

# SHEVIOCK PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## From the Editor

Yet another reason for celebration in May when we have the Coronation party at the Memorial Hall. It is always amazing to see how well our community comes together for these occasions, and I'm sure this will be no different.

The Post Office will be closing at the end of June when Ellen Adams, our Postmistress, will be taking her well-earned retirement. This will obviously have far-reaching ramifications on our community. To guide us in the way forward the shop committee have inserted a questionnaire on page 18 for you to please complete and detach, details contained on the page.

All the best to Ellen for a long and happy retirement.

Any letters to the newsletter would be welcome, if you've something you want aired then drop me a line.

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**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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## **SHEVIOCK MEMORIAL HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB**

### **200 Club Update**

Covid 19 and the effects thereof hit everywhere and everyone and the supporters club was no exception. There has been a long hiatus in its running and the committee has decided not to restart it.

I would like to thank everyone who supported the club over the years and I would like to express a special and heartfelt thank you to all the collectors who tirelessly walked round the parish collecting and paying out the subs.

I hope that all of you will continue to support the Hall in other ways – joining the clubs, hiring the hall and attending the regular and special events.

Once again thank you all very much,

**James Carter.**

## ***I DON'T believe it! By Grumpy old Git***

They say that money talks, but all mine says is 'Goodbye'.

*Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.*

Light travels faster than sound, which is the reason that some people appear bright before you hear them speak.

*Atheism is a non-prophet organization.*

I saw a sign the other day that said, 'Watch for children,' and I thought, 'That sounds like a fair trade.'

*I didn't think orthopedic shoes would help, but I stand corrected.*

## Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable Show 2023

This year's Crafthole and District Open Flower and Vegetable Show will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August In the Sheviock Memorial Hall. Doors will open at 1.45pm and we're keeping all the prices the same; every little helps. Finishing touches are being put to the schedule as we speak and it should be circulated with the June parish Newsletter. Handicraft and Photograph classes appeared in the last newsletter, so no doubt you're already beavering away of an evening. To wet your whistle even further though, perhaps you might want to brush up on your brownies or titivate your agapanthuses. This year's provided recipe is a Banana Loaf, and we'll be expecting loads of lovely specimens after the lockdown frenzy for them.

Lots of plants are starting to peep up in our gardens after a long winter, and soon we'll all be out enjoying the sunshine and weeding furiously! Our garden competition will be held during the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> July, with the closing date for entries on 30<sup>h</sup> June. Look out for our new class - "The people's choice". Building on what we did last year, you can submit your favourite printed (colour) A4 photo of your garden taken any time during 2023, and visitors to the show will be able to vote on the pics on the day of the show. So, if your roses wilt or your box becomes blighted, you can still show off your garden when it was blooming marvellous.

Gill Kennedy and Andrea Evans Flower Show  
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## Beach-Cleaning Birds and Buoys

Melissa Purchall

Our beautiful beaches need our help. So many of us pick up the odd bit of litter when we're there, but it can be so much more effective (and fun) when done as a community.

There is always so much plastic on the beach - mainly discarded pieces of fishing net (sometimes known as Fishermen's Kisses) from the mending of nets on quays or on boats being blown into the water. Then in the summer months the amount of litter from beach visitors increases - some of it carelessly left on the beach and some left in or near bins which gets spread around by gulls and wind.

Seventeen of us (from as far as Liskeard, Saltash, Torpoint and everywhere in between) gathered on Portwrinkle Harbour Beach on 21st January on a beautiful sunny morning. The beach was noticeably less littered when we left and it was a great opportunity for people to meet up and chat after winter hibernation or to make new acquaintances. Some of us had a swim after and some stayed on the beach having a coffee and a chat. It's all very casual - just turn up when you can and start picking

where you fancy. If picking up rubbish isn't for you then please consider coming anyway as it can be a nice sociable event. Bring a chair or a blanket!

The next beach clean will have taken place (18th February) by the time you read this. The intention is to do this once a month, perhaps on the third Saturday of every month. Hopefully it won't clash with anything else going on in the Parish. The timings will, of course, depend on the tide. If the weather is awful please don't feel compelled to come.

The next dates for this issue are 18th March (10-11.30am), 15th April (9-10.30am) and 20th May (2-3.30pm) (all on Portwrinkle Harbour Beach). If there is any change I will put it on my facebook page and try to put a notice on the Parish notice boards.

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.

I want to tell you a bit about the Neil I spent 20 years with. When I think of words to describe him I think of Loving, Loyal, Brave, Intelligent, A massive contradiction, Proud, stubborn and impatient.

Neil would often say that he was the luckiest man alive and that he had had a great life, he was not scared of death but he would be very sad to leave all of us and definitely gutted that he is missing so many people coming together for him and for the party after. He was massively proud of Tyler and was so thankful that he had those years with him when Tyler moved back to Plymouth. He was the happiest man ever when Tyler and Leonie told us that we were going to be grandparents and he really cherished our Blake days and looked forward to them so much. He would talk about teaching Blake about nature and wildlife and taking him to Argyle! We all need to make sure that Blake knows about his Grandad as he grows up.

