Judith, Thelma, Julie and Janet, and guess what? Yes we won! 3 games to 2. A thrilling match enjoyed by all!

Janet



*Just to clarify the score if you are confused!
We are 'them' and they are 'us' - Ed.*

Local History Project



The initial meeting in the village hall was well supported and we have already acquired a lot of useful material.

A number of themes have been identified.

We will be arranging some small group meeting on specific topics, for those interested, in the coming months.

Bob Keys will give a talk on local history. Time and date to be announced in the next newsletter.

Anyone interested in the project contact:-

Megan Keys carswell212@aol.com 01752823119

St John's Church



Church Services for April:-

Sunday 15th April . No service in St John's Church. There is a service at All Saints Millbrook at 10.30 am.

Sunday 29th April- no service at St John's. There is a service at Maker Church at 10.30am.

The St John Annual Parochial Church meeting will take place in St John's Church on Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 18.30. - all are welcome.

Best wishes Susan

St. John's Church 100 Club:

March - 100 Club winners are:

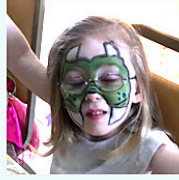
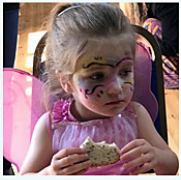
£20.00Richard Dolton

£5.00Sue Goss

£5.00Roger Mills

Ray Salter

Birthday Party at St. John Hall



We would love to wish our daughter Ivy a very happy 3rd birthday. She celebrated in 'fairy' style with her friends at the St John village hall on Sunday 25th March. The girls thoroughly enjoyed having their faces painted and decorating their own crowns with glitter and jewels. They loved having so much space to run around, dance and play party games. The afternoon was ended with eating jelly outside in the sunshine.

Kind Regards,
Lizzie and Sam (Edwards)



Italian wine evening

On Saturday 10th March 47 villagers and friends enjoyed an Italian themed wine evening. It was hosted by Del, and very ably assisted by Howard. The delicious wines were from various regions in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. Howard made a selection of crostini for starters with various toppings of olives, cheese and meat. These were very popular and everyone agreed were an excellent accompaniment for the first wine - a welcome change from the usual crisps and nuts, so Howard.....? The committee made various Italian dishes - lasagne, meatballs with pasta, risotto, and chicken cacciatora - and salad, followed by icecream and tiramasu. A lovely evening ended with a little night music - obviously 'Amore' - and some dancing.

Thank you Del and Howard.



The Hall beautifully decorated in an Italian theme awaits the punters!

Janet

BLASÉ BLUES

*Presents
A Musical Evening
on
Saturday 14th April
At 7.30 pm*



BYO *St John Village Hall* **£5.00**
Nibbles provided

Tickets available from Janet 829225 or Sue 822742

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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David Greenhalgh
Pete Debono
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
Howard Everard
Bob Keys

Remember the Xmas Doubles last Dec. which was won by Del Richards & Chris Burton; and the Plate (first round losers) was won by Richard Dolton & Clive Walley - Well, Richard & Clive challenged Del & Chris to a match which was finally arranged to be played on Friday 16th March.

Clive & Richard got off to a flying start 5-0. and eventually won 9-5!



Well Done!

Letters to the Editor

Snow

I would like to thank John Betts for towing me & others on his tractor when we had snow.

Also, Gill from the pub for allowing me to abandon both my cars in the car park for a few days.

Hope everyone stayed safe & stocked up on milk & bread as I can't get any!

Simon King.

Pub Quiz

(received from Lee Collins 5th march)
Dave the quiz winners were densa- Caroline Sara Ryan and yours truly- but not much from me ...

I think this refers to the Quiz on 23rd Feb - Ed

Violet and all the family would like to thank all the villager's for their kind words and condolence card on the sad passing of Gerald Lakeman.

Sally Hunt

and finally.....

Parachute For Sale: only used once, never opened, small stain.