

# SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## From the Editor

**W**ell we certainly excelled in our Platinum Jubilee celebrations. It was great to see so many taking part and enjoying themselves. It will, I think go down as a landmark event, one which will be recalled in many a yarn for years to come.

Any letters to the newsletter would be welcome, if you've something you want aired then drop me a line.

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**Steve Medway**

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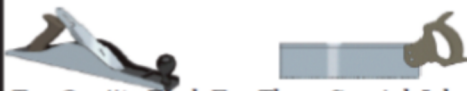
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In the last newsletter I recorded the passing of Jim Kitto's wife Gill. Jim, a regular contributor to the newsletter, told me he would write something for Gill in readiness for the next - this - newsletter. Sadly, Jim passed away just weeks after

losing Gill. Following his last stroke, Jim handed me a sheaf of notes telling me I could use them as I saw fit. One of these was a poem - 'Memories'. I've reproduced this on page 7, in memory of Jim. RIP.

Steve Medway

## **SHEVIOCK MEMORIAL HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB**

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

### **200 Club Update**

Before the pandemic and lockdown kept us all away from our friends and family, many of the parishioners (and those further afield) supported The Shevioc Memorial Hall by joining the Memorial Hall Supporters Club. We hope to resume in the new year. It is the easiest way to support the hall.

For those of you who don't know – a £5 payment, once a year, gets one number which goes into a weekly draw to win a tenner – as simple as that.

We have a team of very kind volunteer collectors that even come to you to collect the cash, again – no effort.

So alongside you attending events and classes, hiring out the rooms and offering ideas for ways that the Hall can thrive, we will be starting up the club again in the new year.

Then I will meet with the collectors and get them up to speed and they will be doing their rounds again. They will be asking anybody new if they want to support the Hall as well.

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.

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## **Errata**

Gold star to all those who spotted the deliberate mistakes in the last issue.

In the item on "The Beacon" it was, of course Francis Drake and not Walter Raleigh who finished his game of bowls on the Hoe. And at that time there was no UK so it was the English, not the British fleet.

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

*Heard in a local port; "Boats shouldn't be allowed in the harbour, it should be for the tourists"*

*Heard in a local village after the Platinum Jubilee celebratory bunting had been hung; "It's spoiling our view of the sea."*

# Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable Show

The 2022 Show was held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August after a break for 3 years because of covid.

The long dry summer greatly reduced the number of entries this year; particularly in the Vegetable, Cut Flower and Fruit classes.

The Garden Competition was held in early June. Our judge Paul Stone suggested a red, white and blue theme for the containers/hanging baskets in line with the Jubilee celebrations.

The cup for the best summer garden was won by Terese and David Colrein

The cup for the best hanging baskets/ containers was won by Caroline Jackson

The cup for the most outstanding garden feature was won by Andrea Evans

The prize for the peoples choice was won by Sue Wilks.

On this occasion the judges and helpers were treated to a delicious lunch prepared by Paula Brooks.

The doors to the show were opened at 1.45pm and there was a steady stream of visitors throughout the afternoon. Refreshments were provided in the Kennedy Room with donations being given to the Parish Council for maintenance of the defibrillators around the village.

The cup and prizewinners were announced and the overall prize winner in 2022 is John Cameron. The cups were presented by Janet Lockett who was celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on that day.

The prize giving was followed by the raffle and auction of produce.

A huge thank you is due to everyone who helped, exhibited, judged and attended. Flower and Vegetable shows involve a great deal of hard work but it is a tradition which we hope will continue for many years.

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Cup for most points in vegetable section

**Mike Luker**

Clifford Hoskin cup for best vegetable

**Mike Luker**

George Penfound cup for best marrow

**Sue Wilks**

Cup for most points in flower section

**Sue Brown**

Whitsand Bay rose bowl for best cut flower

**Sue Brown**

Bowl for perfect rose

**Sue Brown**

Ken Brown vase for best floribunda rose

**Anna Batson**

Cup for best pot plant

**Sue Wilks**

Mary Brown vase for best sweet peas

**Sue Brown**

Mrs Saunders cup for best floral arrangement

**Sue Wilks**

Mrs Coles cup for most points in fruit section

**Janet Lockett**

Charles de la rue trophy for best exhibit in fruit section

**Mike Luker**

Mrs Bushrods salver for most points in cookery section

**Sue Brown**

June Martins cup for best exhibit in cookery section

**Paul Babbage**

Cup for most points in preserve section

**Sue Brown**

Mrs Jones cup for most points in handicraft section

**Judy Scott**

Dunn Family cup for best exhibit in handicraft

**Judy Scott**

Cup for best painting

**Sue Hillman**

Judith Cocks trophy for best photograph

**James Turner**

Best Bloom from my garden: Suttons seed vase

**Sue Brown**

Hoskin cup for a vase of flowers from my garden

**Anna Batson**

Cup for most points in Show

**John Cameron**

# Heritage Gateway at Sheviock Parish Church

## Music for the Memorial Path

The deadline for this edition has just allowed me to say how much everyone enjoyed our Summer Dance with the Friday Night Boys last night. Subject to finalising costs, we have raised in the order of £600, which combined with our first Hymnathon and the Reflections concert brings our total to £2,200 against our target of £5,000 for the Memorial Path. We are mid-way through our Sunday Teas @ Sheviock, and delighted with the response from local musicians who have come to entertain us – palm court style - which we hope will bring another £1,000 to the Memorial Path Fund.

