

# **SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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## From the Editor

**W**ell! Little did we know what awaited us when last I wrote this piece - back in February - our world, along with everyone else's, turned upside down with the spread of the virus we now know as Covid 19. Our community swung into shutdown mode with many, many volunteering to look out for those who had been told to isolate. The younger members of the community particularly shone as they stepped in to fill the gaps left by those who were unable to continue in the shop.

It's good to see that the crisis brought out the best in our community but we mustn't forget - it isn't over yet and we must maintain our vigilance to keep us safe from it.

Since the last issue we have bid goodbye to a number of our community and the content reflects this.

You can now read the Newsletter on line. Go to [sheviockparish.org.uk/parish-newsletter/](http://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**

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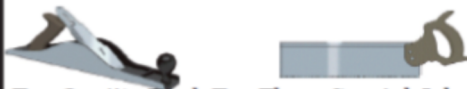
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### **Dust off those trainers ... Runway Runaround is back for 2020**

Last year over 600 people took part in Cornwall Air Ambulance's Runway Runaround. Those that did will surely remember the 5am start on a rainy Sunday morning in November and that incredible moment of crossing the finish line.

Due to the impact of Covid-19 on events, Cornwall Air Ambulance has decided to run the event virtually this year.

They are asking supporters to run, walk or cycle either 5k or 10k in a location of their choosing, on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September. It costs £10 to sign up and all participants will receive a medal.

More information can be found on [www.cornwallairambulancetrust.org](http://www.cornwallairambulancetrust.org), or you can contact Steph on [steph@cornwallairambulancetrust.org](mailto:steph@cornwallairambulancetrust.org) or 01637 889926.

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

*Scientists have figured out that the spread of Coronavirus is based solely on two things.*

- 1. How dense the population is*
- 2. How dense the population is*

*Finland has apparently closed all of their borders. Nobody is able to cross the finish line.*

*I went to the chemist today and asked the assistant "what kills the Corona Virus?"*

*She replied to me "Ammonia Cleaner"*

*I said "Oh, I am sorry, I thought you worked here"*

## Steve Harbour

Fiona Harvey

Steve's unexpected illness and death has been a great shock and sadness to all of us. A Plymothian by birth he and Ann chose our community as the place where they wanted to make their home and bring up their family. I first met Steve when, as little girls, he began to bring Jennifer and Philippa to church. Always ready to help, he soon became an invaluable member of the church family. From the beginning he took an active part in the services, carrying the processional cross when necessary and he held the Bishop's permission to assist the priest at Holy Communion. This role included taking Holy Communion to the elderly and the infirm in their own homes and for many years he visited the residential homes in Torpoint and District where he would lead a simple service and give communion to all who wished to receive it. Steve served on the Parochial Church Council and worked hard to help with multitude of tasks necessary for the smooth running of the church. He became churchwarden and fulfilled this role, perhaps the most onerous duty a layperson can undertake within the local church, with the greatest care and consideration. He shared the vision for the way ahead for St Mary's and from its inauguration, he was a member of the project team, celebrating with us the successful completion of the first phase last summer.

Steve's early career was in Devonport Dockyard. When he retired from this, he trained as a teacher and put his energy and enthusiasm into working with children with special educational needs where he was highly valued by the children, their parents and his colleagues. After his second retirement, he had more time to offer to the church and the parish and he worked in the community shop in those early days when we were still finding our way and the till had a mind of its own!!!

And now, of course, he also had more time to spend with his family. Ann, Jennifer and Philippa were always at the centre of Steve's life. He and Ann have shared a lifetime of memories. They enjoyed walking and gardening together, early in their marriage they had discovered the Isles of Scillies and they visited each year. More recently they also enjoyed holidays in North Italy. Steve was always so proud of Jennifer and Philippa and the time he spent with his grandson, Arthur, brought him great joy.

With the death of Steve, the parish has been bereaved of a kind and gentle man with the highest of principles and strongest of faiths. We shall miss him greatly. We send our love and condolences to Ann and the family and pray that he may he rest in peace.

## Donald Page

Nick & Jan Page

Donald was an only child of Thomas & Winifred Page he was born on 19th February 1934 in Torpoint, Cornwall but lived in Portwrinkle & Craffhole most of his life. In his younger years he used to enjoy going fishing with 'Shaver' Dawe at Portwrinkle. He often told the story of when he was out in the boat with Shaver during the war time, they saw a German plane heading towards the coast, which opened fire at them, so they had to row like hell to get back to shore... lucky he lived to tell the tale!

