

SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

This issue comes with the welcome return of some good cheer for the festive season - I must say that's been in short supply in the National and International arena lately. So let's cocoon ourselves in our forgotten corner and let all the madness pass us by.

We will see the Santa bus and the Christmas tree, along with the Angels Festival and the Xmas Finnyfest, the Christmas services in our churches and the children's nativities at school and, of course, the December issue of this newsletter. All returning to give a sense of assurance and continuity. And, the Annual New Years Eve get together at the Memorial Hall invites you all to come along and join us in making the new year great.

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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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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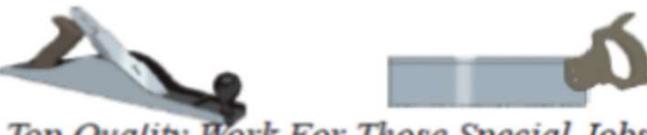
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Latest Scams To Be Aware Of

Fake Catchpa

You've probably been annoyed, as I have, by those 9 square grids asking you to identify bikes, traffic lights or bridges or other such items. These are used to prove you're human and not a computer whilst logging on to websites.

- The fake CAPTCHA scam operates in three deceptively simple steps:
- You are tricked into visiting a compromised website and see what appears to be a normal CAPTCHA.
- After identifying the correct squares in the CAPTCHA, you're prompted to take additional steps.
- The page asks you to perform a series of specific keystrokes, ostensibly to prove you're human.
- If you follow these instructions, you unknowingly download and install malware on your system.
- Here's what you'll see.
- First, you will get a message via email or other means with a link to a fraudulent site. The message may be a fake customer support email or another ruse to catch you off guard. On the fraudulent site, you will be presented with the fake CAPTCHA screen asking you to prove you're human
- After hitting the CAPTCHA confirmation button, you will be asked to press the Windows key and 'R' simultaneously. This opens the Run dialog on Windows systems. This is the time to close the page and put a stop to a potential scam.

Rame Bus Programme

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

Monthly:

Saltash & Kernow	1 st Wednesday	£6
Truro City	2 nd Wednesday	£9
Totnes & Dartington village	3 rd Friday	£8
Tavistock	4 th Friday	£8
6 December	Exeter Christmas Mkt.	£12
18 February	Exeter & Ikea	£13
18 March	Exmouth	£13
20 March	Trago & Liskeard	£8

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I DON'T believe it!

By Grumpy old Git

Aided & abetted by Reggie Shephard.*

What makes diced carrots mathematical? They are a cubed root!*

Are monsters good at maths? Not unless you Count Dracula!

We have lots of scary maths jokes for Halloween - but we're 2² to tell them!

Last night I dreamed I was weightless. It was like an Omg moment.

Parallel lines have so much in common - it's a pity they'll never meet.

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 as we strive 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. During the service, one of our Readers, Margaret Sylvester Thorne gave us a thought provoking talk about the vital role the Food Bank plays in the lives of many of those who share this lovely part of Cornwall with us. We were delighted to once again welcome many pets (all very well behaved dogs this year) and their owners at our Pet Service. Our chosen charity on this occasion was Medical Detection Dogs.

All Souls' Day was marked with a quiet candlelit service of reflection as we took the opportunity

to remember loved ones who have died.

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 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 regular 10am Sunday morning services.

Fiona Harvey : Churchwarden

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



Heritage Gateway at Sheviock Parish Church

Once again, a heartfelt THANK YOU for all your support for our fundraising events this year, which have raised £4,853 this year - with the Angel Festival still to come – all of which is used for the maintenance of the church buildings and church yard. This has already surpassed last year's total of £4554.

We were delighted to welcome both new and long serving volunteers at our recent Volunteers Evening in September, without whom, none of our Heritage Gateway Events would take place, so a very special THANK YOU to everyone who helps us out. If you were unable to attend this evening but feel that you could help us with our events next year, then please do get in touch.

We have just reviewed our annual programme for 2025 and decided to combine all our events – the Heritage Gateway Fundraising Events and St Mary's Community Services into one programme for the year, which is published in this edition of the Newsletter. Our final Heritage Gateway events for 2024 are listed on P5.



**Angel Festival on Saturday 7th December
10 am – 4 pm**

**With "pop up" community choir at 1:30 pm
and Sunday 8th December 11 am – 4 pm**

**With The Nativity Experience between 2
pm and 4pm**

We are delighted to include a new Nativity Experience in our Angel Festival this year which is an interactive workshop for

children, young people and their parents/grandparents/ carers to craft and chat, listen to the story of the Nativity and of course – enjoy a tea-time treat or two.

