

St. John Newsletter

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Editorial

I hope that you all had an enjoyable festive season, in spite of the restrictions, and I am sure that we all want to say 'good riddance' to 2020 and hope for a better 2021!

As you can imagine there is not a great deal to report on this month. However, (below, on this page) it is pleasing to hear praise for our key workers who make sure we have electricity.

Page 2 is a mixed blessing with good news on our Lottery grant application and bad news of the new Covid tier - 3 guidance & restrictions that we are going to have to endure for who knows how long... with a Gov. web link to all relevant information. On page 3 we introduce you to the new owners of the Carew Arms which has recently reopened in Antony and, on page 4, there is a quiet opportunity to reflect on a poem by the children's Poet Laureate sent in by Sue Huke.

Also, remember the village Halls Photo Competition back in February 2020? We entered quite a few photos but none of us won anything! Lockdown meant they could not present the winners but we provide a link to all the details, photos etc.

There are the usual St John Church 100 club winners and, on the last page, Freebay offers a dishwasher to a good home (!) and I managed to finish the year 'on the top' step of the snooker ladder!

I filled up the space with some topical items that might raise a smile to round off the year. Also an apology : I can't resist a pirate joke!

Thats all folks. Happy New year - see you on the other side...

Dave.



Thanks again to the team at Western Power

When I got home from playing snooker (and having a Christmas noggin) late on 23rd, I noticed the lights were still flickering and worried about a possible defect on our meter, so I decided to contact Western Power.

Although I did say that it wasn't "urgent" they felt it right to come out and at 1:10 in the morning they duly turned up at our house with their bright torches and checked our fuse and meter leaving at 2:00am after climbing the electricity pole behind our kitchen. Despite all their work, it was clear in the morning that all was not right, and although not everyone in the village was affected, I know several people contacted WP.

They worked hard on the village transformer once again and I think also in Pathfields not finishing until well after it became dark. Well done to all the operatives who made sure we could cook our Christmas Dinners. - and to those who fixed the minor "blip" on Sunday evening!



As we reflect on what has been such a difficult year we can only realise that there are so many "unsung heroes" who work to keep us safe without seeking praise. All we can do is to give them "one and all" our heartfelt thanks.

Richard & Alison





2021 is going to be a wonderful year for our village!

The National Lottery want to give St John Village Hall a grant and are going to fund our whole project with New Capital over 1 year.

We are now completing the formal agreement paperwork and hope to have news soon on when the building works will start which we hope will be early spring. The whole project will be in 3 phases comprising -

- * the refurbishing of the main building structure and building a disabled access.
- * upgrading the toilets with a disabled WC and also instal a new central heating boiler and some kitchen improvements.
- * a spectacular new community room on the field side of the hall.

Well done to Chris Morris for his unstinting enthusiasm in getting our application together and to our architect Peter Bartram for co-ordinating the design and tendering.

We can now all say that We have won on the National Lottery!!!!

Richard



Covid - 19

Covid-19: Tier-3; High Alert; Guidance and Restrictions for Village Hall

Meetings Indoors in the Hall - No longer possible. The Hall is CLOSED to ALL members and visitors until further notice.

The existing strict Social Distancing rules, wearing of Masks at all times and 'Hand-Washing' applies to everyone if they find themselves in the Hall for Health & Safety, Maintenance, or any other reason.

Meetings Outdoors; Members of the Village Hall may still use the Hall field.

Remember you must NOT MEET in a Private Garden or Outdoor Public Space with anyone: YOU DO NOT LIVE WITH or have a SUPPORT BUBBLE WITH.

You can see friends and family members you DO NOT LIVE WITH, or those with whom you DO NOT HAVE A SUPPORT BUBBLE in a group of up to 6 in a public space like the Hall Field. The 6, however, includes all children, whatever their AGE.

You should check the restrictions for Outdoor Meetings on the website for meetings with more than 6 individuals.

NB: Not Everyone is entitled to make a Support Bubble; to Check your Eligibility use ONLY the Gov.UK website:
www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-3-very-high-alert

You SHOULD NOT be forming more than one Support Bubble and NOT with any family/household that is already part of another Support Bubble.

Bob Keys

Local News

At a time when Pubs across the land are closing down, it is good to see that one of our local pubs, **The Carew Arms** is reopening under new management! Meet your new Landlady & Landlord **Emma and Colin** who are from a small, quaint, historic village called Hallaton in Leicestershire which borders Rutland and Northamptonshire.

