

SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

This last couple of months I've had cause to engage the services of a number of regular advertisers in this newsletter. I'd like to record the excellent service received at a hectic time for the family from Deanne Hancock, Premier Property Agent; David Fowell and his wonderful team at PFS Funeral Services and the fantastic team at the Finnygook Inn for catering for us at short notice; was appreciated by all. Also thanks to all for your kind messages.

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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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Distribution date around March 1st will require material to be received by copy date. 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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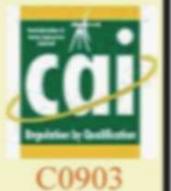
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Crafhole Methodist Church

Bible Study on Thursday at Cross Park
Crafhole on Thursday afternoons starting
at 2.30pm

Badminton on Wednesday evening for all
ages.

Sessions for Children from 7 Years upwards
Beginners 6 – 6.30 pm
Children from 7 upwards 6.30 to 7.30pm
Adults 7.30 pm onwards

All resuming on 6th September .

Crafhole Methodist Chapel

Barbara Snowling 01503 230326

St Marys Fund Raising Programme

Jenny Bushrod

Saturday
13 January 2024 12:00 – 2:00 pm **Sausage
Sizzler**

Wrap up warm and come and enjoy a
midwinter feast of sausages, burgers and
hot chocolate.

Saturday
10 February 2024 12:00 – 2:00 pm
St Mary's Pancake Feast

Sweet & savoury pancakes, stalls & raffle at
Sheviok Memorial Hall

Saturday
20 April 2024 11:00 am – 2:00 pm **A
Celebration of St George**

A lunch and entertainment based on
traditional celebrations for St George's Day
on 23 April

I DON'T believe it! By Grumpy old Git

Proposed notice for the Portwrinkle toilets.

To the person who is so hard up they have to knock the light fitting off the wall to nick the batteries out of it - Please just contact the Parish Chairman and you will be provided with the AA batteries free of charge - It will be cheaper than having to replace the complete light fitting you destroy for the sake of £1.15p.

Proposed notice for the layby on Polscoe Hill

To the person who insists on chucking your empty burger wrapping and drink cans in the hedge - Please take your litter home with you - you managed to bring it all the way over from Plymouth -you can manage to take it home, or, you'll find a litter bin just up the road by the bus stop, if you're headed down the hill, there's a bin at the next crossroads.

That's got that off my chest.....

Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable Show 2023

The Crafthole Flower and Vegetable show will be held next year on Saturday 10th August 2024.

As is customary we have made a start on the schedule and given below are the classes for Handicraft and Photography.

Handicraft

Any knitted item/Crocheted item

A soft toy (any medium)

Dream catcher/wind chime

Door stop (any medium)

Any hat or scarf

Lampshade

Upcycled item

For children only :

any clay or plasticine model

Photography

LOL(laugh out loud)

A view from the top

Life's a beach

Nature in Cornwall

Working vehicles

The garden competition will be held in the early part of July 2024. Would there be much interest if an area of wildflowers is included next year?

Gill Kennedy Secretary email
gillk1066@btinternet.com

Gill Kennedy and Andrea Evans Flower Show
committee Members
email gillk1066@btinternet.com

Community Beach Clean

Melissa Purchall

After a break for the summer months we re-started the monthly Community Beach Cleans in September. We welcomed quite a few new beach cleaners to the team - thank you.

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

There are so many things happening in December so we won't have a beach clean in the run-up to Christmas. In the new year we will hold beach cleans on Saturdays 20th January and 17th February, both at 10-11.30am.

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

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

Since writing the above, I have decided it would be wise to step back, temporarily, from organising the community beach cleans. A couple of long-term, ongoing medical conditions are increasingly taking up more of my time. To be able to concentrate on the essentials-family, home, work, friends - I will be stepping back a little from a few activities in order to combat these conditions. If anyone would like to be responsible for beach cleans while I take a break please let me know. Everything is established so it's not a lot to do on an ongoing basis.