**Community Café Carols on Christmas Eve at 3pm
With mulled wine and mince pies**

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.

Date	Time	Heritage Gateway Events & Community Services
Saturday 18 January 2025	12:00 – 2:00 pm	Sausage Sizzler
Saturday 1 March 2025	12:00 – 2:00 pm	St Mary's Pancake Feast at Sheviock Memorial Hall
Sunday 20 April 2025 EASTER DAY	06:00 am	Sunrise Service at the Beacon
Saturday 10 May 2024	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	St Mary's May Market
Sunday 8 June 2025	3:00 pm	Teddy Bear's Picnic at Sheviock Memorial Hall
July 2025		St Mary's Summer Concert
Sunday 20 July 2025	3:00 pm	Sea Sunday at Portwrinkle Harbour
Sunday 3 August 2025	3:00 – 5:00 pm	Sunday Afternoon Teas with local musicians
Sunday 17 August 2025	3:00 – 5:00 pm	Sunday Afternoon Teas with local musicians
Sunday 31 August 2025	3:00 – 5:00 pm	Sunday Afternoon Teas with local musicians
Sunday 14 September 2025	5:00 pm	Harvest Thanksgiving & Supper
Saturday 27 September 2025	7:00 – 10:00 pm	Cheese and Cheers Evening
Sunday 5 October 2025	3:00 pm	Pet Service
Saturday 18 October 2025	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Annual Heritage Day
Sunday 2 November 2025	4:00 pm	All Souls & Remembering Service
Tuesday 11 November 2025	10:45 am	Armistice Day Service
Saturday 22 November 2025	12:00 am – 2:00 pm	Winter Warmer Lunch
Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 December 2025	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Crib Festival
Wednesday 24 December 2025	3:00 pm	Community Café Carols

As I'm sure you will have noticed, we have been having work done throughout the parish as part of our improvement scheme.

The removal of the cushions from the road have been welcomed by many, as their properties are saved from the harmful effects of traffic either passing over the bumps, or demolishing walls in trying to avoid them.

Despite the works being planned during long and costly feasibility studies, work done on the extension of the parking area opposite the Finnygook had to be covered over after SWW decided that a water pipe under the surface - a pipe that crosses the road - was not deep enough below the surface to park on.

Portwrinkle Winter Car Parking

This year we are again offering parishioners the opportunity to purchase a Resident's Winter Ticket. This will cost the princely sum of £5 and will give you parking till March. If you only park occasionally then it's 10p for an hour, or 50p for the day.

May 1st next year sees local elections taking place. This includes the parish council. Maybe you would be interested in standing for this rewarding position. More details in the March issue. Or visit

<https://www.electoralcommission.org> for more details.

At the time of writing, negotiations with SWW continue in an effort to sort the problem.

We have stressed to Cormac the necessity of these parking areas before instating the yellow lines toward the mini roundabout.

Revised signage on the eastbound A374 at Polscoe directing Millbrook traffic through Antony rather than through Crafhole is partially complete. However, the signs still send Mnt. Edgecumbe traffic through Crafhole - even though that goes through Millbrook as well.

Yet another vehicle through the fence at the Polscoe junction. We are investigating ways to improve the safety of this location.

So, whilst all these works were going on, mayhem was compounded by the inability of anyone to properly divert traffic. So many times we, as a council, have requested more practical diversion systems, and the last occasion they actually succeeded. But this time we saw eastbound traffic from Polbathic diverted at Polscoe from coming up to West Crafhole and Portwrinkle ; instead having to travel along the A374 to Antony, only to arrive at the east end of Crafhole and find no way through to their destination.

Then, all the contractors disappeared leaving behind only the diversion and road closed signs in place.

We can only apologise for all the disruption to business and life caused.

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

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Council News

The parish council has been waiting for a meeting regarding the notification from St Mary's church PCC of the closure to burials in the churchyard. The church is considering its stance on a proposal from Cornwall Council.

Steve Medway

Film Club

Lynn Vickery

We have had a really lovely year and the film club has gone from strength to strength. We now have over 50 members and we have enjoyed many great films over that time :- The Great Escaper; The Devil Wears Prada; Wicked Little Letters; Allelujah and the last one in November, an amusing and heartwarming **Greenfingers** ... to name but a few.

