



St. John Newsletter

Village Website - www.stjohnincornwall.org.uk

December 2019

Editorial



Our Charitable Trust status is making bureaucratic demands on us but the benefits are sizeable: we are having a new 'state of the art' sound system installed within the next few weeks and our application for renovations and extensions is up for approval!

The Pub continues to be busy with the Lodge being delivered and erected on site and preparations getting underway for the Xmas festivities, although I don't think I will take them up on their 'Pampering Day'!

We have a report on the Sheer Indulgence concert which was a sheer joy - if you missed it we may be able to book them again in the future.

Then the highlight has to be Janet's exciting new recorder group! We look forward to a recital when they have learnt a few more notes and can perhaps play some songs...

The fundraising committee have started planning for events for next year. If you think you can help please contact us or join the committee, you would be most welcome.

I really wish I had gone on the walk this last month with Brian leading it and getting lost! Blaming a faulty sign is stretching it a bit?

The Doltons have been busy this month: they have almost filled the last page - well done them.

The snooker section is at present playing the annual Xmas doubles pool tournament - results in the next Newsletter. Also, I won't mention that Chris Trevitt is top of the ladder again!

David Greenhalgh

Please Note:

At the next Wine Evening on 7th December, in preparation for the Village Hall Trust subscriptions being due in January, we will be asking you to complete a subscription form, this is so that we have details of all our membership.

This is to comply with our Charitable Trust Status.
Thank you

St John Village Trust Subscription Form

Registered Charity Number 1178524



Title _____ Surname _____

Forename(s) _____

House Number/Name _____

Street _____ Town/City _____

County _____ Post Code _____

Tel No _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Notes:

1. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the St John Village Hall Trust
2. All information regarding Rules and Regulations of the St John Village Hall Trust is available online or from a member of the committee.
3. If in the future the Charity takes up the option, would you wish to "Gift Aid" your subscription? ☐ Yes ☐ No (Please tick)

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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St John Village Hall

Christmas Wine and Dine Evening

Saturday 7th December 7.30 for 8pm

Join us for an enjoyable evening of good food,
good wine and good company!

£12.50 a head

Don't forget your Secret Santa Gift!



Tickets are available from Janet Mitchell 01752 829225



"FILM FANS"

SCREENING AT

**THE COMMUNITY HALL
KINGSAND**



"A touching and sweet story of two friends who through good times and bad times in their careers, really cared about and loved each other. Coogan and Reilly light up the screen as Laurel and Hardy and you forget they are acting. Henderson and Arianda are also very good as their wives. A true treat for fans of the comedy duo! "

"It's a film made with an enormous amount of care and affection. And Coogan and O'Reilly don't just perform. They resurrect. "

Monday Dec. 2nd 7-7.30pm Tickets at door £3.00.
BYO (glasses provided) Enquiries 01752 822132/ 822967



We would like to thank you
for all your support
throughout the past year

CHRISTMAS BOULE SUNDAY

15th December 11am 'til 1pm

**Join us for hot punch and
mince pies - maybe even a
game of Boule!**

£1 members £2 Non-Members

*We will be there whatever the
weather!*

*Contact Janet Mitchell for more
information 01752 829225*



Remembering Richard Carter

I would like to acknowledge the passing of a St.Johner and my cousin, Richard 'Dick' Carter 1947 - 2019. Rich was born and raised in St.John and lived in 4 Mowhay Meadow. He came from the Barrett and Crabb family that arrived in the village from further west around 1903. He was the son of Jessie Carter nee Barrett and William 'Bill' Carter, brother to Barbara. Rich joined the merchant navy as a young man and travelled extensively. He married Sue Tickle of Torpoint and they had three boys, Mark, Paul and Kevin. They all emigrated to Australia in 1982 and worked, like many Cornish folk before them, as part of the mines, two of the lads still work in the mining industry. Rich and Sue ended up living in Mandurah, Western Australia. Sadly, on a visit home to Cornwall in the September of 2019 Rich passed away in Torpoint. He will be fondly remembered by many friends and family in the area.

Andy Ridler

Great News!