Melissa (Purchall)



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Just Park

We have been investigating ways of providing a cash free means of buying parking tickets for Portwrinkle car park. One of the barriers was the lack of mobile phone signal at the site; whilst sufficiently strong to carry mobile 'phone signals, it

wasn't reliable enough for the data transmission required.

Nancy has now completed negotiations with Cornwall Council and we're all set to go.. You will need a mobile phone, on a network with a good signal in Portwrinkle. Full instructions are displayed adjacent to the pay machine as seen here.



Parish Autumn Clean

Thanks to all who got involved this time round, much appreciated by all.

Winter Parking Permit

I'm sure you'll be delighted to learn that the Resident's winter

car park permit is again available for the princely sum of £5. Contact Nancy.

Beware of QR Codes

Evidently scammers are covering QR codes with their own so when you think you're downloading info, you're being scammed. Check before scanning!

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

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

Sheviock Parish Council is looking for a self-employed cleaner(s), to provide relief cover to clean the Seafront Public Toilets.

This would be on an ad hoc basis, should the existing cleaning staff be unable to attend/or fall ill/ unable to cover holidays.

Work would be subject to your availability when it is offered, advance notice of work would be given whenever possible.

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

Sheviock Parish Council

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Council News

The parish council has been considering our position on the notification from St Mary's church PCC advice of the closure to burials in the churchyard. Historically when this occurs responsibility passes automatically to the Parish council who then would pass on that responsibility to the County Council.

We had a second meeting, online this time, where the following was agreed:

- Jon Mitchell shares the results from the survey undertaken.
- Jenny Bushrod shares the PCC's current survey/costings.
- Rebecca Mabelle and Jon Mitchell draw up a timeline demonstrating what steps are needed and when, on a non-prejudicial basis.
- Clarity needed regarding retrospective damage issues/liability and if there would be a potential insurance claim from the neighbour's own assessors and insurance engineers.
- SPC Clerk to arrange a virtual follow up meeting in 3 months' time, although events may move more quickly between Cornwall Council and the Diocese.
- Closure and transferral of maintenance remains on hold, whilst all parties can work together to find a solution.
- All are included in all agreements.

Steve Medway

Rame Bus Programme

The committee have been busy devising next year's programme. Here are the highlights covered by this issue of the newsletter.

Monthly:

Saltash & Kernow	1 st Wednesday
Truro City	2 nd Wednesday
Liskeard & Trago	3 rd Wednesday
Totnes & Dartington village	3 rd Friday
Tavistock	4 th Friday

8 Dec	Exeter Christmas Market
16 Jan	Newton Abbot Trago Mills
20 Feb	Exeter City
5 Mar	Topsham
19 Mar	Buckfastleigh and Ashburton
5 April	A-La-Ronde Exmouth
23 Apr	Discovering Dartmoor

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Film Club

Lynn Vickery

Well, it has been a good year for us - lots of really good films and a healthy membership and attendances as well. We now have over 50 members and, with this in mind, the village hall committee have kindly said they would provide screening equipment for the main hall - so that, should a larger than average attendance occur, we could comfortably accommodate everyone. At present, we regularly get between 15 and 20, but we have had one or two near capacity screenings.

Our December film will be held on Sat Dec 16th at 7pm. at the Memorial Hall in Craffhole. We shall be screening "Book Club" which is a highly entertaining film starring Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen and Mary Steenburgen, to name but 4 of a star studded cast. Briefly:- four friends lives are turned upside down after reading "Four Shades of Grey". I haven't seen it, but I have seen and thoroughly enjoyed the sequel "Book Club - the Next

Chapter "so I'm really looking forward to this one and hoping to get it for next spring if it's been released. So, if you're a member, you know the routine. If you are not, but would like to join then here are the details. Membership will cost you £6 in your first visit. Thereafter, each show will cost you £3. Membership means you can then visit any CFylm group in Cornwall - there are three others on the Rame Peninsula.

In order to keep tabs on possible attendance, I do ask that you inform me of your intention to come by 'phone or email, so that, should it happen that we may be over capacity, I can offer a Sunday screening as well.

