

St. John Newsletter

Village Website - www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk

June 2019

Editorial

Apologies for the lateness of the Newsletter – I was away attending my daughter Jessica's wedding (see the last page 8!)

This month's edition has detailed news of the Parish Council's spending over the past year, a report from Richard Dolton on the well-attended St. John Annual Meeting in April (plus pictures courtesy of Trevor Burrows) and the usual account of the most recent village walk around the Noss Mayo area of Devon. If you missed the Wreckers' Border Morris Dancers at the pub last month you can see what you missed – thanks again Trevor... and Janet reports on the Beetle Drive, which was

surprisingly tense and exciting to play. The church's concert with Harp and Guitar was delightful and the highlight of the evening was a solo by John Woodfield on the violin (who knew he could play like that!!) Well done John! There is also information on entertainment plans for the summer.

Don't forget that if you want to refer to past Newsletters they are archived on the Village website -www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk > community.

David Greenhalgh



Parish Council (Extract from Annual Report for 2018/2019)

War Memorial One of the largest items of expenditure has been on the improvements to the War Memorial in respect of the Great War Centenary. The memorial has been cleaned and new granite posts erected to replace the corroded concrete pillars. The new posts have been modified to support the existing chains, which were in good condition. The memorial garden itself has been re-planted with additional shrubs and our gardening contractor is repairing the grassed area this Spring.

The total costs amount to approximately £1200. This should ensure that this War Memorial continues to represent the contribution made by our historic village.

Road Signs We have been busy this year with securing improvements to the road signage at the approaches to St John. After discussions with Cormac we agreed new signs at the Trevol junction erected by Cormac, and similar signs for the top of Mendennick Hill, which we had made, and were erected by our own councilors. We have also had a set of "Slow" signs made and these have also been erected by the community, in order to attempt to slow down the increasing through traffic. Expenditure on signs has been approximately £1200.

Surface Water Flooding We have had site meetings with Cormac regarding some flooding on the main road by Mark's Cottage/Jack's Lane and we now understand that funding is being requested for a project to improve the drainage in this area. More importantly this year saw a dangerous flooding incident when an unauthorized embankment was constructed to create a fishing lake on existing watercourses above the south side of St John. This has been the subject of discussions with CC's Land Drainage and Enforcement departments and we understand that they are monitoring the orderly removal of the lake and proper reinstatement of the watercourses.

Community Fund We are pleased to report that the annual Community Fund continues to be paid to the Parish Council each January, and we have now received £12,000 over four years. This year the Community Fund Committee has agreed to contribute to the Defibrillator Project for Freathy, and for this year's St John fund to be used as a £3000 contribution to St John Village Hall, in respect of enhancements to the hall.

Del Richards.



St. John Annual Meeting brings record turnout!



The Village Hall Annual Meeting which took place on 29th April started with a very pleasant chance to have a convivial chat with friends and neighbours over a glass of wine. It was good to see “old timers” and “newbies” remembering of course that the former weren’t necessarily old in age but had lived here for more than 40 years.

We moved on to a more formal review of how the Hall has been working over the last year during the transition to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Richard Dolton as Chairman of the 9 Trustees led the meeting thanking all those who had worked hard in the many elements of the organisation, in particular everyone’s appreciation of those who work tirelessly to put on our many social events.



Charmaine Ferguson as Treasurer went through the accounts reporting a healthy balance and Chris Morris updated on the application for a National Lottery grant to help fund improvements and repairs that the building needs to enable it to continue to function for the best uses needed by our villagers.

The Events and Fundraising Committee Chairman, Del Richards reiterated the fantastic achievements over the last year highlighting the WWI memorial evening where over 90 people attended the event. Health and Safety is an important issue that Trustees have been concerned with and Bob Keys and Christian Ferris provided a very detailed spreadsheet of the Action Plan and Review for discussion.

