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From the Editor

I never cease to wonder at the fantastic community spirit we enjoy hereabouts. However, while this means we share the good and happy events together, we also suffer the sad times. The events at the hotel have met with widespread dismay. May all involved find satisfactory resolution.

This edition has been edited by Sarah Medway, who I think is making a takeover bid for my job! I would like to thank Sarah for the great effort I think you'll agree she has made of it. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please get in touch. Items submitted should be original, or with the owner's permission.
Steve Medway

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St Mary's Church, Endings and Beginnings



Anyone who has travelled to either Torpoint or Trerulefoot cannot have failed to notice the wonderful display of yellow and orange leaves against the black trunks and branches that the trees have put on for us this autumn telling us the year is drawing to an end and we will have a new year to look forward to. The Church year is also drawing to an end as Advent begins and we await the birth of Jesus.

We have had a busy but fulfilling year at St Mary's raising funds towards the restoration of the Church which many of you have been involved with, and hopefully if we receive Heritage Lottery Fund second stage funding work will begin on the Church in the new year. This will mean that the Church and Church Yard will be closed, our last services for approximately six months will take place in St Mary's on Christmas Eve. The Chapel has very kindly offered us the use of the Chapel so that services can continue within the Parish.

We appreciate that many people in the Parish visit and place flowers on family graves, please don't worry there will be notices giving information about 'managed' access.

We have other changes to look forward to – the Parish of Sheviock is part of the Benefice of Antony with Sheviock and Torpoint which has enjoyed a more generous ministerial provision than is available elsewhere. With the vacancy

of the position for Rector of St Germans it has given an opportunity to re-balance ministerial support within the Deanery. The proposal is that Antony and Sheviock become part of a new Benefice with the Parish of St Germans which includes Downterry, Hessenford and Tideford. The churches involved have had an opportunity to express their views. We at St Mary's fully support the proposals appreciating the fact that changes must be made and we are ready to welcome and work with whoever becomes the first incumbent. When draft proposals naming the new benefices and incumbents are issued these will be displayed in the churches affected. A final decision will be made shortly.

We will be sorry to be 'ending' our links with our friends in Torpoint but look forward to 'beginning' new friendships. You are always welcome. God Bless **Judy Scott, Church Warden.**

Services at St Mary's

First Sunday of the Month

Family Service
9.30am

Second and Fourth Sunday

Holy Communion
9.30 am

Third Sunday

Morning Prayer
9.30 am

Christmas Services at St Mary's

Saturday 22nd December

Children's Activity Day 10am - 3 pm
Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafthole

Monday 24th December

Crib and Christingle Service 4:00 pm
Christmas Communion 9:00 pm

Flower Show Report

The Committee made a donation of £60 to St Mary's Church Heritage Fund and £60 to Craffhole Methodist Church.

This was made from the proceeds of the refreshments at the Show. The proceeds taken at the Show principally fund the printing of the schedule, which is stunningly designed by Sarah Medway, the purchase of the prize cards and the lunches we give the judges and stewards.

The Committee are proud of the Show and feel it is of an exceptionally high standard which we are continually trying to improve. The Show would not be the success it is without the exhibitors and everyone who comes along to view the exhibits and take part in the auction and raffle; so thank you very much and we look forward to seeing you again on **10th August 2019**.

2019 Handicraft classes

Any knitted or crocheted item

(include yarn label)

Piece of embroidery

Bracelet *(any medium)*

A Handmade Toy *(any medium)*

A Handmade Wedding Invitation

An Apron/Pinny

A Fruit or Vegetable Pin Cushion

Any other Craft

2019 Photography Classes

Fungi, Moss or Lichen

Sleeping Animal/Animals

A Single Bloom

Water

Chimney/Chimneys

Any photo of your choice

*(open to children under 16 years
at date of show)*

WW1 1918 - 2018 Centenary.

We will remember them. Lest we forget.

As named and on the war memorial, St Mary's Church, Sheviock.
Erected by the inhabitants of Sheviock Parish in memory of their fellows
who gave their lives in the service of their King and Country.

1914 - 1918

A. Callaghan
Harry Davey
Joseph Giddy
Charles L. Hoskin
Reginald G. Ough
Charles Pearn

1939 - 1945

Leslie Baker
Donald Bean
Desmond Bean
Antony Garland
William I. Hitt
William G Paul

Sheviock Parish Council News

Office hours (Bill Warren Room,
Sheviock Memorial Hall)

Tues 11.15am - 2.24pm

Fri 11.15am - 2.45pm

Whitsand Bay Hotel

This is an application that, I would imagine the applicants would rather not be making, and many past and present guests and customers would also not be seeing. However, the reality is that over the 17 years the Philips have been custodians of the hotel, ten of those have been years of austerity.

