



St. John Newsletter

Village Website - www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk

May 2019

Editorial



Last Monday (29th April) was the village annual meeting which was well attended. It started with a glass of wine and 'nibbles' and a chance to socialise before the meeting formally started. A range of subjects were covered and the full report will be in next month's Newsletter. No report from the parish council this month as Del has been 'living it up' in Australia and has only just returned.

I am pleased to report that Tony Gillies' plea to find out who the people were in some old photos he was archiving for the church has been successful. Mandy of PenHale recognised them as the Stobbs family who lived in the Barn. Well Done Mandy.

The walkers were 'On the Edge of Dartmoor' last month and we congratulate Ed & Amy Dolton on their wedding. The St. John Inn seem to have gone a bit 'bonkers' over easter bonnets and bunnies – plenty of photos and even a video courtesy of Trevor Burrows.

Blasé Blues tickets still available from Janet or Sue on 822742.

I think we have a 'first' in that we have a poem featured on page 6! and Chris Trevitt has the 'grand slam' of snooker by being top of the ladder and having the highest break. Well done to him.

David Greenhalgh

Entertainment for May

Tickets still available

BLASÉ BLUES

PRESENTS
A Musical Evening



Saturday 4th May

BYO St John Village Hall
Nibbles Provided £7.50

7.30pm for 8.00pm

Tickets available from Janet 829225

Wreckers
Border Morris
Dancing at the
St John's Inn
on
Thursday 2nd May '19
from 8.00 pm
Sponsored by:
BLACK TOR
www.wreckersmoris.co.uk

Entertainment for May cont...

St John Church, St John



Philip Bennett guitar

Bridget Cousins harp

THE BLOW-INS

An evening of folk music old and new with

Celtic Harp, Guitar and Voices

Friday 24th May 7pm.

Tickets £10 with a free glass of wine

Children under 16 free

Tickets in advance because of limited seating from

Susan Holmes 01752 823 090 and
Chris Mills 01752 829 212



CFTLM & MILLBROOK MOVIES PRESENTS
THE GREATEST SHOWMAN
a screening of
SATURDAY 25 MAY
MILLBROOK VILLAGE HALL
DOORS: 6.30pm
FILM: 7.30pm
PRICE: £6 new members
£3 members
CONTACT:
Laurence Watkins
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ABOUT
Inspired by the imagination of P. T. Barnum, The Greatest Showman is an original musical that celebrates the birth of show business & tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.
www.cftlm.co.uk

MILLBROOK VILLAGE HALL

The Greatest Showman

Saturday 25th May

Celebrates the birth of show business and tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.

Doors: 6.30pm

Film: 7.30pm

Rating: [PG](#)

Everyone who works to put on fundraising entertainments throughout the year would like to thank all those of you who come to our village events.

We really appreciate your support.

It's also very helpful, when possible, if you can give us a few days notice if you plan to attend any of these. When we are sure of numbers it's easier to plan such things as catering, so no-one goes hungry!!

Future events planned

June - A summer Wine & Dine with an Italian theme - date still to be decided.

July 20th (Sat) - A sixties Dance party along the lines of last years 'mad about swing' so start growing your hair, dig out those old flared jeans, tie-dyed T-shirts etc.

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.



Our April village walk took place on the edge of Dartmoor on a pleasant dry day.

Ten of us set off from the car park near the Skylark pub in Clearbrook. We followed the trail besides Drakes Leat which was built in 1591.

We dodged a few cyclists and eventually passed through gates into the old walled tramway. A little further on we turned right downhill sign-posted Elfordtown Farm, and then back through woodland and along paths towards Hoo Meavy. We passed newborn lambs, runner ducks, ponies and cows.

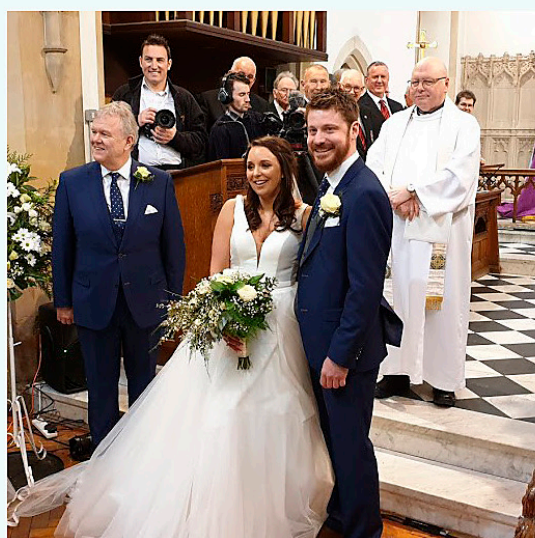
Eventually we crossed the lane leading up to Clearbrook, passed over the "weak bridge" and met up with some rather too friendly horses whilst clambering down a ladder into their fields. We strolled beside a beautiful stream, heading for Lower Goodameavy, here we turned right under the old railway bridge and sharp right up rather steep hill to return to our cars. We were glad to drive the short distance to the pub and recover over a good lunch.

