

St. John Newsletter

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March 2019

Editorial



I trust you are all out enjoying the unseasonal warm weather.

This month we report on The Parish Council preparing to decide on what projects to spend the solar money on: so if you have any ideas contact Del and he will add them to the ones he already has. Also, there is details of the application for lottery funds and what it will be spent on to ensure that the village will have a functioning Hall well into the future.

The walkers were in the Bovey Tracey area this month. And in the Pub there has been some 'risqué' things going on with a naked chef!! Also, music entertainment planned for this month and some autumn planning for October cider!

Sue Huke has a report on the very entertaining comedian, Kernow King on page 5. Christian's call for help produced a good turnout for the Saturday morning repairing of our hall's chairs. (page 6)

There is also details of a new season for the Local History group with planned meetings etc. (page 7)

Advanced notice of the return of Blasé Blues in April and an open meeting for everyone on 29th April. And the usual snooker news – I know it seems as though I am top again but I have spent the whole month going down the ladder to fourth position – then I managed my first win against Pete Debono on Tuesday. (it is all about timing !)

Finally, don't trust your spellchecker!!

David Greenhalgh

What's Your Parish Council Up To?



Hopefully this lovely Spring like weather will continue and see us through the winter, so we shall move our bags of grit to more discrete locations, ready for next year....but not yet, just in case the weather has any last minute surprises for us.

The Slow signs are now on order and we should have them sited by this time next month. We will be liaising with residents on whose properties the signs will be located.

The PC would like to know who removed the Centenary wreaths from the war memorial, this is not a problem, but we do not know who it was?

Our Solar Fund for St John Village now stands at £3500 and we will be considering expenditure on projects in the next few weeks. 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 for full minutes of meetings and account. Unfortunately we had to postpone the PC meeting from 21st to 28th February.

Del.Richards.

St John Village Hall Lottery Fund Grant Application



On Tuesday 12th February 2019 Del Richards, Sue Huke and myself attended the Cornwall Rural Community Charity's Community Building Conference at The One for All Lanivet Parish Community Centre. It was an excellent day and was most informative in covering many aspect of the issues surrounding rural village halls, and most importantly the mechanism and rules around grant applications.

Our St John Village Hall currently has a number of constraints including:

1.
Building Infrastructure. When we carried out the emergency renovation work in 2017 we identified the requirement to replace the wooden foundation sole plates and one metre of the vertical load-bearing wall joists, including the lower external cladding.

2.
Services. The St John Village Hall Health & Safety report last year identified a number of areas of special concern including the lack of any disabled/wheelchair access, the lack of any disabled/wheelchair toilet facilities, the lack of a dedicated multi-function room and the lack of a separate storage area.

3.
Kitchen facilities. These would be enhanced significantly with the addition of a commercial dishwasher (washing cycle of 2-4 minutes), a plate warmer, a commercial microwave and a shutter for the serving hatch.

4.
Heating System. This would be enhanced by a new condensing boiler (the old one is 20+ years old), additional radiators (as required) and radiant cassettes for the rapid heating of separate areas.

The practicable solution is for a new three/four metre extension to be built onto the side of the existing building. Fortunately there is sufficient land at the West end of the Village Hall for this to be a viable proposition.

To allow us to carry out these important repairs/alterations/additions to the St John Village Hall we will need to seek grant funding. So last week we began this process and submitted a grant application to the National Lottery (Community Fund). At this stage in the application process we are only in the concept phase and time will tell how successful we are going to be.

If anyone wishes further information please feel free to contact me, or any of the Trustees.

Chris Morris
On behalf of the St John Village Hall Trustees

St. John Church

There is no service in St John's Church on Sunday March 31st 2019, the service is a joint Rame Peninsular Team Ministry service at Maker Church at 10.30 am

Many Thanks .
Susan

St Johns church 100 Club

The Winners this month are:-

Robert Lucken £20

Howard Everard £5

Sue Richards £5

"Subscriptions (still at £16) are now due for this year."

Ray Salter

St John Village

Boule Sunday

March 17th ~ 11am until 1pm



Join us for a
Mad March Hare
Boule Sunday

(Big floppy ears are optional!!)

