

SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

In the last issue, Revd. Stuart Reed's contribution was entitled "All Change". One of the changes he spoke of was the uncertain future of the Methodist Chapel. A key factor being the ageing and passing of supporters. This issue, illustrates that most clearly; the closing of the chapel; the tenuous future of the Parish Flower Show; the survival of the Community Shop; the end of badminton in the hall. And of course, two of our larger than life characters - Thelma Wells, and Michael Snowling - left us. They both, in their own ways, left their mark on the community; Thelma as Sheviock Hall Secretary along with her many other contributions.

Michael, a co-founder of the hall and subsequent committee member. Also as a Parish Councillor for many years. I well remember my first ever meeting as a newly elected councillor, then in the Chapel School rooms. Michael was a great influence on my future council involvement.

Further connected recollections from the late 1980s were revived recently when we watched a VHS video of our two children's baptism at the chapel followed by talking with Michael and Barbara on the beach in the sunshine.

No matter what the future brings, we are blessed with the happy memories we hold of the past.

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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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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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Meta users are exposed to 15 billion scam ads every day and Meta projected that 10% of its earnings in 2024, or \$16bn, came from fraudulent ads for scams and banned goods, leaked documents show. This means if you use Facebook, WhatsApp or Instagram, someone stands to profit from your being scammed - so don't expect any protection from dubious sites.

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Closer to home; be aware there has been a spate of burglaries around the peninsula. Please take as many precautions as you possibly can to avoid becoming a victim.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

WHERE? Sheviock Memorial Hall

WHEN? New Year's Eve (Wed 31 December) 8:00

WHO? All invited: If you'd like to spend the evening amongst friends, come along. Bring your family and friends

WHAT do I bring? Your drinks and nibbles, party hats, and anything else that will add to your enjoyment.

HOW MUCH! Whatever you'd like to contribute to hall funds

Any questions, call Steve on 07709 02226

BINGO

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I DON'T believe it!

By Grumpy old Git

Cars have too many gadgets these days. I tried to reverse the other day and it played a video of someone being run over.

If at first you don't succeed, forget skydiving.

If you replace the W with a T in "What", "Where" and "When", you have the answer to each one.

If you make a hole in a net, you have less holes than you started with.

St Mary's Church, Sheviock

Fiona Harvey

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council, I wish to begin by saying a huge "Thank you" to the many of you who so generously supported our Annual Appeal- your gifts are much appreciated and will be well used to maintain our beautiful and much loved Parish Church. Great generosity was shown also at our Harvest Thanksgiving when offerings of both food and money were brought along in support of the work of the Food Bank. Use of the Food Bank continues to be a necessity for so many of our local families and during the service we heard of the financial pressures the organisation itself faces as it continues to meet their need.

Many pets (all very well behaved dogs this year) and their owners attended our Pets' Service. Our chosen charity on this occasion was the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and among those who came we were delighted to welcome trainee puppy Wayne accompanied by his foster carers Ian and Melanie Court. Ian gave us a most interesting talk on the role of preparing a puppy for training as a guide dog.

Both All Souls' Day and Armistice Day were marked with services of quiet reflection as we

took the opportunity to remember those who have died both in peacetime and in war.

Now November is passing quickly and our thoughts turn towards Christmas.

At 3pm on Christmas Eve, we will be holding our Community Café Carols.

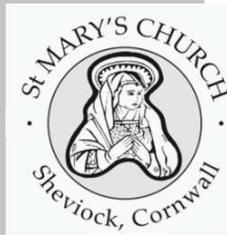
This is a joyous way for you and your family to begin your celebrations. As the name suggests we strive to keep things very informal – a chance to listen to a re-telling of the Nativity story and to sing familiar carols with mulled wine and mince pies available before, during and after the service.

Later in the evening at 9pm (which is midnight in Bethlehem!) we will be holding our Christmas Communion service.

We would love to welcome you at either of these services or at our 10am Sunday morning services. You will remember that we are in a period of transition, where necessarily regular services follow a different pattern. Please look at the Church noticeboards or on the Sheviock pages on the website

www.achurchnearyou.com for details, or as your churchwardens - Jenny on 01503 230565 or myself on 01503 230334 will always be happy to advise.

