

SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

There is a theme throughout this issue; looking back in celebration of times gone by; and looking into the future and the inevitable changes with which we are faced.

Should we be grateful that we were fortunate enough to have experienced those times, and accept that change's onslaught may sometimes be inevitable.

I was delighted to receive an email from someone seeking a friend from long ago - their only clue being that they may now live in Portwrinkle, and while searching online came across details of this newsletter. I was able to confirm that the old acquaintance was still resident, and passed on the searcher's details to our parishioner should they wish to re-establish the friendship. They did indeed correspond and caught up with old times. The power of the internet!

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: . Camelias, post and phone boxes are red, sky is blue - was it Valentines? We love you.

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Please take note of the copy date for issue 132 – Monday May 19 2025

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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.

While walking the footpaths and pavements of the parish, it is always disappointing to see evidence of dog walkers failing to clear up after their pets. There are times when even the most conscientious owner may miss the fact that their dog has left something behind, but recently I've come across (and picked up) deposits on the pavement where it's difficult to believe the walker was unaware of it. Likewise, on one of the footpaths there are numerous deposits from obviously the same dog where the owner couldn't possibly have not seen what's happening. And finally, if you aren't going to dispose of it, don't bother bagging it either, it will only cause your idleness to annoy for longer!

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"My husband and I went through the McDonald's driveway window and I gave the cashier a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her 25c. She said, 'you gave me too much money.' I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar back.' She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the 25c, and said 'We're sorry but we don't do that kind of thing.' The cashier then proceeded to give me back 75 cents in change. Do not confuse the people at MacD's.

We had to have the garage door repaired.

The repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener.

I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower.

He shook his head and said, 'You need a 1/4 horsepower.' I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said, 'NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two.'

We haven't used that repairman since...

When my wife and I arrived at a car dealership to pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door.

As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked.

'Hey,' I announced to the technician, 'its open!' His reply, 'I know. I already did that side.'

STAY ALERT!

They walk among us, they breed.....

Information Classification

PRESS NOTICE

LICENSING ACT 2003

We Sheviock memorial Hall Management Committee give notice that we have applied to Cornwall Council as Licensing Authority for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of Sheviock Memorial Hall, Craffhole, Torpoint, PL11 3DG

The application is to :

The sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on or off the premises where the sale takes place between the hours 12:00 - 23:00 Monday – Saturday and 12:00 - 22:30 Sunday.

The screening of films on the premises between the hours of 08:00 - 23:00 Monday - Sunday

A responsible authority or other person wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to the Licensing Team, Cornwall Council, New County Hall, Truro TR1 3AY or email licensing@cornwall.gov.uk not later than **20 March 2025**

A record of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays) by prior appointment. Details are also at www.cornwall.gov.uk by searching '[List of current premises licence applications](#)'. Alternatively, telephone the Licensing Office on 01872 324210

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5000.

Signed W D Evans
Applicant
Dated 20 February 2025

St Mary's Church, Sheviock

Fiona Harvey

As our thoughts tentatively turn to Spring, a quick look back to Christmas. We were delighted to welcome over 100 people to St Mary's to share in the celebrations at our Christmas services. Thank you to everyone who took the opportunity to give to our Christmas appeals and collections. Through your generosity we were able to contribute £323 to The Children's Society and £375 to St Petroc's Society for the homeless.

On 1st February the churches on the Rame Peninsula officially united as "The Rame and Rivers Benefice" under the leadership of our wonderful Rev Jo. If you have not yet had the chance to meet her, please take an opportunity to do so – I am sure that you will not be disappointed!

I began by writing about Christmas, but the Church Year moves on apace and we will soon be entering the season of Lent and Easter. Easter Sunday is on 20th April and for early risers we are planning our usual Sunrise Service on The Beacon at 6am (if you hope to join us at this, please note that Beacon Field is planted with barley, so please follow the waymarked path and strictly NO cars in the field). It means sacrificing an hour in bed but well worth the effort for the experience and early morning views, followed by a bacon bap at The Bungalow. Please keep an eye on the parish notice boards for details of a Mothering Sunday service on 30th March and other services for Easter Day.

Looking further ahead, we will be repeating our popular Teddy Bears' Picnic Service in the Memorial Hall at 3pm on Sunday 8th June. Young or old, please bring your teddy and enjoy the party! We would love to welcome you at any of these services or at our regular 10am Sunday morning services.