The next walk will be lead by Linda and Chris on May 13th, everyone welcome.

Sue.

Ed and Amy

Congratulations from all family and friends to Edward and Amy Dolton who were married on 13th April at St.Isan's, Llanishen, Cardiff.



Easter Sunday Boule

A beautiful hot and sunny April morning brought out around 20 keen 'boulers'

Coffee, tea, biscuits and (as usual) lots of chat - we also enjoyed some mini easter eggs!

We even got to play a few competitive games of boule!

The terrain had been cleared of weeds and moss and then spread with salt, many thanks to Viv, Howard and Chris.



The St. John Inn



Well, what a lovely Easter,
We hope you all had chance to enjoy the sunshine and start the spring overhaul of the garden.

Easter Sunday

Thank you to all those that participated in the Easter egg hunt and the Easter Bonnet competition, a great time was had by all. We'll definitely make this a regular event. I haven't laughed so much in ages !
Here's a small sample of the bonnets being paraded.



Many thanks for all those who stayed on the path and allowed our new turf to flourish - the garden is now looking superb and the smaller marquee being used as a shade, is much better.

The garage doors are now complete and make the area look a little neater, hopefully we'll get around to cutting the logs now ! p.s. thanks to the phantom stick person for supplying the pub with bags of sticks - we love you ☺

By the time you read this newsletter the gents toilets should be looking good following the refurb - ladies will be next, when we get a mo.

Quiz night - this was a competitive event with the winning team showing their exemplary knowledge of childrens TV and suchlike, well done the 5 Little Maids and Bob, Commiserations to Carol and the clueless - maybe next time !
The next quiz night will be the 31st May

This Thursday, 2nd May - we will be having an evening performance from the Wreckers Cornish Morris dancers, beginning at 8pm.

17th May - Girl Friday will be performing after Phils's food, at around 9pm. Everyone welcome.

25th May - If you are not already aware, Paul and Nina from the Rectory are 'tying the knot' and finally getting married.

There will be a lot of traffic on the day. (some of you have kindly offered parking and if anyone has additional space available then please let the pub or Rectory know).

1st June - don't forget that we have the Appalachian Dancers on site who will be performing their amazing dance routines with their own musicians (think Riverdance with arms !!!)

Also on Saturday 1st Vanessa Burton will be holding an afternoon tea in the garden to raise money for the charity Level Water, who provide swimming instruction for disabled children. If you are able to bake a cake/ help out / provide crockery etc please let me know.

Planning

The application for the residential lodge behind the garage has now been submitted. If you wish to see the plans we have a copy available in the pub or you can look on the Cornwall council site - the application number is PA19/03005. We are looking forward to a long future here at the Inn where we can have accommodation that will be more suitable to last until our dotage.

Easter Bonnet competition photos, next page.

St. John Inn Easter Bonnet Comp



The Winner - Berylyn



Me neither.....Your guess is as good as mine???

If that is not enough! click here to see the video of them singing!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lk44P8UwYBg>

That's all for now folks

Rob and Gill Berry
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St John
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Poetry corner...

I came across the attached poem and thought that a bit of culture would be a good addition to the newsletter. - John Benger.

Satnav – A poem by Pam Ayres.

I have a little Satnav, it sits there in my car. A Satnav is a driver's friend it tells you where you are. I have a little Satnav, I've had it all my life. It's better than the normal ones, my Satnav is my wife.

It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive "It's sixty miles an hour", it says, "You're doing sixty five". It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake - and tells me that it's never ever, safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green, It seems to know instinctively, just when to intervene. It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear, and taking this into account, it specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver, has so helpful a device. For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice. It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught. So why don't I exchange it, and get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed. It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed!

Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff, I only wish that now and then, I could turn the bugger off.

Snooker



LADDER



Highest Break

Chris Trevitt	28
David Greenhalgh	26
Chris Morris	25
Howard Everard	22
Pete Debono	22
John Tanner	20
Bob Keys	18

Chris Trevitt
David Greenhalgh
Pete Debono
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

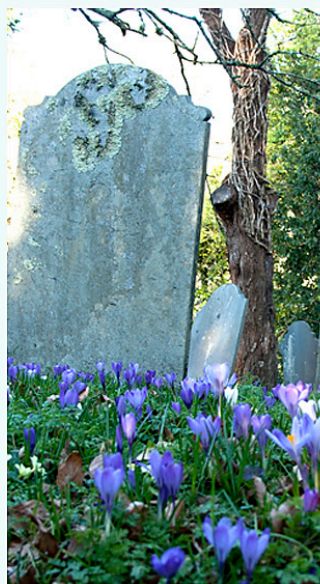
Lost and Found



Found in Church Lane a pair of men's prescription sunglasses.

Contact Charmaine or Christian at Magnolia Villa

Thanks Charmaine.



The 100 Club -April Winners

Pam Waldock£20

Audrey Wilton£5

Howard Everard..£5

Ray Salter.

and finally.....

"I was watching the London Marathon and saw one runner dressed as a chicken and another runner dressed as an egg. I thought: 'This could be interesting!'"