To round off the year, we are showing **Elvis** in December, which enjoyed wonderful reviews and sell-out attendances when it first came out. If you are not a member and would like to see it, please get in touch with me. It will only cost you £6 for your first visit (this is your membership fee) and then each subsequent visit will be £4. *Unfortunately, as we go to print, I cannot confirm the date for Elvis, so keep your eyes open when the advert goes on the notice boards or contact me.* The village hall committee has recently installed a new screen in the main hall, which, although we haven't needed to use it yet, means that, should we have a higher than normal attendance, we can use it, instead of our usual venue in the Kennedy Room. Our screenings are normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month. We are looking forward to another year of great films - not yet booked, but suggestions are:- Slumdog Millionaire; The Quiet Girl; The Good Liar; The French Connection; Jumping Jack Flash - to name but a few. So, please get in touch if you would like to join and, meanwhile, I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and every good wish for the New Year.

Lynn -07528 127017

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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,

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Santa's bus is returning for 2024 and the preparations are already underway.

He will be visiting Crafhole on Thursday 12th December arriving at 17:45 in the evening and staying for around 10 minutes.

Mr and Mrs Cridland are very kindly donating the Parish Christmas tree this year. **Tom Cox** has volunteered to prepare and install it at the cross, where it has become a regular festive fixture. **Ideal Homes** have generously sponsored the lights and batteries to complete the winter wonder. Thanks to **Warren** and all concerned.

You are welcome to add decorations to the tree.

Gosh - I can't believe how quickly this year has flown by - must be my age ... Anyway, we're still here and that's good news

Sadly, we have lost a few of our stalwart supporters this year -we miss them and wish their loved ones well.



I hope you have all noticed how much brighter our shop front looks now - not least because of the lovely plants that our treasurer, Rosalie has been continually updating for the last few months as the season has been changing. Our big boards and chalk boards have been updated too, so hopefully we will be more easily noticed by drivers passing through the village.

Another change is that, due to the closure of Dashers, we are now getting our pasties from **The Cornish Pod in Millbrook**. We would like to thank Dashers for their loyal support over many years.

As always, your support is vital to the shop's survival, so please do pop in when you get the chance – we think you will be pleasantly surprised with our range of goods and competitive prices.

Normal Shop Opening Times

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Sunday 9am – 11am
Bank Holidays – see notices

We have recently re-introduced a delivery service for anyone within the parish who is physically unable to get to us. Please contact either Lynn 07528127017 or Ellen 07501 782830. Cash (on delivery) payments only please.

Now, for an update on Festive Seasonal Products ...

Already on the shelf are Blakes irresistible Mince Pies and by the time you receive this there will be plenty more items – stollen bites, Christmas chocolates, St Eval Tea Lights, fairy lights, one or two Cornish cheeses and, wherever possible, other Cornish products. We cannot stock other luxury dairy items such as brandy cream, extra cream, more cheeses etc., but we are able to order items for you – normally for next day delivery. To ensure you receive them, be sure to order early.



Christmas & New Year Opening times

Christmas Eve 9-11

Christmas Day ...Closed

Boxing Day 9-11

Friday 27th Dec - Monday 30th
Dec - Normal opening times

Tuesday 31st Dec 9-11

Wed 1st Jan 2025 9-11

Thursday 2nd Jan - Back to
normal - Happy NY

We hope to see you very soon and wish you all the compliments of the season.

Lynn Vickery

– on behalf of the shop directors.

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New Years Eve at the Memorial Hall

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Joy Kentisbeer 18th May 1935 - 6th September 2024 Alison Fox

Joy was born on 18th May 1935 at home in Plymouth to Gladys and William (Jack) Dempsey. She was named "Joy" as they were overjoyed when she was born. Jack, a retired sergeant in the Royal Marines, joined the Royal Marine police the year Joy was born. Subsequently they moved around the country at regular intervals throughout her childhood.

Just before the Second World War Jack was promoted to Sergeant in the Marine Police and posted to the Royal Naval College in Greenwich. Once the war started their air raid shelter was in the crypts of the college. One night when the sirens went off Gladys could not find Joy. She asked a policeman on duty if he had seen her, to which he replied that she had dashed over to the crypt like a greyhound with no shoes on her feet. Joy had a great sense of self-preservation at a young age. Later they were evacuated to the New Forest, which gave her some of her happiest childhood memories.