The hotel has also been subject to the disruption of being situated within a building site for some years, with no end in sight for another few years. This risk was noted by objectors to that development. The hotel is the largest employer in the parish, those employees' incomes contributing to the wealth of the locality. Many of our young people have gained invaluable experience of the working environment whilst employed in weekend and summer jobs. Visitors to the hotel undoubtedly also contribute to the local economy, frequenting the pubs, inns and cafes in the area. It has been evident in recent years that we are hosting an increasing number of visitors as holiday trends change to more short break UK based. Added to these are the increasing numbers of continental visitors enjoying the favourable exchange rates they receive. It could be argued that the increased number of visitor beds are indicative of increasing needs of the market. The hotel has been host to community events – weddings, new years parties, Christmas parties, club dinners, charity balls, christenings and wakes. Its loss will leave an enormous void in the heart of the parish and beyond. Having witnessed the effect on the community of the temporary loss

of the Finnygook, the permanent loss of the hotel would be infinitely worse. The case for supporting the development would cite the risk of the building becoming derelict if left empty. There would be a supply of housing, for which the developers will make a contribution to affordable housing within this, or an adjoining parish. The residents of those dwellings will hopefully contribute to the local economy and community. After much thought and consideration the council finally decided that to support the application was the lesser of two evils. A sad day for the parish.

Betty Heapy

The council was saddened to learn of the passing of Betty, who was for some time a dedicated member of the Sheviock Parish Council. In fact, it was her resignation and subsequent vacancy that drew me into the council. She will be remembered for her unfailing enthusiasm for the community in which she lived. Condolences to her family.

Footpaths

We are pursuing a proposal to further extend the footpath network. This is for a path between the lower junction of Sheviock Lane, alongside the A374 eastward to the junction with Ladywell Lane. Antony Estate have started preparing for the provision of another missing link.

Footpath no. 1, from the top of St Georges Lane down to the creek, has been closed by CC for repairs.

Toilet Tax

Some good news – yes, that's what I said – Cornwall Council will no longer be charging us around £800 a year tax on our toilets at Portwrinkle. Spending a penny just got cheaper!

SheviocK Hall Extension Approved

More good news – this could become a habit – All the hard work put in by the Hall committee came to fruition with the granting of the planning permission and consequently the grant from the Lottery Board for £72000. There was an element of misunderstanding during the Council's discussion on this application. As we, the council, hire the Bill Warren room as our office, we are therefore customers of, and thus have a material interest in, the outcome. We, the council were thus unable to submit a decision on the application. This had no bearing whatsoever on the views of the council, nor on the decision made by Cornwall Council. The fact that we recorded the support of the public there present, maybe did though, have a beneficial effect on the allotting of the grant.

Dog Wardens

We are pleased to welcome two new members to our team. We earlier advertised for the positions of Dog Warden for the parish. Louise Hamlyn and Gary Dyer successfully applied and are now undergoing training in their duties. Hopefully their presence around the parish will encourage the few who continue to flout dog bans and fouling laws to be more socially responsible.

New Year's Eve

The Memorial Hall Committee and the Parish Council have combined to make the hall available for the community to celebrate New Year's Eve. I would like to extend thanks to the committee for this most generous gesture, and also, to the Friday Night Boys, who have agreed to provide their unique and fabulous brand of entertainment. Please watch out for details.

Jeff McGuinness

We were sad to receive Jeff's resignation from the council. His invaluable contributions will be sorely missed as he brought a level of reasoning to discussions, particularly evident in his role in the Traffic Light Trials. We wish Jeff and his family all the best for the future.

Councillor Vacancy

We are currently short on our councillor numbers. We would like to hear from anyone in the parish who would like to learn more about becoming a councillor. A representative from Portwrinkle, or Tredis, would be particularly welcome.

Surgeries:

Sat 12th Jan, St Mary's Church
09.30am - 10.30am
Diana Lester & Erika Ling

Sat 9th March, Crafhole Shop
09.30am - 10.30am
Steve Medway & Steve Burgess

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Betty Heapy 1941 - 2018

As many of you know, Betty was a true stalwart of this Parish. Betty moved here about 21 years ago after visiting the area and staying at the Whitsand Bay Hotel for many, many years with her husband, Colin.

After losing Colin she decided she would like to return to Cornwall and she bought Hillside Cottage where she was very happy and Betty immediately became a part of our community. Betty joined our local WI and was actively involved with it, being President twice, Vice President twice and then social secretary until ill health meant she had to step down from the committee. Betty embroidered the WI cushion which is now on the bench in the foyer of the village hall and she also beautifully embroidered a Christmas tablecloth which comes out each year for our members meeting. Betty very much enjoyed all her craft work, knitting, sewing, tapestry and cross stitch making many beautiful items. She also made beautiful cards and I have kept each one she sent to me and the family. They were just too good to throw away.

Betty also became a member of Sheviock Parish Council for many years and in 2003 she became Chair of the Torpoint and Rame Peninsular Market and Coastal Town Initiative and following on from this Betty and her steering group put together the Sheviock Parish Plan in September 2004. Betty took up the mantle of looking for a site for an area of Peace and Tranquility where parishioners could go and sit quietly. I remember she had some opposition to this but she was a determined lady and due to her persistence we now have such an area in Sheviock Lane. Betty started up a Garden Club which is still flourishing and Betty has been its chairperson since its inception right through to the present day. The Garden Club has just installed a bench in this area and they have suggested dedicating this bench to Betty so a plaque will be put there on the bench with her name on it. I know Betty would be thrilled with this. Betty was a member of the Crafthole Bowls Club and spent many years playing until ill health prevented her from playing. She lent me her bowls when I started playing, but it was not for me so her bowls are now being

used by Henry Pryn.

