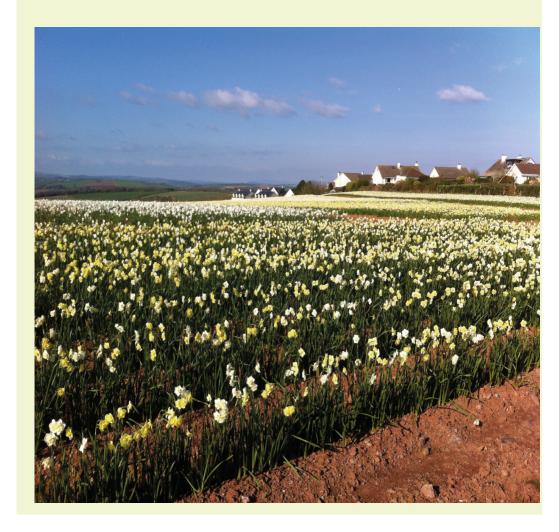
# SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER

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#### From the Editor

When I reviewed the last issue of the newsletter, it left me with a slight feeling of doom and gloom - the general content giving a sense of uncertainty and change.

Compared with this issue, it was a veritable bundle of laughs, the dreadful fire at the Finnygook, our Christmas was never the same with the spectre of the ruins overshadowing us. Just about everyone has been affected by the bugs and flu that have been rampant. Some of our neighbours suffered floods of sewerage. We said our goodbyes to six of our family, friends and neighbours, and the weather did nothing to lift the spirit.

You can now read the Newsletter on line. Go to **sheviockparish.org.uk/parishnewsletter/** to access this, and previous copies.

If you have any contributions you'd like to see printed in the newsletter, do please get in touch. Any items submitted should be original, or with the owner's permission, and you'll have a world wide readership.

**Steve Medway** 

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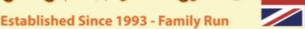




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#### **Phantom Debt Fraud**

Action Fraud has recently experienced an increase in the number of calls to members of the public by fraudsters requesting payments for a "phantom" debt. The fraud involves being cold-called by someone purporting to be a debt collector, bailiff or other type of enforcement agent. The fraudster may claim to be working under instruction of a court, business or other body and suggest they are recovering funds for a non-existent debt.

The fraudsters are requesting payment, sometimes by bank transfer and if refused, they threaten to visit homes or workplaces in order to recover the supposed debt that is owed. In some cases, the victim is also threatened with arrest. From the reports Action Fraud has received, this type of fraud is presently occurring throughout the UK.

It is important to recognise that there are key differences between the various entities who seek to settle debts or outstanding fees in England and Wales. These differences range from the type of debt they will enforce to the legal powers they possess. To learn more, please take a look at some of the helpful information and links on the Step Change Debt Charity website;

https://www.stepchange.org/ debt-info/debt-collection/ bailiffs-and-debt-collectors- differences.aspx

#### **Protect Yourself**

Make vigorous checks if you ever get a cold call. Bailiffs for example, should always be able to provide you with a case number and warrant number, along with their name and the court they are calling from; make a note of all details provided to you.

If you receive a visit from a bailiff, they must always identify themselves as a Court Bailiff at the earliest possible opportunity. Ask to see their identity card which they must carry to prove who they are, this card shows their photograph and identity number. They will also carry the physical warrant showing the debt and endorsed with a court seal.

If you work for a business and receive a call or visit, be sure to speak with your manager or business owner first. Never pay the debts yourself on behalf of the business you work for; some fraudsters have suggested employees make payment suggesting they can then be reimbursed by their employer when in reality the debt is non-existent.

Exercise caution believing someone is genuine because you've found something on the internet; fraudsters could easily create fake online profiles to make you believe them.

Double check with the court, company or public body they claim to work for to confirm whether the call is legitimate; if you use a landline make sure you hear the dialling tone prior to dialling as the caller could still be on the line and you could potentially speak to the fraudster(s) to confirm the non-existent debt. Also be sure to independently search for a telephone number to call; never use a number provided by the caller without carrying out your own research.

Do not feel rushed or intimidated to make a decision based on a phone call. Take five and listen to your instincts.

If you know you have a debt, keep in regular contact with your creditor and be sure to establish the debt type at the earliest opportunity if you are not aware. This will help you to understand who might be in contact with you regarding any repayments or arrears.

You can report suspicious calls like these to Action Fraud by visiting <a href="https://www.actionfaud.police.uk">www.actionfaud.police.uk</a> or by calling 0300 123 2040.

# **Parish Spring Clean**

The Parish Spring Clean has been scheduled for Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> start at 10.30.

There is a proposal to tidy the length of verge to the west of the cross in Crafthole, by removing the vegetation and spoil back towards the wall. This would provide additional parking space, as well as improving the appearance of this area.

Please contact Chris Kennedy on 230810 for details on this task.

Paula Brookes is co-ordinating the tidy up

of the Portwrinkle flower beds. Contact Paula on 07900 553116

Maybe you have other ideas to contribute to the tidiness of the parish. The most straightforward way is to tidy the stretch outside your home, maybe tidy any stretches occupied by those unable to do their own, walk the road in which you live, and pick any litter you see. Do not put yourself in danger, if it can't be done safely, don't do it.