Donald met and married his sweetheart, Joan in 1963 and had their only child Nick the following year. Donald was a 'proper' Cornishman through and through, greeting you with an "Aright me ansom" and doing things 'dreckly'. He never liked to throw anything away, just incase he 'needed it' - kept everything from bits of string to car parts going back to the 60's. He was a mechanic by trade til he was 25. Then became a HGV lorry driver until he retired. Trucks were his life; he loved going to truck fest shows with Nick &

the yearly Morval Vintage Steam Rally. Donald was a happy go lucky sort of chap, who was content with the simple things in life. Family was important to him, he thought the world of his son & daughter in law Janette, grandchildren, Sean, Mark & Chloe and the dogs included. His main hobby was playing Billiards for local teams, having a beer and a laugh with his friends. He often used to walk around Whitsand Bay golf course, which he knew like the back of his hand, finding balls to flog to the locals!

He loved the community spirit of village life, and in his later years going down to the shop daily to collect his newspaper, pasty and having a banter. The last chapter of Donald's life was a struggle as his dementia progressed and the long goodbye was difficult for us to endure. Although we will miss him, we take comfort knowing that when his journey on earth was done, there was joy - he's now in a place called 'home' smiling down on us saying, all is well. We love you!

## Daniel J Erasmus 30.07.1947 – 09.05.20

Lynn Erasmus

Daniel was born in South Africa. Lynn and Daniel decided to move to the UK on his retirement after spending many happy holidays here. Daniel loved the countryside and village life in Crafhole. He played bowls and belonged to Probus. Unfortunately, after a diagnosis of M.S. in 2008 he gradually became unable to

socialise in the village and his health rapidly declined from August 2019.

Lynn and Alison would like to thank everyone for their messages, love and support on the passing of Daniel on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. We live in a very caring community.

## Crafthole Craft Fair

Lynn Vickery

- **Memorial Hall Crafhole. 10th & 11th October**  
**10am - 3pm**

This year's fair will take on a very different form from our usual event, due of course, to Covid 19. In fact, with ever changing advice, there is every possibility that it may not happen at all. However, there is considerable interest from the Crafters and so we are aiming to hold a slightly reduced event, taking into account the need for safe distancing and directional flow. We shall be executing a one way system, entering through the sports hall door and exiting at the main entrance.

We shall not be able to offer the usual H & C refreshments but maybe we shall be able to do hot drinks and wrapped biscuits - we shall do our best.

We will ask all visitors to use hand gel at both entrance and exit and to wear a mask. Use of the toilet will require exiting through the roadside door and re-entering as before.

Please keep an eye on the notice boards - outside the Village Hall and elsewhere for any last minute cancellations, but as things stand at the moment, the show will go on!!

### ***Crafthole Pre-school***

are open daily in the hall during term time and will have **vacancies for 2, 3 and 4 year olds** from September. Due to Covid, the toddler group will not be open until further notice. For more information please contact **Paula Brooks 07900 553116 or paulasabrooks@aol.com**



## Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable Show

The Flower Show Committee decided against holding a full Flower Show in 2020.

However, there did not seem to be any reason why a Garden Competition could not be held. Most people in the Parish had spent time in their gardens during lockdown and there was a great deal of enthusiasm which resulted in a lot of entries. The judging was held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July with our stand in judge Saul Walker led round the villages by Andrea Evans. The gardens were outstanding and the resulting winners were:

Mrs Penfound's cup for Best Summer Garden:

**Angela Moore**

Mrs Steward's Cup for most outstanding exhibit from Summer Garden Competition:

**Anna Batson**

Theodora's Cup for the most outstanding exhibit from Summer Tubs, Containers and Hanging Baskets:

**Lynn Vickery**

This enthusiasm spread to us holding a mini Flower Show on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July with the children's painting classes reflecting lockdown and rainbows and various photography classes. The children's classes were well supported with a number of entries from the Crafthole Preschool and the prize winners were all awarded rosettes.

Hopefully life will return to normal in 2021 and we will be able to hold a full Flower Show on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

**Flower Show Committee**

### **SHEVIOCK MEMORIAL HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB**

**£5 a YEAR gives chance to win £10 EVERY week.**

Well, what can one say about 2020? Off to a flying start, then everything ground to a resounding halt.