Betty was made a life member of the Golf Club by the Earle family at the Whitsand Bay Golf Club. Every year for the last fifteen years the Phillips family invited Betty to join them at the Whitsand Bay Hotel for Christmas. She never took it for granted she would be invited, but then when the invitation came each year she was delighted and really looked forward to Christmas. Thank you to the Phillips family for such a kind gesture.

Betty always took a pride in how she looked – it was very important to her, everything matching. She had some beautiful clothes and looked very glamorous in them. As I said before Betty was a very strong and determined lady. If she believed in something she would not hold back on giving her opinion. There was no messing around with Betty.

Betty's cottage is like my sewing room, quite a lot of unfinished projects, some not started, some completed but the real pleasure for both of us was being in a fabric/haberdashery shop and looking at everything and then making our purchases. Betty was the queen of shopping, she loved it.

It was very sad to see Betty's health deteriorating so much and she could not do what she wanted to do, but she still had a lovely smile for everyone. The last time I took Betty out was to a WI meeting where there were some miniature therapy ponies. She thoroughly enjoyed meeting the ponies and being able to smooth them. Looking at some photographs of that afternoon you could see how poorly Betty looked, but she was determined to be there. At this point I must say a tremendous thank you to Dr Fullalove and the staff at Quay Lane Surgery in St Germans. They were always there for Betty throughout her time of ill health and we are so lucky to have such a brilliant practice at St Germans. I really miss Betty and will do so for a long, long time. She was a true genuine friend to me, I was there for Betty and Betty was there for me. What else could you wish for.

Rest in peace Betty, Rosalie.

Crafthole Community Shop

Through the medium of this Newsletter, please allow me to take this opportunity to update you as residents of Sheviock Parish about various matters raised at our AGM in May.

1. Firstly, about a 'Suggestions Book' in the shop. This was pursued and actioned by the Directors. It has resulted, among other things, in a review of the fire risk in the shop premises. As a consequence, we have appointed a Fire Officer, who is currently co-ordinating with Cornwall Council re. our putting up appropriate signage, assessing the most likely causes of fire can be countered, and acquiring needful fire-fighting equipment.

2. Another question concerned the possibility of increasing the summer opening times. This was followed up, but sadly, owing to our not being able to raise enough volunteers to cover the extra hours, it could not be implemented. Maybe next year?

3. Also the Directors were asked to consider increasing the number of Members of the C.I.C., as it was thought a larger membership would allow greater involvement from the residents in the area. This question was formulated into a two-part proposal at the AGM which after seconding and by general consent was referred to the Directors to consider.
At a recent Directors' meeting, it was agreed that this increase would be beneficial to the shop. So, a two-part proposal was unanimously agreed; as

was its implementation. Namely, that 'Application for Membership' forms would be made available in the shop in the New Year for each category of potential new Members. These applications will then be considered by the Directors, and at their discretion, new Members will be added to the list of Members of Crafthole Shop C.I.C.

4. We have appointed the following people to join Rosalie Dunn and myself as Directors of the C.I.C. :- Fiona Babbage, Berenice Earnshaw, Sally Loynes, Peter McLaren and Lynn Vickery.

And, finally, may I, on behalf of the Directors, wish you all - volunteers, residents, customers and suppliers a very Happy Christmas and a truly Blessed New Year.

Bryan Pullinger (Chair, Crafthole Community Shop C.I.C. (Reg. No. 07833286)

Christmas Opening Hours

Shop

Monday 24 December: 9 -1pm

Tuesday 25 December: Closed

Wednesday 26 December: 9 - 1pm

Post Office

Monday 24 December: 9 - 1pm

Tuesday 25 December: Closed

Wednesday 26 December: Closed

My Friend

The person I'm writing about in this verse is a Jewish carpenter's son from Nazareth. A village tradesman's son who changed the world we live in, bringing a message of hope to the human race. His name was Jesus of Nazareth. The message he brought was that there is eternal life. Our souls go on.

'He that believeth in me shall never die,' he said. Millions of people over the centuries have endured terrible hardships and deaths because of what he said, of what he did in his short life. And, despite what many might say, you do not have to go to church or some Holy place to be a Christian. Read the Bible, the New Testament, and make up your own mind. When you pray seek a quiet, private, place. Pray anywhere, it really doesn't matter. HE said so.

My Church is the world I live in. When I pray, anywhere in that world, I know I will be heard. Above the storm, or explosion, my prayer will be heard by my God, the Creator of all things.

How you are in life makes you what you are, moulds your Soul. Not just what you perform like in Church, or on your Holy day, dressed in your best clothes.

I believe that Jesus was the greatest man ever to walk the earth, read of Him and have faith. And whatever you do, respect the sacred traditions and beliefs of others. Listen and learn from these also, they too have their story. No Country, or people must ever again fight over religious beliefs. Remember this.

Great Britain is a Nation of mixed peoples, languages, and faiths. Respect each other. We are the British peoples. We are a small Country but a great and tolerant Nation.

Jim Kitto

Grumpy Old Git

One of my friends has a dog which is a poodle crossed with a Labrador
– it's called a Labradoodle.
Another friend has a cocker spaniel crossed with a poodle
– that's known as a Cockerpoo.
I've got a Bull dog crossed with a Shih tzu...

This guy walked up to me the other night and said: "Quick, did you see a policeman around here?" I said no. He said: "Good. Stick'em up.