Neil loved fiercely and he was not frightened to express his love. He would tell me every day, multiple times a day that he loved me, that he was the luckiest man to have me as his wife and how proud he was to walk by my side. We would joke that Valentines day was the only day he did not need to tell me! Neil said that he told his University friends one day in 1998 after seeing me that I was the girl he was going to marry. In true Neil style he got what he wanted in the end. Neil made me feel safe and beautiful everyday. If I had had a bad day or was feeling anxious about the next day I would sit on his lap and hide my head in his neck and all would feel okay again. Neil had an amazing eye for clothes. Most of my clothes were bought by him, he had a unique taste and was never happier when shopping! Neil would also buy me the most beautiful cards for my birthday and Christmas, the most memorable being one with a verse on the front 'If I could live my life over again, I would meet you sooner so I could love you longer.' I didn't need any more cards after that one.

He loved friends new and old and his family and would end many conversations or meet ups with 'Love you'. Neil had a huge heart and was kind,

he would give you his last pound (as long as he had got a drink in first!).

Neil was the bravest person I know. He was scared of lots of things about life, maybe that will surprise many but he would face all those fears head on with a smile to convince everyone that all was well. During his years of chasing opposing football fans he was the first in until he was not able to do it anymore and he would stand beside any of his friends if they needed him. He was loyal and was often the one who had the advice to give. The confidence he projected when he was out holding court and telling a story was a mask, I know its hard to believe but Neil got nervous at the smallest things and had to work hard to be the larger than life person we all loved. His story telling was a gift, somewhere within all his stories was the truth but he embellished and added sparkle to make them more interesting although the reality was interesting enough!

Neil was freakishly intelligent. I would say to him often 'how do you know that?' and he would always brush it off with 'I read it somewhere'. He was my go to if I needed politics, a social situation, history explained and also would always beat me on the daily quiz in the paper. He was a huge contradiction; for all of the football escapades, drinking beer in the pub with friends, the fighting; there was another side to him which was at odds. He loved any science fiction programmes, loved watching Michael Portillo's train journeys, was a quiet 'twitcher' and knew many bird breeds, had a favourite breed of cow, a favourite breed of duck, he was obsessive about Roman fiction, could never watch an animal suffer and so could not watch any nature programmes, fell in love with Gambia and wanted to help as many people as he could – the list is endless about the many sides to Neil.

We will never forget Neil and I will never feel love like Neil's again. I will miss Neil forever and will work hard every day to make him proud and to continue to do the things that were important to him. He was a beautiful and amazing man, the words used by his friends and those who met him such as legend, a leader of men, a true one off, unique – these are all so true. We will truly never know the like again.

LOCAL BUS SERVICES – In my last Article I mentioned that a subcommittee group of our RPPTUG met on line on the 14<sup>th</sup> November with senior officers of Cornwall Council and/Go Cornwall Bus to put forward the alterations that we would like to see made to the current timetable when it is amended again in this coming April. I did mention that from the initial responses we received I was not optimistic about getting any improvements, particularly for our own local area and that certainly proved to be correct at the ‘Follow Up Meeting’ that was held on line on the 10<sup>th</sup> February as we got absolutely nothing. However, believe it or not it could have been far worse as thankfully it has been decided not to cut bus services in our RPPTUG Area any further, whereas we were informed many further bus cuts are being made in Cornwall as they are throughout England e.g. 42 bus services are being cut in South Bristol. We were told that the 70 A Millbrook Service could have gone down to a one bus every two hours service.. The problems are once again due to the government hesitating about extending the emergency Covid Funding, driver shortages, and the Go Ahead Bus Group being ‘caught out’ by accepting a recent takeover, whereby they now have to pay back a huge loan.

All our proposals with specimen timetables to restore some kind of bus service to St. Neot, Menheniot & St. Germans were rejected as was the running of the 75 through to Plymouth. Perhaps most disappointing was the continued rejection of the low marginal cost proposals to run a few 70A Buses via Crafhole & Shevioc that were agreed at a meeting last July with RPPTUG Members & Go Cornwall Bus but later vetoed by Cornwall Council. At the Follow Up Meeting I appealed several times for Cornwall Council to at least agree to reroute the 15.00 ex Royal parade No. 70A Bus, because on schooldays this bus arrives at Torpoint 15 minutes after the 75 has departed. Despite agreeing that the 70A bus connections with the 75 at are totally unreliable with connections often missed at Torpoint, they would not agree to what one of our members described as just a tweaking of the service. It means that there is still no bus service on schooldays from Plymouth to our villages from the 13.00 No. 70A Bus (connects at Torpoint) to the 75, until the 16.00 ex Royal Parade No. 70A which is routed via Shevioc & Crafhole. As Cornwall Council last year refused to agree to even shorter re routings of the short lived 75A Bus to run via Crafhole instead of the A374, it is difficult to refute suggestions made that the council seemingly does not care about helping to make travelling by bus a bit easier for those without a car, when they could so easily help. It is true that others have fared worse as was the case with Menheniot when their minimal short distance bus service to Liskeard was withdrawn leaving them without any bus service.

One vital encouraging point is that Cornwall Council are now keen to regularly consult with us. They have suggested another on line meeting with our group in late April and they will be attending our RPPTUG AGM, which will for the first time be held in the MEMORIAL HALL, CRAFTHOLE ON MONDAY 19TH JUNE FROM 6.0 PM. This will also serve as a Follow Up Meeting to last June’s well attended Public Meeting in the Memorial Hall. All Welcome - Please make a note of this date and support us please if you can.