So, I look forward to seeing some of you at our next meeting and hope you all enjoy the coming festive season.

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In September we had a wonderful trip to Bicton Park Botanical Gardens. Over 64 acres to explore. Spanning nearly 300 years of gardening history, the park is home to many rare and beautiful species collected from around the world. Highlights included the Italian Garden, the Bicton Woodland Railway and the amazing Countryside Museum containing a huge collection of bygone days, including a seeding machine built by William Brenton of Polbathic. It was a very hot glorious summers day enjoyed by all.



In October we welcomed Saul Walker to give a fascinating talk on the Gardens and Plants of Madeira. Given the subtropical climate Madeira's parks and gardens boast a surprising lively and diverse flora with flowers, plants and trees from all over the world. Looking forward to visiting next year.

Coming up

December - Christmas Illuminations - TB confirmed

January - New Year Lunch - TB confirmed

19 February - AGM

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
Enquiries - Dee Medway (Secretary)
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Mike was born in Farnborough but moved to Cardiff as a young child, before his brother Gareth was born. His early childhood was spent on a council estate which backed on to open fields and farms where he helped out with haymaking and looking after the farm animals. His paternal grandparents lived in Splott on the other side of Cardiff. Behind their house was the main railway line. Watching the steam and diesel trains became a lifetime love of all things to do with railways.

His mum Dorothy, well known to many of you, was a swimming instructor and Mike went with her regularly to the local baths. He became a proficient swimmer and was Welsh junior freestyle champion at 13. However, shortly after this success the family moved to Timperley in Cheshire. This was a difficult transition for Mike who went from swimming star in Cardiff to small fry at Altrincham Grammar School. He overcame this by joining the scouts which enabled him to rebuild his confidence and flourish. He became a Queen Scout and was proud to receive his award from the Queen. During his time at Altrincham Grammar Mike also became more interested in music and started to learn the piano and teach himself to play guitar.

When he was 18 he was badly burnt in a chip pan fire at home. He spent several months of painful skin grafts in Wytheshawe Burns unit.

Eventually he went to college to study Telecommunications engineering. At college he met John Gill and his Sri Lankan friend Lal DeMel and formed The Dekkers. They were later joined by Greg McGirr and formed a folk rock band called Tempori Lull. The band were well known in the budding folk scene in Manchester at the time and they performed with many well known bands of the time such as Freddie and the Dreamers and The Hollies as well as being interviewed by Radio Manchester. At roughly the same time as this success he married Sue, John met his wife Pauline and Lal had to return to Sri Lanka. The band dispersed and family life took over.

He and Sue moved to Radcliffe where Natalie and Nathan were born. There he joined Elton sailing club and fell in love with sailing. He was a competitive dinghy sailer and built two wooden dinghies from scratch.

Mike had a varied career as a telecoms engineer, working for several large companies and as a self employed consultant. He was involved in major projects in the UK and abroad. He was lead designer for all the communications and track safety systems on the Channel tunnel. He spent several years working on the Manchester Tram network, as well as projects in Denmark, The Netherlands, Romania, Hungary and Portugal.

Mike moved to Craffhole in the early 1990's. He had always enjoyed fishing and spent many a happy hour at The fishing lakes at Tregonhawke. Before long he joined Torpoint Mosquito sailing club, successfully racing dinghy's initially, then yachts Echo, Athena and latterly Matui.

Friday evenings at the Finnygook Inn soon developed into ad hock music sessions with Paul Hambly, Arthur Tinsley, Dave Hughes and Mike Wilkinson and the legendary Friday Night Boys were born.

I met Mike in 2002. We shared a love of music, sailing and travel. Over the years we regularly sailed up and down the coast and across the channel. We enjoyed holidays meeting friends and family in Australia and New Zealand as well as touring holidays in Europe and Scandinavia. Visiting his cousin Sally in Canada and travelling on the Rocky Mountaineer was a particularly special trip for us both.