Our Parish clean correspondent.

#### SHEVIOCK MEMORIAL HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB £5 a YEAR gives chance to win £10 EVERY week.

# WINNERS 13th November 2017 to 13th February 2018

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14/11/17 Ian Sco	ott 97	7 02/01/	18 Caroline Fletch	ner 157
21/11/17 Judy C	ridland 283	09/01/	18 Steve Medway	229
28/11/17 Jamie 9	Shepherd 80	16/01/	18 B Parkinson	207
05/12/17 Julie Ka	ayes 75	5 23/01/	18 Beth Worth	136
12/12/17 Richard	Ballard 251	30/01/	18 James@No9 K	FC) 119
19/12/17 David 9	Smith 152	07/02/	18 Mike Claughto	n 34
26/12/17 Margar	et Jones 209	13/02/	18 Anna Carter	88

It's the start of the new year and the collectors will be out and about for your kind contributions. If you see them first- hand it straight to them or pop it into my letter box. Your £5 yearly stake gives you the chance to win £10 every week and greatly helps to support the Village Hall.

Remember, all money raised is used to help to improve your hall and its facilities, which are available to all residents of the Parish. If you would like to join the supporter's club, please give me a call and I will happily allocate a number.

If you only take part in one flutter this year it has to be the Sheviock Memorial Hall Supporter's Club. A guaranteed £10 winner every week, except Christmas week, and it supports the Hall.

James Carter. Tel: 230757. Address - 17 Kimberley Foster Close

# Crafthole and District Open Flower Show Andrea Evans

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018 Sheviock Memorial Hall

# Spring Fundraiser: Saturday 21st April, 2018, 10 to 12 Noon, Memorial Hall

Roll up, roll up, it's not long now until the fundraiser event for this year's show! As usual, we will be presenting you with an opportunity to multi-task in the most enjoyable fashion – yep, buying plants and eating cake. Surely a Saturday morning doesn't get much better than that?

Please come along to enjoy a cuppa and a yarn with friends.

#### Flower and Vegetable Show

Preparation for this year's schedule of classes is moving on apace, and it will be enclosed with the June edition of this newsletter. As a few daffodils are wafting in the breeze already (or as I write, hoolie!), and to aid your spring planting, we can whet your appetites with news of some vegetable class changes (cue Top of the Pops music):

#### **IN FOR 2018**

Spring Onions Turnips Cauliflowers

Radishes

#### **OUT FOR 2018**

Broad Beans Hybrid Shallots Cabbage Chillies

As always, we love to hear your ideas and suggestions, and are always looking for volunteers to help us on the day, so if you'd like to get involved please email Gill Kennedy on gillk1066@btinternet.com.

#### **Garden Competition**

We will be holding the annual competition in July once again – the actual date to be confirmed in the next newsletter, along with entry forms. You can either enter your entire garden, or if container gardening is more your thing, you can just enter those. So if you've given your garden a makeover this year, or are particularly pleased with your plumage, go on – have a go. The results are announced at the show in August, and you may even win a cup (though it's the taking part that counts of course)!

# **Every Little Helps**

Chris Kennedy reported that a £1000 grant has been guaranteed by Tesco for the Open space. This could be increased to £2000 or £4000 depending on the number of "votes by token" received at the Tesco Callington stores this March and April.

So, if you are out that way, why not pop into the Callington Tesco store and do a bit of shopping, and add your vote to this appeal. This should help to fund a disabled pathway and seat/table.

# **Finnygook News**

be a corker!!

As I'm sure everyone knows- the Finny experienced a fire in December and will sadly be shut for the foreseeable future. Erika, Neil and all the staff at the finny would firstly like to say a massive thank you to all of you for your support, love and good wishes. Every single message, quick chat and well wishes has kept us positive and thankful for where we live during a pretty dark time. So thank you. It goes without saying we miss you all as much as we miss the Finny. Jess and his team, as well as us, all want it back up and running as soon as is humanly possible- and we'll all do everything we can to do so, but it will be a little while. Please don't forget us- please stay in touch (we

can still receive emails!) keep an eye on Facebook

where we'll update as much as we can- and most im-

portantly- make sure you come to the reopening- it'll

Erika Ling

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Rick Jolly Sue Jolly

Rick first came to my home in Millbrook at Whitsun in 1967. He drove for nine hours from London -no motorways then- whilst I slept having worked eight consecutive nights on duty at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Needless to say, he wondered where on earth I lived!!

The next day, May 29th, Sir Francis Chichester sailed into Plymouth Sound. He was the first person to circumnavigate the world solo from west to east. Hundreds of us lined the cliff tops to welcome him home as well as an amazing flotilla. Rick could see the beauty of 'the Forgotten Corner' and was 'hooked'.

In 1972 he joined The Royal Navy as an obstetrician and was immediately sent to The Royal Marines! His first appointment was as a junior doctor in the newly formed Commando Logistic Regiment in Stonehouse Barracks. He commuted from Millbrook by running to and from home and the Cremyll Ferry - magical.....

We eventually found a house that we could almost afford and moved into Carew Close in June 1973. When Rick was at home there was a lot of laughter, numerous barbecues, hikes to Blackyball

beach, picnics and expeditions on the river as well as numerous house extensions.

