

# **SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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## From the Editor

In the last issue I asked “Could it be that by the time of the next issue in March we’ll all have been inoculated?” Well, we may not have *all* been jabbed, but a good number have, and the numbers increase with each day. Don’t forget - it isn’t over yet and we must maintain our vigilance to keep us safe from it.

Also in the last issue, I asked if anyone would like to take over the editorship I would be only too pleased to do everything possible to ease them into the driving seat. Well, I’ve been inundated with volunteers not stepping forward so the invitation still stands.

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.

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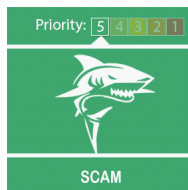
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Never let your dog be taken in these circumstances, the RSPCA never take a dog like that. RSPCA officers will have valid ID and if in any doubt call the head office on 03001234999. Please also inform police on 101 with as much detail as possible such as vehicle registration etc..

## Scam Alerts

1 I have just received a call from 07807622380 reporting suspicious activity regarding my National Insurance Number and inviting me to Press 1 for further action . Naturally I didn't as I believe it to be a scam, and never respond to such requests . Please be vigilant. The caller had a completely neutral voice so it would be easy to relax one's guard.

2 (On facebook) *"Received new bank card yesterday from Santander which I thought a bit strange as there are still 9 months on my current one. It wasn't a contactless one either like my current card. Had all the info on letter from Santander about how to activate it etc.. Well as it wasn't contactless it's not much use to me so I went into bank to ask them to change it. They informed me that they hadn't sent out the card and good job I went in. If i had activated it I would have lost all my money and savings. The Major fraud squad is now involved."*  
Be aware.

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

**Airline passenger: Do planes crash very often?**

**Air stewardess: Only once.?**

*Ran out of toilet paper and started using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, tomorrow romaines\* to be seen.*

***The World Health Organization announced that dogs cannot contract COVID-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out***

Do you feel times when you're up and times when you're down? Well, it's all to do with the tides. Evidently, when the tide comes in Cornwall sinks up to 4 inches as the land mass is depressed into the earth's crust under the weight of the incoming tide, springing back up as the tide recedes. Who'd have thought it?

\*Romaine : a crispy long leaved lettuce.



## David Mashford 2/9/1950 - 9/10/2020

David was born at Freedom Fields Hospital, Plymouth, the oldest son of Vera and Les, and big brother to Ian. At that time they were living in 15 New Street with his maternal grandparents while Les was building their bungalow in St Andrew Street. They lived in New Street until David was about 3 years old, the house holding a special place in his heart and to which he moved back to in 1978 and where he lived until he passed away.

As a young boy David was taught piano by his Auntie Marjory Mashford, and sung in the Millbrook Church Choir. When he was just 12 he learned to play the organ with the Organist at Millbrook. At 15, during a 2 year stay in Grenada, West Indies, a neighbour's brother who was the organist at Llandaff Cathedral often visited. He took David to Grenada Cathedral and showed him how to really play and understand the breadth and beauty of a church organ. When the family returned home to Millbrook, David was 17 and Antony Parish Church needed a stand-in organist for just 2 weeks. David took up the challenge and continued to play at Antony for the next 50 years. David attended Millbrook C of E School and, passing the 11+ went on to Saltash Grammar School. On leaving there, 6 years into a 7 year training scheme as an Architectural Technician, a recession caused the company to go under and prevented David from getting his Articles signed off. Unable to work in that field, he found himself working at Mashford Brothers making life rafts and doing fibreglass repairs which he continued to do quite happily until the yard was sold. Working for the family firm allowed him to absent himself from work to play for weddings and funerals in the local community. Shortly after the business was sold, David was made redundant, and moved on to play the organ full time at Bodmin Crematorium.

When he was about 20, David was given an Accordion by a lady in the village which he proceeded to teach himself to play. He developed an interest in Folk Music and in 1972, at a music workshop during Sidmouth Folk Festival, David met Rhona, Ray, Dennis and Judith and together they formed the country dance band Silver and Gold. They played regularly across Devon and Cornwall, and occasionally further

afield for 40 years. Rhona remembers many a time when David would drive several hours to a gig, play all evening, and then drive home again that night, in order to play the organ at Antony Church the next morning.

He also played at a number of other churches in the area, including Raleigh Camp, and covering for other organists and playing for many weddings, christenings and funerals. It gave him great pleasure to play for Ian and Sally's wedding on the Isles of Scilly, and later at the Christenings of his nephew Taylor and niece Claire. Whilst playing here at Sheviok, a decision was made to replace the organ that, apparently, made a horrible noise even with David playing. He trawled the country and found a neglected but beautiful organ in Wandsworth, London and after consultation with an organ maker, it was agreed to dismantle it and bring it to Sheviok. David painstakingly re-built the body of the organ and the organ maker refurbished the pipes so that today the organ, which was originally crafted on 1806, lives to carry on making beautiful music.