The hall was closed, along with nearly everything else and everyone stayed indoors, where they could.

The excellent collectors for the 200 club were on standby and we were unable to do the weekly draws - so it was decided to postpone the 200 club for this year.

All monies that you have already given as your subs for 2020 will be rolled over to 2021 (unless you wanted to donate more to the hall?).

So as the collectors were stopped from walking round the village, meeting you all, this year, I thought I would name and thank them all here.

Angie Harvey, Debs Casey, Dom Cheffers-Gibbs, Gill Kennedy, Judy Scott, Maureen Saunders and Lynn Vickery. Longtime supporter Daphne Dickens stepped down and we welcomed Louise Hamlyn on board.

Anyone with a number in the draw (10p a week) has the chance to win £10 each week. That's only a fiver a year! So why not join the Memorial Hall Supporters club - talk to one of the collectors or give me a call and I will happily allocate you some numbers.

If you think you would like to help and be a collector - please contact me and I will happily chat to you about it.

Finally, the team of collectors will be round again in 2021, if you'd like more info.

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### SHEVIOCK PARISH COUNCIL

#### NOTICE OF VACANCY

#### IN OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 that PETER CADE has ceased to be a member of Sheviock Parish Council and that a casual vacancy exists on the Council

2. If, within 14 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday and Bank Holidays) after the date of this Notice, a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer of Cornwall Council at 3S, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY (phone 01209 614373) by TEN (or more) electors for the said Parish an election will be held to fill the vacancy.

3. If the Returning Officer receives fewer than ten written requests for an election by 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

4. As a result of the Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus)

(Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

and the Coronavirus Act 2020 should an election be requested, a poll cannot currently

take place until 6 May 2021 (the date of the next ordinary elections) the vacancy will

therefore be kept open and the Parish Council will be unable to fill the vacancy.

DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2020

(Signed) .....

Mrs Nancy Gray  
Clerk to Sheviock Parish Council  
The Clerk's Office  
Bill Warren Room  
Memorial Hall  
Crafthole  
Torpoint  
PL11 3DG

A letter received from a happy visitor:

*My wife and I visited Portwinkle for the first time last Wednesday together with our son and his family and our daughter and her family.*

*After an hours journey most needed the toilet which had just been cleaned by a charming lady. We all agreed these public toilets were the best we have used particularly at seashores and thought your cleaner should be congratulated. We loved the beach and the whole experience of our visit. Thank you.*

**Richard Head**

**Autumn Clean** time again. Saturday 19th September. You are invited to contribute to the tidiness of the parish - rubbish picking, bus shelter cleaning, tidy the flower beds, just the kerb outside your house. Whatever you do, please do it safely.

## Sheviock Parish Council

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## Council News

Following advice from Cornwall Council/Government that online meetings, open to the public, may be held in the interim. We did consider this option, and decided to hold a Zoom meeting for August. This was publicised but we had no members of public joining in. We felt it was a success, and will be happy to hold further such meetings should that prove necessary.

- A register of financial decisions will also be kept and posted on the website along with this.
- There is an essential business continuity plan on the website.
- The Clerk is available via email, though will not be present at the office as she will be working from home, according to government guidelines. The Chairman or any of the Councillors can also be contacted by email.

So, what has been done in view of the lockdown?

- The Parish Emergency Plan that was instigated has now been stood down.
- We have a network of volunteers in place ready to respond to any need. If you, or someone you know needs help, please contact any councillor or the Clerk.
- Public convenience at Portwrinkle have now re opened. Following a lot of work to put in place the necessary systems. Many thanks to Francis and Julia for their efforts. See elsewhere a letter from the public in praise of their work. Of all the complaints during the lockdown, the ones regarding the toilet closures were probably the majority, even when people were being told to stay at home. We followed the government guidelines and put the safety of our colleagues to the forefront of our decisions.
- Children's play park is now also open - again thanks to Nancy for all the hard work involved.

### Other News

We are one step closer to our official opening of the new Finnygook footpath. We have had the required signage produced ready to put in place. Just awaiting the final sign off with Antony Estate then we're good to go.

### Finally

Please continue to be patient and understanding during what are trying times for all of us. But I think we all appreciate we could be in a much worse situation.

It is heart warming to see such expressions of generosity and acts of kindness.

Don't forget, if you need anything, there are plenty willing and able to help.

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Whatever you do, STAY SAFE.

