

St. John Newsletter

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June 2022 (Rose edition)



Editorial

Welcome to the June Newsletter.

Kath has decided it is the 'Rose' edition and the Rose above, appropriately, is "The Queen Elizabeth 1954" Rose!

You will notice that there is no mention of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee village celebrations, planned for next Sunday, in this Newsletter... This is because although Beryllyn, who has been responsible for most of the organising, is away she made sure that every household had received a little booklet with all the details, timings etc. before she left for a well deserved holiday!

Below we have a 'preview' of the long awaited information board for St. John's lake, which replaces the rickety old one that was falling apart, and on page 2 we have Bob's comprehensive monthly report. Page 3 covers Kath's wildlife Watch and the Church's one hundred club winners, while on page 4 is Del's precis

of the Parish Council's activities over the last year (It is interesting to note that all these things are going on in the background while we get on with our lives!) Page 5 reports on the Village Walkers' latest outing, and also has a detailed plan for next month's trip to Lerryn which Ralph will be leading.

On the last page is Del's contribution to poets Corner with a moving poem which reminds him and Sue of Daisy, who they sadly lost last month. There is a selection of beautiful rose pictures and you may also notice that I have had a welcome return to form on the green baize!!

So, let's hope for good weather on Sunday and a successful and enjoyable Jubilee Celebration.

All the best,

Dave.

Advance Notice



Preview

We have a new information board by the Ford. More details in the next Newsletter.



A joint Annual General Meeting confirming the election of the Trustees for the coming year was held in combination with a St John Parish Church Information Day on the 23rd of May. Wine and Nibbles were provided by the Hall Events Committee; thanks go to Sue and Linda. The event was very well attended and proved a chance to socialise informally and obtain further information about important matters likely to affect all our villagers and parishioners in the coming year.



Village Hall Events

Congratulations to Alice and Josh on their (much postponed) marital celebration at the end of May and best wishes for their future happiness together, from all members of the Hall. We now have the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic and Fun Day to celebrate on the 5th June. Fingers crossed for brilliant weather: All will be welcome on the day at the village hall field for a great 'get together'.

We hope to hold one more event in July, the Youth Concert organised by Barry Mills, postponed earlier due to Covid from its Christmas date. Barry assures us that a suitable 'Summery' repertoire will lift all our spirits. Keep an eye open for a final confirmed date for this: Tickets at the door.

August is the month in which we normally have our Summer Break, but Private Hiring and regular Clubs/Snooker continue as normal.

Anyone who wants to renew their membership or has not yet joined the Hall, contact our Treasurer Charmaine Ferguson (see Village Hall section of the St John in Cornwall Parish Council for contact details and the latest Calendar information on future events)

Future Events planned from Autumn onwards include an Amateur Drama event, a Wine and a Quiz evening, and hopefully a return to the usual pre-Christmas celebration and New Year Buffet Lunch. Proposed musical events include Gordon Carter with Saxophone, Bill Honey and the Swing Band and a return music evening with Mark Barnwell, after his much appreciated, recent performance.

We are still on the Look-Out for regular and occasional new activities and any new Members who might want to suggest or even lead these. Starting in September there will be some 'Local' History lectures and workshops and perhaps an informal Gardening Club. We would also like to see more clubs and games events. In the past these have included regular Skittles, Bingo, Beetle Drives and a Bridge Club. To go alongside the successful Singing Group, Ladies Darts and Boule Club. Use the Summer Break to think about what you would most like to do on the dark winters' evenings!

Reminder:

The Home page of St John in Cornwall parish council website has a Calendar/Diary and the most up-to-date information on all regular Hall Events and Bookings, as well as our Facebook link. It also has its own section dedicated to regular User Groups and the facilities available. The Hall is now fully available for future bookings by anyone considering a venue for a private function or public event.

(Contact Emma Tanner: emmatanner02@gmail.com for advice on Hiring)

Bob Keys.



Once on the brink of national extinction, **Red Kites** with their distinctive forked tail and reddish colouration are finally here on the Rame! One was spotted on Monday 23rd May (C.Dale). Further down the county, near Penzance a **Montagu's Harrier** is exciting birdwatchers. And a stunning **Roller** on the Clowance estate and even an Egyptian Vulture at Devoran.



