

# St. John Newsletter

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## Editorial

Well, on the plus side this weekend, we will get back the hour of sleep we lost back in March!

Below is another reminder about the AGM which is your opportunity to ask the Trustees and committee members questions about the past year and future planning.

Even though Covid is still with us, clubs and activities are resuming while following 'sensible' precautions and it is worth bearing in mind that everything that is done and all that has been achieved is due to people voluntarily donating their time – and this is also an opportunity to think about volunteering to help out and make a difference yourself!

Also below, is the Boule report and the date of the next meeting.

On page 2 is the final report of the building project, with the official Opening and unveiling of a plaque by Lord Lieutenant Colonel ET Bolitho OBE and there are dates and times of the forthcoming Remembrance ceremonies.

Page 3 concentrates on the report of the walkers' most recent walk and the next film at Kingsand, as well as information on Linda & Sue's annual Quiz. This month always produces wonderful pictures of the weird and bizarre fungi in the wildlife section (page 4) as well as what the 'twitchers' are being excited by...

The last page has a contribution by Alison from her favourite poet and notices from Christian, Janet and Ray. Lastly, I cannot ignore the snooker achievements by Steve - top of the ladder - and Chris - highest break. Well done to both of you!

For my "and finally" this month I am indebted to the wonderful and brilliant Douglas Adams (Hitchhikers Guide)

Let's hope that we can continue to navigate our way safely through 'Covid' and have as normal a run-up to the festive season as possible...

Until next time, best wishes.

David Greenhalgh



## St. John Village Trust - AGM

The AGM will take place  
on  
Monday 1st November

This meeting is open to all - as previously advertised, items for AOB should have been put to the Trustees by  
Friday 22nd October

The Hall will open at 7.15 pm  
when you will be asked to sign in.

Please observe the latest  
appropriate CoVid guidance.

Richard.



### October Boule Report



It was a beautiful warm and sunny morning, for our first game for nearly two years!  
Around 18 people turned up for a very enjoyable sociable morning to play boule.  
Some of the shots were surprisingly accurate despite not having played for so long!  
2 teams battled it out and we all enjoyed a well earned break for tea, coffee and biscuits.



Next Boule Date for your diaries Sunday 21st November

Sue.





# St John Village Hall - Building Project 2021



## Final Report:

The St John Village Hall Building Project is now complete and the Official Opening took place on Thursday 21st October 2021. We were fortunate to have some glorious autumnal sunny weather and were very privileged to have the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall Colonel ET Bolitho OBE with us to preform the official unveiling. I hope everyone present enjoyed the event, together with a most magnificent tea.



My thanks to everyone involved throughout the entirety of this project and hopefully we will now be able to utilise these enhanced facilities to their maximum potential.

Chris Morris



## Remembrance Sunday

### Remembrance Sunday

14th November  
in the  
Parish Church of  
St John-in-Cornwall



Our service starts in church at 10:15 am  
followed by the  
Act of Remembrance at the  
Village Memorial from 10:55 am



*Let Us Forget*  
1914 -  
1918



*Light Refreshments will be  
served in St John Village Hall  
at approx 11.30am  
on  
Sunday 14th November*

*Do come and join us*





## St. John Walkers

We were blessed with a lovely sunny day for our October walk, led by Paul and Val.

Eight walkers and four dogs set off from the small village of Clearbrook (near Yelverton). A circular walk of about one and a half hours along wooded footpaths, cycle paths following the old Devon Port Leat and gentle moorland, enjoying lovely moorland views.

Lunch was enjoyed at The Skylark Inn, conveniently close in Clearbrook village, where we were joined by Chris and June.

Val.

Kath and Martin are leading the next walk on Tuesday 9th November, meeting as usual outside our Village Hall at 9.30am. It will be in the Respryn area and the pub lunch is at the Halfway Inn.

Hope you can make it,

Regards

Sue.



## Entertainment

### "FILM FANS"

SCREENING AT

THE COMMUNITY HALL  
KINGSAND

MONDAY NOVEMBER 1ST 2021



The Courier is a true-life spy thriller film, the story of an unassuming British businessman Grenville Wynne (Benedict Cumberbatch) recruited into one of the greatest conflicts in history.

At the behest of the UK's MI-6 and a CIA operative he forms a covert dangerous partnership with Soviet officer Oleg Penkovsky in an effort to provide crucial intelligence needed to prevent a nuclear confrontation and defuse the Cuban missile crisis.

Rave reviews....."Arousing effective old school spy adventure elevated by a thrilling fact based story".