Tea/Coffee/Biscuits
all available



£1 Members - £2 Non-Members

More info from
Janet 01752 829225 or Sue 01752 822742

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	Bob & Megan	823119	carswell212@aol.com
April	8	Carol & Clive	822557	clive4carol@gmail.com
May	13	Linda & Chris	822083	linda_morris1886@live.co.uk
June	10	Thelma & Kath	829113 813304	thelma.bryant@sky.com
July	8	No Walk		
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.

On Monday 11th February eleven of us, and two dogs set off on a walk from Lustleigh to Parke, near Bovey Tracey. Lustleigh is a beautiful old village with many large thatched homes and attractive cottages. At the centre of the village there is an excellent pub, The Cleave, the Primrose Tearoom (shut for the winter) and a proper village shop and a church. We walked along very narrow lanes, passing a stream and a cricket ground being grazed by sheep before turning onto wider lanes with beautiful gardens, woodland and attractive countryside.

We turned onto the disused railway track and eventually reached the Home Café at Parke for a welcome coffee. We returned along the same route, meeting many walkers and their dogs all enjoying the sunny, spring like day. The pub provided us with an excellent lunch: two of us even managed a wonderfully light sticky toffee pudding, (not Del for once!)

Sue Richards

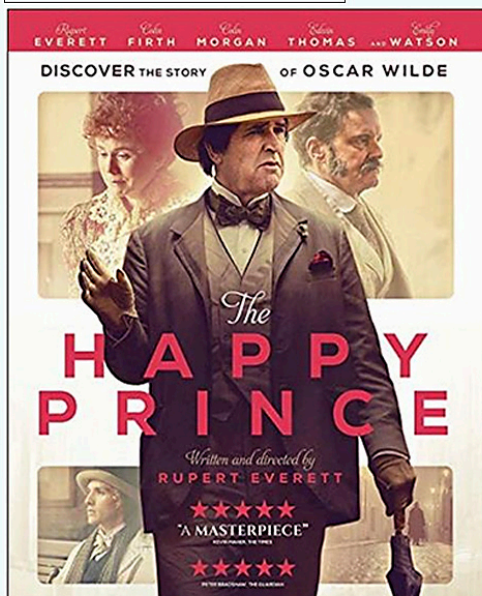


Film Fans



THE HAPPY PRINCE

MONDAY MARCH 4TH KINGSAND COMMUNITY HALL - FILM NIGHT 7-7.30 PM



"Astonishing for a first film..." MOVING ,UNFORGETTABLE,RAVISHING and VIVID

"Everett is writer, director and star, delivering an assured piece of storytelling which is bleakly funny and numbingly sad. His Wilde is a master of self-deception after years shining a satirical light on society; and of course a wit to the bitter end."

In a cheap Parisian hotel, Oscar Wilde lies on his deathbed and recalls his past with wit and irony. Was he once the most famous man in London? He reviews the failed attempt to reconcile with his long-suffering wife, the ensuing reprisal of his love affair with Lord Alfred Douglas and the devotion of Robbie Ross, who tried and failed to save him from himself.

From Dieppe to Naples to Paris, Oscar is a penniless vagabond, shunned by his old acquaintances, but still revered by a strange group of outlaws to whom he tells the old stories - his incomparable talent still sharp.

TICKETS £4 BYO GLASSES PROVIDED

TEL 01752 822132/822967

The St. John Inn



News from the Inn -

ooooooooooooerrrr missus, there were strange goings on in the Inn on the 16th Feb. Some locals got a bit of a shock when a bare derriere was spotted in the Lounge !!!!

Not to worry though.....the naked chef was providing a sumptuous meal for 7 lovely ladies courtesy of the Christmas Auction promise. An apron was used for all those now concerned.



Steve the chef is quite happy to cook a meal for anyone wishing to have a soiree similar to this (clothes optional - for the chef !)

Please ask for details at the bar.

I can fully recommend his cheffing talents, the meal was superb.

The **quiz night** on the 22nd was very well supported and the winning team was the Bar Flys - our local cohort from Torpoint and Penhale who support the bar every Friday night. The losing team was 'Clunkers' which consisted of a group from Millbrook including our local vicar Father Michael. They will be providing the next quiz on the 29th March - everyone welcome.

The proceeds from the quiz and also the bar collection bottle for the next month or 2 will go to The Cinnamon Trust.

Music from **Richard James** will be on the **9th March**, in the pub, from 9pm

We are in the process of organising an Apple Festival on the 19th / 20th October (nothing like forward planning) where we will have the large apple press available all weekend along with the pasteuriser for bottles if you wish to make juice rather than cider.