The Trustees' grant for a new sound system approved. The Trustees' have received confirmation that we have been successful with our grant application via the Cornwall Community Foundation for a new audio system with hearing loop. This will be installed as soon as is practicable.

The St. John Inn



Hello to all - here's our next installment from the Inn -

Bridgwater Carnival

What a fantastic day we had although the weather had been atrocious and the forecast was not good - it was warm and dry throughout. I won't mention anything about the coach driver, food, jellies, cakes etc. but all those who were there know what I mean !



The Lodge

Fortunately, disruption was kept to a minimum whilst the lodge was transported bit by bit down Mendenic Hill. It is now all joined together and almost ready for moving in to. Hopefully complete by the 11th. Feel free to go and have a look around but do beware of the mud and groundworks currently taking place to make it more accessible.

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you all for attending on this special occasion to pay our respects and remember those who have served. This day is special to us both and is made all the more special by the atmosphere of the day. The weather held fair and the attendance was remarkable for such a small village.

Friday 13th December

The annual Decorating of the pub for Christmas will take place - volunteers welcome. Starting around 1pm with some drinks available to keep up the spirits

Friday 20th December

One of our Friday night boys has written a Christmas Quiz. Open to everyone with some prizes and fun to be had. 8pm onwards. Christmas Jumpers will be expected to be worn. Feel free to bring some nibbles to share around. Any money raised will be donated to our current beneficiary - St John's Church - to help with current projects.

Sunday 22nd

Dickensian Evening - Our last day open before Christmas where we will be dressed Dickensian style and would like you all to join in. Any costume with a Victorian / Edwardian feel, bought or homemade. There may be a prize for the best dressed and even a mention in the newsletter.

January pampering day

We hope to hold a day of pampering sometime in January with help from a make-up artist, nail technician,,,,,, and anyone else you can suggest. (ideas on a postcard / email / text etc.)

It looks like it may be on a Sunday or Monday due to availability of pamperers !!! (is that really a word?)

Please feel free to make suggestions / dates / further ideas. Aimed at ladies but gentlemen are most welcome.

***** Something to divert us from those winter blues *****

Lost property

We appear to be gathering numerous objects from coats and hats to a set of keys on a black lanyard with a security tag.



Christmas Day

Open 12 - 2pm for the pre-Christmas dinner get together.

Rob & Gill

An evening with Sheer Indulgence

The weather outside was frightful, but the hall was so delightful...

It seems appropriate to paraphrase a well known song, given the storm that had raged earlier that day and the wonderful entertainment which followed, courtesy of the excellent septet Sheer Indulgence, who treated us to an evening of songs ranging from Merman to Motown, Sinatra to Adele and all stops in between - something for everyone to enjoy.

Our thanks to the group and to Sue Huke, who arranged the booking but then had to be absent and miss the fun.

David Greenhalgh & Linda Morris



Janet's new recorder group



The newly formed recorder group has 14 members and started 6 weeks ago. It is challenging, but so far we have learnt 3 notes and this week 2 more to add to the repertoire. Tunes with only 3 notes are few and far between, but with 5, the world is our oyster. There is a definite improvement and sometimes the tunes even sound like they are supposed to - with no squeaking! Well done everyone!

Janet

Some lovely expressions girls! - Ed.

St Johns Church

Thanks to all who supported the November Soup and Pudding Lunch, over £400 was made for Church funds.

The St. John, Candle Lit Carol service is on Monday 23rd December 2019 at 7 00 pm. followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Christmas Day , the service is at 9.15 am.

Sunday the 29th December 2019 there is no service in St John Church but there is a joint Rame Peninsular Team Ministry Service 11 am in Rame Church .

All are welcome to all these services.

Many Thanks,
Susan

100 Club Winners for November are:-

Val Tanner£20

Barbara Smart£5

Maureen Bryant£5

...for your diary

7 th December ...Xmas Wine & Dine evening - 7.30pm
18th January New Year Lunch - 12.30 for 1.00pm
21st February (fri)Beetle drive - 7.30pm
7th March Spring Wine & Dine (St. Davids Day theme)

The Fundraising Committee would be pleased to hear from anyone who has any ideas for future entertainment in the Hall - music, comedy, drama..whatever.

