

SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

This issue records a number of changes in our hitherto established way of things. Michael Snowing, Chair of the Community Hall for as long as many of us remember, steps back for a well earned rest, handing the reigns to Paula Brooks. Wishing all the best to Paula in guiding the hall through a fresh new beginning.

Bryan Pullinger hands over to Lynn Vickery, now responsible for the Shop CIC committee. I offered the post of newsletter editor up for any takers and was almost killed in the rush of silence! The invite still stands should anyone wish to take over.

We look forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a great excuse for us to have a great party in the fashion we always do.

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

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

Steve Medway

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Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice has been helping people find solutions to their problems for 83 years and the service has continued to evolve over time ever since as people's needs have changed. Originally established as a network of local organisations to help people through the maze of wartime regulations, the emphasis shifted to the introduction of the welfare state in the 40s and 50s.

Today, Citizens Advice Cornwall provides a vital lifeline to many people with problems such as benefits, debt, employment, housing, relationship breakdowns, discrimination and consumer issues. The coronavirus outbreak has added another new challenge for many people and in the last year, we helped 9,000 people from across the county.

Our advice is free, independent and confidential – and we're non-political and non-religious. Our service is open to everyone regardless of race, class, income or background.

As a local charity we're embedded in the local community and rely on volunteers across the county as the backbone of our service.

Volunteers come from all sectors of society and can help out by becoming frontline advisers, joining our fundraising team, working as admin assistants, becoming a trustee or working for our research and campaigns section.

No previous experience is necessary for our volunteer roles because full and thorough training is provided.

Volunteer adviser, Chloe, said: "What I enjoy most is the rewarding feeling that comes from helping someone find a way forward and knowing we've helped make a difference, no matter how big or small."

Another volunteer, Maureen, a retired TV studio technician, said: "For some people,

Citizens Advice is the last port of call, so volunteers are needed and as well as knowing you've helped someone in some way, you'll also make great new friends."

As well as the main advice service, Citizens Advice also runs projects in Cornwall to help tackle some of the root causes of problems. These include advice programmes aimed specifically at people with mental health issues, victims of crime and domestic abuse and those at risk of homelessness and victims of loan sharks. We also run a specialist advice service for people with a cancer diagnosis with the Macmillan cancer charity.

Citizens Advice has also launched successful education schemes to improve people's financial health and awareness and improve their prospects in life. These include courses to help young, unemployed people understand budgeting and saving; helping vulnerable people with their energy costs and helping new tenants understand their rights and responsibilities when renting a home for the first time.

If you'd like to help others in your community as a volunteer, we'd love to hear from you. You can find further information on the available roles and training by visiting our website at www.citizensadvicecornwall.org.uk or emailing

volunteer@citizensadvicecornwall.org.uk

If you need help or advice yourself please contact our team by texting the word ADVICE to 78866 and we'll call you back within 48 hours (excluding weekends) or you can call us on 0800-144-8848 Mon-Fri 10am-4pm.



**citizens
advice**

Many of you knew Pauline (my Mum). The eldest daughter of Edna and Alec Davey, she was born in Moor View, Craffthole, a month after war was declared. She survived the ceiling falling in when a building in the village took a direct hit from a bomb. In her earliest years she had Edna to herself as Alec was serving in the army. The family moved to 3 Coastguard Cottages, Portwrinkle, where Mum grew up. Pauline was 9 when her sister Susan was born. Mum's school reports suggest she didn't apply herself to lessons as much as the teachers might wish. She loved being on the beach with friends, drawing and gardening, developing the bank beneath coastguard cottages as her own gardening project. Mum had a sense of adventure and fun, but wasn't particularly sympathetic to the needs of small children, how Sue survived being in Mum's care without greater mishap is a miracle. Pauline would take friends scrumping for apples, took 5 year old Sue down a landslide at Brittain Cove and could spit a cherry stone further than anyone else.

The careers advisor suggested Mum could become a nurse or a teacher, neither of which appealed and at 19 years old she joined the WRAC. She rose to become a Captain, her duties appear to have been secretarial and administrative. In 1963 she was posted to Singapore where she took up waterskiing in her spare time. She met Major Tom Kemp during this time and Mum always said their friendship developed because she knew he was married and she assumed he was not interested in her. Their relationship was kept very quiet, including from their own parents and caused quite a lot of consternation on their return to England. They married in St. Mary's Church, SheviocK in 1965. Following their marriage, Pauline became step-mother to Richard (9 years old). They moved a lot due to army postings and Mum adapted to becoming an army wife. She enjoyed parties and rose to the challenge of cooking for dinner parties etc. Mum enjoyed being creative, and around the time of my birth she and Dad built a Mirror Dinghy, Mum said she would put me in a basket and carry on sanding and varnishing the boat while Dad was at work. Dad was posted to the Rhineland and they bought a caravan to explore Holland, Germany, France and Northern Italy. Dad enjoyed classical music and they took advantage of the opportunity to attend operas in West Berlin. Mum made many of her evening clothes (still turning up in trunks in the loft). Mum attributed her back problems to a combination of giving birth in 1967 and to spending 4 days in the car due to a landslide. On returning to England Mum and Dad bought Westway which they renovated and built the garden terraces that are still in place. Mum passed on her love of coastal life and her Cornish heritage.