David kept himself extremely busy through his love of music, and his strong faith. He was Musical Director for the Dockyard Review Players, The Gang Show, and the Polbathic Pantomime. He was accompanist for the Kessenyan Singers, Rame Peninsula Male Voice Choir, Torpoint Ladies Singers, and on occasions helped out Polperro Fishermans Choir, Truro Folk Dance Club, and many more over the years. Christmas was an especially busy time for David, and the family remember every year, he would be exhausted, falling asleep straight after dinner, (often on the floor) having played at several services, including midnight mass.

In 1986 David was instrumental in the revival of the Black Prince Festival and was a stalwart supporter over the last 34 years both on the day and in fundraising efforts. He built the first model boat at Mashfords. He was an icon in his top hat, playing the accordion both in the procession and accompanying the school children for their dances. When David had a spare minute, he loved to soak up the sun, swim, and spend time looking after his small garden. He was very proud of his runner beans, tomatoes, pumpkins and chrysanthemums.

In 2012 David was invited to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, in recognition of his contribution to the local community. Later, in 2018, he was awarded the Cross of St Piran, which he felt was a great honour.

In 2018 David had a hip replacement. A year later he was diagnosed with lung cancer, which he bore bravely with very little complaint. Around the time of the initial lockdown at the end of March, he also lost his driver's licence due to 3 secondary growths on his brain. It was this that David found the most difficult. Fortunately, he had a close knit group of great friends and neighbours who helped him throughout these difficult times.

Despite the setbacks, David kept his sense of humour and his need to be creative, insisting that Ian take a detour on the way home from Chemo to gather moss for his hanging baskets. He just couldn't resist picking mushrooms on a recent walk in Mount Edgcumbe, collecting them in his sunhat and walking barefoot when his flip-flops became too uncomfortable. The family have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and affection that so many people had for David having received numerous letters of condolence and requests to be part of his final journey. He did so much during his lifetime that there must be things that have been missed from this tribute. Farewell to a wonderful brother, uncle, and friend.

## **Heritage Gateway at Sheviock Parish Church**

### **News and Views!**

**OUR GOOD NEWS** is that we were successful in our application to Historic England for a grant of £25,000 towards the replacement of our rainwater goods. The French drains have been inspected without major outcome and the renewal of our rainwater goods is well underway – despite a pause when our contractors had to self-isolate! Our attention is now fully focused on the very much more complex project to complete the drainage strategy and reinstate the boundary wall adjacent to Glebe House. To support our applications for permission for the works and funding, we need to compile a lot of background information, including an updated churchyard policy. We need to include the archaeology and history of the Church and the surrounding land, as well as the surveys and engineering design completed last year. Much work has already been undertaken to bring this together, but what is proving more difficult to pin down is information on current



and future usage – and that is not just about burials or interment of cremated remains.

We know that lots of people appreciate the agelessness and tranquil surroundings of St Mary's churchyard,

whether that is just walking through as part of a longer walk, visiting the memorial of a loved one or sitting for a while and reflecting.

Somehow, we need to measure the number of visits to the churchyard – for whatever reason - and to capture the intrinsic value of this peaceful plot of land to our community.

So – **YOUR VIEWS** please on the value of our churchyard to you. If you regularly or occasionally visit the churchyard, for whatever reason, would you please email or phone Jenny so that we can gather some numbers and ask a few simple questions. If you know someone who visits the churchyard – perhaps out of the area – please would you make them aware of this request. Email [bushrods@btinternet.com](mailto:bushrods@btinternet.com) or telephone 01503 230565

*Jenny Bushrod & Judy Scott*

Henry was born in Sheviock on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1927, his parents being Richard and Gladys Pryn, he was an only child. Henry went to School in Sheviock and had a very country style life. Henry was always keen to get out into the farmer's fields and help best he could. Even at a very young age, he would rush home from school and right into the fields. There were many tales of his antics with his pals whilst working on the land, often rewarded by just a hearty meal by the local farmer. When Henry left School he went right into work as an apprentice at Brenton's in Polbathic, which I know he enjoyed very much, yet again we have heard many tales of the antic's he used to get up to at work.

Henry was not one for going to the Pub at weekends smoking and drinking with the boys, he would be out and about with John Gardener tinkering with old cars and getting up to all sorts of mischief, which had he been doing this today he, would certainly have been in trouble with the Police had they been caught.

