

SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER

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June 2023



From the Editor

Summer weather was slow to catch up with the calendar, the month of May being distinctly short on sunshine. However we didn't let that dampen our enjoyment of the series of celebrations of Easter and the Coronation.

Two inserts with this issue. The annual Flower and Vegetable show entry form, and a questionnaire for the RRPTG to elicit your views on the present transport situation.

We will see the final day for the village Post Office in June. A sad day to lose a long term part of the centre of the community. Best wishes to Ellen for her well earned retirement.

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

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

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

Steve Medway

Cover photo: .Let the summer begin... Paddle boarders head into the sun from Portwrinkle harbour. Thanks to Erin Matthews.

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Whether you're buying a car, clothes, or gifts online, help to safeguard yourself and your money by watching Get Safe Online's latest short video and reading on to discover our top tips:

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With kind regards, the Get Safe Online team.

I DON'T believe it! By Grumpy old Git

My wife dresses to kill. She cooks the same way – Henny Youngman.

Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city - George Burns.

Human beings are the only creatures on earth that allow their children to come back home -

She got her good looks from her father. He's a plastic surgeon - Groucho Marx.

The biggest argument against democracy is a five minute discussion with the average voter - Winston Churchill.

Why won't Cannibals eat clowns? They taste funny!

Life Guard: Don't dive off that board! There's no water in the pool!
Dummy: It's ok I can't swim!

Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable Show 2023

The Show will be held in the Village Hall Crafthole on Saturday 12th August 2023. The schedule for this year is being circulated with the June Newsletter. Do please look through the schedule and consider entering. It is a very enjoyable day in the middle of summer and you will find there is something for almost everyone. Entering is not difficult and you might find how much you enjoy taking part.

The garden competition will be held during the week starting 10th July 2023. There were a number of new entrants last

year and they were very successful. Let's see if we can find some more new entrants. The closing date for entering your gardens is 30th June 2023. There is a new class in the garden competition; The People's choice cup. Please see the schedule for details.

Any of the Committee members will be happy to help you with any queries you may have.

Gill Kennedy and Andrea Evans Flower Show committee Members
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Beach-Cleaning Birds and Buoys

Melissa Purchall

Thank you to EVERYONE who has helped since January at our monthly community beach cleans - 37 individuals putting in a collective 48 appearances so far (as at the end of April). Your time, effort and dedication in helping to tackle plastic pollution in our little corner of this beautiful planet are praiseworthy! I often wonder how many pieces of plastic we have prevented injuring or killing wildlife.

I expect the type of litter on our beaches to change over the next few months as we welcome more beach users. Unfortunately I have noticed an increase in the amount of dog mess on the beach so please do take care.

We meet at Portwrinkle Harbour Beach/Hoodny Cove once a month. It's all very casual - stay for the full hour and a half or just 5 minutes. If picking up litter isn't for you then join us anyway with a blanket and a flask and cheer us on. It's a lovely sociable time too where we can catch up or make new acquaintances and, "It's quite therapeutic", as one of the regulars puts it. We've often had visitors to the beach join in too when they see what we're doing.

After writing to our elected MP, Sheryll Murray, about the sewage that gets released between

Harbour Beach and Finnygook Beach after heavy rainfall I received a reply stating that "...the Government agreed....mandating progressive reductions in discharge and agreeing targets that the water companies must achieve..." I bumped into a South West Water engineer who was taking photos of the sewage release beyond the harbour (while people were swimming there) during a beach clean. He was of the opinion that "...those high up need to re-direct some of the bonuses paid to themselves and shareholders to invest in bigger capacity to prevent overflows." So, we watch and wait for change.

There is a very useful App - Surfers Against Sewage Safer Seas and Rivers Systems - that allows you to monitor recent sewage release on your local beach.

The beach cleans covered by this newsletter are Saturdays 24th June (12.30-2pm), 15th July (9.30-11am) and 19th August (10-11.30am).

Please bring your own equipment and please take your rubbish home to avoid overfilling the public bins. Please recycle anything you can. This is all done at your own risk.

