

# Wilcove Community Association

# NEWSLETTER

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Summer 2018



## WCA Summer Report

I am writing this whilst still feeling the glow of the successful wine tasting evening on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is a full report in another part of this Newsletter, and a list of our future events. August is traditionally our quiet month, but on 1st September everyone is invited to a Summer Event to be held at Home Farm, courtesy of Bou and Joy Roodenburg. There will be music by local bands and a barbecue on which people can cook their own food.

The Open Gardens event had to be cancelled this year because we had only seven gardens on offer. Quite understandably, they each wanted to open on one day only so that they could look around the other gardens too, leaving just 3 or 4 gardens open each day. Furthermore, the large, established gardens that have been open in previous years, were unavailable this year. The very popular lunches and cream teas that have been part of the Open Gardens event would have clashed with other cream teas on offer nearby this year. In all, we felt there would not be enough to attract sufficient numbers to make the event successful. We will be holding lots more events over the winter and if anyone has any ideas for new events that they would like us to mount, please let one of the committee members know.

*Valerie Jordan*

## Wilcove Short Mat Bowls

Wilcove Short Mat Bowls played a match against Kingsand on the 3rd of May. We had three teams of four to play. Games began at 2pm and we played until 3:15, when it was time for tea and the raffle. Play started again, and after 15 ends in total the afternoon came to an end with the score being Wilcove 39 Kingsand 21 - a successful day for Wilcove. Thank you to all who played and to those who made the tea. Keep bowling straight, teams!

*Dave Ellis*

## Wilcove Gardeners

In March, Wilcove Gardeners held their Spring Flower Show and despite a cold, wet winter and a late start for everything in the garden, there was no shortage of entries on the night. The Outdoor Manager from Saltram, Nick Allison, judged the floral entries, table arrangements and the artistic exhibits and then spoke about the gardens of Antony House. After a very enjoyable evening Nick offered us a guided tour of the gardens at Saltram in the summer.

There was the annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in April, which was well attended and, as usual, the summer bedding plants were particularly popular.

We visited Tregrehan Gardens near St Blazey in May, and were blessed with fine weather on the day. The sheltered walled garden and Victorian glasshouse are within a woodland setting, and are home to many unusual and rare species of plants. A number of us hope for a return visit to this magical garden, and as this goes to press, several of us are revisiting Marsh Villa Gardens in Par.

Finally, a note for your diaries – The Autumn Evening and Produce Show will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September and our speaker will be Trevor Wiltshire, formerly a superintendent at RHS Wisley.

*Sue Philpot*

## Wilcove WI

If you were able to get to the Royal Cornwall Show in June, you may have visited the WI competition stands on view, and even spotted Wilcove WI's entry, 'Picnic On The Beach'. Our craft team produced an embroidered 'noughts and crosses' mat, a crafted bag, a handmade notebook, a beach-crafted wine holder, home-cooked savoury buns and the inevitable (needle-felted) seagull and wasp. We came 8th this year, only 5.5 points behind the winner.

Summer arrived in good time for Wilcove WI's own trip to Hendra Alpaca Farm, a working farm from where the docile alpacas are taken to care homes and schools for their therapeutic benefits. We also enjoyed seeing owls and several exotic creatures there. At the end of the afternoon, members enjoyed a barbecue in the sun.

In addition to the many events organised by the Cornwall Federation, we shall be having our annual trip to Sterts Theatre, a day out to Pinsla Gardens and the Camel Valley Vineyard, and a Heritage Tour of Whitsand Bay Fort.

We are also looking forward to our Annual Summer Garden Party on Sunday 15 July - an Edwardian Suffragette themed event celebrating 100 years of votes for women. Entry will be £5 with proceeds going to St James at Torpoint's 'Home Alone Charity'.

Wilcove WI meet at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall. We have a visiting speaker, except during August and December. You are most welcome to come and enjoy a friendly evening with home-made refreshments.

*Dot Hill*

## Hand Bells June 2018

It's been an eventful few months for us. Following the sudden loss of Ann, our leader for many years, we've had to rally around and pick ourselves up.

I'm now very proud to be leading the Hand Bells with the help of Janet Mitchell as Musical Director. We have welcomed Liz back into the fold and she is doing very well after a number of years of not playing. Pam has also joined us recently which is great as we are now able to play pieces with all 3 octaves of bells. As we have our new uniforms now, we can look good as well!

We have another month of playing before our summer break, then we'll be back in September to practice for our Christmas evening on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December and the other Christmas events we play in each year.

*Sarah Symons*

## Wilcove Art Group

The Art Group continue to meet on alternate Friday afternoons working in whatever medium they choose, amongst them water-colours, acrylics, pastels and inks. We have a range of materials available to use in our store. It is an opportunity for members to devote time to their art without being disturbed or distracted. We are hoping to invite a local artist again to hold a workshop before long, as we have found this to be popular and inspiring for the group. If you are interested in joining us - we are all at different levels of expertise, from beginners to the more experienced - then do please ring 01752-813343 or 812703 for more information.

