



St. John Newsletter

October 2018

Editorial



As we say good bye to summer and welcome autumn the Newsletter gets back to its usual format. The Walkers are back with a report about their walk around the Saltash/Lyhner River area and the Bridge club starts its Autumn Term. Also the History group is getting going again.

We have an extensive report on the successful and spectacular "Speakeasy Dance Party", with photos and a link to view many more of the photos of all of us dressed up in 1920's attire.

Since the 21st August Christian Ferris has been in correspondence with Torpoint Town Council to clear the brambles that had become overgrown on the footpath alongside HMS Raleigh and by the beginning of September work had begun on the

huge task of clearing brambles reaching 12 ft in height.

You can see the before and after photos: so those of us who use this short cut have Christian to thank.

There is the usual update from the Pub on all their new plans and also preparations for the November Remembrance weekend.

Finally, should anyone wish to refer to items in past newsletters they can be accessed on the Village website -

www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk/village-newsletter/

David Greenhalgh

Trevol road to St John footpath



I have recently been corresponding with Torpoint Town Council to get the overgrown footpath, between Trevol Road and Efford Bridge, St John, cleared, as it is a main pedestrian route to St. John from Torpoint and is even lit up by Raleigh at night. I am pleased to report that my efforts have been successful.

Christian Ferris.

Before.



After.



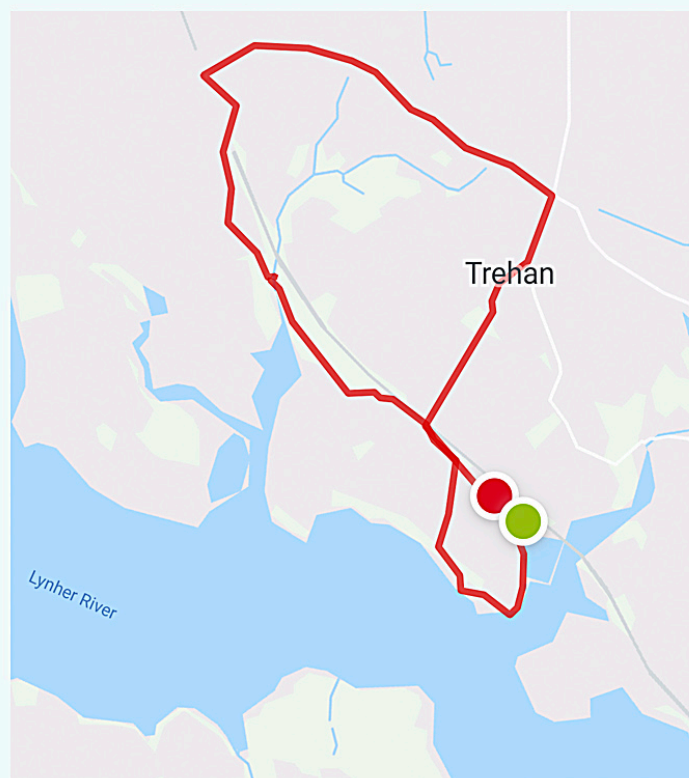
St. John Walkers

St. John Walkers - 2018

| Month | Date | Organiser | Telephone | Email |
|-----------|------|------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| January | 9 | Yvonne | 01579 363915 | y.a.douglass@gmail.com |
| February | 12 | Richard & Alison | 823249 | 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 | Clive & Carol | 822557 | cliveandcarol@btinternet.com |
| October | 8 | Janet & Sue | 829225 822742 | susan@huke.co.uk |
| 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.

September 10th was a glorious Autumn morning which was enjoyed by all 17 St John walkers. The Shillingham Mannor area near Saltash gave us spectacular views of the Lyhner river as well as woodland paths and country lanes, not to mention a couple of "awkward" stiles. The Crooked Inn at Trematon was the lunch venue and we were joined by Chris and Sue to complete the "party" atmosphere! This month's walk organised by Clive and Carol.



Interest Groups

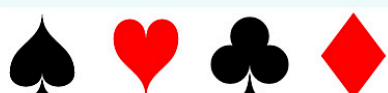
BRIDGE CLUB



BRIDGE begins for the "Autumn Term" on Thursday 4th October at 2pm in the Hall.

All levels welcome- try a hand or two at this absorbing game.

Contact Carol & Clive on 822557 or Pat on 822365



St John Local History Group

Next Meeting: "Work in Progress"

Date: Thursday 25th October

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Programme for coming year to be discussed.

This will be the first meeting to arrange the best times and dates for regular monthly meetings for the coming year.

More information 01752 823119

Speakeasy Dance Party



We celebrated the end of summer in style this year when, on the first Saturday in September, we reincarnated "Prohibition" in St John, donned our 20's gear and danced the night away in the St John "Cotton Club". The village hall and garden were transformed into club party style, with art deco wall lights, shimmering slash curtains and with 150 translucent balloons to capture and reflect our coloured lighting, all as designed and decorated by Howard, truly a dedicated effort over the previous weeks.