Fiona Harvey : Churchwarden



Heritage Gateway at Sheviock Parish Church Jenny Bushrod

Our major excavations in the churchyard to reinstate the collapsed boundary wall have continued to throw up unexpected challenges to the very end but are finally drawing to a close. We can even look forward to the return of our car park before the end of November! Once the contractors have left, we will be re-instating the headstones which were removed and plan a big tidy-up of the churchyard. We would like to apologise to our Sheviock neighbours for the daily "beeping" of reversing vehicles and more recently the never-ending mud on the roads – which will be cleaned at the end of the project.

Our sincere thanks to everyone for their continued support at our services and events throughout these works which have helped to keep our maintenance funds afloat. It is too soon to report on our annual fundraising, and it will be a tall order to bring that in around last year's total of £5,250. However, we are hoping for a successful end to 2025 with the Winter Warmer Lunch on 22 November and all the creative



cribs for our **Crib Festival and concert with Reflections Choir on Saturday 6 December.**

The Events Team will be planning the 2026 programme which will be issued to all households in the Parish early in the new year and published in the next Newsletter, but in the meantime, please pop the following dates in your 2026 diaries:

Saturday 10 January – Sausage Sizzler at St Mary's - 12:00 – 2:00

Saturday 7 February – St Mary's Pancake Feast at Sheviock Memorial Hall - 12:00 – 2:00

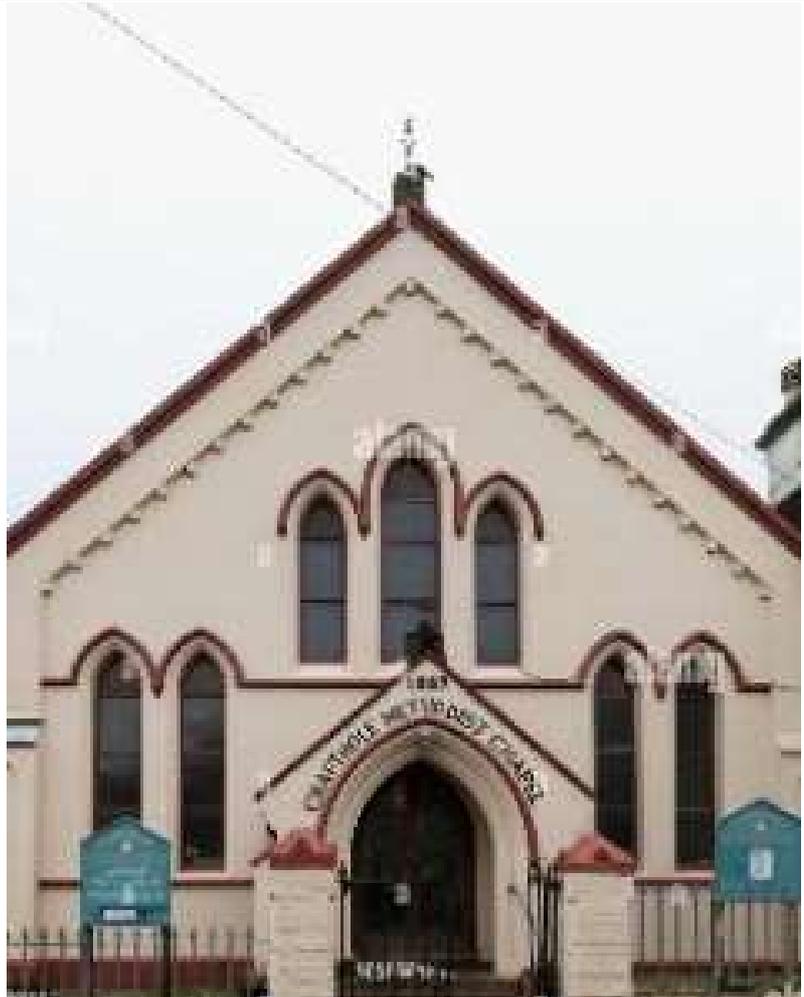
I will close with a huge **THANKYOU** for your support across 2025 and in particular, to our Heritage Gateway volunteers and the Events Team who plan and contribute so generously of their time, skills and resources. If you would like to know more about volunteering with us, please do contact me.

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Heritage Gateway Funds are dedicated funds for the upkeep and maintenance of Sheviock Parish Church buildings and graveyard and heritage information and materials.

