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From the Editor

Are we in for another super summer? Our lawn has only just recovered from last year's. In this issue some reminders of the amazing people we have among us - and some we'd rather we didn't!

I enjoyed Chris Hoskin's look back to the past, if you have any such stories you could relate, please let me know. If you need help to put pen to paper just give me a call.

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

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

Steve Medway

Cover photo: A glimpse of the Lynher over summer crops from Sheviock Lane

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For an easy way to stay safe, we've put together a list of common tricks that scammers use, so you know what to look out for.

It's probably a scam if someone calls you out of the blue to:

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I DON'T believe it! By Grumpy old Git

When people say 'it's always the last place you look'. Of course it is. Why would you keep looking after you've found it

My star sign is Pyrex. I was a test-tube baby.

Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes. After that, who cares? He's a mile away and you've got his shoes!

People who ask, 'can I ask you a question?' Didn't really give me a choice there, did you?

Billy Connolly

The wife and I had twenty very happy years - Then we met!

Crafthole and District Open Flower Show Gill Kennedy

The fundraiser for the Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable Show was held on Saturday 18th May in the Sheviock Memorial Hall.

The fundraiser was hugely successful and had a 'real feel good factor' which bodes well for the Show which is being held on Saturday 10th August. We were very grateful for the generous donations of plants and cakes from various members of the community. The schedule for 2019 is being distributed with

The schedule for 2019 is being distributed with this Newsletter. Please keep it carefully and think about what you might like to enter as there are lots of different categories to choose

from. The new extension to the lounge will mean there is more space for everyone to relax and enjoy refreshments after viewing the multiple exhibits.

The garden competition is being judged by Paul Stone on 31st July. To widen the challenge the best vegetable patch has been included this year.

Entry forms for the show and for the garden competition, as well as a copy of the Schedule can be downloaded from the Parish website at https://sheviockparish.org.uk/flower-show/.

Gill Kennedy Show Secretary email gillk1066@btinternet.com

Extension of the Memorial Hall.

Chris Kennedy

There has been fantastic progress since the report in the last newsletter. A contractor, R Triggs and Son, has been appointed and work is well underway. We hope there has been no disruption to users of the hall and, if there is, let me know and we will see how it can be overcome. The programme is ahead of schedule and should be completed by the end of July.

Part of the Lottery Grant and money allocated by the Memorial Hall will cover provision of equipment and course leaders. Drop-in sessions were organised on the 11th and 12th May for everyone to come along and say what activities and courses you would like in the new room. If you were unable to attend, you can now comment by email to me, Chris Kennedy, email address below, or through our new Facebook Page. The list of suggested activities is on the parish website at https://sheviockparish.org.uk/memorial-hall/use-of-new-room-at-the-hall-2/ and on our Facebook page at Sheviock Memorial Hall, SMH.

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

Activities will start from September 2019. Chris Kennedy Project Coordinator. Tel 230810. Email chrisk1066@btinternet.com

A Message To Swimming Enthusiasts

Lynn Vickery

Due to the unfortunate closure of the Whitsand Bay Hotel, members of the swimming club have had to either give up their swimming or seek alternative arrangements.

I have tried the Whitsand Bay Holiday Park along the coast road opposite the Cliff Top Cafe. It is a slightly larger pool than the hotel's and is suitable for both the casual and more serious swimmers.

I am not however writing to extol the virtues of the pool, merely to inform anyone that I have been given a number of half price tokens. You might like to try out the facilities and decide for yourselves if they would be a suitable alternative to our previous venue. The pool opens at 9am each day and costs £5 for adults (I believe) or £3 for senior citizens. There

is also a scheme for every 10th swim to be free. We do not yet know anything definite regarding the hotel and pool - though I am aware of several rumours - and so I am, for the moment, happy to drive that bit extra a couple times a week to keep my joints lubricated. The manager of the pool has indicated that if sufficient numbers become regular swimmers he may be able to set up a membership scheme.

If you haven't yet tried this facility and would like to, please pop in and collect a half price voucher from me or from the Crafthole shop.

If you'd like to speak to me about it then please get in touch on 07528127017 leaving a message or a

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

WINNERS 12th February 2018 to 14th May 2019

DATE WINNER	No	DATE	WINNER	No
12/02/19 Charles Wortl	h 102	02/04/19	Melissa Purchall	108
19/02/19 Nigel Wilcox	217	09/04/19	Debs Casey	203
26/02/19 Peter Davis	186	16/04/19	Henry Pryn	168
05/03/19 Sue Jolly	15	23/04/19	Ron Westlake	8
12/03/19 Judy Cridland	283	30/04/19	Alia Barnwell	29
19/03/19 James Carter	76	07/05/19	Brenda Wilcox	218
26/03/19 Mary Hough	175	14/05/19	Kate Taylor	86

Well Spring has sprung and the weather has been a bonus and a half. For a chance of a £10 bonus each week – for only 10p a week (£5 a year) – why not join the Memorial Hall Supporters' club.

