



# St. John Newsletter

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## Editorial



Well! Here we go again! The tag line from the film Jaws 2 seems appropriate, "Just when we thought it was safe to go back in the water"...

Anyway, below is the up to date information on the situation of the Hall as regards opening up or not.

Page 2 contains the parish council's report on all the hard work done to make the church look so special over the festive season and page 3 features Judith Annells' cheerful report on the popular, and most enjoyable, Xmas Wine & Dine evening.

Page 4 contains a shorter than usual Wildlife Watch, a reminder to the St John Walkers, a birth announcement and the church's 100 club winners for December – and November too

as I forgot to put it in last month! (hardly a month goes by when I don't forget to put something in the Newsletter... but you probably/hopefully don't notice!) There's also a reminder from Sue Huke about further cancellations.

Page 5 has an appropriately titled poem from Alison as well as the latest news about snooker/pool and the annual appeal from Dorethea with regard to stamps and then there's some grumpy stuff from me.

Happy New Year – let's hope it will be better than 2021!

P.S. There will be a special article about our friend Pam Waldock in the March edition.

*David Greenhalgh*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

From St John Village Hall Trustees

Happy New Year to All Members and Parishioners

We hope to Re-open the Hall to all members and user-groups as soon as possible.

This will depend on any changes to the Government Regulations and the latest Official Medical Advice, which we understand will be announced early in the New Year. It is likely that this will still require compulsory 'mask wearing' 'social distancing' and 'flow test checks' for all indoor events.

Events that were cancelled or have been postponed due to the Hall closure for December and January, like the Band Concert, will now take place as early as possible in the New Year.

A new Calendar of Events and the Date for Re-opening will be published soon.

Hope you all managed to have a Happy Christmas!

Anticipating a much better New Year and the Re-launch of a new Calendar of Events





Our Christmas tree was installed and lit on 6th December. Thanks to those villagers who assisted us in raising and decorating the tree, especially Christian and Ralph, and special thanks to the Tanner climbers Paul and John, who fortunately had the climbing skills and harnesses to safely fix the floodlights on the tree to light the tower.



For your information, Cormac have confirmed that, as well as items mentioned last month, they will repair the dangerous drop at the side of the road where vehicles pass each other on the lane between us and Antony (under the overhanging tree). Also, the die-back in the large ash trees in the “open” graveyard has been reported and we anticipate that remedial measures will be undertaken in due course.



Thank you to the many villagers who expressed their appreciation for our efforts to brighten up the village during these times. We will be leaving the floodlights up the tree until next year, when we hope to add more mood lighting. (With optimistic planning we raised the Christmas Tree the night before Storm Arwen hit the UK with ferocious winds: thanks to Rob's superb anchor frame, the tree stood proud, as if it had always been growing there!)



The next PC meeting will be on 17th March. For those who did not attend our meeting last week the minutes of the last meeting are on the parish website.

*Del.*





On 4 December the village hall was once again the joyful setting for a long-awaited Wine & Dine Evening. The last one was held 1 year 8 months and 28 days ago on 7th March 2019 and the world has seen a few changes since then.



Happily, some things remain the same and the Christmas decorations and lights, together with beautifully laid tables, made the village hall as welcoming as ever. Despite a few changes – tables limited to 6 and further apart, masks required when moving round the hall etc., the mood was festive, and we were all very happy to be back socialising and chatting with friends old and new.

As always, the food was plentiful with very tasty casseroles and accompaniments prepared by various members of the community and a great selection of puddings, not to mention the very enjoyable wines selected by Linda and Chris. Sadly, Father Christmas was unable to attend and although very much missed, his place was ably taken by various well-known figures from the village who distributed the Secret Santa presents. Finally, the raffle was drawn (no winners on my table!!) and we all made our way home with some very happy memories to take into whatever the next few months hold for us all.



Many thanks to everyone who made this lovely evening possible, both those mentioned above and those who work hard behind the scenes to keep our village hall a safe, clean and comfortable place for us to enjoy.

*Judith A.*



## Wildlife Watch



The Avocets are back in the area with frequent sightings at Wacker Quay. This month it is the time of the Great Garden Bird Watch run by the RSPB, it is taking place on the 28th – 30th and over 1 million people took part last year. Some amazing rarities, have been seen in gardens up and down the country, but sadly the dwindling numbers, of many species such as the Greenfinch (thought to be due to the poor hygiene in some of the bird feeders used) and the Swift.

Kath.



White tailed Eagle

## St John Walkers



Hi Everyone,

Del and I will be pleased to lead the January Village walk, meeting as usual outside the Village Hall at 9.30am on Tuesday 11th.

However because of COVID we will not book a pub lunch and suggest you may like to bring a picnic and hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we can find a sheltered spot!

We haven't yet planned our route and will let all regular walkers know nearer the time.

Do hope you all enjoyed a Happy and healthy Xmas and our best wishes for 2022.

Regards  
Sue

## St John Church 100 Club



Hope you had a good Christmas.  
100 Club winners for December are:-

Karalie Hillyer .....£20

Robert Lucken .....£5

Janet Mitchell .....£5

and due to an editorial error last month the November winners were

Chris Morris .....£20

Sally Mills .....£5

Thelma Bryant .....£5

both draws were made by members of the church congregation.

Happy New Year everyone

Ray.



Congratulations to Edward and Amy Dolton on the birth of their daughter Chloe in Cardiff on 7th December, 7lb – all doing well

Dear All

In view of the upcoming uncertainties regarding meeting up etc., around the New Year, the scheduled meeting on 5th January is now cancelled.

As is the New Year Lunch (due on the 15th January)- which will be rescheduled for a date, probably in February - but as yet to be decided.

Meanwhile may I wish everyone best wishes for Christmas and the New year.

Sue.







### The New Year

I am the little New Year, ho,ho!  
Here I come tripping it over the snow.  
Shaking my bells with a merry din –  
So open your doors and let me in!

Present I bring for each and all –  
Big folks, little folks, short and tall;  
Each one from me a treasure may win –  
So open your doors and let me in!

Some shall have silver and some shall have gold,  
Some shall have new clothes and some shall  
have old;  
Some shall have brass and some shall have tin –  
So open your doors and let me in!

Some shall have water and some shall have milk,  
Some shall have satin and some shall have silk!  
But each from me a present shall win –  
So open your doors and let me in!

Anon



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,  
Thanks,  
Dorethea - 07754 759853

**NOW THAT I'VE LIVED  
DURING A PLAGUE,  
I UNDERSTAND WHY  
MOST RENAISSANCE  
PAINTINGS ARE OF  
CHUBBY WOMEN  
LAYING AROUND  
WITHOUT A BRA.**

**I've been to a lot of places, but I've  
never been in Cahoots. Apparently  
you can't go alone, you have to be  
in Cahoots with someone. I've also  
never been in Cognito, either. I hear  
no one recognizes you there. I have,  
however, been in Sane. They don't  
have an airport, you have to be  
driven there. I have made  
several trips.**



### LADDER



#### Highest Break

Chris Morris	26
David Greenhalgh	24
Bob Keys	22
Del Richards	18
Pete Debono	18
Steve Wick	18
Chris Trevitt	18
Richard Dolton	18

Steve Wick
David Greenhalgh
Chris Trevitt
Pete Debono
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

We still had three matches in the Xmas  
Doubles pool tournament to play when  
the Hall was abruptly closed in Dec - a  
semi final, the final and a playoff for third  
place.

These will be played as soon as the Hall  
reopens.

Dave.



**and finally.....**

My tolerance of idiots is extremely low today. I used to have some immunity built up, but obviously there is a new strain out there.