**Steve Medway, Chairman**



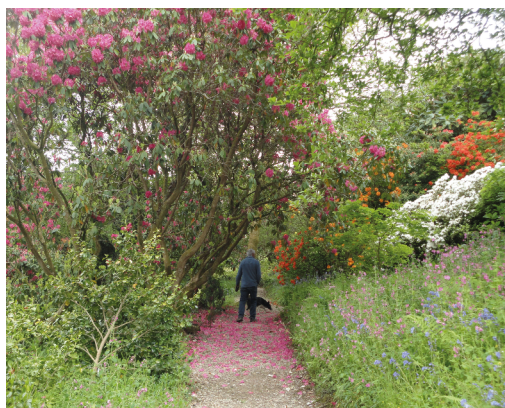
All being well there will be a gardening club meeting on Monday 19 October when Robert Jubb will talk to us on "The Delight of an Apple Orchard". At the moment we will be restricted to 24 members for the use of both the



Kennedy Room and Lounge and it will be necessary to book places nearer the time. It was planned to visit Lukesland Garden at Ivybridge, Ken-Caro Garden at St Ive and the Garden House at Buckland Monachorum this year. Hopefully this will happen next year and as a reminder of how beautiful these gardens were when we visited them before here are a few photographs.







Meetings are usually held at the Sheviack Memorial Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm.

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# Local Public Transport Update

Geoff Cadwallader

After a few weeks with an emergency bus service of just three No. 75 Buses operating each way, we have been back to our full normal 70B & 75 Bus service since the 30<sup>th</sup> May with over 30 buses passing through Crafthole on weekdays en route to Torpoint, Plymouth, Liskeard, Portwrinkle and the Rame Peninsula. However for three days from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March we had no bus service at all as originally we were not given an emergency bus service as it was based on Sunday Service Bus Levels. We were only advised about this late on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March but immediately protested very strongly about this to Plymouth CityBus & Cornwall Council and thanks to great prompt support from Cornwall Councilors, Shevioc Parish Council and members of our RPPTUG, an emergency 75 Bus service serving all our three villages was up & running by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, operating between Liskeard & Torpoint but with good connections to & from Royal Parade & Derriford Hospital. It was thought very important that we had a bus service not only during Covid 19 but for the future. The new Buses in Cornwall Handy guide operative valid from 6<sup>th</sup> July is now available as usual from the Crafthole Post Office & Community Shop and The Telephone Tourist Information Kiosk etc.

A few points to note in the new timetable are:- The 1445 from Royal Parade is as usual a 70B Bus running through to Portwrinkle on all Saturdays and during School Holidays, but it is a No. 70 on Schooldays when you will need to change at Torpoint Community College on to a No. 75 to take you to our villages. A good tip is that whilst there is a gap shown in the time table from 1645 until 1820 for a bus from Royal Parade to our villages, passengers for Crafthole (Finnygook Stop only) can catch the 1715 No. 70A Bus to Torpoint (Rowing Club Stop) arrive 1754 and change on to the 1802 No. 75 Bus arriving at the Finnygook at 1823. In the No. 75 Bus Service we now have 3 of the 5 buses from Liskeard to Torpoint departing Liskeard Lloyds Bank at 0719/0724, 1414 & 1644 that now all call additionally at Portwrinkle, the Kimberly Foster Stop In Crafthole and at Shevioc as well as at the Finnygook as usual. Unfortunately in the reverse direction only the 1524 ex Torpoint-Liskeard Bus on Schooldays calls at all the bus stops in our villages.

NATIONAL EXPRESS COACHES have since July 1<sup>st</sup> been operating a restricted service of three coaches daily from Penzance that call Tideford Bus Shelter at 0907, 1415 & 2315 en route to London Victoria Coach Station via Heathrow Airport. Return Services depart daily from London Victoria at 0830 (arrive Tideford 1440), 1330 (arrive 1950) & 2300 (arrive 0525). The two day time services (504) run non stop from Plymouth to Heathrow Airport each way except for a service station stop. Book online or 'phone 08717818181. LOCAL TRAIN SERVICE FROM ST. GERMAN'S STATION. GWR are operating a reduced but substantial service. However, it needs to be remembered that with social distancing, trains are only able to carry a fraction (currently about a third) of normal capacity. GWR are aiming to uplift capacity and service levels, so customers need to check timetables regularly. Current Train Service operating until at least the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in September:-