Our final fundraiser for the Memorial Path will be the Sponsored Hymnathon Part 2 on 10/11 September which will hopefully get us to our target - so please do support us by sponsoring the hymns, the singers or simply eating our delicious cakes! We've just finalised the programme of events for Autumn and Winter which are published in this edition of the Newsletter so do make a note in your diaries and contact us if you would like to be involved with any of the events.



We are just awaiting the start date from the contractor for the Memorial Path and there will inevitably be some disruption to access to the churchyard, but we will ensure this is kept to a minimum. Once again, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who are helping to maintain both the Church and the

Churchyard at our Churchcare mornings held on the first Saturday of the month and to the volunteers who just pop in when they have the time.

If you would be interested in volunteering to support the Heritage Gateway - this is specifically for the care and upkeep of our beautiful medieval church and churchyard -

please do contact either Jenny or Judy. There is no upfront commitment - we just send out an email from time to time asking for help with specific events, which might be anything from moving furniture to washing up.

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**Jenny Bushrod and Judy Scott- Churchwardens**

## Programme of Events for Autumn & Winter 2022

Date	Time	Event
21 August	3:00 -5:00 pm	Sunday Teas @ Sheviock Strawberry & Cream teas & cakes
28 August	3.00 – 5:00 pm	Sunday Teas @ Sheviock Strawberry & Cream teas & cakes
10/11 Sept	9:00 am – 6:45 pm	Sponsored Hymnathon with homemade cakes, and biscuits (Memorial Path Fund)
15 October	10:00 am – 4:30 pm	Annual Heritage Day Events with Medieval Soup & Pudding Lunch
19 November	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Cornwall Rock Choir – with local appearances
10/11 December	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Angel Festival with festive refreshments
10 December	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	An evening with Reflections Choir



When I left school jobs were few. Getting worried Dad dragged me off to intercept the Chief Engineer who was on his mine circuit walk. A route he took every day. Our 'meeting' took place on a country road. 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 smith, would not let me near him. He taught me how to use the thing swinging first off at a four inch nail. 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 weeks. Then I was allowed to work with the Blacksmith. Then 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.

## Memories

*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.*

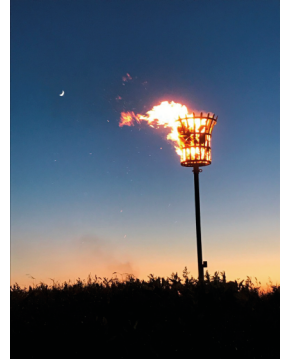
*And the laughter and singing  
to the drop hammer thud.*

*'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.*

## Platinum Jubilee Weekend

The **Platinum Jubilee** celebration got off to a rousing start on Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. on Beacon Hill. Following Herculean effort by Malcolm Biles to prepare the beacon we were joined by a sizeable crowd of parishioners who'd walked along the torch lit paths up to the beacon. We were joined by Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert who kindly read the Royal Proclamation prior to the lighting of the beacon. This was by far the brightest to be seen!



Friday and we had the official opening of the Platinum Jubilee garden. Officiating was Cllr Lizzie Jenkins assisted by the children of

the parish. Matthew and Bella kept everyone cool with a supply of ice cream.



Men's Tug O' War. Below: James keeps cool  
*Paula Brooks*



We then walked over to the memorial hall where a bar and refreshments kept everyone happy while they enjoyed the Maypole dancing by the children, tug of war with children, ladies and men's teams all having a pull. A BBQ stall run by Amy and Kelly provided sustenance. Lots of

stalls provided entertainment for all ages.

All profits from the bar, refreshments and ice creams were donated toward the Defibrillator fund.



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As you will have noticed, we have our new car park machine in situ, and it's been pretty busy during the fine weather. Indeed, it has paid for itself already. If you notice any lights, flashing or otherwise, please give me a ring so I can sort it.

On the subject of parking, you may have noticed the appearance of signs prohibiting parking on the verges along Military Road at Tregantle. Many are not aware that this is a clearway and one tiny bit of wheel on the road will earn you a parking penalty ticket. The hot weather had vehicles parked illegally all along that road causing all sorts of problems for the buses and larger vehicles.

