

St. John Newsletter

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Editorial



Hello again.

Well, autumn is now here and the village is, at last, slowly awakening from its Covid slumber and taking some tentative steps towards a new 'normal'.

In this month's newsletter there is notice of our next AGM (below) and page 2 features Chris Morris' final update on the Village Hall building project along with details of the formal 'opening'. There is also information on the next film at the Kingsand Community Hall.

The opening of our smart new hall has enabled activities to restart. The first 'Dreckly' social event was held last Friday, the weekly Monday singing group resumed this week and 'coffee mornings', are being held on Wednesdays at 10.30am as usual. Page 3 has all you need to know with regard to the clubs and also info. on the forthcoming 'Meze' evening - to keep up with any changes to these events, it would be as well to watch the Village Hall notice board, where all the most up to date information will be available.

'Wildlife Watch', this month covers disparate topics such as National Mammal week, more on Ash die back disease, the Sabre Wasp and World Octopus day - all this on page 4, as well as an Autumn poem.

The main item on the last page is, of course, the re-opening of the snooker club... with new 'highest breaks' already being recorded (!) and Chris taking the top spot on the Ladder.

The much publicised walk in last month's Newsletter had to be cancelled due to some members catching Covid but, thankfully, no-one was ill for long - so the 'double jab' seems to be working as planned...

Until next time, take it easy and let's walk before we run - so that the re-opening lasts well into the future...

All the best.

David

ST JOHN VILLAGE TRUST – AGM

The AGM will take place on
Monday 1st November 2021
At 7:30 pm.

This meeting is open to all, however if you wish an item to be placed on the agenda this must be notified in advance to the Trustee's secretary Emma Tanner by Friday 22nd October 2021.

The hall will open at 7:15pm
when you will be asked to sign in.

*Please observe the latest
appropriate CoVid guidance.*

freebay

Wooden computer desk that
Thelma no longer uses - free to
anyone who can make use of it.



Contact Thelma on 829113
to view/ collect



Update:

Well, we are finally over the finish line with all building works completed, including the illusive replacement windows. All paper-work, documentation and certification has been actioned and we formally opened on Wednesday 22nd September for all clubs and activities.



I do hope everyone will be pleased with our new and enhanced facilities. Without doubt we are indebted to the National Lottery Community Fund for their most generous grant, which has met all our original objectives and has set us up nicely for the future.

The formal re-opening of the St John Village Hall by the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall will take place on Thursday 21st October 2021. The event will run from 1600-1800hrs, with tea, coffee, and soft drinks provided. Other light refreshments will be available to purchase. Further details will be available on the village hall noticeboard nearer the time.

Chris Morris
Vice - Chairman of Trustees

Entertainment



THE WINDERMERE CHILDREN



A new BBC Two drama, The Windermere Children, tells the little-known stories of some of the 300 orphaned Jewish refugees who began new lives in England's Lake District in the summer of 1945. These are the stories of the Windermere children, in their own words, as told to the BBC for a compelling new documentary that accompanies the drama.

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, NOV 1st and DECEMBER 6th

NEXT FILM ON NOV 1st IS " THE COURIER " A TRUE LIFE SPY THRILLER

SINGING

This is beginning
on
Monday 27th Sept at 10.30am

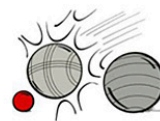
*Looking forward to seeing
you all again!*

Contact Janet Mitchell 01722 829225
for more information

ST JOHN VILLAGE

BOULE SUNDAY

Re-starting 17th October 11am til 1pm'ish



Join us for a game of Boule (weather permitting)
or come for a chat and have a coffee.

£1 Members £2 Non members

Contact either Janet Mitchell 01752 829225 or Sue Huke 01752 822742

Dreckly Club

October Dates

Friday Evenings 6pm - 9pm'ish

These are Social Evenings and, although they are usually
BYO food and drink, there will occasionally be evenings when
food will be provided - on a pre-order and pay basis.