It was great to see how nearly all the village dressed up in their 20's costumes, to produce a magic party atmosphere, suitably assisted by bubbly and cocktails. Our ladies excelled themselves in becoming flappers and floozies for the evening, with some magnificent (and most appealing) outfits. The men enjoyed dressing up as gangsters; there must have been a "run" on braces! We even had Amelia Earhart and Don Corleone, to say nothing of that shady Peruvian character.

It was great to have so many young dancers there from "Mad About Swing" who not only taught us to line dance the Charleston, but also showed just how wonderful the village hall can become when our younger villagers help us to party! Everyone had a swell time, with many requests for a similar event again, so keep those boas safe ladies, and pass the word for next year!



Visit <http://stjohnincornwall.org.uk/gallery/> to view all the photos from the Speakeasy Dance Party evening. (click on the first photo and view the slide show.)



Another installment from the St Johns Inn -

Firstly, we would like to update you all on planning matters concerned with the pub:

The shop - although we went through a pre-application with the council to convert part of the building to a shop we are sorry to say that we will not be going ahead with the project at this moment. With planning application costs and building regulations along with the development and fittings, this project would cost us in excess of £3000. Unfortunately this would be too much for us at this time.

Solar panels - some of you may have noticed the yellow sign on the front fence - this project has now been approved by Cornwall council and we shall be going ahead with the work asap. Hopefully this will counteract our rather large electricity bills. The panels will be situated on the back dining room roof.

Annex - for those of you that have spoken with us over the past year you will know that we have always been interested in having a lodge behind the garage for our own accommodation due to the bedsit type of living quarters that we have above the pub - things have now changed slightly ! We now intend to apply for planning for the lodge but it would initially be for the use of my mum, due to her currently living 300 miles away and her health not being what it was. We hope to apply for it as an annex to the pub so that it's sole purpose would be for family and we will take advice from the council as to what finish would be suitable. The lodge would be screened by the garage and also the fence that is due to be put up alongside the village hall boundary.

If anyone wishes to speak with us about this project please feel free to call in, phone, email, write. 01752829299, 07816502201, stjohinnncornwall@gmail.com.

Secondly is the reminder of events coming up this month.

Food night will continue on Fridays, and Phil has some ideas on winter foods such as stews, chillies, pies - watch this space.

Quiz night - as always, will be on the last Friday of the month beginning around 8pm.

Music - there is no planned music for the month as we feel that the marquee is now too cold for the performers (and us).

Thirdly is a reminder of events coming up in November (a little early but there is nothing like planning and preparing !)

Remembrance weekend

The Standard - as we have mentioned previously, we are having a Standard made for the village of St John. For those of you unsure what a Standard is:-

Standards were used as a rallying point when in battle and this continues with their use in civilian life, it is the focus of a group who follow the banner ie, the town or village community. Standards are no mere flags of Silk or bunting, but are sacred emblems which have been solemnly dedicated. The Standard represent the ideal of Service to God, Queen and country. The majority of towns and villages have had a Standard over the past 100 years but we have found no record of St John having had one. When a Standard is no longer used there is a specific ceremony held which allows the 'laying up' of the Standard in the parish church.

Once the Standard is complete we will be holding the ceremony by which the Standard is 'Blessed'. Again, this is a formal procedure that enables the Standard to be used as a focus. The ceremony will be held at the **St Johns Inn on Saturday 10th November at 6pm**. We would like as many people as possible to attend the ceremony to show the villagers support in this. This will then lead on to the event planned in the Village Hall as a commemoration of World War I.

Remembrance Sunday - Remembrance Sunday, which falls on 11 November in 2018, is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. All those wishing to follow the Standard to the church should meet in the pub car park at 08.50hrs where Rob will be the Standard Bearer carrying the Standard to the church. The church service will be from 9-10am followed by the Remembrance service at the memorial outside the church. Helen Hardie from Millbrook has kindly agreed to play the bugle for the service.

The evenings are now drawing in and getting cooler and the fires in the pub are once again glowing to welcome you to a convivial atmosphere of chatter and banter and general lighthearted reverie. Everyone is most welcome whether you partake of alcoholic beverages or just want a cup of tea or coffee.

All the best

Gill & Rob.

Rememberance

St. John Village



CENTENARY EVENING

Saturday 10th November 7.30pm



Join us for an evening of reflection, displays of WW1 memorabilia, photographs, music and the stories of our villagers who gave their lives.

We will celebrate the end of the war with a two-course 1918 meal.

Please BYO.

Tickets £7.50 pp



Information and tickets are available from
Janet Mitchell 01752 829225

Snooker



LADDER

Tony Rogers

Chris Trevitt

David Greenhalgh

Pete Debono

Clive Walley

Steve Wick

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

Mike Bromley



Highest Break

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| Pete Debono | 24 |
| Tony Rogers | 23 |
| Steve Wick | 23 |
| Clive Walley | 21 |
| Chris Huke | 18 |
| Howard Everard | 17 |
| Richard Dolton | 16 |
| Chris Morris | 16 |

St. Johns Church

The 100 Club draw:

Christian Ferris.....£20

Gina Gillies.....£5

Janet Mitchell.....£5



and finally.....

I've had amnesia for as long as I can remember!