There is ample parking available in the Cornwall Council car park.

It's time again for the annual **Autumn Parish Clean**. This will be over the weekend of September 24<sup>th</sup>. - 25<sup>th</sup>. As before, you may wish to have a group project, maybe a beach clean; tidy a particular area; maybe the gardens or the bus shelters; overgrown pathways or just the kerb outside your house. As always, whatever you do, do it safely.

Talking of **keeping tidy**, here are a few reminders with this in mind.

Bin day - please do not leave refuse out in bin bags alone - put them in a bin, in a gull proof bag, or just cover them with a blanket. It's no fun clearing up your refuse, and the collectors can't be expected to do it - why should they?

Please remember, if you have foliage growing from your wall / hedge that encroaches onto the footpath, it's your responsibility to keep the paths clear. Passers by should not have to step into the road to pass.

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# Council News

Dee and I were delighted to attend the Torpoint Mayor's civic parade on behalf of Shevock Parish Council. This was on Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> during the hot spell. Marching down the main Antony Road behind the marching band brought out a goodly num-

ber of onlookers. The service in St. James Church included contributions by children from all the local schools, a credit to their communities. A rousing rendition of "Trelawny" concluded the service before we re-traced our steps to the Mayor's Chambers.

Steve Medway

## Message in a Jar

Tam Harrison

Phil and I were walking from Portwrinkle to Downton recently when I found a "message in a jar" along the footpath. I read it and was moved by the letter so I emailed

Michael Skinley to ask if I could suggest it for the parish newsletter. I thought so many people love this parish, it is lovely to hear that it meant so much to others too.

Should anyone discover this glass jar and contents then the following provides an explanation.

I (Michael Skinley) am a Cornish Boy, who has spent over 30 of the past 52 years living in Germany with my beloved German wife Ute. We also spent a lot of time back in the UK either living in SE Cornwall or in Plymouth. In the years after 2011 when we moved back to Germany to live, we still returned to Cornwall for 3 months over each winter and rented a lovely house in Whitsand Bay View, with great views of the sea and surrounding coastline.

Ute was always extremely happy to be back in Portwrinkle and always noticeably opened up like a flower in Springtime coming into bloom, as soon as we reached the Half-Way mark on crossing the Tamar either by the Bridge or the Ferry.

Some of the photos are taken here or in local pubs, or the Whitsand Bay Hotel, where she would always enjoy a couple of half pints of draught Tribute Ale. I told her that it was her very special beer as a Trib-UTE to her name!

Sadly, during our stay in 2017/2018, Ute suffered a stroke whilst here and ended up in Derriford Hospital for 4 weeks, before being flown back to Germany to a hospital in our then Home Town of Wiesbaden, near Frankfurt. She then went into Rehab in Wiesbaden for several months.

We were in the process of deciding to move to North Germany in a lovely rural area, so the sale of our flat in Wiesbaden, the purchase of a nice house in North Germany and the move etc were left solely to me, which was a strain but it turned out very successful.

They say that you should not plant old trees, but this is not always true, as once I had completed the purchase of the new home and moved in June 2018 and Ute was moved to a Rehab Clinic about 20 miles from the new home, she finally came home of the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018, exactly 47 years to the day we first met!

Despite her frail health situation, Ute never felt happier than at the new home with large garden and delightful friendly and helpful neighbours. She and I were both very happy that we

made the move and Ute loved to either sit or walk with the help of her mobile walker outside in the large garden, or just sit and look out of the window at the clouds in inclement weather, or sit outside on the terrace in warmer weather and enjoy the garden, the sunshine, the garden pond next to the Terrace.

Unfortunately the Covid Pandemic negatively influenced Ute's recovery and although her Spirit was very strong, the "flesh was weak" and she sadly died in mid-August 2021. Her ashes are buried under a tree in the local cemetery in Germany. Unfortunately, German law prohibits the opening of the Urn one cremated and so I was unable to bring part of her Ashes back to Portwrinkle where we had spent so many happy times. I therefore decided to bring these photos and this explanation to bury them in the jam jar alongside a "wildflower seed bomb" near to the seat as this was her favourite place to enjoy the wonderful view.

I miss my beloved Ute very much every day, but am just so grateful to have shared so many happy years with her. Naturally there were times in that period where things did not always work out and we divorced after 26 years but remarried again 13 years later, as we recognised that the "outside pressures" may have caused the stress and reason for the divorce, but had not affected the deep love we had for one another. Fortunately the "Essence of Ute's Presence" is still very much "alive" at home – in the house and the garden – and whenever I travel anywhere.

So "Thank You" Portwrinkle, for all the happy times we spent here and may Ute's Spirit also rest here in this peaceful and wonderful spot.