After he retired Mike developed more of an interest in gardening and particularly growing vegetables. The addition of the garden in Portwrinkle allowed him to develop his horticultural skills further. His success in the Craffhole and District Garden Club show is probably familiar to many of you. He won the most points in the Vegetable section for 5 consecutive years and the cup for most points overall more than once.

He was treasurer of the Village Hall for 7 years and volunteered in the village shop, confounding visitors with the debate about left or right handed pasties!

Mike was kind, helpful and sociable with a sharp wit and generous heart. He was a great musician, sailor, gardener and friend who will be greatly missed.

RIP

LOCAL BUS SERVICES - Our RPPTUG have had two recent meetings with senior officers from Cornwall Council and Go SouthWest/Go Cornwall Bus, and for the first time, we had Richard Stevens the Managing Director of Go South West Bus, join us in discussions that we hope will prove beneficial. Go S.W. Bus have recently had to make a number of their officers redundant, and we are sorry that James Church was one of them. James attended nearly all our meetings over a number of years on behalf of the bus company, and will be much missed by us as a helpful trusted bus company representative.

A new Cornwall Bus Timetable commenced on the 3rd September, but because of the need to make a few more alterations it has been reissued from the 29th October. These e.g. include, following our strong protests, the re timing of the 17.45 ex Torpoint No. 75 Bus to 18.05 so that it connects with the re timed 17.20 ex Plymouth 70 Bus. These timetables are now available from the Crafhole Community Shop etc:

POSITIVE LOCAL BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NEW TIMETABLE are:- The re- routing on Mons. to Frids. of the 08.55 ex Cremyll- Plymouth No.70B Bus to call Crafhole at 09.36, & Sheviock at 09.41. arrive Royal Parade at 10.45. The 13.00 ex Royal Parade No.70B Bus has also been rerouted to call Sheviock at 14.04 & Crafhole at 14.08. Evening Peak Time Bus Departure Times from Royal Parade have been altered to help commuters & are:-the 16.00 No. 70B from 16.00 to 16.10, the 17.00 -No.70 Bus to 17.20, & the 18.25 No. 70B bus time brought forward to 18.20.

POSITIVE RESPONSES STILL NEEDED :- are the re routing of the 15.00 ex R.P No.70 Bus to call on Schooldays at Sheviock & Crafhole, as currently the bus arrives too late at the Torpoint Ferry to connect with the 15.25 ex Torpoint Ferry – Liskeard No 75 Bus. We need the new re routings that have been made, to also apply on Saturdays to avoid confusion & help those who work during the week. We have been particularly surprised so far by the rejection of the compromise proposal made by us to extend the late evening 22.55 ex Plymouth -HMS Raleigh Bus to run through to Millbrook via our villages on just two or even only one evening(s) a week

In the timetable itself there have been positive welcome additions: with the inclusion of connecting times now shown in the No 75 Bus Service at Torpoint to & from Plymouth by the No. 70 Bus. Another welcome addition is the Summary given of buses running between Liskeard & Trago Mills using the Nos. 11 & 77 Bus Services These are shown under the No.77 Table. On the negative side many consider the timetable to be too large & wasteful. It also now no longer includes information about school terms & holidays. To help with this, we would mention that during the current CORNWALL BUS TIMETABLE, THE TORPOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLIDAY DATES for 2023/2024 are:- 20/12/23 to 03/01/24, 12/02/24 to 16/02/24, 29/03/24 to 12/04/24. All other dates on Mondays to Fridays will be Schooldays.

We are pleased that despite problems with the late running & cancellations of the 75 Bus, a reasonable no. of passengers are continuing to use our local bus services, encouraged perhaps, by the re routings of the two 70B Buses. We would therefore urge you all to please use our local bus services whenever you can, whilst we will continue to campaign for implementation of feasible low cost improvements.

LOCAL TRAIN SERVICE -There will be a new timetable operative from December 10th, but there will be little change to the existing planned very good train service. Signalling improvements affecting train services in Cornwall have been completed, but the train drivers union (ASLEF) have further strikes planned with a "rolling programme" of walkouts between the 2nd & 8th December.

