

# St. John Newsletter

Village Website - [www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk](http://www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk)

## February 2019

### Editorial



Hello again.

May I start this month's Newsletter by reminding you that the annual subscriptions to the St. John Village Trust are due @ £5 a head (+ £10 for snooker membership).

Below, see how the Parish Council has prepared for the imminent freezing weather - Well Done them! - and in the following pages we have some lovely contributions reflecting and remembering John Hough.

There are two really good films on in Kingsand and Millbrook this month and also the Kernow King event in St. John, but this is sold out.

The Pub page reports on the recent events over the festive season and some future entertainment laid on for us in March and May, while the walkers tell us about taking in the sights around Pillerton this last month (I remembered to put the new calendar in this month's edition!!!).

The back page recounts what Mary has been up to (!), Christian requests help and Gill has found a potential problem on dark winter evenings in locating people who may need to be found in an emergency.

Have a good month and stay warm...

*David Greenhalgh*

## What's Your Parish Council Up To?



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Thanks to some helpful volunteers we have now left some bags of salt at various places around the village, and the two salt bins themselves have now been filled to the brim, so we should be in a good position to handle any snowy problems this winter.

Please be aware that the salt is NOT spread by Cornwall County, it is now the responsibility of the Parish Council, i.e. Howard, Chris and myself. We will endeavor to do what we can, but we would ask for volunteers as and when necessary. In the event that any villager decides to apply salt to the roads themselves (i.e. without our supervision), then they do so AT THEIR OWN RISK. When salt is spread by parish councilors then we will be using traffic cones, yellow vests and always with one person watching/directing any traffic.

We have discussed and agreed speed restriction signage on several villagers' properties, and we are investigating costs for new Slow signs etc. Further details will be issued when we have finalized the designs.

Our Solar Fund for St John Village will soon reach £3500 and we will be considering expenditure on projects in February. If you have any ideas for spending this money on any project that will, or could, benefit the whole village, then please let us know.

Please see [www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk](http://www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk) for full minutes of meetings and accounts, and details of future meeting dates, the next PC meeting will be at 7.30pm on 21st February in the village hall.

*Del Richards.*



# John Hough Remembered

Generations of ex pupils who were educated at Torpoint School will remember John with affection and gratitude. He was a dedicated and gifted PE teacher who, later in his career, taught craft.

His coaching skills on the athletics track, cricket and football pitches bore fruit for the school and pupils. John was always ready to use his many talents for the benefit of everybody. He volunteered, along with 2 other teachers, to build 11 GRP canoes, after school hours, so that a canoe club may be formed at the school.

He was an adept constructor and built many sets for the school plays. He was a good piano player and had a pleasant singing voice – all which were incorporated in the annual shows at school.

He also helped in the renovations of the houses of his friends and family.

With the advent of computers John was not slow in getting a good understanding of how they worked. St John benefitted from this when he produced the local monthly magazine. So many of us have reason to be grateful to John for the way he touched our lives.

Dave England



"John was my sports/PT teacher at Torpoint School. I remember him as being a very kind and quiet gentleman. His first sporting love was cricket after which came football, and I credit him with giving me one of my first lessons in taking responsibility when he made me Sports Captain and let me pick the school football team.

It was therefore a pleasure to have lived in the same village as John for the past 25 years as he continued to contribute so much towards the community of St John in that same kind, quiet manner I remember as a young schoolboy at Torpoint Comprehensive"

Steve Cardew.

My memories of John go back to the early 1960's when his family and mine lived as close neighbours in Chapeldown Road, Torpoint. The party wall was none too sound proof and we were delightedly entertained on a daily basis by John's piano playing. He loved his music and together, on piano and my violin, we annually assisted Ian Marshall with his brilliant musicals at Torpoint Secondary School.

We shared a love of cricket and together with his great friend Eric Thomas enjoyed taking part in many a match for the same school. John was a very fine bowler of spin, so good in fact that I believe he once had a County trial.

His interests and abilities were many, even at one stage including fibre glass dinghy building. When he moved to St. John he quickly became involved in every aspect of village life, for many years editing and producing the village magazine. Indeed to sum up, together with the able support of Paddy, Jill and I considered him to be the 'beating heart' of St. John.



