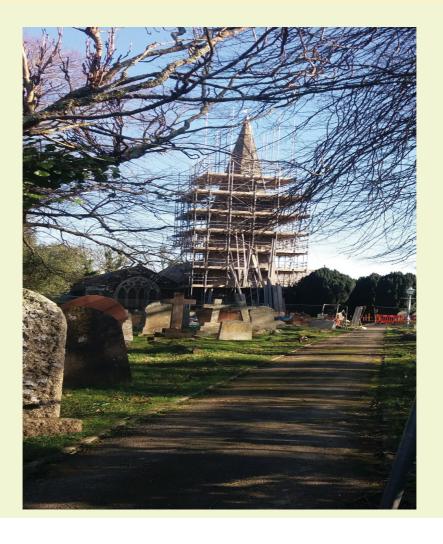
# SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER

Issue 108 March 2019



## From the Editor

Everyone was wondering what to do for the New Year celebration since the use of two of our regular venues had been lost to us. As ever, our community spirit, of which I am forever thankful, came to the fore. We put our heads together; the council, the hall and the band, and had what I've heard described, more than once, the best ever New Year's Eve party. Well done everyone involved. I truly believe we live in the best place in the country. What say you?

You can now read the Newsletter on line. Go to

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#### **Steve Medway**

Cover photo: Looking somewhat oriental within its scaffold cladding, St Mary's receives some loving care. Photo: Jenny Bushrod

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Please take note of the copy date for issue 109 – Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 Steve Medway 01503 230661 <u>s.medway@btinternet.com</u>

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## Neighbourhood Watch News



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#### **HM Revenue and Customs Alert**

#### What you need to know

Action Fraud has experienced an increase in the reporting of malicious calls, voicemails, text messages or emails to members of the public purporting to be from HMRC.

The fraudsters state that as a result of their non-payment of tax or other duty, the victim is liable to prosecution or other legal proceedings such as repossession of belongings to settle the balance but can avoid this by arranging for payment to be made immediately by method such as bank transfer or by iTunes gift cards.

If the victim is hesitant or refuses to comply, the suspect makes a threat such as immediate arrest, bailiffs or in cases where the victim appears to be of overseas origin; deportation.

Often, the period for which the tax is allegedly due is distant enough to guarantee the victim will have little, if any, paperwork or ability to verify the claims. Once the money is paid the suspects sever all contact.

It is vital that the public exercise caution when receiving messages or telephone calls of this nature.

#### What you need to do

Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information. Just because someone knows your basic details (such as your name and contact details), it doesn't mean they are genuine. Instead, contact the company directly using trusted methods such as a known email address or phone number.

Listen to your instincts. If something feels wrong then it is usually right to question it. No genuine organisation will ask you to pay taxes, bills or fees using iTunes Gift Cards, or any other type of voucher.

Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank or some other trusted organisation force you to make a financial transaction on the spot.

Report Phishing attempts. If you receive a call, text or email of this nature and have not lost money, report this as a phishing attempt to Action Fraud.

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

Ever looked at a bee's knees and wondered "just what's so great about them, then?" This term for the best originates in Macbeth when he contemplates a murder. The blow must be the be-all and end-all. After years of use, 'the be-all and [the] end-all' became shortened to: the Bs and Es (the be-all and end-all), the Bs being the things which are all and the Es being those things which end all.

As this was said, over time (if you repeat this fast, you will see), it sounds like 'the bee's knees'.

## **Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable Show**

## Saturday 10th August 2019

Our Spring Fundraiser will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 10am to 11.30am in the Sheviock Memorial Hall. Please come along and support this event by buying plants, eating cake and chatting to friends while enjoying cups of tea/coffee. Hopefully the Coffee Morning will stimulate your interest in the Show. The Flower Show Schedule will be circulated with the June Newsletter. In the Vegetable Class there is a new Class for Funniest Wonky Vegetable. The

Cookery Section is revamped to include Sourdough, Frittata, Gluten-Free Lemon Drizzle Cake, Baked Cheesecake and Eclairs. The date of the **Summer Garden Competition** has not yet been confirmed but along with Small/Large Garden and Best Tubs/Hanging Baskets, the Best Vegetable Patch will be included.

So there is lots to think about in 2019.

Gill Kennedy Show Secretary gillk1066@btinternet.com

## The Community New Year's Eve Party

## **Chris Kennedy**

Thank you to all who attended and made this an unforgettable community activity. Thanks, in particular, to the Friday Night Boys (and one girl!) whose music made the evening so memorable. Darryl's raffle in aid of Cancer Relief raised £350; this was in place of her annual event, previously held in the Whitsand Bay Hotel, where, sadly, it can no longer be held. The event itself, with no charge from the band, or the Memorial Hall, plus a grant of £50 from the parish council, finished with a surplus of £641.80. This was shared across 5 community activities in the Parish. Steve and I selected activities and we hope that at least one will find favour with everyone who contributed by being present. £136.28 was donated to the Just Giving fund raising for Di and Bob Stevenson's granddaughter, who has contracted a very rare form of polio, the St Mary's Church Gateway Project, the Methodist Chapel's maintenance costs, the further development of the Open Space in Crafthole and the Memorial Hall towards their project to extend the Meeting Room.

## **Burns Night Quiz**

## Lynn Vickery

I should like to thank everyone who supported my Burns Night quiz at the little Fox Hotel, for Sarcoma UK and let you know that we raised £270.50. The event was a great success and I think everyone had a good time. A special thank you to Steve and Gaynor who very kindly hosted it and generously donated the Chips and Haggis bon-bons. Also thanks for the donations I received, which totalled £20. I couldn't finish without just mentioning Mr. John Cameron, who arrived, very much in the spirit of the occasion, sporting a highland green Jacket and Tartan trousers – must have been his secret weapon as his team won quite conclusively— well done!

Thanks again - Lynn Vickery

PS – watch out for the next Quiz which will be in aid of The Cornwall Air Ambulance sometime in early summer.