If you have any questions please call me on 01752 829227. Hope to see you on the beach.



mike redshaw

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An update on the SEASONAL PSPO DOG RESTRICTIONS CORNWALL regarding HOODNY and HARBOUR BEACH. Cornwall Council are in favour of a unified seasonal dog restriction on listed Cornwall Beaches from July to August 10am -6pm. Our Clerk Nancy represented the Parish Council during Public Participation at The Cornwall Council Neighbourhood Scrutiny Committee meeting. Cornwall Cllr Ewert further represented the Parish. The Committee resolved to recommend the reinstatement of the 24/7 ban Easter Sunday to October the 1st - as it had worked previously and been asked for/consulted upon within the parish when first established, the parish can erect signage at the entrances and has its own enforcement officer. The beaches had been omitted entirely from the Order due to an admin error by Cornwall Council. However, despite all the above the Portfolio holder for Cornwall Council has made the fi-

nal decision over riding the views of the parish.

Therefore, a seasonal ban will be in place from July/August 10 am-6 pm on the Harbour and Hoodny beach.

Finnygook beach will remain dog friendly all year.

I know many of you will share our disappointment and frustration at this further demonstration of Cornwall Council's take on democracy. We have already had reports of visitors and locals alike suffering the results of poorly controlled dogs.

I would like to express thanks to Cornwall Cllr. Kate Ewert for her unstinting support during our efforts. Also to Kerenza Moore, whose Cornish Times articles regarding our plight helped illustrate the inconsistencies in CC's approach.

Did you see the front page picture of me and Jack by the harbour?

Self Employed Cleaner(s) Required Portwrinkle. To cover holidays and relief/sickness cover.

Role: To clean Portwrinkle Public Conveniences (approx. 1 hour per clean, per day/call out). Cleaning products/items provided.

Sheviock Parish Council is looking for a self-employed cleaner(s), to provide relief cover to clean the Seafront Public Toilets. This would be on an ad hoc basis, should the existing cleaning staff be unable to attend/or fall ill/ unable to cover holidays. Work would be subject to your availability when it is offered, advance notice of work would be given whenever possible.

Good rate of pay provided, plus parking permit.

If interested, please contact the Clerk, Nancy Gray Parish Clerk 01503 232996 sheviockpc@btinternet.com to discuss further.

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Council News

THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III.

Congratulations to all who made the Coronation celebrations such a success. "Wishy Washy" kept the children and grown-ups alike entertained. Then the "Derryaires" provided sing along numbers to the delight of all.

The children of the parish were presented with a commemorative Teddy Bear key ring.

Parish Spring Clean

Thanks to all who contributed to the Spring clean on weekend of 18th/19th March. If you'd like to continue to contribute to the upkeep of our beautiful surroundings, see Melissa's contribution on page 5.

On the subject of Beach Cleans around 100 syringes have been recovered from the harbour, Hoodny and we think these have washed ashore. Please be aware and let us know should any more be discovered.

The parish council have been considering our position on the notification from St Mary's church PCC advice of the closure to burials in the churchyard. Historically when this occurs responsibility passes automatically to the Parish council who then would pass on that responsibility to the county council. However, our concerns are that Cornwall Council have been unable to provide definitive guidance despite having been considering their position for two years. Further, the guidelines state that the property should be in a good state of repair before

relinquishing responsibility but this will patently not be the case with an estimated £240,000 repairs required to a collapsing wall. Again, we appear to be stuck between a rock and a hard place; as a parish council there is absolutely no way we could resource the costs inherited from a large well resourced body; even if we're successful in passing on the responsibility to CC, they could simply increase our council tax contributions to absorb the costs.

Steve Medway

Film Club

Lynn Vickery

We have had a very successful few months of screenings, having watched some excellent titles since Christmas - Phantom of the Open, Where the Crawdads Sing, Operation Mincemeat and Mrs. Harris goes to Paris. Our next film - the new version of West Side Story - will have already been screened by the time you read this. Then in June, we shall be screening the new "Fisherman's Friends: One and All." Please note, this will be on the 4th Saturday - 24th June at 7 pm. instead of the usual 3rd Saturday (due to the Village Hall Fun Day - Sat June 17th.)