Henry met Connie when she was down on holiday from Ryme Intrinseca visiting relatives in the village. They met over the garden wall, basically love at first sight. They soon become a couple and got married in Ryme Intrinseca October 11<sup>th</sup> 1952

Henry never left the village and Connie settled in Sheviock with him. They lived in a wooden hut in Horsepool Rd., and this hut was extremely cold in the winter and the wind used to whistle up in under the hut and the windows froze up inside. This is when people bathed once a week and just washed daily from a basin and a jug. We remember the story of them having a wash and throwing the water out the door all over the Insurance man, he was not impressed.

Henry and Connie moved over to Kowloon and had 2 children Stephen and Mary.

Henry was offered a position in the Dockyard where he worked for a number of years commuting daily on his moped, he then moved to HMS Fisgard where he worked for many years before returning to the Dockyard and then he took early retirement at the age of 56 years.

Henry was not fazed by retirement as he was always busy doing something, he then went and worked at The Golf Club in Portwrinkle, as a green keeper, which we know he really did enjoy, up on the course on a Summer morning 5 am he liked nothing better than that. Henry was a member of The Golf Club for over 50 years, and in that time he never got a Hole in One, but he could hold his own against any opposition even his son in law Alan, he never gave up golf until he was 90 years old.

During Henry's 93 years he has built his own house, obviously with the help of others, but it was a real labour of love, and “Marconhest” is still the family home today, and many celebration and happy memories were made at the property including Anniversaries, Cindy and Andy's

Wedding reception, Robin Mabel's Christening party and many tea and cake events after various village occasions like The Bluebell Walk. Henry and Connie were always happy for anybody to come to “Marconhest” and use the facilities, they were thrilled to think that the Bishop of Truro popped in to use the loo whilst in the village.

Henry with Connie lived life to the full, they both loved village life and he was Church Warden for 50 years and even after that 50 years he still liked to be a part of the Church decision making, and he was always keen to see what was going on in The Church and Churchyard. He would attend as many church events as he could either by helping or just going along to support the Church. Sunday mornings he could be heard ringing the bell to summon people to Church

It was arranged by The Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall for Henry and Connie to attend The Royal Garden Party in Buckingham Palace which they attended on his 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday. He was spotted by Prince Edward and The Lord Lieutenant and they had a jolly good chat about Cornwall as he was wearing his Cornish tie.

He enjoyed very much the Church Holidays hosted by Rev Brian Anderson formerly going with Connie and the last few holidays with Mary and Alan who also enjoyed the holiday especially Brian's jokes.

Travel was a big part of Henry's life together, as a couple they loved Malta and ventured to America to see long lost cousins, which I am sure you have all have been made aware of at some stage. Holidays with the family in Europe and in the UK were always enjoyed especially time spent on a canal barge together.

Henry was always good with his hands and could always work out a way of making or fixing something this would include his matchstick models and his wonderful tapestries.

Henry loved his garden and greenhouse and always was quite competitive when it came to the village flower show. Lucy the Cat, this is the cat that came into their life about 4 years ago it just walked in and took over, we often think if the cat wanted Cavier it could have had it, it was lovely to see the two of them together, often sat in the armchair fast asleep.

Henry took great pleasure in listening to David playing the Organ in the Church, he reckoned he could sit for hours and just listen to him playing, he found this so therapeutic.

Henry was Husband, Father, Grand Father and Great Grandfather, he was I quote “The best neighbour I could have wished for” he was I quote “a go to man, generous with his time”

The family would now like to “Thank” all those in Sheviock Parish and beyond for being there during his life time, I am sure we will all miss “Mr Sheviock”



## Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable Show

After having to sadly cancel the 2020 show, the Flower Show Committee is currently considering the options for this year's show. No one knows what the situation will be by August and whether we will be allowed to hold public events.

Even if we can't hold the show in its usual format, we are hoping to hold some version of it. So your lockdown time could be ideal to make your handicrafts, practise your baking, brush up on your art projects, take your

photos- weather permitting, and plan your gardening.

The Summer Garden competition will be happening in July – the date to be confirmed - last year's entries were stunning.

Despite the current uncertainties the Committee is hopeful that the biggest event in the Parish Calendar can still go ahead. Watch this space. We will keep you informed of all decisions.

Any ideas /suggestions are welcome.

Mel Parry

Flower Show Committee

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

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### **Still here, waiting like us all**

What a year so far? No social comment from me but it has been a pain all round.

The hall is still sadly not up to speed and the number of clubs meeting there is greatly reduced.

There is not a great deal to say about the 200 club that wasn't said last time.

The collectors are still on standby as we decided to postpone the 200 club for this year.

If you have handed over your subs for 2020 – we will roll them over to 2021.

Due to the current guidelines, the collectors are still not allowed to walk round from house to house chatting to you all. However, they are keen and on standby for when we are given the go ahead.