## **Crafthole Community Shop**

## **Bryan Pullinger**



Following my article in the December 2018
Newsletter, I wish to let you know the subsequent actions on a couple of matters:

•Implementation of Fire Regulations for

#### the shop.

After submission of a Fire Risk Assessment to the Business Fire Safety Officer, Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service, and advice from both her and Ace Fire and Safety, appropriate fire equipment and notices have been installed in the shop. All volunteers have been informed of the procedures in the event of a fire - hoping we never have to put this to the test!

#### Application Forms Membership of the C.I.C.

These Application Forms are included as an insert to this Newsletter (courtesy of the Editor – thanks, Steve, for arranging this). If needed, further forms are available at the shop – see Ellen about these. The directors will consider these applications and, at their discretion, names will be added to the list which we are required to keep as a Commu-

nity Interest Company and complies with the Data Protection Act.

#### Looking ahead,

The **Easter Opening times** for the Shop and the Post Office are as follows:

#### SHOP

19 April (Good Friday) 9 – 1 pm 20 April 9 - 1 pm

21 April (Easter Sunday) 9 – 11 am

22 April (Easter Monday) 9 – 11 am

#### **POST OFFICE**

19 April (Good Friday) 9 - 12 noon

20 April 9 - 12 noon

21 April (Easter Sunday) Closed

22 April (Easter Monday) Closed

Please put in your diaries, the date of the shop's AGM on Monday 20 May at 7.00 pm at the Sheviock Memorial Hall. We look forward to as many as can get there to hear a report of the shop's activities in the year ended 31 March 2019. As usual we will have an opportunity to conclude the evening with a chat over some cheese and wine.

Best Wishes, with Spring on its way,

Chair Crafthole Community Shop CIC -Registered Number:07833286

## **Extension of the Memorial Hall**

## **Chris Kennedy**

After many tribulations, the Memorial Hall has permission from the Lottery to appoint a contractor for the build. We expect work to start during April, with completion early August. The operation of the Hall should not be affected by the build except for:

- The lower third of the car park being cordoned-off for use by the contractor;
- The meeting room not available for the last week of July and the first week of August as the new-build is linked with the existing building.

There may be other minor affects, but these will be kept to a minimum.

Part of the Lottery Grant and money allocated by the Memorial Hall will cover provision of equipment and course leaders. In late March or early April, a Drop-in session will be organised for everyone to come along and say what activities and courses you would like the new room to provide. The date and time will be widely advertised, so please come along to make sure your ideas are collected and influence how the room is used from Autumn 2019.

Please feel free to let me have your ideas at any time.

Chris Kennedy Project Coordinator. Tel 230810. Email chrisk1066@btinternet.com

## **Parish Spring Clean**

The Parish Spring Clean has been scheduled for Saturday March 16 th starting at 10.30.

Perhaps you have some ideas to contribute to the tidiness of the parish. The most straightforward way is to tidy the stretch outside your home, maybe any stretches occupied by those unable to do their own.

We are co-ordinating work at Portwrinkle Flower beds (Paula Brooks) the Cross, Crafthole (Warren Evans) Sheviock bus stop area (Diana Lester) and Ladywell lane (Chris Kennedy).

Do not put yourself in danger; if it can't be done safely, don't do it.

Contact me, Steve Medway, Chris Kennedy, or any councillor who will co-ordinate volunteers. Contact details on page 11.

Our Parish Clean Correspondent.

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

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Well the new year certainly started with a bang in the hall and the year is flying along.

The Memorial Supporters' club is going strong and is still only 10p a week (£5 a year) for a chance to win a tenner every week.

The money raised benefits our village hall and allows it to provide all it can for the community.

All the collectors will be collecting your subscriptions for this year as soon as they can.

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 lucky enough to win, your collector will contact you and hand over your winnings as soon as they can.

If you would like to join the supporters' 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 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

# Funding Success for the Heritage Gateway at Sheviock Parish Church Jenny Bushrod

The New Year brought the long awaited news that Sheviock Parish Church had been successful in their second stage bid for £212,500 of Heritage Lottery Funding to create a Heritage Gateway to the Rame Peninsula. This follows 18 months of grant applications and fundraising, with St Mary's

Church now close to achieving a remarkable £300,000.

Contractors AD Williams started site set up on February 4 and scaffolding is now very visible along the A374 with ground works well underway.

Reverend Canon Lynn Parker said "After so many years of planning,

preparation and praying the project is finally real – we have moved out for the works to begin! We are thrilled to have received this support thanks to National Lottery players and are indebted for the many and varied ways in which the local community has come together to support this project with us over the last 12 months.

With the support of the Saltash Methodist Circuit we have been able to keep our normal pattern of services at 9.15am on a Sunday morning, but at the Methodist Church, not St Mary's.

We are incredibly grateful to our funders for their investment in this project and their faith in us, not just for the renovation of our beloved St Mary's, but for the preservation and promotion of the rich heritage within and around Sheviock Parish Church."

Works will include the restoration of the medieval church's spire and tower, a new kitchen facility and reception area as well as upgrade of the power supply and a much needed external WC. Heritage interpretation works, researched and designed by Plymouth University's Cornerstone Praxis, will include five heritage interpretation boards and a

bespoke information lectern to improve the visitor experience. A new heritage map of the Rame Peninsula will be positioned at the western gate to the church, clearly visible from the busy main road onto the peninsula. Jenny Bushrod, Project Manager said: "The HLF funding has enabled the start of the first

phase of a major £500,000 renovation project to preserve the fabric and heritage of this beautiful medieval church for future generations. These works will be as significant as those recorded over the past eight centuries. This first phase will last approximately six months and we will work closely with AD Williams to

minimise disruption to neighbouring properties and to provide managed access to the graveyard which will not be open to the public for the duration of the works."

**Grant Funders currently include:** Heritage Lottery Fund; Cornwall Historic Churches Trust; the Garfield Weston Foundation and the Carew Pole Charitable Trust.

For more information contact: Client Project Manager, Jenny Bushrod,

bushrods@btinternet.com 01503 230565 About the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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Nature Notes Sue Wilks

The ceiling of grey cloud that has hung over us for so many days this winter is instantly banished when the lengthening days are warm and sunny . All wildlife responds as I do. There are bright yellow gorse flowers, long hazel catkins, violets, primroses and a few pink campion heads nodding from the hedgerow.