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St Mary's Church, Sheviock

Jenny Bushrod

Services to the end of 2023

3 rd December	10:00 am	Holy Communion
3 rd December	6:00 pm	Advent Carol Service
10 th December	10:00 am	Morning Worship
17 th December	10:00 am	Morning Worship
24 th December	9:00 pm	Christmas Holy Communion
31 st December	10:00 am	United Benefice Service with Holy Communion

Additional Community Services

Thursday 21st December at 6pm – Carols by the Sea at Portwrinkle

A traditional outdoor carol service followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Sunday 24th December at 3pm – Café Carols @ St Mary's

Take a break from the Christmas preparations, relax and enjoy your favourite carols with a glass of mulled wine & mince pies

Everyone is welcome to one of our regular Sunday or Community Services to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ or to simply visit the church for a period of peace, prayer and reflection over the Christmas period.

Our pattern of services may change in the New Year as our proposed new Benefice – Rame and Rivers Churches – starts to take shape under our new Oversight Minister, Revd Joanna Northey. We will advertise our regular Sunday services and our special Community Services on the Church Noticeboards and website –

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

On behalf of Sheviock Parochial Church Council, I would like to wish everyone in the Parish God's Blessings and Peace for Christmas and the New Year.
Jenny Bushrod, Churchwarden



Heritage Gateway at Sheviock Parish Church

As always, may I start with a massive **Thank You** for your support for our Heritage Gateway Events during 2023 which have to date raised just under £4,000 - with the Angel Festival still to come – all of which is used for the maintenance of the church buildings and churchyard. We are truly blessed by our local community – and many visitors to it - who help us to preserve this precious heritage.

What many people do not realise is that we do not receive any funding from the Government, the Council or the Church to help us maintain either the building or the churchyard, so your support for our Parish Church is essential.

And so, to our final event of the year:

Angel Festival on Saturday 9th December 10 am – 4 pm

and Sunday 10th December 11 am – 4 pm

We were certainly not disappointed last year with the creativity out there – so please do conjure up your own interpretation of an angel or angels and bring them down on Friday afternoon, 8th

December to join the throng that will be gathering at St Mary's. There will be a "people's vote" for the best exhibit and of course plenty of "angelic" refreshments throughout. We are also holding a Carolaire on the Saturday between 1:30 and 3:30 and **welcome all singers** to join our "pop-up" choir and fill the church with angelic voices!

I will finish this article with another massive **Thank You** to the incredible Events Team at St Mary's and the many volunteers who regularly step forward and make our events so successful and so much fun! If you feel that you could help us with our events next year, then please do get in touch.

Jenny Bushrod Churchwarden

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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.





Hello to extended friends and family of the Village Hall,

The festive season is fast approaching, and as you read this newsletter the Hall will be ready to hold its annual Christmas Fair. Keep the afternoon of 2nd Dec free to come to the hall for fun and games with all the family. Father Christmas will be popping in for a guest appearance with pressies for the children. A special treat this year as well as the games tables hosted by the hall users groups there will be some craft tables in the bowling alley with the opportunity to buy locally crafted gifts to give to loved ones or to treat yourself.

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.

In October we held a very successful Craft Fair, the stall holders once again excelled with their many skills and there was a wide and varied display of goodies. It was wonderful to have some young up and coming talented entrepreneurs in the parish requesting tables to sell their crafts and there was very much a happy, busy atmosphere over the two days, for both the sellers and buyers with a delicious smell of bacon, brie and honey rolls which were flying out of the kitchen in vast numbers.

As with all events, there needs to be a lot of preparation and forward planning to ensure they run smoothly and I would like to thank all my cake bakers, everyone who helped set up and set down and to my rota of helpers in

the kitchen who all made the week-end run smoothly.

Please contact me if you are available to help in any way at future events.