As a reminder, they are Debs Casey, Dom Cheffers-Gibbs, Louise Hamlyn, Angie Harvey, Gill Kennedy, Maureen Saunders, Judy Scott, and Lynn Vickery.

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

Remember that when we start again - 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 if you want to 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.

Finally, thank you to the collectors and (if we are allowed!!!) they will be round again in 2021. Stay safe and wash your hands....

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

The Parish, Town and City Council Elections will take place on Thursday 6 May 2021. All seats on all of these councils in Cornwall are due for re-election.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor you will need to meet the criteria below.

If a vacancy is available and you meet the criteria, please contact the Parish Clerk to express your interest.

A candidate for a Parish or Town Council is qualified if:

he or she is a British citizen, Commonwealth citizen, citizen of the Irish Republic, or a citizen of another European Union State.

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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. The subsequent meetings have all passed smoothly, but we have only had two members of the public visit in seven months. A third person did attempt to join but we couldn't make successful contact. So overall a success and we will be happy to hold further such meetings for so long as it proves

necessary. We do look forward though, to when we can welcome you to the Methodist School room for proper face to face meetings again.

A register of financial decisions will also be kept and posted on the website .

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.

## Other News

We've now completed the final sign off with Antony Estate for our official opening of the new Finnygook footpath. We have had the required signage produced ready to put in place. The timber for these signs is in preparation and we will soon see these in place.

## Sheviock Parish Council

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# Council News

**Finally** Vying with the weather for the position of favourite chat subject, is “Have you had your jab yet?” What a great position to be in - at last some good news regarding the pandemic. Let’s raise a cheer to those many staff and volunteers who are working tirelessly to make it all possible. When we had ours done at Pensilva the volunteers on car park direction duties were braving the bitter easterly arctic winds. Please continue to be patient and understanding and remember - no one’s safe till we’re all safe.

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

Email the clerk at shevockpc@btinternet.com or me at s.medway.spc@btinternet.com or call 01503 230661, or text 07709 092226

Whatever you do, STAY SAFE.

**Steve Medway, Chairman**

## Memories

**J.Kitto**

When I left school jobs were few. Getting worried Dad dragged me off to intercept the Egremont Mines Chief Engineer who was on his mine circuit walk. A route he took every day. He walked to Lady Florence Offices; Florence mine; and Ullcoats mine via Hardheads, where the General Manager lived. Our ‘meeting’ took place on the country road opposite Florence offices. Dad was determined I should have a proper trade. It turned out the only vacancy available was for a Blacksmith’s Striker. Could I manage that? Yes, of course I could. What was it? Alec Sandham, Chief Engineer for the Millom & Askam Hematite Ore & Iron Company and their Egremont Mines, was smiling as he walked away.

I was one of the smallest boys in Workington Technical School. That first morning at Ullcoats Mine, when I pushed open the huge red wooden door into the Blacksmiths Shop it was like entering Hell. When I shouted my reason for being there the Smiths, all three of them, collapsed laughing, the biggest fell to his knees, tears running down his face, hurting from laughing. It turned out he was my Blacksmith.

A Blacksmith’s Striker is the man who wields a long handled hammer. This is called a Striking hammer and comes in various head weights. The one we most used weighed seven pounds. Swinging that all day made me grow quite a bit.

At first Alan Kelly, the Blacksmith, would not let me near him. He taught me how to use the thing swinging first off at a four inch nail in a large roundel of pit timber. I missed a lot. When I could hit it consistently I then had to control my strike. To tap it in, slowly. The nails got smaller until I could do it with a small panel pin! This all took about six weeks. Then I was allowed to work with the Blacksmith. That was when I really started to learn. Eventually I worked in unison with my Smith without him giving a word of direction. That came from his long handled light hammer tapping, directing, demanding. Both of us became a team. Forging, shaping, welding metal. We got along great. We also sang a lot. Elvis Presley was THE man. His songs were top of the pops. We sang them as Alan worked the big drop hammer in time. The whole place shook.

When Alan saw me dozing off, or losing concentration, he had a trick. Spitting onto the anvil he placed the near white hot metal onto the spittle then hit the top of the metal with his light hammer. The resultant loud bang always got my attention.

Alan Kelly was a big man, in every way. One of the best, and he laughed a lot, and I learned a lot. He also put up with a lot from the Strikers. I last saw him after he had retired – he was still bigger than me. I had grown a lot, but those large hands of his enveloped mine in what was our last hand-shake. I couldn’t have wished for a better man to start my career with.