*Sue Philpot*

## Obituaries

The last eighteen months have been sad for Wilcove. We have lost eight members of our community – Malcolm Davis, Matthew Carton, Ken Knott, Peter Duch, June Smith, Ann Moore and Frankie Eckford. All are missed by their families and friends.

### June Smith

2017 ended with the death of June. Jim and June, with their sons David and Paul, moved into Wilcove in 1964. They quickly settled, June becoming a Parish Councillor for Wilcove. She was also a member of the W.I. for many years and an active member of the Art Club. Jim had many rôles, amongst them as the founding secretary of the Wilcove Moorings Association.

They were both instrumental in keeping the Village Hall at Cove Meadow, June calling a village meeting in 1987 to discuss the future development of the site. They had a keen interest in all village functions, and opened their garden for the village garden walks. They were in sparkling form at the Autumn Lunch in October 2017, but later in the year June died after a short illness. Jim is now a resident at Torcare in Antony. We miss them both, greatly.

*Paddy Knott*

### Ann Moore

We were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden and unexpected death of Ann on 25th February. Ann had recovered so well after a back operation and following traumas. She had just retrieved her driving licence and was in fine form, back to her usual vibrant self.

A former P.E teacher, Ann was a lovely, good, caring and charming lady. She leaves behind a tremendous void in our community. She was involved in many activities: a past president of Wilcove W.I., a key and enthusiastic member of the Handbell Ringers, Chair of the Art group, member of the Short Mat Bowls and a founder member of the local charity, CHAT .

Ann was devoted to her three children and seven grandchildren. She adored them and they her. Keen to travel and very adventurous herself, Ann was so proud of Pete her youngest son when he rowed across the Atlantic.

Ann touched many people's lives and it was a privilege to have known her and worked with her. Her passing is a devastating loss and she will be greatly missed.

*Jean Legge*

### Frankie Eckford

Born Ann Frances Norgate in Malacca, Malaysia in 1940, Frankie with her mum and sister, were evacuated through Singapore in WWII, one step ahead of the Japanese army. They came to the UK and settled in Norfolk, then later near Kingsbridge in Devon. Her father died in a POW camp in Burma.

After attending Badminton College in Bristol Frankie went to art school in Plymouth. In 1961 she moved to London where she first met Miles. They met again in 1962 at the Island Cruising Club in Salcombe. They got engaged and were married in November 1963. After living in a flat in Plymouth, they bought a houseboat on the Thames near Staines, where their first daughter, Rachel, was born. Later they bought a Dutch barge, Scaldis, where Sophie was born.

In 1971 Frankie bought Thunderbird Cottage, which she later renamed to its original - Rooks Cottage, and Katie was born in Plymouth. Frankie joined the village committee and was very active in the various fetes, street parties, barn dances, harvest festivals and the Village Youth Group.

In her later years Frankie attended art- and keep fit classes, and was a keen supporter of village functions. She adopted an ex racing greyhound called Breezer, and through her gentle handling of him, turned him from a shy nervous dog into one who would quite happily accompany her on walks around the village.

Frankie made many close friends through the village, past neighbours, her girls, Breezer, and her various activities, and will be remembered as a wife, loving mother, grand- and great grandmother, and a faithful friend. Always helping in any way that she knew how, Frankie has left a large hole in the lives of the people who knew and loved her.

*Rachel Eckford*

### New World Wine Tasting Evening

On 23rd June, the WCA held another wine tasting evening. We had a full house, and sampled New World wines from South Africa, Australia and New Zealand - a white and red wine from each country, and Graham Annear, with his extensive knowledge of wines, kindly agreed to tell us about them.

Graham's wife Gill organised a wine quiz to start the evening, and the winning table took home a bottle of New World wine. The Committee members organised barbecued chicken, potato wedges, salad and coleslaw for the main course, followed by a cheese board.

Thanks are due to Graham and Gill, Committee members and friends who helped, and everyone who came along to support us, all of whom helped make the evening a great success.

Our next tasting will be of wines from the USA, and details will be published in due course. Thank you once again for your wonderful support.

*Tryna Feesey*

### Parish Council News

A Public Information event concerning the Yonderberry (Thanckes) Jetty upgrade is to take place on July 18<sup>th</sup> in the Torpoint Town Council Hall between 2 pm and 8 pm. Should further information about this become available it will be posted on the village notice board.

*Lady Diana Coward*

### Future events June 2018

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December

**Coffee Morning & Sale**

**Barbeque outside the Hall**

**Home Farm Summer Event**

**Gardeners' Evening & Produce Show**

**Coffee Morning & Sale**

**Autumn Lunch**

**Christmas Craft Sale Coffee Morning**

**Handbell Christmas Evening**

**Christmas Party**

**New Year's Eve Party**

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