Roller

Has leaving areas of lawn unmown, seen the appearance of new wild flowers? Improve your identification skills or just enjoy a walk around Churchtown Community Nature reserve on June 18th 10.30 -13.00hrs led by Ian Benallick. (meet at Cecil Arms £2 CWT members free, no dogs.)

Growing matters

Funds from our "Spuds in a bucket" competition have already helped pay for some of the plants in the new village hall flower bed. If you have any spare succulents, especially Sedum spectabile we would be grateful for some infilling. We hope this will be a low maintenance area, plants need to enjoy St John shillet! Thanks to Lynne for additional plants and Dorothea for the small conifer.

The grand weighing of "Spuds in a bucket" is currently time tabled for 14.15pm June 5th. If you are unable to be there and can't find a representative, please self weigh with a witness (we have some very competitive growers!) before this time and send in your results (kath.overton@gmail.com). Don't forget to bring a bag for your edible trophies.

Kath.



Red Kite



Montagu's Harrier

St Johns Church 100 club

The 100 club winners for May are

Paddy Hough£20

Caroline Collins£5

Rob & Gill Berry£5

The numbers were drawn by members of Wednesday's coffee morning club.

Ray.



Well, I suppose the most important thing that happened this year was the Election in May, and I have been delighted to welcome John Tanner and Ben Crane, as new councillors for St John and Tregonhawke respectively. John and Ben are already making significant contributions to parish matters. Democracy worked in May, even though the £1500 which we had to pay Cornwall Council was a surprisingly higher amount than anticipated.

Finance

We have continued to manage our finances prudently but various increasing costs have meant that after many years of not increasing the Council Tax precept, we have this year found it necessary to increase parishioners' contributions. This will provide a solid buffer to increasing costs and challenges, including new election costs provision.

Planning

The planning applications over the last year have mainly been in respect of chalet improvements at Freathy and Tregonhawke where several controversial proposals for chalet re-builds have been lodged. Whilst the Parish Council has generally supported these planning applications, we have objected to some proposals that contravene the Article 4 requirements. Also, we have resolved in future to object to new hot tubs at Freathy, which bring health and safety issues.

Environment

We have been active on many issues in the parish in the last year including:

- Provision of replacement bus shelter in Freathy.
- Support for double yellow lines at Tregantle.
- Design and provision of new Wildlife Information Board at St John Ford.
- Undertaken detailed inspection with Cormac resulting in four new areas of asphaltting in and around St John, and clearing of ditches.
- Removal of redundant telegraph poles in St John

- Arranged new signage for Tregonhawke
- Contracted Green Thumb to improve grass at memorial garden.
- Investigated improvements to the "turning area" by the ford, including liaison with Wildlife Trust*.
- Repaired 16th century tomb gravestone in our churchyard.
- Directed solar fund to new windows in St John VH, Freathy Sports Club and new lighting to illuminate our church tower*.

Memorial Garden

Our only property responsibility is the memorial garden in St John, and we have continued to maintain this through gardening and stone cleaning, and I would like to again thank Cllr Everard for his special efforts in this regard. Our Christmas Tree will now continue to be supplemented by our new floodlights illuminating the church tower*. (We are planning some further enhancements for the Royal Jubilee).

Solar Fund

We have continued to receive regular £3000 contributions from British Solar Renewables and are delighted that we have been able to fund local community projects. We are looking at using the fund in 2022 to improve the turning area at the ford.

Section 137 Donations

We have received letters of thanks for our £250 donation to Shelterbox (in respect of Ukraine) and £250 donation to Rame Responders.

Del.

St John walkers

12 walkers and 3 dogs had an enjoyable and not too strenuous amble from Restormel Castle across the meadow in front of Restormel Manor and over the main rail line before climbing up to The Duchy of Cornwall Nursery where we enjoyed a cuppa whilst some of us viewed the plants – fortunately for our bank balances, because we had to trek back to the cars, no-one purchased any! The return walk seemed to take less time, although the climb up to the car-park reminded some that we had covered 3 miles in what turned out to be pleasant dry weather; after which we adjourned to the Royal Oak at Lostwithiel for a light lunch and were very pleased to be joined by some of our village friends who had travelled down to meet up.



Next month's walk....