Finally, this is a busy administrative time for the church, please see below:

Deadline for Applications for the New Electoral Roll for 2025

The Church has to completely renew rather than update its Electoral Roll every 6 years. If you are currently on our Parish Church Electoral Roll or would like to join it, you will need to complete an electoral roll application form which will be available from 2 March 2025 in hard copy in the Church or downloaded electronically from our web site at:

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2565/

Please return completed forms to our Electoral Roll Officer, Stephanie Tullett, by Sunday 13 April.

Invitation to Sheviock Parish Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Sunday 4 May 11:00 am at Sheviock Parish Church

If you are a resident in the Parish of Sheviock and listed on the register of Local Government electors – whether of any faith or none – you are entitled to attend and vote at the **Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the election of the churchwardens.**

Fiona Harvey : Churchwarden

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2565> for details.



Heritage Gateway at Sheviock Parish Church

Jenny Bushrod

We had a wonderful – if cold - start to the New Year with our Sausage Sizzler in January, welcoming over 60 people to the event. Based on the American Ice B-B-Q – our very chilly church makes an ideal (dry) venue! We were delighted to welcome back our Guest Chef – Billy Kelly - who cooked our burgers and sausages to perfection, followed of course by delicious home baked cakes. Thanks to your generous donations for these delicious delights we raised £430.81.

PANCAKE FEAST AT SHEVIOCK MEMORIAL HALL SATURDAY 1 MARCH 12 – 2pm

For our next event - a perennial family favourite - Angie and Fiona will be cooking pancakes to order with wonderful savoury and sweet fillings to choose from. There will be a cake and preserve stall and raffle so we look forward to



welcoming everyone to this traditional feast of pancakes.

The Events Team will then take a well-earned break over Lent and we will resume our annual programme with

ST MARY'S MAY MARKET ON SATURDAY 10 MAY FROM 10 – 2pm

Finally, thanks to your generosity in donations at our Heritage Gateway Events in 2024, we raised **£5,250** for much needed funding towards repairs to the churchyard.

Jenny Bushrod, Churchwarden

Email bushrods@btinternet.com or telephone 01503 230565

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

My Memories Of Crafhole Chapel Rosalie Dunn (nee Colwill)

Having my grandparents, William and Rosina Andrew of Cosy Cot, my mother, Theodora Colwill of Kenwyn Cottage, two great Aunts, Auntie Mar and Auntie Gladys Richards of Keyham Cottage who were staunch Methodists and heavily involved in Crafhole Chapel, it would be taken that my brother, Julian, and myself would attend chapel.

I went to Sunday School at the age of 4, Mum and Auntie Mar being Sunday School teachers. I remember it as great fun. We had the usual Christmas party with Father Christmas visiting. Sunday School was always in the afternoon. Chapel was at 11 a.m. and my brother and I attended each Sunday with our penny collection. Mum used to have the newspapers delivered to her each day via the first bus out of Torpoint. The papers would be put on the ferry and the driver of the bus would collect them and bring them to Crafhole.

Sometimes the driver would forget the newspapers and they would spend time on the ferry going back and forth across the Tamar.

Mum would sort them out and put them in the porch for people to collect. Julian and I each had a paper round on a Sunday. Sometimes as we got older we thought we would be crafty and take our time on the paper round so we would be late for chapel and then not have to go. However, this did not work and we were both sent off to chapel each time.

The Sunday School Anniversary was a very special occasion. All the children practised for weeks beforehand at all the traditional anniversary hymns ready for the special day. Mum would always make me a beautiful dress for the occasion. New white socks and new sandals. We all sat on platforms which were erected at the front of the chapel underneath the pulpit facing the congregation. The chapel was always full. On the following Tuesday we

had another service and then anniversary tea in the Sunday Schoolroom.

Prize giving Sunday was always special. My brother and I usually had top marks for attendance at Sunday School each year and being a lover of books and reading, always looked forward to this. I still have these books, the inscriptions inside the cover always written by mum in her beautiful hand writing. We always had a Sunday School outing, usually to Goodrington Sands in Devon. The coach would be full with all the ladies from the chapel with their husbands. Always stopped on the way back for fish and chips at Ivybridge.

Another lovely occasion was Harvest Festival. I can remember the fun we had decorating the chapel and to this day the smell in the chapel at Harvest Festival time takes me right back to my childhood. You had to be at chapel early to get a seat. All the farming folk came and the singing glorious. On the Tuesday following Harvest Festival we had another service and a faith supper. Following this we had an auction of the produce. Tom Page (Donald's father) always took the auction and I remember lots of laughter.

Every Sunday we went to chapel three times, morning chapel, Sunday School in the afternoon and chapel service in the evening. Mum, Dad, Julian and I would then go for a walk, usually to Portwrinkle to finish off the day.