Should anyone discover this jar with photos and message, please let me know via Email ([michael@skinley.co.uk](mailto:michael@skinley.co.uk)), but also please rebury it at or near this spot.

Live well and BE Happy, whoever you are and enjoy this spot as much as Ute and I did.

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## Happy 100<sup>th</sup>. Thelma

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. August the community and Thelma's family gathered at the memorial hall to celebrate Thelma's 100<sup>th</sup>. Birthday. Thelma was radiant as she welcomed her guests. A wonderful spread was produced with everyone bringing along some delicious food.

Thelma was for many years the booking clerk for the hall. She was joined by her friend Mary Hough, and seeing them together brought back memories of their weekly visits to the community shop. These were always accompanied by chatter and laughter.





In June we visited Ken-Caro Garden at St Ive. It was a privilege to walk around this lovely five acre garden with its beautiful panoramic views stretching as far as Dartmoor and to talk to Caroline Willcocks who started this garden in 1970 with her husband Kenneth. Kenneth passed away last year and it is brilliant that the garden is still open to the public.



In July we visited Wildside, Buckland Monachorum. In 2004 Keith Wiley, former head gardener at The Garden House on the edge of Dartmoor, moved a very

short distance to create Wildside. A truly spectacular garden full of colour and the tribute garden in progress for Keith's late wife Ros, will encompass water, wildlife, a seeming wildness, vivid seasonal colour and a calming tranquility.



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

Meetings are usually in the form of visits to gardens in the months of April, May, June, July and September. We do not normally have an August meeting.

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

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# Local Public Transport Update

Geoff Cadwallader

We were delighted that over 100 people attended the Public Meeting in the Memorial Hall, Crafthole on the 20<sup>th</sup> June with two thirds of those attending coming from within the Sheviock Parish. This clearly demonstrated the concern that exists re the substantial reductions in our local bus service that commenced on the 10<sup>th</sup> April. Mel Watson who spoke on behalf of Cornwall Council at the meeting about the need for the bus cuts etc; has since left Cornwall Council, and there has been a bit of a reorganisation, with Gemma Hall who came to the meeting with Mel, taking over part of her duties. Unfortunately we feel that many of the problems we have had, have been with the Public Transport Network Specialist who was responsible to Mel. and now to Gemma and is still in situ in his post. Unless there is a significant change to the consistently negative response we have received to low cost proposals using existing resources, put forward to mitigate the effects of the bus cuts, then any progress is likely to continue to be slow. However, Gemma Hall is showing a much welcome return to positively wanting to consult with our RPPTUG, and will be attending our AGM on the 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Following the Public Meeting I managed to arrange a meeting with James Church (Go South West Bus) and several representative members of our RPPTUG, in an endeavour to get a few No.70A Buses from Plymouth to Cremyll rerouted to call additionally at Sheviock & Crafthole. It was unanimously agreed by James and all seven of our members present including Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert that the 12.05, 15.05 (on schooldays) & 17.05 ex Royal Parade Buses should be re routed. James Church pointed out that this would need the agreement of the Cornwall Council P.T. Network Specialist, so Kate Ewert emailed the request to him from the meeting. True to form the request was rejected and I then followed it up with emails and received similar negative responses with reasons given that do not stand up to close scrutiny. If in particular, the re-routing of the 15.05 ex Royal Parade on Schooldays Bus had been agreed it would have filled the 3 hour afternoon gap that exists of there not being any bus service to our area (through or by connection), The only pm through bus being the 16.05 ex Royal Parade 70B. The poorly conceived & controversially routed No.75A Bus has been withdrawn. Connections with the 75 & 70/A at Torpoint are now better but how reliable they will be, remains to be seen.

Abbreviated Summary of N0s 70B & 75 Services with connections to & from Plymouth, operative from 5<sup>th</sup> Sept.