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

The collectors have been beavering away collecting your subscriptions for this year. However, 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. Or, if you want to be a collector and float round the parish, then please call me.

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

Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Marathon 2019

Early in the morning on Easter Sunday, my fellow Portwrinkleman Doug Reid and I paddled our K2 racing kayak under Westminster Bridge in London, thus successfully completing the notorious 125 mile nonstop Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Marathon. In the process, we raised over £3000 for local tree planting charity Moor Trees which aims to re-instate a more equal balance between humans and the environment by nurturing and planting native broad-leaved trees at many sites across the South West.

This event, often referred to as the 'Mount Everest of canoe races' has been running since 1950, and comprises a 125 mile course on the Kennet and Avon canal, and later the river Thames, with 77 'portages' around locks on the way. The recently deceased Lord Paddy Ashdown, who won the folding boat class

during his time as a Royal Marine famously said about the race: "It was crippling. We took 25 hours to finish the course, and I can only think of one person in history who has spent a worst Easter".

We only began learning to paddle the very narrow racing kayaks in September last year, after becoming enthralled by the race and the legendary exploits of past competitors. A fully committed winter of training ensued, supported and accelerated immeasurably by the excellent coaches and team at Fowey River Canoe Club, Golant. Gradually, we transitioned from taking frequent capsizes and long, cold swims, to being able to stay in the boat for longer periods of time, learning (continued)

Kayak Marathon

Tim Baker

to paddle faster and 'portage' our boat efficiently. The environment at Fowey really made us raise our game in a way that would have been impossible on our own – the standard at the club is so high and we felt that we had to really work hard to do justice to the coaching effort they made with us and to substantiate our bold ambition! Training and racing in one form or another relentlessly continued up to 5-6 times per week, with double sessions every Saturday.

The build up to the race culminated in the Waterside Series – a set of four races run by Newbury Canoe Club. This gave us the ideal platform to test ourselves, our equipment and learn to work with our support team – an essential component of any successful 'DW' race. We were surprised and delighted to contribute to earning a piece of silverware as Fowey took the series team trophy, led by winning performances in many classes.

So to 0900 Easter Saturday; with a tough and memorable eight months of training behind us we paddled away from the start line at Devizes Wharf in Wiltshire cheered on by our support team. The race has broken many people who have been overwhelmed by the ultra distance, so from the very start we tried to stay present and focus on the next paddle stroke.

The day was extremely hot, and despite this we made good progress down the canal past many now familiar landmarks, with the help of extra hydration at each supported lock. At 1854 that evening we arrived, dead on schedule, at Dreadnought Reach outside Reading marking the start of the Thames section of the race. We were quickly helped into our warm gear to survive the night on the river, having received hot food a little earlier, and with that we paddled off into the twilight. It's worth noting that although technically a race, for most crews the DW is essentially tackled as an individual time trial, although it is common to pass (or be passed) by other boats along the way.

Navigating the river at night proved fairly straightforward – a full moon and clear skies

provided plenty of light to avoid the many weirs and other hazards, and to find the correct line into the portages. We did at one point almost plough into a large can mid-stream which would have been costly, but Doug (steering from the front cockpit) took last minute evasive action sparing us a certain swim. At some point throughout the night our pace began to drop behind our planned schedule – fatigue was finally taking its toll. I made a mistake at Marlow lock and fell in – we just carried on. Later, we both fell in after trying to climb out onto some high, undercut pilings at Bell Weir lock – something we would have normally managed easily but in our exhausted condition we lacked the stability we needed. This mistake was more problematic – I got very cold after struggling to empty the boat and get it out of the river prompting an off-the-cuff kit change. Around the same point in the race we damaged our front light - again we had to stop to jury rig a replacement.

Discussing the race with Doug in hindsight our big strength was our mental state – at no point did either of us even consider giving up in the face of these setbacks. The small hours of the night is when lots of crews finally succumb to tiredness but we kept plodding on – having invested so much of our winter in training we were not about to stop, and more importantly we thought of our coaches, our incredibly supportive families and friends and the many people who had sponsored us for the race. We did not talk much during the race, but periodically asked each other 'Are you alright?' with the answer always 'Yep, are you?'. Despite the fact that we both knew we were in bits, this got us there.