I noticed a coot on the reservoir with the regular heron and cormorants. The fishing must be good. A flock of

Catkins by Brian Smithson

red wing flew past me on the golf course heading towards
Trewrickle.

In the garden the snowdrops, hellebores and witch hazels provide me with welcome early spring blossom. Bees have been busy working on my camellias. The scent from my Mahonia "Charity" has been wonderful.



Bucket loads of vegetable peelings from the kitchen have been added to the compost. My overwintering Japanese onions are doing well on last year's spreading.



Reports reach me of a pod of dolphins seen in the Sound, Lynher river and the Bay. I have only seen the oil rig travelling down channel. We all have our favourite spot to watch the garden birds at this time of year. The blackbirds, robin and wren have been feasting on rotten apples I put out for them. The blue tits flit from shrub to shrub checking out the old nest box as they go.

Saturday dawned clear and sunny with the magnificent panorama of snow-capped Dartmoor, Kit Hill and Bodmin moor.

Mevagissey and Gorran Haven twinkled in the sunshine Perfect.

## **Sheviock Garden Club Report**

## **Dee Medway**

**2018** 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 included talks by Tim Ellis (The Plants and Flowers of Crete's Mountains and Gorges), Robin Hill (The Garden at Andrew's Corner - 50 years of gardening on Dartmoor), Ron Scamp (Daffodil – Old and New) and Nick Bacon (P & D).

Trips out included Andrew's Corner, Pococks Roses Nursery, Orchid Paradise, Newton Abbot Trago Mills Gardens and Trelissick Christmas Illuminations.

In July we had our annual Garden Safari. A big thank you to all those who invited us into their allotments and gardens and to Julie and Peter for a delicious cream tea.

In January we had our New Year Lunch at The Little Fox Hotel . It was thorougly enjoyed by all. Thank you to Rodney and staff for a lovely day.

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. I was delighted that our Christmas stall won the prize for best display.

Special thanks to Peter, our Treasurer, Judy for organising our meeting refreshments, Bob Stevenson, our Hall Committee representative and Steve for helping me with the posters.

A special mention for Betty Heapy, our Chairman and founder member of the Garden Club, who will be greatly missed. I will be organising a plaque for the new Open Space bench in memory of Betty and I hope everyone will be able to come along to the dedication ceremony (date to be arranged).

In conclusion may I wish everyone a great gardening year in 2019 and hope that the club continues to thrive.

Dee Medway Secretary

**Attadale House** 

## Coming up at the Garden Club -

Monday 18th March - Speaker Chris and Gill Kennedy - Talk "A Gem of a Garden -Attadale"

Monday 15th April - Speaker Sarah Chesters - Talk "The Story of Rosemoor".

April date to be confirmed - Visit to Ron Scamp's (Quality Daffodils) 10 acre bulb growing grounds.

Sunday 19th May - (Cornwall Wildlife Trust) Visit to Burncoose House (30 acre woodland garden) and Burncoose Nurseries.

Meetings are usually held at the

Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafthole on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 7pm

Membership Fees:- £10 per garden, £1 per meeting, non-members £2

Enquiries – Dee Medway (Secretary) 01503 230661

## **Sheviock Parish**

### **Councillor Vacancies**

We suffered two departures from our ranks in the last few months, Erica Ling and Steve Burgess. Both have had to leave in order to devote their energies to their respective businesses, which is, of course, only right. We wish them both all the best with their endeavours. This leaves us with numerous vacancies. On page 25 we give some insights into the life of a councillor and would ask you to consider whether you feel you'd like to join us.

To do so you would need to be:

At least 18 years old on the day of your nomination, and

A British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union.

You must also meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards, or

You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election, or

Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish area, or

You have lived in the parish area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

We particularly welcome Portwrinkle residents as they they are under-represented at the moment. This is not to say that your interests are not considered, they are! But it helps to have the views of people from throughout the parish.

Being a councillor is not an onerous task, you can get by with attending the eleven meetings (we don't meet in August) per year. Don't worry about the meetings being tedious affairs, I can assure you they are not! Add to this a few minutes a week to keep up with the emails and, say, two hours a year to attend the surgery we hold bi-monthly.

You would receive all necessary training to enable you to perform your duties.

## **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 9<sup>th</sup> March Community Shop, Crafthole Steve Medway

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May Jolly Roger Cafe, Portwrinkle Paula Brooks & Warren Evans

## **Council News**

### **Defibrillators**

We are in the process of registering our defibrillators with the SW Ambulance Trust. This requires that we conduct regular checks on the equipment to ensure its working condition. We are most grateful to **Chris Tinsley** and **Darryl Hughes** for volunteering to carry out these most important checks.

#### **Restricted Access to Portwrinkle West**

Whilst looking for a solution to the problem of emergency access past the SWW plant road encroachment, it was pointed out to us that when the plant was installed there was no parking permitted on the road opposite. Since then, we have created parking bays along the road outside the Virginia Cottages. As ever with any well-intended idea, there are unforeseen outcomes; and in this case, it is that when vehicles are parked in those spaces, they reduce the road width to an unacceptable degree. We felt, therefor that in the quest for safety, we would re-arrange the parking arrangements in that area. We are now liaising with Highways to make these changes.

You may have seen Gary Dyer around the parish in his new role of Dog Warden. We have been pleased with the positive outcomes from Gary's patrols. His services are also being used by other parishes. Gary would welcome any intelligence regarding persistent offenders allowing their dogs to foul. If we have an identity then we stand a chance of doing something about it. Don't worry, your identity will remain undisclosed, but if we don't have a name, or a photograph, it's very difficult to do anything. Just e mail or ring the Clerk or any councillor. See details at the bottom of the previous page.

We have created a Vacancy for a Part time experienced Maintenance Person.

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Plumbing repairs to fixtures and fittings in the public toilets where feasible.

Painting i.e. phone kiosks, benches, walls and floors.