Pauline was fascinated by both wild and cultivated plants, orchids being a particular passion joining several plant and garden societies. She completed an A level in Botany in 1977. Pauline entered horticultural and flower arranging competitions and was often asked to judge at local shows. She loved to share her enthusiasm and extensive knowledge with others and she will be sorely missed as a font of knowledge on plants and general "go-to-encyclopaedia".

When Tom retired from the army they bought an old farmhouse in Somerset. Pauline joined the Women's Institute, became branch secretary, played competition scrabble and volunteered as a classroom assistant. She worked with Tom to transform the farmhouse into a modern home, learned to restore and re-upholster furniture, made lampshades and turned the lawn into an established and productive garden. Several friends have recalled the wonderful parties they threw. Pauline supported Tom in his passion for Egyptology and they travelled the world to various museums and collections. When Pauline and Tom moved back to Cornwall, she occupied her intelligence and skills volunteering for the local Citizen's Advice Bureau, eventually becoming Deputy Manager. She was a Church Warden for many years, helped with fundraising by baking cakes, making jams, marmalade and chutney. Mum's faith was important to her and she attended Church wherever she lived. Being part of the Church and local community mattered to her a great deal. She would send various newspaper clippings about local history and wildlife to members of the family or save these up for our visits.

Pauline was diagnosed with a non-curable cancer and a large aneurysm in November 2020. Despite living a restricted life, Pauline enjoyed what she could, reading the paper and asking me to send books. Pauline eventually agreed to a companion living at her home and so Laura moved in. Although brief, this became a good and valued friendship, particularly when they discovered a shared love of orchids and wildlife. Pauline died peacefully at home, having seen myself and Phil the weekend before and looking forward to seeing Richard and Margaret that day. Pauline was not afraid of death, she knew it was coming and she died having lived a full life. She lived through her senses, enjoying gardening, cooking, art, sewing and music. She lived through her spirit, using her intelligence and curiosity, particularly about the natural world, practising her faith, valuing relationships with friends, family and community, enjoying what she could and bearing the hard times with fortitude. She was loyal, kind, elegant, independent, generous, fun, stubborn, patient, scruffy, witty, creative, utterly infuriating, steady, resourceful and most of all she knew how to love and be loved in return.

Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable Show

We are pleased to announce that the Show will be going ahead in 2022 on Saturday 13th August.

The Sheviock Memorial Hall has been booked and judges are already being contacted. We are beginning to go through a slightly trimmed back and updated schedule. You may like to start thinking about your entries for the Handicraft and Photography classes.

Handicraft

Knitted or crocheted item (to include yarn label)
Paper craft/folding
Item made from felt

Item made from no more than 1 metre of fabric

A bird box (not from a kit)
Glass painting
An item to include pom poms
An upcycled item

Photography

An animal's face/ Animals' faces
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200 Club Update

The Sheviock Memorial Hall has weathered the Covid-19 restrictions well, but it always needs your support. Attending events and classes, hiring out the rooms and offering ideas for ways that the Hall can thrive.

One way the Hall had continuing support was the Sheviock Memorial Hall Supporter's Club, which is an easy and fun way to invest in the Hall - A £5 payment for one number which is entered into the weekly draw to win £10.

There is a lovely team of volunteer collectors, with whom I will be chatting very soon to start up their rounds again.

Hopefully you will want to be part of this supporter's club and if one of the team has not been able to get in touch with you, just give me a call for a number. If you would like to be a collector, then please call me as well.

Here's looking forward to your ongoing support for the Hall.

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

I DON'T believe it! By Grumpy old Git

After a few miles, he asked me if I wasn't afraid that he might be a serial killer? I told him that the odds of two serial killers being in the same car were extremely unlikely.

I went down to my local supermarket and I said: "I want to make a complaint. This vinegar's got lumps in it". He said: "Those are pickled onions."

I went to the corner shop and bought four corners...

Message from Torpoint & Rame Lions club Stephen Murray

Recently the lions club of Torpoint & Rame visited a meeting of the Sheviok PC, and outlined our intention to re-integrate with the Parishes area. In the past we had several members in your area who kept us abreast of things happening in your villages, but time happens and in recent years we as a club have not kept up with you. Our intention is to get back to helping out if we can and make ourselves available, don't forget we are a volunteer service organisation with a mandate to assist in many ways. We are proud to say that we currently have one of your number in our Club and I don't think he will mind if I mention the name Michael Mathias, he is a valued member and always volunteers if he thinks he can be of use, which is most appreciated. If you think you would like to find out more about us and help the lions club, you can contact me on stephenmurray630@gmail.com and I will be happy to help you in any way I can. Thank you.

Heritage Gateway at Sheviok Parish Church

Spring Steps Out in the Churchyard

By the time you read this article, we will have received the Faculty from the Diocese of Truro for our proposed Memorial Path and – subject to receiving planning permission and listed building consent from Cornwall Council – will be in the process of appointing contractors to start work in Spring. This path is only possible as a result of the generous release of reserved land from the Carew Pole Family from within the land they provided for the churchyard extension in 1904.