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS – Up Line to Plymouth & Beyond 0722, 0743 PAD, 0850 PAD, 0928, 1028, 1052 PAD, 1133, 1228, 1333, 1428, 1453, 1528, 1657, 1728, 1853, 1953, 2028, 2057, 2130, 2153. Down Line to Penzance:- 0557, 0727, 0834 (0526 ex BTL), 0902, 0937(0637 exBTL), 1034, 1101, 1234, 1402, 1431, 1501, 1601, 1647, 1737 (1404 exPad), 1801, 1917, 1949, (1604 exPad), 2048, (1704exPad), 2136(1804exPad), 2203, 2254FO. It is possible to get to London Paddington before 10.00 in the morning by catching the 05.57 down train as far as Liskeard arrive 0608, change over the platform to the 0617 ex Liskeard (Golden Hind) train to Paddington arrive 0959.

SATURDAYS – 17 trains calling on up line from 0721 to 2251 and 14 on the down line from 0755 to 2042. Through trains to Paddington at 0748, 0849, 1154, 1252 & 1628. Through trains from Paddington arriving at 1232 (0902exPadd) & 2042 (1703exPad) Notes – FO -Fridays only PAD – London Paddington, BTL – Bristol Temple Meads. All other trains shown are local trains operating to & from Plymouth & Exeter to & from Penzance

SUNDAYS – 8 trains calling on the up line from 1056 to 2208, and 8 on the down line from 0917 to 1951. Through train to Paddington at 1056. I understand that GWR have started to reintroduce catering on a small number of its services, but I have been able to trace, whether any of our trains to & from Paddington are included

GENERAL – Since Early July Public Transport can be used again for Leisure purposes and not restricted to essential use only. Such Leisure ferry services as the Cawsand – Barbican, and the Mt.Edgecumbe to Royal William Yard & Barbican Services are all up & running their full summer services again but are only able to carry 50% of their usual no of passengers. Please remember face coverings must be used when travelling in England by Public Transport and in substantially enclosed areas of Public Transport such as rail, bus & coach stations. Stay safe by sitting at least two metres apart. Board & disembark one person at a time. Pay fares with contactless cards if possible. Wash hands before and after travelling. Do not travel if feeling unwell. Plan ahead and consider travelling at off peak times.

I had an email from David Edwards last week, who has been the Transport Coordination Service Manager for Cornwall and the leading authority on Public Transport in Cornwall for many years, having spent almost all his career in Cornwall Transport. He wrote to advise me and our RPPTUG, that he is retiring at the end of August, and to say farewell and thank "us for the time we have spent working together" with him. He did mention that our group clearly "want the best out of public transport for our area" and that "Cornwall needs more groups like yours." Evidently David is going to be replaced by a Melanie Watson who it is said has vast experience of managing passenger transport arrangements, having led work previously at Transport for London, Transport for Greater Manchester and more recently numerous transport consultancy projects including the One Public Transport System for Cornwall.

### Dear Residents and Visitors, **Effects on the shop during the Covid 19 period**

As a small local shop, we have adhered to the changing Government Guidelines to prevent the spread of the virus. Early on we had a screen installed at the counter to protect both volunteers and customers: we limited numbers in the shop and the Post Office section: social distancing was imposed on people queuing at the door and as best we could within the shop; and more recently the use of face covering in the shop. We thank all our customers who complied with these somewhat irksome regulations.

Another effect of these regulations resulted in some of over 70's and people with underlying medical conditions being excluded from serving in the shop, resulting in our having to rearrange our volunteers' rota. The response to our search was both immediate and encouraging, especially from teenagers, who also helped in deliveries to elderly and quarantining for health reasons. On behalf of my fellow directors, I would like to say a very BIG THANK YOU to all who have stepped to the mark and continue to help us keep the shop open; albeit with revised opening hours. Also to Shay for delivering the papers to those who were unable to collect from the shop.

If you feel you would like to help in the shop, do not hesitate in phoning Ellen on 01503 230225.



At the beginning of the 'lock down' period the directors were in discussions about the possible purchase of a Card Machine. Despite the difficulties in not being able to physically meet, we have communicated by phone and email in coming to a decision for the purchase of a Clover Mini device with accessories using the money from the Grant and the Turkey Raffle. This was installed about six weeks ago. Many thanks

to all the directors and especially to Peter, Rosalie and Ellen in the choice of device and permission to purchase as well as other WIFI equipment including fitting of a BT fibre optic connection. Having this facility has resulted in a considerable increase in takings for the months of July and August.