My time at Crafhole Chapel when I was a child was very special and I love the building and all the memories it has for me. As so often happens, as I got older and became a teenager, my attendance waned for a few years. However, the seed had been sown when I was a child at chapel and I came back to religion later on in life.

My faith means such a lot to me.

May 1st sees local elections taking place. This includes the parish council. Maybe you would be interested in standing for this rewarding position. Here are the qualifications required to stand. For more details visit

<https://www.electoralcommission.org>

To be able to stand as a candidate at a parish council election you must:

- 1 be at least 18 years old
- 2 be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights
- 3 meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards.

More information is set out in our guidance 'Being a registered local government elector'.

You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish area during

the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election. More information is set out in our guidance 'Occupying as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the local authority area'.

Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish area.⁵ More information is set out in our guidance 'Your main or only place of work is in the local authority area'.

You have lived in the parish area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.⁶ More information is set out in our guidance 'Living in the parish area (or within three miles of it)'.

When completing your home address form and consent to nomination form you will be asked to indicate which qualifications you meet. You should indicate on the forms all those qualifications that apply to you.

Portwrinkle Car Parking

It has been some time since we had a review of car parking charges and conditions. We have applied to Cornwall Council for, and receive authorisation to conduct a consultation on your views for the changes.

Summer time fee: Between the hours of 9-5

1 hr. - £1.00; 1-2 hr.- £2.50; 2-3 hr. - £3.80; 3-4 hr- £5; 24hr. - £7.50 and weekly £40.

Additionally we intend prohibiting camper vans between the hours of 11pm and 8am. Watch for further details.

You can find details of the latest crime reports from this link <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area>

Sheviock Parish Council

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Tues 11-15 -2.45 Fri 11-15 - 2.45

at the Parish Council office in the Bill Warren Room at the Memorial Hall. Nancy can be contacted at other times by e-mail

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Council News

Spring Tidy time again - happens every year, Spring, doesn't it. I know many of you get involved each year in the spring and autumn cleans. Those of you not aware, we dedicate a weekend to volunteering to do our bit to helping make the parish the lovely place it is. This year we have a group working on the Finnygook Lane footpath repairing some of the steps. The bus shelters always benefit from a good clean, so maybe you'd like to have a go at one of them. The Cross garden always looks better after a tidy and the Open Space raised beds would be a nice project for someone. Everyone's patch could probably do with a weed, a litter pick or just a sweep up. Whatever you do - do it safely. By the way! It's on the weekend of March 22 - 23. If you want to be involved with any projects, give me a ring on 07709092226.

The Bill Warren Room, Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafhole, Torpoint, Cornwall, PL11 3DG

Clerk: Mrs Nancy Gray Telephone: 01503 232996 Email: sheviockpc@btinternet.com

Grass Cutting and Footpath Maintenance Contract 2025-2027

Tenders are invited for the above Contract, for footpaths, grass and undergrowth cutting in Sheviock Parish 2025-2027 Please apply to the Clerk (via email) for a pack, details below.

Tenders to be returned by Friday 7th of March 2025 to:

The Clerk,
The Bill Warren Room, Sheviock Memorial Hall,
Crafhole, Cornwall, PL11 3BG.
Tel: 01503 232 996
e-mail: sheviockpc@btinternet.com.



Bruno Peek CVO OBEOPR – Pageantmaster,

On Thursday 8th May 2025 we are encouraging the lighting of Beacons and Lamp Lights of Peace at 9.30pm, the raising of a unique VE Day flag at 9am and, where possible, holding parties of

celebration throughout the day in the streets, gardens at home, churches, villages, town halls, pubs, clubs, hotels and all manner of locations throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

*Located on the hilltop, Trewickle Farm, West of Crafhole.
From Crafhole take the Downderry road B3247, continue along this road a further two fields past Trewickle lane, then the gate is on the RHS*

PEDESTRIANS ONLY, DUE TO UNEVEN HILLSIDE TERRAIN.

NO VEHICULAR ACCESS.

Due to the difficulty in accessing this location: uneven ground, lack of footways, no street lighting,

No parking/no vehicular access; those that attend are advised to:

Wear sturdy footwear and Hi Vis (if possible). Torch essential.

If walking from Crafhole, please make use of circular footpath 13, for part of route.

Steve Medway

SOS! DO YOU WANT OUR SHOP TO CLOSE?