*Smells and sounds trigger memories from times gone, whisking me back to when I really shone.*

*Hot metal, for example, or the smell of burnt coke take me back to my Blacksmith giving his hammers a soak.*

*Once more in the Smithy amid the forges load roar, and the clashing of metal I find my spirits soar.*

*Now I remember working stripped to the waist, striking hammer beating, time to the Smith’s taste.*

*Red hot metal on anvil, his long hammer tapping, where and how to hit next, my striking strength sapping.*

*Sweat shining bodies a glistening poetry of motion,*

*fit men forging metal prompts a Smithy dance notion.*

*Hammers on metal, bright forges blast. Sweat and quenched steel. Hot sets made sparks fast.*

*And the laughter and singing to the drop hammer thud. ‘Jailhouse Rock’ from the Strikers made the Blacksmiths feel good.*

*The Smithy I knew is now a cold roofless shell, full of ghosts from the past, good men I knew well..*



**LOCAL BUS SERVICES** – Transport for Cornwall & City Bus are operating a near normal bus service during the current Lockdown with the only difference being that they are since the 1<sup>st</sup> February, now running a School Holidays Service on Mondays to Fridays meaning that the alterations I mentioned in the December Newsletter to School day Services are not currently applying. This will presumably remain the case until children return to school. It is surprising that we do not this time have an emergency service operating during this 3<sup>rd</sup> lockdown, but when travelling to Derriford Hospital recently the No.34 was near to its Covid Capacity downstairs, when allowing for social distancing. It should be noted that the 34 has reverted back from its recently increased frequency for several hours on schooldays of every 20 mins to 30 minutes. Timetables can be downloaded from the Transport for Cornwall Website, which you can print selecting the relevant pages for our Nos. 70/A/B, 71 & 75 Services and not the complete timetable! It was pleasing to see that the visit of the Santa Bus to Craffhole on the 15<sup>th</sup> December was well supported by local residents.

**NATIONAL EXPRESS COACHES** – Following on about serious concerns expressed in the last newsletter of National Express Coaches ever returning to operate to & from destinations in Cornwall, I wrote on behalf of our RPPTUG to Chris Hardy, Managing Director, National Express Coach in, which I asked him if his company has any future plans that involve operating coach services again in Cornwall. In his reply Mr Hardy states “We have no plans to remove Cornwall from our national network and we intend to return as soon as restrictions are lifted and there is sufficient passenger demand “. He also made the valid point that “coach as a mode does not receive the same level of subsidy as rail or bus”. Although Mr Hardy’s remarks appear to be reassuring, it is very important that if & when National Express resume operating any service again here in Cornwall, that this time as much publicity as possible is given. Our RPPTUG hope to help with this and we now have an experienced acting Press Officer to assist. From their website I note that National Express are now hoping to resume services again on the 29<sup>th</sup> March (amended from 1<sup>st</sup> March), and initially they are planning to operate one coach each way daily from Plymouth to London, and one coach each e.w. from Plymouth to Birmingham. On the outward journey this will be the 07.45 to London Victoria via Heathrow Airport & the 07.50 to Birmingham. However, there is no mention yet of any services to & from Cornwall (Tel.08717818181 for further information). I think that it is both economically & socially vitally important that express coach as a mode of travel remains an option for those living in Cornwall, when Lockdown restrictions are lifted

### **OTHER LONG DISTANCE BUS & COACH SERVICES (Operating from Plymouth Coach Station)**

- Stagecoach Falcon are currently operating a restricted service of seven buses each way daily between Plymouth and Bristol Airport & City Centre. (Tel. 01752 495200 for more information). Stagecoach Megabus whose coach services nationally are currently suspended, plan to recommence operating from the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, but a service from Plymouth to & from London/ Birmingham will be limited to connecting at Bristol to & from three of their Falcon Bus Services on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays only, from 26<sup>th</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> May. On the outward journey this will apply to buses departing Plymouth at 01.00, 09.15 & 11.30 (Tel. 01413524444 for further information)

**LOCAL TRAIN SERVICE FROM ST. GERMAN'S STATION** - Although GWR have again had to operate a temporary timetable during the current Lockdown there has not been a significant variation in the number of trains calling at St. Germans on Mondays to Fridays compared with that shown in K1 Plymouth-Penzance Timetable operative from the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Only three of the 23 trains scheduled to call on the up line are currently withdrawn namely the 10.27 to Exeter and the 12.53 & 18.53 to Plymouth. Similarly on the down line only three of the 27 scheduled trains are withdrawn namely the 06.56, 09.02 & 15.01 to Penzance. It is important to check train times before travelling. There are a few further improvements in the pipe line to local train services, but more about them in the next newsletter when hopefully the Covid situation will have improved.

It should be remembered of course that under the current national lockdown measures “people should only travel if they need to buy basic necessities, for medical need, and to travel to & from work when it is absolutely necessary and you are unable to work from home”.