Other duties may arise along these lines.

Working hours to suit applicant, although will need to complete duties in day light hours.

Lone worker position/outdoor work.

Would suit somebody living in/near the parish looking to supplement their income, due to the small number of hours available, but open to all.

Hourly rate dependant upon experience. £12/hour

For an application form, please contact Mrs N Gray, Sheviock Parish Clerk, either by phone 01503 232996, or email:

sheviockpc@btinternet.com.

Closing date for applications is Fri March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019

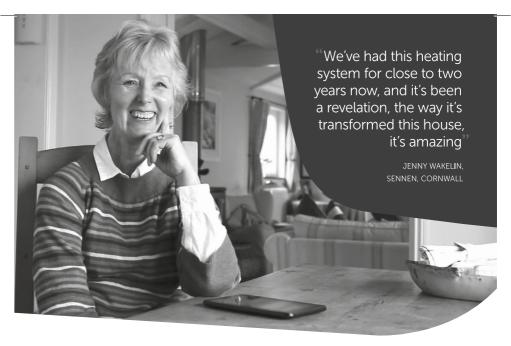
## The Sheviock Parish, Grass and undergrowth cutting contract 2019/20, is now up for Tender.

Information packs can be requested to be sent by email or by post, by contacting: The Clerk, Sheviock Parish Council, The Bill Warren Room. Sheviock Memorial Hall. PL11 3DG tel 01503 232996 or via email at sheviockpc@btinternet.com

Bids to be returned to the Clerk by 12 noon on Friday the  $8^{\rm th}$  of March 2019 . The envelope containing the bid must be in a sealed envelope, clearly marked

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Steve Medway, Chairman



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# Local Public Transport Update RPPTUG

Geoff. Cadwallader

#### LOCAL BUS SERVICES -

No. 70B Plymouth - Torpoint - Sheviock - Crafthole - Portwrinkle / Millbrook. -

I omitted to mention in my last article that the 14.45 ex Royal Parade Bus now operates as a 70B (& not a No.70) on Schooldays to Millbrook via Sheviock & Crafthole so there is no longer a need for passengers for these villages to change buses at Torpoint Community College. On Saturdays and School Holidays only, the bus continues to run as a 70B via Sheviock & Crafthole to Portwrinkle.

No. 75 Torpoint - Crafthole (Finnygook) - Downderry - Liskeard. -

As from May this service will revert to its former shorter route and cease to run via St. Germans & Menheniot. This will will reduce the journey times from Crafthole to Liskeard Post Office by over 20 minutes to 39 minutes, We have again asked for the buses to revert to running from Antony to Crafthole via Sheviock instead of via the Tregantle Turn, and also if possible to call additionally at Portwrinkle. I have a reply from City Bus dated 11th February stating "We will do our best to incorporate all the points you have mentioned "& this could include the possibility of restoring the late evening 70A Bus from Plymouth to call at Crafthole on its return journey via Saltash to Plymouth

#### INSTALLATION OF REAL TIME PASSENGER (RPTI) SCREENS IN LOCAL BUS SHELTERS.

Thanks to George Trubody, we were asked to look at and give our comments on proposed plans to install RPTI Screens in Bus Shelters in the Rame Peninsula Area. As the plans did not include any such screens being installed in Bus Shelters in the Sheviock Parish, we asked for this to be rectified and we have received a positive response from the Projects Commissioning Officer stating that they have added Sheviock, Crafthole & Portwrinkle to their list of sites for review, and will (subject to funding availability) look to accommodate. There is the added proviso that there will need to be space for the signs, power source, and mobile signal reception when reviewing sites, and we appreciate that the last mentioned key factor could be a problem in our area.

TORPOINT FERRY - Users of the Torpoint Ferry, and in particular regular commuters, have been understandably annoyed and very frustrated with the poor service they have experienced in recent months with very long delays caused by only one ferry often operating during refit periods. We have therefore invited David List the General Manager of the Tamar Bridge & Torpoint Ferries to come to speak at our RPPTUG Annual General Meeting on the 28th March about the problems and also hope that John Crago the Joint Chairman of the Bridge/ Ferries may also be able to attend. Details of the AGM are given below.

LOCAL TRAIN SERVICE. - I have seen the draft copies of the proposed GWR Timetables on Mondays to Fridays for both the new train service commencing on the 19th May and the December Time Table. There are just a few changes in the May Timetable for trains calling at St. Germans that include on the up line, additional trains to Plymouth calling at 11.54 & 18.49. and on the down line, additional trains from Plymouth to Penzance calling at 07.50, 09.17, 15.52, &17.01. The main changes i.e. those that we were first told would take place on the 1st January but were put on hold, are now contained in the December timetable. As previously stated this will when implemented result in the number of trains calling at St. Germans almost doubling with 2 trains an hour during peak periods, and hourly during the off peak filling the gaps that currently exist, with one exception in the evenings on the down line. After having this proposed much enhanced train service deferred by a year we will have to wait and see if it does now happen in December. I will keep you informed.

THE RAME PENINSULA PUBLIC TRANSPORT USERS GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1 – 3 BULLER ROAD, TORPOINT ON THURSDAY 28TH MARCH FROM 2.0PM

#### ALL WELCOME

Representatives from Plymouth City Bus, & Cornwall Council will attend the meeting and also hopefully representatives from the Tamar Bridge & Torpoint Ferry. A training officer from Plymouth City Bus will give an illustrated talk about aids designed to help handicapped passengers.

## **Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafthole**

It was very disappointing that no member of the public attended the annual general meeting of Sheviock Memorial Hall. We had every good intention of welcoming at least a few to show some interest in the future projects and activities. Therefore for this issue I thought I would offer our Chair's report, so that for future events can be highlighted and thanks given to those who keep the hall in good condition for those who use it.

So here it is in short. Good evening ladies and gentleman and welcome to our Annual General Meeting. As you probably realise, this being a charity, there are certain formalities we have to observe, and this is one of them. It is a nice opportunity to review Sheviock Hall's year's activities and to offer some thanks to those who made them possible.