There has as you may know been a somewhat mixed reaction to the Government’s generous levelling up grant of £50million awarded to Cornwall’s Mid Cornwall Metro Project, commencing with its name as it is clearly not a Metro. It has been much welcomed by some, particularly by local MP’s but strongly criticised by some others e.g. the Mayor of Falmouth who calls it “a complete waste of £50million”, The critics say it will not benefit local people, and query how many more people will use the new hourly Newquay-Falmouth through train service than use the existing service over the same route that necessitates changes at Par & Truro. In some instances the gain in time will be less than 10 minutes. I wish the new train service well but I am doubtful whether many Senior Citizens with their free concessionary bus passes and students will change from using the excellent bus services they already use. A good example is the U1 & IA Coast to Coast Bus Service that runs direct from Newquay to Falmouth via Truro operating a half hourly service during most of the day. It directly serves all of the University Campus Sites including Cornwall’s main Treliske Hospital and operates into the centres of Newquay, Truro & Falmouth. It also calls close to the beach at Perranporth a popular destination particularly for students. A gentleman from Bodmin writing in a recent letter in the Western Morning News headed “Rail Link a waste of levelling up cash” stated “that the Metro’s narrow corridor already has the best public transport in Cornwall. Nothing whatsoever for North Cornwall. Here buses introduced or improved at the beginning of lock down are being axed”. Mathew 25 verse 29 he says is a “great description of public transport in Cornwall” “For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.”!

If you would like copies of relevant correspondence that I regularly send to our RPPTUG members and others about our local public transport then please email me at [g.cadwallader@btinternet.com](mailto:g.cadwallader@btinternet.com) I can withhold your name if you so wish by using BCC.

## Mary Hough's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Isobel Daniels

Mary Hough a former resident of Cross Park, Craffhole since the nineteen eighties, celebrated her 100th birthday on the 22nd January at The Old Vicarage, Antony, with a small party for family and friends. This included her three grandchildren



and her latest great grandchild Isla, aged five months, who had travelled with her father and mother from Berlin to be present.

The Torcare staff were all most helpful, and the cook at the home provided a very lavish spread for everyone, including a cake topped with raspberries and three big candles which Mary enjoyed blowing out! She also particularly enjoyed

showing off her birthday card from King Charles and the Queen Consort, Camilla.

Mary continued her celebration with her erstwhile

neighbours when she joined the Saturday coffee morning at the Memorial Hall.

We were delighted that Thelma Wells, formerly of Craffhole, and already a centenarian, was able to join us from the Port Rouge home in Torpoint.



## Diane Taylor

## Berenice Earnshaw

### **Tribute to Diane Taylor, our much missed Shop Director and Volunteer**

Di sadly passed away suddenly in December. Since arriving in the village she threw herself into the role of shop volunteer; she loved working in the shop, forever cheerful, with boundless enthusiasm and forever helpful, which was clearly shown in her commitment and readiness to stand in at a moment's notice. In time we persuaded Di into becoming a Director, including the

onerous task of joining the Cashing Up team ..... she would say that she had little to offer ..... she was wrong. Practical, super efficient, absolutely reliable, an invaluable asset to our Board, simply a wonderful colleague and friend. We will miss her tireless support but much more than that we will miss Di the person, and I know that our customers will feel her loss too. On behalf of the Directors of Craffhole Community Shop

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**An update on the SEASONAL PSPO DOG RESTRICTIONS CORNWALL regarding HOODNY and HARBOUR BEACH.** Cornwall Council are in favour of a unified seasonal dog restriction on listed Cornwall Beaches from July to August 10am -6pm. Our Clerk Nancy represented the Parish Council during Public Participation at The Cornwall Council Neighbourhood Scrutiny Committee meeting. Cornwall Cllr Ewert further represented the Parish. The Committee resolved to recommend the reinstatement of the 24/7 ban Easter Sunday to October the 1st - as it had worked previously and been asked for/consulted upon within the parish when first established, the parish can erect signage at

the entrances and has its own enforcement officer. The beaches had been omitted entirely from the Order due to an admin error by Cornwall Council. However, despite all the above the Portfolio holder for Cornwall Council will make the final decision regarding the extent /timings of the seasonal ban at a further meeting in April. We are pushing hard to re-instate the restrictions we worked so hard to establish many years ago. Therefore, at a minimum, a seasonal ban will be in place from July/August 10-6, although dependant upon the outcome of the April meeting, the Original 24/7 Easter Sunday- October 1<sup>st</sup> may be reinstated. Finnygook beach will remain dog friendly all year.

Sorry to learn of the passing of Keith Waterfield of Portwrinkle. Keith was a valuable contributor to the upkeep of the facilities at Portwrinkle in his support of Francis. In years gone by Keith made valuable contributions to the dog restriction planning along with a spirited campaign to rationalise the signage around the village.

