

SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

As I sat writing this piece describing the milestones achieved over the last months, and how each was the result of tremendous efforts by the community, again reminding us what a fantastic place we live in, my thoughts were interrupted by the sound of the Air Ambulance landing on the golf course. Chris Kennedy, one of the biggest contributors to those achievements had been taken away from us, leaving an unfillable void. Please understand that most of the contributions were made prior to this.

Our thoughts and condolences to Gill and family.

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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Please take note of the copy date for issue 112 – Friday February 14th. 2019

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I hope all our contributors are happy with this issue. If you have any points to make regarding this newsletter, please let me know.



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Suspicious TV Licensing Emails

Residents in the East Cornwall area are asked to be vigilant following a report of an email received stating that tv licensing were unable to collect funds for the renewal of tv license and asking for bank details.

If in doubt speak to a family member or trusted friend/neighbour or call TV Licensing personally, the number will be on your current license

Do not to give out any personal details to cold callers, open any links to suspicious emails or transfer any monies.

Message Sent By

Shirley Craft (Police, Community Messaging Officer, Devon & Cornwall)

I DON'T believe it! By Grumpy old Git

Interviewer: *Where do you see yourself this time next year?*

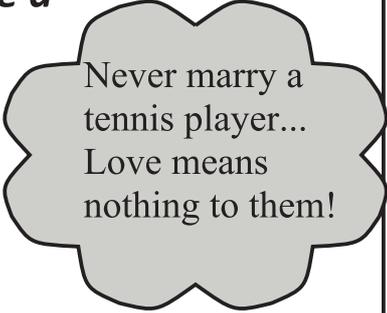
Interviewee: *I don't know - I don't have twenty-twenty vision!*

I sent my hearing aids in for repair about a month ago. I've heard nothing since.

I had a happy childhood, my dad used to put me inside a tyre and roll me down a hill... They were Goodyears

I just found out I'm colour blind. The diagnosis came completely out of the purple.

(From Dad's jokes website)



Never marry a tennis player...
Love means nothing to them!

Crafthole and District Open Flower Show

Gill Kennedy

A donation of £110 was made to the Sowenna Appeal. (A charity supporting adolescent mental health care in Cornwall). This was made from the proceeds of the refreshments at the 2019 Show. Although the weather had been poor in the run up to the Show, the number of exhibits increased once again.

We have had a recent Committee meeting and the 2020 classes already chosen are:-

Handicraft

- Any knitted or crocheted item (to include yarn label)
- Paper craft/ folding
- A bird box (not from a kit)
- An item made from felt
- An upcycled item from denim
- An item made from no more than one metre of material
- Glass painting

An item including pom poms

Photography

- Mayflower 400
- The National Trust
- A sporting theme
- Patterns in the sand
- What a laugh!
- Nature (open to children under 16 years at date of show)

We gave some thought to Children's classes in 2020 and our ideas were:-

- A glove puppet
- Papercraft

Please could you contact any Committee member if you have any ideas that might appeal to children.

The 2020 Show will take place on Saturday 8th August.

Gill Kennedy Show Secretary
email gillk1066@btinternet.com

SHEVIOCK MEMORIAL HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB

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

WINNERS 20th August 2019 to 12th November 2019

DATE	WINNER	No	DATE	WINNER	No
20/08/19	Anna 9KFC	121	08/10/19	Peter Davis	186
27/08/19	Barbara Davis	199	15/10/19	Margaret Ballard	4
03/09/19	Dorothee Mathias	231	22/10/19	David Matthews	45
10/09/19	Judy Scott	245	29/10/19	Peter Gibson	68
17/09/19	Frank Mesa	150	05/11/19	Angela Carter	124
24/09/19	Tracy Ives	82	12/11/19	Beryl McKintosh	265
1/10/19	Caroline Jackson	178			

The excellent new extension is up and running and your contributions to the supporter's club is one of the ways we raise the money needed to help the hall. So thank you for your continued support.

My thanks, as always, go out to the band of dedicated collectors who do all the collecting and paying out. We can always use more and it is a great way to support the hall and get involved in your local area. Please contact me if you'd like more info.

Anyone with a number in the draw (10p a week) has the chance to win £10 each week. That's only a fiver a year. So why not join the Memorial Hall Supporters club.

If you would like to, please talk to one of the collectors or give me a call and I will happily allocate a number. Here's looking towards Christmas and the New Year!

If you only take part in one flutter this year it has to be the Sheviok Memorial Hall Supporters' Club. A guaranteed £10 winner every week, except Christmas week, and it supports the Hall.

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

Use of the extension at the Memorial Hall

A lot has happened in the extension since the last newsletter, and there are exciting activities being lined up for 2020.

A cinema quality projector and sound system has been added and the projector now provides easy set-up and excellent viewing for club talks. This has already been used by the Garden Club and the WI. Free Wi-Fi is available for use in connection with any of the activities run in the extension.

1. A date for your diaries this year –

1.30pm Wednesday 18th December 2019

– Sid Lawrence, our local Police Community Support Officer, will give a talk on current Scams to watch out for. He has also agreed to repeat this on a 3 monthly basis so please let a committee member know if this is a convenient time, or, if not, at what time and on which day you would like future meetings.

