



St. John Newsletter

June 2018

Editorial



This month's big news is that our application for Charitable status has been granted (details on page 2) and there is also further information on the work of the Parish council looking after our interests (see below).

The Pub's report on a successful 'Royal Wedding Festival Day' is on page 3 along with information on all the new events they have planned for the future.

On page 4 our tenacious walkers report on their second attempt on the Cheesewring - they were blessed with much better weather this time...

and on page 5 is Megan's report on Bob's local history talk and also future events that the new entertainment committee has planned for us.

Page 6 has some big news from the Ladies Darts team (!), the usual changes in the Snooker ladder and a mix of 'letters to the Editor', some quite thought provoking!

And last, and of real interest, on the back page we have the second in Sue Huke's 'spotlight' series.

Web Links – www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk for all details on anything to do with village affairs.

Spanish Guitarist (Mark Barnwell)
<http://markbarnwell.com>

David Greenhalgh

Parish Council



Extract from Chairman's Annual Report for 2017/2018

Planning

Planning applications have been particularly light with no large or controversial schemes this year. We have been pleased to see the sale of the St John Inn go through this year. This has been welcomed by the village; the new owners have had a great deal of local support. The Parish Council hopes that the Inn will continue to prosper, and did not object to the ownership of the cottage being separated from that of the Inn

Environment

It is becoming evident that spending cuts are increasingly affecting the environmental services provided by Cornwall County. It has been difficult to get the actions requested by us, particularly in respect of highways and drainage.

We have had some success with signage improvements in St John village but have had to agree to fund further improvements ourselves.

In the current economic climate the PC will be forced to spend more itself on environmental improvements.

We have had some potholes filled but await detailed survey on the drainage deficiencies on the main road past Mark's cottage.

We have continued to liaise with both the Cornwall Wildlife Trust and the Woodland Trust in respect of woodland management and access improvements to Benskin's Wood. We have funded materials for new access steps down by the ford and the work was undertaken by willing volunteers.

Parish Clerk

We have been delighted with our new Clerk's approach and efficiency, particularly with improved documentation and accounting.

Mrs Allen has been undergoing health treatment this year and we wish her all the best for a speedy recovery.

Del Richards



Great News! We have finally crossed all the hurdles and been granted Charitable Status. This will enable us to have access to a wider source of funding and support to help to maintain and improve our Village Hall and Field. Our Charitable objects are set out on the public register as:

“to provide and maintain the St John Village Hall and field for the use of the inhabitants of the village and parish of St. John, Torpoint in the County of Cornwall for the benefit without distinction of political religious or other opinions including the use for lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants”

Those of you who came to the Village Hall AGM last month will have heard us explain how it is intended to manage the Charity and there are a few formal matters that we need to do.

So the first PUBLIC MEETING of the Charity will take place on MONDAY 18th June at 7:00pm. At this meeting the new Trustees (who were nominated at the Hall AGM in April) need to be officially voted onto the board.

People of the Parish of St John, please come along and support your Village Hall at this special meeting.

And Finally!! The Trustees on behalf of all our village would like to thank the St John Inn for their very kind donation of £200 from the St John Festival Day.

Richard Dolton

Fundraising Committee meeting



The first meeting of the Fundraising Committee met on Monday 28th May, chaired by Del Richards, who explained the new organizational structure of the new St John Village Hall Trust. See chart.

We also discussed and agreed a programme of exciting new events for the rest of this year, and into next year. We intend to arrange a selection of different types of entertainment that will hopefully appeal to as many of you as possible, so please look out for some startling new events this summer and autumn. Look out for more details in the next Newsletter!

Del Richards

St John Village Trust			
Board of Trustees			
Executive Committee	Secretariat	Village Hall Hire & Fundraising Group	Village Hall Infrastructure Group
All Trustees (including Chair & Vice-Chair)	x2 Trustees (including Chair & Vice-Chair)	x2 Trustees (including Chair & Vice-Chair)	x2 Trustees (including Chair & Vice-Chair)
Meetings: x4 pa	Meetings: x4 pa	Meetings: x4 pa/Ad hoc	Meetings: x4 pa
Policies: Finances (including subscriptions) Insurance Village Hall Hire H&S Fire & Security Hall Cleaning Risk Assessment DBS Checks Food Hygiene Strategies: Future Developments Grant Applications Demographic Succession	Hall Bookings: Clubs, Groups and individuals NOT based in the parish of St John Briefings (H&S): To new Village Hall hires Communications: External: Public Relations Marketing Newsletter/Website (DG) Internal: Emails etc	Hall Bookings: Clubs, Groups and individuals based in the parish of St John Clubs & Groups: Boule Bowls Snooker Singing Bridge Book Swap Coffee Mornings Events: Planning, Catering, Booking Acts Licensing Event Advertising	Maintenance: Fire equipment Alarms Fuel oil PAT Tests Lighting Plumbing Grass Cutting Boule Court maintenance Boundaries First Aid Box Improvements/& Repairs: Priority List Work Parties
Administration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> External Liaison Annual Report Arrange External Audit Annual Return Budget 	Administration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGM Meetings & Events Calendar (for all committees) Records & Documentation (e.g. mins etc) Keyholders 	Administration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kitchen Hygiene Identify improvements Defibrillator Checks Raffles 	Administration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor Works Register