Dave Greenhalgh who puts together the monthly Village Newsletter again reiterated that it is **YOUR** publication not his! If you don’t give him items to collate, then there won’t be anything to publish! He provided some very interesting feedback about the “Web” and how often the Newsletter is looked at reminding us that often there are extra pictures in “Galleries” that can be viewed over the internet. Some people from the floor did say they still preferred a “printed” version and it was pointed out that a copy is displayed in the hall and the pub. It was good to see 4 new volunteers coming forward to help in various capacities and all in all everyone enjoyed the evening.



Richard Dolton

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.



We had wonderful weather for our May outing, a linear walk from Wembury towards the Foot Ferry for Noss Mayo & Newton Ferrers and back again.

Having started with coffee at the Beach Cafe we were then treated to warm sunshine and sparkling seas as we walked. When we reached the descent to the ferry most people preferred to sit and watch the world go by while Howard mused on the Mewstone and Daisy found something interesting in the other direction. A few hardy souls continued on the final loop and were rewarded with great views of Newton Ferrers and the boats on the Yealm - and a welcome bench.

Having returned to the main group, we all retraced our steps to the National Trust car park and from there made our way to the Odd Wheel pub for delicious lunches and well deserved drinks all round. (Even a non- alcoholic gin - although most of us thought that was a contradiction in terms!).

Linda Morris



Howard musing on the mewstone!!

Walkers (cont)



Millbrook Film Club

CFTLM & MILLBROOK MOVIES PRESENTS

PHANTOM THREAD

SATURDAY 22 JUNE

MILLBROOK VILLAGE HALL

DOORS: 6.30pm

FILM: 7.30pm

**PRICE: £6 new members
£3 members**

CONTACT:
Laurence Watkins
lrmw@btinternet.co.uk

ABOUT
Set in 1950s London, Reynolds Woodcock is a renowned dressmaker whose fastidious life is disrupted by a young, strong-willed woman, Alma, who becomes his muse and lover.

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BRING TO THE ASSOCIATION WITH

MILLBROOK VILLAGE HALL

Phantom Thread
Saturday 22nd June

Set in 1950s London, Reynolds Woodcock is a renowned dressmaker whose fastidious life is disrupted by a young, strong-willed woman, Alma, who becomes his muse and lover.

Doors 7pm
Film 7.30pm
[Rating: 15](#)

The St. John Inn



All is fine at the Inn, apart from still having to light the fire in late May.
Last month's Wreckers Border Morris Dancers entertained the patrons.



Event of the month for late June - **Sunday 30th June** starting at 2pm with choir at 6pm ish.

BBQ afternoon followed by singing from Halfway Harmony -

There will be a chef cooking for us and we will provide the basics but if you wish to bring something for him to cook then please do so.

All profits from the BBQ will be split between the pub and the charity that Halfway Harmony support.

Don't forget - Food from Phil on Fridays (if you fancy something not on the menu then let us know early in the week and we'll see what he can do).

-Quiz night on the last Friday of the month.

Rob and Gill Berry
St Johns Inn
01752 829299
07816502201

Beetle Drive

"HERE THERE AND EVERYWHERE"



If you are of a 'certain 'age' and know your Beatles' songs, and were in the village hall on Friday 17th May, you will be aware that there were beetles everywhere in St. John. (The clue is in the spelling!) Yes, they were the 6 legged variety - sorry to disappoint!

We held a beetle drive which was so exciting, that at least one person - (yes M.R.) - found they almost couldn't cope with so much revelry. There were 4 to a table, and the object of the game was to draw a beetle after taking turns to throw the dice.

The first to finish a beetle was the winner who then moved on to the next table. Speed was vital, hence the excitement as some were more competitive than others! It was good to have so much support from villagers and friends, and even better to have 3 children joining in - Toby, Daisy and Alissa. The final winners were the 2 girls. Well done Daisy and Alissa. JM



Future Events

St John Village
Reg Charity No. 1178524

ITALIAN

Wine and Dine Evening

Saturday 15th June 7.30pm
£12.50 pp



Join us for an Italian themed supper with a
selection of fine wines.
Raffle and Quiz

Tickets available from Janet Mitchell
Contact 01752 829225

60's Dance Party - Sat. 20th July

Similar to the swing dance party we had last year except with a 60's/70's theme?