**As to the future**, we are as much in the dark as everyone else, but it looks like we will be affected by Covid 19 restrictions well into next year. One matter we need to rearrange is the AGM postponed from May owing to Covid. Dependent on the latest guidelines, we are thinking of having **an AGM by the end October/early November** - possibly at the Village Hall. Look out for news of this in the next month or so.

**We do thank you for you continuing custom** especially in this ongoing pandemic situation – we are here to supply your daily needs; avoiding your having to travel to surrounding supermarkets.

Bryan Pullinger  
(Chair, Craffhole Community Shop C.I.C. Regn  
No.07833286)  
17 August 2020





It is uplifting to be returning to some feeling of normality" after the sudden closure of all churches and life going on hold. It was good just to be allowed to go into church to prepare

for opening, it looked just as we had left it, the bats had not resumed their flight path down the aisle! Worship has continued during Covid 19, for those up to speed with modern technology there were and continue to be daily services via Zoom or we listened to the same services broadcast by the BBC. As my computer decided to go into its own 'lockdown' Jenny very kindly issued a weekly Message from St Mary's which was emailed to all those wishing (and able) to receive it. We are now up to number 251 One advantage of Lockdown meant that the consecration of the Right Reverend Hugh Nelson as Bishop of St Germans could be watched on line. The service took place in the chapel at Lambeth Palace not in a cathedral as is normal practice. Archbishop Justin presented him with his ring, cross and staff, his symbols of office.

The Benefice has welcomed our new Curate, Mrs Laura Bushell-Hawke. Again Covid 19 has intervened delaying her ordination until September.

Sadly two members of St Mary's church family died during these difficult times. Margaret Bartlett during Lockdown meaning we could not hold a service in church. Members of the church and community

showed their respects by lining the roads of Portwrinkle, Crafthole and Polbathic as the hearse passed. Margaret played an active role in church acting as Sacristan, Welcomer, Pastoral Visitor and was a member of the Fund Raising committee. In the community, if there was a coffee morning or cake stall Margaret would be helping out.

Steve Harbour died in July and we were We to hold his funeral in church following strict social distancing rules. Unfortunately we could only listen to his favourite hymns but we could recognise the many ways he contributed to the life of St Mary's acting as Server, leading intercessions, Church Warden, a member of the Parochial Church Council and also an invaluable member of the Project Team. I will miss them both for the help and support they gave me. There have been changes to our Church Services which have begun again but with restrictions on numbers to maintain social distancing, no singing of hymns, hand sanitiser, masks to be worn and names of those attending recorded! Despite this our congregation has returned!

There are two Church services a month at St. Mary's. All services throughout the Benefice begin at 10:00

First Sunday of the month - Holy Communion 10:00

Third Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 .

Second and fourth Sundays St.Mary's is open for Private Prayer 2:00 - 4:00 pm

All are welcome, God Bless.

*Judy Scott and Jenny Bushrod*  
*Churchwardens*

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What a poor summer time we are having but maybe, just maybe we will have a glorious autumn with September, October onwards being coronavirus free ! One can always live in hope. No news as yet about usage of the hall on a permanent basis, just hearsay, everything is in hand to open with all the necessary annual inspections completed, setting the usual high standard for a return to some form of normality. At present, the hall is closed, but the trustees and committee are looking forward to welcoming our users back as soon as we can safely do so. We are currently working on solutions to enable us to bring the hall back into use gradually, hopefully from early September. We need to be sure that we can open safely for all concerned, and this will surely mean very different arrangements from those which went before.

Over the next few weeks, we shall be soliciting the views of regular users of the hall, and discussing the situation in light of the ever-changing regulations and guidelines.

Please bear with us while we tackle this thorny issue and please continue to check the S P C

magazine, village hall website, Noticeboards Facebook groups, etc. for the most up to date position.

As I have stated many times, we are all looking forward to a bright and healthy future for the Sheviock Memorial Hall, especially for you the Parishioners, your children and your children's children.