St. John Inn



The pub would like to thank all those that came to our **Royal Wedding Festival day** and made the day a huge success. The music and food was enjoyed by everyone and the children had a fine time with a free picnic and games kindly provided by Mary and Brian. A special thanks to those two and also to Liz and Janet for their sterling efforts in the Hall with preparing for the day and running the refreshments. Also to all 3 who helped with the tidying up afterwards.

Thanks also to Ann and Steve for running the table top stalls and providing a lovely display of their wares.

We have been able to make a donation of £200 to the Village Hall from the proceeds of the day to help maintain such a lovely asset to the community.



Every Friday night Phil is providing his catering skills in the marquee, eat in or take away - any special requests (t-bone, tuna, ??) please call us earlier in the week to organise. 01752829299 / 07816502201 This is a change from every fortnight.

Come along and enjoy tea in the garden.

Next **quiz night** is the **29th June** - winners this month 'the Bar flies' , team providing the quiz next time is the ' Torpoint old boys'. Quiz is due to start at around 8pm.

We now also sell ice creams and lollies - just the weather for one !

We are planning **music** in the marquee on some **Saturday's** - any suggestions / recommendations gratefully received.

The first event will be

Richard James on the 9th June and he will be playing from 8-10pm.

We are also hoping to have a Bluegrass band perform in the near future - watch this space.

Marquee available to hire for events - please come and see us to discuss.

Rob & Gill



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.

Having been thwarted at Minions in March by atrocious weather, nineteen St John Walkers set off for a re-match with the elements and the area.

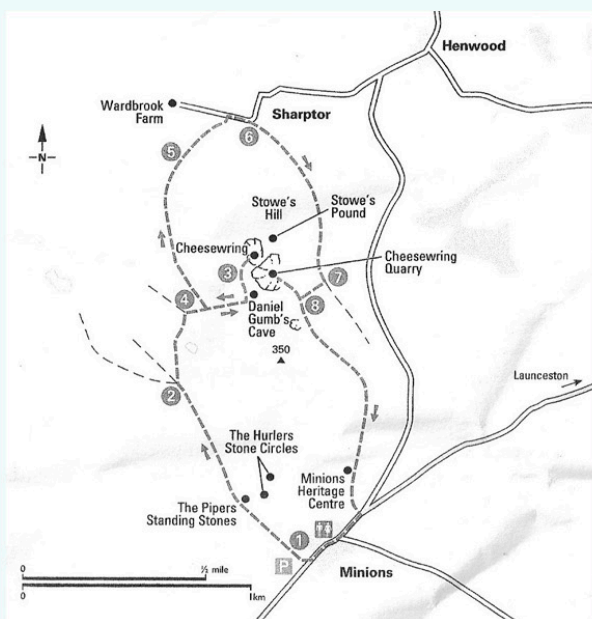
This time we were blessed with glorious sunshine and wonderful views as far as Dartmoor and towards St Austell, particularly impressive for those of us who scaled the North (or possibly South!) face of the Cheesewring.

As we continued we also had the treat of seeing lots of four legged youngsters - lambs in abundance and foals enjoying a doze in the sun.

We finished our walk at the Cheesewring Hotel, with perfect timing for a delicious al fresco lunch, while more lambs watched us with interest from the field beside our tables.

My thanks to Viv and Howard who allowed me to steal the abandoned March walk for a repeat performance!

Linda Morris



St. John History Talk



The second St John Local History group meeting took place on May 11th. Thirty five people attended a talk by Bob Keys on Aspects of Local History.

A number of projects have been identified for research over the next two years. These include the Early history of St John and the Church. Village buildings and residents over the past hundred years.

Date of meeting in July to be confirmed.

Project outlines to be circulated by Bob Keys.

Megan Keys



Future Events

In June.

St John Village Hall

SUMMER SUPPER

Saturday 16th June 7.30p



Sunflower

**A buffet supper with a selection of salads, flans, tarts and desserts.
Served with a choice of fine wines**

£12pp

For tickets contact Janet 829225 or Sue 822742

..and in July

Obtain your tickets early to avoid disappointment

St. John Village Hall Saturday 14th July 2018

7:30 for 8pm

An evening of Latin, Spanish, Contemporary & World Fusion Guitar Music with Mark Barnwell.

