

St. John Newsletter

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Editorial

Well, it is already cold in the nights and early mornings and (as I write this) it is still August! Where has summer gone?

In this month's Newsletter we have the return of Del's Parish council report (below) which is packed with information, and on page 2 there is information on the welcome return of the Kingsand film club which is opening with an Oscar winning film.

Also on page 2 is Chris Morris's now familiar update on the Hall building project - which is really looking good - and, on page 3, Richard Dolton prepares us for the tasks to tackle when the Hall is finally handed over to us, plus some notes for your diary.

Kath is away this month but Lynne has stepped in to share her, as always, excellent photography for the Wildlife Watch section.

Page 4 is devoted to Caroline Thompson's notice calling for support for the planned Moonlight Memory Walk in October to raise money for the Children's Hospice South West.

There was no village walk in August to report on but, on page 5, Bob Keys has given us advance information on the planned walk in September. On the same page there is another poem by Patience Strong submitted by Alison and a notice with details of a Bingo evening to be held at the Innovation Hub in Antony.

Finally, on page 6 and in keeping with our ever present theme of infection... there is something to smile about, as well as the names of the Church's 100 club lucky winners.

Hopefully, next month I will be reporting on upcoming events in the new Hall. Until then best wishes to you all.

David



Parrish Council

Business has been quiet during the Covid pandemic but we are starting to see some more activity in the community now. Howard is in the process of re-designing the SSSI notice board to replace the old faded one down at the ford, assisted by Sue Huke and Kath Overton, and hopefully partially funded through our new CC ward councillor Kate Ewert. We are also looking into the ownership of the foreshore on the village side of the ford where we would like to investigate improving the parking/turning area. There has been a flurry of planning applications for redevelopment of chalets this summer, no doubt fuelled by increasing prices of holiday lets.

We are pleased to report that the oldest resident of the village, Edmond Herring, although deceased, has had his 1712 grave restored in our churchyard.



We can now make out the words on his stone as,
"Four score years I lived and almost four
So long on me, death had no power
Yet now at length my thread is spun
Which ended well and well begun
See now ye mortals how it is our fate
To fade as flowers some "forte", some late"

(I can't explain the forte, but the words are a philosophical comment appropriate today, he died on 10th September and was buried on 13th, no hanging around in those days).

Now that the village hall is nearing completion, we hope to have our next PC meeting there on 30th September, at 7.30 pm, why not join us?

Del.





Update:

The final stages of this project remain complex, but there has been progress. The annexe floor is complete and all that now remains is for its skirting board to be fitted, and the resolution of some additional minor snagging issues.

The replacement windows for the main hall, snooker room and kitchen remain a manufacturing and supply predicament, so we have taken the decision to remove them from the project so that they can be fitted separately in the future when they actually turn up.



Not surprisingly I am not now going to 'tempt fate' and identify a possible final completion and handover date, but hopefully it will be in the near future. In addition the formal re-opening of the St John Village Hall, by the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, will now be in late October 2021. Final details will be promulgated as soon as they are known.

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

Chris Morris
Vice - Chairman of Trustees

Kingsand Film Club

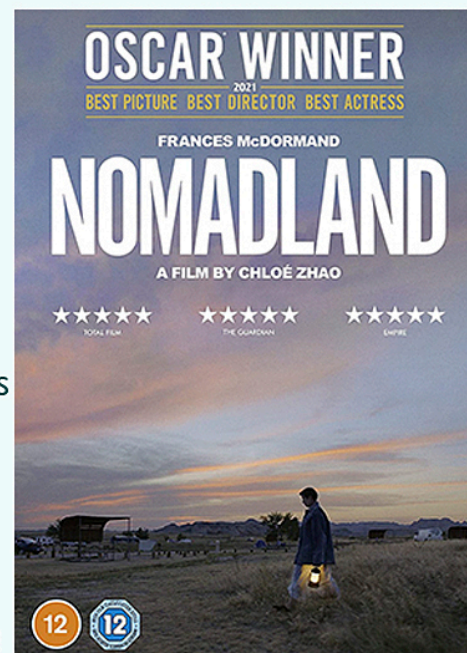
"FILM FANS" 
SCREENING AT
THE COMMUNITY HALL
KINGSAND

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH 2021

THE RETURN OF THE FILM CLUB
KINGSAND VILLAGE HALL

WE ARE SCREENING "NOMADLAND" AN OSCAR WINNING FILM
7 FOR 7.30 PM, FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS PLUS
YOUR OWN WINE GLASSES. ENTRANCE ON THE DOOR £ 3 CASH

WE WOULD PREFER YOU TO WEAR MASKS PLEASE
FOR INFORMATION PLEASE TELEPHONE 01752 822132/822967
SCREENING DATES THIS AUTUMN ARE ON MONDAYS,
OCTOBER 4th, NOVEMBER 1st, DECEMBER 6th.
FILMS YET TO BE DECIDED AND WILL BE ADVERTISED IN ADVANCE





If you've been peeking around the hall field you'll have seen how fantastic it is looking and that we're now on the home straight. Just a few more weeks to go and we are already planning to get "up and running" – all being well. With everything else going on and the risk of tighter Co-Vid measures, it is difficult to be firm on dates so what we'd like to do is ask you ALL to keep an eye on the village noticeboard for the latest information.