In early 1946, Jack was posted to Risley in Lancashire, where the family spent ten years. Joy left school at 15 with her General Certificate on a Friday afternoon, and started work on the Monday morning as a clerical officer for the MOD. In the late fifties, the family moved back to Plymouth and Joy got a transfer to the MOD in Plymouth. It was here that she met John, who she married in 1960. She had previously regularly spoken to him on the telephone as part of her job back in Risley, an early Gavin & Stacey!

Joy first moved to Crafhole as a new bride in June 1960. John's extended family had moved to Crafhole from Torpoint during WW2 and purchased two properties, to escape the bombings on the dockyard. She and John first resided at 1 The Terrace, where they welcomed their first child Alison. Later they moved into Lynher House and welcomed their son Mark.

In the early seventies Joy was approached by the then Headmaster of Antony School to see if she would like a part time job helping the reception

teacher with the "rising fives". She accepted and this was the start of a long association as a teaching assistant with Antony School until she retired in the late 90's. There will be many former pupils with children of their own now who will remember her.

In the late 80's Joy and John joined Torpoint and District Twinning Association, and Joy held various committee roles over the years. Even after she gave up membership, she loved to hear how the trips to Benodet went, and had several visits from French twidders when it was Torpoint's turn to host.

One of Joy's biggest passions was her garden, camellias specifically, and gardening in general. She was a member of "Friends of Mount Edgumbe Country Park". She held various committee roles within that organisation too, including Chair of the events subcommittee. In 1989, the radio 4 programme "Gardener's Question Time" came to Mount Edgumbe and Joy submitted a question to the panel.

Joy was a very clever woman who had a thirst for knowledge. As well as her part time job at Antony School, she became a guide at Antony House and was very proud of the day she met Princess Diana there. She loved languages, taking both French and Italian lessons, and art and history. She had an artistic side and tried her hand at oil painting. She also took evening classes in both pottery and jewellery making.

Joy lived in Crafhole for 64 years and during that time enjoyed village life. She was a member of the Mother's Union and did the church flowers. During the seventies when the village was raising money to build the Memorial Hall, Joy would play her guitar and sing at folk evenings held in a barn on George's Lane. Joy also belonged to several clubs, including the Gardening Club and was a volunteer in the shop when it first started as a community led shop. Over the years she also entered exhibits in the summer Flower Show. Her last prize was a third for a photograph in the "Yum Yum" section at the 2023 show.

Continued.....

(Cont.) Joy was also a long-time member of Crafthole WI, and over the years served on the committee as both Secretary and President. One year she represented a group of local WI's when the annual meeting was at the Royal Albert Hall in London. She spoke out against the resolution that strong measures be taken to restrict the amount of smoking in public places and on television in order that people be discouraged from smoking. Being a smoker herself at the time she probably felt quite passionate about it, however the resolution was passed. She was so proud when in the WI's centenary year in 2015 she was invited to the WI Centenary Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, hosted by the then Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall. She sadly had to give up her WI membership in later years as she was too frail to make the meetings, but she was kept up to date with what

was happening. Joy also loved creative writing and wrote several poems, gardening notes, and musings on her Cornish life. In 2009, she helped proof read the book "Shevioc, History of a Coastal Manor and Parish". She was invited to Antony House by Sir Richard and Lady Mary Carew Pole to celebrate the publication of the book.

On 12th June, Joy was admitted to Derriford Hospital and spent most of the summer either there or in Liskeard Community Hospital. She kept saying that she didn't know she was ill until she was taken off in an ambulance. There were times when it looked like she would be able to come home. Sadly, though, on 6th September she passed away peacefully surrounded by her family.

Rainbows

Revd. Stuart Reed

Happy New Year!

This is my first time writing to you, I arrived in Cornwall from the West Midlands in August and began my work in the newly formed South East Cornwall Methodist Circuit on the 1st September. Methodist ministry is, and has always been, itinerant, although I am pleased that it is not as itinerant as it once was, when Ministers moved every three months!!! Moving every five years is more than enough for me.

As we come to the beginning of a new year many of us will look forward, possibly with soon to be broken resolutions, and wonder what the year ahead will bring. We may be excited about what lies ahead, or the future may be less certain, and we begin 2025 with a great deal of trepidation.

For the Methodist Church this is 'Covenant Season' and for members of the Methodist Church all over the world it is a time when we stop and consider our covenantal relationship with God, and in our annual covenant service we think about this relationship and renew our covenant promise. The Methodist Covenant Service places an emphasis on God's readiness to enfold us in generous love, a love that is not dependant on us deserving or earning it, an unconditional love.