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# Council News

## THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III.

On Sun 7<sup>th</sup> of May we'll be holding a Parish Party at the Memorial Hall. In a partnership of the Parish Council and the Memorial Hall committee, the hall will be donated for use free of charge. Hopefully the weather will permit the use of the outdoor areas. There will be a bar and food available for sale. We decided to provide a grant under power S137 to enable the provision of entertainment.

From 2-3 pm we will have "Wishy Washy" children's/family entertainer. From 3 pm onwards we will have the band the "Derryaires"

Subject to costs, proceeds would be allocated to fundraising for the Hall with a percentage donated to charity.

So please do come along with all your family and friends to enjoy a great afternoon of celebration.

## Parish Spring Clean

The weekend of 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March is the time for our annual Spring Clean - when we all have a session of helping to keep the parish spick and span. You may have a project in mind, such as clearing vegetation outside your property, cleaning a bus shelter, weeding and tidying the flower beds on the front; by the cross; in the open space; litter picking; beach clean; the list is endless! Please take your filled rubbish bags to the litter bins for collection. Don't forget - whatever you do, do it safely.

### **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.

Sheviok 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.

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**Steve Medway**

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The 120 people who joined us for the New Year's Eve party at the Memorial Hall all appeared to have a great evening. Thanks to you all for coming and special thanks to the Friday Night Boys, seen here



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contribution and to all who helped in setting up and clearing away. Thanks to you all we were able to contribute funds to the Chapel, the Church, the Defibrillators and the Hall funds. Roll on next year.

### Annual Report

In March Saul Walker gave a very entertaining talk of his time as Show Manager of the Chelsea Flower Show. It was fascinating to hear about the organisation, costs and work involved in putting on the Show. I have booked Saul for a talk on The Gardens and Plants of Madeira in October this year.

In April we visited Pencarn Gardens, Wadebridge. Trevor Wiltshire opens his garden to garden clubs to support local Cornish Charities. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the tour of the lovely garden which had a variety of more unusual plants.

In May we visited Lukesland Garden, Ivybridge which is open spring - May and June and autumn - October and November. It is a hidden gem and a truly spectacular garden.

In June we visited Ken-Caro Garden at St Ive. It was a privilege to walk around this lovely five acre garden with its beautiful panoramic views stretching as far as Dartmoor and to talk to Caroline Willcocks who started this garden in 1970 with her husband Kenneth. Kenneth passed away in 2021 and it is brilliant that the garden is still open to the public.

In July we visited Wildside, Buckland Monachorum. In 2004 Keith Wiley, former head gardener at The Garden House on the edge of Dartmoor, moved a very short distance to create Wildside. Another truly spectacular garden full of colour and the tribute garden in progress for Keith's late wife Ros will encompass water, wildlife, a seeming wildness, vivid seasonal colour and a calming tranquillity. I hope to organise another visit in June this year.

In September we visited The Hidden Valley Garden, Treesmill, Nr Fowey. A beautiful three acre garden in a secluded rural valley. There are cottage garden plantings, colourful herbaceous borders, a potager, Japanese garden, shady fernery, hot border and wildlife friendly pond with bog plants. Collections of crocosmias, dahlias and agapanthus thrive in the warm microclimate.

In October we had a social gathering to get some ideas for this years garden calendar. Details to be discussed at the AGM.

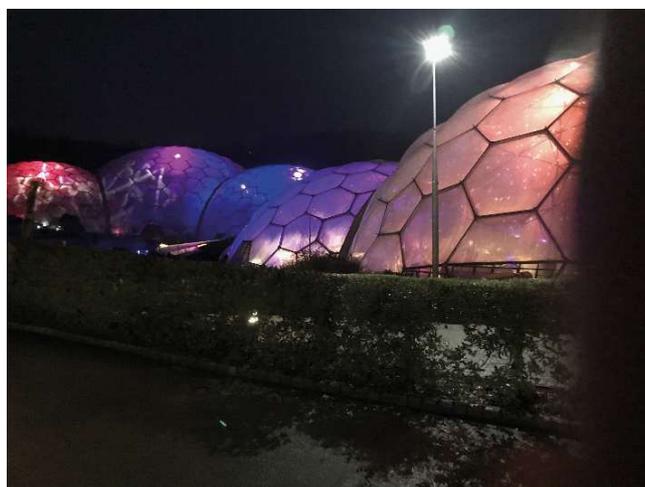
In November we had a very informative talk from Trevor Wiltshire on the RHS Garden Wisley, the flagship garden of the RHS and home to some of the largest plant collections anywhere in the world. Trevor was Superintendent at RHS Wisley from 1993 until 2006. The naturalistic Rock Garden is one of Wisley's oldest and most magnificent features. It is a show case for a wide range of plants that flourish in alpine conditions and dwarf conifers, alongside winding paths and calming water features. There is a Japanese larch which is more than 200 years old.

In December we visited the Eden Project and were treated to an amazing display of spectacular illuminated domes and gardens of Christmas Lights.

In January we had a lovely get together at The Wilcove Inn for our New Year Lunch which was very enjoyable.

Special thanks to Peter, our Treasurer, Judy for organising our meeting refreshments, and Steve our Chairman.

In conclusion may I wish everyone a great gardening year in 2023 and hope that the club continues to thrive.