Another big factor in the race this year was the unusually low flow on the Thames. The final stretch of non-tidal river from Windsor to Royal Canoe Club seemed to go on forever; we were now paddling very slowly and were forced to take regular breaks to rest our shoulders. We put in for our final support stop at Royal and portaged Teddington rollers onto the tidal Thames at 0619 to comfortably catch the ebb tide.

The final 17 miles to Westminster passed by slowly and surreally – the early morning sun



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began to beat down and we experienced a mixture of excruciating bum pain (there are no stops on this section of the course, so we had to get out on a couple of mud banks for a stretch) and an exhausted zen state of realization that we were now definitely going to finish this absolute monster of a race. It felt like no-man's land; there were many other crews in similar states to us, limping slowly under bridge after bridge. We would have liked to paddle faster but the tanks were nearly empty and what little remaining strength we had was almost exclusively used to keep the boat upright. I thought that I had memorized all the bridges but had missed a couple, causing us to think we were nearer the finish than we were, but finally we spotted Vauxhall bridge and the MI6 building, shortly followed by Lambeth bridge and beyond that the finish banner hanging on Westminster bridge. Heading down the bank inside the London Fire Brigade pontoons, the cheers grew louder, but just 100m from the finish we were fighting the worst water conditions of the race as wash from a commercial vessel combined with the swirly chop and reflected off the sheer concrete banks. forcing us to brace up for stability. Eventually we were able to resume paddling and managed to power through the line upright and steer to starboard into the arms of the receiving team at the steps beyond the bridge. The time was 09.08. It was a euphoric and emotional moment climbing the steps to be greeted by our families as we realized that we had done what we had set out to do back in September, compete in and complete the toughest and longest non-stop canoe race in the world.

Our finishing time was 24 hours 12 minutes placing us 52nd in the senior doubles class. Out of the 145 boats in our class that left Devizes, 31 retired, placing us in the top half of the boats that finished - we were delighted. We later found out that the two other crews from Fowey had both sadly retired due to illness and fatigue (including our good mates and race favourites

Dan Palmer and Pete Wilkes), leaving us as the sole finisher from our beloved little club.

The following morning, we were back at the finish line (proudly wearing our medals) to cheer in the Fowey boats competing in the 4 day stages version of the race (for singles and juniors). Notably Matt Collinge and James Drage won the junior men's doubles, and Alice Bray placed 3rd in the senior ladies singles to cap an excellent club performance.

Doug and I would both like to thank all the kind people in the community who have supported us in this undertaking. It has been very exciting to see how people have enthusiastically connected with both the kayaking and the local tree planting cause that we have been promoting. The benefits of the latter are wide ranging — climate, biodiversity and flooding resilience to name a few.

There is still time to donate to our charitable campaign! To do this (and to learn more about the valuable work of Moor Trees, or even to volunteer) please visit the following:

https://www.moortrees.org/fundraisers/

There is also a donation box in the Crafthole shop if you have any spare change. Donations to this campaign will close at the end of May. All

to the charity.
Finally, if you fancy having a go in a racing kayak, beginners are very welcome at Fowey River Canoe Club!

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Sheviock Parish

Chairman's Annual Report

The last year has been more settled with our clerk, Nancy Gray getting to grips with the day to day management of council business.

As ever, there have been contentious planning issues with the change of use of the Whitsand Bay Hotel and the rebuilding of the Finnygook. We have had some comings and goings of councillors – the latter category being Erika Ling, Jeff McGuiness and Steve Burgess who also came into the former category.

We have been joined by Peter Cade and Lizzie Jenkins, both of whom we welcome into the council.

Our team has expanded with the arrival of Gary Dyer in the roll of Dog Warden – one in which he is most efficient. He will be joined by Louise Hamlyn once her training is complete. We have further been joined by Steve Lester. Steve will be employed on a part time casual basis to attend to the many jobs that arise for the maintenance of council assets.

Our Toilet attendant team has grown with the addition of Francis and Julia. They continue to attract plaudits for the lovely condition of the loos. This was challenged by the ceiling suffering water damage and requiring remedial work.

Car Park income continues to provide funds for machine upkeep and reserves for future maintenance. We are negotiating a new agreement for 2019 with Cornwall Council for the continued enforcement of parking regulations.

We were able to again restrict our precept to the rise due to inflation – 2.5%, which considering our additional staff costs is an admirable achievement.

The defibrillators have are to be registered with the SW ambulance trust, almost completing the project, just now waiting for the final installation in the Finnygook.