Because that is what is going to happen if more of you **do not support** us... Crafhole Community Shop has been operating under its present title since we were denied a Post Office the first time in 2009. At that point, a determined campaign started - led enthusiastically by Dorothee Matthias and her team of valiant supporters - raising money from grants, shares and donations to reopen at the same premises - thanks to the generosity of the Adams family- as a Community shop, run by volunteers. Later the PO was rerieved and able to operate during the morning opening hours. Covid gets blamed for many things and , in truth, we were beginning to feel the pinch well before (perhaps since we came out of the Common Market with prices ratcheting up so alarmingly), but Covid definitely hasn't helped, since so many became reliant on supermarket deliveries and have sadly (for us) got used to it. And, of course, the permanent closure of the PO has also had a negative effect. Our lease runs out in April, but the Adams family are willing to extend it whilst we continue to hunt for an alternative venue. However, they have plans to bring the space into their home and cannot wait for ever. We are currently having discussions with the PC, but, as you will appreciate, there are VERY few alternatives for relocation and grants will have to be obtained wherever we may end up. I am sorry to be so blunt. Our customers fall broadly into 4 categories-
1) Loyal and frequent able bodied, 2) Not so able bodied or elderly, for whom the shop is a lifeline - both socially and as customers, 3) Newspaper coupon customers who may or may not buy anything else and 4) those who suddenly run out

of something and are jolly grateful to be able to find it in our shop rather than having to jump in the car or on a bus and travel several miles.

The last three categories will certainly be hit hard if the shop closes. The first ones will no doubt be able to include items in their weekly supermarket shop but would still miss the convenience and camaraderie of "the local".

Some of you may say "Well, whenever I visit the shop, many of the shelves have gaps in them and what I want isn't there!" This, unfortunately, is because we need customers to buy things BEFORE they go out of date - each week, we amass **far too much** wastage, especially fresh meat, cheese and delicious Cornish Pod pasties and this is a very worrying trend, which is causing us to buy fewer of each item each week.

So there you have it. This is a heartfelt plea to everyone to try and visit our shop at least once a week and buy **something**. We are really confident that, with the support of the PC, Village Hall committee, but mainly **yourselves**, we shall be able to convince grant authorities that we are a worthy cause for their financial support.

As I have said before "Use it or Lose it "
The directors and volunteers work **so** hard to keep the shop afloat but we CANNOT do it without you. Have a lovely Easter break, everyone and here's to an upturn in our fortunes, with **your support** and as the warmer weather brings visitors to our shore and shop.

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Normal Shop Opening Times

Monday – Saturday 9am-1pm

Sunday 9am – 11am

Easter opening

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| Friday | 18 th April | 9am-11am |
| Saturday | 19 th April | 9am-1pm |
| Sunday | 20 th April | 9am-11am |
| Monday | 21 st April | 9am-11am |



All Age Teddy Bears Picnic Service

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Daphne Ann Dickens

Robert Payne

Tribute paid by Robert Payne, brother to Daphne Ann Dickens, who died on 3 December 2024, at her funeral on 23 December 2024 at Sheviock Church.

Daphne was born on 27 December 1942, 9 months after my RAF father returned from nearly 3 years' war service in Palestine, Egypt and Sudan. He returned unexpectedly.

In 1946 my father was posted to RAF Luqa in Malta and my mother, Daphne and I joined him later that year, travelling by liner and we lived in married quarters, a large house 200 yards from the sea. That house had a proper bathroom instead of a tin bath in front of the fire. It was there that Daphne learned the

difference between boys and girls.

We enjoyed Malta, getting tanned and we were able to get sweets and iced cakes. No coupons were needed as in England.

We all returned in later 1948 as my father had been promoted to Station Warrant Officer at RAF Abingdon.

I always found Daphne a kind and gentle, loving person and a devout Christian, who loved to serve God at her church in Sheviock and was loved by all. She was ready to go, and was looking forward to meeting her Maker and her parents.

Tredossel and Lady Lucan

Rosalie Dunn

I was going through our computer recently and I delved into Dave's (my late husband) documents and I came across this article which Dave had written and I thought it may be of interest to you.

On the 7th November 1974 hardly anyone had heard of Lord Lucan. On the 8th November 1974 almost all of this country had heard of Lord Lucan (Richard John Bingham 7th Earl of Lucan).

It was alleged at the time that he had murdered his children's nanny, Sandra Rivett and had tried to bludgeon to death his estranged wife Lady Lucan (formerly Veronica Duncan) in the Belgravia Mews home of Lady Lucan.

Later that week as we sat in our church at Sheviock on a Sunday morning service conducted by Rev Geoffrey Harper, the door opened and in came a very burly man and a frail looking lady wearing a head scarf. They were accompanied by Caroline Marsh who lived at Tredossel.

Caroline's husband was a Lt Commander in the navy and was away at sea at the time and she was alone with her children at Tredossel.