However, Rick was often away and sometimes in the public eye. Nothing pleased him more than to return to the peace of Crafthole where he could be himself, enjoy the stunning view from our house and all that The Rame Peninsula had to offer, including easy friendship.

When he was away, he knew that James and I were not only supported by family, but by the village of Crafthole too. How much The Jolly's have benefitted from that support! - both in 1989 when James died and latterly when Rick's health was in decline.

I was determined to nurse Rick at home and was able to do so with the help of wonderful carers, Doctor Lawrence Barnes and the community nurses. But I still would not have managed without the love and tremendous support from very special people who live around me. I owe so much to those friends and to the villagers of Crafthole.

Thank you all so very much, Sue Jolly

# A plea from the residents of Crafthole Road

The residents of Crafthole Road unfortunately suffer on a regular basis from blockages of the sewerage system. When this occurs, their gardens become flooded with the contents of all the adjacent toilets in the system.



**South West Water** tell us that the biggest cause of blockage are caused by inappropriately flushing **baby wipes**, **hygiene wipes**, **cleaning wipes**, **cleansing pads and sanitary products down the loo**.

Apart from the obvious unpleasantness and health hazard, these blockages cost about £4.5 million a year, which is paid by for by increases to our bills.

"We work hard to help our customers so we actively encourage everyone to love their loo by only flushing pee, paper and poo." Say South West Water.

But so many products say they are flushable and biodegradable!

Confusing isn't it? Here are the facts according to South West Water

### FLUSHABLE

Flushable on the packaging refers to being able to

pass though the toilet bowl. Even though they disappear from your toilet bowl, because they don't break down fast enough they build up in pipes and cause blockages. They should be disposed of via the bin and not the loo.

#### BIODEGRADABLE

Things like wipes and

sanitary products don't break down as quickly as toilet paper. Even though they say biodegradable they take much longer to break down, which is why they contribute to blockages and should be disposed of via the bin and not the loo.

### **CRAFTHOLE COMMUNITY SHOP CIC**

# **Bryan Pullinger**

#### - Almost a decade!

In March 2018, we celebrated 9 years since Crafthole Community shop was opened - and what an asset the shop has been to our village and the many thousands of visitors over the years. Only this week, one of those annual Spring visitors commented to me what a well-stocked shop we had and how much they have appreciated the service they have received year by year.

And we are hoping to continue to be a 'life line' to many, as well as being a convenient store to pop in and get those household requisites which we've "just run out of". So, please do continue to support 'our' - that is 'your' shop, as we enter our 10th year.

We also need more volunteers to help in the shop. Be assured you will be given some training in the use of the till and other matters like restocking the shelves. Just phone Ellen on 01503 230225 to offer your services in joining our happy band of volunteers. You will made very welcome!

And, if you haven't done so, do pop in and see the large range of goods and services we have to offer - all at very competitive prices; thereby saving you time and money in travelling to nearby supermarkets.

Advance Notice: The shop's AGM will be at the Sheviock Memorial Hall in May 2018 - watch out for actual date and time in due course.

Bryan Pullinger Director Crafthole Community Shop C.I.C.

# **Sheviock Parish**

# Chairman's Report

On the day of the December council meeting we were to witness the fire that engulfed the Finnygook Inn at Crafthole. Obviously the last thing to concern us was the meeting so it was cancelled. The village was completely blocked by the Fire Brigade vehicles which attended, I would like to thank all who helped at this time with arranging evacuation of affected neighbours, also the Fire Brigade who dealt with the incident in a competent manner.

Good luck to Jesse Earle, along with Erica and Neil Ling in their efforts to restore the Finnygook to it's former glory.



It is proposed to close Donkey Lane,
Portwrinkle, to traffic 19<sup>th</sup> - 23 rd March for road repairs.

### **Peter Nicholas**

The council wish to extend their thoughts to the family of Peter Nicholas.

Peter was a councillor on the parish council for some time. I learned a lot from Peter as a newly elected councillor. He continued to be a valuable source of knowledge to the council when matters within Peter's field of expertise arose.

Condolences to Susan, Katie, Tom and Toby.

# ..\_...Play Park

Paula Brooks very kindly conducts safety checks on the play park equipmet and commented on how well looked after everything is. Tidiness begets tidiness - well done to all who use the facilities.

#### **Gull Proof Bags**

are available in the Crafthole Community shop for £3.50. These are a useful alternative to bins, blankets or torn open bin liners. Whatever you use to prevent the littering of rubbish, please do it.

### **Sheviock Parish Council**

Nancy Gray Parish Clerk 01503 232996 sheviockpc@btinternet.com Tues 11-15 - 2.24 Fri 11-15 - 2.45 at the Parish Council office in the Bill Warren Room at the Memorial Hall. Nancy can be contacted at other times by e-mail

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Sat 10<sup>th</sup> March Whitsand Bay Hotel, Portwrinkle Paula Brooks, Erika Ling
Sat 12<sup>th</sup> May Crafthole Community shop Steve Medway, Warren Evans

# **Council News**

#### **Defibrillators**

The ongoing saga of the defibrillators sees us awaiting electrical supplies at Tredis, then the installations can continue.