Tommy Cooper

W.I. Report

Seasons greetings to all!

Sad to report that we lost Betty Heapy, a long time staunch WI member, who in past years did her very fair share of committee work. It was fitting that we took some time in our October meeting to share our thoughts and many memories of Betty. RIP, Betty.

According to tradition, our December meeting is in the form of a Christmas Lunch, which this year will be held at the Little Fox Hotel. In the New Year, our first speaker is Mr. Brian Oldham on the "History of Wool in Liskeard" on the 20th February, followed in March by our Annual Meeting. All meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month, 2pm in the village hall. Do come!

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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 10.30am 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.

Both congregations will be joining for some of these events and would like to see everyone else coming and enjoying themselves as well.

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.

Craffhole Methodist Church

Coffee Morning:

"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 24th November, 15th December, 26th January.

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.

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.

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.

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Methodist Church

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"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

John Wesley

The Methodist Church started in the 18th Century as a revival movement.

WORSHIP

To increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.

LEARNING & CARING

To help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care

SERVICE

To be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice

EVANGELISM

To make more followers of Jesus Christ

Methodists who belong to Crafhole Church are also part of a Circuit of Methodist Churches, a District and the Connexion, which is the whole of the Methodist Church in Britain. Crafhole Methodist Church is a small friendly chapel sharing in the Anglican Methodist covenant. We also belong to the "Churches Together in Torpoint" group.

The aim of this movement is to show that although we have different names and different styles of worship we are teaching the same message that God is Love. We are seeking to spread the Good News of Salvation when JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS so our sins could be forgiven. This is the message that tells us the real meaning of Christianity.

Churches Together at Christmas in the Sheviock Parish

Combined Churches activities and diary dates

Christingle Friday 30th Nov
6.00pm in the CMC Schoolroom

Advent Carols Sunday 02nd Dec
6.00pm at St MCS

Toy Service Sunday 16th Dec 10.30
CMC
*All toys delivered to location in
Plymouth*

Children's Activity Day Saturday
22nd Dec, 10.00am to 3.00pm
in the Memorial Hall

Candlelit Carol Service Sunday
23rd Dec 6.00pm CMC

Crib Service and Christingle Service
Monday 24th Dec
4.00pm St MCS

Carol Singing around the Parish
Monday 24th Dec starting at
6.00pm from the CMC

Christmas Day 'Birthday' Service
Tuesday 25th Dec 10.30am

*CMC: Crafhole Methodist Church
St MCS: St Mary's Church Sheviock*

Everyone is welcome to join us for
these activities

Barbara Snowling 01503.230326.
Judy Scott 01503. 230076

Both congregations will be joining
for these events and would like
to see everyone else coming and
enjoying themselves as well,

Parish Autumn Clean

The Autumn Clean looked a bit 'iffy' as the weather was forecast to be uncooperative, added to which that weekend was chosen by some to be away. However, the weather held off until the afternoon enabling some of us to achieve some effort resulting in a tidier parish.

Look out for the details of the Spring Clean plans in the next newsletter.

Another clean took place on 15th August on the beach. Francis

Jackson asked for a mention to thank Simone from St Claire for a successful event when fifty or more people turned up, including holiday makers.

We ended with a picnic, and Francis donated a food hamper to the people who collected the most rubbish. Free tea and coffee was kindly provided by the Jolly Roger cafe.

Keep an eye for details of a future beach clean.

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21/08/18	Anne Harbour	128	09/10/18	Heather Matthews	291
28/08/18	Steve Kennedy	148	16/10/18	Mary Hugh	175
04/09/18	Judy Cridland	283	23/10/18	Caroline Jackson	296
11/09/18	Anna Carter	88	30/10/18	Debbie Bridgeman	227
18/09/18	Fiona Ingall	304	06/11/18	David Bundy	31
25/09/18	Jan Shelton	71	13/11/18	Mary Hough	175

Well the evenings have well and truly drawn in. Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night have all come and gone, Christmas soon! The Supporters club is still going strong. Only 10p a week, £5 a year for a chance to win a tenner every week. All the money raised really benefits our village hall who provide all it can for the community. The team of collectors have been hard at work getting all your contributions but there are still a few we haven't managed to catch in. If you haven't seen them yet, please let them know or pop your money into my letter box (with your name of course). If you are drawn out of the hat and have won but not paid yet, don't worry, we trust you and I will deduct the subscription. 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 Sheviok Memorial Hall Supporters Club. A guaranteed £10 winner every week, except Christmas week, and it supports the Hall.

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

Update from St Mary's Church



A Project's Tale Expect the unexpected!

Our Heritage Gateway Project at St Mary's is no exception to this rule. The Project Team have encountered

various challenges over the past twelve months, both anticipated and unexpected. We were pleased to learn that the tower and spire is structurally safe, despite leaking like a sieve, and that the bells are sound but in need of refurbishment. We now know which species of bat reside with us, but this sets a tight programme for the repair works. We were delighted with the absence of asbestos but stunned at the unexpected costs to conserve the timber ceiling and roof bosses.

The Parochial Church Council were persuaded to open Pandora's Box by appointing consulting engineers to review the heating proposals and to advise on lighting and electrics, which had not been considered. The under-pew heaters were confirmed as the most pragmatic solution for this Grade 1 Listed building but the sting in the tail was the need to upgrade the power supply. Lighting and rewiring, so obvious that we had completely overlooked it, added yet more cost.