After the service was over the burly man and the frail lady immediately left and Caroline quietly told

us all that the man was an armed police officer and he was guarding Lady Lucan who had fled to Tredossel for safety.

Lady Lucan was a long time friend of Caroline's and they kept in touch regularly and after the dreadful event at Belgravia, sought refuge at Tredossel. Caroline told me that armed police were also staying at Tredossel to provide 24hour protection for Lady Lucan and her children, George, Frances and Camilla.

When things quietened down and it was believed that Lord Lucan had fled the country, the family moved out of Tredossel and returned home.

Lord Lucan was never to be seen again and it was believed that he had fled to Africa.

On the 27th September 2017 Lady Lucan died at the age of 80 and had admitted in a television film a few months before, that there was a rift between her and the children that had lasted for over 40 years. The whole episode was a very sad state of affairs for the whole family and I doubt if anyone will ever learn the truth of what happened that night at Belgravia Mews.

David Dunn

As we enter March, we realise that we have now travelled through the darkest days of winter, and ahead of us are longer, brighter, and, hopefully, warmer days.

March is a month of change and a month of waiting, this year the spring equinox is on Thursday 20th March and marks the change of



seasons, as we finally say goodbye to winter and hello to Spring, a time when we have the never-ending debate about whether it is time to turn the heating off or not (of course in this country our hands are never really too far from the heating controls!!!). The changes come all around us as we see the beauty of nature shake off its winter slumber and begin to grow into its spring and summer splendour, and our thoughts turn to walks in the sunshine, time spent outdoors with friends and family, and hopefully an ice cream or two.

For the Christian church March also brings us to our time of preparation and waiting that we call 'Lent'; Lent is just a shorten version of the Old English word 'Lenten' which means spring, so when the church talks about Lent is simply referencing its Spring fast.

Our Spring fast is a time of preparation and waiting, a time when Christians should be

reflecting on their lives, making changes where necessary, and preparing for the glory that is Easter Day.

Spring is a good time for change, regardless of your faith or no faith, it is a time to reflect, see new things, and prepare to grow and move forward. I invite you to mark Lent in any way that you see fit, but I will be praying that it brings you a new lease of life, and new hope for the future.

With every blessing

Revd. Stuart

Methodist Minister for Craffhole & St Germans

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

18 March Exmouth £13

20 March Trago & Liskeard £8

5 April Spring Flower Show

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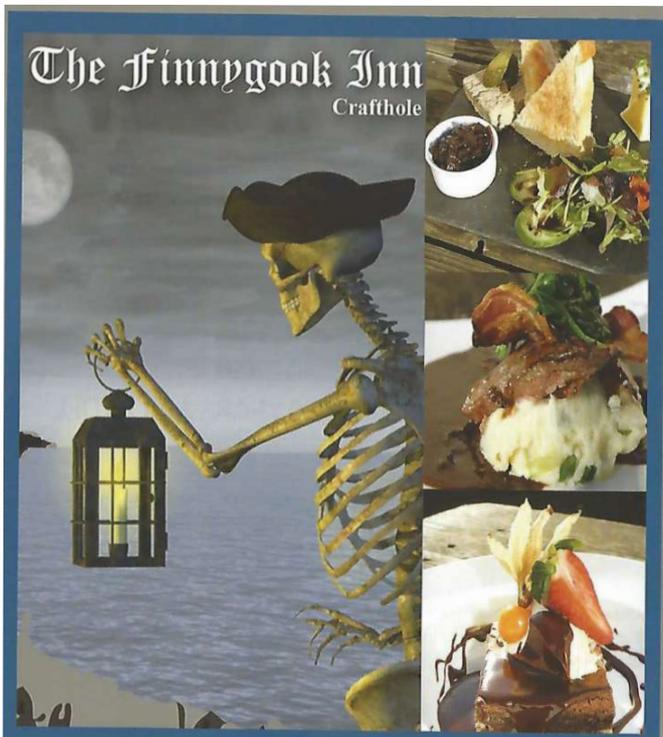
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SEEKING MAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR LOCAL BUS SERVICES. – In April 2022 substantial cuts were made by Cornwall Council to bus services in our Rame Peninsula Area with the number of buses crossing the Tamar by Ferry to & from Plymouth being reduced from two to only one bus an hour each way for most of the day. Back in 2015 there were up to four buses an hour using this route. Other bus cuts made in 2022 included the loss of the Torpoint Town Bus Service etc. Since that time we have battled to mitigate the effect of the cuts by using existing resources, & incurring only marginal costs mainly by re routing No70 buses via Sheviock & Crafhole to become 70B's. Initially we met with unexpected unforeseen Cornwall Council resistance but fortunately mainly thanks to the intervention of the Managing Director of Go South West Bus, common sense has prevailed, and the required C.C. agreement given.