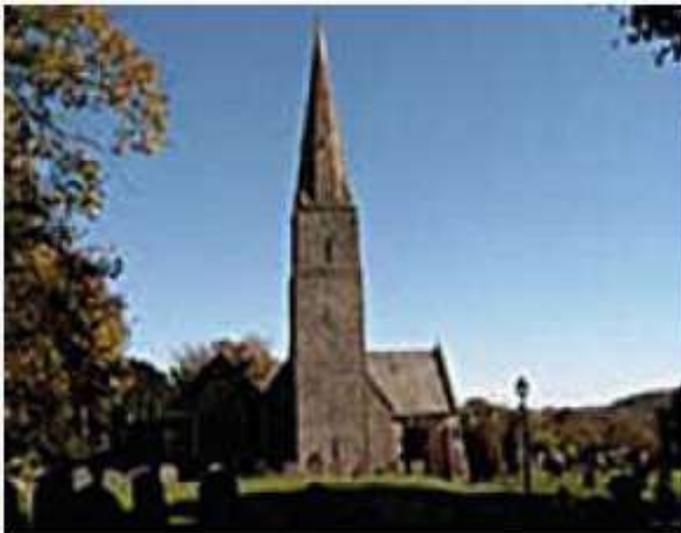
Meetings are usually held at the Sheviock Memorial Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm. Meetings are usually in the form of visits to gardens in the months of April, May, June, July and September. We do not normally have an August meeting. Membership fees: £12 per garden, £1 per meeting, non-members £2. Enquiries - Dee Medway (Secretary) 01503 230661

### Coming up

March TBC- Trip to Eden for spring - use your local's pass.

April 17th - Talk by Nick Bacon on Pests and diseases

May/June TBC Lethytep, Penadlake, Lanreath



Even though we are without a Parish priest, services are following the usual pattern at St Mary's. Reverend Laura Bushell-Hawke, our curate, has ensured that the churches within the Benefice have continued to work together. Christmas services were well attended. On Christmas Eve we held Café Carols. Over 70 people enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies as they sang familiar carols and Cornish carols led by Felicity on saxophone and Geoff on keyboard. Donations were in aid of the Children's Society. Thank you to all those who contributed so generously.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February a Service of Holy Communion for the Benefice was held at St Mary's. The service was led by Bishop Phillip. Fortunately we were blessed with a calm sunny day as following the service Bishop Phillip blessed the Memorial Path and the area of land flanking the path as we have received the Faculty allowing the Burial of Ashes. Coffee and homemade biscuits were served and people enjoyed the sunshine whilst a small army of volunteers transformed the church with trestles and tables ready

for a shared lunch. It was wonderful to hear a buzz of conversation and laughter. Everyone's evident enjoyment was well worth the effort of planning and preparation. A few went home with "Doggy Bags" for those unable to attend the service. As part of The Way Forward we are in Transition, seven parishes working together to draw up a Role Description for a new incumbent. With God's blessing we hope to achieve this by the end of April. We are hoping to hold a service celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10:00pm before parish celebrations begin. All are welcome.

#### **Easter Services**

Ash Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm  
Good Friday April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>. Sunrise Service 6:30am at the Beacon followed by breakfast at The Bungalow.

There will be no Easter Communion at St Mary's.

#### **Services**

The First Sunday of the Month – Holy Communion 10:00 am  
The Third Sunday of the Month – Morning Prayer 10:00 am  
All are welcome.

Services are followed by coffee and biscuits. If you are passing you are welcome to join us.

**Judy Scott and Jenny Bushrod,  
Churchwardens.**

**Information can be found at  
[www.achurchnearyou/stmarysshevioc.com](http://www.achurchnearyou/stmarysshevioc.com)**

Happy New Year to you all and welcome if you have just moved into the community, we hope you will enjoy living in such a beautiful location.

The annual Christmas fair in December seems a distant memory now. Although the footfall was down on previous years, everyone had a magical start to the festive season, the children were delighted with gifts from Santa and there was lots of fun and laughter to be heard.

The hall committee is grateful to Steve Medway for the kind donation from proceeds of the New Year Party. The Friday Night Boys had everyone put on their dancing shoes to welcome in the New Year.

It is wonderful to see Spring starting to wake up and bring with it a little warmth in the sun, lighter evenings and the hedgerows are starting to bud and display snowdrops and early daffodils. It certainly makes each day feel brighter.

In the March issue of the newsletter there is usually an update from the AGM, this will now be in the next newsletter as the AGM

was postponed until March 6<sup>th</sup> 2023

There are many classes and activities on offer at the hall including Snooker, Badminton, Short mat bowls, Keep fit, Pilates, Yoga, Sewing, Film club and a pre-school each day for children aged 2-5 with a toddler group for younger children on a Friday afternoon. There is certainly lots to keep you busy and If you are interested in finding out more details, you are able to find the contact numbers of the organisers in the foyer of the hall.

The hall events calendar for this year has been discussed and planning has already started.

The 1<sup>st</sup> event is Quiz night on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Please arrive for 6.30pm, Warren is taking bookings on 07990 518219, £1 per person, max of six per table. A bar is available with Lager, Cider and Wine and if you would like a bowl of Chicken & Chorizo or a

bowl of Chilli for £5 please book it with Paula on 07900 553116.