I have a great list of films available from July through to December, among them, A Man Called Otto, Military Wives, The Secret Garden. The Book

Club 2 and Top Gun -Maverick. These are all great up-to-date productions and some of them have only recently been put on general release.

I shall be completing the programme as soon as I have received our members' votes.

Meanwhile, for those of you who have not yet attended one of our film nights, may I please assure you of a very warm welcome if you do fancy an evening out at the movies with us. Our film nights are normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm. New members pay just £6 for their first film and thereafter, £3 per film.

Looking forward to seeing you sometime,

Lynn Vickery 07528 127017/01503 230048

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Sheviock Garden Club Report

Dee Medway

In March we had a lovely trip down to Eden to see all the spring flowers, a brilliant day out.

In April we had a very entertaining talk from Nick Bacon, "Pests and Diseases and their control using items in your own home. Who knew moles could be deterred by marshmallows!



Photos; Eden in Springtime

Coming up

28 May - Trip to Wildside Gardens, Buckland Monachorum

1 July - Trip to Lethytp, Penadlake, Lanreath

July TBC Garden Safari & Cream Tea - Sheviock Parish

9 Sept - Trip to Bicton Park Botanical Gardens, Budleigh Salterton

Please note that the Rame bus has suffered damage so any trips arranged will be self drive till further notice

Meetings are usually held at the Sheviock Memorial Hall on the 3rd 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.
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LOCAL BUS SERVICES — As expected there is little change to our local bus services in the current new timetable that commenced on the 2nd April. There is a scheduled timing change to the morning No.75 School bus that could be beneficial to those travelling to Plymouth, as it is now timed to run several minutes earlier to connect with a 70 A Bus that arrives Royal Parade at 09.00, some 30 minutes earlier than previously. However due to much confusion & lack of communication the connection has not as far as I am aware been working. I hope it will be resolved soon but currently the new timings are shown in the new 2nd April T.T; if you can get one, but the old timings are still shown in the Bus Stop T.T. Cases.

Despite several reminders we still have not received any of the large controversial new timetables for our area. We have been incorrectly told that there are not any changes, as the timings of the 70A/B services were all altered on the 30th October in the large all Cornwall timetable that was issued on the 4th September and now there are also the schoolbus alterations. The timetables are controversial because of their large size & waste of paper, when most users only use one or two pages of the T.T. It does not include all bus services & no longer contains local rail, ferry & air services plus there are no longer any local bus leaflets. I have copied off the 70A/70B Weekday & the 75 Services from the online Cornwall T.T and put a small supply in the Crafhole Post Office, which I can increase but the print is small and may be difficult to read for some.

I am afraid that the unreliability of our local bus services has continued recently to be very concerning. On the 9th May a Cornish Newspaper headlined "Bus disruption across Cornwall due to staff absence and vehicle breakdowns", including reference to No 75 's being cancelled that morning. If a 75 is cancelled on the outward Liskeard – Torpoint journey, it usually means that the return trip from Torpoint is also cancelled, and this seems to be a regular occurrence with several incidents each week plus significant late running. There are problems with the 70A/70B's as well e.g. with 2 successive 70A Buses the 10.00 & 11.00 ex Royal Parade— Cremyll Buses being cancelled **on the 4th May. We sympathise with GCB Operators with the problems they are facing with driver shortages & breakdowns, but think it is very sad that opportunities have been & are still being missed by Cornwall Council to make bus travel easier & much less anxious for some of our local bus users.**

The Government has just issued what seems to be the best funding news we have heard for some time as it is substantially longer term than usual. The £2 Bus Fare cap has been extended again only to the 31st October, but it will be then kept at £2.50 until November 2024 when its effectiveness will be reviewed. This funding will cost £200 million but Mark Harper the Transport Secretary has also confirmed that there will be an additional £300 million to protect vital routes until 2025.

There have been recent signs that give us a glimmer of hope that we may be able to look a bit more positively at local bus travel in the future, and we have taken appropriate action relating to recent problems we have faced. When we were informed that it was proposed to reduce the hours that the Cornwall Concessionary Passes could be used, we thought it inevitable that it would happen. We also thought the consultation we took part in may only be a paper exercise, but I am happy we were proved wrong as the passes are to remain valid 24/7. Evidently Cornwall Councillor Connor Donnithorne who is the new holder of Portfolio for Transport in the Cornwall Cabinet blocked the reduced hours proposal and has also developed a free Cornwall wide bus pass for care leavers in Cornwall aged 18-25. He has also been connected with some specific bus improvements etc.

