

St. John Newsletter

Village Website - www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk

November 2019

Editorial



A belated welcome to the village to Natalie & Simon Arnold who have moved into The Old Mill down Sunwell lane, and to Jude & Andy Seedhouse and family who have moved into Heronsford. We wish you a long and happy stay with us.

This month the St. John walkers finally got going again after the summer break... and there's a report on page 2. The Parish council has lots of road traffic related news, information re. telephone boxes and a request for ideas on how best to spend the solar fund monies. They would welcome attendees at their meetings: next one Thursday 5th Dec.

There was a definite apple flavour to various events this last month – Kath Overton has organised the planting of an apple orchard in the field behind the Hall, and the pub held its first apple press function and managed to hold it in good weather too!

As well as this, the St. John singers have been entertaining the residents at Torcare again, a repeat booking must mean that they enjoyed them last time! So well done girls!

There is also a report on the enjoyable annual Quiz night organised by Sue and Linda - many thanks to them. But the big event starting this month is, of course, the Xmas doubles Pool tournament, details will be sent out next week! and the Xmas Wine & Dine is earlier than usual on Sat 7th December.

Lastly, may I remind you of two imminent events:- this Saturday 2nd Nov.. at 12noon the Church is holding a Soup & Pudding Lunch and later the same day at 7.30pm we have the first appearance of 'Sheer Indulgence' a talented vocal group to entertain us. You can buy tickets at the door.

David Greenhalgh

What's Your Parish Council Up To?



We are pleased to have organized the repainting of the telephone boxes in Freathy and St John, the latter undertaken by BT as there is still a live instrument there. The Freathy box now houses their Defibrillator.

A new Slow sign has been erected to help calm traffic driving down Picture Hill. Working with neighboring parishes we have agreement to the "all year" Clearway on Military Road, between Cawsand and Tregantle, and this should come into force in Dec/Jan. We have agreed to fund the re-painting of the yellow lines along the Freathy section and are hoping to join with nine other parishes to share a portable electronic speed warning device.

Winter is on its way and we will be re-charging our grit bins soon.



Should you wish to take any grit in bags to use outside your property (not on drives) then please do this as soon as possible, before we have new grit deliveries.

Cornwall Council have adopted a Climate Emergency. The PC have discussed this and decided not to declare an emergency, and that none of the councilors intend to drive any parish-based action plan. However, if any parishioners wish to get involved and set up a local action group to drive this forward then could they please contact Holly Whitelaw on hollywhitelaw@gmail.com

We have a good financial position this year and we expect further Solar Fund monies in January, so all ideas welcome?

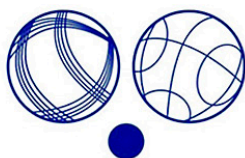
Please see www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk for full minutes of meetings and account. The next PC meeting will be from 7.30 pm on Thursday 5th December at Freathy Sports

Del Richards.

Entertainment

St John Village Hall

Boule in St John



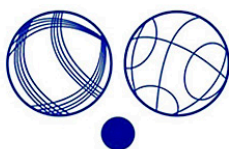
We play Boule/Petanque in St John every
3rd Sunday morning.
We start at 11am and normally play for a couple of hours.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are available, so do come and
join us for a friendly game or just for a social morning of
playing, watching the action or chatting (or both!)

The next session will be on 17th November

We look forward to seeing you
£1 members £2 non-members

For more information contact
Janet Mitchell 01752 829225
or
Sue Huke 01752 822742



St John Village Hall Fund Raising Committee Present

The Vocal Group

Sheer Indulgence

Saturday 2nd November 7.30 for 8pm



Six singers and one pianist make up this vocal group who will be
performing contemporary pop such as Adele's "When we were
young". The barnstorming "Don't let it rain on my parade" and
timeless classics such as "I've got rhythm", "Lullaby of Broadway"
and "Moon River".

You're in for a truly Indulgent musical treat!

Tickets £8

BYO Drink - Nibbles will be provided

Tickets available from Janet Mitchell 01752 822742

Reg Charity No. 1178524

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.

There had been a lot of rain, but pleased to say the walk on Monday 14th October went ahead albeit under grey skies but for the most part dry, apart from some drizzle for a short while after leaving the café at Seaton.

We parked at The Copley Arms at Hessenford, then 12 walkers plus young Albert now one year old (who enjoyed the walk being carried by Mum, Emma) set off on The Seaton Valley Country Park Walk following the river to Seaton where we had refreshments. We then retraced our steps back to the Copely Arms where we enjoyed lunch and were well looked after by the staff.

Val & Paul.

The St. John Inn



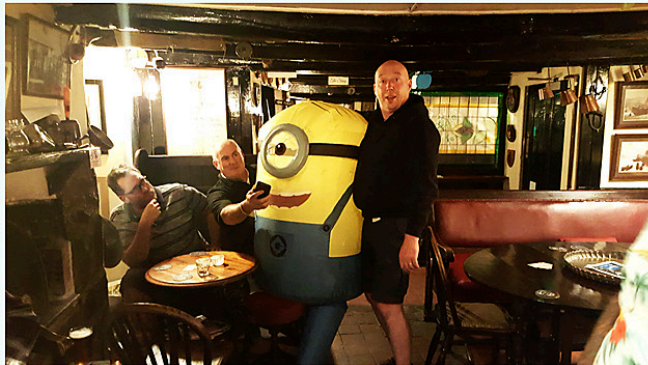
What an exciting month October was !!!! time to now chill a little and slow down.....haha

Apple Festival News

What an astonishing success for our first attempt at something like this.

The weather couldn't have been better, the sun shone and the apples flowed in. The apples were measured in tons and not kilos.