We are also hoping to incorporate the inclusion of a ramped entrance from the West Gate. There will be little visual impact from lowering the stone steps to a level entrance and then gently ramping the existing path. This would give us the benefit of much better access – via the new memorial path to the WC aka “The Hobbit House” to the North of the Church and there are portable ramps available for the steps into the Church at the Southern entrance.



The Parochial Church Council has already “ringfenced” funds towards this essential project, but we will still need to raise some additional funds – circa £5,000 depending on the tenders. Unfortunately, this project is not eligible under the Department of Culture Media & Sports VAT relief scheme for Listed Places of Worship, so we will have to fund all

the VAT. If you would like to help us fundraise, or would like to make a donation specifically to this project, please contact our Church Treasurer, Fiona Harvey on 01503 230334. In the meantime, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who are helping to maintain our Parish churchyard and now, with so much more light coming into the churchyard, we are anticipating a bumper year for primroses and wild flowers, so do please take the opportunity to take a walk through.

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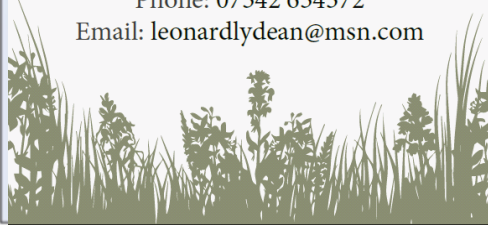
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This year we have had a surfeit of problems arising from the increased ownership of camper vans. People who would have normally holidayed abroad in the popular Mediterranean hot spots, finding themselves confined to homeland destinations decided the camping life would be a good choice. Most of these would have camped on official sites but, due to new found popularity there was a scarcity of available pitches. Consequently, we have had more of the vans parking overnight, causing consternation to some of the Portwrinkle residents. Now, while I'm sure no-one worries too much about the occasional one-night sleep-over, one's

tolerance is stretched when vans stay for nights on end, foul the toilet block with their effluent, drain their waste water onto the car park surface, run generators outside the van - and - don't even buy a parking ticket! This is a county, and country - wide problem to which we've applied much time and energy to try to address. During the summer we closed the toilets overnight to prevent one problem. Further measures being considered are more prominent sign posting, banning overnight parking by camper vans, increased enforcement visits and a visit from our community police officer.

We are now back to normal council meetings at the Memorial Hall on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please be prepared to have

lots of fresh air circulating, (as opposed to lots of hot air from the speakers) and accept that some may wish to wear masks.

We received a suggestion from a resident who regularly enjoys the pleasures of walking our manifold footpaths. This was that could some details of the flora and fauna encountered thereon be exhibited for the enlightenment of footpath users. Now I'm afraid I don't know my Aspen from my Hellebore so would not be the best person to collate this information. So, if anyone feels they would like to undertake this fascinating project, please get in touch.

Lots going on at the Open Space, next to the Play Park. Nancy and Liz have been busy inhabiting the area with gym equipment, should arrive the same time as this issue lands on your door mat. Six miniature fruit trees, raised beds and a shelter are all destined to arrive soon. We intend to incorporate the opening ceremony with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Friday 3 June.

Here's the plan:

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Council News

Thursday 2 June 9:45 pm Beacon Lighting. More than 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, and one in each of the capital cities of Commonwealth countries in recognition of The Queen's long and selfless service. The beacons will enable local communities, individuals and organisations to pay tribute to her as part of the official Platinum Jubilee Weekend of celebrations from 2nd to 5th June 2022.

Friday 3 June 2:30. Open Space official opening To commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 6 dwarf fruit trees will be planted in the far lower end of the Open Space, together with the installation of raised beds, Adult Gym Equipment, a (chess games top) picnic table, and shelter.

3:00 Memorial Hall for a Tea Party.

Bring along your picnic and drinks and enjoy an afternoon in or out –depending on the weather.

Saturday Sunday 4/5 Street Parties Get together with your neighbours to arrange get togethers and have some fun.

A word about the traffic light debacle during the Antony Hill road closure.

Not being in our parish, we only learned about the closure, and resultant additional traffic flows through Crafhole, by second hand means. Our request for the road works to be controlled in the same way as the A374 tree felling had been - using traffic lights - were turned down on safety grounds.

As we further expressed our concerns, we were offered the use of 3 way traffic lights to control the traffic through Crafhole. As the last time this happened it worked fairly well, we accepted as the best of a bad deal.

Of course, the reality proved to be a completely different situation from the previous one where we still had one way traffic control through Antony, and complete chaos ensued. We asked for the lights to be removed, which they were, and fortunately the works finished soon afterwards.

So, I apologise for the inconvenience caused to everyone but, hopefully, you'll understand it was all done with the best intent.

Steve Medway

Time to get walking again!

John Harris

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Cornwall

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/cornwall> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in

Cornwall (part of the Walking in England website – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

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John Harris

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New Chair for Memorial Hall

Paula Brooks

Hello to everyone in the parish,

I know many of you will know me either growing up with me over the last 55 years or I may have looked after your children or yourselves at Antony School in the PAL Club, I may have taught your children at the pre-school, where I have had the pleasure of working for 29 years, or know you as a current serving parish councillor. My involvement within the village and the village hall has definitely spanned many years. After many years on the village hall committee I am pleased to say that I was elected to stand as chairperson at this year's AGM. I thank Mike Snowling for his hard work and commitment to the hall over many, many years and hope he will take the opportunity to enjoy the extra hours of freedom to pursue a new pastime.