We invite you to Celebrate Easter Monday with us on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Come along to meet up with friends to enjoy a cup of tea and cake. We challenge you to be creative and enter an Easter bonnet/hat to win a chocolate prize – under 5 / over 5 and adult categories and then try your skill in the egg rolling competition. There will be an Easter themed treasure trail and craft activity table for children.

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 12 – late we will be having a Coronation celebration party, jointly funded by the Parish Council. There will be a full bar and food available. There will be music from the Derryaires, a shanty group from Derry.

This years summer event will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 1pm. There will be a full bar, barbeque, stalls and lots of fun games and activities including the tug of war challenge. More details in the next issue of the newsletter.

The craft fair will be the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup> October – we are looking for a new organiser for this event – please contact a committee member if you are able to assist organising it or if you would like a craft table. As you can see there are lots of planned events but we welcome more ideas and suggestions and are always happy for additional hands to help organise and run these events. It is the perfect way to get to know your neighbours and make new friends in the community.

The hall is also available to be booked as a venue for your party or wedding needs. We have crockery and cutlery to accommodate 100 guests which is also able to be hired. Have a wonderful Spring and I look forward to seeing you at our events this year. As always I thank you in advance for your support.

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Another year ahead of us and despite the uncertainty everyone is facing at the moment, we continue to work, on your behalf, to provide you with good service.

We are trying very hard to keep the present horrendous price increases down and we believe we compare favourably or even competitively with many of the items found on the high street. Certainly, it might be worth considering whether you need to get in the car to drive 6 miles when you run out of something you need. We stock all the basics and much more and, where possible we try to support local providers of goods such as milk, eggs, bread, pasties and potatoes. We also stock many Cornish items such as apple juice, fudge, biscuits and preserves - ideal for presents at any time.

With the Easter festivities not too far away, we shall soon be introducing some seasonal goodies, so please come in and see what we have.

You may have noticed our Food Bank box, which has recently been introduced - a big thank you to our volunteer, Jean Wilkinson for the suggestion. It is proving very successful. Many of you purchase items from the shelves and put in, which is much appreciated. Some of you have even brought in items from elsewhere and this is fine, but we would appreciate it if you popped your items into the box just inside the Chapel door, where we also take our own donations and from where they are taken into Torpoint for distribution.

If you have anything you'd like to run by us then please tell us about it by writing in the green Suggestion Book in the PO area. All suggestions are discussed at Directors' meetings.

Along with every other retail business at the moment, we are facing major challenges and so, if our shop is to keep going, we need the support of the community - not just customers but also volunteers. The more we have of both, the greater the chance of increasing our opening hours - we'd like to offer a late afternoon shift so that people returning from work might be able to pop in. We have recently welcomed several new volunteers - Moira Hill, Mel Parry, Christine Blackmore and Torin Adams and we would like to say a big thank you to them and hope they enjoy the experience as much as the rest of us. We also have a new Director on board - Les Geary. We should like to thank him for giving us a fresh voice to our meetings.



Whilst on the subject of thanking people, I have to tell you about the very sad and untimely death from illness of one of our MOST enthusiastic volunteers Diane Taylor. You will find a tribute to her in this issue. We miss her very much.

Now, I'm sure many of you will want to hear about the future of the shop...

As most of you will now be aware, the Post Office will be closing at the end of June, when Ellen Adams, our Postmistress, will be taking her well-earned retirement. We are hoping the General PO will provide mobile facilities on a part-time basis. The Adams family are very kindly allowing us to continue at the premises until our lease runs out in 2025. At that point we shall have to either relocate or close - it's as simple as that. Over the years the shop and PO have been co-dependant and so our next efforts will be to determine if the shop can exist independently. If you value the shop it really is in your hands to support us as much as you can. Those of you who do support us will have no doubt noticed that we are now using a clicker to monitor footfall. This will be compared with footfall after the PO closes. We hope that it will provide data to back up the feasibility of applying for relocation grants - so we will not speculate, at present, where this might be or what form it would take. If everyone visited us just once a week and spent, say, £5 or if all those who buy papers would also find one more item to buy, it would make such a difference. We don't make a huge profit but we have to make sure we can pay our bills and have enough for unforeseen incidents such as electrical breakdowns.

A questionnaire is included in this issue of the Parish magazine and I strongly urge you to read it carefully and respond accordingly. It will be an invaluable indication to us as to whether you, as consumers WISH TO KEEP the Village Shop. So please, please, don't just put it to one side. You can give your completed survey to anyone who uses the shop or bring it in yourself to put into the box provided.

Thanks -as always- to all those who support us in so many different ways. We feel we offer a valuable service to so many of you - not just as a shop but also as a social centre (even a warm place to sit and chat when the heating breaks down...). We fervently hope that we may continue to provide this service for many years to come.

## Easter Opening Hours

<u>Dates</u>		<u>Shop</u>	<u>Post Office</u>
Friday 7 April	BANK HOLIDAY	9.00am – 11.00am	CLOSED
Saturday 8 April		9.00am – 1.00pm	9.00am – 1.00pm
Sunday 9 April	EASTER SUNDAY	9.00am – 11.00am	CLOSED
Monday 10 April	BANK HOLIDAY	9.00am – 11.00am	CLOSED

## Crafthole Community Shop Questionnaire

With the forthcoming changes in the structure of the Shop (the closure of the Sub Post Office/moving to a possible Outreach PO), we are conscious of the need to establish the future viability of the Shop to remain a going concern.