	70B	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	
					SD	SSH			
<b>Liskeard</b>		0735	0840H	1040	1240	1420	1440	1640	
Seaton	ex	0756	0901	1101	1301	1441	1501	1701	
Portwrinkle	Crem.	0814	0919	1119	1319	1459	1519	1715	
Crafthole KF	0726	0817	0922	1122	1322	1502	1522	1722	
Sheviock	0731	0820	0925	1125	1325	1505	1525	1725	
Torpoint Ferry	0755	0835	0940	1140	1340	1520	1540	1740	
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	Bus	<b>70A</b>	<b>70A</b>	<b>70A</b>	<b>70A</b>	<b>70A</b>	<b>70A</b>	<b>70A</b>	
Torpoint Ferry	0755	0855	1000	1200	1400	1600	1600	1800	
Plymouth RS	0823	0923	1033	1233	1433	1633	1633	1833	
Royal Parade A3	0830	0930	1040	1240	1440	1640	1640	1840	
	SD								
	<b>70A</b>	<b>70A</b>	<b>70A</b>	<b>70A</b>	<b>70A</b>	<b>70B</b>	<b>70A</b>	<b>70B</b>	<b>70B</b>
Royal Parade A3	0750	0905	1105	1305	1505	1605	1705	1825	1955
Plymouth R.S.	0754	0909	1109	1309	1509	1609	1709	1829	1959
Torpoint Ferry	0824	0939	1139	1339	1539	1639	1739	1854	2024
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	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>
					SD	SSH			
Torpoint Ferry	0845	0945	1145	1345	1525	1545	1639	1745	1854
Antony	0855	0955	1155	1355	1539	1555	1658	1755	1909
Sheviock	0859	0959	1159	1359	1543	1559	1702	1759	1913
Crafthole KF	0902	1002	1202	1402	1547	1602	1706	1802	1916
Portwrinkle	0905	1005	1205	1405	1550	1605	To	1805	To
Seaton	0923	1023	1223	1423	1608	1623	Crem	1823	Millbrook

Notes:- H – Commences from Hessenford on Schooldays, SD – Schooldays only, SSH – School Holidays & all Saturdays.

If you experience any problems with the new bus service we would advise you to contact both Cornwall Council email [transport@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:transport@cornwall.gov.uk) Tel. 03001234222 & Go Cornwall Bus email [ask@gocornwallbus.co.uk](mailto:ask@gocornwallbus.co.uk) Tel. 08081962632 but please also let us know by contacting Ian Court email [ianxcourt7@icloud.com](mailto:ianxcourt7@icloud.com) Tel. 07958 449388

THE R.P.P.T.UG. A.G.M. WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER FROM 2.0PM IN THE TORPOINT COUNCIL CHAMBERS MEETING ROOM 1-3 BULLER ROAD, TORPOINT. SENIOR OFFICERS FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL & GO SOUTH WEST BUS WILL BE ATTENDING & THE REVISED NEW SEPTEMBER BUS SERVICE ETC WILL BE DISCUSSED. YOUR SUPPORT WILL BE VERY WELCOME & COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE. YOU CAN USE THE NO. 75 BUS TO ATTEND

## Rame Community Bus

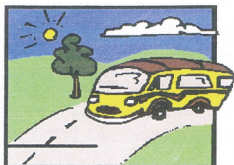
I know many of you are aware of the excellent facility we have in the Rame community bus.

This is a volunteer supported service which runs scheduled monthly trips to Saltash, Truro, Totnes and Tavistock. There is also a selection of day trips, listed below.

You can join the bus at Portwrinkle, Craffhole Kimberly Foster and Sheviok bus stops. Ask for these when booking with Carol.

The bus can also be hired for private use and with seating for 15 passengers can be good value.

The bus leaves Cawsand at 9 am so depending on destination, and other pick up points, departure from this area can be between 9.15 and 9.45.



Maker with Rame Community Bus Reg Charity No.1103104  
Bus Mobile Phone No. 07908843865

### 2022 DAY TRIPS

- 22 Sep LOST GARDENS OF HELIGAN £7
- 3 Oct HEALEY'S CYDER FARM NEWQUAY £8
- 13&14 Oct FALMOUTH OYSTER FESTIVAL £9
- 14 Nov LAUNCESTON & LIPTON FARM SHOP £7
- 2&9 Dec EXETER CHRISTMAS MARKET £9

### MONTHLY TRIPS

KERNOW MILL & SALTASH 1st Wed £6  
TRURO 2nd Wed £8 TOTNES 3rd Fri £7  
TAVISTOCK 4th Fri £7

Departures: Cawsand Car Park at 9am \*8.30am  
Other Pick Ups only by prior arrangement.

For Bookings: telephone Carole on 01752 823346.



Reverend Canon Lynn led a service of Blessing of the Sea at Portwrinkle Harbour Beach on a very hot Sea Sunday in July. Evette Hall, the Mission to Seamen's welfare officer for Fowey spoke about the work they do and the help given to

sailors, often from foreign countries in need of medical attention or help in contacting home. A small wooden cross was blessed and cast onto the sea. Despite the heat the service was well attended. The collection and donations for tea and cake served at the top of the slip after the service raised £204 for the Mission to Seamen. Because of Covid it was the first Blessing of the Sea Service since the deaths of David Mashford, and Margaret Bartlett. We missed the roles they played David playing the accordion, Margaret hosting the teas outside Smugglers Cottage.