John Woodfield



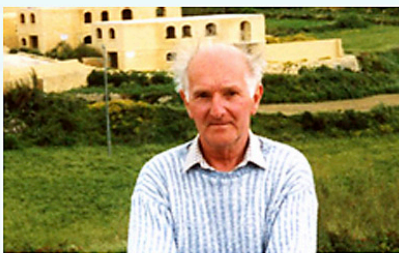
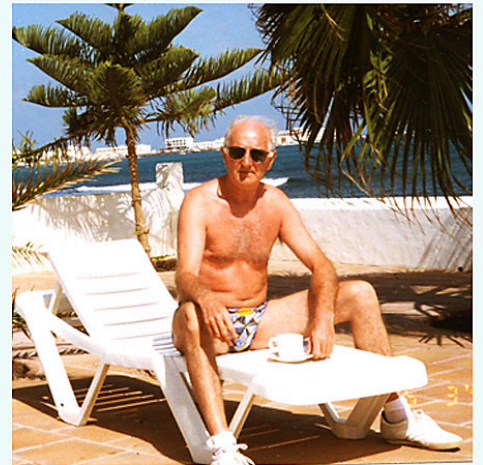
## John Hough Remembered (cont)

John started teaching as a sports master and then changed to craft when he felt his fitness was declining. I do know that during that first phase he coached 'Chopper' Harris who went on to play for Chelsea and no doubt there were many others who benefitted from his guidance.

His contribution (and Paddy's) to the St. John village community goes back many years. When I first moved into St John in 1968 they were living in the bungalow where Richard and Alison now reside and John was already giving his full support to the village community life. He was eventually involved in almost everything that happened in St John regardless of the event.

Although he liked people, he was a private person. I liked him for his sincerity, honesty and commitment to others.

Gus Goodman

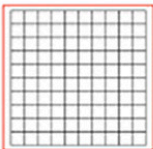


John Hough served the Village Hall in copious ways without making a fuss or seeking commendation as Committee member, Treasurer, Secretary, News Editor, and more recently as Trustee, not forgetting his famous quizzes. As "General Factotum" if anything needed doing, he usually had a remedy to fix it. He laid the patio behind the hall almost single handed! We shall miss John, but his fond memories will live on in our village.

Richard Dolton

## Notice Board

### St John Village Trust "Lucky Grid"



Many thanks to everyone for supporting the fund raising grid.  
It was drawn on Saturday 19th January at the New Year Lunch and the lucky winner of £25.00 was Sue Goss, with her lucky number being her birthday date.

The grid raise £75 for the Village Hall Fund

### St. Johns Church 100 Club.

Winners for January:

Sarah Smith .....£20

Karalie Hillyer .....£5

Mike Stevens .....£5

St John Village  
**BOULE SUNDAY**  
17th February 11am - 1pm



Do come and join us for a social morning of boules.  
Berets optional but woolly hats with bobbles obligatory !!

Coffee & Biscuits will be available

£1 members £2 non-members

More information from  
Janet 01752 829225 or Sue 01752 822742



# Christmas Charity Auction (St John Inn)

## Village Hall receives proceeds from Auction

On Saturday 26th January it was with tremendous thanks that I received on behalf of the Village Hall Charity a cheque from Rob and Gill as half the donations raised at their Christmas Charity Auction.

Once again this illustrates what a fantastic village we live in with our pub and village hall bringing our community together and the kindness of all who offered their lots and promises for the event.

*Richard Dolton*



## New Year Lunch



Enjoying a Sherry while everyone arrives.



Choosing our meal from an array of meats and assorted salads



Tucking in!!



More tucking in!!



Washing up in our 'equal opportunities' kitchen

The New Year's Lunch goes back a long way. I am not exactly sure when it started (although well before my time!!) but I believe the motivation was to provide a hearty roast meal to the old age pensioners living in the village and it was free in those days.

As living standards rose a charge was made but it was still restricted to the OAP's. However, this year we took the decision to open it up to everyone and so, from now on, all are welcome to buy tickets and join in.

*Dave.*



# Films

CFTLM & MILLBROOK MOVIES PRESENTS

## THE SHAPE OF WATER

SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY  
MILLBROOK VILLAGE HALL

DOORS: 6.30pm  
FILM: 7.30pm  
PRICE: £6 new members  
£3 members

CONTACT:  
Laurence Watkins  
lmw@tiscali.co.uk

ABOUT  
At a top secret research facility in the 1960s, a lonely janitor forms a unique relationship with an amphibious creature that is being held in captivity.

www.cftlm.co.uk

Millbrook Village Hall

*The Shape of Water*

Saturday 23rd February

At a top secret research facility in the 1960s, a lonely janitor forms a unique relationship with an amphibious creature that is being held in captivity.