2. Dates for your diaries next year.

2.1. Get together for tea/coffee and a chat or read the papers.

Every Wednesday morning, 10am-12noon, in the extension starting Wednesday 15th January 2020. Contact Mike Snowling for further information – 230 326 or, snowsafemike@gmail.com

2.2. A computer surgery. Get help with your laptop/tablet/phone and ideas on how to achieve more with them.

10am-12noon, 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings each month, starting from Tuesday 21st January. Just turn up, but don't think, "Oh I will leave it to the next meeting", if there is no support the course will not continue. Subsequent meetings 4th and 18th February.

3. A Watercolour Course for absolute beginners and for those with some experience.

This course is running very successfully. It takes place from 2pm- 4pm every Thurs-

day. If you would like to join the course, contact a committee member for further details. There are a limited number of places available, so first come will be allocated a place. Starts next term on 16th January. Cost for whole term £90.

4. Cinema Club

A film club will be starting in the New Year. A day, date or time has not yet been finalised - possibly the evening of 3rd Sat in the month, but as soon this has been sorted, the parish will be swamped with adverts, so keep looking at the notice boards. Meanwhile, if there is any particular film or genre that you would like to see, please let Lynn Vickery know on 07528127017 or email lynnvickery@btopenworld.com.

5. Courses that can be run subject to level of interest.

5.1. Expert patient programme provided by the NHS. Free self-management course for people living with long-term health conditions.

See notice boards in the Parish. This course will also be advertised throughout the Rame Peninsula and in Torpoint. It is a 6-week course and if 16 people are interested it will run from mid-February.

5.2. First Aid for Baby and Child course by the Red Cross. Cost will be about £22 per person for a 1 day, 4½ hr course.

5.3. The Friday Night Club for secondary school children. Everything is in place for this activity to run but it must be led by the children and their parents. Contact a committee member.

5.4. Conversational French evenings have been suggested. If someone is interested in leading this, please contact a committee member.

This piece was drafted by Chris Kennedy

Joan Cadwallader

I would like to express my grateful thanks to all those who have given me much support, help, and goodwill during the last year when my wife Joan's health further deteriorated, mainly through the numerous infections she contracted during several months in hospitals, ending in her passing away peacefully on the 28th September.

Thanks also go to all both locally & from further afield who attended the Memorial Service for Joan held in a full St. Mary's Church on the 17th October. They included her best friend for over 76 years, who were put to sit together when they both first went to secondary school in Plymouth in 1943. An ex pupil of D.H.S. who some years ago recognised Joan in Quay Lane Surgery, well remembers being taught by Joan at the school, in the late 50's/early 60's, and a representative of a Church & associated Table Tennis Club in Reading that we left in 1985, to come back to our roots. I think that the affection shown to Joan was also typified by a local club who insisted on giving a lovely large wreath in memory of her, who when told that it

was really only family flowers, answered that they were really family, so we could not argue with that! Many who attended said afterwards that they had no idea of what Joan had achieved in her early teaching career, but we are not surprised as only a few of us knew what a very modest, unassuming, and unselfish person Joan was, & that other priorities particularly her family were much more important to her than money or position.

Obviously, after over 57 years of being happily married to Joan, I am finding life difficult without her, especially as we did so many things together, but I am optimistic, that with my faith, the continued love, help and support of my family and friends, everything will as they say, gradually improve.

I have not yet been given the final amounts of the donations from the funeral directors, given to Action on Hearing Loss, & Christian Aid in memory of Joan, but the total is likely to be in region of £1,000 equally split,
Blessings to you all - Geoff, Alison & Glyn, and their families.

Peter John Moore

Peter was born in Coventry and experienced the war years. His home was destroyed by enemy bombing which meant that he was evacuated several times. On leaving school his first job was with a firm of solicitors but he spent most of his working life in finance, particularly Lloyds Bank, until his retirement.

His aptitude for sport was apparent from his teens and his love of sport sustained him throughout his life. In his teens and twenties he played lawn tennis and table tennis to County Standard and had trials for the Warwickshire Cricket team.

He met his future wife Angela, a nurse, when he was admitted to Warwick Hospital for surgery.

They were married in 1957. Their daughter Jane born in 1959 followed by Simon in 1961.

On retirement Peter and Angela moved to Crafthole to be near Jane and family who lived in Landrake. He loved his life here in this friendly community playing golf and table tennis locally, making many new friends along the way.

Although in poor health in his latter years he never ceased to be keenly interested in everything that occurred in the Parish and supported in any way that he could. Angela would like to express her gratitude for all the support and comfort she has received since Peter's death and for all the cards and letters to her and the family.

Angela



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first come, first served.

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own nibbles and bottles. Start at
8pm, dance till late.

Oh, by the way, it's on Tuesday
31st December.

FRIDAY NIGHT BOYS



Chris Kennedy

As this journal was being finalised for the printers, we learned the tragic news that Chris Kennedy died on the 22 November.

Amongst all the other major contributions that Chris made to the community, he chaired the parish council up until two years ago, when he retired, leaving me to take over. I knew I would never be capable of assuming the role as Chris did. Chris continued to mentor and advise me whenever I needed the benefit of his enormous depth of experience. We will miss his presence in the public gallery at council meetings, when there was always a ready supply of information and help should we ask of it.