Music from Blu Soule on the Saturday night and music from Thomas Ford Blues Sunday afternoon have been organised so far - more to follow.

Any suggestions for entertainment / volunteers for the press / other ideas, most welcome.

Rob & Gill



AWWWRIITE ? Yes it certainly was!



Edward Rowe, more well known as the Kernow King, entertained around 95 people - yes 95 people, in the village Hall. He entertained us with his speciality humour about Cornwall and the Cornish (of whom he is one) also funny comments about Emmets (visitors to Cornwall).

Not to mention a Cornish version of Fifty Shades of Gray and stories about Trago Mills! Also poking good natured fun at a few Cornish villages. He homed in, very humorously, on a few “fall guys” in the audience- who shall be nameless!



Many Congratulations to Charmaine for organising a very successful evening enjoyed by us all.



Message from Kernow King on leaving St John on Saturday.....

" I did take the wrong turn out of the village and contemplated “driving through” the attached picture but thought better of it...!



Sue Huke

Call for Help- Response



'A huge thank you to the gallant 15 who turned up at the hall on Saturday 9th February to add new seat bases to 60 or so of the chairs. We put Adam Smith and his pin factory to shame as an assembly line was quickly formed and the repairs kindly overseen by Paul Tanner and Chris Morris. Fixin' stuff, power tools and cake. What more could we have wanted on a Saturday morning. Albert provided the cake, kindly assisted by his mum Emma and we thank those too.'

Christian

Well thanks to all on behalf of the Trustees! Especially to Christian for co-ordinating the work-party; his self-less enthusiasm shows no bounds.

We are very lucky to have him here.

RD



I don't think enough has been said about the Cake! It wasn't just cake, it was freshly baked carrot cake and lemon drizzle cake - surely everyone's favourite! Well done Emma.

Dave

St John Local History Group



Village Memories Project: Events, Family Stories, Photographs, Videos and any records of your House, from the aftermath of the Second World War to the Present Day.

A series of informal meetings will take place over the next few months to record memories of village life and stories from both old and new residents in response to local interest in recording and preserving the heritage of the village and the parish.

All welcome to come along and bring memorabilia from the 1950s onward reflecting their early life, families and communities and how and when they arrived in St John; Photographs, Videos, Documents on the history of their village house may all help to create a living parish archive.

Meeting will normally be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, immediately after the Coffee Morning in the Village Hall.

Drop-in between: 11-30=1430 Hrs
At: 2 Pathfields,
St John,
Bob and Meg Keys,
For: Coffee/Tea and Cake, perhaps more!

First Meeting: Wednesday March 27th
Then: Wednesday April 24th
And: Wednesday May 29th

For News on the other Local History Projects, planned or underway see the new History Page on the Parish Newsletter. This already contains Del' Richards 'Commemoration of St John's Fallen from the First World War', with short biographies of those remembered on the War Memorial.

Contact by Phone: 01752-823119
Or by e-mail: jmattkeys@aol.com

Future events

13th April - The return of the hugely successful
Blasé Blues

29th April - The A.G.M. Your chance to put questions to the committee, make comments and maybe volunteer to serve on the committee. Do you feel we are keeping you adequately informed about events that affect you and your village?

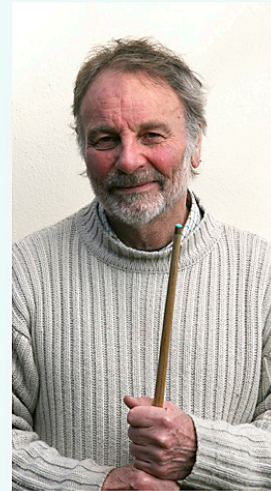
and finally.....

I have a stepladder, because my real ladder left when I was a kid.

Snooker



LADDER



Highest Break

David Greenhalgh	23
Pete Debono	20
Chris Trevitt	19
Howard Everard	18
Chris Morris	18
Bob Keys	18

David Greenhalgh
Pete Debono
Chris Trevitt
Chris Morris
Del Richards
Brian Bird
John Tanner
Richard Dolton
Chris Huke
Paul Tanner
Ray Salter
Lewis Wilton
Clive Walley
Steve Wick
Bob Keys
Howard Everard

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