The last year saw a further extension to our footpath network with the extension of the circular footpath route from Trewrickle Lane past the Polscoe junction to join the Tredis road. We are also considering further footpath development at Sheviock and beside Finnygook Lane.

The council was delighted to contribute to the planning of the New Year's party held at the Memorial Hall in partnership with the Hall committee. It was hailed as a roaring success, thanks to the contribution so many including the Friday Night Boys.

A heartfelt thankyou to the councillors for their continued support and to Nancy for her guidance and assistance.

Sheviock Parish Council

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Sat 7th July St Mary's Church, Sheviock

Council News

The Parish Spring Clean took place on Saturday March 16th.

Once again the people of the parish, and beyond, demonstrated the marvellous community spirit we enjoy here-abouts.

Thanks to all concerned who worked on the various sites on what became a very pleasant sunny morning.

The morning was somewhat breezy, which made trying to deposit litter into a bin bag whilst holding the dog's lead quite a challenge. I think I provided an element of entertainment to passing cars!

Yet another case of apparent mindless vandalism that seems to be occurring within Crafthole. On or about the evening of Saturday 11th May, a car parked outside Middle Barn had damage inflicted which was patently not caused by collision with another vehicle. This follows a worrying pattern of similar events. If you have any information that may be relevant to this string of crimes please submit your thoughts to the police.

If it's you carrying out this one-man vendetta, give up or you'll eventually be caught out.

Steve Medway, Chairman

Calling All Residents - Cleaning our verges!!

Parish Cleaner

Time was, back in the "good old days", that the council provided roadside weed control. Verges were kept relatively tidy. Now however, there is no money for such luxuries and so it is up to us to keep our villages looking lovely.

I have noticed, when walking around the parish - Crafthole in particular - that there are many areas outside people's homes which are in dire need of tidying up, due to neglected weed encroachment. I should like to appeal to home owners, WHO ARE ABLE, to have a go at clearing away their own weeds in order that neither pavement nor narrow roads are obstructed. In some places, mothers pushing pushchairs have had to veer quite dangerously towards the road because of the dense growth of valarian and other fast growing vegetation.

Periodically, the Parish Council organises

working parties to tackle some of these eyesores, but I do not believe that they should be targeting areas for which we as householders should be responsible.

I do realise that there may be valid reasons for people not tackling their own weeds -age or infirmity for instance - but in these cases, neighbours or friends might help out or, perhaps, a quiet word to the parish council might be in order - it could then include your property in a working party.

Please would you have a look at the public space outside hour home and consider if you can possibly get it cleared so that our Parish may not only look nicer but also be safer for pedestrians.

Thank you,

From our Parish clean correspondent

Sheviock Garden Club Report

Dee Medway

In March Chris Kennedy gave a brilliant and entertaining talk on Attadale Gardens which he and Gill had visited on a tour of the highlands. The unique 20 acre garden is on the south side of Loch Carron and consists of individual garden rooms, with

delightful water gardens and waterfalls, a Japanese garden, a fern collection housed in a dome, a kitchen garden and a fascinating collection of sculptures scattered throughout the garden. Ebony had fun too. "A Gem of a Garden" highly recommended.

In April Sarah
Chesters, the
Education and
Learning Manager
at RHS Garden
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talk on the

The garden was first opened to the public in 1967 and a small nursery was started in 1979.

creation of a beautiful garden.

In May we visited **Burncoose House and Gardens** as part of the Open Gardens
Scheme for Cornwall Wildlife Trust.
Burncoose House and Nurseries is the oldest part of the Caerhays Estate which is owned by the Williams family. The Williams family originally arrived in Cornwall in 1650 and Settled at Burncoose in 1715. Successive generations were major players in the heydays of Cornish tin mining between 1750 and 1850. For a period the world price of

copper was set from the Burncoose office and the family employed 10,000 people within the Gwennap Parish alone. The family had therefore been settled and working from Burncoose for over 300 years; a period that puts them amongst the few in Cornwall who have stayed at one place for so long.

The 30 acres of woodland garden at Burncoose has a magnificent spring display of camellias, rhododendrons and magnolias with spectacular hydrangeas in the summer.

Coming up at the Garden Club

June 1st: Visit Garden Fayre at Buckfast Abbey

July 20th Garden Safari and Cream Tea.



Nature Notes Sue Wilks

It is time to move on from writing about Nature and explore my other passions. My humble quest for a self-reliant, sustainable way of living in tune with my environment has always led me to live a frugal life. I was brought up on a farm and this way of life is in my blood. Living here in Crafthole I am able to continue with these goals.