The **building** continues to be well used, and from the Treasurer's accounts and booking records we can see we have a good and steady annual turnover. We have gained some new hirers this year but I shall leave all those details to the Treasurer. These, together with the year by year activities that SMHC have enjoyed finances which are available for building maintenance and improvements.

The Sheviock Memorial Hall (our village hall) is a bit like the Forth Bridge – due in part to its heavy use, the day-to-day maintenance required is never-ending. But we like to think that in the condition of the hall there is a continuing trend upwards, in particular with our energy performance. Our glorious long months of summer weather ensured that our solar panel performance was well above average and has helped enormously towards the running costs and our extension costings. Needless to say, nature being what it is, the late autumn and early winter weather balanced things out a trifle.

Obtaining the funding for the **new extension** has taken an enormous amount of time and energy and I would, at this juncture, like to give our grateful thanks to both **Peter Mclaren** for his constant work and emails to all subscribing

parties concerned and **Chris Kennedy** for his technical ability with the plans and planning. They have now taking on the role of On-site Building Manager and Co-ordinator. There has been of late much annoyance with the Lottery Funding but I will leave all the details to the Treasurer. We hope that construction work will start in early spring and to be completed by the summer. The opening time and ceremony will be discussed by the Management Committee and nearer completion, of course, all will be revealed. We are all hoping that when completed it will be a really worthwhile extension to the hall and all of us have great hope for its use.

The Maintenance programme throughout the year has covered the usual annual major items. For example:-

- The **fire extinguishers** have had their annual checks and replacements where necessary.
- All the **Electrical equipment** has been given its annual P A Testing and passed.
- The hall suffered a few minor roof gully and internal leaking problems associated with seagulls, leaves and other debris.

On a serious note, Chris Kennedy our Treasurer for the past 10 years or so, has from this AGM, retired but we have been blessed by having a local person ready and willing to step into his shoes, so to speak. We welcome Ian and hope that he will enjoy his role.

As I have said before many times, Village Halls like this do not run themselves, and we are not a business either – if they were, the **hire charges** would be twice what they are. It relies on a lot of generous people who choose to give some of their spare time for the benefit of others.

I would like to thank all our present committee for their hard work in the last year, as well as all the other supporters who help with occasional catering, outside activities, minor repair work and other duties. Finally, I would also like to give a sincere thanks to several people without whose help managing the hall would be a nightmare:-

Chris Kennedy (Treasurer) who is now retiring as our Treasurer. He has been in this role for more than 10 years and has built a solid foundation for our finances. For that we are very grateful, as we could not have done it without his expertise.

Then there is **Thelma Wells** our Booking Clerk who carries out this, so necessary, routine day-to-day work. We are not allowing her to go. **Peter McLaren (who with Chris Kennedy) has** worked tirelessly pursuing our grants, potential builders and all the other fund raising opportunities needed, this year to ensure we are able to extend the lounge area. Both Peter and Chris have been constantly waging a "war" with the Lottery fund to get final written details about the allocated funding so that we can move forward. Thank you again.

I would also say thank you to **Paula Brooks** who continues to run the award winning Pre-school activity here in the Hall. I appreciate it is a business but it ensures that this Memorial hall is constantly in use and noticed throughout the South East Cornwall Rame Peninsula.

Thanks must also be given **to Phil Gough** who has taken on the role of caretaker and general repair person. We thank him for his tireless contributions to the regular operation of the hall.

Finally, a thanks to all of the remainder of the Management Committee for their inspiring

efforts and help throughout 2018. Keep up the good work and long may the high standards of this hall be maintained.

It is a requirement, and in accordance with the provision of the Deed for the Memorial Hall, that the committee of management consist of elected members as well as representatives and co-opted members.

I have said before it is part of the management committee structure that this Management Committee consists of a representative from all the clubs who use the hall. Consequently all clubs have a say in the general running of the hall.

If at any time anyone would like to become involved with this great village hall please contact the Chairman or any member of the committee. We would enjoy having your company and especially your expertise.

To you, the people of the Parish, I thank you all for your support throughout the years and for those to come. I hope I may have persuaded one or two of you to join the Management Committee and hope to see you here at some, if not all, of the 2019 forthcoming events and activities.

Michael Snowling. Chairman. Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafthole Trustee Management Committee

## Diary Dates: -

- 1. 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:- 4th March, 1st April and 6th May in the hall lounge.
- 2. <u>Easter Bonnet Parade now at the Sheviock Memorial Hall</u> on Easter Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April starting at Noon. There will be the usual fancy dress for all ages and egg rolling and hopefully much more. Please keep an eye on all notice boards throughout the parish.
- 3. It has been decided by the Management Committee that the **summer Carnival /Fun Day**, which has for years been run on the second Saturday in July, should now take place in September. This is to coincide with the opening of the new Lounge area. Please, again, keep an eye on the local notice boards, leaflet drops etc. throughout the next few months leading up to the summer.



Hello Everyone.
We are well into
the New Year and
winter hasn't been
too unkind so far
or does it seem
like that because I
am writing this on
a warm sunny day
with the sound of
birdsong in the

background? St Mary's New Year has begun with a change of venue for our regular services. Christmas Communion was the last service we held in St Mary's in anticipation of work beginning in the Church.

Some residents of Crafthole may have noticed that there are more people than usual around first thing on a Sunday morning. Crafthole Chapel very kindly offered us the use of the Chapel for our worship. We gratefully accepted as it meant the congregation could continue to worship in the Parish. This arrangement was sanctioned by The Saltash Methodist Circuit.

Our regular pattern of services continues as follows:

1st Sunday Family Service

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Holy Communion

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Morning Worship

4th Sunday Holy Communion

#### At the earlier time of 9:15 am.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2:30 – 3:30pm Informal Service for Children and Families at 16 Kimberley Foster Close, Crafthole. You would be most welcome at all or just one of the services.