(Lynher Methodist Chapel at Crafthole)

Well, I'm sure it will come as no surprise to many of you - especially if you read the local notice boards - that, very sadly, our lovely old Chapel will be hosting its final service on December 7th. This will take the form of a Carols by Candlelight and Toy service combined starting at 5pm and ending with hot drinks and mince pies. The members of St Germans Chapel and a host of others who have, over the years been associated with us - local preachers for instance and circuit members - will be coming. We very much hope some of you who have been connected with the chapel in some way - through Sunday School, table tennis, bright hour etc. - will join us for a service of seasonal celebration and thanksgiving for all that the chapel has meant to so many of us. As I said, we are combining it with our Annual Toy service, when toys or games suitable for children up to the age of 15 or 16 will be collected and then taken to the Nomony Children's Centre in Plymouth, to be distributed to children of deprived or distressed families. If you would like to bring something, please don't use sticky tape, but wrap using string and labeled with an approximate age and gender indication if appropriate. If you are not joining us but would still like to give something, you are welcome to drop it off at my house - 1, Kimberley Foster Close (the porch should be unlocked). So- the end of an era. We do not know what will happen once the building has been



decommissioned, as it were. I assume the Methodist Church association will try to sell it, but for what purpose remains to be seen. Our last coffee morning as a chapel will take place on Sat 14th December, in the village hall at 10am, when all proceeds from door donations, raffle and cake sales, will go to the Food Bank. If you would like to support this effort, we'd love to see you. And, a seasonal food donation in lieu of entry would be most welcome. So, with sadness, but wonderful memories, I will sign off and leave this space for someone else to fill, and wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. God Bless you all - on behalf of our 4 members and friends of the chapel.

Mike Snowling.

Mike was a Parish Councillor for many years; just one of his many contributions to the workings of the parish. Our condolences to Barbara and family on his passing.

Parish Autumn Clean

Thanks to all who participated in the Autumn Parish Clean. We'll do it all again in the Spring.

As we do each year, locals' **winter car parking** pass at Portwrinkle is available for the princely sum of £5. Contact Nancy, details below, to purchase yours.

This year's poppy display was again a delight to see. Along with the regular contributors to the displays, a special thank you to Garth and Dawn Taylor for their efforts.

Did you know we have a mobile library which visits Craffhole, at the bus stop near the Finnygook. They are there from 12.10 to 12.30 every 4th Tuesday, the next being: 9th December, 6th January, 3rd February and 3rd March

Dog Control Order

Cornwall Council held a consultation to solicit our views on the future shape of dog control on our beaches.

Evidently 69% of the respondents elected for the continuation of this year's policy - Dog access on Harbour / Hoodny beach restricted during the period 11 July to 31 August: no dogs between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Finnygook beach, being privately owned, is unaffected by any dog order and so remain dog friendly throughout the year.

As requested in the last issue, please respect our responsibilities and obligations to apply the regulations, whether we agree with them or not, and report transgressions to any of the councillors below.

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Council News

Footpaths This has been a challenging year as far as the footpaths are concerned. The weather conditions proved to create the perfect growing climate for the pathway vegetation and Nancy has been kept on her toes arranging for the additional cuts required. Fortunately we had sufficient funds in the budget to cover the extra costs. Thanks to Steve Lester, Steve Savage, and Paul Babbage for their assistance in footpath repairs to Amber's Way. Step renewal work on the Finnygook Way path has been completed by councillors Warren Evans, Paul Stone and Steve Medway.

Warren Evans

STOP PRESS!!

Santa's Bus will be call at The Cross bus stop opposite the Finnygook. Be there on Wednesday 17th December from 5:55 = 6:05 to experience the spectacular Christmas Bus.



Christmas Fair
Sunday 7th Dec
2 - 4pm
Sheviok Memorial Hall, Craffhole
Free Santas Grotto
Games and festive activities
Raffle Craft stalls
Christmas gift tables
Refreshments
Further details Paula 07900 553116 Charity No 270932

Craffhole & District Open Flower & Vegetable Show

The show that was held in 2025 was a huge success and we would like to thank everybody who entered the Flower Show and all those who came in the afternoon to appreciate the efforts of those who entered the many classes.

Normally by now planning would be in place for the 2026 Show. However a number of our long serving committee members including the Chairman, Secretary and Entry Secretary have retired. This leaves the future of the Show in jeopardy unless we can recruit a number of new people who are willing to serve on the committee and take on these key roles.

This community event has been taking place for the last 80 years and is one of the very few

open Flower Shows still taking place in Cornwall. It would be really sad if we were no longer able to continue this tradition. Consequently this is a plea for anyone interested in the future of the Flower Show and who is willing to take on the responsibility of one of these roles to contact either Judy Scott or Fiona Babbage AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Judy Scott - 07740424930

01503 230076

Fiona Babbage – 07759497194

01503 230062

We would really love local people to come forward and support this venture.