Along with the Parish council, the hall funded the purchase of wooden poppies. St Mary's church kindly agreed that we could share their heritage day in October and it proved to be a true community effort with many people coming to paint them. Some of you signed the back of the poppies – did you manage to find the ones you painted? The poppies were then varnished and have been displayed throughout the parish for Remembrance Day on stakes kindly made by Warren. I am sure you will agree they have looked splendid and will now be used annually. Please see below for details of contact numbers and times of groups and classes that are available for you to join. Please contact the individual organisers for the opening times and class/club details. Thank you all for your continued support of the village hall and I look forward to seeing you all at future events and welcome you to come to the hall AGM on February 5th 2024.

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

Barbara 01503 230326

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

Jacky 07772344107

Stretch / body toning classes

Susie 01503 230774

Pilates – Tuesday evenings

Liz 01752 813960

Sewing / crafting club – Tuesday fortnightly afternoons

Mel 01503 230372

Keep fit gently – Thursday afternoons

Barbara 01503 230326

Short tennis – Thursday evenings

Mike 01503 230022

Chapel coffee mornings – 4th Saturday of the month

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Well, we are still here serving our community and we would like to say a big thank you to all our supporters who seem to have stepped up their efforts to pop in and make one or two purchases since my last appeal, in order to keep the shop a viable entity. We run it purely for the community - not for profit, other than that which is needed to pay for vital services and unexpected expenses - such as we mentioned in our previous article about the freezer. Customers have been delighted with the purchase of our second hand one - from DOWDERRY shop, which has unfortunately closed due partly to lack of community support and rising costs. We try very hard to keep our own costs down and we do have quite a few goods at very favourable prices compared with the supermarkets. Visiting us for things you may have run out of can save quite a bit in transport costs - especially considering the rise in fuel prices and the unreliable bus service we are currently experiencing.

So, what to look forward to in the coming festive season?

Well, first and, perhaps most importantly, we have our AGM, to be held at the village hall on Friday, 8th December where, after a very quick delivery of business matters, we shall open the room to your questions. Hopefully you will all be aware, from the notices we shall have circulated, well in advance, that these questions must reach us a fortnight before the AGM (by Nov 24th) - too late for this issue I'm afraid. Please do put the AGM date in your diary and try to come along. It is YOUR shop and you should have a say in its future. As I have repeatedly said, its future depends wholly on YOU.

Then, of course, we have Christmas just around the corner and, like last year, we will be making the shop look really festive and purchasing some seasonal stock. I see that, as I write this, the delicious Blake's Mince pies have already made their appearance.

I can't send this out without mentioning the ongoing Post Office situation. Many of you have kindly signed our petition to be granted an outreach service as found in DOWDERRY,

Kingsand and Millbrook. I have sent this off to the PO employee dealing with us and to our MP, Local Councillor, and others along with yet another

plea for the PO to change its mind. To be honest, I'm not very hopeful, but at least we tried. Your further personal letters could still make a difference.

Lastly, this is yet another appeal to recruit new volunteer "Shop Keepers" to join us (after some training and mentoring). It is not difficult and involves just a two hour shift. If we had more volunteers we would, hopefully be able to re-establish afternoon opening. All of our volunteers thoroughly enjoy themselves - chatting to customers, hearing all the gossip, giving helpful advice to holiday makers and so on. If serving behind the till doesn't appeal, then perhaps, those of you who are early risers would like to volunteer to get the papers ready for the shop. At present, the 9-11 slot volunteers are managing the weekday and Sunday ones, not needing to arrive until about 8.30. However, the Saturday papers take a bit longer a) because supplements have to be inserted and b) because so many more people place orders, so an earlier start is required. Ideally, if we had enough volunteers for this, two could work together more quickly. Please contact Ellen, who continues to manage the shop for us, or speak to a volunteer when you visit.

I don't think I need to say any more, except to wish you ALL a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year. We look forward to your continued support and, don't forget, anything you'd like the Directors to discuss at their monthly meetings please write in the green book in the upstairs area.