£10 a head - BYO - A light supper will be served

For tickets contact Sue on 01752 822742
or Janet on 01752 829225



St. John Church

The service in St John the Baptist Church, on Sunday 24th June will be at 10.30, to celebrate the Patronal Festival - all are welcome.

Susan Holmes



The 100 Club Winners for May are:-

£20 Cathy Goodman,

£5 Peter Cook,

£5 Christian Ferris

Ray Salter

Ladies Darts

"A number of ladies from the village still regularly enjoy a quiet drink and a game of darts on a Thursday night at the St John pub and the 'star' this month was Liz Miller with a highest 3 dart score of 142."

Judith Greenhalgh (darts correspondent...)

Letters to the Editor

I would like to say a big thank you to all of you who have kindly brought me equipment, flowers, books, magazines and for calling in for a chat during my partial incarceration due to my broken ankle.

I am becoming a little more used to my crutches and am very grateful to the wheelchair pushers. This has enabled me to get around a bit more only a few more weeks of hopping then hopefully back to normal !

Many thanks once again!
Sue Huke



Snooker

LADDER



Highest Break

David Greenhalgh	32
Chris Trevitt	27
Pete Debono	24
Tony Rogers	23
Steve Wick	23
Clive Walley	21
Howard Everard	17
Richard Dolton	16

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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



I attended the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 24th May and was disappointed to see that no-one at all attended apart from our own Councillors and Clerk. Not even our District Councillor or Police Liaison Officer gave any reports. At the meeting the budget for expenditure on our parish was explained and it was a chance for the public to discuss parish matters. We are heading for yet more local government re-organisation and there is the prospect of our parish being merged into "West Torpoint". Maybe the lack of attendance could be considered a vote of confidence in our Councillors but perhaps we should note this quote from Martin Luther King Jr.

"Your life begins to end the moment you start being silent about the things that matter"

Richard Dolton

From Blasé Blues- (Hall April 14th)

Hi David,
Many thanks for the write up in your newsletter. All members of the band agreed that the whole set up was splendid and that it had been one of our most enjoyable gigs.
Cheers,
John Powles

and finally.....

"I was getting into my car, and this bloke says to me 'Can you give me a lift?' I said 'Sure, you look great, the world's your oyster, go for it.'"

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Spotlight



My second guest in the 'spotlight' is June Barrie who describes herself as Half Hampshire Hog / Half Lincolnshire Yellow Belly!



June was born in Twickenham in 1928 and, as her Father was a bank manager, the family moved extensively around the country approximately every 2 years.

She always had a love of horses and although she desperately wanted to work with them this was not really approved of by her family and so, after leaving school at 17, she did a various jobs and eventually joined the Wrens.

She would have worked as a bomb range assessor but being, by her own admission, not very good at trigonometry, worked instead in the victualing supply office in Reading, becoming a leading Wren (although she says this was probably mostly due to her badminton skills!).

It was during this period that she met her future husband who was a schoolmaster in the Navy.

Leaving the service after three years June worked as a hotel receptionist in Keswick in the Lake District and on her days off developed her love of walking in the beautiful lakeland countryside.

She has also worked in Market research, in and around the Liskeard and Tavistock areas, getting an interesting overview of consumers' wants, needs and beliefs.

Due to Naval postings June and her family have lived in Malta, Gibraltar, Scotland and Australia, with postings in between at Fisguard and a final posting to HMS Raleigh in 1969, resulting in the families moving into Mendennick Cottage in St John.

Wherever June has lived she has managed (by fair means or foul!) to have her own horse. 'A horse in every port' she says... She needed a trailer for her horse and so worked for the Green Shield Stamp Company until she had saved enough money to buy one.

She has also enjoyed riding and fox hunting with the East Cornwall Hunt. Her last beloved horse being 'Mr. McKenzie', who sadly had to be put down in 1997.

Nowadays June is more known to us as a prolific Labrador dog owner, breeder and trainer. She started as a 'beater' and trained her first gun dog (Ebony) in 1970. Since then many dogs have benefitted from her gun dog training skills, which were all learnt from an old book!

Apart from attending shoots with her dogs – she currently attends shoots on Lord Rowborough's estate at Maristow - she has also had success in Gun Dog Tests, winning several cups.

June has a daughter in Ireland, a son in Spain and a son in Yorkshire as well as 6 grandchildren. She enjoys gardening, doing the Telegraph crossword, playing the odd game of Boules and, of course, walking with her dogs, staying positive and very fit.

She has said that she is not looking forward to her forthcoming birthday celebrations, part of which is a celebratory cream tea to be put on by the West Dartmoor Gun Dog Club.

I suspect she will have a "bone to pick with them" as she doesn't want any fuss!

Sue Huke