I am enthusiastic to continue Mike's good work and to further make the hall a buzzing hub of the community. To do this I would really like to hear from you about what additional events or clubs you would like to see at the hall, along with ideas for community linked activities and I would especially like to hear from the younger generation for ideas how we can encompass their views and needs. I will be in the Kennedy room on Sunday 6th March from 10am - midday for anyone that would like to come for a cuppa and a chat to share ideas about the village hall and get to know more about how they can be involved. For anyone not able to attend on 6th March, please feel free to drop me an email on paulasabrooks@aol.com or text on 07900 553116 or send a note to the hall addressed to Paula Brooks. Let's build a good strong community spirit to help everyone to enjoy life.

Crafthole and District Summer Garden Competition 2022

This year you are invited to enter an exceptional competition to celebrate and coincide with **Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee** celebrations!

Help make Sheviock Parish a Festival of Flower for the occasion by joining together to **create your own displays in a themed selection of colour using red, white, blue, silver and grey** in the following categories of the traditional Summer Garden Competition:

- **BEST HANGING / WALL BASKETS**
- **BEST TUBS / CONTAINERS**

Judging will be on the week commencing 6th of June, with cups and awards to be presented as usual at the Open Flower and Vegetable Show in August date to be confirmed. The following categories will also be judged on this date:

- **BEST SMALL GARDEN**
- **BEST LARGE GARDEN**
- **BEST VEGETABLE PATCH**

The colour scheme theme will not apply to these categories.

Entry forms are available from:

- The Village Community Shop Crafthole
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Entry is £1 per class and completed forms should be returned by 30th May to:

Rosalie Dunn "Tirada" Crafthole 01503 230311 / or

Paul Stone Seaview Cottage Portwrinkle 01503 230327

If you do not wish to enter the competition why not still join in to support the event with your own displays to celebrate the occasion?



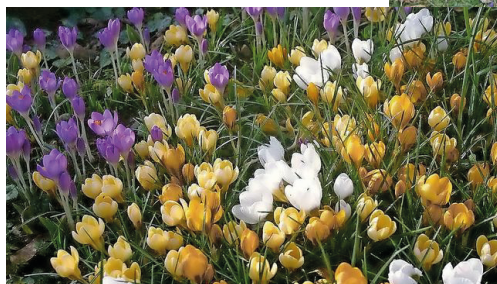
Events coming up -

Monday, 21 March - Talk "My Time as the Show Manager of the Chelsea Flower Show" Saul Walker

Saturday, 9 April - Visit to Pencarn Gardens, Wadebridge



Courtesy of Great British Life



Garden Ideas - thanks to Darryl

Use dried teabags to fill the holes when potting up plants in pots. This saves losing compost and helps with drainage.

Use fir cones as cane toppers.

An old dishwasher cutlery basket makes a great holdall for carrying round gardening bits and bobs.

Overlooking the town of Wadebridge along a tree-lined avenue is Pencarn. Some of you may recall some very entertaining visits from Trevor when he gave talks on Gardens of Japan and on the garden which we are visiting. He was introduced to the wonderful world of fuchsias by a colleague, this led to him joining his local fuchsia group and winning an RHS Chelsea Flower Show gold medal. He is an active member of the Cornwall Garden Society.

We were so glad that we were joined by Pauline Kemp at our last meeting.

We were not aware of Pauline's health situation and were delighted she took such an active part in the discussions arising from Paul Stone's presentation. As her daughter Tam said, she was an encyclopaedia of all things gardens and was always the go-to for information.

We will miss you Pauline. RIP

Meetings are usually held at the Sheviock Memorial Hall on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm.

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

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OUR LOCAL BUS SERVICE - The current news about bus services nationally is not good and this may well affect our own local services in the very near future. The Pandemic Support that has been given to bus services by the Government is due to end on April 5th but passenger numbers have only reached 70% of pre-Covid levels and it has been said that bus companies have faced long delays in receiving promised Covid Payments from the Department of Transport. It has been stated in the National Press that a third of bus services in England could be axed within weeks if the Government does not make the critical decisions to extend the emergency funding.

As bus operators have to give a minimum of 42 days notice to the Traffic Commissioners of any 'intention to start, vary or cease a bus service' it is perhaps not surprising to hear that many bus companies are already planning cuts to services and I understand that the Go Ahead Group is one such company, having already made initial cuts to some routes including some serving deprived communities. Another factor involved is the shortage of drivers and increased wages costs. I know that a new Go Buses in East Cornwall Timetable is to be issued in April and I understand this is likely to include significant changes to our local bus services, so it is possible that we may be involved in a save our buses campaign. If you feel that all of this does not make a lot of sense when compared with what I wrote in the December Parish Newsletter about the Bus Service Improvement Plans and in particular Cornwall's own plan that has been submitted to the Government as part of the ambitious 'Bus Back Better' National Bus Strategy, then you are correct in your thinking. If the cuts come to pass, then it would seem to completely undermine the ambitions set out in the Bus Strategy including the need to stay on track to achieve 'Net Zero'. However, we will just have to wait and see as I am hopeful that Pandemic Support to the Bus Industry will belatedly be extended if only in the short term.