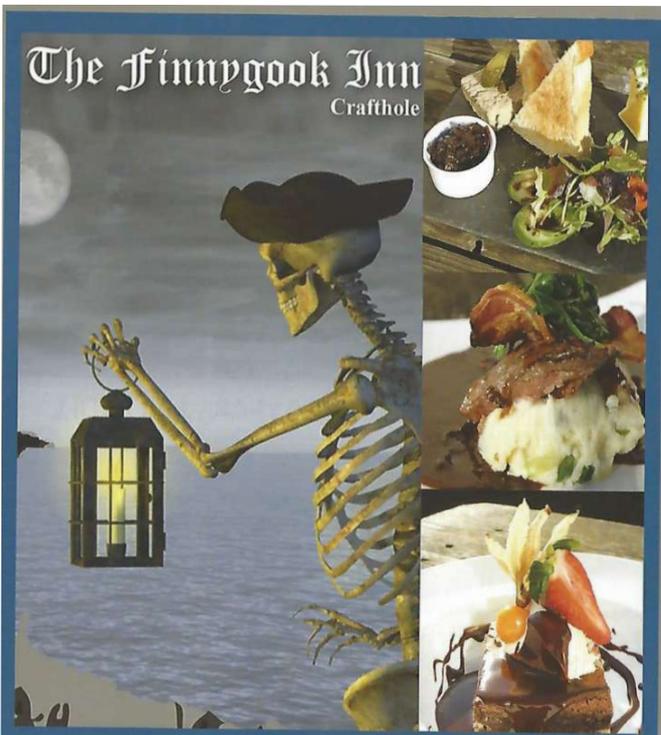
The Rainbow was Gods earliest covenant with humanity, and as we read through the scriptures, we see that time and time again it is humanity that breaks the covenant, and not God, and that each time God renews the covenant. In our service we recognise that we have fallen short, so we ask for forgiveness and for renewal, and we once again pledge ourselves to God.

In a world that is becoming increasingly uncertain, where once seemingly reliable institutions are letting us down, there is a peace in knowing that we are loved by an unchanging God and that despite our best efforts to mess things up at every opportunity God still loves us unconditionally and has never broken his promise to us.

I pray that each one of you will find a space for peace and rest during the opening of this new year, and that as you face the joys and tribulations of 2025 you will know that God loves you, and that if you ever need me then please get in touch. With every blessing
Revd. Stuart Reed

Methodist Minister for Crafthole & St Germans

Also for Riverside United Church Looe, Polperro, Pelynt, Bealbury, Blunts & St Ive



The Finnygook Inn
Crafthole

Saturday 14th December
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Father Christmas

Cider Bar - Bands - etc

Xmas menu available 1st - 23rd Dec

New Years Eve 9pm: Girl Friday

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IMPROVED LOCAL BUS SERVICE– I believe that local bus users are happy with the low cost improvements made to our local bus service in the current new timetable that commenced on the 2nd September. I understand that they are particularly pleased that all of the 70B Bus services now run on Saturdays. The addition of the 15.00 ex Royal Parade – Cremyll Bus as a 70B has also been welcomed. For information all 70B Buses run via Sheviock & Crafhole whereas 70 & 70A Buses after leaving Antony run direct to Tregantle via Antony Hill.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENT ? At our last RPPUG meeting on the 31st October we asked for the 12.00 No.70 Bus ex Royal Parade – Cremyll Bus to become a 70B and run via Crafhole and Sheviock instead of the 13.00 ex R.P. Bus. Although this will not involve any additional cost, it will in effect give the two villages an additional bus service from Plymouth & Torpoint. Currently there is a duplication of services with the 13.00 ex R.P.70B Bus departing Torpoint Ferry at 13.39 & the 13.45 No. 75 Torpoint – Liskeard Bus just 6 minutes later, making little sense, as there is a 2 hour gap without a bus before and after these times.

If implemented there would in future be a 70 B departing Torpoint Ferry at 12.39 & the No.75 at 13.45 No objections were raised at the meeting by Go S.W. Bus or Cornwall Council so hopefully this proposal will be implemented in due course. Frequency & reliability are we think the two most important factors in endeavouring to get more people to use our local bus service and leave their car at home.