Doors: 6.30pm Film: 7.30pm Rating:15

## "FILM FANS"

SCREENING AT  
THE COMMUNITY HALL  
KINGSAND

MONDAY 4th FEBRUARY - 7.00 for 7.30pm

### THREE IDENTICAL STRANGERS

A unique opportunity to see this film via the BFI months ahead of the DVD release ...  
In 1980 New York, three young men who were all adopted meet each other aged 19 and find out they're triplets who were separated at birth. But their quest to find out why turns into a bizarre and sinister mystery. Compelling viewing!

Tickets £4.00 at the door. Bring your own wine glasses provided

enquiries Jill and Carol 01752 822967/822132

## FORGOTTEN CORNER FILM FESTIVAL

FEB 16th & 17th 2019

Programme

RAME PENINSULA BEACH CARE

The fund raiser is for Rame Peninsula Beach Care and the Ship, tickets (£16 day tickets or £24 weekend tickets) are available either from Macs Village Store or Eventbrite (just search 'Forgotten Corner Film Festival').

St John Village Hall

## KERNOW KING

Stand up Comedian

Saturday 23rd February 2019  
7.30 for 8pm

BYO Refreshments  
or St John Village Hall

Tickets £12.50 pp

For more Information  
& Tickets Contact  
Charmaine ferguson 07876 688962

Limited Numbers





Well, another month over and the pub is going from strength to strength with people in Torpoint now realising that we've re-opened !

On the 25th Jan. we had our monthly quiz which was won by Team Roberts with some visitors from North Wales in their team. The losing team were The Old Gits, who unfortunately didn't realise the rule about the losing team running the next quiz until near the end when it was too late to pull out - what a shame :-)

The next quiz is the last Friday of the month, as usual, and so will be on the 22nd. Feb. Start time is roughly 8pm and £1 per person with all proceeds to charity.

On the 26th Jan. we had the Charity presentation for money raised in the Christmas auction. Most of you were aware that £728 was raised on the night but a further sum was collected in the jar on the bar bringing the total amount raised to £940.80. This was split equally between the Poppy Appeal and St John Village Hall.

Thanks to all those that came to the presentation and showed their support.

**Friday food nights** - we have now moved Phil back under the marquee due to some technical issues with the gazebo at the front - it blew away !!! Food as normal from 5pm ish to 9pm ish, freshly cooked and eat in, out or take-away.

**February** - not much planned for this month as we're spending time doing up our accommodation.

**March 9th** - Richard James will be playing in the pub from 9pm. Everyone welcome.

**May 2nd** (Thursday) - The Cornish Wreckers will be performing their Morris dancing at the pub. Come and support them and cheer them on.

A little request from us - Can anyone using the village hall during pub opening times please be considerate of our parking. We are a business and need the car park facility for our customers.

Thanks for your continued support and a special thanks to Dave, Christian and Paul for their hard work cutting logs for us and Tony, for coming over at a moments notice to help with our electrical issues - now all sorted.

P.S. If you see a naked man in the pub (wearing an apron), don't worry !?!