Please contact me or any committee member.
Thank you. Ed.



St. John Walkers - 2020

Month	Date	Organiser	Telephone	Email
January	13	Sue & Del	823253	sueclarerichards@me.com
February	10	Yvonne	01579 363915	y.a.douglass@gmail.com
March	9	John McCollough	960267	john.mccollough@hotmail.co.uk
April	13	Alison & Richard	07977214776	doltonpc@gmail.com
May	11	Thelma & Kath	829113 813304	thelma.bryant@sky.com
June	8	Linda & Chris	822083	linda_morris1886@live.co.uk
July	8	No Walk		
August	12	No Walk		
September	14	Bob & Meg	823119	carswell212@aol.com
October	12	Paul & Val	823118	
November	9	Mary & Brian	822890	bbird748@yahoo.co.uk
December	14	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.



"Two technicians, clearly shocked, ponder the Health and Safety implications of the reckless tampering with Her Majesty's road signage.."

Dec walk is on 9th December led by Howard & Viv. Lunch will be at The Rod & Line in Tideford. Meet at 09.30 am outside the village hall. If anyone doesn't want to join the walk but would like to join us for lunch, please let Howard know (823250) so he can book a large enough table.

Walking group - 11th Nov to Lansallos 3 miles, 12 souls, three dogs Willow, Speckles, Daisy
After days of heavy rain the adventurers set off in high spirits, bathed in glimmers of low sun and the russet shades of autumn.

Now.

With an experienced man in the lead car it was essential to follow in a tight group if we were not to be lost in the tricky Cornish lanes. Sadly when the navigator himself got muddled there was a certain loss of morale within the group. Fortunately the gimlet eyed Martin noticed that some cad had rotated a vital waypost through 180 degrees, just like they do in the Beano and sending us awry. Who would do such a thing? I will mention no names but that old villain Richard Dalton seemed very amused at the navigator's discomfort.

I'm just saying.

Back on the right track our elan soaring with the tide we turned first to Lansallos Cove, thence along the coast path towards the Udder Rock and upwards over the greensward to the road and back to the cars.

The hills, rain and hail dampened us not one bit; the eagle eyed Martin triumphed again, this time bagging a horse mushroom which looked a perfect size for breakfast and we were soon coddled in the horse brass and hospitality of the Jubilee Inn Pelynt.



Brian Bird

Letters to the editor

Warning to Electric Shower owners

Recently, some people in Torpoint were on holiday and had arranged for parents to check their house. Upon arriving to do so, the parents found the house in darkness and full of condensation and water everywhere. It transpired that the electric shower had started on its own and, regrettably, had fired out from the shower cubicle (the doors had been left open) over the bathroom floor unabated until burning out and tripping off the electrics. The steam had filled the upstairs bedrooms and condensation was dripping off the ceilings. So be warned ALWAYS TURN OFF THE SHOWER ISOLATION SWITCH WHEN NOT IN USE.



Richard Dolton

Villagers (dog walkers among them) are upset by people leaving black bags of dog poo contents all around the village. These are an eyesore and on dark night can easily be trod on when standing in to let cars pass. Please can you take them home and dispose responsibly.



Alison Dolton

A blow to democracy in St. John; vandals; or kids playing about? Somebody has stolen the 'vote labour' sign from outside Bridge Cottage! I am bedridden, but wanted to show support for the Labour Party; very disappointed!

Gill Wyke

Amazon scam -warning

Richard Dolton has asked me to warn everyone that there is a scam over the phone that sounds genuine but will lead to loss of money. click on the link below or just Google 'amazon prime scam' and the links will tell you how it works.

<https://www.birminghamupdates.com/action-fraud-warns-of-amazon-prime-scam-that-has-cost-victims-over-400000-in-two-months/>

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

Chris Trevitt
Pete Debono
David Greenhalgh
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



"If the Not Sures refuse a pact with the Don't Knows it could split the undecided vote"

and finally.....

Did you know that the flat earth society boasts that it now has members all round the globe!