CALLYWITH COLLEGE, BODMIN- GCB No.172 BUS SERVICE. - I have mentioned this bus service on previous occasions, but as its route has been changed since September, we would again make it clear that the general public can use this service, that operates only on Mondays to Fridays during the College Term time. I believe some local bus users have found it useful as it arrives Liskeard 87 mins earlier than the first No.75 and departs Liskeard 20 minutes later than the last no.75.

SOME OUTWARD TIMES – Torpoint Ferry Depart 07.45, Crafhole K. F. Bus Shelter 08.01, Polbathic 08.05, Kernow Mill, 08.10, Liskeard Morrisons 08.18, Liskeard P.O 08.27, Callywith Coll. Arr.08.57.

RETURN TIMES – Callywith College Depart 16.40, Liskeard Lloyds Bank, 17.08, Liskeard Morrisons 17.14, Kernow Mill 17.22, Polbathic 17.25, Crafhole opposite K.F. Bus Shelter 17.29. Torpoint Ferry 17.46.

PROPOSAL TO OPERATE THE NO.75 LISKEARD – TORPOINT BUS SERVICE AS A THROUGH SERVICE

TO & FROM PLYMOUTH remains our RPPTUG Flagship Proposal and a detailed submission was given to Cornwall Council & Go S.W. Bus at our last meeting. We will endeavour to get backing for the proposal, together with the reinstatement of the late night 22.55 ex Royal Parade Bus from HMS Raleigh to the Rame Peninsula & the installation of RTPI at locations that still do not have such real time information.

IMPORTANT LATE NEWS -RE £1 BILLION GOVERNMENT FUNDING BOOST FOR IMPROVING BUS SERVICES ACROSS ENGLAND - just announced prior to submitting this article, and I have heard that Cornwall Council PTA is to receive ten and a half million pounds as their allocation. This therefore has the potential to be very good news for local bus users. You can rest assured that we will be pressing for some of the money to be spent on the proposals & suggestions mentioned above that have already been put forward to Cornwall Council & Go S.W. Bus, so we will be looking for high level support to help us achieve this.

NEW ZERO EMISSION DOUBLE DECKER BUSES UPDATE – It is anticipated that the new buses that cost £600,000 per bus could be operative in the Rame Peninsula by July 2025. Six of the 50 buses that will be based at Milehouse will be allocated to our 70/70A/70B Bus Routes.

NATIONAL EXPRESS COACHES – that continue to call at Liskeard, Tideford & Landrake. (Updated November 2024)
TIMES FROM TIDEFORD - 00.48 to BIRMINGHAM, 0805 to HEATHROW AIRPORT & LONDON VICTORIA, 10.55 to BIRMINGHAM, 14.35 to HEATHROW AIRPORT & LONDON VICTORIA, 23.48 to HEATHROW AIRPORT & LONDON VICTORIA, Coaches depart Liskeard Lloyds Bank 10 minutes earlier & Landrake 3 minutes later than times shown. RETURN COACH SERVICES FROM LONDON VICTORIA depart at 08.30, 14.00 & 22.30. & FROM BIRMINGHAM at 11.00 & 21.00 Availability of long distance coach travel is very important for those who find Rail Travel too expensive..

Wishing friends near and far a very festive Christmas and good health in the New Year



In October we held another successful Craft Fair with over 30 stalls attending over the 2 days. I am always in awe of the talents and skills the crafters all have and I know many of you were able to buy early for Christmas gifts. Many thanks to Ideal Homes, Diva Cleaning and Cornish Pod for prize donations towards the raffle. It has been a busy couple months with improvements to the infrastructure of the hall – the new projector has been fitted in the main hall and the hearing loop amplifier replaced. The paving slabs around the outside of the hall have now been replaced with a screed surface and we are purchasing a mobility aid for easier access through the Kennedy room door. The committee are looking for historic pictures of by gone days within the parish. We are able to copy any pictures you have and we will then frame them to make a memory wall in the lounge room for all to see. If you are able to help us with this venture please do get in touch. If you are looking for a New Year Resolution why not join one of the many clubs on offer at the hall, there is bad-

minton, yoga, keep fit, yin yoga, short tennis, bowls, pre-school, gardening club, pilates, whist club, or snooker to increase your families social enjoyment. Contact numbers for all these

clubs are available in this newsletter or on the board in the foyer of the hall.

The hall is also available for hire for all your family functions – weddings, birthday parties, fundraisers, wakes, family get togethers. Please contact Warren on 07990 518219 for further information.