We should be grateful if you could spare a couple of minutes to complete the questionnaire below, detach and drop it into the Shop (box for returns in the Post Office area or just pass to one of our volunteers).

Many thanks.

Directors of Crafthole Community Shop.

How often do you use the shop?

Regularly  
Sometimes  
Never

On average, how much do you spend each visit?

Apart from basics, eg Milk, Bread, Eggs, Newspapers, do you purchase other produce?

Yes  
No  
Rarely

How useful/convenient do you find the Shop, on a scale of 1 – 10? (Please circle)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Would it impact on your life should we lose the Shop, on a scale of 1 – 10? (Please circle)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Would you consider using the Shop regularly with a weekly spend of, say, £5 to £10 if this would ensure the continued existence of the shop?

Yes  
No  
Maybe

Do you use the Shop solely for the Post Office?

Yes  
No  
Usually

Any further comments welcome (optional).

Extra copies of the form can be found in the Post Office area of the Shop.





***Our Mission Statement.***

*We pray that Craffhole Methodist Church may always be God-Centred, providing a place where God’s family may worship, reach out in Christian love and service to the community and draw in all people of all ages and abilities, so that they can learn that God loves and values them.*

All are welcome to our services. We meet on Sunday mornings at 10.30am., But occasionally we will meet with our friends at Donderry and St Germans chapel. These services will be advertised on the notice board outside the Craffhole Chapel.

We meet for Bible Study at 10 Cross Park, Craffhole on alternate Wednesdays at 3.30 p.m. We are pleased to have people playing table tennis in the schoolroom which is available most days.

All are very welcome.

Barbara Snowling 01503 230326

**Heritage Gateway at Sheviock Parish Church**

***Put a spring in your step*** By the time this article is published, we will once again have held our traditional Pancake Feast at Sheviock Memorial Hall for the first time since 2020 - I hope enjoyed by one and all. During Lent, we take a break from our Heritage Gateway Events and it’s a welcome respite for the Events Team before embarking on our Spring programme. ***Spring Walk and Picnic – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April***  
10:30 am Depart Sheviock Parish Church for Sconner Down  
12:30 pm Picnic Lunches available at Sconner Down  
2:00 pm Return walk to Sheviock  
3:00 pm Tea and cakes at St Mary’s  
Featuring some fantastic views, the route out is described as “*difficult in places with 3 stiles*”, whereas the return journey is “*an easier jaunt.*” We will provide a printed guide to accompany the walk and it’s a great way to discover this part of the Parish. You are welcome to join for all the route(s) or just part, or just come to meet others for the lunch or tea and cakes - but

with the lambing season in full swing, please do not bring dogs.

***May Market – Saturday 20 May – 10 am – 2 pm***

Held at Sheviock Parish Church we will have

local produce, plant stalls (and we would appreciate any spare plants!) combined with light lunches and sweet treats. Who knows what we might find there, but hopefully, some warmer weather!

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

Email [bushrods@btinternet.com](mailto:bushrods@btinternet.com) or telephone 01503 230565



## What's on at the Sheviock Memorial Hall

### ***The Recreation/Snooker Club***

Would be nice to see greater involvement by local people. There is spare table time on the playing schedule

### ***Short Tennis.***

Short Tennis is played in the Sheviock Memorial Hall on a Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, equipment is provided Mike Cloughton 230022

### ***Short Mat Bowls***

You may or may not know that for the past 14 years a Short Mat bowls club has existed in Crafhole. We meet in the Sheviock Memorial Hall, Crafhole every Monday afternoon 2.00 to 4.00pm and Friday evening 7.30pm onwards..

It's not too difficult once you realise that the bowls are biased towards you **not** them being self-directional. Aiming for the little yellow ball whilst circumnavigating a piece of wood mid-way down the carpet ensures you can and will get frustrated. Perseverance eventually wins. Why not try and see if you have it in you ! Have you got the nerve to try it or are you just a sit at home and watch television fanatic. Contact 230326

### ***Keep Fit or Gentle Exercise***

Keep Fit gently on a Thursday afternoon at 2.15PM. Come along and join us and have some fun. Barbara 230326

### ***Badminton Club***

Last season was disappointing. Only 3 children came to the sessions. We will begin again for children of different ages and meet on Wednesdays at 6.00pm

I look forward to having a bigger group next term

Adults of all ages meet at 8.00pm . We value people of all abilities and it would be good to see some new faces  
Barbara 230326

### ***Crafhole Pre-school***

We are open daily during term time and can offer flexible time sessions between 9am – 3pm. We have competitive session fees and receive up to 30 hours NEF funding for eligible 2, 3 and 4 yr olds . We have a rolling intake throughout the year as your child reaches enrolment age.