*All the best  
Gill and Rob*



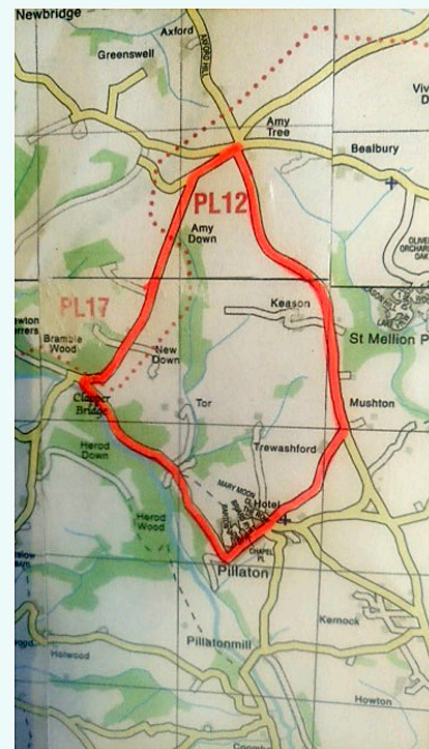
# St. John Walkers



## St. John Walkers - 2019

Month	Date	Organiser	Telephone	Email
January	7	Yvonne	01579 363915	y.a.douglass@gmail.com
February	11	Sue & Del	823253	sueclarerichards@me.com
March	11	Clive & Carol	822557	clive4carol@gmail.com
April	8	Mike	812727	
May	13	Linda & Chris	822083	linda_morris1886@live.co.uk
June	10	Thelma & Kath	829113 813304	thelma.bryant@sky.com
July	8	Bob & Meg	823119	carswell212@aol.com
August	12	No Walk		
September	9	Alison & Richard	7977214776	doltonpc@gmail.com
October	14	Paul & Val	823118	
November	11	Mary & Brian	822890	bbird748@yahoo.co.uk
December	9	Howard & Viv	823250	vivienne-walker@sky.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.



January's village walk started from The Weary Friar pub in Pillaton. They very kindly opened their doors early for us so that we could use their facilities before starting the walk. ( Thanks to Carol for asking! ) The weather was extremely kind to us with a dry day and good visibility to appreciate the views. The sun even broke through the clouds every now and then! We started walking away from the village and the scenery very quickly changed to open countryside with far reaching views. The village had placed a bench seat at this spot next to a tree that had been planted for Queen Elizabeth II's coronation. As we continued the lane followed Herod Wood to our left with the sounds of the River Lyhner tumbling down the hillside. As we got to the bottom of the hill the river was in full view and even though the water levels weren't very high made a lovely sound bubbling over the rocks. This is where the group photo was taken. Unfortunately after going down into the valley we inevitably had to start going up again. It was a rather long lasting hill but we took our time and passed some more woods ( Bramble Wood ) to our left. Everyone braved and completed it without tooooo much complaining!!!! Well done everyone! I was glad it was a clear day as the reward for getting to the top was some wonderful views. Kit Hill one way and Caradon Hill another. The remainder of the walk took us along more lanes with open countryside and good views and passed a caravan park, solar farm and dairy farm. The walk was just over 4 miles and we finished at the Weary Friar for a well earned lunch. There were 18 of us on the walk, including baby Albert on his very first walk with the group and his mum Emma. He certainly won us all over and hope to see him on future walks.





## New Years Day Swim.

A Big Thankyou. Thanks to all in the village who very generously sponsored me. The amount I raised altogether was 350 pound. 20 percent goes to the Lions Club the rest to Millbrook Memory Cafe. David I went as a Penguin!!

Mary Rodgers

*I know, I could tell by the picture!! Ed.*



## Call for Help



Saturday 9th February, I'll be in the village hall from 1000 until 1300hrs, to tackle some of the chair seats that need repairing by replacing the broken mdf seat base parts with new wood. I could do with a hand, from pulling out old staples to jigsawing out new seat shapes. Tea and coffee on tap, and any biscuits that Janet has failed to hide.

Thank you in anticipation,  
Christian

## A Plea from Gill at the Pub.

Hi Dave,

With the number of emergency vehicles we've had in the village recently my thought have returned to my old profession and a suggestion for the newsletter.

'In the event of someone needing to find your home in a hurry when the night is dark and the rain is lashing down, can they find you ? Is your house name / number clearly visible from the road no matter what direction someone approaches ? ' Please spare a moment to repaint those signs or even try your hand at making a new one.

I'm sure you can see where this comes from and why. I have spent so much time with a torch that I know the problem well.

Gill.



## LADDER

David Greenhalgh

Pete Debono

Chris Trevitt

Brian Bird

Del Richards

Richard Dolton

Chris Huke

Paul Tanner

Ray Salter

Lewis Wilton

John Tanner



## Highest Break

David Greenhalgh 23

Pete Debono 20

Chris Trevitt 18

Tony Rogers

Clive Walley

Chris Morris

Dave Plank

Howard Everard

Bob Keys

Steve Wick

Mike Bromley

Bold print represents paid up subs

## and finally.....

You can't lose a homing pigeon!

If your homing pigeon doesn't come back, then what you've lost is a pigeon.