Grow food not lawns. That is reminiscent of the "Dig for Victory" campaign in World War 2. I did this on West Lane last year and had a magnificent tomato crop. This year I'm growing flowers . O.K. I know it's a bit radical but even if it's only runner beans in the border or a pot do it. It reduces the size of your shopping basket at the supermarket ,gives a powerful sense of freedom and saves money too.

I try to eat seasonally . Probably like you, I didn't grow up with the

enormous range of produce and products that are available nowadays. No supermarkets either! Chicken was for "high days". Eggs, bacon, faggots, oxtail, tongue, brawn, neck of lamb, stew

and brisket were accompanied by potatoes and mostly cabbage. Lots of varieties! Peas came in a tin, dried or from the garden.

Fridays was always fish day. Kippers, sprats, dabs, mackerel, and cod roe on toast. There was plenty of cake and bread and jam to fill you up.

Proper puddings too. Queen of, treacle sponge, apple pie, jam roly poly, and lashings of custard. All homemade of course.

Are you salivating? I imagine reminiscing too.

Jams and chutneys were made in abundance. Lots of home brewing and foraging for berries, mushrooms and greens. Try nettle soup it's good for you and cheap to make. It is deeply satisfying that there are many of us in Crafthole who continue to grow, cook and live in this sustainable way. I do believe we are more healthy for it.



THE LEGENDARY
FRIDAY NIGHT BOYS
WILL BE PLAYING AT
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GREAT TO SEE ALL
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Local Public Transport Update

Geoff. Cadwallader RPPTUG

Local Bus Service- Although there has been talk about the Government withdrawing concessionary bus passes for the elderly, Cornwall Council made a surprise announcement in March that they were actually going to improve the availability of the passes within the County. As from the 1st April those entitled to the passes are now able to travel free on buses in Cornwall at anytime all day & every day, except on some Bank Holidays, with the restriction of only after 9.30am on Mondays to Fridays no longer applying. However, please note that although you will be able to travel free on buses going into Plymouth before 9.30am, you will not be able to travel free on any bus you may catch in Plymouth before that time e.g; the No. 34 to Derriford Hospital.

Plymouth CityBus introduced new timetables from the 26th May and hopefully they are now available from the Crafthole Post Office/ Shop and other outlets. There is little change to the 70/A/B Bus Services but as mentioned in the last newsletter the 75 Torpoint – Liskeard Service will have reverted to its old shorter route. Buses to Liskeard via Downderry & Hessenford will depart from Crafthole (Finnygook Inn) on all weekdays at 08.48, 11.18, 1318, 1543, & 1818. Overall journey time through to Liskeard Station is now 44 minutes.

All ocal bus services West of HMS Raleigh are subsidised by Cornwall Council who are currently putting those bus services out to tender, which our R.P.P.T.U.G. will be following with interest as the outcome will shape our local bus services for the next eight years. We very much hope that we will be able to retain our current very good level of bus service to & from Plymouth. We have asked for the 75 Service to include the extension of one trip each way to Trago Mills, as we used to have a few years ago when it was well patronised.

Local Train Service— As mentioned in the last News letter there are several additional trains calling at St.Germans in the new timetable that commenced on the 19th May (Timetables available from The Crafthole P.O. & Stores etc.), but the proposed major changes will hopefully be included in the December issue.

The St. Germans & area Public Transport Users Group Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 18th June in the St. Germans Methodist Chapel. All Welcome.

The new railway timetable saw the end of an era with the final main line Inter City 125, (known as High Speed Trains, HSTs) to and from London. I was privileged to work on these from new in 1976 as a maintenance engineer at Old Oak Common just outside Paddington.

In the quest for speed, other countries were building complete new rail lines as straight as possible and solely for the use of high speed trains. British Rail (BR), as it then was, were working on introducing a revolutionary new train which could travel at 150 mph on existing curved track thus obviating the need for new routes. This was designated the Advanced Passenger Train (APT). However, the development was taking some time, mainly due to the government of the time arguing over the continued financial support.

The BR commercial department were concerned at the delay along with the corresponding loss of passengers and gave the

engineers a remit to build a brand new train that would travel at 125 mph within the constraints of the existing tracks and do it in 18 months! The resulting train is thought by many to have been the saviour of BR as passengers were attracted by the shorter journey times and superb comfort provided.

The HSTs were first seen in Cornwall in 1978 and formed the backbone of services to London and the north for the next 40 years.