First and foremost we're going to need **VOLUNTEERS** and I know there are many of you who've been longing to get together and chat and what better place than at Your Village Hall!

So watch out on for the dates to be announced!

- * Clean up the hall and prepare for re-opening
- * Team up and seal and stain the new woodwork cladding
- * Rake up, weed up, trim and seed the field and hedges

Don't be shy! You're not too old and not too young! Surely you're not too busy!
New to the village? – then just come along and say hello!

There's so much we can plan for the Autumn – and we need your ideas – but we need you to tell us! Clearly the field will need time for the re-seeding to set but there's the patio and boules court ready for outside events. The new Annexe offers great opportunity for smaller groups to use and enjoy the lovely views.

It's now over to the Community of St. John to grasp this tremendous gift we have been given from the National Lottery and take us forward.

Make a note on your calendar

- * National Lottery Official Opening – date to be announced
- * St John Village Trust AGM – provisionally Monday 1st November 2021 at 7:30pm
- * Christmas Party – provisionally Saturday 11th December

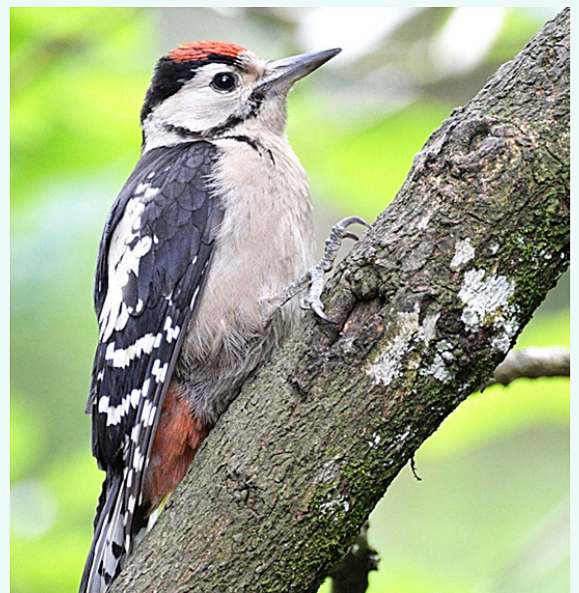
Richard Dolton

Wildlife Watch

As Kath is away sunning herself in France, Lynne Betts has sent us two lovely pictures of some recent 'visitors' to her garden. Thankyou Lynne as always quality photography!!



Nut hatch



Lesser spotted Woodpecker.

Support children's hospice by taking steps in memory of loved ones

Children's Hospice South West (CHSW), which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, is delighted to announce that its Moonlight Memory Walk is returning on 2 October.

The 5 mile sponsored evening walk is held annually in Falmouth in Cornwall however after the event was held virtually last year due to the pandemic the charity has decided to keep the virtual option open so those living further afield can still be involved.

The charity is asking people to complete a sponsored walk of any distance in memory of a loved one and raise vital funds for their local children's hospice. CHSW has three children's hospices in the south west including Little Harbour in St Austell which currently supports more than 140 children and families.

The team at CHSW are delighted to be able to offer an event which will bring people together both physically and virtually, and provide time to reflect and raise vital funds.

A candlelit memory ceremony, the poignant centrepiece of the physical Moonlight Memory Walk, will be live streamed on facebook from Falmouth to supporters across the region offering a time to remember loved ones while listening to music and readings.

Kiley Pearce, Events Fundraiser for CHSW said "The last year has been incredibly challenging for everyone so we are so glad that we can once again provide a virtual offering so people can get involved across the south west, and further afield. This is an opportunity for people to join together with friends and family and remember their loved ones as part of a poignant but uplifting event."

Last year the virtual event raised £28,000 for the charity which has kept its three hospices open throughout the pandemic offering resilience stays, home visits, emergency stays, end of life care and bereavement support. This year CHSW hopes to raise £30,000 to help celebrate the charity's 30th anniversary year.