Introducing Phase 2

By the end of July we faced a maelstrom – the costs had risen by £62,000 and our funding strategy had only been partly successful. Although we had found alternative funders to Viridor, who closed our relevant landfill site, we had only secured £15,000 of the £59,000 applied for. We had a funding gap in excess of £100,000. Phasing elements of the project was the backstop, but we needed to ensure that we did not prejudice our outcomes in respect of the £212,500

Heritage Lottery funding.

Nothing drives creativity like a crisis and the PCC agreed to postpone the repairs to both ceilings, the heating, lighting and electrics to Phase 2, i.e. once we can secure the funding. This will ensure that the tower and spire are made watertight, that the kitchenette, reception area and external WC are installed and that the power is upgraded to support the new facilities. All the Heritage Interpretation outputs will be delivered. There are clear logistical benefits in combining the new lighting with the ceiling repairs and we were greatly relieved that the Heritage Lottery Fund not only accepted our proposed phasing but also encouraged us to prepare a bid to one of their new funding programmes to be launched in 2019.

Community Support

We have been genuinely overwhelmed by the support for this project, not so much from a community that has always been generous with its support, but for the level of enthusiasm, resources and skills you have brought. On behalf of the Project Team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us in whatever way – and there are so many – we would not be on the cusp of a viable project without your support.

Christmas Tidings of great joy?

Our second stage bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund was submitted on 29 October. The decision will be announced before Christmas and, if successful, the works contract will commence on 28 January. We are grateful to Craithole Methodist Church for inviting us to use the Chapel for our services during the works, which will last for approximately 6 months, subject of course to whatever unexpected issues we may encounter!

Jenny Bushrod, Client Project Manager



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Revd. Iris Bray

"Dear Santa,

I have been good this year (most of the time). All I want for Christmas is ..."

Children of every age will be putting together their Christmas list. No doubt the list will include the latest electronic gadget. Less predictable Christmas gift requests are expressed in the popular Christmas songs of different generations: "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth" and "All I want for Christmas is you." What is it that we want for Christmas?

Happy Christmas! We open the brightly wrapped and expertly tied Christmas gift and cry "Thank you! It's just what I wanted!" as we view the pair of microwavable slippers. Yes, microwaveable slippers really do exist. What is the most unusual Christmas gift we have ever received? Was it something we really wanted? Or was it something we really needed?

Giving gifts at this time of the year is thought to have its roots in ancient times when gifts were given to celebrate the festival of Saturnalia. This festival marked the winter solstice, after which the darkness begins to again give way to the lengthening days of the beginning of spring.

Never one to miss a good opportunity, the Christian church gradually adopted the practice of giving gifts at this time of celebrating the birth of Jesus based on St Matthew's version of the nativity story. It is thanks to St Matthew that we read of the visit of those exotic visitors from the east known as the Wise Men, the Three Kings, carrying even more

exotic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. We can only imagine what Mary and Joseph may have thought of these rather unusual gifts. In our own time gifts to welcome a new baby begin even before the birth with baby showers featuring gifts of clothes and toys and books, all gifts the baby may need. What on earth would a baby need with gold, frankincense and myrrh? Admittedly gold could be a nest-egg, an investment perhaps, but what of frankincense and myrrh? Yet in the world of the Bible all these gifts are associated with the presence of a king. In this Matthew gives the picture which features on many Christmas cards of the Wise Men kings bowing down in homage to the baby King Jesus, and giving their gifts.

There may be an irony in gifts being given to the Gift, as gold, frankincense and myrrh are given to the Gift of Jesus, for at Christmas Christians celebrate not only the birth of Jesus, but the gospel message this Gift of Jesus is God's gift of love to the world. Surely all can be united celebrating the gift of love not only being wanted but so desperately needed in the world today.

Perhaps as each gift is given and received this Christmas we too may consider God's gift of love in Jesus really could be just what we always wanted, not just at Christmas but every day.

Happy Christmas!

Reverend Iris Bray
Saltash Methodist Circuit

Public Transport Update

LOCAL BUS SERVICE

Will all local bus users please note that as mentioned in my last article the last bus from Plymouth to our villages is now the 20.50 70B ex Royal parade arriving Sheviock at 21.39, Craffhole 21.42, & running through to Portwrinkle arr. 21.46. These bus times are not shown in the May Pocket Bus Timetables currently available in the Post Office & elsewhere locally, that also show the 21.50 70B ex Royal Parade as running to Craffhole, whereas it now terminates at HMS Raleigh.

I also previously mentioned that CityBus were considering ways of enabling the late evening 22.50 ex Royal Parade - Millbrook/Insworke Bus to again call at Craffhole & the way this would probably be achieved will be for the bus to run as now to Insworke arriving at 00.02 but instead of returning to Plymouth via Torpoint & the Ferry it would return via Saltash & the Bridge calling at Craffhole at approx 00.16.