£794.01 raised for the Marie Curie charity - thanks to all those who donated.



Many thanks to all those from the village and also those from further afield who supported the event in whatever way they could.

A special thanks goes to the following people without whom we could not have managed:-

Elliot and Carol, Mike Holmes, Paul, George (the semi-organiser), Jen (his long suffering spouse), Kate, Steve (the naked chef) and Lorraine, Ralph (of the Lederhosen), Phil the feeder!, Ade and Lou (Rame Apples),

Apple Pie competition

1st prize of £30 Lawsons voucher went to Charmaine 2nd prize of a £10 gift voucher went to Pat Pickett. The prize for the most unique pie went to Lorraine (she won a pumpkin)
Thanks to all those who submitted entries and the judges for being unbiased and needing an insulin injection by the end of judging.



(more photos and a video can be seen on the facebook page for St John Inn (can be viewed by anyone - no facebook account needed.)

Remembrance Sunday

The service is 15 minutes later than last year and starts at 09.15hrs.

For those wishing to follow the Standard from the pub, please gather in the carpark for 9am.

The church service will be followed by the wreath laying at the memorial and then back to the pub for a buffet and catch-up with everyone including some from the village along with others visiting to pay their respects and socialise. Tea and coffee will be available along with beverages from the bar.

Our new lodge

The lodge has now been completed and we are hoping to have it transported into the village on or around the 13th Nov. Please can we ask that the road and the car park be kept clear for the day as it is going to be a logistical challenge even with nothing in the way.

We are sorry for any inconvenience but hope you all understand that this will be a once only event and quite possibly a spectator sport.

Quiz night

This is still being held the last Friday of every month. Shock.....Horror..... Bob, Megan and Ralph were last this Friday and so they have the dubious task of setting Novembers quiz.

The Little Maids were the gracious winners and enjoyed a selection of chocolates.

Don't forget that if you are in the same situation as Bob's team you can always persuade someone else to do your quiz for you (it may cost a beer or 2) and the Friday night boys are open to bribery!

Food Friday's

Some of you may have noticed a horsebox in the carpark - this is Phil's new kitchen and is rather posh inside.

Food will continue throughout the year from this as the marquee has now been taken down.

Rob and Gill
01752829299
07816502201

St. John Singers

Some of the St. John singers sang again at Torcare on Monday 14th October. We sang a variety of old songs and some from the musicals. We were well received and asked to visit again at Christmas. We rewarded ourselves - again - with a nice lunch at The Old Rowing Club. Singing - for fun and plenty of chat! - is on Mondays in the hall at 10.30-12.00. We are also now starting a recorder group for beginners after singing. There has been plenty of evidence on the benefits of singing, and apparently learning an instrument is good for the 'elderly' brain. Time will tell! The difference between teaching children and people 'slightly older' has quickly become apparent. Those arthritic fingers are a challenge!

Janet.



Fun Day



The Village Fun Day in September was yet another success. Thankyou all for your support in attending and spending your money, helping us to raise over £300 for the Village fund.

A big thankyou to all the stall holders made up of the committee and stalwarts from the village.

Mary.

(view all the photos by clicking here www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk/gallery)

Village Quiz Night

The Annual Village Hall Quiz was a keenly (& loudly!) contested affair this year, with the participating teams neck and neck throughout the evening.

Thick As A Plank was just in the lead at the interval, but eventually pipped at the post by Four Girls & 'Im, who took the glory, the medals & the Smarties!

Congratulations to the new champions, commiserations to the other teams and our thanks to everyone who supported this event.

Sue & Linda



St. John Church

St John 's Church. Remembrance Sunday Service on Sunday , 10th November in St.John's Church , It will be a service of readings, prayers, and hymns, followed at around 9.45- 9 50 am laying of a wreath at the war memorial.

All welcome.

Susan

St Johns 100 club winners are:-

Howrd Everard£20
Carol Ball£5
Cathy Goodman£5

And the winner of John Woodfield's painting of the church wasWilliam Parker.

Ray

Reminder -

SOUP & PUDDING LUNCH
2ND NOV between 12 - 2.00pm
Village Hall

Apple Orchard



St John's Community Orchard		
Variety	Use	Family
Cornish Pine	Dessert Pineapple flavour	Burttons
Slack my Girdle	Dessert & Cider	Fergusons
Sops in Wine *	Dessert & Cider	Gill & Rob Berry
Lady Henniker *	Cooker & Dessert	Sophia Mitchell
Collogett Pippin	Cooker & Cider	Toby Fernbank
Plgs Snout	Dessert & Cider	Sandersons
Red Devil *	Dessert Strawberry flavour	Tanners
Limelight	Dessert – Disease resistant	Cardews
Rosette	Dessert- New Variety	Morris
Spartan	Dessert Late	Rosalie Betts
Discovery	Dessert Early	Jack & Ben Dalton
Bramley	Cooker	Aaron & Elena Barrow
* Larger growing		

The First 6 are old Cornish varieties.



Thanks to all the families that helped plant our new Community Orchard in the village hall field on October 19th, especially the children who were keen to provide new habitats and resources for wild life and those who wanted to leave a legacy for future generations.

We hope to create more permanent labelling on the stakes so please let me know of any inaccuracies.

Kath

View all the photos here - www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk/gallery

Snooker



LADDER



Highest Break

Chris Trevitt	28
David Greenhalgh	28
Chris Morris	25
Pete Debono	23
Howard Everard	22
John Tanner	20
Bob Keys	18
Chris Huke	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



and finally.....

A psychic dwarf escaped from prison. Newspaper headline “ Small Medium at Large”