There is potentially some good news relating to bus tickets and the cost of bus fares throughout Cornwall. Bus companies in Cornwall have come together & will now accept each other's tickets enabling passengers to jump on & off any bus no matter who it is operated by – it's any ticket any bus! Admittedly at the moment this does not affect our immediate area as we only have the one operator, but it could well help if you are travelling further afield in the County. We are informed that over the next few months, bus operators along with Cornwall Council are scheduled to introduce a variety of schemes including a fares pilot backed by the Department of Transport, which should see fares reduce further across the county, but could this also be shelved if the promised funding is not forthcoming?

As you will probably be aware the St. Germans Public Transport Users Group in liaison with our Rame Peninsula PTUG have been looking into a proposal for an Integrated Public Transport system on the Rame Peninsula including St Germans Station where passenger numbers using the station have increased by 133% since 2004. This was the year when the excellent but expensive, little researched & poorly marketed Corlink Minibus demand responsive service that was based at the station for only just over two years, was withdrawn. Consequently, a lot of time and thought has already been spent on this new project, consulting with Cornwall Council, Parish Councils & Go Cornwall Bus. Now it is vitally important to hear from you, and a public transport use survey has been produced that it is hoped you will be able to complete. What needs to be known is e.g.:- What sort of journeys you currently make using public transport? What journeys you would like to make but cannot and why not? What integrated public transport can you suggest for the future of a better connected Rame Peninsula? Easier, more convenient and accessible travel for all? How can public transport meet people's needs etc?

Rural Transport presents various challenges – often quite different from towns e.g. what is required could be a combination of regular services & booked transport. This could be community buses & mini buses, which take you to the station or the bus stop for long distance coaches etc: Results of the survey will be published & it is hoped the report will be taken seriously by Cornwall & Parish Councils & by the bus & train companies. So please look out for the survey taking place during March & April. If you require more information or would like to help in any way, please contact Alan Cousins Tel.01503 230106

NATIONAL EXPRESS COACH SERVICES FROM THE TIDEFORD BUS SHELTERS - N.E. Coaches that currently call daily at the Tideford Bus Shelters are :- 08.35 to London Victoria via Reading & Heathrow Airport, 10.40 (10.30 on Fridays) to Birmingham via Bristol, and 14.35 to London Victoria via Heathrow Airport. On the down road the 08.30 & 13.30 London Victoria to Penzance coaches call at Tideford at 14.55 & 20.45 respectively, as does the 11.10 ex Birmingham at 17.30 (18.02 on Fridays). There will probably be additional coaches calling at Tideford during the Summer, but there are none shown as available to book at the moment. For further information Telephone 08717818181.

LOCAL TRAIN SERVICE FROM ST. GERMAN'S STATION –The current timetable operative from the 12th December to the 14th May has been mainly replaced by GWR with a temporary emergency timetable often varying on a weekly basis. This is due to staff shortages with staff self isolating due to Covid restrictions. Fortunately this has not had a significant affect locally, with no more than 5 trains a day being cancelled out a total of 50 trains that are scheduled to call on Mondays to Fridays at St Germans. Due to planned engineering work taking place at weekends in West Cornwall until 13th March, buses will replace trains between St. Austell & Penzance & a revised train service will operate between Plymouth & Penzance affecting of course those calling at St. Germans. Please remember at all times to check your journey times before travelling.

Portwrinkle 1912



In the last issue we read of a link to a BFI film depicting Portwrinkle in 1912 sent by Baker.

Here we can see some fascinating stills from that film depicting the slipway, a cottage, the coastguard station and the net sheds.

Thanks to Gary Baker for sending us the link. You can watch this fascinating film by going to

www.youtube.com/watch?V=sssp1D-emPg , or google Portwrinkle 1912.

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The snowdrops in Sheviok Lane and the churchyard are a welcome sign of spring commented on by all those who see them. Unfortunately

Covid is still firmly ensconced in our area and in line with NHS guidance we are recommending that our congregation continue to wear masks, sanitise hands and socially distance when possible.

Church is open daily from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm and visitors are commenting on our beautiful building. Thank you to the volunteers who help on Church Care Saturday (held on the first Saturday morning in the month) to clean the church, tidy the churchyard and those who arrange the flowers. If you have half an hour to spare you would be welcome, coffee and biscuits served!

It was a joy to welcome over forty people to a Baptism on Saturday 12th February. The baby behaved beautifully fascinated by the duck floating in the font! A happy, relaxed occasion allowing us to forget the restrictions of the past two years and once again welcome a Parish family and their friends into the Church. We wish Charlie a happy and healthy future.

Reverend Canon Lynn and Reverend Laura continue to offer services by zoom:-

- Sunday Evening Worship 7:00pm
- Thursday Evening Prayer 7:00pm
- Monday Evening Prayer 7:00pm
- Friday Morning Prayer 10:00am
- Wednesday Morning Prayer 10:00
- Saturday Evening Prayer 7:00pm

If you would like to join one of these services please email Reverend Canon Lynn Parker – parker30@hotmail.com

CHURCH SERVICES

The first Sunday of the month Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday of the month Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Followed by coffee and biscuits at 11:00 am. If you are passing you are welcome to join us.