This would mean a longer than usual journey but it would give local residents the opportunity of returning by bus after attending the Theatre Royal or the

Pavilions etc. This would be certainly be very welcome by some local residents whom we have heard have caught the bus to the Tregantle Turn and walked home from there. The bus would unfortunately not serve Sheviock but passengers could alight at the Kimberley Foster Bus Stop and walk down Sheviock Lane or alight down the hill at the junction of Horsepool Road and walk along the road. Residents going to the Theatre Royal or Pavilions can catch the 17.53 70B ex Portwrinkle Bus that is scheduled to arrive Royal Parade at 19.02 in good time for shows commencing at 19.30. This proposal would also give anyone visiting the area from Plymouth a very late return bus to the City as the latest current return bus departs Craffhole at 20.27.

We have been told by City Bus that the recently revised 75 Bus Service is likely in the near future to revert to the shorter route to Liskeard and not run via St. Germans as now. Hopefully City Bus may be able then to respond to our request for most if not all of the buses to be routed via Sheviock and the Kimberley Foster Bus Stop in Craffhole.

LOCAL TRAIN SERVICE

Contrary to my statement in the September Newsletter I cannot see that there are any significant alterations to trains calling at St. Germans Station in the new service commencing on the 1st January 2019. However, I note that the minutes of a recent South East Cornwall Rail Meeting hosted by Sheryll Murray makes mention of an enhanced hourly service through Cornwall commencing in the May 2019 Timetable. It also stated that all the current direct Trains to London will be retained.

A new Public Transport Notice Board has been kindly erected by Michael and Robin Mathias. It is good that we now have a representative from the Cornwall Council Passenger Transport Group in Emily Dunford regularly attending all our Rame Public Transport Committee meetings as well as James Church from Plymouth City Bus. It is very helpful to hear their views and responses to applicable matters raised at our meetings.

Geoff Cadwallader

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What's on at the Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafthole

The Recreation/Snooker Club

The Snooker Club is underutilised. This is another and repeated call for new members, though perhaps it has fulfilled its purpose? Surely there are a few people who enjoy a game of snooker without travelling to Plymouth or further afield. We do have a superb table, so I am told by a few "professionals". The costs for membership is still only £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 to 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 **01503 230022**.

Badminton Club is still very active and successful. 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. We really need an input of adults to join us or we may have to close the adult section.

We would really like to encourage younger adults to our sporting activities. I find it sad that we have the facility to play badminton, short tennis and bowls but a younger generation who has no interest in these sports. Thanks must go to all those who have

come along to help with the junior club.

Times:

5.30 - 6.30pm 7 years +

6.30 - 8.00pm Senior School children

8.00 - Adults

Contact Barbara Snowling **01503 230326**.

Short Mat Bowls You may or not know that for the past 12 years a Short Mat bowls club has existed in Crafthole. We meet in the Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafthole every Monday afternoon 2.00 to 4.00pm and Friday evening 7.30pm onwards. Apart from the friendly twice a week games we play in the South East Cornwall league and have great fun. We do not always win but put up good showings against strong league opposition.

It's not too difficult once you realise that the bowls are biased towards you not them being self-directional. Aiming for the little yellow ball whilst circumnavigating a piece of wood mid-way down the carpet ensures you can and will get frustrated. Perseverance eventually wins. Why not try and see if you have it in you! Contact **230326**.

Keep Fit or Gentle Exercise

Why not come and join us for some fun and a chance to keep your joints moving. We meet on a Thursday afternoon at 2.15pm for an hour in the main hall. Anyone is welcome to join us and no previous experience is necessary! We laugh a lot and sweat a little! Contact **01503 230326**.

Whist Drive The club meets on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. All abilities are welcome. Please contact Thelma **01503 230524**.

Body Beautiful Ballet Toning with Susie. Tuesdays 8 - 9pm. £4.00 per session. Call Susie **07886 335181**.

Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafthole

Our Village Hall has continued to be at the centre for much of the social and other activities in the parish and used by a diversity of clubs and organisations. It is also used for community and private functions. We can confirm that the hall will continue to be available throughout our extension building period for all activities.

The Hall continues to prosper and is open to all. There is always space for new members of the clubs and exercise groups that use the Hall. These include Short Mat Bowls, Short Tennis, Badminton 7 – 11, Badminton 12 – 16 and Badminton adults, Pilates, Body Beautiful Fitness, Yoga, Keep Fit Gently, Garden Club, Whist and Snooker/Billiards. Full details and contact names and contact telephone numbers are available on the website at:
www.sheviockparish.org.uk/memorial-hall.

The Hall is also used for community functions such as the Craft Fair, Christmas Fair, the Summer Fun Day, Concerts, Film Shows, the Flower Show and New Years Dance. The main hall can be hired most weekends for private functions including wedding receptions, family gatherings and children's parties, or simply a venue where your children can 'let off steam' in a safe and warm building for a few hours during the winter months. The rate for children's parties or for an afternoon during the winter for the family to enjoy starts from just £5.65 per hour in the main hall. All charges can be seen on the website.

So why not try the Hall and see just

how much fun it can be to join a club, take exercise or simply enjoy the company of friends and family at a private function.

Following any annual AGM (and our next one will be on Monday 4th of February 2019), there are usually a few changes on the Hall Management Committee. The Sheviock Memorial Hall Management Committee is made-up mainly of representatives from the hall-user organisations who operate on a regular basis. This is an effective way of listening to concerns and receiving new ideas from existing users. With the extension and new courses and training opportunities this will require new representatives, who will obviously have a voice on the committee.