Once again, it is my pleasure to deliver update on the news about the village shop.

We seem to be entering an interesting time now, with grant applications having been made and, already, we have received a couple

small ones from Kate Ewert's Community Chest and the Commissioner's Community Grant Scheme, which have been earmarked for new signage and shop fittings. The village hall management is being very supportive, and has already made some internal changes to the snooker room, making it more accessible for the snooker club and the shop when, fingers crossed, we eventually take our place there. Added to this, we have a team of skilled volunteers, ready to offer their services free of charge to fit the new premises. Already, Ian Lister and Warren Evans have put in many hours designing the shop interior – it will be a Village Shop to be proud of. The Directors are really excited about the prospect of relocating... BUT, we **need your support** to make this happen.

Over the summer, with a boost in footfall from the holiday trade, we were able to show a *modest* improvement in trading – which helps offset increasing costs. This has, understandably tailed off though, thanks to the extra support from a few of you, we have had a slight upturn on last year for this quarter.

However, it is NOT ENOUGH! We need a substantial upturn in our footfall. We cannot afford to take the risk of moving – with all the expense it would entail - without **you**. If you think the shop is worth saving then **please, please** pop in and spend just a few pounds on your daily essentials. You personally may not need a small shop like ours, but just a little support from you would help keep it afloat for those who do. Indeed, we have regular and loyal customers, many, for whom, a small local convenience store is a lifeline, saving them the effort and expense of travelling (if they are able) into Torpoint.

A seasonal tip – our firewood is cheaper than the same product on sale in Torpoint...!

We should like to re-introduce afternoon opening, say from 3-5 or 4-6, but we do not have **enough volunteers**. This would hopefully, boost our daily takings and put the shop on a far more stable footing, financially. Training is undertaken during shop hours with experienced volunteers - nobody would be left on their own until they feel confident. It is not difficult and is in fact very rewarding – all our volunteers enjoy the social contact with customers. We are only asking two hours of your time a week, during which you will get to meet both locals and tourists and have plenty of scope for catching up with daily village life.

Perhaps you would like to be involved but are not too keen on being behind the counter ... then maybe you would be able to offer your support by joining the **Board of Directors**. You do not necessarily require any special skills for this, but I'm sure there are some of you who will have experience to offer in all sorts of ways – we meet once a month. Speak to anyone working in the shop and they will get you in touch with someone who can advise you.

And so, as the Christmas season approaches once again, we look forward to decorating our shop (with the help of Celia and friends, who are ready to offer their professional expertise) and introducing some seasonal goodies onto our shelves. As always, we have delicious chutneys and jams, now handmade in our village (Homecrafts), together with our local Honey, Apple juice and other Cornish Fare, always popular with our visitors as gifts and, likewise, our locals. With our Financial Director, Rosalie, brightening up the shopfront even more with her lovely plants and Christmas lighting, we hope you will experience a genuine feeling of goodwill from our volunteers so that you look forward to coming in for a browse and a chat – we'd love to see you.

So, it just remains for me – on behalf of the Directors and volunteers – to wish you all a very happy Christmas Season. May you enjoy being with family and friends wherever and whenever you may meet together and have lots of fun and laughter – something we all need as the world faces increasing hostility and diversity.

Shop Opening Times

Monday– Saturday 9-1; Sundays 9-11

Dec 24th, 9-11; 25th - closed; 26th, 31st and Jan 1st, 9-11.

In October we had Mike Stephens give an illustrated talk "Something Different for Spring", giving us all brilliant ideas for our spring gardens. In these dark autumn days everyone so enjoyed seeing slides of the amazing variety of spring plants available.

In November Claire Woodbine gave an illustrated talk "Beyond the Garden Gate, the National Garden Scheme Past and Present". The talk looked back at the history of District Nurses and how the NGS was set up to raise funds for them. Then how 70 years on, the NGS are still supporting



garden owners to open their beautiful gardens for nursing and health charities. The talk focused on gardens open in Cornwall and how people and clubs can get involved. Very much looking forward to organising trips in the New Year.

Coming Up:

Saturday 3rd January - Trip to the Heligan Magical Garden

January - New Year Lunch - TBA

Monday 16 February - AGM

Monday 16 March - Talk - Kim Parish - "The Hidden Gems of Cornwall (Gardens)

Monday 24 April - Talk - Dr Paul Gainey - "The Flora & Fauna of The Lizard Peninsula"

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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I will start our reminiscence of Iris's life with her own words

I had a very happy family life.