ALL ARE WELCOME, looking forward to seeing you.
Continue to stay safe. God Bless.

Judy Scott and Jenny Bushrod

Churchwardens

Information can be found at www.achurchnearyou/stmarys-sheviok.com

Community Shop News

Lynn Vickery

Well, where did that year go? I hope that, for you, it has not been a bad one and, looking forward, perhaps we are in the final stages of this pandemic and can enjoy a far better year to come. May I say, therefore, a belated HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all.

2021 has ended on a bit of sad note for us as, at our Zoom AGM in December, our Chairman, Bryan Pullinger - who has actually been on the Board of Directors almost from the time we opened - decided it was time to take a well earned break and spend more time with his family and his many hobbies and interests. We would like to thank him for all his hard work in helping to keep everything ticking over smoothly and presiding over the many changes we have implemented over the years. We wish him well in his "retirement" and know that he will continue to support the shop in other ways. We hope that our next AGM will be held in person rather than remotely and, thanking those who did manage to join us on line, hope that next time a few more might be able to be present in the flesh. If you wish to read up about our AGM you will find the reports in the Parish website. In the meantime, as we are now a Director down, if there is anyone who would like to join us, please mention it to Ellen in the Post Office.

With Easter just around the corner, we look forward to stocking up with seasonal goodies such as Easter eggs, Hot Cross buns and those delicious Easter biscuits the bakery start sending round about now. We shall also make sure that there are plenty of home baking ingredients for those of you who enjoy making your own buns and cakes - we shall even try and get marzipan for your Simnel cakes...

As the days lengthen and we welcome more holiday makers into our shop, we would love to be able to offer longer opening hours. However, to do this we would need MORE VOLUNTEERS to join us. I'm sure that those who have recently joined our ranks have found it to be a really worthwhile activity - getting to know parishioners, having a good old chin-wag, giving advice or directions to holiday makers on where to go and what to see in our beautiful county and so on. It is never dull, even on a quiet day and it is certainly NOT HARD WORK. If you think that maybe this might be something you'd like to do (as a child I always fancied being a shopkeeper and now I am) then PLEASE either speak to Ellen in the Post Office or any of the volunteers and find out what it's all about. You would receive full training and shadow a volunteer until you feel confident to go solo. Please do think

about it - we'd love to have you on board.

With regard to the ever increasing pleas from Government, the media etc. to recognise the effects of climate change, we are committed to, wherever possible, reducing our carbon footprint and so, where financially viable, will try and seek out eco-friendly alternatives. We are always open to suggestions and welcome any ideas to push this forward. We would urge you to seek out the green Comments Book , which should be found in the Post Office area, and let us know your thoughts.

Finally, I would like to echo Bryan's words in the December issue by saying a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all our loyal customers, without whom the shop could not exist. If any of you have not been to our shop before, may I urge you to at least give us a try. I think you might be pleasantly surprised to find many of our items very competitively priced - FREE RANGE eggs £1.20 for half a dozen, baking products, hams cheeses and canned goods, all at very reasonable prices. If you all bought just one or two items each week, it would help to keep the future of this vital community asset far more certain.

In closing, here are the shop opening times over the Easter holiday:

SHOP

April 16th	Good Friday.	9am -11am.
April 17th	Saturday.	9am - 1pm
April 18th	Easter Sunday.	9am - 11 am
April 19th.	Easter Monday.	9am - 11am

POST OFFICE

CLOSED - Friday, Sunday and Monday
Saturday 17th - 9am - 12 noon

On behalf of all the Directors, I should like to wish you all a Very Happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you in the shop whenever you need a few bits and bobs or even if you just fancy a change of scenery or a chat. You will always receive a warm welcome.

Lynn Vickery - Director



"The following was my final farewell Chairman's report where I was hoping for more than 2 persons from the Sheviock parish. Sadly it was not to be, reflecting the apparent poor interest in the hall and the special occasion, ie the annual opportunity for people to show an interest in our great Village hall. Remember without your support the hall could fall apart for 'when all is said and done' it is your hall"

Sheviock Memorial Hall Crafhthole
AGM February 2022
Chairman's Report

Good evening ladies and gentlemen It is very nice for me to welcome us all back to the "function room of management". This Covid has gone on too long but I guess we must 'grin and bear it' a little while longer. Who knows what is around the corner but what we do know is that we have a great item in the Sheviock Memorial Hall here in Crafhthole.

When our financial year started in April 2020, the Village Hall was still closed due to government restrictions imposed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. We had already prepared, using ACRE Newsletters as a guide a comprehensive set of Covid-secure rules and guidelines so we would be ready to open.

In the Autumn of 2020 the national situation worsened and a second lockdown came into force in early November, only to be followed by a third starting on January 6, 2021. The government relaxed restrictions in phases starting in mid-April, and we were gradually able to re-start some activities. The pandemic meant that we were unable to hold any of our community social events indoors during the 2020-21 financial year.

As restrictions began to ease from late July 2021, we were able to open the Hall for very limited activities, and classes gradually built up. However, the requirement to maintain social distancing meant that we were unable to reintroduce social events or host large weddings or parties.