Dates to add to your diary for 2025 –
Summer Event – Sunday 13th July
Flower Show 9th August
Craft Fair 11th & 12th October

Enjoy the festive season, eat, drink and be merry but please always take care

Kind regards
Paula

Please see below for hall group contact numbers.

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

Keep fit gently – Thursday afternoons

Barbara 01503 230326

Short tennis – Thursday evenings

Mike 01503 230022

Yin Yoga - Monday evenings

Donna 07814 866414

Whist

Viv 07989 677203



Crafthole Methodist Church

The chapel is going through many changes. The circuit has been made much larger and we will be welcoming a new minister in September, Rev Reed, who joined us on the first Sunday in September.

In **September** we visited the beautiful gardens at The Garden House at Buckland Monachorum.

Nestled on the edge of Dartmoor, the 10 acre garden has evolved over 70 years. It includes great drifts of cottage garden favourites, terraces, formal long borders, a quarry garden, 16th century ruins, far reaching views over wildflower meadows and the late Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee Arboretum which contains over 100 specimen trees as well as a man made lake.

In **October**, Wayne Marshall, New Partnerships Lead for St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth gave a brilliant talk about the Open Gardens Scheme. As an independent local charity receiving limited government funding, St Luke's relies heavily on the support of the community it serves. Thanks to their generous donors, fundraising and volunteers, their teams provide high-calibre, compassionate care for patients and support for their families at home, at Derriford and at Turnchapel. Together over the 14 years the scheme has been running, £540,000 has been raised for St Luke's patient care. Brochures for 2025 will be distributed next February and the gardens are always a delight to visit. As a thank you to Wayne, who'd declined a speaker's fee, the club donated the proceeds of the evening towards the charity's funds.

November 's meeting was held at the hall . We had a most entertaining and informative presentation by Mel Parry representing the Annual Flower and Vegetable show. Mel described how these events, once commonplace around the country, had been severely curtailed since the covid pandemic. Ours is one of the few to survive and thrive, the story of which was told on the local BBC news. *See page 18 for more details*

Coming Up:

December 28 - Trip to The Eden Project to see the spectacular Christmas Decorations

January - Annual New Year Lunch - TBC

Annual General Meeting - Monday 17 February at 7pm

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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Music Jam Night Friday 20TH December 2024

Terry Lightley

I am hosting an evening of music at Crafhole Village hall to celebrate my 80th Birthday, which will be open to anyone who wants to come along and join in the fun. Doors open from 7.00pm. There will be the usual Friday Night Boy's mayhem along with appearances from band members past and present and any other of my friends and family who fancy jamming in. There will be no charge for the entertainment on offer.

Instead it will be a fundraising night for St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth, which is a charity dear to the hearts of my wife, Carole and I.

You can chuck a few coins in the bucket or, if you prefer, I have created a Just Giving page which you can find on their website under 'Terry's music fundraiser for St Luke's Hospice Plymouth.' I am not providing any food or drink so bring your own along on the night. Instead I am going

to donate an equivalent amount to the fund along with any birthday money in lieu of presents.

I know that the Friday before Christmas is a busy time for everyone so you may have other plans but if you can, feel free to pop in and out as it suits. It would be great to see as many people as possible, even if only briefly. Having moved to Crafhole in 2010 I was fortunate to join the band shortly afterwards and to have had many wonderful times playing with them over the years. We are all getting a bit long in the tooth now and unable to perform as we used to but I want to have at least one more night to experience the sheer joy of entertaining the wonderful people of SheviocK Parish and the surrounding area.

Please come along and help us to dance and laugh the night away!

Growing Up On a Farm in SheviocK Parish Pt 2

Chris Hoskin

Continued from last issue

My next little escapade was on the farm at hay harvest time. Back in those old days, as they call them, there were no new fangled things like balers, all the hay had to be harvested loose and built into ricks at the side of the field. Firstly, the hay was raked up into piles using an implement pulled by a tractor, or horse. Getting the loose hay to the site of the rick was done using a hay sweep. This consisted of an implement with a lot of wooden spikes on it, like a giant wooden comb. This was attached to the front of a tractor and pushed along the ground, gathering the piles of hay as it went. Me, being me, decided it would be fun to hide in one of these piles of hay when nobody was looking. Unfortunately for me, the pile I was in was the next one to be swept up. Before I knew what was happening, my hiding place was being pushed along. I shouted, and my Uncle, dad's brother Glen, who was driving the tractor stopped and ran to see if I was alright. I was in a better state of mind then he was. Luckily, I was near the top of the pile of hay, well above prongs of the sweep, otherwise I could have had two broken ankles, or worse. I didn't do that again!