I enjoyed school and was usually 1st or 2nd in the class, becoming head girl in my final year.

On leaving school I saw an advert in the co-op grocery window for a vacancy in the office. I wrote off for the application form, took an exam with 2 dozen others and 2 of us were chosen.

I worked my way through the office and did Saturday afternoons giving change in the tube room for 2/6.

When a male cashier in the bank was called up to the forces I asked if I could be considered and was successful.

They held me back for several years, but at 21 I was called up. I was offered the choice of factory, nurse, tram or bus conductress, forces or land army. I said could I go to the engineering college.

So, on my 21st birthday I started college — it was a very thorough course, and it took 3 buses to get there.

Shifts were either too early or too late, so I had to bike to Walsall.

I did a week on the filing bench — 2-inch square with a 1-inch hole and a 1 inch square to fit. Then a week on the machines, millers, drillers and capstans.

Having got to know the factory floor I then went into the school room where I learnt to read drawings and be an engineer.

Dad was an engineer at a huge factory, and he took in my exercise book and gave it to his superior to see if they could use my services. I started the next Monday — checking all the tools to which the

machinists were making parts for aeroplanes when they became worn.

VE day came and if you had your pre-war job to go back to you could leave, so I went back to the bank.

When the boys came home bread rationing came in I was given 6 girls and an office at the bakery and was told to put in a system. But after rationing what then?

The co op had bought a coach company and Beryl was in the office on her own so that is where I went and stayed for several happy years.

I bought the house next door and turned it into flats to rent.

Sold it when I married at a profit!

On Thursdays I had my lunch in the co-op cafe and noticed a man who sat in the next row — eventually we exchanged Good mornings! One evening going on the bus to Aldridge to see mom and dad, someone ran and

caught the bus, and it was this man.

He lived in the village and was meeting friends for tennis that evening and would I like to join them?

We quickly became a couple and eventually got married. We bought a house in Barr Common Road Aldridge and stayed there until we retired in 1979.

We moved to St Germans to be closer to my sister Olga and her family in Plymouth. We bought the bungalow in Crafhole in 1983.

Peter sadly died in 1993.

I was on the committee that ran the Sheviok Memorial Hall and was the booking secretary for over 30 years.

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Carla added: "Iris wasn't a regular auntie, she was more like a second mother.

Always on hand to offer advice regarding makeup and clothing, dressing and acting appropriately in social situations.

I remember staying with her and Uncle Peter and her teaching me how to shuffle and deal a pack of cards.

In later years, she was a regular visitor to her sister in Plymouth which meant I saw her weekly and joined her on shopping trips browsing for bargains!

We were lucky to have her in our lives."

Jennifer remembers taking Ansa and Eleanor when they were little and barely weaned and Auntie Iris asking if they'd like a Thorntons chocolate.

Helping her set up the whist drive in the village hall and her bringing home all the things she'd won.

Rachael remembers a cruise with Auntie Iris teaching her backgammon in her cabin,- she was very patient. "I remember how glamorous she looked as we dressed for the evening entertainment."

A Christmas Reflection

Revd. Stuart Reed

Dear friends,

In 1816, in the small Austrian town of Mariapfarr, a young Roman Catholic priest named Joseph Mohr wrote a simple poem titled *Stille Nacht—Silent Night*. Two years later, while preparing for the Christmas Eve service at St Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, he discovered that the church organ had been rendered unusable—reportedly by a family of mice!

Faced with this dilemma, Fr. Mohr remembered his earlier poem and turned to his friend, the local schoolteacher and organist Franz Xaver Gruber. Together, they composed a melody that could be played on a guitar. That very night—Christmas Eve 1818—*Silent Night* was sung for the first time. It has since become one of the best-loved and most widely sung carols in the world.

For me, the most special moment of Christmas is the Midnight Service of Holy Communion—often called *Midnight Mass*. It marks the point where Advent ends and Christmas begins, a still and sacred pause between the busyness of preparation and the joy of Christmas Day itself. In that quiet hour, I find a deep peace and joy in the silence of the night—a time to stop, reflect, and focus once again on what Christmas truly means.

My prayer for each of you this Christmas is that you will also find time to pause, to reflect, and to remember the real reason for this season.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Christmas,

Silent night! Holy night!