7 FOR 7.30 PM ,

FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS

Tickets at the door £3

Bring your own drinks and glasses

Mask wearing preferable Contact 01752 822132

### St John Village Hall



## QUIZ NIGHT

12th November

7.30 for 8pm start

**Come and get quizzical!**

*Teams of no more than 6*

**BYO DRINK & NIBBLES**

**£2 pp**

**For more information please  
contact**

**Linda 01752 822083**

**or Sue 01752 822742**



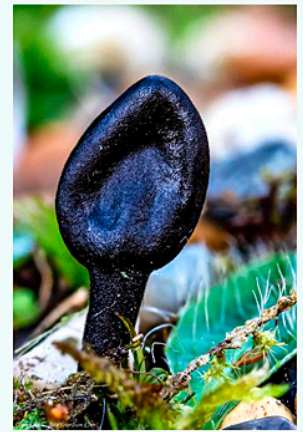




*Bleed tooth*



*Jelly Rot*



*Hairy Jelly Tongue*



*Field Mushroom*

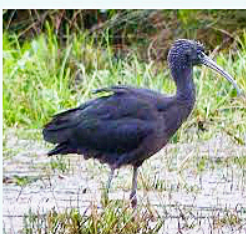
The glorious colours of autumn have finally arrived and the time that the weird and wonderful fungi appear. I have included a couple of photos taken by James Langiewicz who is particularly gifted at capturing them and one from Christian of a member of the Deathcap family found growing under one of our oaks, and a field mushroom from the garden, that remind us of how similar edible and poisonous species can be.



*One of the Death Cap species*



*Great white Egret*

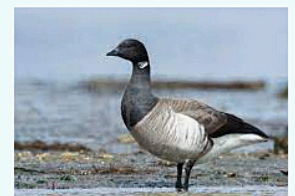


*Glossy Ibis*



*Brown Shrike*

On the bird front; the **Great White Egret** has returned to St Johns Lake and a **Pale-bellied Brent Goose** (A.Pearson) has been spotted too. In other areas of the county the **Glossy Ibis** and **Brown Shrike** has birders excited.



*Pale Bellied Brent Goose*

It is disappointing to find fox, rabbit, Grey Squirrel, Brown rat and deer(un determined) are the only mammal records I have so far, plus 2 dead Polecat-ferrets on the Military road. Has nothing else been spotted in St John in recent years?

### Growing matters

The newly sown grass on the village hall field made a welcome appearance in time for the official opening. However, the wild flower mix sown on the slope towards the apple trees has yet to appear. Thanks to those who collected seed, and the team that raked, levelled and scattered. Quite a physically demanding job.

With the help of Lynne, we have also planted a large number of daffodil bulbs around the hall thanks to West Antony farms.

*Kath.*



## Poets Corner

### Fairy Lanterns

In the dense and tangled thickets of the wayside hedges –  
On the banks along the lanes and meadow edges....  
The fairy lanterns now are lit, and hang from every spray:  
from branch and twig, from stem and sprig the wee lamps swing sway.

Where Summer's palest roses grew, the ripe red hips are burning –  
And haws upon the may-bush mark the winter's swift returning....  
On boughs of holly and of yew the crimson berries blaze –  
giving warning of the coming of the frosty days.

*Patience Strong*



## Notices

### Garden Roller

Has anyone got the village hall garden roller? It is large, cast iron with a stainless steel handle welded on. Dorothea gave it to the hall a while ago, someone borrowed it and it is now needed back at the hall.

Thankyou

*Christian.*



### Coffee Morning

We are going to start a Saturday coffee morning in the hall with the hope that those of you who are at work, or otherwise engaged, and cannot come to Wednesday mornings, will be able to attend. They will be at 10.30 on the 2nd Saturday in the month. Saturday 13th November. Saturday 11th December. Hope to see you there. All welcome.

*Janet*



### St John Church 100 Club

The 100 club winners for this month are:

Glenda Benger .....£20

Beryllyn Mann .....£5

Reuben Mills .....£5

The numbers were drawn by members of the congregation.

*Ray.*



## Snooker



### LADDER



### Highest Break

Chris Morris	26
David Greenhalgh	24
Pete Debono	18
Del Richards	18
Chris Trevitt	18

Steve Wick
Chris Trevitt
Pete Debono
David Greenhalgh
Clive Walley
Chris Morris
Del Richards
Brian Bird
John Tanner
Richard Dolton
Chris Huke
Paul Tanner
Ray Salter
Lewis Wilton
Bob Keys
Howard Everard
Andy Seedhouse



## and finally.....

“ A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools” - Douglas Adams.