However, now as you may be aware, the Government has recently awarded Cornwall Council over £10 million Bus Service Improvement Funding, so the RPPTUG have put together a package of more significant proposals that we hope will substantially improve bus services in the Rame Peninsula using the BSIP Funding, and help restore our bus services near to their pre 2022 level. The Proposals are headed :-

- (1) Our Flagship Proposal to transform the No.75 Liskeard – Torpoint Bus Service, by operating it as an enhanced through bus service to & from Plymouth.
- (2) Request that the Late Evening 22.55 ex Royal Parade -HMS Raleigh No Bus to be extended as previously to Millbrook. (preferably as originally as a No.70B)
- (3) The need for a Bus Service from villages in the Rame Peninsula to operate to & from St Germans Station to connect with GWR Train Services.
- (4) Extending No 70/A/B Buses to run through to Derriford Hospital.
- (5) Sunday Bus Services to cover more destinations in the Rame Peninsula by :-
 - (i) Re-routing existing bus services incurring only marginal costs.
 - (ii) Revive as a No.75 Bus, the Royal Parade to Looe & Polperro via Donderry Sunday Bus Service.

In addition we have added X – A proposed alteration to Nos.70/70B Bus Service that we assume is already being progressed of operating the 12.00 instead of the 13.00 ex Royal Parade - Cremyll Bus via Sheviock & Crafhole. Plus Y – RTPi (Real Time Passenger Information) - the continued need for it be installed at locations where it is has not been implemented in our area but is much needed.

To help promote our proposals we have sought letters of support from the Town & Parish Councils in our RPPTUG Area and from others in authority, and we have been pleasantly surprised by the very strong letters of support that we are receiving. We are particularly indebted to Councillor Kate Ewert for her enthusiastic support, particularly for encouraging it at all the P. C. Meetings she attends, & for personally contacting local M.P.'s etc. Our local M.P. for S.E. Cornwall Anna Gelderd has in her strong letter of support, that she has sent us, detailed her reasons for each of the proposals. Her last paragraph reads “I urge Cornwall Council to allocate the necessary funding to implement these proposals. They represent a vital step towards a greener, more sustainable future for our community and are in line with Labour’s mission to enhance public transport in rural areas.”

We have to date received great letters of support from Sheviock & Antony Parish Councils, and know that we will shortly be receiving them from Maker with Rame P.C; CHAT (Community Health around Torpoint), and Tudor Evans the Leader of Plymouth City Council and hopefully Luke Pollard M.P. Here we have taken account of the facts, that not only do we have buses that start & terminate in Plymouth, but that we are in the Plymouth Travel to Work Area and have received substantial bus grants initiated by Plymouth City Council in association with C. C; that have benefited our bus services. Torpoint & Liskeard Town Councils plus Millbrook, St. Germans & Deviock Parish Councils have not yet met to discuss the proposals, but will do so soon. We hope to be able to officially submit the proposals with the letters of support to Cornwall County Council, as soon as possible in the near future. In the meantime Go South West Bus have been made aware of the Proposals and we believe they have put them under review.

Spring is on its way! It is so beautiful to see the hedgerows awakening with nodding heads of snowdrops and daffodils, to hear the birds singing and to take time to breathe in the fresh crisp air as you walk along the many footpaths of the parish.

The hall committee held its AGM in February and as Chair I convey heartfelt thanks to the committee for their continued and dedicated support in ensuring the hall is maintained and functioning for the many users each week. If you missed the AGM but would like to join the hall committee please come to the regular meetings on the 1st Monday of each month at 7pm.

The hall continues to host many clubs each week (as listed below with contact numbers for organisers). It was wonderful to hear at the last meeting that there has been an increase in the youth attendance at badminton. As with all clubs and meetings they were greatly affected by the events in 2020 and some are still suffering even after 4 years. It is so important to support these local events and clubs or they will only be recalled in conversation as "do you remember when there used to be". If you are new to the village and wanting to meet people they are an excel-



lent opportunity to do this. I am pleased to share that the snooker room is back in operation now, it has a new light meter which takes £1

coins for an hour's play and I hear there will be another parish masters competition taking place in 2025!

The hall is looking for anyone that is tech savvy who can help us to build our presence online more- can you help? Please let us know.

We are still also looking to copy any historic pictures or photos you may have, to create a memory wall in the lounge room.