Our deepest sympathy to Gill and their family.

RIP Chris.

Car Park Winter Pass The missus was delighted to receive her Christmas gift of a Winter pass last year. A bargain at only £5, available from the Clerk's Office.

Changes to Parking Arrangements. We have received the go-ahead to move the parking bays on Finnygook Lane, thus removing the pinch point opposite the South West Water build out. Additionally, the Disabled designated parking bay in West Lane is to be de-restricted.

Only Poo Down the Loo. Yet again the main road is suffering from sewage overflow. We previously published a plea from SWW which advised against putting wipes and anything else that was not toilet paper or poo down the loo.

The Temporary Traffic Lights in use during the recent road works appeared to work incredibly well. This inevitably led to calls for another look at a permanent installation. The three way system required constant monitoring by a marshal at each light. A permanent system would require parking restrictions within the boundaries of the controlled area. So all in all, an impracticality.

VE Day Celebrations. We have been asked about plans for the forthcoming VE Day celebrations. This will be 8 May 2020 so you may wish to assemble a committee to arrange a community response. The council will be pleased to assist in any arrangements.

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Council News

Christmas Tree. Another request, if anyone would like to organise a tree in the community, we will again look at ways of facilitating it.

Dog enforcement in open space Gary our dog warden provides us with regular reports on his patrols around the parish. A regular theme seems to be a misunderstanding of the rules regarding dogs in the play park / open space. It's quite simple - No dogs in the play park - dogs on a lead in the open space.

Climate Change Declaration

Following Cornwall County Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency, Sheviok Parish Council are committing resources and activity to ensure that we are doing what we can to preserve the natural environment, for the benefit of ourselves and our descendants. We all need to dramatically reduce the production of greenhouse gases and CO2 or face the consequences of flooding, food shortages, the desertification of vast tracts of the planet and the mass migration north from areas that become uninhabitable.

The measures that we need to take will require the reduction of unsustainable travel, unnecessary consumption and better food management. Less of anything that directly or indirectly causes CO2 to be released into the atmosphere.

There are a number of actions the parish can take as a body, and as individuals.

Whilst not directly a cause of climate change, Sheviok Parish Council has begun by asking the various food and retail outlets in the parish to reduce the sale of drinks in plastic bottles

Notice Boards We were asked to renovate the notice boards in Crafhole and Portwrinkle. These are not actually council assets. However we have offered to carry out repairs to enable their future use by the community.

The residents of Tredis were delighted by the new notice board installed by Steve Lister, our maintenance person. Thanks Steve.

Loos Yet more plaudits received recognising the great job Francis and Julia do to keep the loos in tip top condition. Well done.

and partaking in a water refill policy, to offer water refills to personal water bottles.

We would like to consider a multitude of initiatives to preserve our local and global environment but we need your help.

To start to change how we live, we would like to form a Climate Change Emergency Community Working Party from within the parish. The working party would consider initiatives and ensure they were delivered. We would like to attract a cross section of ages, gender and ethnicity who would be prepared to take responsibility for small projects within the community. It might be as simple as putting posters up on notice boards or as complex as attracting funding for an Electric Vehicle charging point.

Please contact the Parish Clerk, Nancy Gray sheviokpc@btinternet.com if you would be willing to be part of the working party.

Many Thanks
Councillor Peter Cade

Steve Medway, Chairman

In September we visited Bowringsleigh Gardens at Kingsbridge, supporting St Lukes's Open Gardens. Bowringsleigh is home to a stunning collection of hydrangeas and many rare trees are to be found in the two large arboretums which are best viewed in September as the



leaves turn colour. It was a beautiful sunny day enjoyed by us all.

In October Trevor Wiltshire visited us to talk about his Pencarn Garden at Gonvena, Wadebridge. Sited on a tree-covered, SW facing hillside, a lovely 1 acre plantsman's garden with a Mediterranean themed section, large pond, rock garden, plant collections and unusual plants in raised beds, small cliffs and stone hedges planted with alpines. Hopefully we will be visiting next spring.



In November Aaron Southgate (Head Gardener) visited us to talk about Buckfast Abbey

Gardens. Nestled in the shadow of Dartmoor in a beautiful wooded valley beside the River Dart, Buckfast Abbey gardens are a tranquil refuge. Spacious lawns, a lavender garden, Physic Garden, Sensory garden and the



wonderful Millennium Show garden. Aaron explained how an organic and ecologically sensitive policy was operated on the gardens, creating compost, mulch-mow for lawns for self feeding, compost tea and a biological approach to pest control. A fascinating talk and a beautiful place to visit.

The memory of the last meeting is tinged with sadness with the realisation that, for many of us, that was to be the last time we were to see Chris. Chris was an avid supporter and contributor of the garden club and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with Gill and family.

Coming up at the Garden Club - December 21st - Christmas Illuminations, January - New Year Lunch, February 17 - AGM

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

Membership fees: £10 per garden, £1 per meeting, non-members £2

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LOCAL TRAIN SERVICE FROM ST. GERMANS STATION – The much promoted & awaited improved train service commences on the 15th December, and as previously mentioned in this column St. Germans will have a greatly improved frequency of trains calling at the station. On the up eastbound line to Plymouth and beyond, on Monday to Fridays 22 trains will stop each day, & on the down westbound line to Penzance no less than 27 trains will call. There are no longer any significant gaps in the service with at least one train an hour and often 2 trains an hour stopping at the station.