## Community Shop News

Bryan Pullinger

As I write this letter to you, we 'zoom' into yet another Covid dominating few months. With the prospect of maybe another 'lock down' (dread the thought!), I 'roll out' this letter. Recalling that since the last SPN, we have shed a 'tier' or 'two', not only for those within our 'bubble'; but also those outside. ***(With credits to Mr Johnson for the new vocabulary @2020)***

What a year of change – underlining how impermanent our surroundings, structures and even our lives are. We can only but give thanks for the lovely place we live – and in it, the shop which has managed to stay open. Many thanks are due to our volunteers for turning out in thick and thin to keep it going. If you would like to offer to become a volunteer- phone Ellen on 01503 230225.

Now, I need to let you know there have been some changes on our Board since September last year. After two years of exceptional service Peter McLaren resigned on 23 September. He is greatly missed. On 26 November two new directors were appointed namely Diane Taylor and Ian Court, who have fitted very well into the team. More recently, on 20 January, Fiona Babbage resigned but expressed her willingness to continue to serve in the shop. Thank you Fiona for your 2 years of service on the Board – we miss you. Fortunately, Ellen has graciously joined the Board, to which as our manager for many years she will provide a wealth of wisdom.

Now, just to reassure you – **"the future has not been cancelled!"** Here is a summary of the upcoming events in the next 3 months, for which the

shop will be open to provide 'goodies' as you celebrate them...

Mothering Sunday

14 March – try the shop first for your cards and pressies!

First Day of Spring

21 March – WELCOME!



Aide memoire 28 March – British Summer Time – Clocks go forward!

Eastertime – with the promise of resurrection in every leaf of Spring!

### Opening Times

	<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Shop</u>
2 April Good Friday	Closed	9-11am
3 April Saturday	9-12 noon	9-1pm
4 April Easter Sunday	Closed	9-11am
5 April Monday	Closed	9-11am
6 April Tuesday	Back to usual	
3 May Bank Holiday	Closed	9-11am
31 May Spring B.H	Closed	9-11am
1 June Tuesday	Back to usual	

And finally, our AGM for the 2 years ending 31 March 2021 will hopefully be in late May or early June at the Village Hall – all dependent on the then current Covid Regulations. Be on the look-out for notices in the shop.

Bryan Pullinger (Chair, Craffthole Community Shop  
CIC Regn No. 07833286)

## Shevioc Garden Club Report

Dee Medway

Awaiting to hear what decisions are to be made in the next few weeks re current lockdown and will resume meetings/visits then. The Cornwall Garden Society lectures via zoom have been very good so will continue to remind members when they are coming up.

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

Membership fees: £12 per garden, £1 per meeting, non-members £2

Enquiries - Dee Medway (Secretary)  
01503 230661



We were fortunate in that the Lockdown was lifted in time for Christmas and we were able to hold two services before Christmas.

As we were unable to hold our usual Christingle service in aid of the Children's Society on Christmas Eve, we decided to hold a collection for the Children's Society at one of our services. We were overwhelmed by people's generosity both from the congregation and donations from people within the parish raising £204.00. The collection at Holy Communion on Christmas Eve is always in aid of St Petrocs, perhaps because we have had to spend so much of our time in our own homes we are more aware than ever of the plight of the homeless and £340 was raised. Thank you for supporting these two worthwhile causes.

When another Lockdown was announced places of worship were not told to close. Reverend Canon Lynn, after talking to the Churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Councils and those on the Electoral Roll decided to seek permission from the Bishops to suspend services. Permission was granted so once again services are being held by Zoom. If you would like to join one of these services, please email Reverend Canon Lynn Parker at [parker30@hotmail.com](mailto:parker30@hotmail.com) :

Sunday 10:00 am	Thursday 7:00 pm
Monday 7:00 pm	Friday 10:00 am
Tuesday 10:00 am	Saturday 7:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am	

Two members of our congregation who were no longer able to attend church have recently

moved into care homes, Mary for a period of respite has gone to The Old Vicarage at Antony and Thelma has moved permanently into Porte Rouge. Their absence will be especially noticeable when Chapel can resume its coffee mornings.

When Lockdown is lifted and it is safe to open Church once again services will be:

The first Sunday of the month Holy Communion 10:00 am

The third Sunday of the month Morning Worship 10:00 am

We pray that the end of this dreadful pandemic is within sight especially now that many of us have had our first vaccination, please stay safe.

God Bless

Jenny Bushrod, Judy Scott – Churchwardens  
Information can be found at

[www.achurchnearyou/stmaryssheviock.com](http://www.achurchnearyou/stmaryssheviock.com)

Postscript from Judy -Lastly but not least I would like to congratulate Jenny Bushrod. Since the first Lockdown we have kept in touch with members on the Electoral Roll via a weekly newsletter dropping through our "virtual" letter boxes little did we know that 51 weeks later that is still happening. This has been written by Jenny Bushrod showing sensitivity and compassion imparting sad news and good news. I am delighted to say that Jenny, much to her surprise, is to receive The Cross of St Piran in recognition of her efforts in keeping us up to date with news of members of our church family and the wider parish and services available via zoom and the BBC. She justly deserves this prestigious award.