**"The Hall needs you and the Parishioners need the Hall" is my favourite saying and it is true**

With no **summer activities** including our **annual Fun Day/Carnival** it has been a hard time for us all. Will we or won't we have the autumn two day fair , who knows. Lynn Vickery has already established a plan but as to whether it goes ahead or not is in the lap of the virus. As for Christmas, whoops not so fast say you all. No I am not pessimistic just a realist at heart. We all need this pandemic to go and not return

[www.sheviockparish.org.uk/memorial](http://www.sheviockparish.org.uk/memorial)

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

### **Diary Dates: -**

The Village Hall Management Committee monthly meetings are on the first Monday in each month, starting at 7.00pm. The next meetings covered by this magazine are hoping to be on: - the 7<sup>th</sup> September, 5<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

PLEASE pass on your ideas for the future of the hall by contacting one of the Management Committee and give them the subject matter.

## **Defibrillators**

Repeated from the last issue as we're still being asked.

We have received comments on using the defib. units. It has been noted that it is unclear as to how to use these devices.

We have therefore had the following instructions printed, which will be affixed to the boxes.

### **Instruction to obtain Portable AED (defibrillator) from External box**

- Grip either side of external box, near top
- Pull towards you and down.
- A loud alarm will sound, to warn that protective exterior box is open
- Remove portable defib. unit (and additional cardboard box of child size electrodes if required).

Adult electrodes are already connected within the closed unit.

- Close exterior box, to turn off alarm -if have time.
- Call 999 if not already done so.
- Take defib. unit to patient,
- Open up box and follow instructions shown.
- Follow audible instructions, given by the the defib. unit, once turned on.

There are six units, which can be found at:

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Portwrinkle pump house  
Tredis  
Sheviock  
Finnygook entrance from Car Park  
Jolly Roger Cafe Portwrinkle



### ***Our Mission Statement.***

*We pray that Craithole 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*

All are welcome to our church services and we especially welcome children . Church Services are held each Sunday morning at 10.30 am or sometimes at a shared service with St Mary's Sheviock.

### **Bible Study.**

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.

### **Craithole Methodist Church**

### **Coffee Mornings**

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

Subject to Governmental rulings remember on the **fourth Saturday** of every month there is usually a Coffee Morning in the Methodist Chapel Sunday School room starting from 10.00 until 11:30 am, put these dates

in your diary: -

**Saturday :-September 26th ; October 24<sup>th</sup> ; November 21st and the 19<sup>th</sup> December.** Please note this is a week early 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 have over the many years shared our coffee mornings with us. We are ever hopeful that in the very near future we will again be allowed to meet and socialise. Please keep your eyes firmly on all notice boards.

### **Diary Dates**

The following dates are obviously open to change. But it is nice to wish!

**Harvest Festival** Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10;30 am. It is a family service followed by a lunch.

Details of **Christmas** activities will be published in detail in the next magazine.

4<sup>th</sup> December, Christingle,  
13<sup>th</sup> December, Toy Service ,  
20<sup>th</sup> December, Carol Service,  
25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Service 10 30.

For more information contact Barbara Snowling 01503 230326

# What's on at the Sheviok Memorial Hall

## The Recreation/Snooker Club

**When open.** Members have virtually unlimited usage throughout the day up to 10.30 pm when it is expected the hall will be cleared. If and when we can lift the closure all necessary Health and Safety rules will have to be observed. Disinfectants will be at the door and to be used with distancing rules to be observed. Keep your eyes open for future information.

**01503 230326**

## **Short Tennis.**

Subject to Governmental ruling Short Tennis takes place on a Tuesday afternoon starting at 2.00pm and on a Thursday evening starting at 7.30 pm. Played on the Badminton Court with soft tennis ball and standard rackets. Come along and try your hand and just see how fit you are

Contact is **Michael Cloughton 230022**

## **Short Mat Bowls**

The Club meets twice a week in the Sports Hall: on a Monday afternoon starting at 2.00 pm and on a Friday evening at 7.00 pm. Come and chance your arm and mental agility. We have plenty of spare bowls of various sizes for you to choose from.

We need **new players**; people should not be put off by what they see on TV or feeling that they are not capable. Everyone has some ability come and give it a whirl,

Contact **Teresa Colrein 01503230611**

## **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 pm for an hour. Anyone is welcome to join us and no previous experience is necessary! We laugh a lot and sweat a little! There is no keep fit in July and August but we will resume in September coronavirus permitting. We will be doing more seated exercises to accommodate for the distancing rules. Looking forward to seeing you there.* **Barbara 01503 230326**

## **Badminton Club**

Subject to Governmental rulings this will be held on Wednesday evenings at the following times,

5.30 - 6.30 pm 7 years and upwards

6.30 - 8.00 pm Senior School children

8.00 Adults

As of now the government has given no instructions around playing badminton but as soon as we are able, I will let you know.