LOCAL TRAIN SERVICES. - The only significant change to trains calling at St. Germans in the new timetable that will have been operative since 21st May, shows that persistence can pay, as ever since the St. Germans PTUG was formed in 2006 they have continued to campaign for the early morning Dockyard Train to be reinstated and now it has happened with a train departing the station for Plymouth at 06.59.

THE RPPTUG AGM will be held **IN THE MEMORIAL HALL CRAFTHOLE ON THE 19TH JUNE COMMENCING AT 18.00** but what is more important is that it is combined with **A FOLLOW UP MEETING** to the one held at the same venue last year. The business part of the AGM will not take long and the Chairman's Report will be relevant to the meeting as it will be a summary of all that has and has not happened during the year. We have produced **A QUESTIONNAIRE** that will be circulated with this Parish Newsletter.

We hope you will be able to complete the form & return it as shown. **DISCUSSION ABOUT THE REPLIES GIVEN ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE WILL PROVIDE THE MAIN FOCAL POINT OF THE MEETING .**

Summer is at last on its way and we are looking forward to warmer days. We are also looking forward at St Mary's. The way we live our lives has changed over time and so must the church change to suit the young of today. The Benefice and Patronage of the St Germans group of Churches with Antony and Sheviok have been suspended and we are in interregnum (without a vicar). Our Benefice is to join with that of the whole of the Rame Peninsula. All thirteen churches have had representatives meet to compile a profile of the area and role description for the advertisement for a new incumbent. This has been completed and the advertisement circulated. We wait in hopeful anticipation! If you would like to speak to someone or know of someone who would perhaps appreciate a visit St Mary's has four Pastoral Ministers. Fiona Harvey 01503 230334 Pat Hodge 01503 230821

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Services at St Mary's

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Third Sunday of the month Morning Worship 10:00 am

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Judy Scott

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Heritage Gateway at Sheviok Parish Church

The Season of Strawberries

Here at Sheviok Parish Church, we are always pleased to promote our strawberry heritage. Sheviok – or Sevik in Cornish means strawberry bed so we go to some lengths to celebrate this delicious red berry!

St Mary's Midsummer Soiree on

Saturday 24 June from 5:00 –

9:00 pm

Please do accept this invitation to join us for a glass of fizz, delicious strawberry treats, convivial company and midsummer music in our ethereal medieval church.

Sunday Afternoon Teas from 30 July to 27

August – 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Strawberries continue to play a leading role in our Sunday Afternoon Teas, being served for 5 consecutive Sundays from 30 July. Proving very popular last Summer, we look forward to welcoming you with friends, family and

visitors – or “en solo” - to enjoy cream teas, strawberry teas and home baked cakes whilst you are entertained by a range of local musicians.

To round off the Summer with a date for your diaries - Harvest Dance on Saturday 23 September – 7:30 – 11:30 pm

We are pleased to announce that our band for the Harvest Dance on Saturday 23 September (7:30 – 11:30pm) at Sheviok Memorial Hall

will be the **Cornish Groove Collective**.

We look forward to welcoming you to all our events throughout the Summer.

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I start the report with an update from the AGM in March. Many thanks to the outgoing committee members, Lynn, Andy and Judy for their many years of support for the hall and a warm welcome to newly elected trustees Viv, Craig, Mel and Billy all of whom have already been involved in fundraising events within the last few months. Thank you to the committee including the events committee that along with myself are remaining for another year to bring you a variety of fundraising events and activities. The committee meet the 1st Monday of each month (apart from August) at 7pm and you are very welcome to come along to share ideas and become involved. The new hall logo designed by Warren depicts our aim of making the hall very much part of the community.

The hall quiz night took us by surprise of how popular it was and with a squash and squeeze we fitted everyone in. Thank you Matt L, for organising and asking the questions and to all the volunteers who once again helped on the day to set up, set down and run the event. Watch this space as there will be a beetle drive evening and bingo evening later this year.