**Judy Scott and Jenny Bushrod**  
**Churchwardens**

Information can be found at

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## Fund Raising Appeal

There was enthusiastic lobbying for the installation of defibrillators within the parish, and we now have six installed and commissioned.

We benefited from a scheme where the BHF funded our cabinets. However, since then we have had issues with some of the cabinets leading to costs of approximately £1169. While we have covered these costs from council funds, any further replacements would have to be bought, as the BHF scheme has ended.

Further, ongoing maintenance costs amount to £724 pa. These include new child pads every 2 years, £445, new adult pads every 5 years £630, inspection checks, approx. £500 and electricity costs, £144. While we are able to cover much of these outgoings it would be beneficial to create a fundraising committee to supplement these funds.

So, can we please ask for some volunteers interested in organising such a committee. Contact Nancy at the clerks office, details on page 9.



What a year we are all still having, what with the coronavirus and now this 'lovely?' winter/spring weather with rain and gale force winds, but, we must all live in high expectation of a clear run through to a hot summer.

It has been a challenging twelve months for village hall trustees, but it is pleasing to report that the hall is in safe hands. The Covid-19 pandemic has been one of the most challenging periods in the 45 year history of the hall. Having the building free from all but essential activity was alien and unwelcome. During the latter part of the national lockdown, the hall has been partially closed and entry prohibited to all, with the exception of the pre-school group. The trustees continued to carry out H&S and security checks continuing to ensure that we will be able to provide a first class, safe, accessible, well maintained and well-presented village hall and meet the aims and objectives of our mission statement when this covid 19 epidemic is finally over.

I again thank all hall users for their patience and tolerance and for their understanding in these difficult times.

The Treasurer's recent report provides more detail of our financial situation and we are appreciative of Ian's financial management, which has enabled us to go into and through lock down without any major concerns of our financial survival. Despite closure since April 2020, regular health and safety checks has been carried out by members of the Trustee Management Committee who regularly visit the hall on a weekly basis and minor maintenance has continued, Covid 19 has prevented us from holding an AGM this year. Based upon advice, taken from ACRE, the existing trustees have agreed to continue in their posts until such time as elections can take place. That said, we have not been overwhelmed with residents wishing to become trustees during the past few months!.

Despite the current situation, trustees continue to carry out village hall duties and communicate with each other by email and telephone as issues arise

[/memorial](#)

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

### **Diary Dates:-**

The Village Hall Management Committee monthly meeting is usually on the first Monday in each month, starting at 7.00 pm. The next meetings, covered by this magazine should start in March 2021 followed by the regular monthly meetings. Please pass on your ideas for the future or contact one of the Management Committee and give them the subject matter.



### ***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.*

Our hope is that we will be able to use the chapel for services soon. All the chapel has been sanitised regularly and distances have been kept. During lockdown we have been aware of missing the important occasions in the church year. Easter 2020 came and although we could not have a service, we placed the wooden cross in the porch and invited anyone who was passing by to put flowers on it. The result was beautiful and much appreciated by everyone who saw it. Before Remembrance Sunday poppies decorated the chapel railings to remind people we would be observing two minutes silence.

CHRISTMAS DAY. Still restrictions but we held a small service

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December** we collected the toys, as this would normally be our Toy Service and Nativity, and these were all taken to the Nomandy centre in Plymouth.

### **Coffee Mornings.**

Many people have said how much they have missed the regular monthly coffee morning and we are intent on bringing this event back onto your socialising calendar as quickly as possible, subject to the easing/lifting of the rules.

So please keep your eyes and ears open for further news. Looking forward to seeing you all at the

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

We would like to say a big thank you to all our loyal supporters who share our coffee mornings with us.

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 and will meet as soon as possible.

### **Bible Study**

Will resume as soon as we can. We meet at 10 Cross Park Crafthole on the first Thursday of each month, subject to the lifting of LOCKDOWN

For more information contact Barbara Snowling  
01503 230326

### **A plea from Farmers**

This is a busy time for sheep farmers as lambing gets into full swing. The last thing they need is for their stock to be disappearing through gates left open by unthinking walkers.

Please follow the countryside code:

Stay on footpaths;

Leave gates as you found them - if it was closed, then close it behind you;

Keep dogs under control near stock - the farmer is perfectly entitled to shoot a dog worrying their stock;

However, if cattle or horses chase you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead - don't risk getting hurt by trying to protect it. Your dog will be much safer if you let it run away from a farm animal in these circumstances and so will you.