All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and child!

Holy infant, so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace!

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Silent night! Holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight!

Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!

Christ the Saviour is born!

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Silent night! Holy night!

Son of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from thy holy face

With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!

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Methodist Minister for Craithole & St Germans

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Crafthole

XMAS FINNY FEST
6TH DECEMBER 2025

4PM - FATHER CHRISTMAS
IS COMING TO CRAFTHOLE

6-8PM - BLACK FRIDAY

9PM - ANDY QUICK

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SEEKING MAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR LOCAL BUS SERVICE (Continued from September Newsletter) :-

Although there is no immediate prospect of any of our main proposals to improve local bus services being implemented in the near future due to lack of available funding, we have now received draft timetables from Go South West Bus for all of our proposals, which is a welcome step forward.

The only draft timetable we have received from Go S.W. Bus for our flagship proposal of extending the No 75 Liskeard-Torpoint Bus as a through service to & from Plymouth only shows 7 through buses, whereas we have been given costings for 8 buses each way, and we requested a service with up to 10 buses e. w. However, even the 7 buses e.w draft timetable shows a 06.32 ex Hennenford No. 75 Bus arriving Plymouth City Centre at 08.00 that would give the villages of Seaton & Donderry a commuter service to Plymouth for the first time ever, & incidentally give Craffhole depart 0703 an earlier bus than the current 70B Bus that departs at 07.26 arriving Royal Parade at 08.40. There would be return No. 75 Commuters Service Buses departing Royal parade at 16.30 & 17.30. The government announcement that 7,500 new defence jobs are to be created at HM Devonport Dockyard over the next 10 years should certainly help us in eventually getting the bus service we need when funds are available.

Included in the Draft Timetables are two for a new No 72 Bus linking Millbrook to St. Germans Station calling on route in Craffhole. This is based on utilising the school bus that runs from St. Germans to Looe School. Unfortunately the draft No.72 Bus Service shown, does not appear to connect well with trains at St.Germans, so we have agreed to liaise with St. Germans PTUG in putting forward alternative proposals that would link such a possibly more limited bus service, but one that connects with 3 important Commuter/Paddington Trains that call at St. Germans.

The draft T.T. showing the 22.55 ex Royal Parade No 70B Bus being extended back again to Millbrook does we are pleased to say show it being routed via Sheviok arrive 2343, and Craffhole at 23.46. However, there seems to be a firm reluctance to consider currently implementing such a service for even just one or two nights a week. We however, believe it could with good publicity boost Cornwall's sadly flagging Carbon Neutral Policy, by encouraging regular theatre goers in the area to leave their car at home.

There are draft T.T's showing Nos.70/70A/B Buses being extended from Royal Parade to & from Derriford Hospital as it was for a short period some years ago, increasing the journey time from Royal Parade by an additional 23-28 minutes. A passenger travelling from say Millbrook could take them 1hr 55 minutes to reach the hospital by using the proposed extended direct bus, but by using the No. 70 Bus instead on the route to the Cremyll Ferry, and the No.34 Bus from Admiral's hard, the Hospital could be reached in just 1 hr 5mins!. It is thought that such a difference in travelling time would as previously, probably deter most able bodied bus users from using the through bus. This would also we believe similarly apply to bus users travelling from Craffhole & Sheviok to the Hospital. We do appreciate that some handicapped bus users do need a through bus but it is difficult to see how this can be realistically achieved.

Some of you will recall that when the First Bus Company ran a Sunday Bus service from Plymouth to Looe via Donderry, it was often full when it operated through our Sheviok Parish Area. Go S.W. Bus have produced a draft Sunday No 75 Bus service showing 5 buses operating e.w. on Sundays between Plymouth City Centre and West Looe Fire Station all calling at Sheviok, Craffhole, Portwrinkle, Donderry, & Seaton. We think such a service if well publicised could be well supported and ease the pressure on parking problems on Sundays in our coastal villages.

We held a public meeting on the 11th November in Antony that was quite well publicised and included participation not only from the leading Public Transport Officers from Cornwall Council and the support officer to our local MP Anna Gelderd, but we also again had Richard Stevens the Managing Director of Go S.W. Bus joining us in the important discussions. We know that we have full support from Town & Parish Councils in our area and from most local residents, but that support definitely needs to be more visible please, as the attendance at the meeting was very disappointing to say the least.

