

# The St. Florence Flyer

Newsletter of the Village Association: May 2008



## Coming Events

W.I. Resolutions for the AGM in Liverpool	May 12 <sup>th</sup>
Lunch time - Luncheon Club Meeting	May 15 <sup>th</sup>
Tempest Photographer 8.30am - 9am onwards	May 16 <sup>th</sup>
6pm, Children's School Bingo Evening at St Flor-	May 16 <sup>th</sup>
9.30am Swimming Gala at Tenby Leisure Centre	May 19 <sup>th</sup>
Robin Hood school concert (6pm)	June 17 <sup>th</sup>
Auction for Church Funds Village Hall	27th June
Blooming Generation – Strawberry Cream Tea	July 2 <sup>nd</sup>
1.15pm School Sports Day at the Village Playing	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Luncheon Club Trip to see Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	July 10 <sup>th</sup>
9.30am "School Music and Coffee Morning" all	July 16 <sup>th</sup>
Last Day of term at school	July
Church Fete Village Hall	July 29 <sup>th</sup>
Bank Holiday Monday – Fun Day at the Village	Aug 25 <sup>th</sup>

## Announcements / News

Double celebrations for the 27<sup>th</sup> April: Congratulations to Alex, Wayne, Noah and Joab on the arrival of their baby boy. He was born on April 27<sup>th</sup> weighing 7lbs 2oz. All is well :-)

Plus a very Happy Birthday to Jo Davies, of Court Vale, High Street who celebrated her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday last week, many sore heads the next day I believe :-)

## Village Hall Refurbishment

The refurbishment and upgrade to the village hall will be completed by June. The Business Plan put forward last year has been strictly adhered to and an amazing amount of work has been accomplished seeing that we only had 3 months to complete the project. There is a large shortfall of income from the village hall to meet the running costs of the premises. The aim of the project is to **generate increased usage** of the hall to make it a more viable proposition and at the same time provide the necessary facilities requested by the residents and surrounding rural communities. It will benefit all villagers in St Florence if we can reduce the running costs to the playing fields and village hall by more usage of the premises.

## Wildlife

This time of year is when the baby birds are sitting quietly in their nests when "Mr or Mrs Cat" is prowling around and waiting to pounce. Giving your cat a collar fitted with a bell or a sonar device will reduce the number of birds it catches. You can buy collars that are fitted with a quick release mechanism that is safer for your cat. Keeping your cat indoors at dusk and dawn, when birds are most vulnerable, will also help. If you keep your cat well fed, they are less likely to hunt and are more likely to stay close to home which may curb their hunting instincts. For more information regarding this issue, you can visit the RSPB website or call the Birds and wildlife advice line on: 01767 693 690



## Footpaths

Now that summer is approaching, it's time to remind our friends, visitors and tourists that a little care and common sense is required when using our lovely network of footpaths in and around St. Florence. Please stick to the paths wherever possible, however, it's good practice to take little detours around groups of cattle and livestock, rather than disturbing them by walking through the herd; after all, it's their land and home!

Special care **MUST** be taken if you feel the cattle may be dangerous, especially cows with calves or young bulls etc. Ask the nearest farm whether they are dangerous, "they will know". Your safety is paramount, so if detours are necessary from the footpaths, to avoid such situations, please return to the path as soon as you feel safe to do so. The 2008 issue of the National Parks magazine 'Coast to Coast' has a very good section of walking amongst cattle.

## Village Website

The Village Website is now available and continuously being updated. Should you have any suggestions or ideas for it, please contact Amanda Davies on 01834 871441 or email [Daviesaj1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Daviesaj1@yahoo.co.uk). If anyone would like to advertise accommodation on the website i.e. B&B, hotels, with the summer around the corner, please email me and I will update the information on the website. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the flyer or would like to help our environment by receiving the flyer by email, please email me with your details or alternatively telephone me.

## Duck Race 2008

There was this duck that walked into a bar and sat down in a stool and the bartender said, "Can I help you?"

The duck said, "quack, quack, quack, got any raisins?"

The bartender said, "NO! This is a bar and we don't sell raisins."

The duck walked out and then he came in the next day and sat in the very same stool!

The bartender walked over and asked him if he could help him? The duck said, "quack, quack, quack, got any raisins?"

The bartender said, "NO this is a BAR we don't sell raisins!" So the duck walked out again and left.

He came back the next day and sat in the same stool once again! The duck yelled at the bartender, "quack, quack, quack, got any raisins?"

The bartender said, "NO. And if you come back here once more I am gonna nail your webbed feet to the ground." The duck said, "ok", and left.

The next day came and sure enough the duck came back except he only peeped his head inside the door. He said, "quack, quack, got any raisins?" The bartender replied, "No!"

The duck said "Good, then you got any raisins?"

Although Easter was very early this year, the Village Association held it's ever popular Duck Race on the Ritec river. A large crowd walked along the river bank cheering on their ducks. £50.00 of prize money went to the first 3 winning ducks, 1<sup>st</sup> prize £25.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £15.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £10.00.

This year a new race was held, which was a huge success. Children were invited to bring along their own ducks or bath toy to

race down the river, there were at least 28 – 30 toys racing and this was very exciting because the children were able to follow their own toy to the finish line. Other attractions on the day were hot dogs, Teddy Tombola stall and an Egg & Spoon race.