St Mary's, St James, Antony, and the St German's group of Churches will be entering a period of interregnum as Reverend Canon Lynn Parker is retiring on 31<sup>st</sup> of August. A Benefice service is to be held at St Mary's on 28<sup>th</sup> August. It was to be the Benefice's opportunity, to thank Reverend Canon Lynn for her dedicated ministry, encouragement and support. St Mary's and St James have been fortunate to have had the spiritual leadership of Reverend Canon Lynn for twelve years. Unfortunately Reverend Canon Lynn has damaged her back and much to her disappointment is ending her ministry on sick leave. She will be missed. However we are fortunate as the curate for the Benefice, Reverend Laura Bushell- Hawke will continue to lead us in ministry as proposals set out in The Way Forward are implemented throughout the Deanery.

There have been three Baptisms at St Mary's since the last Newsletter and a Marriage Blessing.

Because of the interregnum there will be a change to the pattern of services.

The First Sunday of the Month – Holy Communion 10:00 am  
The Third Sunday of the Month – Morning Prayer 10:00 am  
All are welcome.

Services are followed by coffee and biscuits. If you are passing you are welcome to join us.

*Judy Scott and Jenny Bushrod*

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Well, I hope you have all been enjoying the lovely weather we have been experiencing this month - not too hot for you I trust and perhaps the recent rain has come as a relief.

The warmth has certainly brought out the shoppers - keeping up our supply of bottled water has been a challenge as has keeping the fridge stocked with cooked meats and cheeses for those picnics and salads. We were a bit panicky when our ice cream freezer started to play up but we were able to make room in the big freezer

whilst still keeping it well stocked with veg, burgers, ready meals etc. Though not a new venture, we have made it a little easier for customers to order pasties in advance. As long as you order before closing time you can pick up your pasties- hot or cold- the next day (except for a Sunday as there is no delivery).

I'm afraid, along with every other retail outlet, we are experiencing alarming price rises during the current dreadful inflationary period. However, we are trying very hard to source stock from more competitive outlets in order to

keep our prices down without any loss of quality. Also, we are keen to know of anything you might like us to get in on a trial basis. Please do ask our assistants or Ellen in the PO or write your requests and

suggestions in the green comments book, housed in the PO area.

Finally, may I once again put out a plea for more volunteers to offer themselves for training. We really would like to open in the afternoons, but at the moment this is not possible. The training is not daunting, you would never be left on your own

until you really felt ready and if you are a people person, you would love the opportunity for getting to chat to the customers and hearing their titbits of news.

So, thank you all for your continued support and don't forget that, as fuel prices rise, popping to Torpoint or Saltash for something you have run out of may not be very cost effective and chances are, we will stock it.

We look forward to seeing you in the coming months.

Lynn Vickery - on behalf of the shop directors.





It seems only a few weeks ago that I was typing the last write up for the newsletter. How time flies when you are having fun at events! I am pleased to say that the hall has kindly lent itself to provide a gratis venue for some community events this year.

The first of these events was The Parish Party Picnic, which after the official opening of the Platinum Jubilee Open Space, the community were invited to come to the hall. Many families took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy a picnic with family and friends within such a fantastic setting in celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee. There may have been some influence by the lure of the Bar and cakes too 😊

We were also happy to provide a free venue for the Rame Peninsula Public Transport Users Group to have a public meeting

The Summer Event in July was AMAZING! On a personal note I feel that the whole community has more awareness of the hall and what it can offer and the involvement from many local people on the new events committee really gave invigorated life to the day. It was great to see the Tug of War event return – well done to all that took part – I saw the bruises that some people had- OUCH! The whole day had an ambiance of fun and the many varied stall and games kept children and adults entertained while the Bar and delicious foods ensured that no one was hungry or dehydrated! A huge personal thank you to local businesses that kindly donated to the Raffle prizes and to all involved in the many jobs that meant the day could be a huge success. We are planning that next year, to avoid clashing with other large celebrations such the Lions Fair in Torpoint or the Liskeard Show we will have the summer event in June.

We send Congratulations to Thelma for her 100th birthday celebration afternoon in the hall on Tuesday 23 Aug. Thelma was the booking

clerk for the hall for many, many years and a friend to everyone.

In September the many groups throughout the week resume – these include the daily Pre-school sessions, Short mat bowls on a Mon afternoon, Susie's keep fit classes on Tues and Thurs eve, Badminton for youth and adults on Weds eve, short tennis on Thurs eve, and yoga on Fridays. Once a month there is also a film night. There is opportunity for other clubs, please contact us for available times if you would like to provide one. THANK YOU as a community for your increased support and your kind words of appreciation following the above events. Don't forget the hall is available to be booked for special occasions such as birthday or anniversary parties or weddings. I am always available to be contacted on 07900553116 or via email [paulasabrooks@aol.com](mailto:paulasabrooks@aol.com) if you would like to discuss your needs or if you would like to suggest events or activities for the hall. Lynn is also available to take bookings on 07528 127017 You are also welcome to attend the meetings in the lounge room on the first Monday of each month at 7pm.

