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The Newsletter of St Johns Community Hall Pembroke Dock

BOOK THE DATE.....IT SOON COMES ROUND

COFFEE MORNING AUGUST 28TH

HOUSEHOLD TIP

When there is no iron available, remove creases from a garment by hanging it up in the bathroom while you have a hot bath – steam makes the creases drop out.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB (OVER 60's)

We meet every Tuesday for a freshly cooked lunch at 12.30pm. There are a few places available. Why not take this opportunity to meet new friends. If you are interested put your name on the list with Phil, Anne or Shirley. Telephone 01646 681962

HALL BOOKINGS AND ACTIVITIES

**We have a number of rooms available to let at various times of the day
And evenings**

Contact Shirley Blayney, St Johns Community Hall, Church Street,
Pembroke Dock SA72 6AR 01646 681962

POLICE FORUM

Having any problems in your area? If so this is your chance to let the police know and find out what they can do about it. The next Police Forum Meeting is on Wednesday 3rd September in the Community Hall at 7pm. Please come along.

JOKE CORNER

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5 and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus was sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus."

QUOTE

If at first you don't succeed... try doing it the way everyone told you to do it in the first place.

DID YOU KNOW BY DAVID JONES

I suppose Pembroke Dock could be considered to be a cosmopolitan community having grown from a lonely farm house and a few dwellings into a proud town that at its peak boasted a population of some 11,000 inhabitants and that was counting the men of the three armed services some of whom you could say married into the town. It started me thinking. Where did the early immigrants come from before settling in or around our town? Most of us would know of or would have known our grandparents and where they were born, but what about our great-grandparents. Not forgetting the early native Pembrokeshire workers who walked or rowed to work in the town, we know that key men were shipped in from the Medway, Portsmouth and Plymouth Naval Dockyards while labourers and artisans shipped aboard vessels from ports in the Bristol Channel and the south coast and as far afield as Ireland to work in the new dockyard town.

We already know the story of Mrs Lily Gaccon's relation, Mr Noakes the master builder, who along with his wife and four sons came to Pembroke Dock from Gillingham. It would be nice to know the origins of other residents of our town and where and how their ancestors might have come before settling in our Town.

If we get sufficient information and response we might be able to share some interesting stories and even map the origins of the founding fathers of our Town. Taking things to the limit I was talking to a Pembrokeshire man who spends much of his time in sailing boats and has a strong feeling that he must have Viking blood in his veins. As a boat widow his wife is convinced that it must be true. Joking apart it is claimed that DNA tests do point to Pembrokeshire people being Nordic.

FUTURE CLASSES

As promised below is a list of courses being run at St Johns Community Hall on behalf of Pembrokeshire College. If you would like to attend any of these classes please call in the office and put your name down. May I suggest you do this soon as places are limited. The courses run for 8 weeks

Community Based Learning Programme

15/9 10.00-12.00 Digital Photography
15/9 13.00-15.00 Getting to know your computer
16/9 10.00-12.00 Desktop Publishing
16/9 13.00-15.00 Internet and Email
17/9 10.00-12.00 Web Design
17/9 13.00-15.00 Research Family History On-line
18/9 10.00-12.00 Power Point in the Gallery
18/9 10.00-12.00 Getting to know your computer
18/9 13.00-15.00 Spreadsheets
19/9 10.00-12.00 Internet and Email
19/9 13.00-15.00 Card Making in the Hall.

OUR SHOP

CHARITY SHOP

Our Charity Shop, which our very able volunteers ran for one week in the St Govan's Centre in July, was a great success. The money raised will go towards the funds for the running of our Community hall. We would like to extend our grateful thanks to everyone who supported us.

SUMMER FETE

Due to the inclement weather the fete this year had to be held indoors, but despite this little inconvenience a good time was had by all who attended. Once again thanks to all our willing helpers and customers. We managed to raise £500 which will be shared between the Church and the Community Hall.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Coffee morning. Thursday 28th August.

Our Annual Raffle will be drawn in October. Tickets now on sale.

Evening of entertainment in October. Watch this space for the all important date.

ANCHORAGE CLUB

Everyone in the Anchorage Group has been working very hard for weeks practicing for their musical concert which will culminate in a wonderful performance, I am sure, on Wednesday 17th September at 11am. Please come along to the Hall to watch all their hard work come to fruition. I was there last year and found it a great experience.

COMMUNICATIONS

As I have a little space in this newsletter I thought I would tell you about a communication I had from my son, who is serving in Afghanistan at the moment. There is a new way of sending letters to the troops now if you have access to the internet, they are called eblueys. It is a form of email. My last ebluey took 26 minutes to arrive at my son's base. He had a letter from a mate who is at another base 5 miles away from him out in the desert and it took 8 weeks. Mark, my son, said his friend would have been better putting the letter on a slow donkey with a bad sense of direction. Shirley

NEW VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS VERY WELCOME

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