They will continue to operate on local services replacing some of the existing small trains, albeit in a shorter form - 4 coaches as opposed to 7 or 8. So they will probably be providing a superior service for a few more years yet.

Not bad for a stopgap. As a PS, the APT project was abandoned soon after the introduction of the HST.

Editor

Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafthole

Michael Snowling

I hope that you all have had a great Easter. It seems a long time since our Easter Bonnet event!! It was great day and seeing so many locals and especially the large numbers of children having a good time. It showed our decision to change from the Little Fox Inn to the hall was a challenge that turned into a huge success. Thanks to all who helped in any way to make the day what it was, successful Lounge Extension. It was announced at the November 2018 committee meeting that we have been granted planning permission for the extension. We are now getting on with new build and we are hoping that all work will be completed by August. The summer fair /Carnival, as it has been known for many years, will be moving to a September date **New Build Usage**. One part of the lottery grant was that we offered, you the parishioners, training courses within the new premises etc and it is pre requisite that we have consultation within the community and get ideas of what you want and what courses we can arrange. ideas? If *anyone* fancies the opportunity to bend a committee members ear concerning any training courses now is your chance. One idea is that we run a painting class. Anyone interested? I have spoken to a lecturer who

would be willing to run it but needs at least 10 people.

This new lounge, with its own separate toilet and kitchen area and separate entrance porch, will enable it to be used without affecting the day by day security required when the Pre School is active.

I have said it before and repeat it again, the Sheviock Memorial Hall Committee would benefit, I believe, from the injection of some younger blood. The enlarged lounge will extend the Sheviock Parish's Memorial Hall versatility and give you, the Parishioners, a much greater opportunity to get out away from the gadgets of today's world and actually get involved with something different, maybe painting or an arts class, as a suggestion! Please think about something that would interest you and put it forward asap.

Finally, grateful thanks for the support given to the hall by my fellow trustees and the committee especially those who have taken active rolls in the hall's management and varied events.

www.sheviockparish.org.uk/memorial

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

Diary Dates: -

The Village Hall Management Committee monthly meeting is on the first Monday in each month starting at 7.00pm. The next set of meetings covered by this magazine is Monday 3rd June, 1st July and 5th August all in the hall lounge.

Work continues apace on the Sheviock Memorial Hall extension





SUMMER EVENTS

Summer Feast at Sheviock Barton - "Abounding in strawberries"

By kind invitation of Mrs Carol Johnson, please do come and join us at this quintessential Sheviock Parish Church event in the lovely garden at Sheviock Barton. Sheviock is thought to be Cornish for "abounding in Strawberries" which Sheviock Barton certainly will be on **Saturday 15 June**, from 2pm – 4pm.

There will be musical entertainment, a strawberry themed raffle as well as stalls and traditional games – for all ages - and of course simply scrumptious strawberry teas. So, don your panama hats and summer frocks and join us for a strawberry feast.

Sheviock Cream Teas at The Bungalow, Crafthole

By kind invitation of Miss Fiona Harvey, please free up your social diaries for the Cream Tea season! Starting on Sunday 28 July through to Sunday 25 August, at 3pm – 5:30 pm, this is one of our firm favourites. Sat in Fiona's beautiful cliff top garden, or indeed the Bungalow, relax with friends and family and enjoy the stunning scenery with either a sweet or savoury cream tea, plus other gorgeous cakes.

Pasty Lunches on Bank Holiday Monday

To round off the Summer season in style, Fiona will be serving her homemade pasty lunches at 12:00 – 13:30 on **Bank Holiday Monday, 26 August** at The Bungalow, on a first come first served basis!

We wish all our volunteers and Newsletter readers a wonderful summer and hope to see you at one of our events. The Autumn will bring exciting news of our Heritage Gateway Events at the Church, but an early note for your diaries that the Callington Gospel Choir will be performing at our Heritage Day Concert on Saturday 12 October.

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Heritage Gateway funds are dedicated funds for the upkeep & maintenance of Sheviock Parish Church buildings & graveyard & heritage information and materials.





Hello Everyone
This year is flying by it
will soon be midsummer's day -the
longest daylight
hours! St Mary's held
their Annual Church
Meeting and now

have two Church Wardens Jenny Bushrod and myself. Part of the Church Wardens responsibility is the building itself a responsibility Jenny has already taken on.

We continue to be grateful to members of the Chapel for allowing us to share their building. Some services are shared such as the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday which takes place at the Beacon at 6:30 am. It was different this year – it was warm - 14 degrees – accompanied by a beautiful sunrise. We were also invited by Reverend Andrew Corness to attend a service at HMS Raleigh, the service was different to our usual service but we all enjoyed it and came out smiling.