Training will be organised once all the units have been completed. However, should you be in a position to need to use a defibrillator prior to having had training, I am informed use is foolproof as spoken instructions are given by the machine

**The Traffic Light Trial** report was considered during the January Council meeting. Having reviewed the outcomes in relation to the Project Objective, it was decided unanimously not to support an application to Cornwall County Council to pursue the installation of traffic lights.

While I appreciate that there will be some disappointment, the hard work of the report will be put to good use in supporting other traffic control measures, such as improved signage, and the eventual junction improvements at Antony.

Steve Medway, Chairman

# **Mary Cooper**

### In Appreciation of a Village Character

It is not every day that a house-hunting couple are rescued by a ball of string and two nails wielded by a stunning lady in spangled jeans who was actually in her sixties; but this was the introduction to Crafthole that Mary Cooper gave to Oscar and Jenny. A few minutes measuring up using the string and nails showed conclusively that their camper van would not fit on the driveway of that particular house in the middle of the village, but Mary was undaunted and knew the solution, there was another property available, and it proved to be the one that they actually moved into shortly afterwards. Mary had had another dramatic triumph!

She was born in Leeds in 1941, and the early years of her life were spent in a small village on its outskirts.

Music was one of her gifts, and such was the quality of her voice that she was awarded a full scholarship to the Guildhall School of Music in London at the unusually young age of sixteen. This was followed by study with some of the best teachers of the day, including a period in Germany. In addition to performing professionally

#### Simon Whittaker

in opera, she also gave stage performances in and outside London.

She married Tom, a pharmacist with two shops, which was a great blessing to her. He provided a level of stability and loyalty which was undisturbed by her pranks and escapades, all of which she could excuse by her Irish heritage and red hair. From him, she learned about medicines, and became knowledgeable, being helped by having a photographic memory.

A particular passion was antiques, the buying and selling of which was a constant source of triumphs and disasters.

Her approach to life was uniquely hers. She had the strength of character to carry through with her own decisions irrespective of whether they made any sense to us in our reality; it was her own reality and her own truth that was important to her. Many, many people, and animals, benefitted from her love, care and generosity throughout her life; and in return, always, someone came along to help and support her.

Serious illness followed her through her life, and her recovery and survival amazed her doctors, but her health had not been good for many years. Her worries and anxieties have at last been lifted and she has now found peace.

# Annual Report Sheviock Garden Club 2017 Dee Medway

**2017** was an excellent year for our garden club with interesting speakers and some great outings. Thank you to everyone for your continued support which is much appreciated.

Our Speakers last year included talks by Chris and Gill Kennedy (An Introduction to the Fortunate Islands and their Flora), Tricia Howard (A Year in the Garden at Hidden Valley), Nick Bacon (Growing Veg the Old Fashioned Way) and Stewart Pocock (Pococks Roses).

Trips out included Plants Galore and Saltram House, Lukesland Gardens, Harford, Lethytep, Penadlake, Lanreath and Saltram Illuminations.

In July we had our annual Garden Safari. A big thank you to all those who invited us into their gardens and to Julie and Peter for a delicious cream tea and finally our New Year Lunch in January at The Whitsand Bay Hotel which was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

There were two fund raising events in July and December for the Memorial Hall. Many thanks to all those who helped with the preparation/donations



and manning of the stalls and I was delighted that our Christmas stall won the prize for best display.

Special thanks to David, our Treasurer, Judy for organising our meeting refreshments, Bob Stevenson, our Hall Committee representative and Steve for helping me with the posters. In conclusion may I wish everyone a great gardening year in 2018 and hope that the club continues to thrive.

# Garden Club Programme 2018

DATE	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	
Thurs 1 Mar 7pm	The Plants and Flowers of Crete's	Tim Ellis	
	Mountains and Gorges		
Mon 6 April 7pm	The Garden at Andrew's Corner	Robin Hill	
	(50 years of gardening on Dartmoor)		
Sat 5 May 10am	Visit to Andrew's Corner, Belstone	Okehampton	
Sat 23 June 10am	Visit to Pococks Roses Nursery, Mitchel	l Newquay	
Sat 7 July 2pm	Garden Safari & Cream Tea	Sheviock Parish	
August	No Meeting		
Sat 8 Sept 10 am	Visit to Orchid Paradise & Gardens	Newton Abbot at Trago Mills	
Thurs 4 Oct 7pm	Daffodil - Old and New	Ron Scamp	
Mon 19 Nov 7pm	Pests & Diseases- their control using	Nick Bacon	
	items in your own home		
Sat 15 Dec 2pm	Illuminations - Trelissick House & Gard	ens Truro	
Sat 19 Jan 1pm	New Year Lunch	TBC	
Mon 18 Feb 7pm	AGM	Memorial Hall	

Meetings are usually held at the Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafthole on either the  $1^{st}$  Thursday or  $3^{rd}$  Monday of every month at 7pm

Membership Fees:- £10 per garden, £1 per meeting, non-members £2 Enquiries – Dee Medway (Secretary) 01503 230661

Nature Notes Sue Wilks

In spite of the wet wet wet, there are signs of spring springing and the days are lengthening. I wonder if the old saying, A wet January, A wet spring, holds true. We have spotted some blackthorn blossom in a sheltered site on Tregantle ranges recently.