UP LINE TRAINS MONDAYS-to-FRIDAYS calling at:- 07.22EXE, 07.43PAD, 08.22CDF, 08.50PAD, 09.29, 10.28EXE, 11.33, 12.28CDF, 12.53, 13.32, 14.28EXE, 14.53, 15.28, 16.27, 16.57, 17.28EXE, 18.28CDF, 18.53, 19.53EXE, 20.34, 20.56EXE, 21.53. All trains commence their journey from Penzance. Trains terminate at Plymouth except where otherwise shown. CDF – Cardiff Central, EXE – Exeter St. Davids, & PAD – London Paddington.

HIGHLIGHTS - Apart from the through trains to Paddington there will be connections at Plymouth to 10 other trains to the capital ranging from 5 to 30 minutes. There will also be more connections available at Plymouth to trains for the Midlands, the North and Scotland e.g. 18 minutes on to the 08.25 ex Plymouth to Edinburgh & Glasgow, and 18 minutes on to the 09.27 ex Plymouth to Edinburgh & Aberdeen, and ranging from 8 to 42 minutes on to other services. There will be 3 through trains to Cardiff.

DOWN LINE TRAINS TO PENZANCE MONDAYS-to-FRIDAYS calling at:-06.32, 06.56, 07.27, 07.58(ex Exe) 08.34(BTL), 09.02, 09.37(BTL), 10.02(PAD), 10.34, 11.01(EXE), 12.01(CDF), 12.34, 13.03(EXE), 14.00, 14.32, 15.01(EXE), 16.01 16.23, 17.03(CDF), 17.22*, 17.37(PAD), 18.01(EXE), 18.53, 19.45(PAD), 20.48(PAD), 22.03(CDF), 22.54(PAD FO) *only runs

to Liskeard, all other trains run through to Penzance.

Trains commence their journeys from Plymouth except where otherwise shown in brackets. Additional connections will be available at Plymouth from trains coming from Paddington, Scotland, the Midlands & the North. There will be 3 through trains from Cardiff.

HIGHLIGHTS include 2 additional through trains from London calling at St. Germans with the early morning 06.37 ex Paddington train stopping at 10.02, & a train we had previously for several years unsuccessfully tried to get to stop, that is the 16.04 ex Paddington, which will call at 19.45.

SATURDAY SERVICES – Although not so significant as on weekdays there are several additional trains particularly on the up line where 21 trains will now call. **HIGHLIGHTS** include 2 through trains to Paddington at 07.48 & 08.51. plus 3 through trains to Cardiff in each direction. Like on Mondays to Fridays there are additional connections available at Plymouth to trains operating to & from Paddington as well as the North, the Midlands & Scotland. **SUNDAY SERVICES** - Comparatively a bit disappointing with little change. There is one additional train on the up line with an earlier starting time from St. Germans of 10.31 but there is no longer a through train to Paddington.

New St. Germans Timetable Leaflets should be available soon in the Crafhole Post Office.

LOCAL BUS SERVICE - Tender bids to operate grant aid bus services for the next eight years in Cornwall have been submitted to Cornwall Council, and the results will be known in January. This is very important to our local communities as it applies to all our bus routes West of HMS Raleigh. From what we have heard, we have been given no reason to think there will be any serious cuts to our current very good bus service, but this could all change if say Stagecoach won the new contracts & not CityBus.

Firstly, this week I received a **THANK YOU** letter from a frequent visitor to Crafhole .

It reads:- ***“THANK YOU!!! I was amazed to hear the other day that our Community Shop has been running for ten years now and I felt I had to express my gratitude to all you wonderful volunteers who keep it going seven days a week, every week of the year. It’s great to know you’re there, providing our newspapers and groceries, but more than your valuable service you have created for all of us a warm and welcoming space, a place to chat, a community hub. Thanks to you all! A grateful customer.”***

On behalf of all the volunteers, I want to say how encouraging that letter was to us as we seek to continue to serve this community week by week.

Secondly, Peter McLaren, one of our Directors writes:-

PROJECT TURKEY – NOT just for Xmas!

In your local community shop, you will find posters asking you to purchase a ticket for the **TURKEY RAFFLE**; but all is not as it appears.... This raffle is to do a little **fundraising** to assist our application to Cornwall Community Foundation for a grant to provide our shop with some ‘state of the art equipment’. This is for the purpose of bringing us up to date with

the retail world by having a **Pay by Card System**.

We hope that will give to our regular customers the opportunity to use this method of paying for their goods, but also provide the seasonal/summer visitors who expect, as they do. to pay by card.

In the recent past we have had to turn away customers who do not have cash to pay; and these are customers we cannot afford to lose, as their custom is vital for the continuing success of our community asset.

By investing a single “£” or more in our Turkey Prize, you are helping to continue in having the luxury of your local shop; and investing in a better service and improved choices when you shop in this valuable community asset.