On a very windy Easter Monday it was great to see so many of the community come together again for the annual egg rolling event. Despite one heavy downpour, Mike C and his team of helpers braved the weather and enabled everyone to take part in the egg rolling. There was a good number of Easter bonnet entries and kind donations from local businesses and the committee towards the raffle. The team of cake bakers had been busy once again and the cakes were enjoyed by many.

On Sunday 7th May we jointly hosted the Coronation celebration party funded by the Parish Council. There was a tasty BBQ and thirst quenching bar. Wishy Washy started the afternoon and actually entertained the adults as much as the children! The Derry Aires were popular and had everyone toe tapping and singing along to their sea shanties. The Hall have planted a commemorative cherry tree in the grounds and an apple tree in the Open Space for the Kings Coronation, Warren has made engraved plaques for them. Two children from the village were randomly selected to help plant them, Brodie Moyle, added soil and watered the Cherry tree and Eli Hamlyn was selected to do the Apple tree. We know they will all grow and thrive together

*******Important date alert*******

This year's summer event will be on Saturday 17th June from 1pm. There will be a full bar and BBQ. There will be stalls and lots of fun games and activities including the tug of war

Brodie Moyle



challenge and children's sports. The pre-school children will also be doing may pole dancing and you will be welcome to join in with them.

The craft fair will be the weekend of 15th /16th October – if you are a crafter and would like a table please contact Paula to book. Lunch food will be available on both days this year.

There are many classes and activities on offer at the hall including Snooker, Badminton, Short mat bowls, Keep fit, Pilates, Yoga, Sewing, Film club and a pre-school each day for children aged 2-5 with a toddler group for younger children on a Friday afternoon. There is certainly lots to keep you busy and if you are interested in finding out more details, you are able to find the contact numbers of the organisers in the foyer of the hall.

The hall is also available to be booked as a venue for your party or wedding needs. We have crockery and cutlery to accommodate 100 guests which is also able to be hired. Have a wonderful Summer and I look forward to seeing you at our future events during the rest of the year. As always I thank you in advance for your support

Please contact Paula on 07900553116 or paulasabrooks@aol.com to arrange a free visit or for further information.

Another bulletin from your Board of Directors - 3 months seems to pass very quickly.

Well, not a lot to report really (I can hear those sighs of relief). We are looking forward to warmer weather and will, of course, try to keep up with the demand for cold drinks and ices. Talking of which, you will be pleased to hear that our freezer, which has been out of action for several months, has at last been repaired and is now fully stocked. We also look forward to the summer glut from local gardeners, who often donate their surplus of courgettes, tomatoes, squashes etc. and later, apples - they are much appreciated.

We had a good response to our questionnaire in the previous issue - a lot of positive support and suggestions. We shall be discussing this at our next Directors' meeting and hope to be able to implement some of your ideas. Meanwhile, sadly, the PO is all set to close at the end of June and thus will begin a new era for the shop. We will, of course, have many challenges to face and we would ask you to be patient with us as we feel our way towards the future. We appreciate, too, the disruption that losing our PO will cause our customers. Many of you will be unable to access banking facilities, in particular. We shall endeavour to keep a good supply of stamps, BUT we have had VERY DISAPPOINTING news from "Post Office Ltd" who have said, quite categorically, that they WILL NOT provide us with a mobile unit. The Board of Directors are extremely disappointed by this decision and feel that no effort has been made by them to look at our topographical position and to consider the needs of a rural community which a) does not have a reliable bus service and b) has a high number of young families and elderly residents, for whom collecting their family allowance/pensions etc will now be very difficult, not to mention the local small businesses and community organisations who



have to deposit cash at various times. We shall be contacting our Local Councillor and MP and also writing to Post Office Ltd. to register our disgust at this decision. We would urge EVERYONE who feels the same as we do to also make contact - people power can be very persuasive. This is not just a shop and PO, it is your Community hub, a socialising centre, a place where people - especially those who are alone - can get together and keep contact with the outside world. I am including emails and /or addresses below ...PLEASE DO WRITE.