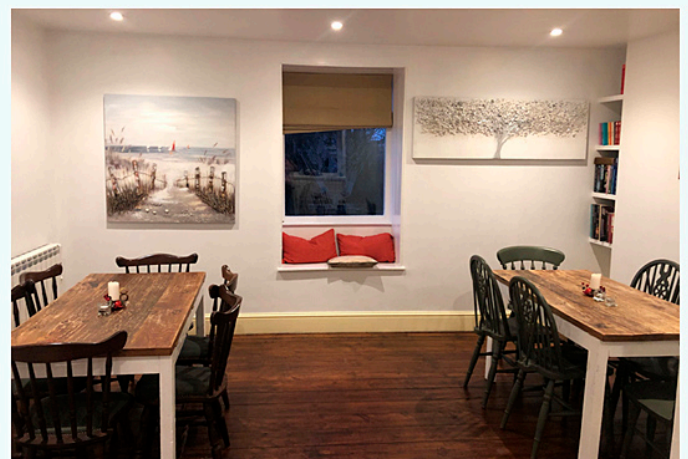
“We have been holidaying in Devon and Cornwall for years so when we decided we were going to have a career change we were always going to have it in Cornwall as we find the people so friendly and helpful but also the villages here are more like the one I grew up in with genuine people who do actually care about each other which to us is priceless.



We do not know what the future years may bring or how busy we will be so we do hope local people will come up with suggestions as to what the villages are looking for from us? We have already had suggestions for Quiz Night and Bingo Night both of which were very well supported and good fun was had by all.



We know in the industry we have chosen things will be difficult, but with what is happening now every industry is facing the same difficulties and problems, so we are just looking at working through anything that we encounter, as we go along, and are looking to build a business which is not just a business but a big part of the community and something that gives back to the community.



We already call this our home even though the start we have had has not been the easiest what with the cellar flooding and then a power cut so the cellar pump didn't work, but to us these are just things to overcome and in no way distract from this amazing place we now call our home."

*We look forward to meeting you.
Emma & Colin*

These are the hands

These are the hands
That touch us first
Feel your head
Find the pulse
And make your bed.

These are the hands
That tap your back
Test the skin
Hold your arm
Wheel the bin

Change the bulb
Fix the drip
Pour the jug
Replace your hip.

These are the hands
That fill the bath
Mop the floor

Flick the switch
Soothe the sore

Burn the swabs
Give us a jab
Throw out sharps
Design the lab.

And these are the hands
That stop the leaks
Empty the pan
Wipe the pipes
Carry the can

Clamp the veins
Make the cast
Log the dose
And touch us last.

Michael Rosen

As Children's Poet Laureate, Michael Rosen was commissioned to write this poem to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the NHS in 2008. It is reproduced here by kind permission of the author.



Our 2020 'Wonderful Villages' photo competition was run for the benefit of ALL RURAL village halls in the UK, large or small, rich or poor, connected to large social networks or serving tiny communities.

There were 672 photos submitted and we would like to thank all the entrants for taking part. The awards total £2,850 of which the entrants win £950 and their nominated village halls are awarded £1,900.

Click the link below to remind yourself of the competition.

<https://www.villageguard.com/news/14390/wonderful-villages-photo-competition-2020.htm>



St John church

The 100 Club winners for December-
Rosalind Rees.....£20

Barrie Mills£5

Fr Michael.....£5

The numbers were chosen by the local Tesco's
delivery van driver.

Ray.



Free of charge
Fully functioning full
size AEG dishwasher.
Please ring Anita on
07913290151.



Please keep the stamps from your Xmas cards for me.
I'm still collecting any old greetings cards that are getting
chucked out. They can be left with Mary or Liz.



Rame Wildlife Rescue Network - 07850 112504 07815 567234
Please don't leave an injured animal to suffer
Thanks

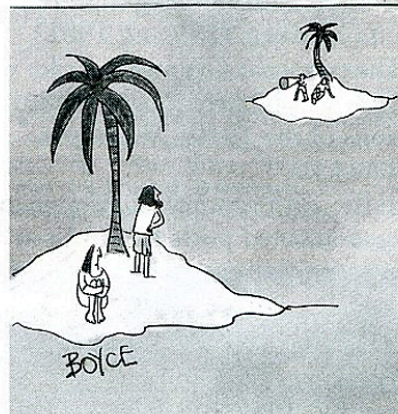
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**So in retrospect, in 2015,
not a single person got
the answer right to "Where
do you see yourself 5
years from now?"**



"My Christmas round robin
letter is much shorter this year"

**They say you can't
fix stupid,
Turns out you can't
quarantine it
either!**



"Tier 3... and you?"

Snooker



LADDER

David Greenhalgh

Chris Trevitt

Pete Debono

Clive Walley

Chris Morris

Steve Wick

Del Richards

Brian Bird

John Tanner

Richard Dolton

Chris Huke

Paul Tanner

Ray Salter

Lewis Wilton

Bob Keys

Howard Everard

Andy Seedhouse



HIGHEST BREAK

David Greenhalgh	33
Chris Trevitt	28
Pete Debono	25
Chris Morris	22
Howard Everard	18
Clive Walley	17
Chris Huke	16
Richard Dolton	16

and finally.....

The whole of Cornwall has been placed into Tier 4 lockdown after hundreds of pirates returned home to Penzance to celebrate Christmas with their families....Apparently the 'Arrrrrrr' rate has increased dramatically.