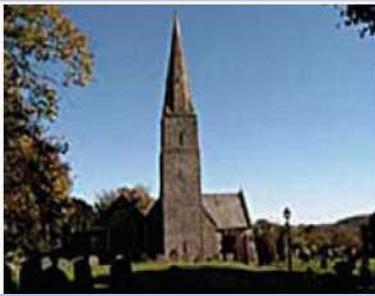
The Raffle will be drawn on Saturday December 14th at midday, and the Turkey will be delivered on 21st – just in time for you to stuff it!

Please have a go at this raffle – and whether you win or lose

...have a **very HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

– for you, and we trust for your community shop.

Bryan Pullinger (Chair, Crafhole Community Shop C.I.C. (Regn. No. 07833286)



Hello
Everyone.
Now we are
part of a new
Benefice we
have been
pleased to

welcome new Readers to lead our services – Margaret Sylvester Thorne, David Watters and Richard Laugharne. Sue Irving our 'own' Reader led the Remembrance Sunday Service which took place in sunshine at St Mary's this year. It was well attended with friends from the chapel and people across the Parish. The names of those from Antony Parish and Sheviock Parish who gave their lives were read out and wreaths laid. The generosity of the congregation meant we could give £191 to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. It was good to see children taking part in this service.

We are now into Advent which means Christmas is fast approaching. If you go into St Mary's you will see in some of the pews a book with the title "Do Nothing Christmas is Coming, an Advent Calendar with a Difference". You are welcome to take one of these and read it at home or join some of us to discuss thoughts provoked by reading the book. Dates, time and venue are in the book.

By now you will have received your Christmas card from the Church and Chapel with all the services that will be taking place in the Parish listed. Looking forward to seeing you at all or just one of these services.

Times of Services

1st Sunday - 9:30 am Morning Worship

2nd Sunday – 9:30 am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday- 9:30 am Morning Worship

4th Sunday – 9:30 am Holy Communion

If there is a 5th Sunday in the month there is usually a United Benefice Service. Notice of the time and place of this service will be displayed on the notice boards in the Churchyard.

You would be most welcome at all or just one of the services.

Information about services and events is available on the web site – 'a church near you St Mary's Sheviock'.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy and
Healthy New Year*

God Bless

Churchwardens

Judy Scott

Jenny Bushrod



Back in the summer we had a get together in the garden, and there were lots of plates of lovely food brought along. We still have three pieces we have been unable to return to their rightful owner. If you recognise them, please get in touch.

Steve and Dee



It is very early in the morning. It is very dark. Excitement, anticipation and wonder fill the air. Very, very carefully an arm is stretched out. Found it! The flattened silhouette of the Christmas stocking left at the end of the bed on Christmas Eve now bulges with enticing bumps. It is Christmas morning! And *he* has come! Father Christmas has come!

Every child knows the best thing about a Christmas stocking is that it is never *half* full.

Every child knows the best thing about a Christmas stocking is that it is never *just* full.

Every child knows the best thing about a Christmas stocking is that it is always *so* full that the gifts bulge through the fabric of the stocking, and stick out of the top.

A Christmas stocking is always full to overflowing. To Christians this speaks of the true meaning of Christmas. God doesn't do anything by halves, not when it comes to the Christmas gift of love. God's generous gift of love is focussed in Jesus, in a baby born in time, in a baby born in a stable, in a baby placed in a cattle trough. Yet God's

generous gift of love overflows from that time, that place through that one child who by his life, death, and Christians believe, resurrection sought to bring blessing, life and love to the whole world of humanity, in every place, for all time.

The Christmas story invites all to share a child's sense of excitement, anticipation and wonder at the Jesus sort of love that so fills human life and experience that this same love has continued through two thousand years to fill to overflow through the lives of those who have accepted his gift of love and sought to follow him. By grace through faith this same love is available today to fill flattened hearts and lives with hope, joy and peace, filled to overflowing. So every day may be a Christmas Day, for *he* has come! *Jesus* has come! Praise God for the indescribable gift of love in Jesus.

May Christmas of 2019 be filled to overflowing with love, joy and peace for all.

Rev. Iris Bray
Saltash Methodist Circuit

Footpath News

The Parish Autumn Clean this year saw many of us doing our bit to keep our parish in tip-top condition.

A group of us made a start on our latest footpath project - alongside Finnygook Lane.

Choreographed by Warren, the teams made the most of the excellent weather to cut through the undergrowth, eventually clearing a way from top to bottom.

We were joined by a group of volunteers from HMS Raleigh, who did themselves proud in the enthusiastic and proficient manner with which they applied themselves. They were a credit to the Service.

We were sustained by pasties, sandwiches and cakes, most generously provided by Paula Brooks and Lizzy Jenkins.

I won't attempt to name every one who contributed for fear of inadvertently omitting anyone. However, a special thanks to Tom Cox for his invaluable help, and seemingly endless supply of chippings to dress the path. The afternoon culminated with a well earned pint at the Whitsand Bay Golf Club.

We have completed the first 300m, the remaining length being at various stages of progress. We aim to complete by Christmas and propose having working parties every Sunday from now till then. If you feel you can help, either wheeling

barrows of chippings, clearing undergrowth, levelling earth - anything, no matter whether an hour or six, you'll be most welcome. It's great exercise and will help you keep fit.