More trouble at Tredrossel, but not linked to the farm. Some of the local children were brought home

from school in a taxi, belonging to Foster's Garage at Polbathic. The driver was usually my Uncle, mum's brother John. We were living at Homeleigh at the time, and, as mentioned earlier, mum was sometimes helping out in the farmhouse up the road at Tredrossel. My uncle dropped me off and waited for me to find out if mum was at home. She wasn't, so he told me to jump in and he would take me up the road. I thought it would be fun to ride up the short distance to the farmhouse standing on the running board. (Remember what they were?). He shouldn't have let me do that! As he slowed down by the gate I did a stupid thing. I thought it would be fun to jump off while the taxi was still moving, albeit quite slowly and run along beside it. As my feet touched the road I must have tripped and as the taxi was still moving forward, so did I. Right into a pile of gravel outside the gate. Short trousers-sharp gravel- blood all over the place. I imagine choice words were said to my Uncle. Mum cleaned my wounds and bandaged my knees. I think I should really have had a couple of stitches as I still have some strange looking scars on my knees after all this time. I didn't do that again!

Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable Show 2025

Thanks again to all who entered and attended the Shevioc Flower & Vegetable Show in August and made it such a success - despite the challenging weather for growers this year!

Some of you may have noticed that we had a photographer with us on the day, who'd very kindly volunteered to capture the event for us. Through his sterling efforts and contacts we made it BIG and were featured on the Cornwall section of the BBC website, woo hoo! The headline was 'Village shows are declining, but this one is thriving', and there are plenty of great pics to marvel at! You should still be able to have a look by either typing part of that headline into the BBC website's search box or the following into your search engine:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cm23dxxm78po>

Looking ahead, there's already a date for your diaries - next year's show will be held on Saturday 9th August. We may of course be inundated now that we're a national sensation but - just in case - please plan to have a go and enter, or come along to see the spectacle!

The team is still beavering away on the full schedule, but to whet your whistles and give you something to

work on of a dark and dingy winter's evening, here are some classes for you to be having a go at:

PHOTOGRAPHY

- STILL LIFE: Vegetables or Fruit
- I LOVE CORNWALL!
- WINDOWS AND/OR DOORS
- ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL
- PATTERNS

HANDICRAFTS

- ANY KNITTED, CROCHETED OR HAND SEWN ITEM
- AN INSECT HOTEL
- AN UPCYCLED ITEM
- DOOR WREATH: Any Material
- HANDMADE GREETINGS CARD: Any Medium

Hopefully there's something here for everybody, and don't forget that any age or ability can enter. So whether you're clicking your cameras or clicking your needles we hope that you have a very inspired autumn/winter, and look forward to seeing your creations in the heady and hot days of summer (maybe)!

Flower & Vegetable Show Committee

Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable Show - A Little History

Mel Parry

Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable Show (to give it its full title) is one of the biggest annual events in our parish. People work and plan for it for the whole year.

It was started in 1941 by the then newly formed Women's Institute and to the best of our knowledge has been held every year since, except obviously it wasn't able to be held in 2020 and 2021 but even then we tried to keep something of the show going and had the gardens competition.

After the pandemic the decision was made to start our show up again whilst so many in other areas haven't done including not only villages but larger communities also e.g Saltash. The yearly number of entries hasn't as yet reached pre covid levels but are slowly increasing year on year.

This year a documentary photographer – Jim Grover – who has family links locally - approached us and asked if he could photograph our event on the

day. Jim Grover is a social-documentary photographer. His particular passion is using images to tell stories...especially to celebrate daily life, people, local communities and traditions...and to make the unseen seen.

Jim's images have appeared in numerous publications and online including The Times; The Sunday Times; The Observer; the BBC (TV, on-line, radio); The Guardian; The Daily Telegraph; Time Out; and many others. So to have our Show recorded in this way is a real honour.

The total number of classes in this year's show was 85 with Vegetables, flowers, fruit, cookery, preserves, Art, handicraft, photography and a garden competition.

The Show is an event for the whole of our community, one we are very proud of and, in a time when so many are disappearing, a tradition that is important to preserve.



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