There are also a few co-opted members on the committee who have either been volunteered by someone else or have volunteered their services for the benefit of all the Parishioners. This could be your chance to help the community in a practical way and bring fresh and new ideas to what is offered throughout the year. If you're interested just come along to one of our monthly Committee Meetings, which are held at 7pm in the Hall on the first Monday of every month, except August, or come along to our AGM. We look forward to welcoming new members of clubs, societies, and new faces at the community functions. New members of the Committee will be especially welcome.

Michael Snowling
Chairman Sheviock Memorial Hall
Management Trust Committee

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After hard work by the Hall Committee the Lottery Board have awarded the Hall £72,000. The grant will cover an extension to the present lounge, producing a new room with a space approximately the same as the existing lounge.

The new room will be self-contained and have a toilet and sink facility and new side entrance and be available for use even when the pre-school is open. It will be linked to the existing lounge with lockable folding doors to ensure total security for all children during their pre-school sessions. Opening the folding doors when the pre-school is not operating will create a very sizeable lounge area ideal for a wide range of courses and meetings.

We hope building will start around Easter time 2019 and expect it to last until the summer school holiday time. One part of the lottery grant is to offer, within the new premises, facilities for any training courses. In the spring we will start consultation within the community to get ideas of what you want and what courses can be arranged. Establishing and providing what the younger members of the community want is a priority. At the other end of the age range, the Computer Course, for example, which we ran in the hall earlier in the 2018 year was very well attended, maybe a return of this course will be requested.

Diary Dates

Hall Committee Monthly Meeting
1st Monday in each month, 7.00pm.

Christmas Fair
1st December 2pm

New Year Dance
5th January 2019

Easter Bonnet Parade
(Little Fox Hotel)
Easter Monday April 2nd at Noon.
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Saturday 1st Dec, 2pm

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Please bring your own refreshments

Nature Notes

I received the telephone call from Steve, I'm late again! My mind is on pheasants, piccallili and wood cutting. I've just eaten my second gathering of mushrooms from the coast path fields. Many reports reach me of an excellent apple harvest – all safely gathered, stored and processed.

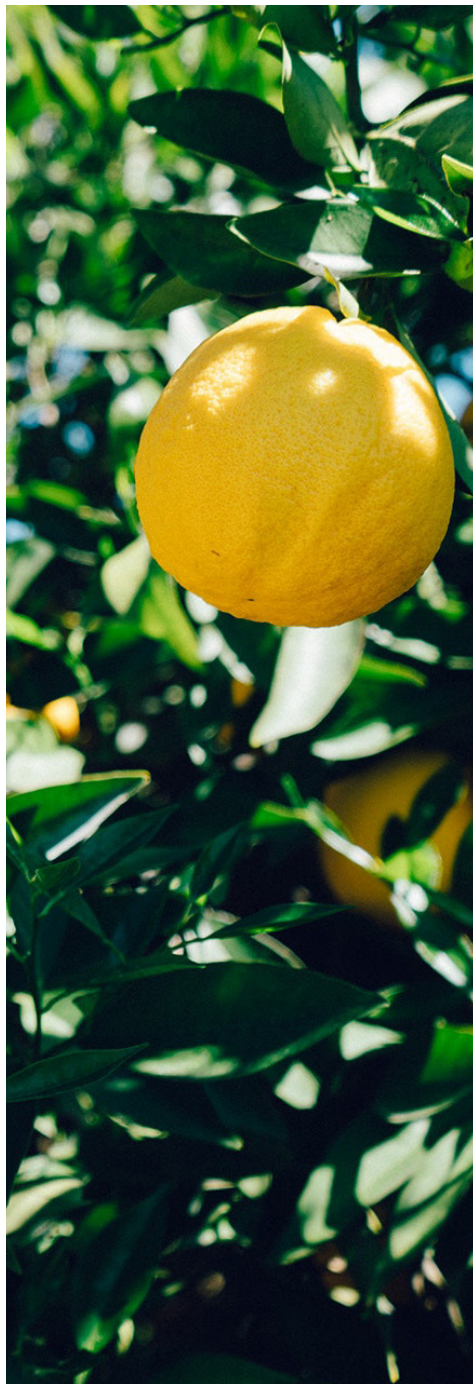
I have plenty of squash, onions, leeks, brassicas, parsnip, beetroot and carrots for winter.

So to my travels in Green Spain, the Costa Verde. WOW! The Northern Spain I visited is the Basque Country, Cantabria, the Picos de Europa, Asturias and Galicia. A complete contrast to the Southern Costas. Small farms, interesting crops, tomatoes, peppers, beans and maize. There were snow-capped mountains, huge forests of pine and eucalyptus. Bay of Biscay fishing villages, small coves unpolluted by plastic beaches. Peach, lemon and walnut trees plus wild "Marseille" fig trees. No need to buy fruit. All this linked by a fantastic network of roads and viaducts (EU funded). Great campsites and aires too.

