



St. John Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to the July newsletter – finally!

It has been difficult recently to try and find time to put it all together, but I thank you for your patience...

Also, last month I promised you more details on the new information board - well, that hasn't happened. We have not been able to get 'all the ducks in a row', to take the photo with the right people in it to do the promised report! Maybe next month?

Anyway, below is a report on last month's Boule and a reminder of this month's date, as well as the winners of the church's 100 club.

Page 2 has Bob's long and detailed report on the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and on page 3 is the ever informative 'Wildlife Watch' with tips on what to do about fruit flies in your wine (!) plus information on strawberries and a new, 'new chick on the block' quiz. Page 4 continues with growing matters - Open Gardens' to see in July and the much anticipated results of the

spud in a bucket competition. Also, Chris Morris has come up trumps with substantial garden furniture from the lottery fund – Well Done to him!

Page 5 has Ralph's amusing report on last month's village walk (I have edited it just a little but, hopefully, retained as much as possible of his unique style!) and below that is a reminder of regular 'Dreckly' social gatherings on Friday evenings. Page 6 has the usual snooker news, a poem from Alison and my attempts to leave you with a smile on your face.

Lastly, I am having difficulty getting the pictures I took of the Jubilee celebrations onto the gallery page of the website at the moment so, until I succeed, you can at least see the village group photo on page 7.

Until next time, enjoy the summer sunshine...

Dave.



BOULE SUNDAY 19TH JUNE 2022

About 20 people played Boule on a cloudy but warm morning.
4 teams played, ably organised by John Tanner
(with help from Albert !)

We had visitors from London and Ireland, we were joined by
June Barry who played with her arm in a sling!



The next boule Sunday is on 17th July - look forward to seeing you. SH

St John Church - 100 club

Winners for June are:

Elaine Whiteley£20

Kate Turner£5

Silvia Wicks£5

The numbers were drawn by members of
Sunday's church congregation.

Ray



The main event for June was of course the extended Holiday Weekend of celebration in honour of the Queen's Jubilee. This proved to be a great success, despite the dire weather warnings, the sun shone all afternoon, perhaps a royal command performance. An imposing Banner, commemorating the Jubilee had been created by the Parish Council and was displayed at the Village Hall field and the Memorial Garden in front of the Church for the whole week. The historic event was celebrated by a Sunday Picnic for all the families and friends of the village and some very welcome additional visitors, who were attracted by the merriment and later took time to send the Hall a big "Thank You" for being made so welcome.

The celebration was also a fitting time to remember past village celebrations going back as far as the Coronation itself, which some of us are old enough to still remember, and of course an opportunity to remember sadly those no longer with us. Old memories of 'Happy Times Past' should not of course crowd out the 'New Memories of Happy Days' created on the day, particularly for all the children, who hunted for and discovered the Queen's Corgis in the most unexpected places. Our thanks go firstly to Beryl Mann, who had boldly taken on the fraught role of organiser; to the Jubilee Committee itself and to all those who prepared the Field and the Hall in advance.

Particular mention in the Role of Honour needs to be made of Brian and Mary for the Games and Entertainment, Lynn and John for the Marquee and the Fantastic Barbecue, to Liz and all the Ladies who knitted Corgis, to Emma and John for the giant Jenga, to Judith for the Cake Competition and especially for the celebratory Pimms' Punch for the Loyal Toast to the Queen, to Cath for the Spud in a Bucket (and Congratulations to Pat the winner)



to Amanda and Chris for a whole afternoon of 'Crown' creating and to David and Jessica for the relentless herding of all those still standing for a final All-inclusive Jubilee Photograph.

Fantastic entertainment was provided by the dancers and musicians of Catseyes Morris and later Mods Unplugged, whose great selection of songs from across the decades took us into the early evening finale. A great time was had by everyone because you all took part! One more Thank You, to Mary, Bet and Carol for the final Ukraine Charity Appeal Draw: A weekend in a Shepherd's Hut on Rame, kindly donated by Mount Edgcumbe. This has taken the village donations to over £1000. It nevertheless proved something of an embarrassment for the Chairman, for the winning ticket drawn by Becky proved to be my own. A coincidence, which even I thought was so suspicious that I immediately re-donated it, without thinking. However, (as Meg immediately pointed out), a romantic weekend for Two involved another person who would have liked to be consulted about such generosity (although a future weekend on Corfu, could make up for this, even if a poor second to Maker Heights!).

Village Hall regular events will continue throughout the summer for clubs and user groups as advertised on the Village Hall section of the Parish web site. An up-dated calendar for the coming year will be available in the next Newsletter. We can already look forward to an Autumn Harvest BBQ on Saturday 24th September.

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 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.



With Wimbledon on our screens this month, I have enclosed a few tips to ensure you enjoy watching it. If you like to include an alcoholic tippie beware the invasion of **fruit flies** has already begun in St John.

Large numbers are around and your drink may have a bit of an unexpected crunch, as some of us found during at a recent meeting in the Village Hall. These small flies are attracted to rotting fruit but actually feed on the wild yeasts found there.