Please come dressed for the rigours of undergrowth clearance and the weather - stout boots, eye and /or ear protection relevant to any equipment you may be using. Start 11:30 meet at the top entrance to the path.

Finally, while it is rewarding to see so many already using the footpath, please be aware it is still a work in progress and is, effectively a work site. If you do use it lookout for hazards such as uneven surfaces and steps, sharp edges on posts.



The Sheviock Memorial Hall has started its extended period of active life and the management committee is trying hard to ensure that the monies raised and used fulfil that which we thought should happen some 18 months ago. That being we shall have the best village hall in all of Cornwall and that it will be used for the benefit of all the parishioners and beyond. The extended Lounge area is now actually in operation and throughout the next few months a few new clubs will be using it. Make sure you take a part and enjoy the scenic views from its windows plus what-ever activity is taking place. From January 2020 onwards there will be, for example, a Wednesday morning social morning where any but every topic can be discussed over a cup of tea or coffee.

The diary of events and activities is many and varied and if you need to find out what is on look on the Sheviock Parish Council's web site for the Sheviock Memorial hall's full list of activities, and add to it if you are so minded. This new extension to the lounge which has virtually doubled its original size is also set up

for films and we hope that a regular film evening will start in the new year.

Now all we need are people to help ensure all possible clubs and organisers have a fruitful future

The hall is generally well used and with the Christmas fair coming along we anticipate that this and the New Years Dance on the first Saturday in January we will ensure that we all have a great time.

The Annual general meeting will shortly be upon us in February 2020 and we all hope that you will attend. This will be your opportunity to partake in memorial hall matters and maybe put yourselves forward for the committee. New blood is always welcome.

Finally can I wish you all and members of the Sheviock Memorial hall Trustee management committee a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

www.sheviockparish.org.uk/memorial

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

Diary Dates: -

The **Village Hall Management Committee monthly meeting** is on the first Monday in each month starting at 7.00pm. The next set of meetings covered by this magazine is **Monday 2rd December, 6th January and the AGM 3rd February**, all in the hall lounge.

Green Note

Sue Wilks

Returning from my early morning coast path walk with Nell I met two young eco-warriors! They were picking up polystyrene beads that were blowing, in a South Westerly Force 6 wind, down the road towards the pub. A wellie boot was their collecting bin.

They told me that they had watched as the beads blew off the back of a tractor by the golf course. We worked for 15 minutes plus collecting the remainder. It was a dirty bendy job as the beads were moving

and in lots of crevices around the greenkeeping shed and equipment.

I congratulated them for their public service, thanked them profusely and awarded them gold stars! (although I didn't have any). I told them they were a marvellous example of responsible young people and a credit to their parents. I went home feeling heart warmed and immediately wrote this piece. What do you think?



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.

All are welcome to our church services and we especially welcome children to our Sunday School.

Crafhole Methodist Church has had a Sunday School for many years as well as a youth group. With more and more activities taking place on a Sunday is there a time or place for children to learn of God's love. If anyone feels that this is important perhaps, we could talk about something different on a different day. Barbara

Church Services are held each Sunday morning at 10.30 am or sometimes at a shared service with St Mary's Sheviock. All are very welcome to this and all other services held in the Methodist Church.

Sunday Club This club was for senior school children and met at 6:30pm –8-00 on SUNDAY EVENING in the schoolroom. All are welcome to this Youth Club which has come back to life! If any younger teenagers would like to give it a try give Barbara a ring.

Bible Study is held at 3.30pm on the first and third Thursday of every month at the home of Barbara Snowling, 10, Cross Park, when all ladies and gentlemen will be most welcome.

Tuesday Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the Schoolroom. Come and join us at this partly devotional meeting and with interesting discussions as well as entertaining games and quizzes. We also have visiting speakers.

Crafhole Methodist Church Coffee Mornings

"The socialising centre of the universe!"

Remember on the **fourth Saturday** of every month there is a Coffee Morning in the Methodist Chapel **Sunday School** room starting from 10.00 until 11:30 am, put these dates in your diary:-

Saturdays 28th December, 25th January, and February 22nd 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.

Quote by John Wesley

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

The Methodist Church started in the 18th Century as a revival movement.

WORSHIP – To increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love.

LEARNING & CARING – To help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care

SERVICE – To be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice

EVANGELISM - To make more followers of Jesus Christ
Methodists who belong to Crafhole church are also part of a Circuit of Methodist Churches, a District and the Connexion, which is the whole of the Methodist Church in Britain.

Crafhole Methodist Church is a small friendly chapel sharing in the Anglican Methodist Covenant.

Barbara Snowling 01503.230326.

Christmas Services. Crafhole Methodist (CM) and Sheviock Churches (St MC)

Christingle Service on Friday 29th Nov 6.00pm C M C

Advent Carol service Sunday 01st December 6.00 pm St M C

Toy Service on Sunday 15th December at 10.30 am C M C

Toys are given to the Nomany Centre Plymouth

Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December at 6.00 pm C M C

Crib Service and Christingle Tuesday 24th Dec at 4.00 pm St MC

Christmas Communion Service at 9.00 pm St M C

Carol Singing around the Parish. Starting at the Meth Chapel. TBA

All will be very welcome

"Birthday" Christmas Day Service at 10.30 am C M C

For more information contact Barbara Snowling 01503 230326

What's on at the Sheviock Memorial Hall

The Recreation/Snooker Club

The **Snooker Club** is definitely underutilised, This is another and repeated call for new members, Surely there are a few people who enjoy a game of snooker without travelling to Plymouth or further afield. We do have a superb table, so I am told by a few "professionals".