The witch hazels and the hellebores are flowering in the garden. Snowdrops are in the hedgerows and daffodils are pushing through the undergrowth.

I'm looking forward to the field next to Carew Close . Last year they were magnificent and the scent was glorious.

Out walking I've come upon two groups of magpie feathers. No carcasses to be seen. It must have been a wily predator, for they are canny birds. There have been lots of deer sightings locally but it's still great to see the spoor and track them. The winter hungry badgers are digging the golf course as usual.



My outdoor overwintering salad and onions are growing apace. We are lucky in the South West with our climate. It is very noticeable how green our grass is and the length of the growing season. This is in complete contrast to the Lakeland Hill farm where I stayed for Christmas. They have to feed their stock from October to May. Snow on the mountains was a treat. But oh so cold for a soft southerner! Wacker Quay walkway is a sea of mud but great for watching waders

at half-tide and lower. I've seen flocks of widgeon and shellduck and the wonderful curlew with their long curved probing beak.

The severe frosty mornings have lain like snow on our landscape. I continue to treasure the joy of living on the coast and watching the weather move through. The amazing violent thunderstorm last month was directly overhead. Seeing it move eastwards was spectacular. Scary for pets and wildlife though.

Daises and dandelions are flowering in the lawn, the paths are greening with celandines, wild garlic and dog's mercury. The marigold on the Eco house wall at Portwrinkle has been flowering all winter. The hazel catkins seem brighter and larger this year . Busy, noisy birds everywhere. Dolphins have been spotted in the bay. So much to note in nature.

# Crafthole And District W.I. Report

# **Teresa Colrein**

Looking back to 2017, our group enjoyed a very professional and classy production of the musical "Top Hat" in the Devonport Theatre and we certainly look forward to visiting future productions. Then in December, our 3 course Christmas meal at the Whitsand Bay Hotel was in lieu of a meeting - once again, we enjoyed good food, good company and an excellent start to the Christmas season.

In January 2018, the community bus took us on our annual outing to the panto in the Theatre Royal (Peter Pan), which was magical and very child friendly. At our February meeting we will welcome Mr. Roy Beaumont, who is going to give a talk about "Street pastors of Plymouth". Visitors are always welcome, as are new members. The annual subscription is £41, for which you will enjoy various and varied speakers throughout the year and receive a monthly magazine and newsletter. We also try to organise one or two extra curricular activities for members to enjoy.

Teresa Colrein President

# **Local Bus Service Update**

**Geoff. Cadwallader RPPTUG** 

Yes CityBus will again be making some changes to our local bus service in May when they will be amalgamating the No. 75 Torpoint to Liskeard Service with their No. 76 Liskeard - St.Germans Route. As far as I am aware there will not be any significant changes to the 70B Portwrinkle – Plymouth Bus Service

The new 75 Service will now operate from Torpoint to Liskeard via Antony, Crafthole, Downderry, Seaton, Hessenford, Polbathic, St.Germans, Kernow Mill, Bethany, Doddycross, Menheniot, and Merymeet. Obviously the journey time from Crafthole to Liskeard will be increased and this will be from 39/41 minutes now to between 63 and 71 minutes in the new service. However, the number of buses will be increased from 5 to 6 buses each way on weekdays (although 1 outward bus will terminate on school days at Menheniot), and the new service could open up new opportunities for travel from Crafthole. With 6 buses each way on weekdays it will certainly be feasible to shop at Kernow Mill, and it could be possible to connect with some trains at St. Germans, and maybe even to attend the Quay Lane Surgery.

Following up from my comments in the December newsletter we have not yet been able to persuade City Bus to run all their buses on the 75 route via Sheviock, and call there and at the Kimberley Foster Bus Stops in Crafthole. We will stress that there is a social need here for those without their own transport being able to use the bus to go to Liskeard Hospital.

There is a BBC Report just out based on an analysis of the Department of Transport Data, which states that the bus network in the UK is at its lowest level since 1989 having shrunk nationally by over 20 %, so we have to be pleased that we have been able to substantially reverse this trend over the same period with our villages now having a very good bus service, that is partially thanks in no small measure to the recent service improvements made by Plymouth City Bus.

Our Rame Peninsula Public Transport Users Group will be holding its A.G.M. in the COMMITTEE ROOM of the TORPOINT COUNCIL CHAMBERS at 1-3 Buller Road, Torpoint on THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH COMMENCING AT 2.30pm. The meeting will be attended by representatives from Plymouth City Bus & Cornwall Council. If you are interested in our local bus service then please come along to this meeting, when you will have the opportunity to raise any relevant questions about our local bus service or the rail service stopping at St.Germans Station.

# **Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafthole**

I hope that you all had a great Christmas, though it seem eons away now and I hope that you enjoyed the New Year's Dance early in January 2018.

In the December Magazine I asked what would you like to see happening at the village hall next year? As yet there have been no ideas. Perhaps when the weather changes you will tell a member of the Management Team what you would like that the hall does not offer. At the beginning of February we held our 43<sup>rd</sup> AGM when it was hoped that as many people as possible would attend and show support for the hard working people who, annually, continue to perform miracles by ensuring you, in the Sheviock Parish, have a hall of which you should be rightly proud. Where were you? Perhaps next year a few more will come along and show their support!