NATIONAL EXPRESS COACHES –It is good that the N. E. Express Coach Services stopping at Tideford have gone back from four to five coaches calling there each way (3 e. w. to Heathrow Airport/London Victoria Coach Station and 2 e.w. to Birmingham Coach Station.) This is the only direct public transport route to Heathrow Airport from our area, and express coach travel is particularly important to those who cannot afford more expensive rail fares.

Hello to all friends of the village hall, whether you be far away or near, we hope you are well and preparing for the festive season which is fast approaching



Sadly the badminton club has now ceased due to low numbers attending. However there is opportunity if anyone wants to revive it in the future.

I would like everyone to take a minute to remember two very special people who sadly passed away in the last couple of months. Both Michael and Thelma were always truly committed and dedicated to the hall, and we will endeavour to keep their legacy alive as we strive to keep the hall busy, thriving and at the heart of the community. RIP.

Our annual Christmas fair is on Sunday 7th December 2-4pm, there will be game stalls for you to test your luck and craft stalls to purchase those last few stocking fillers. Father Christmas will be popping in for a guest appearance in his grotto with a gift for each child. If anyone has any prizes they would like to donate to the raffle, please pass them into the hall, they will be very much appreciated. Come along for a chat and cuppa and enjoy a cheeky mince pie too!

In October there was once again a very successful and busy craft fair – I am always amazed at the varied skills and I even learnt a little about 3D Printing and Laser Printing from our two younger crafters.

The Autumn Bingo evening was well attended and many people asked for a repeat – your wish has been answered and we will hold another ‘eyes down’ evening at the end of January, there will be food available. Please watch the board, facebook and notices for further details nearer the time of how to book your seat and your food.

All events incur a lot of behind the scene preparation and forward planning to ensure they run efficiently and smoothly. I would like to thank the hall committee for their help during this last year, all the cake bakers, everyone who helps to set up and set down the events and to the many helpers in the kitchen. Many thanks to the local businesses that have contributed to our raffles during the last year – The Finnygook Inn, Cornish Pod, Westcountry Bakers, Ideal Homes, Polbathic Cider Circle, The Golf Club, Crafhole Community Shop and the Spar in Klingsand. (Apologies if I have omitted anyone) You have all helped us have a successful year and to keep the village hall busy. Please contact me if you are available to help in any way at future events.

We will be having our AGM on 2nd February 2026. We are looking to appoint a new Treasurer for the committee. The systems and paperwork are all in place and you would receive support in taking on the role from our outgoing treasurer. Could you or do you know someone who could offer the hall support and become the new Treasurer? We would love to hear from you, please talk to a committee member if you are interested.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes and Good Health for 2026
Paula, SMHC chairperson

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Toddler stay and play group – Friday afternoons 1pm – 2.30

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Film Club – Every 3rd Saturday of the month

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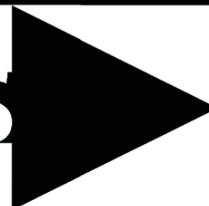
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It has been a pleasure to see so many people at the last three Film Nights since we started back up again after the summer break. We have seen some really inspiring and entertaining films with brilliant acting and production; Conclave, A Complete Unknown, and Mr Burton. Quite a few new members have also joined these past three months, and it has been lovely to see more new faces. The Film Club is growing and expanding, and in the New Year we hope to also have a Family Screening if possible.

Now that the Hall is Fully Licensed, we have a small bar serving drinks, and we always have ice-creams of course! The Film Night's are lovely little social gatherings, catching up with people over a glass (or a mug of tea) and a good show.

In December, we have moved the date forward to Saturday 13th December so that it will not be so

close to Christmas when everyone is busier or travelling. We will be showing a British comedy film which was released at the end of the Summer – 'The Ballad of Wallis Island'. The film portrays Herb McGwyer, a musician who was once part of a popular folk duo. He travels to the remote Wallis Island to perform for an eccentric fan, Charles Heath, who has won the lottery. Charles, who lives alone on the island, has invited Herb to play a private show, having prepared a makeshift stage on the beach. Herb's reunion with his former partner on the remote island brings nostalgia, love, and unresolved tensions.

We look forward to seeing you all again, or if you would like to join us!

Newcomers : £8

Member Entry : £4

Third Saturday of Every Month

Part of the C-Film Network

Jacqueline and Lynn, craftholefilmclub@gmail.com

Rame Bus Programme

Here are the highlights covered by this issue of the newsletter.