Pick up after your dog - it may be one more poo amongst many, but dog poo can cause serious diseases in sheep through the contamination of food and water. Dog waste on grazing land can pass worms and parasites to sheep, so it is vital that dog owners pick up their dog's droppings when walking pets on farm land.

Thank you.

# What's on at the Sheviack Memorial Hall

## The Recreation/Snooker Club

*When possible, we will be opening the Recreation Club. Remember where is the Snooker Room? Try the first room on the left as you enter the main entrance hall. 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 upto 10.30PM when it is expected the hall will be cleared. For details contact **01503 230326***

## **Short Tennis.**

Short Tennis takes place on a Tuesday afternoon starting at 2.00pm and on a Thursday evening starting at 7.30pm. 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 Claughton 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 01503 230611**

## 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 2.15pm for an hour. Anyone is welcome to join us and no previous experience is necessary! We laugh a lot and sweat a little SADLY we only managed three sessions before lockdown but we hope to begin as soon as possible when the lockdown is over.*

*Looking forward to seeing you there. Barbara 01503230326*

## **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

There is plenty of room for adults and we would welcome you to join us even if you have not played since school days Come and give it a try.

Thanks must be given to all the ladies who help with young people. The club could not function without them.

Members may use the equipment if they wish to hire the hall during the holidays. Club will reconvene as soon as possible according to the covid rules.

Barbara Snowling

## **Crafthole Pre-school**

Pre-school is open, having lots of fun and we are able to take names for the September waiting list and a link for a virtual tour is available on 07900 553116 please contact **Paula Brooks 07900 553116 or paulasabrooks@aol.com**

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## CRAFTHOLE COMMUNITY SHOP AND POST OFFICE

**Mothering Sunday 14 March  
Come in for cards and presents.**

**SHOP: 2nd April , 9am - 11pm  
PO closed**

**3rd April, 9am - 1pm. PO 9-12**

**4th - 5th April, 9am - 11am. PO  
closed**

**3rd May, 9am-11am. PO  
closed**

**31st May, 9am-11am. PO closed**

Dear friends

After 11 months of pain and suffering because of the pandemic, I've noticed the topic of general conversation has begun to shift from Covid to that of the vaccination programme. All this is summed up in the question "Have you had your injection yet?" Several have approached the vaccination appointment as a welcome day trip, a necessary and temporary suspension of the Stay At Home message. The 'outing' offers an opportunity to be reminded that the world really is still there. And many are looking forward to their second booster dose in just the same way.

Almost without exception those who have received the vaccine also speak of other, deeper, emotions. We hear people speak of an overwhelming gratitude, of pride in the work of the scientists and NHS, and a sense of humility that so much could be contained in so little a vial of liquid, dispensed into the arm in the blink of an eye. There is a general sense of mystery that such a small thing as a vaccine could hold such huge significance. It is hardly surprising after the year we have been through that many describe actually feeling different after receiving the vaccine, along with an understandable sense of relief that comes through the protection the vaccine has been shown to give from the danger of serious illness. Each vaccine administered has far-reaching implications not only for the recipient but also for their families and community, the nation and yes, in this case, for the world.

Similar sentiments have been expressed by those who have received a long-awaited organ transplant, all summed up in thankfulness to those whose courage and generosity has allowed them to have a new lease on life, having a second chance for life,

almost as if the person has been born again. This was the way Giorgia Galassi and Vincenzo Forti described their rescue from the avalanche which hit their Italian hotel in December 2017 as feeling they had been born again. After experiencing such a catastrophe, a brand new lease on life had been opened up to them. In such circumstances saying Thank You never quite seems enough. How do you say Thank You to those we owe so much? At the beginning of 2021 Mark Corbett joined the RNLI out of gratitude for having been rescued by the RNLI from a ferocious storm in 2017. In the rescued now becoming the rescuer, Mark expresses his thanks as he fulfils his pledge to pass on the care and skill and courage he had received to help save others.

We are approaching Easter, with the promise that the lifting of restrictions is on its way to enable life to return to something that is more recognizably 'normal.' These ideas of new life, recreated life, restored life, transformed life run through the Easter message of resurrection. Whether we believe in the new life that comes through being a disciple of Jesus or not, how thankful we are for the possibility of restored and renewed life, life as life is meant to be for everyone.

However we choose to celebrate resurrection 2021, we are invited to embrace renewed opportunities and restored potential with a deep and profound sense of gratitude for the possibility of another second chance for life. Then it is up to us to decide just how we plan to live out our own personal Thank You in response.

Happy Easter!

Rev. Iris Bray  
Saltash Methodist Circuit



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