Following this annual AGM there have been just a few changes on the committee, for, as we are all aware the committee is generally made up of mainly representatives from the various organisations that use the hall on a regular basis. There are a few "seconded people" on it who have either been volunteered by someone else or have volunteered their services for the benefit of all the Parishioners.

Our Village Hall has continued to be at the centre for much of the social and other activities. The hall has continued to be used by a diversity of clubs and organisations. It has also been used for wakes and parties.

The funding required for up keep of the hall's structure and furnishings occupies a lot of the trust committee's time. The trust did last year decide to undertake a small new build and the funding required to undertake this full project will hopefully be forthcoming in the near future. Efforts are concentrated on a new lounge, inclusive with its own separate toilet and kitchen area and with its own separate entrance porch. It is hoped that the balance of money required for this work will be forthcoming within the next few months and that building works can commence late summer 2018. I am continually grateful for the support given to the hall by my fellow trustees and the committee especially those who have taken active rolls in the hall's management. We could still benefit, I believe, from the injection of some younger blood before too long in order that the hall can continue to remain a focal point of Sheviock Parish's varied events.

www.sheviockparish.org.uk/memorial
Michael Snowling. Chairman.
Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafthole
Trustee Management Committee

#### Diary Dates: -

- The Village Hall Management Committee monthly meeting is on the first Monday in each month starting at 7.00pm. The next meetings covered by this magazine are:- 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> May
- Easter Bonnet Parade at the Little Fox Hotel will be on Easter Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at Noon. There will be the usual fancy dress for all ages and egg rolling.

Much more information can be found on the www.sheviockparish.org.uk/memorial hall

# The Hall Trustees wish to appoint a Cleaner and Caretaker for Sheviock Memorial Hall.

It is expected that the work will involve about 4 or 5 hours each week. The work can be shared but a single point of contact must be nominated. The post will be for 1 year but can be extended by mutual agreement.

A description of the post can be obtained from the Treasurer by email at

<u>chrisk1066@btinternet.com</u> or in hard copy from 3 Burns View Crafthole, PL11 3BW.

A completed application must be provided to the Chairman, Mr M Snowling, 10 Cross Park, Crafthole, PL11 3BH in a sealed envelope marked 'TENDER for Cleaner and Caretaker' TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 12.00 NOON ON THURSDAY 29TH MARCH 2018



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The logo of the Occupational Therapy profession features the Greek story of a phoenix rising to a new life from the flames. For those supported by

Occupational Therapists this means finding new life after the challenge of illness or injury. No wonder the calf which was spared the flames of the foot and mouth outbreak some years ago was called Phoenix.

It was Alexander Graham Bell, of telephone fame, who coined the phrase "As one door closes, another opens." He then said by looking too intently at the closed door we may fail to see the one that is open. True. We can be so immersed in the challenges which face us that we cannot see the opportunities elsewhere. Think of God's invitation to the people bruised by the wilderness experience of the Exile - See I am doing a new thing, now it springs up! Do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:19).

Surely this resonates with the Easter message. Jesus' death must have seemed the end of all the disciples' hopes and dreams, as if life as they knew it was buried with Jesus in the tomb. Yet the Easter message dares to claim even here God was doing a new thing. Praise God.

There is a kind of life that leads to death. The mind positively boggles as we imagine what sort of misspent life Alistair Begg was thinking of when he said this. But there is more than ample evidence to show the tendency to serve ourselves so often leads to the ebbing of life in all its fullness for others, and even ourselves.

There is also a kind of death that leads to life. We see this in Jesus whose kind of death perfectly revealed his kind of life. Paul seems to interpret Jesus' death in this way in his letter to the Philippians. It was almost as if Jesus died to being equal with God. It was almost as if he died to being the One through whom all things exist to make himself nothing. It was almost as if he died to being Alpha and Omega to accept nothing less than the very nature of a servant. Yet it was because of Jesus' kind of life, as much as his death. that Christians believe God has exalted him to the highest place, showing the way that leads to life for all. If that isn't the essence of resurrection, I don't know what is. As we celebrate the Easter message. remember the phoenix, and Phoenix the calf. Most of all remember the Spirit of the crucified and risen Christ who invites all to rise through the challenges and messiness of our complex lives, to find God's new thing of love and life, joy and peace. For Christ is risen! He is risen. indeed, alleluia!

> Revd. Iris Bray, Saltash Methodist Circuit



#### Our Mission Statement.

We pray that Crafthole Methodist Church may always be God-Centred, providing a place where God's family may worship, reach out in Christian love and service to the community and draw in all people of all ages and abilities, so that they can learn that God loves and values them.

All are welcome to our church services and we especially welcome children to our Sunday School.

**Sunday School** begins at 9.45 and is for children 3 years to 11 years. They go into the church service for about 15 minutes before going home at 10.45am.

It is a fun time and a gentle introduction to the Christian faith. All children have a sense of wonder and our Sunday school helps them to explore this. We are not brain washing the children but helping them to access and use their spirituality.

Church Services are held each Sunday morning at 10.30 am or sometimes at a shared service with St Mary's Sheviock. All are very welcome to this and all other services held in the Methodist Church.