**Barbara Snowling**

## **Crafthole Pre-school**

are open daily in the hall during term time and will have **vacancies for 2, 3 and 4 year olds** from September. Due to Covid, the toddler group will not be open until further notice. For more information please contact **Paula Brooks 07900 553116 or paulasabrooks@aol.com**

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## Heritage Gateway at SheviocK Parish Church

The benefit of working with Heritage projects is the perspective they bring. SheviocK Parish Church, dedicated in 1259, witnessed the arrival of bubonic plague, later known as the Black Death, to Weymouth in Dorset in 1348. The estimate of its impact, interestingly based on the replacement of new clergymen, suggests a clerical death rate of around 40%, which is consistent with the fall in population of

Cornwall between 1300 and 1337. This was followed by a second outbreak in 1360 -62 and from then on, plague became endemic for the next three centuries.

To end this perspective on a good note, the late 1300s and 1400s was a time of opportunity as Cornwall's economy diversified and grew faster than elsewhere. So, we started this year with great expectations of our pre-pandemic fund raising programme, but the first two events fell victim to this far reaching pandemic. There will be no special pleading for the Heritage Gateway at SheviocK Parish Church. Along with hundreds of other charities, we have seen our income for the Heritage Gateway evaporate. To mitigate this, we successfully applied for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards building costs for this year which has, in effect, replaced £4,400, 68% of our predicted fundraised income.

Steady – if painfully slow – progress is being made to resolve our drainage issues and the

collapse of the boundary wall to the east. We

are currently seeking the necessary permissions for our new drainage strategy and replacement boundary wall and have already started grant applications in what has become a very COVID oriented funding environment. Finally, I would like to reflect on the huge contribution of two members of The Friends of St Mary's who have recently died,

Margaret Bartlett and Steve Harbour. It is hard to recall any event for the Heritage Gateway - and indeed for many years before that - when they were not there, front of house, and always amongst the first to volunteer. The current conundrum – without the aid of a crystal ball - is to decide what our fundraising programme will look like for 2021. But whatever it is, I know that Margaret and Steve will still be there with us in spirit and providing much needed inspiration when our reserves are low.

It is our intention to hold a "Socially Distanced Raffle" before the end of the year. If you would like to donate or sponsor a prize, then please contact Jenny Bushrod or Judy Scott.

*Heritage Gateway Funds are used for the upkeep and maintenance of SheviocK Parish Church buildings and churchyard and heritage information and materials.*

*Jenny Bushrod & Judy Scott  
Churchwardens*





"He ain't heavy, he's my brother." The Hollies song came to mind as the events unfolded on the TV screen. Having completed the arduous swim and cycle ride in the triathlon, the Brownlee brothers were running towards the finishing line. They could almost touch the medals. All that remained was to determine who would have gold and who would have to settle for silver. Suddenly Jonny's legs crumpled beneath him and he staggered into an official in a state of near collapse.

But Jonny was not alone. A few paces back brother Alistair saw it all as he too struggled in the closing stages of the race. Sacrificing his own opportunity to go for gold in the World Athletics championships, Alistair found the acceleration to come alongside Jonny and support him towards the finish. He ain't heavy, he's my brother. The world witnessed something very special. This was not the first time such a thing has happened in international sport. Derek Redmond was almost certain of a medal in the 400 metre final at the Barcelona Olympics. Suddenly he stopped in his tracks with a cry of excruciating pain and started to hobble towards the finishing tape. But he was not alone. Somehow his father appeared on the track beside him and said "You

don't have to do this." Derek replied "Yes I do." "Then we'll do it together" said Mr Redmond senior, and supported Derek to finish the race. Realising they had witnessed something very special the stadium erupted in a standing ovation. He ain't heavy, he's my son.

When the world has been dealing with a pandemic rather than celebrating the achievements of so many at the planned Tokyo Games, few things bring honour in life than achieving at the highest level in sport. Yet these instances remind us of another kind of honour, as people selflessly come alongside to love and support those struggling with life. This year there have been countless examples of people doing just that, sometimes at great cost to themselves. In the New Testament, Paul encouraged the Galatian Christians to carry each other's burdens and so honour Jesus. All sisters and brothers in the human race may hold others in love and hope. Being there for others reveals the heights of humanity and is always something really special. Even during a pandemic, especially during a pandemic, being there for others means everyone is a winner. Stay well

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