Tuesday June 14th

To reduce the climb we will start from 6 via Picnic area and reverse the route via 4-3-2 to St Winnow .

Note a warning exists to dog owners just before Ethy Wood where a cottage farm is situated with free range chickens dog owners are requested to put leads on for 500 mtr .

We can stop at St Winnow 15th Century church close by is Angle's Teas caravan open from 11:30 ish

Menus can be seen at <https://theshippinnlerryn.co.uk/main-menu/>
Fore Street Lerryn , Lostwithiel PL22 0PT
Pub grub / eating in bar garden / conservatory you may expect locally sourced meats , fish and vegetables.
Ship Inn Tel 01208 872374

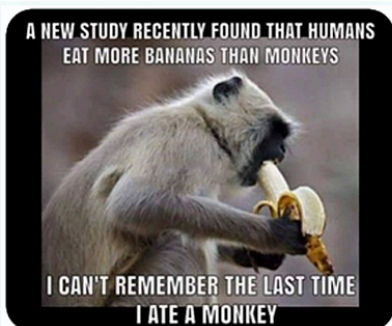
Here is the route of the lovely Lerryn walk which Ralph has organised for June.....Meet as usual at 9.30 am outside the village hall on the 14th June.





Only a Dog

A Spaniel dog can't change the world
Or lend it harmony and grace
And yet within one humble home,
She makes it seem a better place.
The fiscal clouds don't disappear
When eager strides ignore the rain
But a glance upon that bobbing head
Would make it churlish to complain.
Just when the gloomy skies pervade,
From drizzled boughs, a bird will sing
And hazel eyes will share a smile
To make a common man a king.
Once this was you, a zealous child
Whose youthful bones would yearn for play
And now this sprite has stirred again
That passion for the newborn day.
Her gift is in embracing life
The way it is without dissent,
To eat, to run, to sleep, to dream
And, with those blessings be content.
And then to love, not on a whim
But from the moment she awakes
Without condition or restraint,
To love with every breath she takes.
She doesn't lie or cheat or steal.
Nor does she bend upon the breeze
And, of the passions she pursues,
Her greatest pleasure is to please.
The trust with which she's been endowed
Is based on understandings learned
As day by day and stage by stage
We find we have that trust returned.
A Spaniel dog can't change the world
Though, oftentimes, I wish she could
But were she human flesh and blood,
I swear it, I believe she would!



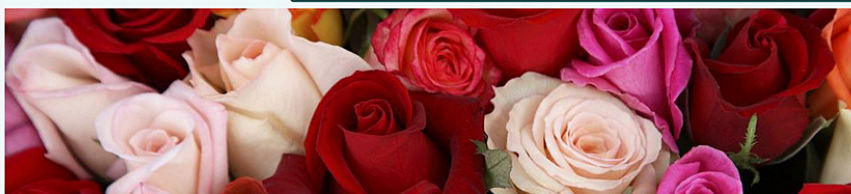
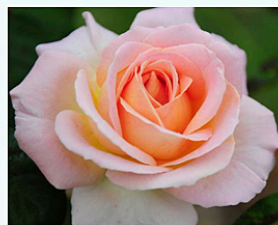
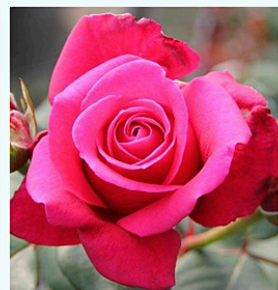
Ladder



Highest Break

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| David Greenhalgh | 30 |
| Steve Wick | 25 |
| Pete Debono | 22 |
| Chris Trevitt | 22 |
| Richard Dolton | 18 |

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| David Greenhalgh |
| Steve Wick |
| Chris Trevitt |
| Pete Debono |
| Chris Morris |
| Del Richards |
| Brian Bird |
| John Tanner |
| Richard Dolton |
| Chris Huke |
| Paul Tanner |
| Ray Salter |
| Bob Keys |
| Howard Everard |



Monday - Greg
Tuesday - Ian
Wednesday - Greg
Thursday - Ian
Friday - Greg
Saturday - Ian
Sunday - Greg
The Gregorian calendar



and finally.....

If you are in a spaceship that is traveling at the speed of light, and you turn on the headlights, does anything happen?