Dates to add to your diary for 2025

Easter Monday 21st April: Egg rolling event

Sunday 13th July: Summer Event

Saturday 9th August: Flower Show

11th & 12th October: Craft Fair

The hall is also available for adhoc hire for all your family functions – weddings, birthday parties, fundraisers, wakes, family get togethers. Please contact Warren on 07990 518219 for further information. Looking forward to seeing you at the many events in 2025.

Kind regards

Paula.

Pre-school – open daily 9am- 3pm, term time for children aged from 22 months

Toddler stay and play group – Friday afternoons 1pm – 2.30 Contact Paula 07900 553116

Snooker – open daily for members (no weekday am sessions during term time

For more info and get membership Contact Craig 07779 098260

Badminton – Weds evenings Youth and adult sessions Viv 07989 677203

Bowls – Monday afternoons 2pm Alison 07709 594478

Gardening club – 3rd Monday of month Dee 01503 230661

Film Club – Every 3rd Saturday of the month Lynn 01503 230048

Yoga – Friday evenings Jackie 07772344107

Stretch / body toning classes Susie 01503 230774

Pilates – Tuesday evenings Liz 07736 232135

Sewing / crafting club – Tuesday fortnightly afternoons Mel 01503 230372

Short tennis – Thursday evenings Mike 01503 230022

Yin Yoga - Monday evenings Donna 07814 866414

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In December we visited the Eden Project and were treated to a beautiful display of illuminated domes and gardens of Christmas lights.

In January we had a lovely get together at The Bay, Cawsand for our New Year lunch which was very enjoyable. The staff at The Bay were excellent and couldn't do more to have made our trip so enjoyable on an otherwise wet and grey afternoon.

In February we had our Annual General Meeting and happy to report that our garden club continues to thrive with 25 members signing up.

The current committee was re-elected with Steve Medway as Chair, Dee as secretary and Paul Babbage accepting the Treasurer's position. Fiona Babbage continues as refreshment manager. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Judy Scott for her years in that position. It was agreed that in view of the healthy financial position of the club the membership subs would remain unchanged. See below for current rates.



Coming Up:

Saturday 15 March - Trip to The Garden House, Buckland Monachorum to see the spring gardens.

Saturday 12 April - Trip to The Eden Project

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.

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

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Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable Show 2025

This year's Crafthole and District Open Flower & Vegetable Show will be held on Saturday 9th August in the Sheviock Memorial Hall, with doors opening at 1.45pm (entry £1pp/children under 16 free). Finishing touches are being put to the schedule as we speak, and as per usual it will be circulated with the June parish newsletter. Handicraft and Photography classes appeared in the last newsletter, so hopefully you're already whiling away these dark soggy evenings in a hive of industry!

Before the show in August though, here are some other dates for your diary:
Coffee Morning & Plant Sale (with cake of course!): Sheviock Memorial Hall - Saturday 24th May.
Garden Competition: Early July (see June newsletter for actual judging dates and entry details). It's just £1 to enter and we'd love you to have a go - don't be shy!
Let's all hope that the weather is a lot kinder to growers than last year, and we look forward to seeing the resplendent fruits (and cakes, flowers, veg, photos, preserves, arts and crafts) of your labours!

Growing Up On a Farm in Sheviock Parish Pt 3 Chris Hoskin

Continued from last issue

My next little mishap was on the farm. We had a building we called the wagon linhay, where the tractors and a lot of the farm implements were kept. As a teenager, I loved climbing things, usually trees but I tried something different. This building had a lot of exposed beams making up the roof trusses and I thought it would be fun to climb along these, as you do. I was doing well until somehow I slipped, fell, and landed on the top of the plough. Not a very comfortable landing, blood everywhere again from a cut on the back of my head, and bruises everywhere. Bandages were put to use again. I didn't do that again! A couple of years after that I was helping to bring in the corn harvest. It was all in sheaves, having been cut by a binder, no new-fangled combine harvesters in those days! The corn was brought down from the field by tractor and trailer and then off-loaded by hand to the persons building the corn rick. When fully loaded these trailers of corn must have been nearly ten feet high. This day it was my job to stand on the load, and using a pitchfork, I tossed the sheaves to my father who was building the rick. Unfortunately I must have been a bit over enthusiastic and lost my balance and slipped down between the loaded trailer and the rick, pitchfork in hand. No serious damage done there, only a dent in my ego. I did that job again, but without falling. I didn't do that again!
Sometimes, just before lambing season, the local farmers would get together on their various farms in turn, and try to cut down the number of foxes around. It was the day of the Tredrossel shoot and those not shooting, me included, would act as beaters. We went into the woods to drive any foxes there out to the

men with guns waiting in the fields. We were in the woods opposite Homeleigh when a fox appeared in front of me. It was driven to the hedge where there was one of the farmers with a gun waiting on the other side. Instead of waiting for it to run into the field he fired at it when it was still on the hedge, in the direction of the nearest beater, ME! I don't know if he killed the fox. I didn't care, I was glad he missed me. Dad was close by when this happened and saw it all. A few choice words were said. I think they carried on with that practice over the years but – I didn't do that again.