Our attention therefore turned to what we could do. Any other projects were considered that would help deliver mental health improvements in the village, along with some socially distanced camaraderie, but we had to wait until Autumn before we could host some large events and socials example: film Nights, Chapel coffee mornings, etc To help would-be hall hirers find us, we improved our advertising. Posters were designed and placed on the board by the road side to ensure all those passing by saw what was available if they were needed, for example wedding receptions etc. We launched a modest paid-for advertising programme with notices being delivered to all the houses in the Parish and also in the many shops in local villages focusing on wedding reception and children's parties.

Inside the Hall, the new brighter LED lights were installed in all parts of the Hall. They have also been installed in the Snooker Room and those who play snooker or Billiards will find a tremendous difference.

There is a lot of history to this hall. The memorial aspect of the hall is a throwback to the end of the first world war and the ANTONY estate, in the early 1970's decided that we, that is the parish, must either use the offer of a parcel of land or lose it. It was originally to be built at the far end of a field now containing Kimberley Foster Close, but the builders and the estate changed its position so that more houses could be built. Also it may have affected the electrical transformer which is sited in the corner.

After an association with this hall from its conception in 1974 it has eventually come to the **closure** of my chairmanship. I have enjoyed many great moments within these walls and in fact within the grounds. For when building this hall we, as a parish, relied upon so many 'peoples' of many talents, for example...A local architect, Financial Expert, Construction Engineer, a driver for the bulldozer and weighty car park ground rollers. There were men, women and children who painted the many timbers needed to build and complete the structure and worst of all create, lift and place all the roof trusses in to position. I could go on for ever but suffice to say without these men, women and children this hall would not exist. The best thing was that we only had one accident on site.

Sadly many have now passed away and we are now reliant upon fewer and fewer people with happy construction time memories or especially with basically little or no interest in the hall at all. We would hope that those newcomers to the parish would understand the need for the hall and why, over the past few years, extension after extension has been completed ie: to the main hall, the sports hall and the latest, of course being the Kennedy Room, which happened with Chris Kennedy as the site leader. It is a shame that the majority of newcomers to the parish seem not to be interested in maintaining the usage of the hall.

There are many activities available and plenty of room for new ideas. Perhaps one day they, whoever 'they' are, will notice the benefits of this great memorial hall and use it to its full capacity.

From that early time the hall has flourished, by the efforts of those many people who have sat on this and other committees. I do hope that those who have put their names forward for this year will continue the work of those past generations.

We have suffered hard and long with this Covid and hopefully we will see its demise in the months to come, thus ensuring that the hall will continue to be the centre of activities in this Sheviock parish. It will, as always, require the continued efforts by all Management Trustees and Co-opted management Committee personnel to use the hall to the best of their capabilities, I am sure this will always be at the forefront of their minds.

I leave this role with great sadness but hope that what I leave behind is a hall which is in fine shape for the future. I am sure that whoever is chosen as Chair will derive as much fun as I have done.

Thank you



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 them.

People have been worshipping in the chapel for nearly 200 years. When preachers came on horseback as many 100 worshippers would be in the chapel from the surrounding areas. How strange it seems to me that now we all have cars no one, except the faithful few, turn up for a service. People can easily walk from the village to see how worship has changed over the years.

Until lockdown we were blessed by having many children at Sunday School but sadly none have come since then. Have you have a child who you would like to hear about Jesus?

However, I am sure that there must be someone who would enjoy our Sunday service and one hour a week is not too much to ask.

The Methodist Church, as a whole, is looking at the number of worshippers to see if the chapels are viable. Without a congregation imagine what may happen to the building!? We look forward to seeing you in chapel. Come and give it try.

A reminder of the forthcoming dates for our special services and we look forward to seeing you :-

- Mothering Day Sunday 27th March
- Good Friday 15th April and
- Easter Sunday 17th April

Coffee Mornings.

The coffee mornings are being held in the Sheviack Memorial hall on:-

Saturday 26th March . Saturday 23rd April and on Saturday 28th May 10.00 am to 11.30am

Keep your eyes and ears open for any further news. Looking forward to seeing you all at

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Bible Study

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

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.

Table Tennis

In the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, which is underneath the chapel, there are two table tennis tables and all the equipment needed to play the game. Table tennis is a good family activity to play especially on rainy days. If anyone is interested in playing please contact Barbara on 230326

For more information contact Barbara Snowling 01503 230326

Badminton.

We are short of children especially in the 7 to 11 range, teenagers are also absent. The good news is that we do have several new adults.

Diary Dates:-

The Village Hall Management Committee monthly meeting is usually on the first Monday in each month, starting at 7.00pm. The next meetings, covered by this magazine should start in **June 2022** 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.

What's on at the Sheviok Memorial Hall

The Recreation/Snooker Club

The Recreation Club is up and running. The refurbished lights over the table are magnificent as is the table itself. Both have been refurbished. The numbers of players are growing but we could do with a few more. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Michael on 01503 230326. The cost is £16.00 per year and just a 20 p coin in the overhead lighting machine to play.

Short Tennis.

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

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. The club will reconvene as soon as possible according to the covid rules.