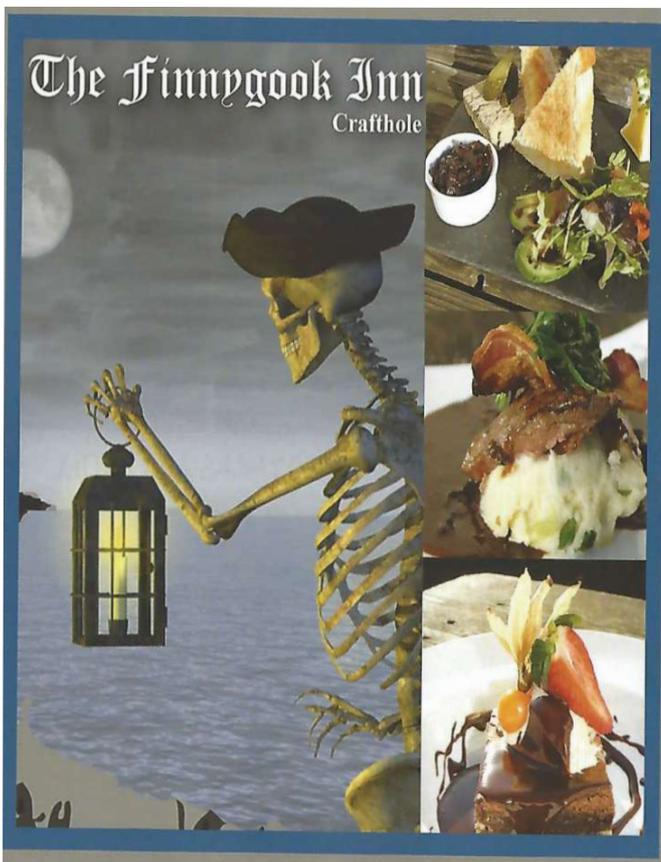
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## Film Club

Lynn Vickery

Greetings filmgoers. Well, our winter screenings got off to a very good start with "Phantom of the Open" being shown in January. I think I can speak for everyone who attended that those who didn't, missed a cracking film : a tale of how a complete novice managed to get himself into the selection matches of the British Open Golf championship. Based (quite loosely, I'd say) on a true story, it was very funny. We had a record audience of 23 and you might like to know that, to date, our membership stands at around 40. If you would like to attend, a year's membership will cost you £6 for the first film. Then, after that it's just £3 per film. By the time you read this, we will have seen our next film "Where the Crawdads Sing", which I have seen and is a wonderful film- as was the book. Our film for March is a bit different - "Operation Mincemeat", a true story of how British forces devised a plan to dupe the Nazis -

"Looking back, Operation Mincemeat was of monumental importance in shaping the outcome of World War II."

With Colin Firth and Angus Macfadyn, to name just two of the star studded cast, it looks like being a great film.

Planned for our spring selection of films, but not yet confirmed, are :-

Mrs Harris Goes to Paris; The Railway Children and Westside Story - all three are recent updates of older films - cross your fingers we can get them - they have very good reviews.

Looking forward to seeing some of you at our March screening.

PS. If you are interested in joining, please contact me - I need to know numbers attending in advance so that, in the event of over booking, I can do a repeat screening on the Sunday.

Lynn Vickery 07528 127017/01503 230048

## Time to get walking again!

John Harris

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Cornwall

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/cornwall> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information

on the web but it is difficult to find.

Walking in Cornwall (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

[www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk)

[john@walkinginengland.co.uk](mailto:john@walkinginengland.co.uk)

I will be travelling to Liverpool in a few months' time with my wife to stay with my daughter and son-in-law. Now I am a big Beatles fan, having lived in Liverpool myself for a number of years, but it isn't for the 'Fab Four' that we are going, but rather the 2023 Eurovision Song Contest hosted there this year.

The songs might not be quite as memorable as Lennon and McCartney's, but the spectacle will be something to see, no doubt.

Singing is good for us – recently Eric Whitacre, the world's most popular composer of choral music for choirs, talked on Radio 3 about how primal a thing it is. Singing, especially singing together, connects us to things deep inside us as people. No wonder that for thousands of years singing has played a key role in Christian worship, as well as that of many other religious traditions. In Christian worship, singing has taken many forms. In an Orthodox basilica or cathedral you may hear the extreme deep bass of an Oktavist singer laying the foundations for the choir. In Presbyterian churches in the Western Isles of Scotland you may hear unaccompanied psalm singing in Scottish Gaelic language with the leader "precenting the line," after which the rest of the congregation follows the same. When I visited Papua New Guinea, I heard many examples of Christian worship sung in indigenous languages accompanied by instruments such as kundu drums and bamboo



flutes. At St Germans, Crafhole and other local churches these days it is more likely to be hymns and modern songs sung to an organ or piano. But whilst songs have been written about almost any subject we can imagine, in Christian worship there is only really one subject. Songs and hymns about and in praise of God are always central, but that still makes for a rich songbook. Back in December, we were into the traditional carols. Very soon now, we will be the season known as Lent and songs will remind us of the story of Jesus as he went to his death on a cross. But on the heels of Good Friday will come Easter Day and again the sense of rejoicing will spring up in the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Speaking personally, even if being there during Eurovision is a wonderful 'blast', a riot of colour and sound, it still will never eclipse for me the wonder of worship, and songs for the one I call Saviour.

Keep singing!

Rev Jonathan Budd, Methodist minister for Crafhole, St Germans and Downderry.



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