Work at St Mary's is progressing well and by the time you read this part of the scaffolding should have been removed. The weather vane has been re-gilded and replaced and is glinting in the sunshine once again, the building for the toilet is up just waiting for the "green" roof, all trenches filled in and footpaths re-instated. The Church Yard should be accessible as before.

The times of services have changed. Services now begin at 9:00am.

1st Sunday Family Service

2nd Sunday Holy Communion

3rd Sunday Morning Worship

4th Sunday Holy Communion

3rd Sunday 2:30pm – 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.

Information about services is available on the web site – 'a church near you'.

God Bless

Judy Scott Churchwarden

Jenny Bushrod St Marys Sheviock





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Our Mission Statement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Crafthole Methodist Church Coffee Mornings

"The socialising centre of the universe!"

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

Saturdays 22rd June, 27th July, and August 24th 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.

Crafthole 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.

<u>Churches Together in the Sheviock Parish</u> Combined Churches activities and Diary Dates.

Sunday 26th May. Harvest of the Sea at Downderry Sunday 2nd June. Crafthole Church Anniversary 10.30am CMC

Sunday 9^{th} June "Songs of Praise" at the Sheviock Memorial Hall $6.00 \, \text{pm}$

Sunday 30th June United Service at the Crafthole Methodist Church with the congregation of St Mary's . CMC

Sunday 15th September Harvest at 10 30 am followed by a lunch. This is a united service with St Mary's.

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

Barbara Snowling 01503.230326. Judy Scott 01503. 230076

Methodist Church, Your Decision could help

Quote by John Wesley

"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."

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

Methodists who belong to Crafthole 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.

Memories of Life in Sheviock Parish

Chris Hoskin

I was prompted to write this on reading about the planning application for eighteen apartments at the Whitsand Bay Hotel. This does seem a shame but if it is no longer viable as a hotel then it is understandable. Better that than to let the building fall into dis-repair. Another episode in the history of a property originally built at Thanckes Park in Torpoint in 1871 and then taken apart, stone by stone, and rebuilt at the present location in Portwrinkle after the 1st World War. My memory associated with the hotel is visiting the property on many occasions in the '50's and '60's for the dances held there. A very enjoyable evening was had by all with music supplied by Dora Colwill on piano and Len Harris on drums. (Prior to that they supplied music for Socials and Dances in the Recreation Hall in Crafthole which closed in the early '60's.). Thinking back on those dances, what did I enjoy most, the music, or moving around the room in the arms of one of the local girls? I don't think I will answer that. So much for that part of my life in the Parish. Now back to the beginning!

I was born in Tredrossel Farm House (Now Tredrossel House) in the middle of the 2nd World War, in December 1941. (My parents being Clifford and Millicent Hoskin). The same month, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour. Two memorable events in one month!!! One changed the course of history, one didn't.

The first period of my life I remember, was my attendance at Sheviock School. My teachers were Miss Lee and Mrs Wright. My mother used to walk me to school from the farm, either via Horsepool Lane or along the main road. Very little traffic in those days. I don't remember much about the school meals served by Mrs Lawson, but I do remember we had to drink milk which had been warmed up by putting the bottles around the heater in the classroom. Not very nice.

I remember that one day, when we were having a gardening session, I managed to stab my foot with a

garden fork, through my shoe and through the flesh between two toes. No Health and Safety in those days! Although mum and dad were sympathetic, I did make a hole in my school shoes.

One of the highlights of the year in Crafthole was the annual sports day and carnival. The sports field at that time was at the top of the village on the road to Downderry. There was always a good attendance for the sports and a good entry in the carnival. My brother and I, as well as my dad, dressed up and when I visited the Finnygook a few years ago I saw a framed photo of me in the carnival dressed as Crafthole's carnival queen. I think my brother probably put it there many years ago when he used to manage the bar. Embarrassing to look at that photo now!

I think the most important carnival and sports day for the village was probably the one in coronation year 1953. I think that is when my father, and several other residents, formed the New Hall Committee and started raising money to build what is now The Memorial Hall.

I started work with Lloyds Bank in 1960 finally moved away from the parish in 1967 on getting married.

My parents moved from Tredrossel to Burns View in Crafthole when my father had to give up farming for health reasons in the late '60's. He was a parish councillor for many years and after his death in 1982 my mother also took up the challenge.

Looking back on those years, much has changed. Tredrossel farmhouse is now a private house and so is the school in Sheviock. The Recreation Room in Crafthole was demolished and a dwelling built on the site. The sports field now has a small housing estate on it. And now the Whitsand Bay hotel is about to change as well. Not only that, I am not as young as I used to be!