The cost of membership is £16.00 per person per year to join, plus 20p per 20 minutes lighting cost. Members have virtually unlimited usage throughout the day up to 10.30pm when it is expected the hall will be cleared. For details contact **01503 230326**

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. For further information please contact **Michael Claughton 230022**

Short Mat Bowls

You may or may not know that for the past 12 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. Apart from the friendly twice a week games we play in the South East Cornwall league and have great fun. We do not always win but put up good showings against strong league opposition.

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 become a "watch television fanatic". **Michael 230326**

Keep Fit or Gentle Exercise .

Why not come and join us for some fun and a chance to keep your joints moving. Thursday afternoon at 2.15 for an hour. Anyone is welcome to join us and no previous experience is necessary! We laugh a lot and sweat a little!

Barbara 01503 230326

Badminton Club

Wednesday	5.30 - 6.30 pm	7 years and upwards
	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Senior School children
	8.00 pm	Adults

The Badminton Club is still very active and successful. It would be good to see some younger adults joining us. The children all come regularly and their play has greatly improved. New members at all ages and levels of play are welcome. Some of the older children now play with the adults which keeps us all on our toes. We really need an input of adults to join us or we may have to close the adult section.

Thanks must go to all those who have come along to help with the junior club.

Contact Barbara 230326

Whist Drive

The Club meets on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. People of all abilities, beginner to expert, are welcome.

For further information contact

Thelma 230524

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We would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the past twelve months in raising money for the Heritage Gateway Fund. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity – as well as your time, skills, creativity and sheer hard graft! You have helped us to raise an amazing £6762 this year with our Christmas Craft Fair (30th November) and Community Choir Concert (8th December) yet to come. You have also raised over £1200 in our collection jars – which enabled us to refurbish 19 chairs for the Dawney Aisle Chapel - what an amazing result from your loose change!

Our Programme of Events for 2020 will be published soon, but please make a date in your diary for 7pm on Saturday 18th January – an Evening with Reflections.



As 2020 approaches, our thoughts turn to fundraising for Phase 2 of our renovation project – the ceilings, rain-water goods, decoration and new lighting – but additional heating has already been installed and our bells are once again ringing out across the Parish.

It is only with the incredible community support we have received for this project, that we can look forward to celebrating Advent and

Christmas with you in our beautiful, safe, re-purposed and warmer Parish Church with its much-admired Hobbit House.

Judy Scott & Jenny Bushrod Church Wardens

Heritage Gateway Funds are dedicated funds for the upkeep and maintenance of Sheviocck Parish Church buildings and churchyard, heritage information and materials

Crafthole W.I. Report

Teresa Colrein

Hello and Seasons Greetings to all!

WI has had a successful and enjoyable few months, with attendances up. In fact, Crafthole WI won the St Kea Cup for the greatest percentage of new members this year in the whole of Cornwall. It was also lovely to welcome some visitors. We heard from Martyn (West Country Tea) that happily there is no plastic in his tea bags or packaging and Karen and Michael Watkins (Silk Scarf Printing) were such a delightful double act to watch and be entertained by.

Dates so far for next year are:

15th January: **Diane Stevenson** on the "Daughters of Sissinghurst"

19th February: **Chris Pearce** on "B Skincare"

18th March: **AGM**

Meetings are, as always, at the village hall at 2pm.



Teresa Colrein
President

*There's a simple pink plaque in the park
to mark a long forgotten day,
when the people of Plymouth made their mark
in a bloody Civil War affray.*

*Where it stands, all around, men were dying.
Screams of pain, pleas for help, rent the air.
Where it stands, in their blood, they were trying
to beat oppression and a King with no care.*

*Men, women, and boys with no warring
background,
stood their ground, met his force toe to toe.
Had they failed their Government would be ill-
found.*

Undemocratic, and in a Country of woe.

*So they fought to the death many of them,
but they held the King's men on this field.
Then they counter attacked smashing through
them,
scattering his soldiers. Making them yield.*

*Colonel Gould in the thick of the action,
fought with fury, none greater than him.
And he led the fight with his warring faction,
pushing the enemy back into the Plym.*

*Hundreds drowned trying to escape the slaughter,
sinking down with the weight of their gear.
Still more died on the bank of that water
cut to pieces by Plymouth men with no fear.*

*For a Parliament and Democracy they fought.
For Freedom they held, live or die.*

*And had they not stood and shed blood as taught
then Great Britain would have suffered, you and I.
Freedom Fields battle was a free World's salvation,
forgotten now by all but a few.*

*But remember, it helped forge a great nation
of free men and women., me and you.*

In the British Civil War where Oliver Cromwell and his Roundheads represented Parliament and Freedom, fought King Charles and his Cavaliers representing Royal dictatorship and continuing slavery, Plymouth, Devon held out for Parliament. In the south west Plymouth stood alone. All around this famous harbour town, the Country was occupied by Royalist forces and their supporters. The town was under siege for over three years. The conflicts fought were viscous skirmishes, commando type raids, and pitched battles. The Battle of Freedom Fields the most famous of the siege.