OPEN TO ALL £1

Oct 1st - BYO

Oct 8th - Meze Evening

Oct 15th - BYO

Oct 22nd - BYO

SATURDAY - Oct 30th

'Trick or Treat' Night

To book, when applicable, or for more
information contact

Janet Mitchell 01752 829225

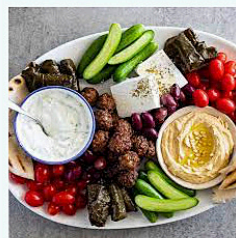
or

Julie Elworthy 01752 823381



Greek Meze Evening

8th October



15 dishes - 3 of which contain
meat, the rest is vegetable
friendly and there is one
dessert.

BYO Drinks

Price is £11 pp for members and £12 pp
for non members .

Tables of 6 to be booked and paid for by
Monday 4th

Bookings through Janet
Mitchell on 829225 .



Some more Meze pictures to whet your appetite!





If you are interested in furry wildlife it is National Mammal week Monday 25th October Sunday 31st during which the Mammal Society is encouraging us to record sightings and is providing an identification app. If you have more of a prickly disposition you may have already been asked by Cornwall wildlife Trust to send in records of hedgehogs or lack of. Also it might be interesting if we could compile a St John mammal list (Homo species excluded of course!). Please email me at kath.overton@gmail.com any spottings however common, with location and date.

Seen round wood piles at the moment and including mine is the ultimate vaccinator - the Sabre Wasp. It is a type of ichneumon, the female of which injects its host with an egg with its very long ovipositor. In this case the host is a wood wasp that will be devoured by the developing larva.



There are 2,500 different species of ichneumon which together make up 10% of all UK insects.

It is the seed gathering season and the Tree Council are encouraging us to collect and plant wild tree seed between 22nd September and the 23rd of October. It seems we will be losing even more Ash to Chalara the ash die back disease. It was confirmed in our area in 2017.



chalaria symptoms diamond- lesion

The community orchard behind the village hall is doing well despite a growing season disrupted by the building works. Several trees have borne fruit, the Cornish varieties doing particularly well. There are plans to reseed the disturbed soil in the near future and in some areas with a wild flower mix. Thanks to all who have been collecting seed.

Earlier in the month (8th October) it is World Octopus day. The Common Octopus is frequently found on SW coasts. They have a gland that produces venom to immobilise prey. Their favourite food is crabs. Best spotted during your nocturnal dives!



If you need someone to water plants whilst you are away. Daisy Burton does a very good job.

Kath.

Poetry corner



Late Autumn

The boy called to his team
And with a blue-glancing share
Turned up the rape and turnip
With yellow charlock to spare

The long lean thistles stood
Like beggars ragged and blind,
Half their white silken locks
Blown away on the wind.

But I thought not once of winter
Or summer that was past
Till I saw that slant-legged robin
With autumn on his chest.

Andrew Young

St John Church 100 club



The 100 Club winners for Sept are:-

Val Tanner£20

Dave Eva£5

June Barrie£5

The numbers were drawn by members of the congregation.

Ray.

Letters to the Editor

Thankyou for my beautiful flowers from St John village, following my accident I received many lovely flowers, cards, and presents, some unusual presents too, but a nice thought!!

My friends really rallied around, making sure I am safe and helping me so much, keeping my spirits strong.

This is ongoing, my full recovery a while away. So, a massive THANK YOU too all.

Bev.Edlin

Snooker



Last week we, finally, got the snooker section back in action. Hopefully, as we get some practice the 'highest breaks' will start to increase!

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| Chris Trevitt |
| David Greenhalgh |
| 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

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| David Greenhalgh | 24 |
| Pete Debono | 18 |
| Del Richards | 18 |
| Chris Trevitt | 18 |

Pre internet chat room using
An old version of windows...



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SEPTEMBER 2021
QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"You could never convince a monkey to give you a banana by promising him limitless bananas after death in monkey heaven."
Yuval Noah Harari, quoted on The Conversation



and finally.....

What's the difference between Covid-19 and Romeo & Juliet?

One's a corona Virus and the other is a Verona crisis.