Season's greetings to you all,
Lynn Vickery - on behalf of the directors

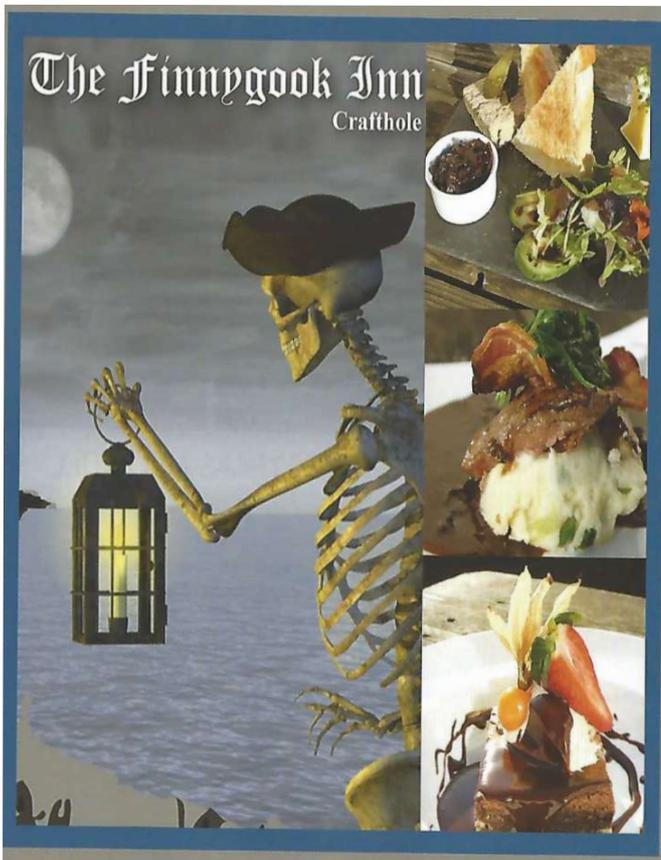


He was never my heartthrob, but he was, and perhaps still is, for many. Rick Astley has been announced as headliner for the BBC's New Year entertainment. It may have passed you by, but the 1980s star has experienced a huge renaissance in recent years, thanks, I am sure, to his great singing talent, but also, and perhaps mostly, due to his song 'Never Gonna' Give You Up' being used billions of times as an internet meme. The idea was/is that surfing the pages on the web, you get tempted to click on some link, and, instead of ending up at that recipe for goulash you were looking for, or the directions to Torpoint, you find a video of the smiling Rick singing the chorus over and over, "Never going to give you up, never going to let you down, never going to turn around or desert you."

However hilarious or frustrating this 'Rick-rolling' has become, the message of the song is actually very reassuring. We live in a world where being consistent and faithful to someone is a challenge, and one not encouraged by many of the adverts or patterns of social behaviour that surround us. It is good to think that someone, and someone other than Rick Astley, might also be willing to

stick with us through thick and thin, and also that we in turn might find the strength to do that for others, even when it is tough to do that. In churches up and down the land in a few weeks' time, a story will be being shared in carols and readings. The birth of Jesus is one fixed point in history that has long-since transcended meme status, but in a way it too crops up, referenced in countless places. It has been shared billions of times, and will continue to link humanity to God's love and care long after humanity has forgotten even the mighty Rick. Jesus' birth as a human being, his life, death and resurrection, all of these, make a story telling us that God is offering us something we can find nowhere else, and in no one else. Indeed, however life has been for you to this point, whether you feel you've got it all together or messed it up badly, whether we have ourselves been faithful, or sadly faithless to others, the message remains consistent: God says to each and every one of us that he is not giving up on us. Christmas blessings to you all.

Lynher Methodist Church, at
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The Finnygook Inn
Crafthole

Friday 8th December

**4pm Mini-Finny XMAS Fest with
Santa's grotto - Games - Music**

7 pm Ross Kelly

9pm King Dinasa^ur

**Sunday 24th Xmas Eve
raffle**

Xmas Day Drinks 12 - 9 ish

Sunday 31st December

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Land of the Giants

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