Monthly:

Saltash & Kernow 1st Wednesday £6

Truro City 2nd Wednesday £9

Totnes & Dartington village 3rd Friday £8

Tavistock 4th Friday £8

5 Dec Exeter Christmas Market £13

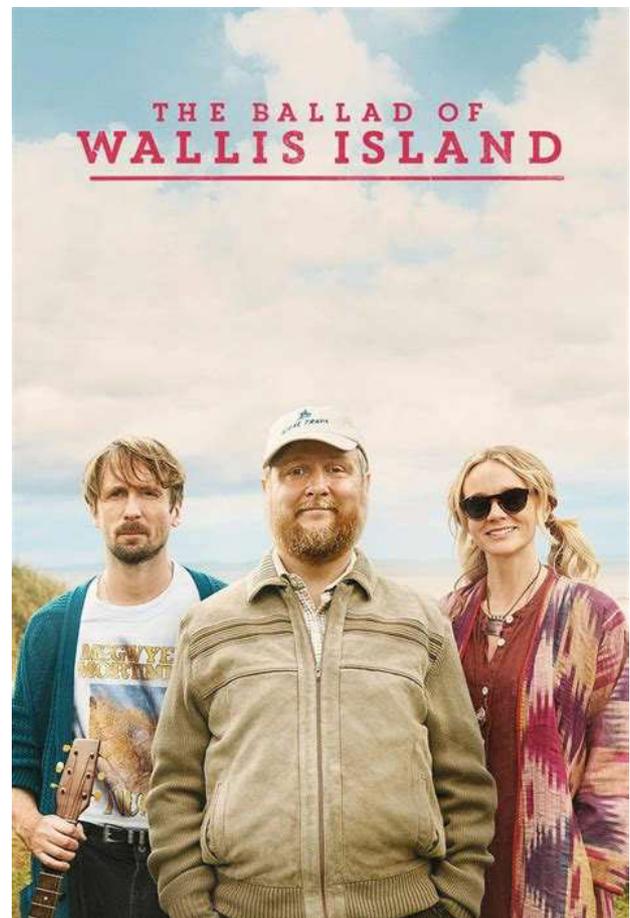
3 Feb Exeter Ikea £13

17 Feb Par Indoor Market £9

26 Mar Westpoint Craft Fair £12

Contact number for bookings **07874 831814**

Please state where you require picking up. Bus normally departs Cawsand car park at 9 am, so pick up times vary depending on where else the bus needs to visit before you.



The Bungalow on the Cliff

Rosemary Jaroszek

Cliffside, the bungalow on the cliff edge in Portwrinkle, is the only house on the sea side of the road, and has recently been sold. It was built by my grandfather's cousin, Edgar Bowden, in the 1920s or 30s but has not been owned by the family for many years. Edgar was the youngest of three brothers who all loved Portwrinkle and each had a holiday retreat there. He was born in Plymouth in 1881 and worked as a solicitor with the firm Foot and Bowden, having set up the company in 1903 with his friend and associate Isaac Foot, the well-known Liberal politician. Perhaps Edgar's legal expertise helped him to secure the rights to the foreshore below the bungalow, as well as the cliff top site, from the Antony Estate.

The Bowden brothers, Arthur, Sydney and Edgar, had been visiting Portwrinkle at least since the late 1890s when they pitched tents on the cliff top where the golf course is now. The young men would camp and the ladies in the family would visit from Plymouth. Their first hut was built in 1902 and destroyed by fire in 1904. Sydney, who worked in the family jewellery business, then built a hut on the cliff side (beyond what is now the public

car park). This hut can be seen on old postcards of Portwrinkle. It had a living room with a large window looking straight out to sea, a fireplace, a tiny kitchen (but no electricity or running water) and a bedroom. The blazing fire, stoked with driftwood, was welcome in the wet summers of the late 1960s. After Sydney's death his widow Eleanor, who lived in Looe, secured an agreement with the Antony estate, which wanted it removed, to keep the use of the hut in her lifetime. This turned out to be a good bargain on her side as she lived for another 20 years into her nineties. The hut survived until the early 1970s when erosion of the cliff forced it to be demolished.

Arthur put up a corrugated iron chalet called Cliff Cot on the beach below the bungalow. This existed until the 1960s when I remember seeing it but was demolished soon afterwards.

The brothers knew Portwrinkle through their mother Hannah. As a child she came here for holidays with her parents, Thomas and Eleanor Moon, from Liskeard, where Thomas, who was born in St Winnolls, had an upholstery business.





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