Sunday Club This club was for senior school children and met at 6:30pm –8-00 on SUNDAY EVENING in the schoolroom. All are welcome to this Youth Club which has come back to life! If any younger teenagers would like to give it a try give Barbara a ring.

**Bible Study** is held at 3.30pm on the first and third Thursday of every month at the home of Barbara Snowling, 10, Cross Park, when all ladies and gentlemen will be most welcome.

**Tuesday Club** meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the Schoolroom. Come and join us at this partly devotional meeting and with interesting discussions as well as entertaining games and quizzes. We also have visiting speakers.

### **Crafthole Methodist Church Coffee Mornings**

#### "The socialising centre of the universe!"

Remember on the **fourth Saturday** of every month there is a Coffee Morning in the Methodist Chapel **Sunday School** room starting from 10.00 until 11:30 am, put these dates in your diary:-

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April, and May 26<sup>th</sup> There is always a cake stall but the main reason for this morning is to socialise by having good company, a chat and tea/coffee with biscuits.

We would like to say a big thank you to all our loyal supporters who share our coffee mornings with us. We are planning to have some soup and pudding lunches so keep an eye on the notice boards for the dates.

#### Table Tennis in the Chapel.

We have been running a successful table tennis club for many years where we play for fun and enjoyment. There has been very little interest from the community in playing regularly but the facility is still there. If anyone would like to use the equipment at any time just let us know. It is a good game for families to play on a cold rainy day. If anyone would like to use the facility during the day just ask .If the schoolroom is free the equipment is available for use.

01503 230326

#### **Combined Churches Activities Diary Dates.**

There is a series of Lent Studies on going through MARCH. Judy has all the details.

CMC Crafthole Methodist Church. St MCS St Mary's Church Sheviock

Barbara Snowling 230326. Judy Scott 230076
Both congregations will be joining for these events and would like to see everyone else coming and enjoying themselves as well, celebrating the lead up to and including the Easter services

Everyone is welcome to join us for these activities

The Methodist Church is in need of an *organist or someone to play the piano* for Sunday Services. Our service begins at 10.30 am and lasts for about an hour. We would like someone who could make a regular commitment but if that is not possible then we would settle for ad hoc times. Please think carefully if you could help us as music makes such a difference to our worship. Thank you for reading this and contact on 01503230326

You may recall in the last issue we read a letter from Neale Prior in Australia.

Well this attracted response from Andrea Evans

who was able to help Neale in his search, and I reproduce his letter acknowledging Andrea's efforts on his behalf.

#### Dear Mr Medway

14 Jan 2018

I am just returning your email re my Cornish heredity search. I did in fact get in touch with Andrea Evans after she extended an offer to help me. (read, did ALL the work)...

After many emails sending information back and forth, Andrea cleverly and swiftly traced my exact family line right back to James Prior born in 1777. That's some pretty fine detective work, and extremely generous I might add. Andrea has been very giving of her valuable time during this Christmas holiday period.

I now have a clear understanding of my lineage back to St. Austell, Cornwall and the fact that there were miners/labourers in the family. Locations include Tregonissey Village/Lane 1841, and one Fanny Prior, of Lower Carwollen, St. Austell, at 82 years of age is listed as 'Proprietor of Houses' in the year 1851.

The U.K. - Australia transition occurred when Thomas, born 1834 left St.Austell for Australia and headed for outback South Australia. Local Australian records show that Priors from
Cornwall came to the mining town of Burra,
then went on to farming. I have farming
relatives in Kapunda, and Andrea Evans
discovered Prior records from Kapunda. My
own father often referred to his relatives in
Kapunda and so there is the completed picture.

Now that I know for sure exactly where I come from, it will be all the sweeter when I go 'home' for a visit. I want to stand on a headland and take in the view that my forefathers witnessed as tall ships hoisted their sails for distant lands.

Many thanks to Andrea for making all of this possible. If the world was full of people like Andrea, we would all be in a better place. Thanks also to you Mr Medway, for publishing my initial email. You got the ball rolling, and for this I am very grateful. Thanks to all,

Neale Prior, Queensland, Australia.

# I DON'T believe it! By Grumpy old Git

Texas farmer: "My ranch is so big I can start the truck at sunrise, drive straight ahead all day, and still be on my land at sunset!"

Yorkshire farmer: "Aye, I 'ad a car like that once."

Did you hear the one about a dyslexic man who walked into a bra.



Hello Every one It seems no time at all since we were prepar

ing for Christmas and it was good to see so many people at the services in both Church and Chapel celebrating the reason for Christmas, the birth of God's son Jesus.

Hopefully we have seen the last of all the heavy rain now that there are signs of spring - snowdrops in the hedgerows and even the odd brave primrose and by the time you read this we will have held our Pancake Feast in the Village Hall to mark the beginning of Lent. A sombre time in Church with purple Altar frontal and no flowers. As you all know our prayers were answered and on 6th December we heard that we had been awarded a Heritage Lottery Fund Grant towards urgent repairs of the tower and spire. You are not actually given the money up front but have to jump through many hoops to be given the money in stages!