So much change, but I still have fond memories of my time in Sheviock Parish. The Good old days!!!!

What's on at the Sheviock Memorial Hall

The Recreation/Snooker Club

Another and repeated call for new members

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

For details contact 01503 230326

Short Tennis.

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

Short Mat Bowls

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 <u>not</u> 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! Have you got the nerve to try it or are you just a sit at home and become a "watch television fanatic".

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

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

8.00 pm Adults

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 imput of adults to join us or we may have to close the adult section.

Thanks must go to all those who have come along to help with the junior club.

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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Crafthole W.I. Report

Teresa Colrein

At our April meeting, our WI ladies enjoyed an informative talk by Becki Greenwood on the new Acute Assessment Unit at Derriford Hospital, which is an alternative to A and E. At this unit, it is hoped to deal with patients on the day and prevent unnecessary admissions to hospital – such good sense!

With our business meetings out of the way, we are looking forward to a full calendar of events and talks (thanks to Mel Parry, our programme secretary), including our annual fund raising Strawberry Tea chez the Snowlings on

June 26th, a coffee morning chez the Pullingers on August 14th and on 17th July a talk by Diana Lawer on "Laundry Laughs". As always, visitors are most welcome – meetings are third Wednesday of month, at 2pm in the village hall.

There is no meeting in
August, so we start
afresh in September and
look forward to being
able to use the new extension at the
hall

Teresa Colrein President

Rubbish dumped at Wacker Quay

David Dunn

I joined our normal monthly working party at Wacker Quay on Wednesday $15^{\rm th}$ May to cut down a



huge dangerous tree halfway along the trail between Wacker and Antony. Unfortunately when we arrived at Wacker we found that some inconsiderate person or persons had decided to dump several bags of garden refuse in amongst bushes and near the foreshore.

Dragging out the bags and disposing of the contents took up quite a considerable amount of our voluntary time and delayed us from completing the tree felling.

If anyone might be able to throw some light as to who would dump this rubbish at a lovely beauty spot please do not hesitate in letting me or the police know.

David Dunn 01503 230311

A Miner and his Son

Jim Kitto

When but a boy,
just eight years old,
I went to work with Dad.
In the dark, across the fields,
the footpath very bad.

We walked five miles to reach the mine, then down the shaft we went. A thousand feet of ladders climbed. At shaft foot I was spent.

Ten minutes then
to rest our legs
then to the workings walk
Dad and me beneath the sea,
with little breath to talk.

With flickering candles on our hats we hewed the ore from rock. Dad and his pick, a mighty man, tiredness he did mock.

All day we slogged below the ground, the precious ore collected. Bogies full of it I pushed 'till tired and dejected.

At the end of day,
with no strength left,
Dad put me on his back.
The thousand feet to ground he climbed,
with me carried as a sack.

Then fast asleep, arms round his neck, and carried without a moan. In the dark, across the fields, my Dad took me home.

J. Kitto.

My family come from a long line of Cornish miners, but my Dad managed to break with tradition even though he had to work at a mine for a time, as I did.

In the 19th century men, women, and children worked in the mines of this Country.
Boys of eight years old and younger, worked all day, thousands of feet under ground, winning an extra income for their family.

There was no transport to and from the mine and none down the shaft when they got there. All miners walked to and from work, some over ten miles. At the shaft the pit engine was used to lift ore, not workers. They had to use the pit shaft ladder system with all the risks associated. Some fell to their deaths

The mines of Cumbria I worked in were one thousand feet deep, [the privately owned Egremont group of Florence and Ullcoats, part of the Millom & Askam Hematite Ore and Iron Co. Ltd], but some were much deeper. In Cornwall, South Crofty was over three thousand feet deep.

The employment of women and children in the mines was exposed by Lord Ashley and the resulting Mines Acts of 1842 prevented women, and children under ten years old, from working there. By the end of the 19th century boys were not employed underground. Believe it or not this was unpopular with mining families as their income was reduced! The employment of the very young, and the income they provided their parents, had kept many families from starvation.

When you think you are hard done to, or hard worked, doing some household chore in clean and well lit surroundings, think of all those years ago slaving underground. Boys and girls, men and women working naked, many of whom died down the mine, all working for the extravagant lifestyle of the land owners, the aristocracy. They were in effect white slaves. The Slavery Abolition Act of 1833 had freed black slaves in Great Britain and colonies, while in America it was 1865 before black slavery was officially ended.

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