In the last Newsletter I wrote about the reorganisation of the Benefices - Antony with Sheviock leaving Torpoint and forming a new Benefice with St Germans, Tideford, Hessenford and Downderry. We had hoped to have had a decision at the end of December. However, the public consultation elicited two objections which now need further investigation and discussion which may delay the decision until May or June. Some of you may have read a notice on the Village Shop notice board stating that this year a new Electoral Roll for the Parish has to be drawn up. The old Electoral Roll is cancelled and no record of it is held. This is an opportunity to invite you all to join the Electoral Roll which registers you as living or attending Church in the Parish of Sheviock has nothing to do with political matters. If you would like to register or have any queries please contact our Electoral Roll officer Rosalie Dunn at 'Tirada', Crafthole. Data Protection is respected.

Hope to see you at the Pancake Feast on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Yes Easter will soon be here! There will be an Easter Activity Day for the children in the Village Hall on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.
God Bless

Judy Scott Churchwarden St. Mary's Church, Sheviock.

## Where do you think you are? A Community History Project

Most of us are fascinated by the stories of the family histories of the famous shown on the BBC's "Who do you think you are?" and this prompted an idea to look at how we could engage more people with heritage as part of our second bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to complete our ambitious renovation project at Sheviock Parish Church.

- What do you know about where you live?
- •Would you know where the parish boundaries are?
- Do you pass a landmark every day and wonder what it is or why it is there?
- •Perhaps you live in an old property and wonder who has lived there in the past?
- What was life like for our Parish communities over the centuries?
- Why has the landscape evolved the way it has?

- •What is your family history in the Parish?
- •What's the history behind our pubs and farms?
  Working in partnership with the Institute of Cornish
  Studies, we are proposing the development of the
  Sheviock Parish Archive which would be developed and
  maintained by a new Community History Group at
  Sheviock Parish Church. We do not envisage holding any
  primary sources in the archive which should in most
  cases be held by Cornwall Records Office but want to
  build an archive of surrogate, or secondary materials –
  documents, photos, recordings and maps to help people
  of all ages relate to this fascinating Parish. This will be a
  mix of both hardcopy and digitised material.

If you are interested in any aspect of this community history project, please would you contact Jenny Bushrod at <a href="mailto:bushrods@btinternet.com">bushrods@btinternet.com</a> or tel 01503 230565

Jenny Bushrod

## W.I. Report

Thank goodness! We can come out of hibernation, put Winter behind us and look forward to the longer days of Spring and beyond.

After the hustle and bustle of Christmas and the New Year, WI enjoyed an informal "beetle drive" - kindly organised by Jenny - at our January meeting, which is also the time when our annual subscriptions are due.

As always, the dreaded AGM will be held in March, when the new committee and president are elected to office. We then look forward to a full year of talks and events, which include our "birthday"

## **Teresa Colrein**

lunch in March, a "strawberry tea" and coffee morning (dates to be confirmed) which will raise funds for both our WI and charity.



I am very happy to report that our ever giving members collected £100 in memory of Betty Heapy and this was donated to Quay Lane Surgery to be put towards the new INR testing equipment. Betty would be thrilled!

Meetings every third Wednesday at 2pm at Sheviock Memorial Hall.

Teresa Colrein, President

## **CHLOE STEVENSON**

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed either directly or indirectly to our granddaughter's fund



which is raising money to help her move her paralysed arm. People have shown such sympathy and we are very grateful.

Chloe was struck down in September with a very rare polio

virus called - Acute Flaccid Myelitis and spent three months in hospital mostly in Bristol Children's Hospital. She is now back in the community and attending physiotherapy and hydrotherapy sessions. The N.H.S. will only partially

fund these and specialist equipment will need to be purchased which is where your donations will be most useful. Some of the money raised at the New Year Eve dance was donated to Chloe's Fund.

She is a happy three year old and never complains about taking her daily medicine or attending numerous sessions of exercises and manipulations. Her legs and core are also weak so she needs this attention. Only being able to use one arm is very restricting so she will need an anti-gravity 'arm' to help her at nursery/school and a nerve stimulation suit in the hope that movement can once again return to her left arm and hand. Thank you for your generosity and keep an eye out for our future fund raising events.

Bob and Diane Stevenson.

## What's on at the Sheviock Memorial Hall

#### The Recreation/Snooker Club

The Snooker Club is under-utilised. It is a pity very few people seem interested in using the facility. This is another and repeated call for new members, though perhaps it has fulfilled its purpose? Maybe someone will let us know if there is still a need. I have an offer of a person willing to take on the overall running of the Recreational Club (Snooker) so keep an eye on the notice board. I know there are a few people who go to Plymouth to play, little knowing that there is a very good table just a few yards from their home.

#### Short Tennis.

Every Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening 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. 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**

The 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. 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

#### Whist Drive

The Club meets on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. People of all abilities, beginner to expert, are welcome.

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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. At the moment, and until St Mary's Church has completed their alterations, their congregation are using the Crafthole Methodist church for their Sunday services and on occasions having joint services. We are pleased that both are together and enjoying themselves.,

Sunday Club This club is 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 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:-

Saturdays 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> April and 25<sup>th</sup> May. 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 youngsters join us until we decide to stop. There is no need for previous experience, all are welcome.

If anyone would like to use the facility during the day just ask. If the schoolroom is free the equipment is available for use. If there is anyone of any age who would like to play this sport please ring.

01503 230326

#### Crafthole Methodist Church Diary Dates.

Mothering Sunday Sunday March 31st at 10.30 am. Easter Sunday 21st April

Chapel Anniversary Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

These are united services with St Mary's.

Everyone is welcome to join us for these activities as well as the people from St Mary's who are joining us on several occasions.

You are all welcome to join us in this worship.

Barbara Snowling 01503 230326



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## A Beautiful Thing

## Revd. Iris Bray

As I write this the nation is gearing up for the annual celebration of romantic love known as St. Valentine's Day. On this day cards, gifts and flowers are given and received in the desire to express unending love in the sentiments of a card, the taste of chocolate and the glorious colour and perfume of a profusion of flowers.