Crafthole Pre-school return on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. We are open daily during term time and can offer flexible time sessions between 9am – 3pm. We have competitive session fees and receive up to 30 hours NEF funding for eligible 2, 3 and 4 yr olds. We have a rolling intake throughout the year as your child reaches enrolment age.

Your child will gain increased confidence and thrive within our play based, imaginative learning environment which stimulates all children to investigate and explore. Experienced staff ensure a safe nurturing home from home style environment meeting each families individual needs.

Please contact Paula on 07900553116 or [paulasabrooks@aol.com](mailto:paulasabrooks@aol.com) to arrange a free visit or for further information.



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

*We pray that Crafhole 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.*

We are getting used to our new regime with more combined services with Downderry and St Germans Methodist churches. We are referred to as Lyner 1, Crafhole ; Lyner 2, Downderry; and Lyner 3, St Germans.  
Our Harvest festival Service is on Sunday

11<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am. All gifts will go to the food bank  
Our services are at 10.30am each week in Crafhole but occasionally in either Downderry or St Germans  
All are welcome.

### **Coffee Morning**

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

Remember on the **fourth Saturday** of every month there is a Coffee Morning in the Sheviok Memorial Hall starting from 10.00 until 11:30 am, put these dates in your diary:-  
Saturday :- 24<sup>th</sup> September, 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 26<sup>th</sup> November.

There is always a cake stall but the main reason for this morning is to socialise by having good company, a chat and tea/coffee with biscuits.

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

Ring 01503230326.

### **Fireworks**

**Samantha Freeman**

Having looked into the trauma of fireworks it goes so much further than just our pet cats and dogs - children and adults with autism suffer greatly from the noise and unpredictability of the bangs and sounds and people with PTSD can have real flashbacks and horrendous times from the bangs. And there is no real need for the noise as we can all enjoy fireworks without the bangs as all the big supermarkets and online firework

producers now supply and sell noiseless/quiet fireworks. Our wild birds can be frightened and die and horses in fields have been known to have heart attacks and die in their fields. Wildlife can become disorientated and lose their way and the list goes on and on! I've put together a leaflet that I will be dropping round to our friends and neighbours in Crafhole and St Germans but if the newsletter can reach others that would be wonderful.

## What's on at the Sheviock Memorial Hall

### ***The Recreation/Snooker Club***

Would be nice to see greater involvement by local people. There is spare table time on the playing schedule

### ***Short Tennis.***

Short Tennis is played in the Sheviock Memorial Hall on a Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, equipment is provided Mike Cloughton 230022

### ***Short Mat Bowls***

You may or not know that for the past 14 years a Short Mat bowls club has existed in Crafhole. We meet in the Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafhole every Monday afternoon 2.00 to 4.00pm and Friday evening 7.30pm onwards..

It's not too difficult once you realise that the bowls are biased towards you **not** them being self-directional. Aiming for the little yellow ball whilst circumnavigating a piece of wood mid-way down the carpet ensures you can and will get frustrated. Perseverance eventually wins. Why not try and see if you have it in you ! Have you got the nerve to try it or are you just a sit at home and watch television fanatic. Contact 230326

### ***Keep Fit or Gentle Exercise***

Keep Fit gently on a Thursday afternoon at 2.15PM. Come along and join us and have some fun. Barbara 230326

### ***Badminton Club***

Last season was disappointing. Only 3 children came to the sessions. We will begin again for children of different ages and meet on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm

I look forward to having a bigger group next term

Adults of all ages meet at 8.00pm . We value people of all abilities and it would be good to see some new faces  
Barbara 230326

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

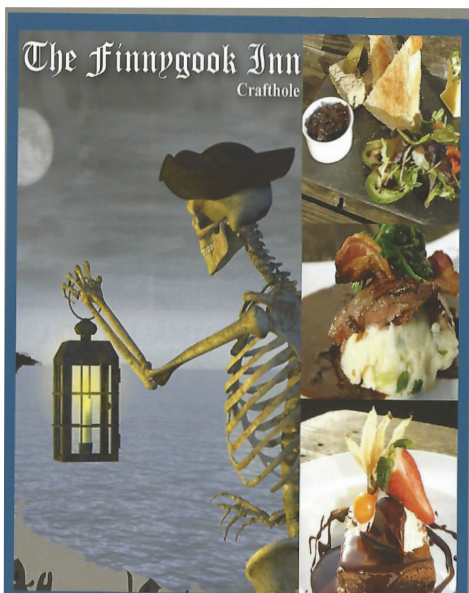
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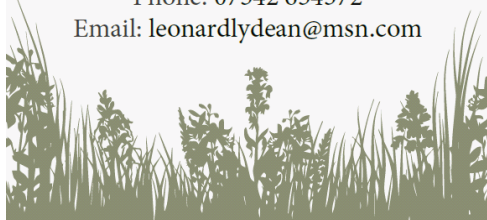
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## MEMORIAL HALL CRAFTHOLE



## Art & Craft Fair

Sat/Sun 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Oct.