We hope that you all have a lovely summer - I know we need the rain, but only at night ... - and we also hope that you will all make that extra effort to support your Community Shop as much as you can. One thing I can tell you from nearly all the responses we had, was that you feel our shop is not only appreciated for its stock, it is cherished for so much more. Long may this continue.

My best wishes to you all,
Lynn Vickery (PP the shop Directors)

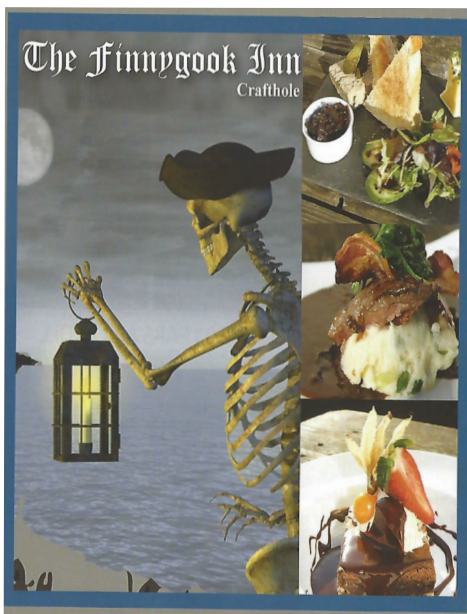
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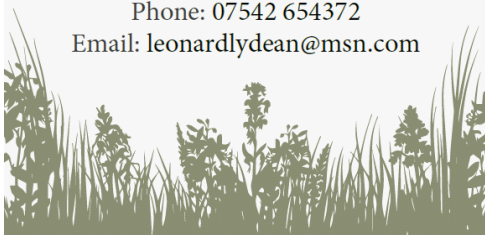
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What's on at the Sheviock Memorial Hall

The Recreation/Snooker Club

Good to see more of us making use of this great facility.

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

Keep Fit or Gentle Exercise

We will resume the Keep Fit gently sessions in September on Thursday afternoon at 2.15PM. More news in the next issue. Barbara 230326

Badminton Club

Will resume in September. If members wish to play check the hall is free with the booking clerk.

Crafthole Pre-school

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.

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Our Mission Statement.

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

We have our coffee mornings on the fourth Saturday of every month. Every one is welcome.

We have a cake stall and a bric-a-brac stall. Come and join us and bring a friend.

Barbara Snowling 01503 230326

Writing in the previous newsletter, I mentioned I was heading off to Liverpool to enjoy the Eurovision Song Contest. Alas, we didn't get tickets, but we did soak up the atmosphere around the city, and to hear all sorts of languages being spoken, alongside that special form of English known as 'Scouse'!

Languages are so important to us because they help make us who we are. Language variations mark out one group of people from another; ask a Brummie what 'D'reckly' means, and they may not have a clue. One generation can be distinguished from another by language too. Who hasn't had the experience of wondering what a younger (or an older!) person was talking about because we didn't recognise the words being used?

As a teenager, I remember hearing on the radio the song *Down Under* by the band Men at Work. It features the line, "Hey there, do you speak my language? He just smiled and gave me a Vegemite sandwich." I didn't know what Vegemite was until many years later when I went 'down under' to work in Papua New Guinea (PNG). I travelled to volunteer with an organisation running literacy programmes and translating the Bible into local languages. PNG is a place ripe for such work as there are over 850 languages spoken there. I saw first-hand how powerful it is when someone can read for the first time, and especially when they receive a Bible to read in their native tongue.

Personally, I've never been great shakes at learning languages; at school I struggled with French, and later at theological



college training to be a church minister I did only adequately with *koine* Greek (an original language of the Bible). Still, I am reassured that what we say can be much more important than the language we use so long as the meaning comes across. A very popular piece of the Bible, often read at weddings, begins, "If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal." In other words, however fluent we might be, however sweet sounding our words, if we don't speak with an attitude of love and care it just becomes noise. That's a challenge to me, and to you. We have plenty enough angry and destructive language being bandied about around us; how about we try to fill the air with more useful speech?

As a Bible prayer puts it, "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." (Psalm 19:14)

Rev Jonathan Budd, Methodist minister for Crafthole, St Germans and Downterry.



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