"You don't bring me flowers anymore" sang Neil Diamond and Barbara Streisand. There is more going on here than the absence of flowers to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, but a relationship where love seemed to be sadly dying. A mother complained to her husband that he never gave her flowers. She added "If you ever gave me flowers, I'll know you've done something wrong." The children heard what she said. In time a lovely bunch of flowers did arrive. Blessed with that elephantlike but selective memory so characteristic of young people, the children immediately wanted to know the nature of their father's misdemeanour. The gift of flowers came with added value.

Some gardeners specialise in plants and flowers, not only for their colour or form, but particularly for their fragrance. The Eden Project boasts the Titan Arum. This enormous plant produces one of the largest flowers in the world, and looks as if it would be more at home in a science-fiction film than a greenhouse. You would think it has a perfume to match. It has, it is reputed to be the most repellent, disgusting smell

imaginable. Although the flower lasts only a few days, its smell of rotting meat lingers in the air to contaminate all who come into contact with it. I think I'll pass on that one.

Mark chapter 14 tells of a woman who brought a very expensive bottle of perfume and poured it over Jesus' head. We can almost hear the sharp intake of breath from those who see no further. than the monetary value of the perfume. What reckless extravagance! The sheer waste! Jesus doesn't. He recognizes and celebrates the spirit of generous love in which the gift is given. She has done a beautiful thing because it is accompanied with the added value of love. I like to think that surely, in the very act of giving, it would have been impossible for her to avoid being touched and marked with the wonderful perfume as well, so she too receives through the very act of giving. Or as a Chinese proverb puts it: something of the fragrance clings to the hand that gives flowers.

Our days of giving or receiving on St. Valentine's Day may be long past, yet we can all be part of that generosity of spirit which arises from every gift prompted by love. We can all share our part in doing a beautiful thing, which gladdens the hearts of others and makes the world a better place. And in this we may find that a little of the fragrance clings to our hands too.

Iris Bray, Saltash Methodist Circuit His Life for Us Jim Kitto

I'd read about him arguing with the priests there, in the temple, when he should have been at play. How his mother lost him in the crowds where she did her shopping in the normal everyday.

Twelve years old and discussing weighty matters, the only child who had ever argued so. And the most remarkable thing there was about it? The temple priests for not wanting him to go.

It is said his mother left there not long after, travelling with him to a land very far away. Sailing with his uncle Joseph the tin merchant, to Great Britain, landing safely in Looe Bay.

There the story lapses into local legend.

No scriptures written saying this is what he did.

The Cornish people are assured he was with them,
and from persecution that is where he hid.

It's said he stayed there until he was nearly thirty, for that's the age the scriptures say he'd be about, when he once more entered the temple in Judea, to throw the merchants and the moneylenders out.

The temple priests were now not so friendly to him, and they plotted to achieve his swift demise, scheming with the Roman ruler they accused him, condemning him to death by telling lies.

Roman soldiers flayed him so his blood ran freely, and they stuck a crown of thorns upon his head. And they made him haul his cross through Jerusalem,

where he stumbled many times the people said.

Then soldiers led him to a hill outside the city, to a place where people thronged called Calvary, and they nailed him to the cross that he had borne there.

raised high above the crowd so all could see.

A Jewish prophet and son of a Jewish tradesman, who spoke of love and life eternal for us all, Jesus died that we might live the life he promised, be resurrected when our earthly bodies fall.

J.Kitto.

Nearly two thousand years ago, a man was crucified, one man among many dying in agony. One man remembered when thousands who suffered a similar fate have been forgotten. One man condemned to death, not by the occupying Roman army, but by the leaders of the Jewish

church, the San Hedrin - the Roman soldiers merely the instruments of their hatred. The name of that particular Jewish 'criminal' was Jesus of Nazareth. A Jewish prophet. A man who promised life eternal with his Father in Heaven. Three days after dying on the cross at Calvary he arose from the tomb, and appeared to his friends.

The man was Jesus. The spirit was Christ. Two thousand years after this event we still put our faith in Him. But from when he was twelve years old until he was thirty years old, no one is sure where he was. What did he do? Where did he go?

This verse is my expression of the event. The legend of Jesus and Joseph in Cornwall remained strong within the mining communities. It is said Joseph was a wealthy merchant who dealt with the Cornish people, purchasing tin for the Romans.

## The Mermaid! Martyn Benford

## A novel of Padstow due to be released middle of April

'If One Armed Frank still possessed two arms, he would have no nick-name. He'd just be plain old Frank the Firestarter!'

'Blencathra huddles on a salt-encrusted blanket. A seaweed covered bone wedged firmly in her slathering jaws.' The dog is sleeping beside her!'

'I could see Stepper Point across to port, knaw t'was starboard. I always get that bleddy wrong!'

'Old Lil, is no longer a tart as far as I know. She would've looked different fifty years ago or she would have starved to death.'

'The bleddy dog got his beak caught up in the propeller of a speed boat. Ee was swimming too bleddy fast!'

'Aw, Maccy if only you weren't my brother, I'd ask you to be!.

'Alice's father ran off with a woman from the fish market. Says her dad now lives with 'Lobster Woman' at Mother Ivey's Bay.'



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## Rame Peninsula Male Voice Choir

## **Douglas Gillon**

THE award-winning Rame Peninsula Male Voice Choir needs vour voice to make it even better! Based in the twin villages of Kingsand and Cawsand, we were founded in 1976. Much of our activity revolves round charity more than £250,000 raised for good causes since our inception. This led last year to us becoming the first men's choir in Britain honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Specifically this was for having raised more than £20,000 in the past two years for diagnostic equipment at Derriford Hospital's oncology unit in Plymouth. This has helped cut delays in cancer treatment from six weeks to a few days, and patients no longer have to make round trips of up to 400 miles.

We gratefully acknowledge generous support from the Rame community but also from the Cornish Federation of MVCs, several of whose choirs backed the cancer equipment appeal. Four ladies' choirs also helped us. Variously, over the years, we have supported Cornwall Air Ambulance (£30,000), Shelterbox (17 sent worldwide), and Mesothelioma South West (we've lost six members to this disease). Other benefactors include local schools and churches, earthquake

and famine victims, Rame beach environmental care, Coverack flood victims and British Legion. We have also joined Cornish Federation productions in Plymouth and at London's Albert Hall, helping the federation raise some £90,000 for Cornish charities.