The next escape I had also involved a shotgun. I was about sixteen then and dad let me use his shotgun to see if I could shoot a few pigeons. One day, not long after I had been using dad's shotgun, I was walking the farm in the late afternoon, looking for pigeons who would be making their way from feeding in the fields to their roosting places in Sheviock woods. Anyway, I was just walking up a bank when I saw a pigeon flying towards me. Gun to shoulder, I fired when it was directly overhead, leaning slightly backwards at the time. As I was slightly off-balance, the kick from the gun, which could be quite fierce, threw me backwards. With gun in hand, one cartridge still live, safety catch off, I ended up at the bottom of the bank. I was still alive to tell the tale, so was the pigeon! After that I still did a lot of shooting, but falling over with a loaded shotgun, no. I didn't do that again.

Well. I survived all those escapades and am now in my eighties. What is all this HEALTH AND SAFETY about? All I will say is "IF, WHEN DOING SOMETHING WHERE YOU HAVE A NARROW ESCAPE FROM A SERIOUS INJURY, DON'T DO THAT AGAIN!!!!"

Changes at the Chapel

Lynn Vickery



The more observant of you may have noticed, from our coffee morning ads. that the name of our Chapel seems to have changed from Crafhole Methodist Chapel, to Lynher

Chapel at Crafhole. This is because, with declining membership, chapels with fewer than 12 members (we now sadly have just 5) are no longer considered to be sustainable as a church. Therefore, for administration purposes, we have now been amalgamated with our good friends at St Germans Chapel (Lynher at St Germans) and, whilst we still do have our own services most of the time, we sometimes share and we now make decisions as one unit. Services continue to be held at 10.30 each Sunday, but not always in Crafhole. The board outside the chapel should indicate where we will be each week.

Our numbers are declining - in line with many similar churches, especially rural ones. However, we like to think that there is still life in our building - it is being used regularly by a small group of Christians who gather on a Tuesday evening for a time of quiet reflection and there is a table tennis table in the school room underneath, which is occasionally used by local enthusiasts. We also have a box in the porch for donations to the food bank, which a member of our congregation takes regularly to the distribution centre in Liskeard - do please help to fill it if you can - or leave your donations in the shop.

One thing has **not changed** - our monthly coffee mornings, held on the **4th Saturday** of every month in the Village Hall from 10-11.30 am. We use the event to raise money for different charities and **every penny**

we raise is sent to the charity we have chosen each time. We have been gaining in popularity and, over the last year we have raised well over £1000. In January, our coffee morning for St Petros (supporting the homeless in Cornwall) raised over £200. In February we supported the Alzheimer's Association- please consult the local notice boards to find out how much we raised. In March, we shall be raising money for Starlight - a charity devoted to brightening the lives of very sick children in long term care in hospitals.

"How do we manage to do this with only 5 members?" I hear you ask. Well, in truth, if it wasn't for a group of wonderful volunteers, who regularly help out when needed, we would have to abandon our efforts.

So, please watch out for the ads and come along to support these monthly events. You will be greeted with warmth and plied with hot drinks and biscuits and have an opportunity to buy raffle tickets, home baked goodies and knick-knacks from the bric-a-brac stall. We no longer charge for entry but ask you to make a donation and also pay what you think is a fair price for any goodies you buy.

We would love it if you told us of any charities - particularly, but not exclusively, local ones- which you would like us to support.

We would love to see you at chapel on a Sunday or at our coffee mornings each month (or both). We shall be holding our Easter Day service at chapel, when the preacher will be Mrs. Grundy and we shall be decorating the cross with flowers - an Easter Sunday tradition.

We may be small in number but we like to think we can still make a difference - changes or not! Please phone Barbara (01503 230326) or Lynn (07528127017) if you need any info.

Film Club

Lynn Vickery

We had a bit of a change to our film club in February because the CFylm organiser was off sick and no films were sent out- unless they had been previously ordered. Having checked with the county and also spoken to the Village Hall committee, we were given permission to hold our own private screening provided we did not charge for the film. We screened Military Wives and those who attended

thoroughly enjoyed it. We held a raffle and sold ice creams and some people even brought nibbles and something to drink - quite a jolly occasion... Please keep an eye on the notice boards for further news of "What's On" - our film evenings are on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 7pm. Please contact Lynn for membership details-07528127017.



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