

St. John Newsletter

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Editorial

Finally!! Summer arrived this last weekend...and on a bank holiday! Who'd have thought it? It is a 'thin' Newsletter this month with only four pages.

Below on this page, is the report on last month's election with all the results and stats. On page two we have the usual update on the Hall Building Project which is progressing well, and the details of church services and 100 club results.

Wildlife Watch is a mixed bag of delights and horror stories with some 'nocturnal goings ons' as well, plus Bluetit Poo? And finally on the last page there is an opportunity to get some free supports for garden requirements, (from me!) a notice about restarting the village walks (lets hope the new variant does not stall that effort)



and a reminder about using amazon smile when you shop at amazon so that we can take advantage of our new charitable status- all rounded off with Alison's choice of a poem by Patience Strong on the subject of Roses.

The discerning amongst you may find my editorial, this month, is not up to it's usual standard! This is due to Judith (my wife) being away for a few days visiting our new grandson in Southampton. She usually 'proof reads' my initial 'effort' and transforms it into more readable english, but this month I am floundering around on my own!! Till next time enjoy the lovely weather.

Best wishes,


David Greenhalgh

Parish Council 2021

There was a 57% turnout for the parish elections in May, this was really good considering the usual turnout is 20 to 30%. Thank you for voting in a new balance of councillors, both in terms of St John/Freathy but also with two new younger councillors. So your PC is :-

Roy Hoskin, Jacqui Hirst, Howard Everard, John Tanner, Ben Crane and myself.

Over the next four years we will commit to serving the interests of the community in a balanced and independent manner, conforming to the Nolan principles of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.



Please hit this link to find our Chairman's Report for 2021.

<https://stjohnincornwall.org.uk/parish-council/>

The next PC meeting will be held in St John village hall, providing the development work is complete, in September (date to be confirmed) and we will look forward to seeing a good turnout. Thank you to those who came to support us at our meeting last week.

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St John Village Hall - Building Project 2021



Update:

The St John Village Hall building project continues to make good progress, but we have now been affected by the well publicised building trade's supply issues. The part that has caught us is the availability of cement and the delay in laying the annexe's concrete screed floor has also impacted on the remaining external ground works.

Internally steady progress is being made with the plumbing work now almost complete. Outstanding is the second fix electrical work and the laying of the flooring, together with some carpentry work.



Note: Please could everyone be aware that the St Village Hall and grounds are out of bounds until the building works have been completed.

In addition all the structural repairs to the village hall's timber frame have now been completed, with re-cladding awaited. These repairs turned out in the end to be pretty much as predicted, and did involve the replacement of both of the snooker room's corner roof 4x4 structural support beams.

However, as a result of these delays the project's completion should now be by the end of June, and all being well in next month's Newsletter I should have some very good news.

*Chris Morris
Vice - Chairman of Trustees*

St John Church

St John the Baptist Church



Our church will be open for services

6th June	9.15 a.m.
13th June	9.15 a.m.
20th June	9.15 a.m.
27th June	9.15 a.m.

For details please contact one of our wardens.
Susan:- 01752 825 090
Christine:- 01752 829 212

100 Club:

This months 100 club winners are:

Susan Holmes£20

Thelma Bryant£5

Margaret Salter£5

The numbers were chosen by NHS nurse at Penntorr Health Centre.

Ray Salter.



“No mow May” turned out to be a no grow May with few of the wildflowers blooming that we hoped for. Highlights in my shorter turfed areas were the stunning blue of Speedwells, of which there are over 20 species found in the UK. Perhaps we need to wait until mid-June for further delights. There are reports that wild orchids have turned up in unmown lawns up country.



Jack Shute of Manchester Metropolitan University has published a paper on Bluetit poo in Scotland and found their food is mainly peanuts! Not sure how the fledglings are coping with that. The RSPB are recommending we cut back on filling feeders now.

Exciting recent bird sightings include 5 Red Kite on Trerulefoot on the May 28th and 3 at Pelynt as well as them being seen in other areas dotted around Cornwall.



This month's unwelcome invader was found coming out of a locally bought bag of compost. The New Zealand flatworm (5-17cm long) feeds exclusively on earthworms, covering them with digestive juices before sucking them up! On the positive, when it has eaten all your very valuable earthworms, it may eat your slugs! Dropping into salty water is the recommended means of disposal. Physical damage to them could result in an increase in numbers, as common with all flatworm species, they have remarkable regenerative abilities.

Caught on our wildlife cameras these nocturnal visitors.



Thanks to those who have added to the plant re-homing greenhouse by the church porch and those who have provided “accommodation”.



Please share with us any interesting shots you have taken – there should be some weird and wonderful insects around in June.

Kath Overton.

Bamboo

I have recently cut back my bamboo and have a lot of canes, of various lengths, available. So, if you need support for your beans, sweetpeas or clematis, give me a call and you can choose your requirements for yourself.

David Greenhalgh - 822884



St John Walkers

Hi everybody, we plan to restart our walks on **TUESDAY 8th June**. We will be starting from Bere Alston Station car park for a three and half mile fairly gentle scenic walk alongside the River Tamar. Lunch will be at the Who'd Have Thought It at Milton Combe. Because of current circumstances we need to know how many walkers to book lunch for so if you are interested, please e mail me at sueclarerichards@me.com. I will e mail final arrangements a few days before.

Sue



Poets Corner

Roses Everywhere

Here again comes lovely June! No place on earth can show
Such beauty as our Britain in the summer's early glow!
Washed by softly failing rains the grass grows greener here
And where else on this globe does Heaven seem to be so near?

Carpeted with buttercups the golden blaze.
Wild flowers flow along the verges of the country ways.
Bright is every cottage garden in the winding lanes
With jasmine and with honeysuckle at the windowpanes.
Gardens bright with candy-tuft, with thrift and irises.
Pathways edged with lupins, pansies, pinks and peonies.
Stocks in rainbow tinges that cast their sweetness on the air.
And roses white, pink, gold and crimson. Roses everywhere.

Patience Strong



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Please go to

AmazonSmile Charity Support

if you have any questions.

Richard Dolton



and finally.....

I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, 'Where's the self-help section?' She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.