It is free to take part in the Moonlight Memory Walk virtually and you can choose your own route and distance, however registering is still encouraged as you will receive items for your Moonlight Memory Walk and to accompany the memory ceremony through the post. To register for the event simply visit **www.chsw.org.uk/moonlight**

This event is being kindly sponsored by National Friendly and all money raised will go towards helping CHSW continue to run its three children's hospices and support more than 500 local families.



Making the most of short and precious lives across the South West
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St John Village Walk, Tuesday 14th September, 2021

This will be a short walk along the foreshore at Lerryn, from the Car Park (Free, but not Large, so car-sharing where possible) and then up through Ethy Woods on a circular route, returning along the Lerryn foreshore to the Car Park. Approximately three miles distance.

As requested, this is a relatively short and easy walk, some 'up and down' on the hill of Ethy Woods and should be OK even for those 'Hippies' with 'joint problems'.

For those who know the area, this is approximately half the distance of the complete (5 mile) circular walks to St Winnow and then back to Lerryn along the Fowey and Lerryn rivers, (very muddy at high tide for anyone who decides to be more adventurous) or to St Veep and back (5 miles) on the opposite side of the Lerryn River.

Lunch will be at the Ship Inn, which is heavily booked at the moment and would like to know exact numbers of diners and Menu choices where possible.

Latecomers may have to take Pot-Luck! But, Food is also available at:

Lerryn Village Stores, which has its own excellent little Café, (pasties, sandwiches and coffee) beside the river and the Car Park.

Bob Keys.

Poets Corner



What is it that lends a magic to September days?
The sparkly mornings bright with dew, the pearly evening haze?
The glow of fruit on laden boughs, plum, damson, apple and pear?
The sense of peace and of fulfilment brooding everywhere?

"The resurrection of the roses opening again-
blooming for a second time as summer starts to wane?".....
The creepers turning red and gold, a strange and glorious sight.
The swallows grouping for the making of their southward flight.
The sunflowers and the dahlias and chrysanthemums a blaze...
What is the secret of the magic of September days?

Patience Strong

Alison.

BINGO

There is a bingo evening in The Innovation Hub in Antony on Sat 4th Sept starting at 6pm.

Barbara Hayward from the Hub and Mike Ferguson from Rame Framing will be hosting it. It should be a fabulous evening with food available to purchase before 8pm and a bar.

The cost of the bingo is £5 for 5 games.

We hope to welcome you, please contact Jan Ferguson to book a table on jan@panachegallery.co.uk

Spaces are limited so please prebook your table.

Jan Ferguson.

Smiling Is Infectious by Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious,
you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realised
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,
then I realised its worth.
A single smile, just like mine
could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick,
and get the world infected!



Detail of Spike Milligan's Gravestone with
the epitaph "I told you I was ill" written in
Gaelic.

"Dúirt mé leat go raibh mé breoite."

*Thus ensuring that he will keep on making people
laugh/smile well after he is gone!
Great man, miss him. Ed.*

St Johns Church 100 Club

100 club winners for July are:

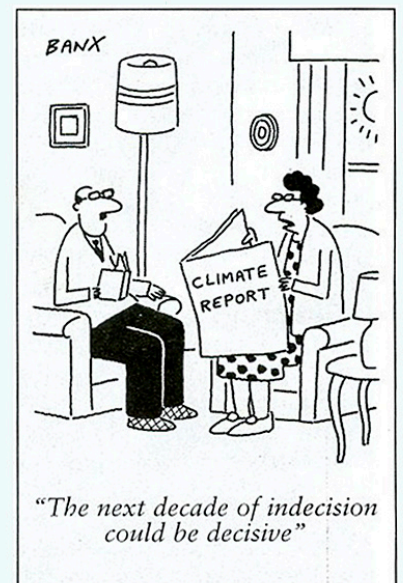
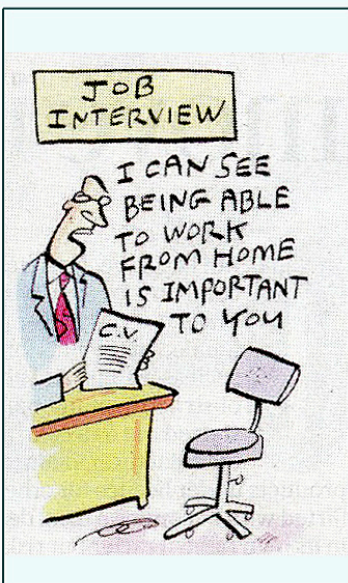
Pam Waldock£20

Rob & Gill Berry£5

Fr Michael£5

The numbers were selected by a visiting
member of the church congregation.

Ray.



and finally.....

Inside every cynical person, there is a disappointed idealist...