Annoying they certainly are, but also surprisingly interesting. Their short life span of 30 days makes them ideal for lab based research and since 1901 have been used in genetics, refining the work of Mendel on inheritance and especially important, they were used to show that seemingly harmless radiation could give rise to mutation in subsequent generations. Also they have some of the largest sperm on earth x30 bigger than human sperm.



Apple cider vinegar will prove a useful lure, if you have finished all the wine.



Now turning to **Strawberries**; the Wild, Woodland or Alpine Strawberry *Fragaria vesca* that abounds in our lanes at the moment, should be considered as a culinary delicacy with its superior flavour. Eaten since the Stone Age, it has so many health benefits too. As a vasodilator it reduces strokes and heart attacks and even has anticancer properties.



I have not forgotten the usual **bird** slot.

This month it is taken by another **“new chick on the block”** now in the tender care of Lynne (who reports it doesn't reciprocate her friendly approaches). Know the species?

Kath.



Growing Matters

SPUDS IN A BUCKET

The “spuds in a bucket” challenge was fiercely contested. Congratulations to Pat Pickett for achieving the greatest weight. It was all due to the chicken poo apparently! A late entry from Julie Elworthy was impressive but could not topple the winner.

Spuds in a bucket results

	Kg
winner - Pat Pickett	1.30
Ray Salter	1.20
Mary Rogers	0.54
Judith Greenhalgh	0.50
Kath Overton	0.50
Sue Richards	0.44
Paddy Hough	0.405
Brian Bird	0.205
Sue Huke	0.20
Jean	0.04
Orchard House	0.02



Have you got that down Kath?



Are you absolutely sure??

National Garden Scheme – open gardens

x2 gardens on 3rd July at South Hill, Callington
 X2 gardens on 9th July at Dobwalls, Liskeard
 See website for further details
www.ngs.org.uk/open-gardens.

St John Village Hall - Regeneration Of Grounds

We have been most fortunate in being successful with another National Lottery Community Fund Grant (Awards For All) for the regeneration of our village hall grounds. This now means that we will be able to purchase some wooden all-weather outdoor furniture and a number of grass reinforcement mesh rolls for part of the grounds to facilitate all weather event car parking.

The furniture has already arrived (Made in Cornwall) and please do come and utilise these facilities even if a formal event is not going on. The grass reinforcement mesh rolls should arrive slightly later on, however, we will require a work party to put it all down and all will be most welcome!

The National Lottery Community Fund has been most generous to us once again.



St John walkers

The walk was well attended with 15 intrepid walkers, 5 dogs and a few more who met us for lunch at the Ship Inn, Lerryn.

As we gingerly set off from the Lerryn car park we were blessed with sunshine and, once across the river stepping stones, mostly dry conditions underfoot. Taking the river bank downstream we turned and passed up through the National Trust's Ethy woods, encountering several obstacles on the way. We had to negotiate a stile to enter the field, which was only managed with teamwork, and Bob Keys receives a mention in dispatches for helping others 'get a leg over', while suffering a minor injury himself after a leap of faith over the barbed wire! As our group 'closed' the summit we were briefly delayed by a herd of heifers before being able to ease over the gate and stile, quickly making up time on the reverse slopes. 'On point' Martyn was then briefly checked, not lost for words but short of air, when a tractor, tossing grass, crossed his way and renewed his hay-fever in a surprise attack...



After this we were able to walk, unhindered by man, tide or beast, down to the beautiful St Winnow church and along the beach toward Fowey before regaining the outward path for the Ship Inn and a well deserved lunch.

Ralph.

Linda and Sue Huke plan to lead the next walk on Tuesday 12th July in the Wembury area. Meet as usual outside the Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

Sue.

Dreckly social evenings

Dreckly social evenings happen every Friday from 6.00pm to about 8.00pm.... and beyond - everyone is welcome. Bring your own drinks and snacks - often shared with others (except on evenings when Julie provides a cooked dish at a very reasonable price - these are published in advance). Previous dishes include paella, chicken



Colouring

Colours make the beauty of the earth and of the sky.
Grass-green meadows, clay-brown land and white clouds
floating by.

Golden dawns and rosy sunsets and the lovely tones-
Of colourings in gems and jewels, shells and rocks and stones.

Garden flowers and country flowers in varied rainbow hues:
Pinks and purples, grey and silver, lavenders and blues....

What are colours? How would you define them, to the blind,
So imagining, could see them in the mind?

Yellow corn and wine-dark rose, a butterfly's wing.
How could you explain in words this thing called colouring?

Patience Strong



Ladder



Highest Break

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

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Pete Debono

Chris Morris

Del Richards

Brian Bird

John Tanner

Richard Dolton

Chris Huke

Paul Tanner

Ray Salter

Bob Keys

Howard Everard

Always one for keeping fit, Susie did
her regular pelvic floor exercises.



and finally.....

Studies have shown that women who carry a little extra weight around their middle live longer than the men who mention it!