10 am. – 3.00 pm.

Light refreshments served all day.  
Parking & entry free.

(Donations for Cornwall Air Ambulance welcome)

Wood Cards Fabric Weaving Glass  
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Beads Gifts Pottery Sewing  
Soaps Knits Haberdashery Jewellery  
RNLI (and more...)  
Ideal for those early Christmas presents

## Film Club

Lynn Vickery

Crafthole Film Club - 3rd Saturday of the month, commencing Sat Sept 17th 7pm, when we shall be screening "The Book Thief" - a tender and sometimes dark story of Liesel, a young girl in Nazi Germany during WW2, who's family hide Max, a young Jewish boy. It is narrated by a compassionate Death, who sees her steal her first book, dropped by her brother's grave. It leads her into many situations and ultimately helps her and Max to survive the war.

Maybe not so full of the laughs that we may have got used to, but never the less, an excellent film, not to be missed.

I have also booked the following films for the rest of this year:

"The Girl on the Train", "Brooklyn", "The Full Monty"

In reserve I have "The Green Book" and am hoping to get "The Hundred Year Old Man who Jumped out of a Window and Disappeared"

May I remind those of you who joined last September that it is time to renew your Membership (though I think I may have written the wrong date on your cards). It will still be £6 as far as I am aware.

I look forward to seeing you on 17th - PLEASE LET ME KNOW if you intend coming. Thank you



Lynn Vickery 07528 127017/01503  
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## Mermaids

Beryl Curtis

I composed this poem, sung to tune of "Messing about on the River" dedicated to all us Mermaids swimming in Portwrinkle Harbour!!

*With the sun in your face  
There's no better place  
Than swimming about in the harbour  
There are kayaks and rowboats  
And all kind of craft  
And paddleboards go by so very fast!  
There are shoals of mermaids  
To add to the scene  
It really is a place to have been  
So take my advice  
There's nothing as nice  
As swimming about in the harbour!*

Mermaid! BERYL CURTIS

## Craft Fair

Lynn Vickery

Craft Fair. Sat 8th & Sun 9th October 10am-3pm. Sheviack Memorial Hall.

Once again, it's shaping up to be another successful Craft Fair. Already I have a good cross section of crafters - a few new ones as well. It's a really good time to start thinking about looking for something special for Christmas gifts etc. As usual, parking will be free and we shall be serving hot drinks and an array of home baked cakes all day.

If you've never been to one of our Craft Fairs before, please do pop in. You will be assured of a friendly welcome and will be amazed by some of the beautiful craft work on display. Look out for the posters which will be appearing soon and do contact me if you need any information.

Thanks

Looking forward to seeing you.



This summer my wife and I camped in the Lake District for our holiday. Feeling adventurous, we booked in for a beginners' introduction to kayaking on Derwentwater. We arrived early very excited at what lay ahead. 'Woody' our tutor showed us what was needed and then gave us each a life jacket to wear. After dragging the kayaks to the water's edge we began gently paddling out towards an island we could see in the distance. It was all going so well! There is a famous story in the bible of Jesus walking on water towards his disciples who were in a boat. According to one gospel, Peter, one of them, he got very excited too and asked to do the same thing. Jesus invited him to and Peter stepped out walking in faith. Unfortunately, when Peter caught sight of the waves his faith wavered and splash, in he went. You will probably have already guessed that we hit some wind and waves on the way towards the island. Perhaps you've guessed that yes, I was tipped over and went in spluttering as I swallowed a medium-sized mouthful of Cumbrian water. Thankfully, I very quickly, thanks to that aforementioned life jacket, bobbed back to the surface and was helped back in, surviving to write about it. Peter had no handy life jacket strapped on and thinking he would sink he cried out in fear, "Lord, save me." And that is just what Jesus did. He reached out and pulled Peter back to the boat.



There is a particular miracle in that story, but we can still learn much from it for when we feel out of our depth, don't we all experience big waves in life, that buffet us and cause us to wobble? From time to time each of us may feel like we are falling, sinking under (and these times seem as dire as any for many). However, when all else turns upside down in our lives or that we fear could 'go under' the same one who saved Peter is there ready to uphold us and save us if we ask. So, in the words of a song Elvis Presley among others once sang,

*"Put your hand in the hand of the man  
who stilled the water*

*Put your hand in the hand of the man  
who calmed the sea*

*Take a look at yourself and you can look  
at others differently*

*By puttin' your hand in the hand of the  
man from Galilee"*

Rev Jonathan Budd, Methodist minister  
for Craithole, St Germans and  
Downderry.



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