In all Plymouth's siege actions ordinary men, women, and children in 'Trained Bands' fought

against Royalist professional troops. Many died, but their resistance, courage, and sacrifice helped this Country eventually achieve a Democratic Parliament, one that has been called The Mother of all Parliaments. It can be argued that the siege ensured civil war victory, Cromwell's forces the stronger against the weakened King's forces because of Plymouth's resistance.

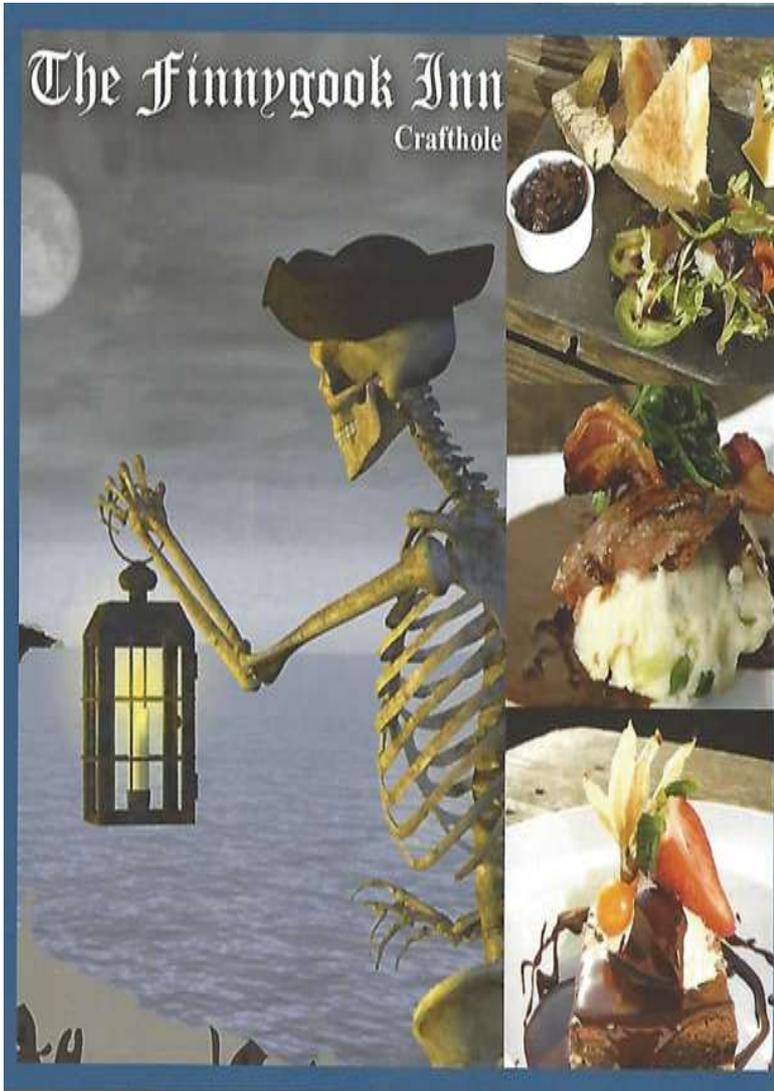
At the north end of Freedom Fields Park stands a square stone column, on each of the four faces a thin pink marble slab with Gold lettering records the battle. It reads: West face; Commander for Parliament Colonel Wardlaw; East face; General for the King Prince Maurice; North face, Fought in the Mayoralty of John Cawse 1643, Commemorated on the Mayoralty of J.T.Bond 1891; South face: **"Upon this spot on Sunday December 3rd 1643, after hard fighting for several hours, the Roundhead garrison of Plymouth made their final rally and routed the Cavalier army that had surprised the Outworks and well nigh taken the town.**

For many years it was the custom to celebrate the anniversary of this victory, long known as the Sabbath Day Fight, and recorded as 'The Great Deliverance' of the protracted siege successfully sustained by Troops and Townsfolk on behalf of the Parliament against the King under great hardships for more than three years."

From the Parliament the people of Plymouth fought for evolved other great democracies. Other peoples triumphed over tyranny. Other Countries have followed the example of the people of Plymouth, with their men, women, and children standing against their own unacceptable Governments and rulers. And you and I, along with millions of others, are free because of what ordinary folk did during the long siege of Plymouth, England, and at their final Battle of Freedom Fields on December 3rd 1643, a conflict that was called 'The Sabbath Day Fight.'

Plymouth people have fought for freedom since that time, many making the ultimate sacrifice. With the reckless abandon of Governments who have not known war on their own soil, successive British Governments have now reduced our Armed Forces to a dangerous low. I fear Great Britain can no longer stand a war of attrition for more than a few days, and the men, women and children of Plymouth may once again have to fight for their lives and this Country's freedom as a result of dis-armament in this very unstable World.

In the present unstable situation, it is very wrong to move the Royal Marines away from their Plymouth base and the protection of the Royal Navy at HMNB Plymouth. It is also very wrong to even consider reducing their numbers.



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