A huge thank you to those who participated and especially for the helpers, who made this event such a success. "A fantastic" £613.50 was raised from the

Duck Race, less expenditure, we are pleased to announce that the Village Association have rounded up the profit to £400.00 which was given to the Community Council. The Community Council have very kindly donated the money to our "Improve our Village Park" funds.

There are excellent photos on the St. Florence Web Site to view, thanks to Mr Ray Hine, from the Tenby and District Camera Club.

## Dog Mess

So many people use the footpath from the village shop along the Ritec towards the Mill and Fiddlers Lane. It is a constant minefield of dog mess, which is very frustrating and therefore this is a message to all dog owners; please ensure that any dog mess is picked up and appropriately disposed of as diseases such as Parvovirus and Toxocariasis can be passed on from it.

**PARVOVIRUS:** This virus can remain infectious in ground soiled with dog faeces for up to 5 months. If the faeces are stepped in the

virus can be transmitted to your dog through houses, cars and gardens via your shoes. Parvovirus can be fatal. The symptoms in dogs can include foul-smelling, bloody diarrhea, loss of appetite, vomiting, fever, lethargy followed by dehydration, shock and death if not successfully treated.

**TOXOCARIASIS:** This is a disease caused by the round-worm *Toxocaria Canis* which is found in dog faeces (not to be confused with *Toxoplasmosis* which is caused by the parasite *Toxoplasma Gondii* and found in CAT faeces). It is thought

that up to 70% puppies have this worm and up to 40% adult dogs. In most cases the worm will not cause any symptoms in dogs, however if humans are infected the parasite can cause Ocular larva migrans, an eye disease which can result in blindness. The other form of this disease is Visceral larva migrans which causes swelling of the organs and nervous system. Symptoms can include coughing, asthma and pneumonia.

Ref: ([http://www.burns-pet-nutrition.co.uk/clean\\_up.htm](http://www.burns-pet-nutrition.co.uk/clean_up.htm))

## Youth Club

Following the meeting held on Wednesday March 19th we had a very encouraging outcome and we hope to re-start the youth club during May, day and times to be advertised on the local notice boards and St. Florence Website.

## Barn Dance

The barn dance was a massive success. 78 tickets were sold and it was a great mix of all ages. A great night was had by all and hopefully photos will soon be available on the web site to view. In excess of £500.00 was raised, which will go in our funds to improve our village park.

## Community Council

The number of Councillors on the Community Council has been reduced from 9 to 8 and should any villager have any issues regarding the village, please contact any one of the Councillors. Contact details will be displayed on the St Florence Website.

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## St. Florence W. I.

The WI meets in the Village Hall on the 2nd Monday of the month at 1.45pm. We always look forward to welcoming new members to enjoy our monthly get togethers. We enjoy chatting over refreshments and often have guest speakers, plus other events include fund-raising Welsh teas, outings and general socialising. Should you be interested in joining our meetings, please contact either Mrs M Evans on 01834 871439 or Mrs D Gedrych on 01834 871510.

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## Luncheon Club

The next meeting for the Luncheon Club is on Thursday 15th May at the Village Hall. We normally meet once a fortnight at the Hall for lunch - anyone who would like to join us, or for any information regarding the Luncheon Club, please ring Mary Evans 01834 871439, or Doreen Evans 01646 651306.

The Luncheon Club will be having a Summer trip to the Millennium Theatre, Cardiff, on Thursday 10th July, to see "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" - there are a few seats left, if anyone is interested in coming along please contact Mary Evans for details."

New members and volunteer helpers are very welcome.

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## Blooming Generation

The Blooming Generation Strawberry Cream Tea will take place on Wednesday, 2nd July, 2008, from 3 - 5 pm in the Village Hall and playing field if weather permits.

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## Cricket Club

The season is now upon us and we have 9 home games. If there is any volunteers out there PLEASE to help with the teas, sandwiches, cakes etc for the home games, we would be extremely grateful. Please contact: Keith Nixon on 01834 871887 or Paul Varallo on 01834 871589.

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## School

We are extremely fortunate that we have a successful and friendly school in our village and that parents take such an active interest in supporting the school (thank you), including raising amazing amounts of money to enable the school to really enrich the curriculum and provide the best support and teaching possible

It is because the local school is the beating heart of the village and therefore we have to continue to support it.

Friends of St. Florence School (F.O.S.S.) have many exciting events coming up, to include a school bingo evening, back to school dinner for parents, friends, guardians etc plus many more. These events will be advertised on the St Florence Website, plus around the village and school and so we look forward to seeing you at these events.

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## One-Way System

It has been noted that many children ride their bikes and skateboards around the one way system the wrong way, even vehicles have been seen driving the wrong way around the system, this is extremely dangerous behaviour and therefore, we are asking you to please respect the village one-way system and ensure that care and attention is taken whilst using the roads within the village.

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## Tenby & District Camera Club

An enthusiastic club catering for all levels of ability from beginners to professional photographers - all are welcome. Meetings are held every Thursday 7.30pm - 10pm from September to May (Autumn season) for more information please contact Doug Williams on 01834 811190 (Chairman) or Jill Baxter on 01646 651361 (Treasurer) or visit the website <http://www.tenby-camera-club.co.uk/>