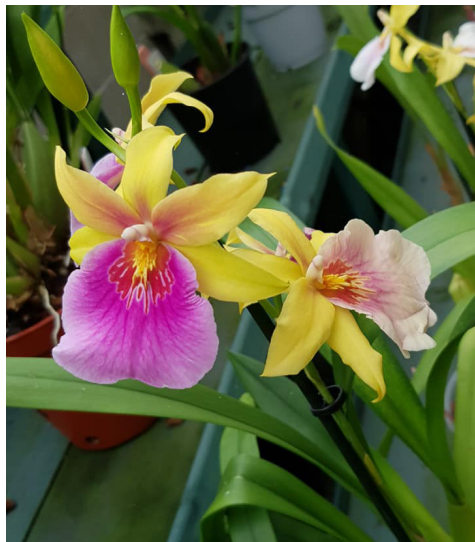
I saw a coal-fired power station and an enormous fish farm on the coast. There was a large waste recycling plant producing electricity at LA Coruna. The several Caminos to Santiago de Compostela were great walking and a revelation.

It's good to travel but as always for me the return to Craffhole and my home restores my soul. I walk across the golf course and drink in the view from Rame Head to the Dodman Point. I've been hooked since I first sailed here in 1971. Home is where my heart is and that's Cornwall.

Sue Wilks



Garden Club Report



In **October** Ron Scamp gave a talk "Daffodils - Old and New. Ron has bred daffodils for 40 years and currently his collection of almost 3,000 daffodil varieties is considered to be the most comprehensive internally. A brilliant talk. We were all immensely impressed by his knowledge and dedication to daffodil breeding and hopefully we will visit his 10 acre bulb growing grounds in April.

In **November** Nick Bacon gave a talk "Pests & Diseases - their control using items in your own home. Another thoroughly entertaining talk. It is amazing what can be used to tackle all our pests in the garden and Nick's ingenious ideas were certainly inspirational.

In **September** we had a guided tour of the Orchid Paradise nursery followed by lunch and tour of the Trago Mills Gardens at Newton Abbot.

The nursery was amazing, well worth a visit as were the Gardens at Trago Mills which were designed by Paul Stone, one of the judges at the Flower Show and now living locally.



Coming up at the Garden Club

Saturday 15 December

Trip to Trelissick Illuminations

Saturday 19 January

New Year Lunch (Venue TBC)

Monday 18 February

AGM

Meetings are usually held
at the Sheviack Memorial Hall,
3rd Monday of every month at 7pm.

Membership Fees:

£10 per garden, £1 per meeting,
non-members £2

Enquiries - Dee Medway (Secretary)
01503 230661



It was with great sadness that we lost our **Betty**, founder member and Chairman of the Garden Club. A lovely lady always determined to be involved in all our activities in spite of her frailty. We shall miss her dearly and know she would be thrilled with the bench dedicated to her memory in the open space.



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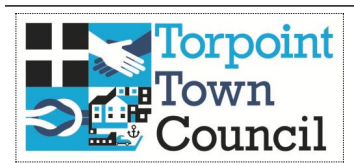
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TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL PLANS TO SECURE THE FUTURE OF THE TOWN'S LIBRARY

Torpoint Town Council has taken a step forward in securing the future of the town's library by agreeing to enter into talks with Cornwall Council about taking over management of the Fore Street building. Following a briefing session and subsequent council meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018 councillors unanimously agreed to support the vision, aims and objectives of a community hub incorporating the Library and Information Service at the existing library building. As part of the arrangement it is anticipated the Torpoint Archives will relocate from the existing town council offices and a small café will operate from within the building.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Lambert Keise, stated: "The Town Council is continuing its negotiations with Cornwall Council to take over the provision of this vital service, with the inclusion of Torpoint Archives and a small café, accompanied by extended opening times, it is hoped the facility will see an increase in visitors. Provisional financial support from Shevock Parish Council, subject to approval from its parishioners, to support the future of Torpoint Library has been offered. Negotiations are anticipated to be completed by the beginning of March 2019 and a launch event will be planned once renovations are completed, more details on this will follow."

Under the proposals, Torpoint Library and Information Service will remain part of the countywide library service, meaning customers will keep their existing library cards and will still be able to visit, borrow and order books online from other libraries in Cornwall. Cornwall Council will continue to provide and maintain the library's public computers and resources, including replenishing books. Torpoint Library and Information Service is currently open between 9.30am and 5.00pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday and it is also open on a Saturday between 10.00am and 1.00pm, there are plans to expand the opening times when negotiations are completed.

In these challenging financial times, Cornwall Council - like all local authorities throughout the UK - has had some tough decisions to make when faced with massive cuts in funding from central Government, explained Edwina Hannaford, Cornwall Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods. "We want to safeguard the future for libraries across Cornwall and this is why we have been working closely with town and parish councils and community organisations to find the best custodians," she said. "I welcome the decision from Torpoint Town Council – we look forward to working with them over the next few months on transferring the library to their very capable management."

About Cornwall Council's devolution programme: Cornwall is the first rural authority to agree a Devolution Deal with the Government. The Cornwall Devolution Deal provided powers for Cornwall to have more say on transport, energy, health and social care, and heritage. As well as having powers devolved to Cornwall from Whitehall, Cornwall Council is also devolving services and assets to local councils, groups and organisations within Cornwall. This gives local communities more say on how local assets are used and managed. Cornwall is one of the few areas in the country where double devolution is actively being put into practice. There are over 300 new schemes already in place in the county keeping communities clean, parks open and maintained, libraries open and open-air swimming pools in full use.



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