We held the Launch of the Project on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January and the project Team and Parochial Church Council would like to say THANK YOU to all those who attended and have volunteered to help in some way. If

you have not yet volunteered and would like to there are forms in Church and the Village Shop. You now know the exciting future that is planned for the Church and Sheviock as The Heritage Gateway to the Rame Peninsula.

We had not quite realised how urgent the repairs were but on the day of the Launch we found a large piece of timber had fallen in the bell tower the doors are now padlocked! Having the architect on site meant we could address the problem immediately. Unfortunately the grant does not cover the cost of inspecting the bells and repairing inside the tower so we have a new challenge to raise grants to remove the bells and make the interior of the tower safe. We know that with faith and prayers and help from you we will restore St Mary's to being a safe and beautiful Church at the heart. of the Parish of Sheviock.

# Services at St Mary's –

First Sunday of the Month

Family Service 9:30 am

Second Sunday

Holy Communion 9:30 am

Third Sunday

Morning Prayer 9:30 am

Fourth Sunday

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#### What's on at the Sheviock Memorial Hall

#### The Recreation/Snooker Club

Another and repeated call for new members

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The cost of membership is £16.00 per person per year to join, plus 20p per 20 minutes lighting cost. Members have virtually unlimited usage throughout the day up to 10.30pm when it is expected the hall will be cleared. For details contact **01503 230326** 

#### Short Tennis.

Every Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evenings short tennis takes place in the Village Hall. This is played on the Badminton court and is a very good game for those out for some exercise without too much strain. Come along and try it out and swell the numbers enjoying themselves. For further information please contact **Michael Claughton 230022** 

#### **Short Mat Bowls**

The Club meets twice a week in the Sports Hall: on a Monday afternoon starting at 2.00 and on a Friday evening at 7.30. Come and chance your arm and mental agility. We have plenty of spare bowls of various sizes for you to choose from. We need new players, people should not be put off by what they see on TV or feeling that they are not capable. Everyone has some ability come and give it a whirl.

For further information contact Michael 230326

#### Keep Fit or Gentle Exercise .

Why not come and join us for some fun and a chance to keep your joints moving. Thursday afternoon at 2.15 for an hour. Anyone is welcome to join us and no previous experience is necessary! We laugh a lot and sweat a little!

Barbara 01503 230326

**Badminton Club** is still very active and successful and It would be good to see some younger adults joining us. The children all come regularly and their play has greatly improved. New members at all ages and levels of play are welcome. Some of the older children now play with the adults which keeps us all on our toes. Thanks must be given to all those who help with the junior club.

Wednesday 5.30 - 6.30 pm 7 years and upwards 6.30 - 8.00 pm Senior School children

8.00 pm Adults

We would really like to encourage younger adults to our sporting activities. I wonder sometimes if there are any adults under 60 who are interested in any games since a visit from anyone of that age is rare. I find it sad that we have the facility to play badminton, short tennis and bowls but a younger generation has no interest in these sports.

Contact Barbara 230326

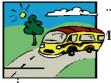
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Powderham Castle Flower Fest, Saturday 28th April, £8
Killerton House NT & Gardens, Wednesday 16th May, £7

Totnes, Friday 18th May, £6
Topsham & Turf Island, Friday 1st June, £7

Wadebridge, Friday 15th June, £6

**Hestercombe House & Gardens**, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, £8 **Exeter**, Monday 2nd July, £7

Liskeard Annual Show, Saturday 14th July, £6

Totnes, Friday 20th July, £6

Sidmouth Festival, Friday 3rd August, £7

Sidmouth Festival, Monday 6th August, £7

Sidmouth Festival, Thursday, 9th August, £7

Wadebridge, Friday 17th August, £6
Dartmouth-Totnes River Trip, Monday 3rd September, £8
Budleigh Salterton & Otterton Mill,

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, £8 **Totnes**, Friday 21st September, £6

Falmouth, Friday 12th October, £7

Wadebridge, Friday 19th October, £6

**St. Ives**, Monday 22nd October, £7 **Exeter**, Friday 2nd November, £7

Totnes, Friday 16th November, £6

Wadebridge & Trelawney Garden Centre, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, £6

Wadebridge, Friday 21st December, £6

#### **MONTHLY TRIPS**

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Departures from Cawsand Car Park at 9am Other Pick Up Points by prior arrangement For Bookings: Telephone Carole on 01752 823346

# Portwrinkle flower beds:

With the support and help from Fayre Hardy Jean has been seeing to the flower beds at portwrinkle. They have certainly made the area by the promenade look colourful and tidy. Fayre has now moved away from Portwrinkle and Jean is beginning to find it hard to maintain the flower beds without any help. So there is her plea: are there any volunteers to help with the maintenance of Portwrinkle flower beds please? For further information please contact Jean on 01503/230601. A big thank you to Fayre for her support and help and to Jean for her continuous work on the flower beds. **Dorothee Mathias** 

#### Warren Evans writes

I have recently attended two locksmith iobs in Crafthole where the damage to the locks was consistent with the handles being forced whilst in the locked position. One at Sheviock memorial Hall and the other at the village shop. It may be due to wear and tear but seems too much of a coincidence. I thought I would bring it to your attention so that the information can be passed to our parishioners and neighbourhood watch representatives.

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