So dig out those old outfits that you have been wondering why you have been keeping??
(still being planned - more info to come!)

Family Fun Day. 7th September



Two years passes in a flash and it's time to be planning our autumn festivities. Do put the date in your diary and get your thinking caps on...

If you, or your children, have any ideas for stalls or events on our day of fun, do pass them on to Mary (822890) All the usual stuff is on the agenda including races, barbie, stalls, teas, cakes and raffles

The dog show will go ahead as usual plus, new for this year, a doggie agility test - so get some practice in!
Mary.

St. Johns Church



On Friday 24th. May a most enjoyable concert was held in the Church given by the "Blow Ins", we thank them for giving their time to raise funds for the Church.

Sunday 23rd. June the service will be at 10.30am. it is the Patronal Festival with the Rame Peninsular Team Ministry.

There will be no service in St. John on the 30th. June, there will be a joint service with St. James Church Torpoint at 11.00am on that date.

Best wishes Susan

100 Club winners for May are:

Fr Michael Brown£20

Thelma Bryant£5

Chris Morris£5

Ray Salter

The John Benger corner

This week John takes the biscuit !

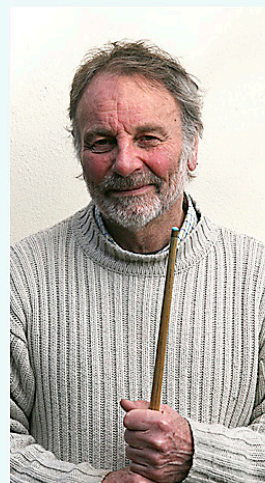
BREAKING NEWS...

There's been a fight in the biscuit tin, a lad called Rocky hit a Penguin over the head with a Club, tied him to a Wagon Wheel with a Blue Ribbon and made his Breakaway in a Taxi. Police say Rocky was last seen just After Eight in Maryland with a Ginger Nut known to police as Rich T. They didn't leave a crumb of evidence so the Jammi Dodger got away with it!!!!

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

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

Watering plants at the village hall

Pat Pickett has kindly planted the planters at the back of the village hall. Please if anyone visiting the hall, throughout the summer, could check and see if they are dry and water if needed. Thank you



Black prescription sunglasses from spec savers. Still not claimed!
Charmaine - Magnolia Villa.
or contact me
dwgreenhalgh@gmail.com



I am still collecting all used stamps in aid of the Cornwall air ambulance. (to be passed to me or Liz or Mary).

I am also still collecting used greetings and Christmas cards for recycling.

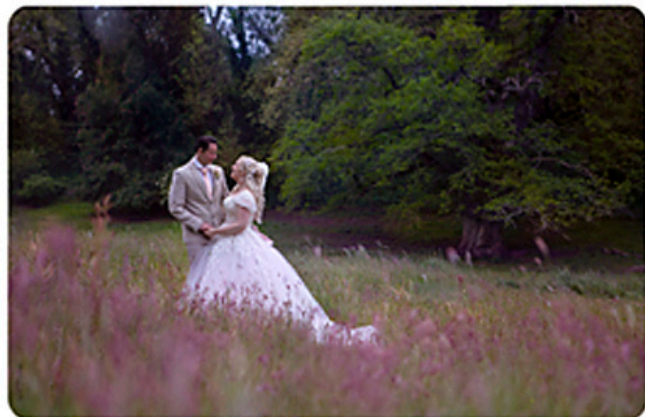
Thanks,
Dorethea

and finally.....

All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. Police have nothing to go on.

Mr & Mrs Plank 29.05.2019

We would just like to thank you all so much for all the beautiful cards,
kind gifts & congratulations that we have received from everyone!
Our wedding felt like a fairytale & we just had the best day EVER.



Loads of love, David & Jessica Plank of Picture Hill!