This demonstrates the power of singing, but we need help to continue. We must recruit new voices, and we'd like to welcome anyone interested to a taster evening at 7.30pm on Wednesday, April 17, in Kingsand Community Hall - our regular weekly rehearsal venue. Come and hear the people sing! Our repertoire ranges from rock and pop (e.g. Beatles and Bohemian Rhapsody), sacred music (e.g. Haydn), show tunes and traditional Cornish, to opera (e.g. Puccini and Verdi). There is something for every taste, and on the evening we will treat you to a few of our better-known songs. You can join in if you wish. There will be wine, beer, and nibbles, and we shall demonstrate how we tackle learning a new piece. Afterwards, you are welcome to join our folk, sea shanty and '60s rock ensemble, Halfway Harmony, in the nearby Halfway House Inn. The 40-strong choir, aged from 21

to 93, come from diverse backgrounds. Mainly retired, they include farmers and businessmen. a lawyer, numerous tradesmen, a barber, a journalist, engineers, ex-armed forces, teachers and merchant navy - all united in a love of music with the aim of fellowship and having fun. Some travel a considerable distance from Plymouth and St Austell. We have performed in France, Germany, Ireland, Spain, and across the UK, and our music has been used as the soundtrack to an international award-winning film. In recent years we have featured on TV and radio and last summer we were invited to join celebrations for HRH the Duke of Cornwall's 70th birthday. We are blessed with a fantastic community support network, including family and friends who help generate income with a range of activities. Very few read music, but we are

Very few read music, but we are fortunate to have the services of two outstanding musicians: musical director Jonathan Lewsey, and accompanist Liz Sidebotham who also arranges and composes some of our repertoire.

For more information contact Michael Snowling on 01503 230326.

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## Why We Need Parish Councillors Nancy Gray Parish Clerk

A Parish Councillor has power to influence decisions for the benefit of the parish they live or work in and the people and community they serve. Without a Parish Council in Sheviock:

Would there be a RAME NDP? This has only recently come into force, now ensuring that New Builds are primary residences....... Imposing a Levy on New Builds that can now contribute towards priority infrastructure plans within the Rame peninsula, instead of being spent elsewhere in Cornwall etc.

Footpaths and Amenity areas would be cut less regularly, there would no Councillor Footpath Officer keeping an eye on their state. The new permissive circular footpath 13 and it's new extension "Amber's Way" would not exist.

Possible closure of the public toilet in Portwrinkle, which is now run and maintained, along with the main car park, by the Parish Council. No winter resident parking permits. You would see an increase in parking costs year round.

Who would be there to listen to parishioners and try to take action on concerns that could be easily overlooked by Cornwall Council. Although the Parish Council does have limited Powers.

Volunteers are needed to share these responsibilities, to help to protect what has already been achieved, provide a voice for the community and plan for the future of the Parish.

## Why I enjoy being a Councillor

#### **Diana Lester**

I find being on the parish council very fulfilling and rewarding from helping members of the community to solve problems, by knowing who to contact or guiding them in the right direction to get a solution. The role fits in easily around my work and daily commitments.

Do not feel put off, even if you are new to the village. When I joined 2 years ago, I had only lived in Sheviock for a year, but having served on the parish council in the village I moved

from, felt that I could bring some experience with me. I had dealt with the government's Rural Community broadband team in the past and this helped to get superfast broadband in Sheviock. (not ultrafast! But a lot better than it was)

Not everybody may agree with the council, but we are always prepared to listen to your opinions and thoughts.... So come and join us, we need a good cross section of the community.

## Fund Raising Events for the Heritage Gateway at Sheviock Parish Church

Date	Time	Title, Description and Venue
Saturday 2 March 2019	12:00 – 13:30	Pancake Feast Pancakes cooked to order; savoury & sweet fillings/toppings; Sheviock Memorial Hall
Saturday 27 April 2019	19:30 -21:30	Concert - Whitsand Harmony Concert with wine and nibbles Sheviock Memorial Hall
Monday 27 May 2019 (Bank Holiday)	12:00	Picnic and Walk at Sconner Down Picnic lunch and guided walk from Sconner Down Rogation Day – celebration of Parish walks
Saturday 15 June 2019	14:00 – 16:00	Sheviock Strawberry Feast at Sheviock Barton Sheviock is thought to be Cornish for "abounding in strawberries"
Sundays 28 July – 25 August 2019	15:00 – 17:30	Sheviock Cream Teas Sweet and savoury cream teas, plus other cakes, strawberries & meringue The Bungalow, Crafthole
Monday 26 August 2019 (Bank Hol.	12:00 – 13:30	Pasty Lunches The Bungalow, Crafthole
Saturday 7 September 2019	19:00 - 21:00	<b>St Mary's Soiree</b> Sparkling wine, canapes and music at the newly refurbished Heritage Gateway a Sheviock Parish Church. The Eve before our patron's day.
Saturday 12 October 2019	10:00 – 16:00	Annual Heritage Day at Sheviock Parish Church Open Day with tours, exhibitions, light refreshments throughout.
Saturday 12 October 2019	19:00 – 21:00	Heritage Day Concert at Sheviock Parish Church Wine & nibbles served in the interval
Saturday 30 November 2019	10:00 – 16:00	Christmas Crafts & Workshops Christmas craft stalls and workshops Light lunches available
Sunday 8 December 2019	15:00 – 16:30	Community Carol Concert Community choirs (adult and children) around the Christmas Tree including Cornish Carols

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The Sheviock Parish, Grass and undergrowth cutting contract 2019/20, is now up for Tender.

Information packs can be requested to be sent by email or by post, by contacting:

The Clerk, Sheviock Parish Council, The Bill Warren Room. Sheviock Memorial Hall. PL113DG tel 01503 232996 or via email at sheviockpc@btinternet.com

Bids to be returned to the Clerk by 12 noon on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2019 to:

The envelope containing the bid must be in a sealed envelope, clearly marked '2019/20 Tender for grass cutting'.

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