Barbara Snowling

Crafthole Pre-school

We currently have vacancies for 2,3,and 4 year old children to come and join us in a home from home play environment. Children will make new peer friendships and learn new skills which will support them for transition into school. For a free visit to the setting for all families, please call **Paula Brooks 07900 553116** or **paulasabrooks@aol.com**

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Film Club

Lynn Vickery

Hello everyone. By the time you read this, some of you will already have seen our February screening of Sydney Poitier's "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner". I hope you enjoyed it and will be coming to our next screening in March to see the newest adaption of "Little Women". Then in April, we will be screening "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society", both films having had wide acclaim from the critics. Other films have not yet been booked but here are a few of the requests we have had, which we will try and obtain for future screenings :- The Green Book, The Dig, Nomadland, Fisherman's Friends, Saving Grace and Dark Water. So, watch this space and look out for the ads. Our film night is always on the third Saturday of the month.

For those of you who have not been to one of our films, your first visit will cost you £6 - this is the CFylm registration fee. Thereafter it will be just £3 at the moment. We do ask that you **contact Lynn Vickery** to book a seat in advance - just in case we should have a rush of supporters. We have been following Covid recommendations re. hand hygiene, masks, jab certification, testing and so on but, as restrictions have been somewhat reduced we now simply ask that all our supporters **ensure** that they are Covid free and follow the basic requirements to ensure their own safety but, more importantly, **the safety of others**. We look forward to seeing you at our screenings.

Lynn Vickery 07528 127017/01503 230048



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Charity Table top and Coffee morning

Lynn Vickery

Sat April 9th 10 - 1

We are once again holding our Charity Table top event, in which the Memorial Hall invites **registered charities** to take the opportunity to raise funds for their cause at no charge to them for their table. We hope you will support this event and we shall look forward to seeing you all. Hopefully we shall be serving soup and a roll as well so you will be able to come for lunch. Keep an eye out for the ads.

Death of a Soldier

Jim Kitto

I have always been deeply moved by acts of bravery, and in particular, the stands British servicemen have made throughout history. Ordinary men, in uniform, often against impossible odds have performed unbelievable feats of bravery and sacrifice.

When the author C.S. Forester was researching to write his very successful HORNBLOWER series of stories he said he had to tone down the actions and deeds carried out by real heroes – because the public would not have believed it possible. His fictional characters had to have credibility, he said.

Death of a British Soldier was prompted by the stand of British soldiers at the Battle of Isandlwani. This was first detailed in the book 'The Washing of the Spears.'

The battle was perhaps the greatest defeat suffered by our Country from a native army. Our Government were after the diamonds and the Empire often sacrificed its soldiers with a will that was obscene. It really was a thin red line that stood for Empire. And this was a massacre.

Having researched the Zulu wars in the 1980's I found myself managing the development of The Gort Estate in the West End for EMI Ltd. I supervised the design and build of EMI Centre, later called Central Cross. That estate once belonged to the Gort family whose youngest son joined the army because he stood no chance of inheriting it. Coincidence or what?

Young Gort was an officer who commanded devotion from his men. When brought a horse to escape, as the lines crumpled under the Zulu charge, he gave it to a native levy when the man claimed it was his. He died at Isandlwani in one of the most heroic actions of that unequal fight. They were all heroes – British and Zulu, but what a bloody waste of brave men.

*We stood fast, watching them come.
Scarlet tunics sweat stained and worn.*

*A thin red line that impressed some,
blanco belted, about to be torn.*

*Fixing bayonets without shifting our gaze,
we watched the Zulu Impi charge.
They hurtled toward us out of the haze.
Assegais small, hide shields large.*

*Volley upon volley we fired. They fell.
Blazing barrels growing hot in our hands,
wondering what brought us this Hell.
Why were we fighting for these lands?*

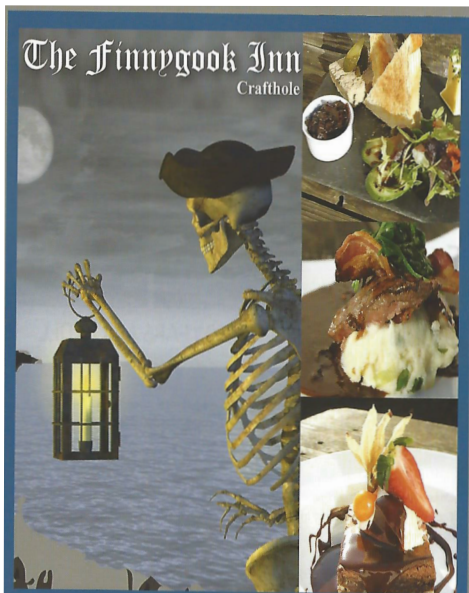
*Through our gun smoke the Zulus appeared,
hide shield parrying bayonet thrust.
Assegai stabbing, now I am speared.
I feel so tired, now I'm down in the dust.*

*I did what I could and fell where I stood.
The sounds of battle grow faint in my ears.
If my time has come perhaps my Sergeant would
return me home to my welcome of tears.*

Daylight is fading. Now all pain has gone.

*The relief that I feel is sublime.
A strange light is shining so I'll follow that one.
Perhaps I'll talk to my God for a time.*

J.Kitto.



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Sat. April 9th 10am – 1pm

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Lynn on 01503 230048 ASAP

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